

Mich-A-Con RF

Iron Mountain, Michigan

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Mich-A-Con Field Day Attendee Travels 4,300 Miles!

Submitted by:
Cliff Haycock (KD4ZBP)

Cliff (KD4ZBP) and Virginia (KE4VRW) Haycock are full time RVers and spend their winters in southern Arizona. They visit Virginia's sister Ruth Hayes in Norway, Michigan each spring and summer.

This year they chose to visit Ery Horton (KB7IWT) in Reno, Nevada before heading to the U.P. Cliff and Virginia left Tucson, Arizona in April, 2009 and motored a few hundred miles generally



northwest to Reno, Nevada then eastward to a bit south of Salt Lake City, Utah to visit Daryl Duffin (NU7X). Next the Haycocks went to Two Harbors, Wisconsin to visit Jerry Groeneveld (N0MR) before turning eastward once more heading toward Norway, Michigan.

Cliff noted he has won prizes for being the oldest ham (83 years old) to attend an event.

Maybe he should win a prize for traveling 4,300 miles to attend the Mich-A-Con Field Day Event!

Cliff listed his email as kd4zbp@arrl.net .

Field Day brings Old technology and New technology together.

By:
Steve Skauge, KD8CCP

Field Day 2009 has arrived and Scott Baker (KB9AVX) has decided to participate this year by bringing his own rig. He carefully packed up the equipment and brought it to the Mich-A-Con Field Day Event in Norway, Michigan. Scott told us how he carefully disassembled the radio setup and packed it into his vehicle by placing each piece on the cushions. After a careful ride over to Marion Park he re-assembled the rig and hooked up the power and antenna.

Scott went on to tell us how each piece of the rig had to be repaired or rebuilt when he obtained it. Some of the items came from hamfests or ebay but none of it worked when he got it. The equipment is so good now that Scott noted he has made more contacts with this rig than any other radio in his shack!

The radio was operating at the Field Day Event on 20 meters and as we talked and learned about the equipment we could hear the familiar "CQ, CQ Field Day" call on the speakers. The radio was hooked to an antenna on Scott's truck mirror. Scott's old technology operated efficiently along side the new radios on the market today. The setup made an impressive display too!



Scott Baker (KB9AVX) with his rig at the Mich-A-Con Field Day 2009

Mich-A-Con Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the June 9, 2009 Meeting

President Tom Martin, W8JWN, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary Report

The reading of the May 12 meeting minutes was waived.

Treasurer Report

Balances as of June 1, 2009:

Checking - \$374.25

Regular Savings - \$2,177.30, \$915.62 of which is in the Trailer Fund.

Repeater Savings - \$901.11.

Petty Cash - \$0.00.

We now have 33 paid members.

Repeater Report

Painting of the interior of the building is complete. We need to finish grounding of the equipment.

ARES

There have been many check-ins on the Thursday weekly net.

Old Business

New Techs from the Class

More repeater activity since the new hams are on the air. One ham in Tipler is having a problem getting into the repeater. Scott Baker is helping him with this issue.

Field Day 2009 –

Tom reviewed equipment needs (2 laptop computers, GOTA radio, 2nd SSB station radio, nostalgia radio, motor homes)

There will be a Field Day meeting at the Red Brick Inn in Niagara on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm.

K8V Veterans Day Special Event 2008 –

Tom brought several foreign QSL cards, one of which was for a PSK31 contact made by Randy with a station in Japan.

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

For The Good Of The Order

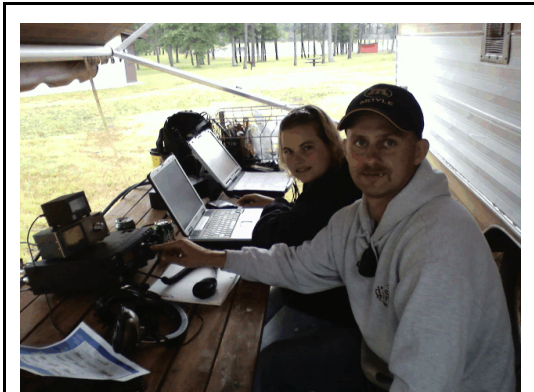
Attendees discussed their recent radio related activities.

Submitted by Mike Bray

Attendees

Mike Bray, K8DDB---Secretary
Corissa Thomas, KD8KUG
Joey Gerwig, KD8KWP
Robert Thomas, KD8KMT
Nate Mieras, KD8GLP
Michael Boileau, N9NBN---Vice
President/Treasurer
Tom Martin, W8JWN---President
Art Costa, KD8GLO
Adam Hull, Guest
Scott Baker, KB9AVX
Beth Baker, KC9KVP
Burton Armbrust, WB8EBS
Paul Schultz, KD8KUF

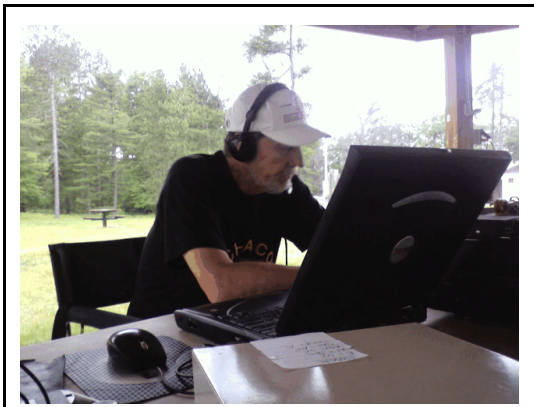
MICH-A-CON Field Day 2009:



Corissa KD8KUG and Robert KD8KMT



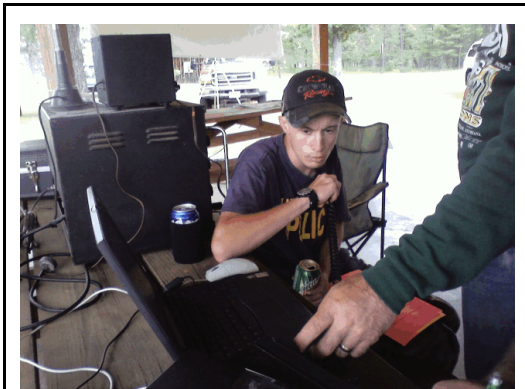
Dave KB9JOG and Joe KD8KWP



Tom, W8JWN



Joe KD8KWP Dave KB9JOG Randy KB9ZES and Tom W8JWN



Joe KD8KWP Making Contacts



Tom W8JWN, Burt WB8EBS, Terry K9TRY

Summer Outing is on!

From:
ARRL Michigan Section Email
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
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MICHIGAN SECTION ARRL FAMILY OUTING SCHEDULE JULY 9, 10, 11,
12, 2009
WOODLANDS CONFERENCE CENTER AND CAMPGROUNDS 318 S. Sage
Lake Road, Hale, MI 48739.

Each July, the Michigan Section of the ARRL hosts the Annual Michigan Section Outing. This event is open to all radio amateurs in the state and their families. Camping sites are available, lodging is available on the campgrounds and motel rooms are located in nearby West Branch. Everything is casual and one can attend any of the optional sessions and forums. Horseshoes, volleyball, softball, boating, swimming facilities are available all day every day of the outing. Canoeing, swimming and boating.

Michigan Summer Outing Contact information:

Debbie Kirkbride KA8YKK is our contact for registration and information for the July Summer Outing. Please feel free to contact her at ka8ykk@arrl.net for any details relating to the outing.

Tentative Schedule: We will include Traffic/NTS, ARES/RACES, and several other forums, the respective time for each have not been set.

Thursday, July 9th, 2009
2:00 PM check-in starts
6:00 PM Social in Pole Barn
9:00 PM Campfire and social gathering

Friday, July 10th, 2009
Check in all day
6:00 PM: Karaoke and live music
8:00 PM: Orientation and briefing
9:00 PM Campfire complete with entertainment

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Saturday, July 11th, 2009

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM: Breakfast with pancakes, sausage, biscuits, gravy, eggs, coffee, juice, and cereal.

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM: Forum TBA.

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Lunch

12:30 PM to 1:15 PM: Forum TBA.

1:30 PM to 2:15 PM: Forum TBA.

2:30 PM to 3:15 PM: Forum TBA.

3:30 PM to 4:15 PM: Forum TBA.

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM: Section Forum. Issues and Answers / Questions and Answers. All Section Staff, Division Leadership and Guests, hosted by WA8EFK

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM: Potluck Dinner, ham to be furnished, bring a dish to pass.

8:00 PM to ????: Campfire complete with professional magician Tommy Anderson to entertain the whole family. Prizes and winners of the contests will be announced and presented with prizes.

Sunday, July 12th, 2009

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM: Interdenominational Service.

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM: Potluck breakfast.

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM: Auction of donated items.

The contests will be: "Best Dressed Campsite", "Best Dressed Individual". Prizes will be awarded in these categories at the campfire Saturday evening.

Your Michigan ARRL Section Staff looks forward to seeing you at the Outing.

Club Patches are available from:

Mike Boileau, N9NBN
1106 Cleveland St.
Niagara, Wi. 54151

The patches are 3 inches in diameter and sell for \$3 ea.
If ordering by mail please include a SASE along with your payment.



Mich-A-Con ARC Activities for July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2 ARES	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 ARES	10	11
12	13	14 Meeting	15	16 ARES	17	18 Club Breakfast
19	20	21	22	23 ARES	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 ARES	31	

Club Activities:

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 3rd Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Holiday Kitchen Restaurant on Stephenson Ave (US-2) in Iron Mountain.

Please remit dues to :

Mike Boileau, N9NBN
1106 Cleveland St
Niagara, Wi. 54151

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.

Club Repeaters:

The club maintains two repeaters, which are located on Pine Mountain (elevation 1,650 feet) in Iron Mountain, with tower and facilities provided by the Wisconsin Electric Power Co.

The range of the 2 meter repeater is about 40 miles under normal conditions, depending upon terrain. The 440 MHz repeater has a range of about 25 miles.

Output	Offset	PL Tone	Call Sign
146.850	Minus	-	WA8FXQ
444.850	Plus	100 Hz	WA8FXQ

Repeater Specifications:

The 146.85 repeater is a Melco Hi Pro (built from a kit in the 1970s) with 25 watts output.

The 444.85 repeater is a GE Master Pro with 30 watts output.

The repeaters share a Diamond dual band antenna at a tower height of 125 feet.

To use the Auto Patch, key your mic and dial the Auto Patch ON code and let up on your mic. You will then hear a dial tone. Key your mic and dial your number. The phone should then ring. When you complete your call, key your mic and dial the Auto Patch OFF code and the phone call will terminate. Club members will be given Auto Patch codes on request.

Links

ARRL WEB PAGE: <http://www.arrl.org>
ARRL MICHIGAN: <http://www.arrl-mi.org/>
US REPEATERS: <http://www.usrepeaters.com>
MICH-A-CON: <http://www.qsl.net/ka1ddb>
Tropospheric Ducting Forecasts:
<http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo.html>
FCC Universal Licensing System: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>
QTH.COM: <http://www.qth.com/>
QRZ.COM: <http://www.qrz.com/>
Ehamnet.com: <http://www.eham.net/>

Wanted:

**YOUR ARTICLES, IDEAS
AND INPUT! SEND IT IN
NOW TO:**
kd8ccp@arrl.net

VE TESTING

07/11 **Houghton**: 8:30am eastern time, V.E. Exams at Michigan Tech. University in Houghton, MI will be held in the ballroom of DHH (Douglass Houghton Hall at Michigan Tech). Free Parking in Lot #14, front of DHH, across from Wadsworth Residence Hall. Use door #9 on the South-East side of DHH. Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions.

07/11/2009 **Gladstone**: Sponsor: Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time:10:00 AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Howard St. John (906) 428-9476 email: hsj99@charter.net Vec: ARRL/VECLocation: Gladstone City Hall Main Meeting Room 1100 Delta Ave Gladstone, Mi. 49837.

08/01 **Iron Mountain**: 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) 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 give time to process applications. Testing applicants should bring the following items with them: Two pieces of I.D. one being a photo I.D., Original license and one clear copy of their license if applicable, Completed form 605 (one will be provided if you don't have one), pencils, calculator and the test fee of \$15.00. Please have the correct fee as examiners do not carry change. Please contact the individual(s) listed to confirm date(s), location(s), etc. Note: If you have been assigned a FRN from the FCC you must use it on all forms rather than your SSN.

PRESIDENT OBAMA MAKES HIS MARK ON FCC WITH FOUR NOMINEES

from

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Just barely five months into his first term as President of the United States, Barack Obama has put his personal stamp on the Federal Communications Commission: On June 25, the US Senate confirmed Julius Genachowski as FCC Chairman and reconfirmed current FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell for his first full term as Commissioner.

Earlier the same day, he nominated South Carolina Democrat Mignon Clyburn and Republican Meredith Attwell Baker for the two vacant Commissioner seats. If confirmed by the Senate, Clyburn and Baker would bring the FCC to its full complement of five Commissioners.

Club Meetings:

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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.

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Reminders:

Club dues for the year 2009 are payable on January 1st. 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, Mike Boileau, N9NBN at the address listed on the form. Thank-you for supporting your club!

The May Mich-A-Con Meeting will be held on Tues July 14th 2009.

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