

THE TUNED CIRCUIT

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Happy Halloween everyone. On November 2, 2016 the meeting starts at the **NEW 7:00 pm start time**. At the board meeting we decided to hold the board meeting every other month, starting in January 2017. The board meetings will be in January, March, May, September and November. Also in November are nominations for officers. We need new blood for officers. November 6, 2016 Daylight Saving Time ends. The November meeting will be the last meeting before the swap. The L'Anse Creuse Swap will be at Madison Place aka UFCW 876 Hall in Madison Heights. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Have a nice week.



Rick Vandecar - W8RTV

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**December
Deadline:
November 28th**

Next Meeting - 7:00 PM November 2nd 2016 at the Tucker Senior Center (see [last page](#) for map and address).

Meeting Program - The program for our November meeting will be as reported on [page 2!](#)

The monthly board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016.

L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

44th Annual Swap & Shop

SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY!

DECEMBER 4, 2016

See the flyer HERE

K8RO will have flyers available at the November meeting, or contact him [directly](#) to get some flyers if you can't make the meeting.

NOVEMBER 2ND MEETING PROGRAM



NEW
Meeting START TIME
is 7:00 PM



The November meeting will occur. [That's all the information I have to publish. Editor]

Gregg Crump N8GEO

Report of the Secretary

Meeting called to order October 6, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

20 members and 1 visitor Geoff (pronounced "Jeff") KD8VAX .

N8GEO Gregg upgraded to Extra class.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dale K8RO and 2nd by Doug N8PYN. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report by Gregg N8GEO. \$2,267 in the club account: \$129. youth forum, \$250. repeater fund, \$1,200 swap mailing, \$688 general fund.

Club membership is at 59 members.

Where's Doug? October 30th USECA swap at the United Food Workers Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr., Madison Heights, MI. 48071. This is also our new swap location. Come check it out!

Repeater Report: During 2 tech sessions the team increased power on both machines and tuned the duplexer on the 2 meter machine. Doug N8PYN is experimenting with WIRES-X. Stay tuned for more information on this new interface to the internet.

Swap flyers are ready. Please get some to distribute. Vendors are donating some door prizes for this year's swap.

Tech Lab at Macomb Community College is on the 25th. Bring equipment that needs repair to South campus (12 and Hayes), building S, room 137. Next tech Lab will be November 15 at 7p.m. Mark your calendar and join us.

QSL report by Dale K8RO: 166 eQSL cards were received, from MI QSO party and Field Day 162 were sent club eQSL cards.

Christmas party at Sajo's: Keith W8KD is accepting reservations for this year's party. The cost is \$20.00 a person and you will have your choice of 4 entrees this year. Instead of radio raffles we will be holding a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be available at the club meeting and the night of the party.

The Board approved five \$10.00 gift cards to help offset fuel cost for speakers who present to our club. The club picnic prior to the September meeting was well received. All who attended enjoyed the event. Debbie KC8WHN cooked hot dogs and there were lots of desserts.

Door prize winner was Ralph W8ROI who won the Baofeng hand held.

Geoff KD8VAX, our visitor from the Cert Team Sterling Heights, was here to let us know that the CERT members will be using the N8LC repeater for a ham net the 1st or 2nd Tuesday at 8 pm. They have a Facebook page. They are recruiting. They have 35 members and about 14 are already licensed hams. The LC board meeting will be October 12th at Roseann's Kitchen, 15 Mile, west of Gratiot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Membership Report

October is the start of our dues year and the renewals are coming in for 2017. I have processed 18 membership request forms in October.

We have 59 members: 22 are paid up through 10/31/2016 (includes one "first year free" member expiring 10/31/16), 24 are now paid up through 10/31/2017, 2 are paid up through 10/31/18 and 2 are paid up through 10/31/2019, and 9 are life members.

At the October 2016 meeting I counted 20 members in attendance for our program, and 1 guest.

There has not been any progress on adding a 6-character grid square locator field to the information in the club membership database.

John N8FYL 10/26/16



Board meeting Minutes

Board meeting on October 12, 2016 opened at 7:30 p.m.

Attending were Rick W8RTV and Debbie KC8WHN VanDeCar, John Slobodnik N8NXW, Doug N8PYN and Cathy Chauvin KC8WNK.

The option of only holding a board meeting every other month was discussed and approved starting January 2017..The months that will have a board meeting are, January, March, May, September and November.

Elections are coming up. Consider what you can contribute to our club. Officers only spend a few hours a month helping our club to survive. Please consider volunteering to help improve our club. We all have something to offer. I [KC8WNK] have spent all of the 10 plus years I've been a member as a board member in one position or another. New blood is needed to make our club the best club it can be. It doesn't take up much time.

The board thinks that wrist bands would be helpful to identify paid vendors and guests who attend our swap. 2 colors to help us identify who has paid. Debbie KC8WHN will be checking on prices.

Want to get rid of your old QST, CQ, and Nuts and Volts magazines? Make up mailing labels with the club address and dates we meet at Tucker senior center (found in the Yahoo group messages) and cover your address with the labels. Drop them off at your doctor and dentist offices. This small gesture could increase our club membership.

We also discussed the fact that topics could make our nets more interesting. This was done in the past and we feel it could increase the size of our nets.

Tech lab nights will be held the 4th Tuesday of each month except, November and December. November's meeting will be the 15th. Still at Macomb Community College, Building S room 137 at 7 p.m.

Board meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Celebrating your club's Elmers might encourage others

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Sam, W5KF, recently sent me a link to the Elmers' page on the Norman, OK South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) website. Not only is it a listing of the club members who have stepped forward to Elmer new members, but also provides ways to honor current and past Elmers. This is from the SCARS newsletter:

"Elmer List on the W5NOR.org website

"This week we talk about a brand new feature on the W5NOR web site. In the amateur radio community, an experienced amateur radio operator who mentors a new or prospective ham is commonly called an "Elmer". In our hobby, that seems to be a great way for knowledge to be transferred.

"Yes, we all have taken an FCC test to receive our license, however that's only the starting point. Remember that person that helped you set up your first radio, or gave you the courage to press the PTT button, or answered endless questions about a radio, or an antenna? That's the kind of thing we're talking about.

"Thanks to a great suggestion from Gary Skaggs WB5ULK [not sure it was my idea. – Editor], we've created the SCARS Elmer Page, located at <http://w5nor.org/elmers>, for us to celebrate Elmers; past, present, and future. We provide a place for Elmers to list their specialty, and contact information, which allows new hams to find someone they can ask questions of.

"Since this is a new section of the web site, this list is rather short. If you're willing to help others on a given topic, send a message to n5hxr@arrl.net and you will be added to the list. Right now we need lots of different categories, like antennas, radio setup, HT programming, contesting, satellite operation, high power operation, test gear, building your own gear, repairing radios, APRS, D-Star, DMR, CW, logging, etc. oh well, you get the idea.

"You don't need a PhD to be listed here. You just need a willingness to help others in a given area. It's OK to be a new ham, and be listed here. You may have just struggled through your first space contact, but you'll have infinitely more knowledge than the person who's been a ham for 40 years, and has never tried that portion of the hobby.

"Also, there is a link to the "ARRL Elmer Award" page of the American Radio Relay League's web site. Here, you can enter your favorite Elmer's name and callsign. The ARRL will print a nice certificate, and mail it to the address you enter. Yes, for FREE! This certificate can either be mailed to your favorite Elmer, or you can mail it to yourself so you can present it to them personally. Feel free to order an Elmer certificate, and present it to your Elmer at an upcoming SCARS meeting. Talk with one of the officers before the meeting to get your place on the agenda. What a great way to recognize these people for their extra efforts.

"Finally, we've got a place to list YOUR favorite Elmer in our SCARS Elmer Hall-of-Fame. This is the place to memorialize your Elmer, whether they are SCARS members, Silent Keys, or not. I've already listed a few Elmers on the list from my own travels through the hobby. We'd love to list the people that help us all succeed.

"So, please help make this page useful, visit the SCARS Elmer page at: <http://w5nor.org/elmers> and be listed as an Elmer, and list your favorite Elmers."

I think this is a wonderful idea, and I hope that you will consider doing something similar in your club. A little recognition could go a long way, and we need all the Elmers we can muster. And, if you're already doing this, please send me a link. I'll add that link to my website, KB6NU.Com.

When he's not Elmering new hams, you'll find Dan building kits and working CW on the HF bands. He is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides, and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com.ou can contact him by e-mailing cwgeek@kb6nu.com

Sunday, November 6, 2:00 AM



**L'anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club 44th Annual Swap & Shop
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016**

******* New Location *******



Madison Place

(also known as United Food & Commercial Workers 876 Hall)

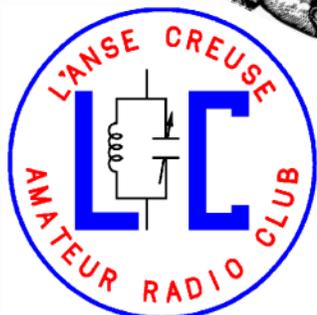
876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071

8 AM – Noon

(Vendors with Pre-Paid tables get in at 6:30 AM)

SWAP TICKETS: \$5.00

(Kids under 12 Free)



Rule Making Petition to FCC Calls for Vanity Call Sign Rule Changes

From ARRL.ORG 10/27/2016

The FCC is inviting comments on a Petition for Rule Making ([RM-11775](#)) from a Nevada radio amateur that seeks changes to the rules governing the Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Program. Christopher LaRue, W4ADL, of North Las Vegas, is proposing that any licensee obtaining a vanity call sign be required to keep it for the full license term. LaRue contends in his petition that excessive and frequent vanity call sign filings are hampering the ability of other qualified licensees to obtain vanity call signs in one of the more desirable 1 × 2 or 2 × 1 formats. LaRue said that since the FCC dropped the fee to file for a vanity call sign, some applicants are taking advantage by regularly obtaining new call signs, thereby keeping them out of circulation.

“Some are changing call signs almost monthly, just to keep the newer code-free Extra class operators from obtaining a shorter call sign,” he said in his petition. “I even saw an older operator that said he does it all the time and has not even owned a radio in over 6 years. When I looked him up, he has had 16 different [call signs] in 18 months.”

LaRue said his proposed minor rule change would require any licensee applying for and obtaining an Amateur Radio vanity call sign “be required to keep it for the duration of the license, which is currently 10 years.”

He said this would “alleviate a lot of the stress on the ULS system and manpower requirements” at the FCC. “It will also keep inactive amateurs from changing call signs regularly, thereby tying up call signs for 2 years after dismissal of said call.”

Interested parties may comment using the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System ([ECFS](#)). Comments are due within 30 days of the October 26 posting date.

Excerpted from the ARRL “[Michigan Section News October, 2016](#)”

Recently, Dale Williams, WA8EFK and I [Larry WB8R] have been working with officials from NASCAR (International Speedway Corp) concerning the organization of a hamfest/convention to take place in the fall of 2017 at the Michigan International Speedway (MIS) near Brooklyn, MI.

There are a number of reasons that having a hamfest at MIS is a great idea:

1. Unlimited potential for growth
2. Located in SE Michigan in the Irish Hills
3. Free parking
4. 24 hour Site Security
5. Large buildings that can be utilized for commercial vendors as well as for flea markets
6. Paved infield areas
7. Food services that can range from modest to downright exciting
8. Electronic ticket and vendor/flea market sales
9. Quality spaces for meeting rooms, hospitality rooms and forums
10. Opportunities for overnight camping
11. A plethora of hotel rooms and unique and quaint Bed & Breakfast facilities nearby
12. Load in/out opportunities the day before and the day after event
13. Ancillary attractions relative to the racetrack
14. A unique and exciting place for a hamfest

How are we going to staff this venture? We are in the process of assembling a consortium of clubs to gather the necessary talent and staff to make this event successful. I will be hitting the road in the coming weeks to chat with clubs within a radius of about 50 miles of the track.

Look for more news soon.... Larry, WB8R



LCARC Christmas Party



Submitted by Keith / W8KD

Burrrrr, winter will soon be showing its face. That means that two of the radio clubs important activities are sneaking up on us. The Swap and Shop, and the Christmas Party. The Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 14th at [Sajo's](#) located at 36470 on Moravian Drive just west of Garfield Rd. It starts at 6:30 PM with a nice dinner prepared and served by Jim Sage's able staff. The menu this year includes a fourth choice of entries. You can have either Pecan Chicken, Mushroom Steak Marsala, Horseradish Encrusted Salmon, or Chicken Alfredo. There will be cake for desert. The menu includes house salad, soft drinks, coffee or tea. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase. That evening will include the transfer of the gavel to the new president. The cost is \$20 per person. We have to provide Sajo's with a firm number expecting to attend by the end of the month, so be sure to get your ticket or make arrangements with Keith W8KD to hold tickets for you. I am sure that it will be another great evening.



Future Programs & Activities

Gregg Crump, N8GEO—Activities Manager

- November 2, 2016 TBD! Last meeting before the swap. Nominations for 2017 club officers.
- December 4, 2016 L'Anse Creuse Swap at "Madison Place" aka UFCW 876 Hall in Madison Heights
- December 7, 2016 Regular meeting—Election of Officers
- December 14, 2016 Christmas Party at Sajo's
- January 4, 2017 Regular meeting—White Elephant Exchange
- February 1, 2017 Regular meeting
- March 1, 2017 Regular meeting
- April 5, 2017 Regular meeting
- April 15, 2017 Michigan QSO Party and Easter weekend
- May 3, 2017 Regular meeting
- May 19-21, 2017 Dayton Hamvention
- June 7, 2017 Regular meeting
- June 24, 2017 ARRL Field Day

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LC Echo 2 Meter Repeater
Yaesu DR-1X 147.080 MHz
100 HZ PL



LC Echo 440 Repeater
Yaesu DR-1X 442.925 MHz
100 HZ PL

Board Meeting Time and Location

Board Meetings are regularly held at 7 pm on the Wednesday after the regular membership meeting (except December). The location starting May 11, 2016 is [Roseann's Kitchen, 21400 15 Mile Road](#), Clinton Charter Township, MI. All club members are welcome to attend and have dinner. Talk-in through the LCARC ECHO 2 Meter repeater (147.080 MHZ, +600 KHZ, 100 Hz PL tone). Should a board meeting have a planned cancellation, this cancellation will be announced in the newsletter.

Club Founder - Art Ellis W8PBO

Club Committee Chairmen

ARRL HF Awards Manager	Tom Mathison	WU8C	Licensing Classes	TBD	
ARRL HF Awards Assistant	Vince Cuker	WA8BIJ	Little Bay Awards	Vince Cuker	WA8BIJ
ARRL VHF/UHF Awards Manager	Allan Koch	KA8JJN	Meeting Refreshments	Debi Vandecar John	KC8WHN N8NXW
Call Sign ID Tags	Gregg Crump	N8GEO	Membership Chairman TC email distribution	John Huber	N8FYL
Christmas Party	Keith Harris	W8KD	Net Points Manager	Tom Mathison	WU8C
Club Apparel & Patches	Gregg Crump	N8GEO	Net Points Upgrade Awards	Gregg Crump	N8GEO
Club Call Trustee - K8AYZ	Ted Bak	K8EO	TC Postal Distribution	Vince Cuker	WA8BIJ
Club Call Trustee - N8LC	Marty Folz	K8HVI	Outgoing QSL Manager	Dale McGorman	K8RO
Code Proficiency Awards	Vince Cuker	WA8BIJ	QSL Cards	Dale McGorman	K8RO
Dayton Trip	Gregg Crump	N8GEO	Swap Chairman / Swap Tables	Dale McGorman	K8RO
Door Prizes—Buyer	Doug Chauvin	N8PYN	<i>Tuned Circuit</i> Editor	John Huber	N8FYL
Door Prizes—Tickets	Wayne Hearn	WG8U	Volunteer Exams	Cliff Ibbs	AB8XQ
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Field Day			Webpage Assistant	Marty Folz	K8HVI
Health & Welfare	Dave Herrington	N8NLK	Youth Forum (50/50)	Ralph Irish	W8ROI

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VE Testing Locations

Ann Arbor (ARROW)): Mark Goodwin, W8FSA, w8fsa@arrl.net, 734-930-6564. Second Saturday of each month.

Hazel Park—Jerry Begel, W9NPI, w9npi@arrl.net 248-543-2284

First Tuesdays of Even Months

Motor City 313-676-6284

USECA <http://usecaarc.com/test/>

3rd Monday Monthly except during the months of July and August at the Mt. Clemens Elk's Lodge at 7 pm

LCARC

At the LC SWAP 4 December 2016
0900 AM

Online Practice Exams and Morse Resources

Online Practice Exams

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

<http://www.qrz.com/testing.html>

<http://www.ah0a.org/AHOA.html>

Morse Code

Learn CW Online <http://lcwo.net/>

<http://www.g4fon.net>

<http://www.pdarrrl.org/k6rau/>

<http://www.ac6v.com/morseaids.htm>

<http://morsecodemasters.com/trainer/Examples/hct.html>

Upcoming Swaps

11/12/2016 | [Indiana State Convention \(Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo\)](#)

Location: Fort Wayne, IN

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com> [Learn More](#)

12/04/2016 | [LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest](#)

Location: Madison Heights, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.n8lc.org> [Learn More](#)

VE Testing at 09:00 AM.

***** **2017** *****

02/19/2017 | [46th Annual Livonia ARC Swap & Shop](#)

Location: Livonia, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.livoniaarc.com/index.php?page=swapshop>

[Learn More](#)

03/18/2017 | [Michigan Crossroads Hamfest and Radio Swap](#)

Location: Kalamazoo Township, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest> [Learn More](#)

05/19/2017 | [2017 Dayton Hamvention](#)

Location: Xenia, OH

Type: non-ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.hamvention.org> [Learn More](#)



L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club Nets

Day	Time		Band	Mode	Frequency	Net Control	Calendar
	UTC	EST					
Monday	0030	1930	15 M	CW	21.165 MHz	Vince, WA8BIJ	Every Monday
Monday	0130	2030	15 M	USB	21.395 MHz	Clem, W8VO	Every Monday
Monday	0200	2100	6 M	USB	50.160 MHz	Gregg, N8GEO	Every Monday
Tuesday	0100	2000	2 M	Packet	144.93 MHz	Vince, WA8BIJ	Every Tuesday (Connect to detqso)
Thursday	0030	1930	10 M	USB	28.435 MHz	Wayne WG8U	Every Thursday
<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> UTC times correct after the time change on 6 Nov 2016 </div>						Clem, W8VO	1st Thursday
						Wayne, WG8U	2nd Thursday
						Gregg, N8GEO	3rd Thursday
						Rose, K8VFR	4th Thursday
						Vince, WA8BIJ	5th Thursday

Membership Request

Date: ___/___/_____

Request For:

\$20.00 LCARC Individual Membership
Are you a New Member? (Y / N)

\$30.00 LCARC Family Membership

\$10.00 Print and Mail me *The Tuned Circuit* via US Mail

\$2.00 LCARC Student Membership (Under 18 years of age)

\$5.00 Club Badge created with my Name and Call sign

Please update my membership information because it has changed.

Call sign: _____ Old Call Sign: _____ Street: _____

Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Spouse: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ 6 Character Grid Square (optional): _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

(Please indicate your name above even if it hasn't changed, so we know who's giving us money and can mark that you've paid in our records.)

L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club
Gregg Crump, N8GEO
29729 South River Rd
Harrison Twp MI 48045-3030

Only membership applications to go this address, all other mail should go to the club's main PO Box. Make sure you use the full 9 digit zip code when mailing in your application.

Treasurers Box
Date Paid: _____
Amount: _____
Initials: _____

Note: LCARC dues are from Nov **1st to Oct 31st**

Class License (Circle One)

Novice Technician Tech+
General Advanced Extra

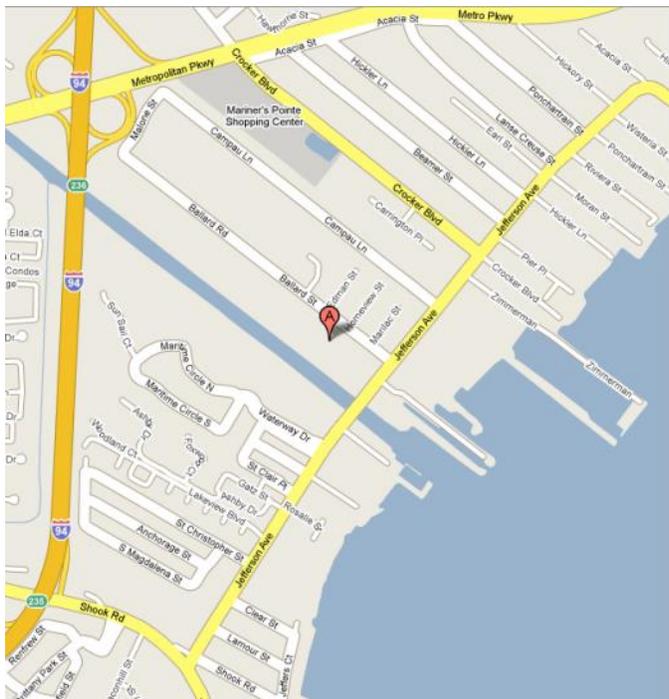
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