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2004 LCARA Christmas Party



The Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association Christmas Party was held December 14th at the Countryside Banquet Center in Imlay City. There were approximately 40 people attending for the dinner. Therese, KC8PEZ, did a great job MC'ing and drawing the winning tickets for the prizes provided by the club.



It seemed that one specific table won most of the prizes!



The club presented Jim Boyer, KD8YX, with a plaque for his long time (maybe even since the beginning of time) service to the Lapeer County ARES/RACES and the LCARA as the Emergency Coordinator and Club and Repeater trustee. Jim will be leaving the area in the very near future, but everyone hopes he comes back for a visit

Upcoming Swap & Shops

Jan 15—Flushing, MI Amateur Radio and Youth Club
<http://www.arayclub.org> email KF8UI@arri.net

Jan 16—Hazel Park, MI Hazel Park ARC
<http://www.qsl.net/w8hp/swap.html> email k8khz@yahoo.com

Sunday, Feb 13, Farmington Hills, Livonia ARC Swap 8:00 am
<http://larc.mi.org>

*The January Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, January 11th—7:30 p.m.
At the Lapeer County Central Dispatch Center
(911) at 2332 W. Genesee Street in the
basement.*

The Prez Sez

Bob Erskine, W8RAE

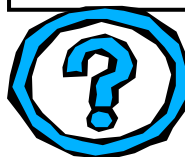
Well the Christmas party is past. What a nice turnout! Therese Did a terrific job and as far as I know did it all by herself. Thank you so much Therese for all the work you did and I am sure that no one would complain if you followed suit next year. The January meeting will have Vic Martin Director of Lapeer County Central Dispatch / 911 presenting the ins & outs of their system. Very interesting.. I look forward to seeing all who can attend this meeting. If I do not see you or talk to you I hope you and yours have a safe and happy holiday.
73 Bob W8RAE

The Treas Sez

Bill Miller, KD8VP

This being the time of the year when everyone is getting ready for Christmas, a few have remembered that they had to pay their dues to LCARA. Other than that and the paying of the electric and phone bill not much has happened. The club did put on a super appreciation dinner party for the December party meeting, and we owe it all to Therese Long KC8PEZ. Thank you Therese ! The party did cost a bit more than your treasurer was wanting to spend, but the results were very much worth the expenditure.

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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.

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Did you do anything?

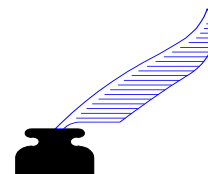
Your name and call should be here!

*"You see, wire telegraph is a kind of a
very, very long cat. You pull his tail in
New York and his head is meowing in
Los Angeles. Do you understand
this? And radio operates exactly the
same way: you send signals here,
they receive them there. The only dif-
ference is that there is no cat."*

Albert Einstein

**LCARA Monthly Meeting
Minutes**

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



**Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!**

Since the Christmas Party took the place of the
December meeting, Hank asked for a little message to
take up the space the minutes would normally fill. The
following are the ramblings of a mad man...

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy
New Years. Here's hoping that 2005 is even better than
2004 was!

I look forward to working with everyone in some
capacity or another over the next year. Either during
Operation: Care, during Field Day, during public service
events or whatever it might be.

A big thumbs up to Therese, KC8PEZ, for the Christmas
Party. I wasn't there, but heard good things from several
different people.

There seems to be some additional repeater use these
days. Al, N8NPR, and a few others have a chat session
twice a day, morning and night. Usually around 9 A.M.
and 8 P.M. Everybody is invited. Join in.

Looking back, a group of us worked communications
during the 5K Walk/Run for Lapeer Regional Hospital on
November 6th. We had a good turn out of help and a
beautiful day for the event. I'm hoping for a little earlier
notification for next year. I hope we can do more of this
type of event in the future. We had fun. Hopefully,
others can get involved in future events.

Submitted by:

Doug Donner Jr., KC8ZCF
Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting

The Directors' monthly meetings are held on the
first Wednesday of each month at the BK Lounge
at 7:30PM as needed (announced on the W8LAP
repeaters). **When there is a Board Meeting —
All club members are urged to attend.**

Show your club colors

The following items, all with the LCARA logo, are available to
members. Your name and callsign could be included at no
extra charge.

Tee shirts.....\$12.00
Sweat shirts, hooded.....\$30.00
Sweat shirts, long sleeve without hood.....\$18.00
Golf shirts, grey, yellow or white.....\$19.00
Nylon jacket, windbreaker.....\$45.00
Heavier poplin jacket, flannel lined, quilted.....\$83.00

For XXL add \$2.00 For XXXL add \$3.00

Add MI sales tax for all items.

Call Flo Haack, KC8CAB, or contact her at any club meeting
to place your order.



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**If you would like your Waveguide in color in Adobe format via E-mail, let KD8VP and / or K8DD know—It will come virus-free. There are two virus checkers running on the editors PC!
And**

If your e-mail address changes please let KD8VP and K8DD know so you get club email!

K8DD and AC8W on the road again continued

Last Waveguide ended with: In the next hour the roads got snow covered, although we saw several snow plows it wasn't too bad. We got into some steep grades and going through some S curves hit some real slick pavement and somehow ended up sliding into a 2 foot high snow bank on the side of the road.

The van then just kind of laid over the snow bank, slid about 25 ft down the bank and came to rest up against some light trees next to a small snow covered lake. On it's roof. The first thing on my mind was a.) was Stan ok - he was and said everything moved and he wasn't hurt, and b.) get us out of the van! Since the doors wouldn't open and the electric windows would not move, I noticed that the sliding door window was gone. So I released my seat belt - I forgot I was upside down, and fell onto the roof! Hit my head and got a cut (mistake #1). Then I had to lean the seat back - here comes mistake #2 - when you pull the seat handle the seat comes forward. Fast. Got me in the head again! We got out of the van and there was a man named Dominique - never did get his last name, who works for Quebec Hydro, that was behind us and saw what happened. He stopped and came down and helped us get some things out of the van (Stan crawled back in to get the keys and stop the dingy because the keys were still in the ignition - he bought a laptop back out with him and I said "good - at least we

have the logs!") and up the bank. Then he took us to the S.O.S. phone and helped translate to the medical and police stations. He then took us to the Manic-4 dam food & rest area, helped translate on the phone there to get a wrecker dispatched. Since the wrecker only held one passenger, we left Stan there to wait for the wrecker, and Dominique took me to Baie Comeau to get a motel. I got there about 6 or 7 PM to make the phone calls to our wives! Stan finally made it back about 11 PM.

Tuesday we spent all day trying to find some place to rent us a one-way vehicle to get us and our stuff, which was still in the van at the garage in Baie Comeau, back to Port Huron. It appears that no one ever moves out of that area and needs a one way rental! We ended up Wednesday morning getting a U-Haul truck from Matane, QC, which is across the St. Lawrence Seaway by ferry! We had a rental car that we had to return locally, so we went down to the ferry, got the van, turned in the rental car, unloaded the van into the 14 ft truck - we had a LOT of room left over! - and by about noon we were on the road. In a blinding snow storm! It took 9 hours, but we made it 392 miles.

The next morning we left there about 7 AM and made it 561 miles to Stan's driveway by 5:30 PM, unloaded the truck and got it back to the U-Haul in Port Huron by the time they closed at 7 PM!

It was an exciting trip! On the plus side we met some great ham radio operators in Labrador City, we learned a few new words in French-Canadian, operated CQ WW CW from Zone 2 and had a pretty good score, and came out of a roll over intact, alive and with all of our equipment - and it all works!

On the minus side, we had to leave Stan's van in Baie Comeau, Quebec - it is totaled, and Stan now has another van, just like the one we left there - didn't learn enough French-Canadian to do much more than point at the pictures in the menu, and caused our families to worry somewhat about our sanity!

Would we do it again? Sure - I would not next week, but maybe next year, but I would consider flying over Quebec so I wouldn't have to point at the menu when I want something to eat!

(Continued from page 1) The Treas Sez

The Certificate of Deposit that we have was renewed at the beginning of December for another six months at the rate of 1.5 percent. I would like to see any action to put up the satellite repeater system co inside with the maturing of the CD in June so that we do not have to pay a penalty to withdraw money to pay for anything related to the satellite system. If the club is not going to go forward at this time with the project maybe we should think about a CD with a longer maturity date. Let me know what you think.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Bill Miller KD8VP treasurer

The Trustee/EC Sez

Jim Boyer, KD8YX

Greetings to Lapeer Amateur Operators

From the desk of the E.C. / Trustee

As most of you know by this time I will be moving because of family and other reasons around the first of the year; we will be in Barry County near Hastings MI. (near Lowell) My e-mail will still be the same kd8yx@arrl.net. I will be in the area from time to time for about two months after the first of the year. And will be available for questions and comments.

I want thank all who was involved in the Plaque I was given at the Christmas Dinner in December. It was a surprise to me. Many thanks to all involved. Thanks to Therese KC8PEZ for the GREAT IDEA for the Christmas Dinner. It was great. Thanks to all the Club officers and members.

Many thanks to all who worked in the many events that we have had including but not limited to Operation C.A.R.E., Lapeer Ham Swap, Field Day, Boy Scout events, the walks and runs and S.E.T.s over the many years.

This will be my retirement from the jobs of E.C and repeater trustee at this time.

I have enjoyed the time I have been working for the club in any way I could be of help. Doug Donner JR KC8ZCF will be taking the job of E. C. Doug has taken 2 of the ARRL emergency communications courses. And I am sure that He will do a great job if you all give him your support.

The Club has made a lot of good decisions and has grown in the last years, but to some from what I hear it is still just a "barn yard repeater".

I know that over the years I have made Friends that will stay with me for many years. I also know that I have made some of you unhappy with me. That I regret. I have tried to keep things stable and to listen to any and all comments and suggestions and explain why things were done the way they were and not have many surprises that were unnecessary to the operation of the Club and Repeater System.

There are many things to do in Amateur radio that don't interest everyone ("5 9 Michigan" is not a conversation in my opinion) just because you are interested in something does not mean every one is, and that does not make them a lower class just because they do have a interest in something that you don't. There is a place for everyone in the hobby. Don't look down on people there is room for all if you help them.

January 2005

**Be RadioActive—
Participate!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Happy New Years Eve	1 Happy New Years Day
2	3ARES Net 146.62	4	5	6ARES Net 442.750	7	8
9	10ARES Net 146.62	11LCARA Meeting	12	13ARES Net 442.750	14	15
16	17ARES Net 146.62	18	19	20ARES Net 442.750	21	22
23	24ARES Net 146.62	25	26	27ARES Net 442.750	28	29
30	31ARES Net 146.62					What Reso- lutions??

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

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