



The Feedline

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President's Message, by Scott Craig N2OPQ

Last month I had mentioned how it was a number of seasons. The official winter ended in March, US tax season ended in mid April, and as of this past weekend FIRST Robotics competition season ended with the world championship in St. Louis, MO which I had the pleasure of attending along with my son Nathan's team which I mentor for. The World Championship is more than competitions of robots. They have companies and special guest speakers that take the opportunity to meet with engineering minded students. The US Army had a vehicle there called the Ripsaw MS2. It can be controlled remotely. Unfortunately the representative didn't know the range, as he admitted he wasn't an RF expert. We have a lot to look forward to in the next 2 months. Hamvention at the new Dayton, OH location in a few weeks, and ARRL Field Day at the end of next month.

73, Scott, N2OPQ

Short article by Joe Miller, KJ8O Editor

It must be one of the facts of life that older we get, the busier we become. And all too often, I have been hearing many hams say that they don't have the time for the hobby. Of course, we always can always blame the sun for lack of sunspots, coronal mass ejections, or what have you.

Fortunately, there have been some interesting special events this past month, and sad to say, due to ongoing family matters, I was not able to contact either of the Michigan State Police anniversary stations this past month. But the special event stations can be found on most weekends, whether or not the band conditions are cooperating. And many times, when the conditions are a challenge, the working stations appreciate the contacts all that much more. If you have been making contact with any, or have a special QSL card or certificate that you would like to show around, please bring it to one of our meetings. I am sure everyone else would like to see it also.

N7WI is operating from Whidbey Island Washington (state) and is requesting ham radio operators in Michigan and elsewhere to help him earned his Triple Play Award by using Logbook of the World. I received some NTS traffic with his request, and the very next day when checking into my LOTW account, I saw that he had been recently received this award. At this point, if you hear him on the air, I am sure he will still be happy to hear from you, so please do give him a call.

Paula, wife of KC8SGO, has muscular dystrophy and enjoys getting cards from people, and has always had an interest in my ham radio activities. She could not write due to the contractures in her hands and fingers, and never got her license. If any can, please send her a card at:

Paula Mohr
Parkside Nursing and Rehab
Room 449 - 1
908 Symmes Rd.
Fairfield, OH 45014

VY 73 de Joe KJ8O





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Siren Testing:

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 12:30 for check-ins and 1:00 for the siren test. Please check into the Clarkston Repeater (see below for details). Larry KB8POD is net control.

Upcoming OCARS Meetings

Tuesday, May 2, monthly meeting at 7:30, Digital Mobile Radio, Jeff Swiger N8NOE

Tuesday, June 6, monthly meeting at 7:30, Field Day, Jim Vigne KB8TXZ

Tuesday, July 4 and Tuesday, August 1 – Summer recess – See you in September

Meeting location:

Bethany Church, 1375 Hiller Rd., Waterford (between Cooley Lake & Commerce Rds.)
doors open at 7:00, meeting begins at 7:30

Social Gathering:

Wednesday 10:15 – 11:30 am, Village Place restaurant
S.W. corner of Dixie Highway and Andersonville Rd., Waterford

Officers and Directors:

President:	Scott Craig N2OPQ	Directors:	Tim Pepper K8NWD
Secretary:	Ken Stuter W8KRS		Al Bailey K8SIX
Treasurer:	John Eldred N8FNN		Fred Holmes W1SKU
Trustee:	Brad Nowak N8SNM		Jim Vigne KB8TXZ

OCARS Net:

7:30 pm (local time) on the Clarkston Repeater, 146.840 MHz, p.l. tone 100 Hz,
Joe KJ8O is net control, Dan KD8TXZ and Chris KD4LJT are both alternate net
control operators, and welcomes participation from all area hams. The OCARS net is
now accessible through Echolink node W8JWB-R.

Net activity:

Dates are local time, Monday evenings, with number of check-ins, time, and NCS:

- April 3, 21, 30 min. KJ8O	- April 17, 16, 24 min. KB8POD
- April 10, 22, 42 min. KJ8O	- April 24, 21, 39 min. KJ8O

Websites:

www.qsl.net/w8tno maintained by webmaster Scott Craig N2OPQ
www.qrz.com/db/w8tno
<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/oakland-county-amateur-radio-society>
And on Facebook!!!

Contact information:

w8tno.ocars@gmail.com or kj8o.ham@gmail.com (for an immediate response)

Great Lakes Division:

<http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org/>

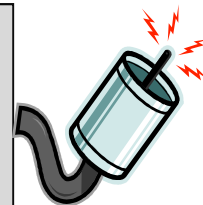
Michigan Section ARES:

<http://ares-mi.org/>



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Upcoming Hamfests (all see flyers at end of this issue)

May 6, 2017	Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI
May 19-21, 2017	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH - Greene County Fairgrounds
Jun 3, 2017	IRA Hamfest, Hudsonville, MI
Jun 4, 2017	Chelsea Hamfest, Chelsea, MI
Jun 10, 2017	LARS Hamfest, Newberry, MI
Jun 18, 2017	Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI

Upcoming Events

May 10-30, 2017	67 th Anniversary of Livonia MI www.livoniaarc.com
May 13, 2017	St. Maximillian Kolbe net will be operating several special event stations (K1F and several others) in honor of the 100 th anniversary of the Our Lady of Fatima apparition to three children in Portugal. QSL to K3KNT.
May 13, 2017	Military Appreciation Day
May 24 – June 1, 2017	Ham Nation 300 (W0H on QRZ.com for more information)
July 7-8, 2017	MI Section Outing/ MIARPSC EC Meeting, Hale, MI

Contests and Emergency Exercises

May 6-7	7 th Call Area QSO Party (CW, Phone and Digital) Delaware QSO Party (CW and Phone) Indiana QSO Party (CW and Phone) New England QSO Party (CW, Phone, and Digital)
May 27-28	CQ Worldwide WPX Contest (CW)
June 24-25	Field Day (CW, Phone, Digital, VHF, UHF, other activities)

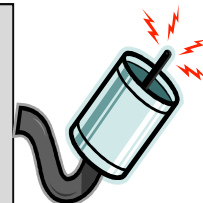
Please see Page 87 of the May QST for a full listing of amateur radio contests.

Traders Net

No listed items this month. Please feel free to bring items to our monthly meeting.

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It seems like just a few days ago we had a Siren Test and now it is time for another one. The next test will be on May 6th at 1:00 p.m. So far this year we have had a lot of sirens checked in the Northwest Section of Oakland County. We are still have a long ways to go from having all of our siren checked. We have 86 sirens to check, and so far we have had 30 sirens checked. You people have done a great job but the work is not over.

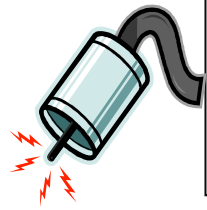
I just read an article about a location down South that had a working “Early Warning Siren system” but because the storm came up so fast the system did not give the people a very long early warning. We are somewhat lucky because National Weather Station is right here in White Lake. This is to our advantage but only if the siren all work. The Statewide test of the systems was much better this year and we even had one of own hams on the broadcast talking about the sirens. That person was Ted Davis, N8ZSA. Ted is the Director for our area for Weather and through many years of hard work he has helped make our involvement better and our knowledge better when its comes to watching and reporting the weather. He does this and he also is out there each time to check a siren.

There are quite a few of you that are just as involved as Ted and I can never thank you enough for all your help. It only takes a few minutes to check a siren during the test and then report it condition into the net on the Clarkston Repeater (146.840 MHz with a 100 Hz tone) I try to start check ins about 12:00 p.m. so if someone has not signed up for a siren beforehand they can do it then. I will gladly help people with assignments beforehand if they would email me at kb8pod@att.net or kb8pod@arrl.net. I can also be reached by phone at (248) 421-2617.

It may not seem like much when you check a siren but each siren has a radius of 1 mile coverage and we have a lot of outdoor areas in the Northwest Section that can hear the sirens. At least twice while I have been our checking sirens I have been able to warn people on horses.

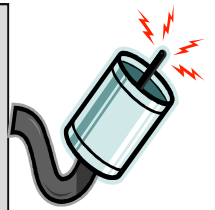


Kids and people outside can only know about storms if the sirens are working.



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OCARS Meeting Minutes for 04/04/2017 Kenneth R. Stuter W8KRS Secretary's Report

Members socialized from 7:00 to 7:30
Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Scott N2OPQ, president
We had approx. 30 in attendance

Business Meeting:

Secretary's Report: Prior meeting minutes motion to accept by Doug N8VY, seconded by Mike AC8TE.

Treasurer's Report: Given by John N8FNN. Motion to accept by Gary KD8EWG, seconded by Ned KD8FCB

Old Business: Polo shirts \$23. If interested see Jim Vigne, KB8TXZ.
If members are not receiving the Feedline, please see Joe KJ8O.

New Business: Michigan State Parks, on the air, started this month and they are asking clubs to adopt a park. A short discussion followed but no decision was made, so it was tabled to next month.

I, Ken W8KRS, reported about an email I received telling about a SSB contest (Phone Fray) ½ hour long. It's every week at 10:30PM. It is a contest that doesn't require a lot of time and you can make some contacts. The rules are at www.perluma.com.

Robert KC8DDE, is selling a Collins 7582 receiver, manual, and Hammarlund S200 speaker.

Ned KD8FCB, raffling off 2 pieces of test equipment and won by Gary KD8EWG, and Greg N8GAS. \$16 was raised. Ned drew the winning tickets.

Break: 8:00 to 8:30

Presentation: Ned KD8FCB, did a presentation on test equipment, and brought in some home brew test equipment, that he made as part of his presentation.

50/50 Raffle: George WD8INW, drew the winning ticket, and Mike AC8TE, of \$20. he donated it back to the club, thanks Mike.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42



The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club will host a **Technician Class
Amateur License Course**

**WHEN: Mondays, from May 15, 2017 to July 24, 2017 (excluding
Memorial Day and July 4 holiday Mondays)**

TIME: 7 PM to 9 PM

**WHERE: Lawrence Technological University
21000 West Ten Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075**

Maps to the classroom will be supplied when you register.

INSTRUCTORS: Joe Raznik, WB2ADX, and Doug Robotham, N8NX

COST: FREE Instruction.

License Manual (\$25--cash) available from instructor at first session.

FCC License Exam on Monday, July 24, 2015 (\$15 fee)

Pre-registration is Necessary

Registration/Information: Contact W9NPI @[arrrl.net](mailto:w9npi@arrrl.net)



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