

# MICH-A-CON RF

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Visit the ARRL's web site at  
<http://www.arrl.org>

## Words from the President

Tom, W8JWN

Words can't describe the feeling I had on May 17th around 1p.m. I was just settling in to enjoy the Red Wing game and there was a big "boom". I thought that there was an explosion somewhere on our block. My XYL yelled that something flew by the kitchen window. I went out the backdoor and observed my tower resting across our roof.

It was windy but I didn't think that a 40 mph. plus wind gust would have caused the tower to snap at the 24' level. Yet, it did. According to other hams in the area, there were several micro-bursts that Saturday afternoon.

The damage to the roof was minimal. It could have been much worse. There was no damage to the neighbors. No injuries. No down power lines.

The tower and antennas have been carted off to Gary's aluminum graveyard on his Aurora farm. I will be able to salvage the 40 meter beam, the 14 element 2 meter beam, and a few tower sections. Now, to start over and try to have another tower and beam on the air by fall.

Many thanks to Mike Bray and Gary Schafer for helping me remove the antennas and dismantle the tower.

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Note:

**Don't forget the important meeting on June 10th. Field Day is coming fast. We need your support.**

73,

Tom W8JWN



May 17, 2008



Crane Work



Cheap Labor!

| <b>Mich-A-Con ARC Activities for June 2008</b> |            |                             |            |                          |            |                                    |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>SUN</u>                                     | <u>MON</u> | <u>TUE</u>                  | <u>WED</u> | <u>THUR</u>              | <u>FRI</u> | <u>SAT</u>                         |
| <u>1</u><br><u>UPSN</u>                        | <u>2</u>   | <u>3</u>                    | <u>4</u>   | <u>5</u><br><u>ARES</u>  | <u>6</u>   | <u>7</u>                           |
| <u>8</u><br><u>UPSN</u>                        | <u>9</u>   | <u>10</u><br><u>Meeting</u> | <u>11</u>  | <u>12</u><br><u>ARES</u> | <u>13</u>  | <u>14</u>                          |
| <u>15</u><br><u>UPSN</u>                       | <u>16</u>  | <u>17</u>                   | <u>18</u>  | <u>19</u><br><u>ARES</u> | <u>20</u>  | <u>21 Club</u><br><u>Breakfast</u> |
| <u>22</u><br><u>UPSN</u>                       | <u>23</u>  | <u>24</u>                   | <u>25</u>  | <u>26</u><br><u>ARES</u> | <u>27</u>  | <u>28</u><br><u>FIELD DAY</u>      |
| <u>29</u><br><u>FIELD DAY</u>                  | <u>30</u>  |                             |            |                          | -          |                                    |
| -  |            |                             |            |                          | -          |                                    |

**Club Activities:**

The Upper Peninsula 2-meter Social Net (UPSN) is conducted every Sunday at 7:00 PM Central Time on the 146.850 repeater. Dennis, K8SWX will facilitate the link from our repeater to the other participating stations via Echo Link. (Note: Dennis is currently working on a problem with the Link and therefore the net may not be held on our local repeater.)

ARES Nets are conducted at 6:30 PM Central Time every Thursday on our 2-meter repeater (146.850 MHz.)

Meeting: The Mich-A-Con Amateur Radio Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Dickinson County Library. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

Our Saturday Morning Breakfast is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Holiday Kitchen Restaurant on Stephenson Ave (US-2) in Iron Mountain.

Do you know someone that would like to receive this newsletter or someone that may not be getting the newsletter but did before?  
Drop me an email and I will be glad to add them to the list  
[kd8ccp@arrl.net](mailto:kd8ccp@arrl.net)

## **REPEATERS:**

The club maintains two repeaters, which are located on Pine Mountain in Iron Mountain, with tower and facilities provided by Wisconsin Electric Power Co.

**Identifier: WA8FXQ/RIMT**

| Output      | Offset | PL Tone |
|-------------|--------|---------|
| 146.850 MHz | minus  | -----   |
| 444.850 MHz | plus   | -----   |

Visit the Mich-A-Con Web Site:  
<http://www.qsl.net/ka1ddb/>

Both repeaters have an auto patch with a toll restriction. The auto patch on the 2 meter repeater can be used with permission. The 440 auto patch is for club member use only.

### **Mich-A-Con Amateur Radio Club Membership Application/Renewal Form**

**Please remit dues to :**

**Dennis Beurjey, K8SWX  
612 Balsam Street  
Kingsford, Mi 49802**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Call Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARRL Member? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual dues are due in January.**

**Please make check payable to Mich-A-Con ARC**

**Annual dues for Full Membership - Single \$20 \_\_\* Family \$30 \_\_ Repeater Only \$10 \_\_\*\***

**If family membership, please list additional names and call signs:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\* The dues for NEW members are prorated - you only pay for the remainder of the year! Please remit \$1.67 per month for a Single membership or \$2.50 per month for a Family membership.

\*\* If you are in an occasional or seasonal user of the repeater, please consider our Repeater Only Membership.

## **V.E. TESTING:**

**06/14 Marquette: 8:30 am eastern time, (arrive by 8:00 am). Marquette County Health Department Building on U. S. 41 east of the Michigan State Police Post. Contact Rich Schwenke, N8GBA at (906) 249-3837 or email: [n8gba@chartermi.net](mailto:n8gba@chartermi.net). NOTE: Pre-registration is required.**

**06/19 Iron River: 7:00 pm central time, Iron River Lutheran Church after the club meeting. NOTE: Pre-registration is required. Contact Dan Waters, AA9JG at (906) 265-4240 or by email: [dmwaters@ironriver.tv](mailto:dmwaters@ironriver.tv)**

**07/12 Houghton: 8:30 am eastern time, Room G04 in the basement of Wadsworth Residence Hall at MTU (Michigan Technological University). Free parking is available across Hwy U.S. 41 from this building. Contact Glen at (906) 482-7743 or by email: [wa8qnf@arrl.net](mailto:wa8qnf@arrl.net).**

**07/12 Gladstone: 9:00 am eastern time at the Gladstone Public Library. Testing begins at 9:00 am. Contact Howard W8HSJ at (906) 428-9476 or by email: [w8hsj@dcars.org](mailto:w8hsj@dcars.org)**

**08/02 Iron Mountain: 9:00 am central time, (arrive by 8:30 am) in the Dickinson County Library conference room. Contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD, (906) 396-5519 , 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, Mi 49802.**

**Please arrive one-half hour early for test sessions to allow time for application processing. Testing applicants should bring two pieces of I.D. including one photo I.D. Original license and a clear copy of their license if applicable and a completed form 605 will also be needed. (Form 605 will be provided if needed.) Please bring pencils, calculator and the test fee of \$14.00. Please have the correct fee as examiners do not carry change. Please contact the individuals listed to confirm dates, times and locations.**

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The URL for the Mich-A-Con ARC web site is:  
<http://www.qsl.net/ka1ddb/>

Previous editions of Mich-A-Con RF can be accessed by a link on the news page.

The ARRL DX Bulletin on the Upcoming Activities page is updated each Thursday and the contests section is updated on a monthly basis.

## **Club Officers:**

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## **Reminders:**

Club dues for the year 2008 were payable on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please use the Membership Application/Renewal form in this newsletter when paying your dues. Checks should be made payable to Mich-A-Con Arc and sent to our Treasurer, Dennis Beurjey, K8SWX, at the address listed on the form. Thank-you for supporting your club!

**The monthly meeting for June is on Tuesday the 10th at 7:00 PM in Dickinson County Library.**

