

Mich-A-Con Amateur Radio Club January 2004 Questionnaire Results

Of the 67 questionnaires sent in the January 2004 newsletter, 11 were returned. Here are the results:

Are you presently active in Amateur Radio? Yes 7, No 3, Sometimes 1

What aspects of Amateur Radio do you enjoy?

Building , BSing, CW(2), QRP(2), portable operation, contesting, DXing, QSLing, all, learning CW, working on General, fm 2 meter simplex and repeater (2), 2 meter mobile(2), would like to try amateur TV.
I miss Monday night club net (from my former club)

If not active, what is the reason?

No time, carry hand held at work all day so not real eager to do that afterwards.
Got active with two friends, both moved away. Other competing interests (2).
Do not get responses when I come on the air.

Are you presently interested in upgrading your Amateur Radio license? Yes 5, No 5*

Upgrading to what class license?

General(4), Extra(2)

* 2 are Extra Class

Is there something the club could do to help you upgrade your license? Yes 3, No 2

Please explain:

Code class(3)

How many club meetings have you attended during the last year?

9, 9,10, 2, 1, 0, 2, 4, 0, 0, 1

If the meeting day was changed, would you be able to attend more often? Yes 4, No 7

Please explain:

Day is fine as is –otherwise no Tuesdays or 3rd Thursdays
Would be about the same.
Can come any night but Wednesday.
Out of town on Wednesdays – prefer Thursday
Wednesday is a bad night – also would be better to go earlier and get out earlier.
I am usually driving a casino bus on Wednesday evenings.
Was working during meetings. I am no longer working and could attend.

Are there other reasons for not attending meetings?

Please explain:

Blizzards, slippery roads.
Other things come up.
We travel a lot – presently in Florida through April 20th.
Would attend more, but I'm working a lot of overtime.
Meetings in the past have just been business meetings – not much about Ham radio.
If location is a concern for others, I could possibly get a meeting location in Kingsford.
Don't attend often because of medical problems.
In all honesty, as a former club officer, they are not very exciting. When Paul Ward was our president we had guest speakers, etc., which made it more interesting.

What can the club do to make the meetings something you would look forward to attending?

A short program on operating, building, rules, etc.

A 10 or 15 minute show and tell – doesn't have to be a formal presentation.

More about Ham stuff such as building antennas, fixing your own equipment, home projects.

Feature some aspect of Ham radio that people new to it would want to learn more about. (i.e., demonstration of packet or other less known aspects)

Demonstrations in new techniques. Videos of Ham radio events, etc. (DX, emergency operations)

Have guest speakers, etc.

Have some sort of program – guest speaker, movie/video, visit other member's ham shacks.

What Amateur Radio related group activities would you be interested in (e.g. Field Day, Special Event Operation, Scout Jamboree On The Air, Hidden Transmitter Hunting, etc.)?

Field Day(5), Special Events(3), Hidden Transmitter Hunting(4), Scout JOTA(3)

Club net once per week.

What club social activities would you be interested in?

Christmas dinner(3), club picnic(4), hamfest/swap meets(2), Saturday morning breakfasts.

Would a periodic get-together on Saturday mornings for breakfast be something you would be interested in (no business meeting)? Yes 7, No 1, Maybe 2

If so, how often?

Don't know, once per month(2), once or twice per year, not very often, sounds good – 9 to 10 AM or so.

Probably should be every Saturday for whoever can make it. No one can make them all.

Once monthly or bi-weekly.

There is a need to replace club officers periodically to bring fresh ideas and energy into the leadership positions. After a number of years in office, burnout occurs and the job becomes a burden to even the most energetic of us. The office of club President is presently vacant and we need someone to fill the position. Would you be willing to do so? Yes 1, No 10

Yes – when meeting day is changed

No - currently hold an office(2), held an office in the past(2), don't have the time, medical problems

Would you be willing to fill a club office at some future time? Yes 6, No 5

If so, what office(s)?

Secretary, treasurer, any, not sure(2)

Should the club have a newsletter? Yes 9, No 1, No answer 1

If so, should it only be available on our web site to those that have internet access and mailed to others, or should it be mailed to all members (savings in postage and copying costs)?

Email or internet is OK(8), mail it(1)

A club net would serve the same purpose without mailing costs.

What role would you be willing to play in the production of the newsletter?

Any way I can help. Help with ads and circulation. Editor, articles. Furnish tidbits of info.

I would try to contribute an article periodically.

Please add any additional comments that you feel would contribute to the betterment of the club.

The newsletter was great, more communication between members, more activities that are fun.

Interested in linking our repeater with those west of here if it could be done and there was interest from others in the club.

Nice letter! Very nice to see Mike Wolfe remembered! Nice to see repeater being worked on. Great job!

Emergency drills, 2-meter net once per week.

The questionnaire is a great idea! We should have done it long ago.

Sorry I'm not active, but I have so many other interests and commitments.

Perhaps a club net once a week or so. We need to get more activity on the local repeaters.

Obviously, I would like to see a weekly club net and get familiar with club members – both members that go to meetings and those for whatever reason do not.