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Operation C.A.R.E.

Doug Donner, KC8ZCF

Well, Operation Care is over for the summer. On behalf of Therese, KC8PEZ and myself, I'd like to say thank you to all the members and non-members that came together to make this year's Operation Care weekends such a big success. I even heard it said that the Labor Day Operation was a record. Bill, K8VP, will be able to tell us for sure.

We had donations from several sources that were greatly appreciated. The following is a list. Please thank these businesses when you go there.

- 1) Imlay City Tim Hortons
- 2) Lapeer Tim Hortons
- 3) Lapeer McDonalds
- 4) Max's Bakery - Lapeer
- 5) DSD Enterprises - Almont
- 6) Almont IGA

I'd also like to give a special thanks to Frank, K8MFK in Port Huron for his regular bridge reports. This has become a hit with everyone heading to Canada.

Now, for the down side. For Operation Care to continue to be, we need additional people to step up and volunteer to spend a few hours on the "Hill". I know that several people have circumstances that prevent them from joining in on the fun, but I'm sure others

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The Veep Sez

Therese Long, KC8PEZ

Hello from your new VP. Thank you to everyone for your support in my past few years as Secretary. I hope that everyone is as supportive in my new role as Vice-President. The summer may be over, but I'm hoping that we can still have some fun events to look forward to in the upcoming fall/winter months. At the October meeting, I will be presenting the details about a proposed CHRISTMAS PARTY. You all put such an incredible amount of effort into club events such as Field Day, Operation CARE and the

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Upcoming Swap & Shops

Oct 31— USECA Hamfest NEW LOCATION, American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 www.k8uo.org

Nov 13—Michigan Antique Radio Club Meet and Fleamarket, County Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo MI

Dec 5—L'Anse Creuse Hamfest, L'Anse Creuse High School, 38495 L'Anse Creuse Road, Mt. Clemens MI www.n8lc.org

The Treas Sez

Bill Miller, KD8VP

I would like to point out that October is the beginning of LCARA's new year. That means that your dues are due for the year 2004 & 2005. Dues are still only \$12.00 per individual and \$20.00 for family membership. So please renew as soon as possible.

This past month was a very busy month as far as the treasurer is concerned, first we had the expense of putting up the new antenna, then the swap and shop, and the renewal of the web site hosting fee. But all is well. We did not make as much as usual on the swap, as table sales were down quite a bit, and general admission was down a little. I have had correspondence with others and they say that there swaps were down also. But all in all times are good.

There is a renewed effort to find a new site to put up a satellite receiver so if that pans out we will have more expense in the future.

Please remember to send in your dues. There is a preprinted form on the back page of this newsletter. Send it with the appropriate dues to:

LCARA, PO BOX 12, Hadley, MI 48440-0012

Thank You very much.

KD8VP Bill Miller Treasurer

***This month's Meeting is
Tuesday, October 12th—7:30 p.m.
At the Lapeer County Central
Dispatch Center (911) at 2332 W.
Genesee Street in the basement***

**Lapeer County Amateur
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Treasurer, Bill Miller, KD8VP.....810-797-5329

Committees & Appointees.

Club Founder.....Hollis Hayes, W8ACD
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Swap & Shop Chairperson.....Bill Miller, KD8VP
Field Day Chairman.....Bill Miller, KD8VP
Meeting Refreshments.....Bill Miller, KD8VP
Two Meter Net Mgr.....Jim Boyer, KD8YX
Newsletter Editor.....Hank Kohl, K8DD
Club Historian.....Bill Hetchler, KC8SHI
Public Information Officer...Bill Hetchler, KC8SHI

ARES Repeater Nets

Monday at 9:00 PM on 146.620-
Thursday at 9:00 PM on 442.750+
Mon—Sat at 9:30 PM on 147.300+

Meetings

LCARA meetings are held on the second
Tuesday of each month in the
Lapeer County Central Dispatch Center (911),
2332 W. Genesee St, Lapeer MI
at 7:30 p.m. local time

Newsletter

Items for the newsletter may be called to the
Editor at 810-721-0708, sent by U.S. Mail (Box
88, Attica, MI 48412), or as an ASCII file, Word
file or hand-written to k8dd@arrl.net

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each
month.

Contributors to this newsletter:

Therese KC8PEZ Jim KD8YX Doug KC8ZCF
John KJ8S Bill KD8VP Mike KN8Z

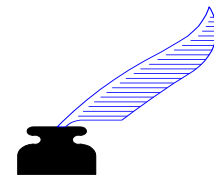
Your name and call should be here!

*"I think any amateur who's worth a damn knows
Morse code. I don't have much use for people who
don't even attempt to learn it."*

Joe Walsh, WB6ACU Ordinary, Average Ham (and Rock Legend)

**LCARA Monthly Meeting
Minutes**

**Lapeer County Central Dispatch
Center (911).**



Meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. by
V.P./Interim President, Bill KC8SHI
with Pledge and introductions.

Guests:

- 1) Charles Bates
- 2) Rob Calnes, paramedic

Hospital/S.K. Report:

- 1) Al Smiley, K8NOV: on 2nd Chemo therapy treatment. Therese, KC8PEZ delivered flowers and a card on behalf of the club. Al still monitors the repeater frequently.
- 2) Del, KB8NNE: SK. Was EC for Tuscola County

Presidents Report: None given

Vice-Presidents Report: Given by Bill, KC8SHI.

- 1) 2 Free tickets for the Kalamazoo Hamfest
 - 2) Dan Smith from Lapeer is going to Afghanistan for 2 yrs as military Chaplain
- Treasurers Report: Given by Bill, KD8VP. Accepted as read

Move to accept as read: Ed, W8NCJ

Seconded: Bob, W8RAE

Secretaries Report: Read by Bill, KC8SHI

Per the nominations from September's meeting:

- 1) Mike, K8NZ, nominated for President. Declined the nomination
- 2) Dave, KD8DLW, nominated for President. Declined the nomination
- 3) Therese, KC8PEZ, Nominated for Vice President. Accepted the nomination
- 4) Doug JR, KC8ZCF, nominated for Secretary. Accepted the nomination
- 5) Bill, KD8VP, nominated for Treasurer. Accepted the nomination.
- 6) Jim, KD8YX, nominated for Repeater Trustee. Accepted the nomination.

Minutes approved as Read

EC/Trustees Report: Given by Jim KD8YX

- 1) had pictures of antenna party – some will be up on website
- 2) Kim, KB8YXZ, took the pictures that appear in the Waveguide
- 3) Explained the antenna problems found, displayed bad components
- 4) Discussed 7-Ponds Weekend
- 5) Lowell Repeater – nothing new to report. They are not coordinated or legal. A PL tone can be placed on the Motorola Repeater to cover the problem, once reinstalled.

Old Business:

Elections:

- 1) President: Required under bylaws for club to continue. Several other individuals were contacted in hopes someone would take the nomination. Tried to contact

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For Sale

This is a great place to sell what you don't need, give away what you don't need or look for what you can't live with out. Ads will be run for 2 months.

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Wanted: Articles, stories, pictures, facts, fables, witticisms or what-have-you for the Waveguide. If you have something that you think will be of interest to the LCARA membership, please get it to the Editor. See Page 3 for contact information.

For almost Free: Several sections of aluminum tower that were cut apart—probably 50 ft total.
Big 8' C-band satellite dish, LNA thing, receiver, direction motors, spare board for receiver. 1/2 inch CATV aluminum hard line, no jacket—couple hundred feet
7/8 inch CATV aluminum hard line, no jacket—probably a couple hundred feet. Looking to get a case of Pepsi for each!
Contact Hank, K8DD 810-721-0708

For Sale: Cushcraft X7 Big Thunder tri-band beam with X-740 40 meter add on used but like new \$500 obo.

Two Cushcraft 13B2-13 element two meter beams with PD-2 Power Divider stacker kit \$250 obo.

Cushcraft A430-11S 11 element 440 MHz uhf beam like new \$50

TH-6-DXX tri-band beam needs tender loving care, but is salvageable, \$30 obo.

Four sections 10 foot long , unknown brand tower with rotor plate and bushing plate very good condition \$50 obo.

Seven sections 8 foot long, Heights aluminum amateur radio tower, has rotor and bushing plates, bottom section starts at 16

inches \$200 obo.

Contact Bill Miller kd8vp at kd8vp@juno.com or 810.797.5329
For Sale: Kenwood Twins (T 5990 & R 5930) with matching speaker (S 599) and Big Gun II Antenna. Make offer Contact Myron Miller 4510 Pratt Rd. Hadley MI. 810-797-4278

For Sale: I have a Ten-Tec 580 Delta with power supply and two piece mic for sale. \$425. John KJ8S 810-797-4124.

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Therese, KC8PEZ to see if she was interested in taking the position.

2) Vice President: Therese, KC8PEZ – motion was that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be entered into the record, seconded, and passed

3) Treasurer: Bill, K8VP - motion was that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be entered into the record, seconded, and passed

4) Secretary: Doug JR, KC8ZCF - motion was that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be entered into the record, seconded, and passed

5) Repeater trustee: Jim, K8YX – not an elected position, New Officers will take office effective the October meeting.

Break: 8:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M.

New Business:

1) KC8PEZ suggested a Christmas Banquet. The cost would be roughly \$500.00 for 30 people. The idea was tabled till next month for discussion.

2) Bob, W8RAE, volunteered and unanimously voted in as president

3) Ed, W8NCJ asked to amend last months minutes – the correction: National City should have read Lapeer County Bank & Trust

4) Discussion was brought up about sending Frank, K8MFK a letter of thanks for the bridge reports he gives during Operation Care.

5) Ed, W8NCJ suggested getting a 2m radio for the trailer to be a permanent install. If someone can donate a radio, he has a power supply.

6) Volunteers are still needed for the positions of Assistant Emergency Coordinator and Assistant Repeater Trustee. More than one person for each position is great. Doug, KC8ZCF volunteered for an AEC position. Bill, K8VP has always assisted with the repeater, and will continue to do so, and will go on record as an ART.

7) Any other people interested in either position, please contact Jim, KD8YX

The 50/50 raffle was won by Doug SR., K8LSQ

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. by Bill, KC8SHI

Submitted by Therese KC8PEZ as written by Doug KC8ZCF



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News reports, upgrades, achievements, rumors, humorous events, questions, sound off, what DX have you worked?, or any reports. Send anything you have to the editor (see page 2) in any form—handwritten, typed, ASCII file, email, disk, chipped in stone, or by packet radio (144.970 WA8DX—do a SEND K8DD).

Heard in passing (replaces the County Press *Sound Off*)

The Imlay City Library is willing to donate space for Amateur Radio Classes. And they would really like to see it happen. Would the LCARA like to see it happen? Amateur Radio has given the Hams of Lapeer a great hobby. Could those hams help give something great back to the hobby?

A Christmas Party? In a room at a restaurant? Or at a banquet hall? Take your spouse / friend / mate out to dinner with the local hams? And the club could even help finance it? What a concept!

"I was in total disbelief. I had to double-check my watch, because in 27 years, I'd never seen anything move that fast."
Quote from All Loney, a Minnesota State Patrol pilot, on clocking a motorcyclist at 205 miles per hour.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 ARES Net 146.62	5	6	7 ARES Net 442.750	8	9
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could find 3 hours over an entire weekend to help out. This was our #1 fundraiser for the year. I've heard that it was proposed that dues should be raised to \$100.00 per year, and then Operation Care wouldn't be needed.

Operation Care has become a great way to serve the public (isn't that the reason for amateur radio?) and to meet some great people (and a few kooks!). We get to hear stories, some funny, some not. In general, we have a ball.

I'd like to ask that everyone take a look at their schedule when Operation Care comes around next year, and try to work a shift or two. For the good of the club!

Some interesting statistics from Labor Day Weekend:

- 1) 384 donut holes were served
- 2) 2 gallons of Orange Drink mix was used to make about 20 gallons of drink
- 3) 17 people covered 20 shifts (minimum of 2 people per shift is recommended)
- 4) about 20 gallons of Iced Tea was served
- 5) about 20 dozen cookies were consumed
- 6) Our new donation box looks great. Thanks, Rich, N8DEW

73 Doug KC8ZCF

Join the ARRL!

Founded in 1914, the 172,000-member American Radio Relay League is a microcosm of the Amateur Radio community, not only reflecting a commitment to the many enthusiasms of hams, but also providing leadership as the official voice of Amateur Radio, whether in dealings with the Federal Communications Commission, the World Administrative Radio Conference, the International Amateur Radio Union, or with the general public. Indeed, many of the most knowledgeable hams believe that, as competition grows for increasingly scarce radio spectrum, the future of The League is the future of Amateur Radio.

Hint number 473: Whenever "flooding" a connector with any dielectric grease, be careful about getting any on the outside. Clean the surface well or tape may not stick and the liquid tapes may not even stay on that surface long enough to cure. Do not flood both ends of a piece of coax. It will tend to "breathe" with temperature changes and draw in moisture than will not be able to get out. Coax cables with large internal voids (such as 9913) are particularly susceptible to this. If the outside can be well sealed, I've found it works well to not flood the insides with the exception of the upper most connector in the run.

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Swap that I believe you deserve a party. I suggest renting a banquet hall for an evening and putting on a catered dinner and Christmas party with members and a spouse/significant other admitted free.

There would be NO BUSINESS MEETING at this party, just FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FUN. So if you think you have earned a Christmas bash, come to the October meeting and vote on whether or not to have a party.

At the October meeting, Hank K8DD will be presenting the ARRL's BPL movie clip – this is a great opportunity to learn about a serious current issue in amateur radio. We had a great turnout at the last club meeting and I hope that everyone can make it to the October meeting. It's great to see everyone and even better to hear what you have to say. It's YOUR opinion that counts – you are LCARA.

Have a great month, good DX and see you at the upcoming meeting,

Therese KC8PEZ, VP

If you have an e-mail address and would like the Waveguide via e-mail, let Bill KD8VP (kd8vp@juno.com) and Hank K8DD (k8dd@arrl.net) know and it will happen. This can help save postage and printing for the club....And the pictures will look better!

This space is where you could have submitted something.

Tell us about:

- What DX did you work?
- What interesting QSO did you have recently?
- Did you try a different antenna? Did it work?
- Did another ham you know do something to qualify for "here's your sign"? (the stupid sign—and we won't publish your call or name!)
- Rumors

Most any format is fine—Text file, Word file, hand written, typed or verbal over the phone. See page 2 for Newsletter contact information!

2004-2005 L.C.A.R.A. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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