

Mich-A-Con RF

Iron Mountain, Michigan

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Words from the President

Tom W8JWN

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Also, I hope that you hunters had a very successful deer hunt. My hunting experience was quite interesting this year. The first week brought all kinds of weather: warm temperatures, rain, thunder and lightning, strong wind gusts that rocked the blind, and snow flurries. Quite a variety of weather conditions for sure. I saw very few deer this year and the bucks that I saw were too small to harvest.

My DX "hunting" was more productive! I got home from camp in time to work XZ1J in Myanmar for country #337. I caught them on 10 meter CW. It was quite a surprise to make a contact over the polar path on 10 meters. Conditions on the high bands were excellent. The SFI was 168 when I worked them on 10. I also got them on 20 and 15 meters, before they left.

The certificate and QSL requests for K8V have slowed to a trickle at my QTH. However, there were more than last year. I will get them out before the first of the year. I got K8V again for next year's Veterans Day. We will operate the weekend before November 11. There weren't many stations on the actual Veterans Day this year.

Congratulations to Joe Ferris (KC9TQR) for being elected secretary at the last meeting. A big thank you to Paul Schultz (KD8KUF) for serving these past few years.

A HUGE thanks to Stephen Skauge (KD8CCP) for editing and producing the club newsletter. Steve will take a well deserved rest from this duty. Welcome Tom Heyboer (KC8TH) as the new editor. I'm sure that we will continue to have an excellent product under Tom's watch.

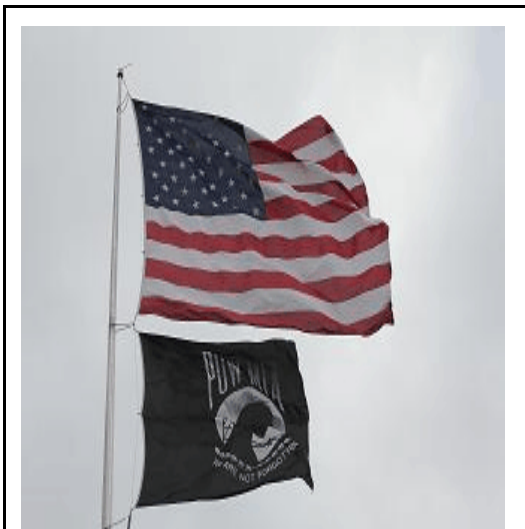
Hey, how about that Lion-Packer game on Thanksgiving! Finally, I was able to enjoy my turkey. Don't feel bad Packer fans. You've had many a happy Thanksgiving at the Lions' expense.

We had a very good turnout at the last meeting. I hope this attendance continues. See you all at the December meeting.

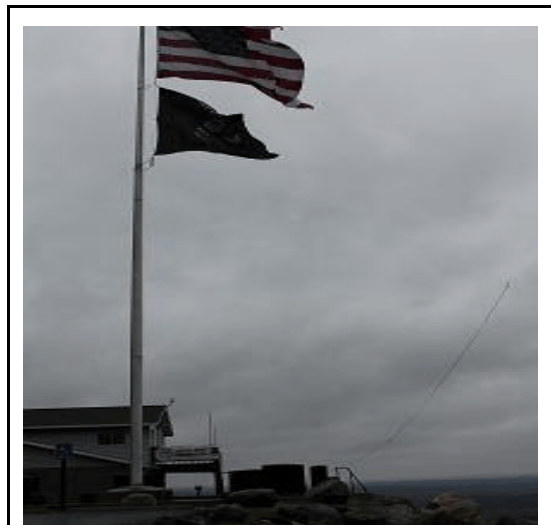
73,

Tom W8JWN

Editors note: The Pictures in this months newsletter are from Burt, WB8EBS and were taken during the Club's Veteran's Day Event. Thanks Burt for all the great pictures!!!!



In All Their Glory!



U.P. Vets Memorial Site

Mich-A-Con Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the November 12th, 2013 Meeting

President Tom Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Secretary Report

Minutes of the October 8th meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report

Balances as of November 12, 2013:

Checking - \$19.64

Regular Savings - \$ 2,170.73 of which \$ 1,851.15 is in the Trailer Fund.

Repeater Savings - \$ 872.22

Petty Cash - \$ 13.00

Repeater Report

Seems to be working fine lately. Just a bit noisy during the wind.

Old Business

The meeting change to the second Wednesday of the month vote will be at the December meeting and if passed will take effect in January per the constitution to give time to announce the change.

January meeting would be at 7:00 on Wednesday January 8.

Veterans Day review was given. President Martin thanked all that participated. Veterans day Monday was very poor for activity. Next year we will operate on just the weekend before.

We can't change the dues structure until the annual meeting in January.

Bob Meyers will run the 2 meter net. It will be a social net.

Tom Heyboer has agreed to take over the newsletter. Steve was thanked for his excellent job the past few years.

New Business

The election for officers was held. The only change for next year was that Joe Ferris was elected secretary. Thanks to Paul Schultz for his past service.

It was decided to replace/repair coax jumpers for the club radio activity. Also some of the antenna coax had connector issues. Burt Armbrust volunteered to fix them.

Program

Tom Heyboer gave a demonstration of the Rife machine. It uses radio frequencies to cure/relieve various ailments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

For the Good of the Order

Attendees reported on their recent activities.

Submitted by Tom Martin

Attendees:

Tom Martin, W8JWN - President
Scott Jarmusch, KA8TFF - Vice
President
Burton Armbrust Sr., WB8EBS -
Treasurer
Joe Ferris, KC9TQR
Barry Perron, KC9NFT
Gary Schafer, K4FMX
Scott Dolatowski, KC9ZBC and his son
Shelby
Tim Miller, N8TUM
Joe Komblevicz, KB8ETK
Terry Moriarity, K9TRY
Sam Holmes, N8ATS
Mike Bray, K8DDB
Bob Meyers, WB8FXQ
Bill Grabowski, KD8VTT
Debbie Grabowski, KD8VTS



**Operating Site: Pine Mountain,
Iron Mountain, Michigan**



Tom, W8JWN running antenna feed line.

**Please remit dues to :
Burt Armbrust WB8EBS
693 Cliff St
Quinnesec, Mi. 49876**

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

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: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Call Sign: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

ARRL Member? Yes ___ No ___

Annual dues are Payable January 1st.

**Dues for New Members are Pro-rated.
Please remit \$1.67 per month for a Single
membership or \$2.50 per month for a
Family membership.**



Joe, KC9TQR Launching antenna from the Mighty Pine



Terry, K9TRY Supporting end of antenna from ski slide



Barry, KC9NFT setting out antenna



Tom, W8JWN operating 20 Mtr Teletype



Terry, K9TRY operating on 40 Mtr SSP



Scott, KA8TFE operating 40 Mtr SSB



Joe, KC9TQR logging for Scott on 40 Mtrs

Links

ARRL WEB PAGE: <http://www.arrl.org>

FCC Universal Licensing System:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

ARRL MICHIGAN:

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

QTH.COM: <http://www.qth.com/>

US REPEATERS:

<http://www.usrepeaters.com>

QRZ.COM: <http://www.qrz.com/>

MICH-A-CON :

<http://www.qsl.net/ka1ddb>

Ehamnet.com:

<http://www.eham.net/>

Tropospheric Ducting Forecasts:

<http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo.html>

U.P. Skywarn: <http://kcra-mi.net/skywarn/>

V.E. TESTING:

?? Iron Mountain: 9:30am central time, Dickinson County Library(conference room), contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD, Fairmount St. Kingsford, Mi 49802. Examinees must be pre-registered. (906-776-1553).

3/09 Marquette: 8:30am eastern time, (arrive by 8:00am) Marquette County Health Dept. Bldg,U.S. 41 just east of the Michigan State Police Post. You must pre-register by Tuesday preceding the test date. Contact Rich Schwenke, N8GBA at 906 249-3837 e-mail: n8gba@chartermi.net or Greg KI8AF 906 225-1594 ki8af@arrl.net.

?? Hancock: 8:30am eastern time, The Zion Lutheran Church, 400 Ingot St Hancock, Mi. Go north on hwy 41 (Quincy Hill) near the lookout. Turn left on Ingot up about one block. The church is on the left hand side of the street. This is a barrier free entrance for the handicapped Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 or email: wa8qnf@arrl.net if you have questions. You can now take a Hamexam "Anytime". Contact Glenn, WA8QNF at (906)482-7743 for details.

01/11 Gladstone: Sponsor: Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time:10:00 AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Dave Palmgren N8DP, (906) 428-2271, n8dp@dcars.org Vec: ARRL/VECLocation: Gladstone City Hall Main Meeting Room 1100 Delta Ave Gladstone, Mi. 49837.

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

Club Activities:

Meeting: The Mich-A-Con Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Dickinson County Library at 7:00 PM. 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.

Club Repeaters:

The club maintains two repeaters, which are located on Pine Mountain (Elevation 1650 ft) 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.

Repeater Specifications;

The 146.85 repeater is a GR Master Pro, 40 watt output repeater. The 440 repeater is a GE Master Pro, 80 watt. The repeaters share a Diamond dual band antenna at a tower height of 125 ft.

Public Service: MARS 48 Hour Test Deemed "Unequivocal Success"

From: ARRL LETTER, November 21,2013

Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Army MARS Chief Stephen Klinefelter has declared the multifaceted national communication exercise early this month "an unequivocal success," and he thanked all three MARS branches and the other participating military units and civilian entities for their "hard work, long hours, and dedication to the mission."

The MARS station at ARRL's Maxim Memorial Station, AAN1ARL, took part in the November 3-5 exercise, which Klinefelter said was "designed to test and stress our networks and our members' ability to process and respond to a variety of message traffic."

In the drill scenario, a catastrophe had wiped out normal telephone and Internet links. Communication was by voice and digital HF radio, the bulk encrypted as it would be in a hostile contingency. From start to finish, nets throughout 48 states operated without a break, with military MARS stations overseas also connected -- more than 5500 hours of operation by Army MARS participants alone.

Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) handled exercise traffic as well. US Army MARS representatives met with ARRL staff at League Headquarters in early October to discuss ways the two organizations might collaborate in emergency response activities.

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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:

President:

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Joe Ferris, KC9TQR
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Treasurer:

Burt Armbrust WB8EBS
(906) 774-8383
wb8ebs@yahoo.com

Reminders:

Club dues for the year 2014 are payable on January 1st. Please use the Membership Application - Renewal form when paying your dues. Checks should be made payable to : Mich-A-Con Arc and sent to our Treasurer, Burt Armbrust WB8EBS at the address listed on the form. Thank-you for supporting your club!

**The Next Mich-A-Con Meeting will be held on:
Tuesday December 10th, 2013. It will be held in the Dickinson
County Library at **7:00 PM****

Wanted:

**Your Articles, Your pictures and
your Input for the Newsletter!**

**December will be my last
newsletter. Please consider
taking on the rewarding and
challenging project of
publishing the Mich-A-Con RF
newsletter. Contact one of the
club officers for details!**

Send them to:

kd8ccp@arri.net