

# THE TUNED CIRCUIT

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## THE PREZ SEZ

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It's almost Halloween already. The leaves are starting to fall from my trees, so before you know it the snow will be flying and a new year will soon be here. I'm planning on some new home improvements in the house in the next few weeks.

I'm looking forward to the swap and shop in December. I'm looking forward to our November meeting and the next board meeting is on November 8th at 7:00 PM at [Roseann's Kitchen](#).

See everyone at the November meeting.

73 Debbie/KC8WHN [kc8whn@wowway.com](mailto:kc8whn@wowway.com)



Debbie KC8WHN

**December TC  
Deadline:  
November 27th**

## Reminder!

2017/2018 LCARC club dues are due **NOW**

Bring your money and the Membership Request form  
on page 15 to the club meeting,

OR

Mail your check as instructed on the Membership Request form.

Next Meeting - 7:00 PM November 1st 2017 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 NEXT board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8th, 2017.

## L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

### 45th Annual Swap & Shop

**SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY!**

**DECEMBER 3, 2017**

**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 1ST MEETING PROGRAM



MEETING time is 7:00 PM



The November meeting program will be a presentation by John/N8FYL about using the [N1MM+](#) contest logger to operate the ARRL Sweepstakes. Targeting for 40 to 45 minutes with an audience participation activity to make it extra interesting. Bring a pen or pencil!



Gregg Crump N8GEO

## Membership Report

The membership count continues to increase and now stands at 66 members: Welcome to Rick K8RWM, Larry KE8LEB, and Gary KJ4PV. 57 regular dues paying members and 9 life members. 36 of our dues paying members have renewed for the 2017-2018 year. The remaining 18 members are reminded that dues for next year are due.

I counted 22 members and three visitors (2 of whom are now members!) present at the October meeting.

John N8FYL  
10/24/17



John, N8FYL



## 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 December 13th at [Sajo's](#) located at 36470 on Moravian Drive just west of Garfield Rd. It starts at 6:30 with a nice dinner and I am sure that it will be another great evening. The menu will be your choice of Pecan Chicken or Steak Portobello or Norwegian Salmon. 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. Tickets will be available at the meeting. We have to provide [Sajo's](#) with a firm number expecting to attend by the end of the November, so be sure to get your ticket or make arrangements with Keith W8KD to hold tickets for you.



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## Report of the Secretary

### General Items:

The October 4, 2017 meeting was called to order by President Debbie, KC8WHN, at 7:10 PM.

Motion was made to approve the September General Meeting Minutes by John, N8FYL, and second by Dale, K8RO.

Two new visitors (Rick, K8RWM, and Larry, KE8LED) introduced themselves to the club. They both took advantage of the free one year membership that the club offers to new member. Rick and Larry are both General Class.

Roll call was done by each person present giving their name and call.

John, N8FYL, announced that the deadline for the next Tuned Circuit newsletter input is October 23.

Dale, K8RO, reported that he has 124 QSL requests since field day. He is in process of uploading the logs.

Clem, W8VO, announced the net points. Mark, N8REZ, had 250.

The USECA club gave our club two tickets to the USECA SWAP on October 29, 2017. The tickets were one of the two prizes for the night's 50/50 drawing. The other prize was the 50/50 money that had a total of \$43. John, N8NXW, won the 50/50 prize of \$21.50 and Matt, KD8LLT, won the USECA Swap tickets. Matt passed his win to John, N8FYL.

The **door prize winners** and prizes were:

- Ron K8RFP - multi-meter
- John N8NXW - pliers set
- Russ N8HAR - QSL card holder
- Marty K8HVI - clip leads
- Henry N8AT - passed his choice to the next ticket drawn
- Ted NW8W - flashlight - blue
- Fritz KE8BFW - flashlight - red
- Don WN8IZV - QSL card holder

**Membership Report:** John, N8FYL, reported the membership now is at 63 members and 20 members have renewed for next year.

### Technical Report:

Doug, N8PYN, summarized the technical session that was held on Wednesday September 27 at the repeater location. Mark, N8REZ, installed a work bench and a work light in the repeater shack. Marty, K8HVI, did some maintenance on the backup power generator. Doug got the repeater shack cabinets lockable.

The UHF repeater preamp is off and the repeater cavities are out of tune. The planned work at the next technical session is to tune the UHF repeater cavities and preamp.

The next technical session is the third Wednesday of October which is the eighteenth.

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Our club has a good relationship with a Sterling Heights CERT team member. This person has some influence in the city and he may be able to encourage the city to maintain the backup generator at a full operational readiness. Most of the Sterling Heights CERT team members are licensed amateur radio operators.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gregg N8GEO reports \$4,576.26 in our account of which \$37.24 is allocated to the Youth Forum fund and \$766.87 to the repeater fund.

**Old Business:**

Debbie, KC8WHN, announced that the next two VE Test Sessions are scheduled for February 6, 2018 and May 21, 2018.

The Go-Kit presentation was not available for tonight's meeting.

Gregg, N8GEO, reminded everyone that club membership dues are due now.

Dale, K8RO, has flyers available for the L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club Swap & Shop, Sunday, December 3, 2017. Dale has already received one table order. He is contacting vendors to participate in the Swap & Shop. Dale has received the ARRL Hamfest packet for the Swap & Shop. Door prizes include 1st prize of \$100, 2nd prize of \$50, 3rd prize \$25 + other prizes. Swap tickets are \$5.00 each.

A Raffle will be held at the Swap and Shop for a Yaesu FT-450D. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. Winner need not be present to win the raffle. Gregg, N8GEO, is going to have the raffle tickets ready this weekend. Raffle tickets will be available in advance. The first raffle ticket sale will be at the USECA Swap.

Keith, W8KD, reported that he has already sold 8 tickets to the LCARC Christmas Party. The ticket price this year is again \$20 per person. At tonight's meeting, Keith had a limited special Christmas Party ticket sale price of 2 tickets for \$40. John, N8FYL, quickly took advantage of the 2 for \$40 sale price. Be sure to ask Keith about similar sale prices. Christmas Party tickets need to be purchased on or before the November general meeting.

**New Business:**

John, N8NXW, said that our club members may use the Macomb College Electronics Lab one night a month on a night that the Lab is not in use. Club members can use the lab equipment to do repairs, build kits, alignments on ham equipment, and tests. The Macomb College Electronics Lab is located on the South campus at 12 Mile and Hayes. John will get the dates when the lab is available.

Ron, K8RFP, donated an antenna tuner to the club. Ron requested help to do some minor work on his 756 Pro. Doug, N8PYN, said he could help.

Debbie, KC8WHN, said that her antenna party will be next spring.

Doug, N8PYN, asked if anyone had experience with the weak signal mode FT8. Several members knew about FT8 but no one had significant experience using FT8.

**Adjournment:** Debbie, KC8WHN, asked for a motion to close the meeting. Motion was made by Ron, K8RFP, and received a second from Cathy, KC8WKN. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by Dave, N6WY, Secretary

## HAM? HAM radio? ham radio? Amateur Radio? amateur radio!

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On the ARRL PR mailing list, we've been discussing the proper way to refer to amateur radio. What brought this up was an email from one list subscriber, Richard, WB6NAH, who was (rightfully) proud of the work that his club—the [Skagit Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Club](#)—was doing. He noted that they were even featured in the police department's emergency preparedness brochure:

[[download image from <http://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/skagit-arc-768x1024.jpg>]]

As you can see, the brochure refers to "HAM radio" and "HAM radio operators."

Referring to amateur radio in this way just drives me crazy. "Ham radio" is just a nickname for amateur radio, and "HAM" is certainly not an acronym for anything. I congratulated Richard on getting his club included in the brochure, but noted, "...it's not HAM radio! It's either 'amateur radio' or 'ham radio' (ham is not an acronym). I hate to be nitpicky about this, but as a professional writer, this usage just drives me crazy." He replied, "I agree on Amateur Radio, that was the city's call."

That kicked off the discussion.

One ham replied to me privately, "Thank you...I am continually trying to explain that it is not an acronym or abbreviation."

Another replied to the list:

The most correct term is "amateur radio" or alternatively "ham radio", both written in normal case. If using "ham radio", it is a best practice to first write "amateur (ham) radio" in the first non-header/non-title occurrence.

Some will write "Amateur Radio" in proper noun format (first letters in caps) and while this may be acceptable to many and in certain venues, anyone using a style handbook will say it is incorrect. Less correct is to write "Ham Radio" in proper noun format as this is a slang term, albeit a popular one. Of course either term may be written as proper nouns when part of a title or name of an organization.

Least correct is to write "HAM" in all caps; as stated by others, ham is not an abbreviation or acronym. Writing it as "HAM" is completely wrong, will drive many people bonkers, and should be avoided at all costs.

Ward, NOAX, offered this explanation:

To clarify where the capitalization originated, there is a long-standing ARRL Board Directive, decades old, stipulating that the words "Amateur Radio" be capitalized in ARRL publications and documents. Most non-amateur publications return it to the lower-case style that is used for non-proper nouns.

One guy got a little miffed that we were wasting our time discussing this at all:

You know, I've been reading this thread and I think people are getting too hung up on very minor details. The bottom line they got PR. So something wasn't spelled right or capitalized, so what. The message got out and IMHO that's the bottom line. Let's not waste any more bandwidth on this.

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I agreed that it was great that they were included in the brochure, and that we were probably beating this topic to death, but I don't think these are minor details. I said that PR professionals pride themselves on getting the details right. So should amateur radio PR people.

I'll give the final word to Dan, AI4GK. He wrote:

I don't think that standardizing what we call ourselves qualifies as getting hung up on minor details. If we don't have a standardized way of referring to us, how can we expect a public, who already is confused, to understand who we are?

I don't think that you can argue with this. Let's avoid confusion by using "amateur radio" when writing about our hobby/service. I'd even urge the ARRL to rethink their use of "Amateur Radio." Sometimes, it may be OK to use "ham radio," but it's just not correct to use "HAM radio" or just "HAM."

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## Yet a New Use for the Morse Code

Submitted by Ralph / W8ROI

I was recently asked to teach 'a little' of the Morse Code to my grandson's Boy Scout Troop. They don't need to know the entire code, but they are supposed to be able to 'decode' something from a code chart, and listen to various words and phrases as sent in Morse.

There were about 20 Scouts at this particular meeting. After the regular business of the meeting, it was turned over to me. Actually, they split up into two groups. I am not certain what the other group did, but it was also related to some aspect of communications.

I gave part of my usual opening for a regular Code Class: a bit of history of communications, jungle drums, smoke signals, flashing lights and heliograph, all leading up to things over longer distances.

The Pony Express was briefly discussed, and one group knew what brought that to an end and the other didn't. Just different memories of what was covered in a history class, I guess.

Anyway, the railroad sort of put the Pony Express out of business.

And, along with the railroads came the ever-expanding telegraph system. Telegraph lines seemed to run along many railroad lines, and few train stations DID NOT have a telegraph system there, and were part of what became Western Union Telegraph Co.

I then went into the sounds of the code elements, "DIH", "DIT" and "DAH".

I asked if any of them thought they could learn 45 words in another language. That got mixed responses from both groups. When I then said that there was no grammar or recognition of verbs or nouns, tenses or plurals, they almost all said they could learn a language like that: 45 words, only three sounds, and none of the dreaded grammar and usage to bother with.

That was the simple introduction to the code. They all got a handout, made by my son-in-law, with a code chart on top, and a phrase on the bottom for them to visually decode. After the first few words, it was very easy for the Scouts. The phrase was the opening of the [Boy Scout Oath](#): "On my honor, I will do my best" . . . etc. (Well, not etc. It was just those eight words plus the comma.)

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Everyone got to hear their name in Morse Code, thanks to my ROBOT 800 keyboard system. I was able to program in words and phrases and then hit "TRANS" and it was sent out over the built in speaker. I went from Scout to Scout and asked their name. This went well until I got to one wise guy who said his name was ANTIDISESTABLISHMENTARIANISM. For some reason, I didn't believe him! He quickly changed it to his real name. (Nice to see a young teen with somewhat of an adult sense of humor.)

The real fun for them was after both groups had been through the lecture and decoding exercise.

I was packing up my equipment preparing to depart when I heard someone hollering out numerals in Morse. They had created two teams, one on each end of the room, which was a gym, and were playing "Steal The Bacon" with the leader hollering out numbers in Morse. When one's number was recognized, they were expected to dash to the center of the gym and without being tagged by the other Scout with the same number, grab the 'bacon' and head back to their side.

They circled around and feinted one way and another. Then, the leader would holler out another number! This put four Scouts out there, jockeying for position to grab the 'bacon', which was just a dirty "T" Shirt, and run for their side.

They had a heck of a lot of fun, and if nothing else, most of them learned the numerals! The game lasted for almost a half hour and would have gone longer but the leaders brought it to a close so they could have their regular closing of the meeting.

No one got exhausted, no one was injured, everyone got a lot of laughs over the 20 to 30 minutes and they all got some exercise.

I don't know who came up with the idea of the game, using Morse numerals, but it caught their fancy and they had a lot of fun.

Maybe not the most unique use of Morse, but it was a lot of fun for those Boy Scouts!

## L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club 45th Annual Swap & Shop SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

**\*\*\*\* ! ! ! Same Location as 2016 ! ! ! \*\*\*\***

### **Madison Place**

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

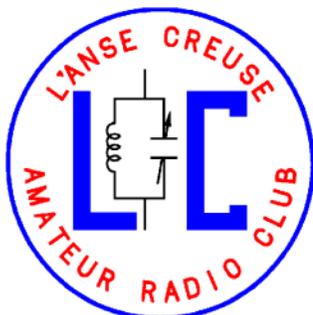
876 Horace Brown Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

**8 AM – Noon**

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

**SWAP TICKETS: \$5.00**

(Kids under 12 Free)



## Club member honored

From Vince / WA8BIJ via the Yahoo Icradio group reflector

Kudos to club member, Ralph Irish, W8ROI for being honored in the September, 2017 issue of the CQ magazine. Ralph is mentioned in an article by Carol Perry, WB2MGP, who has moderated the Youth Forum at the Dayton Hamvention since 1987. Ralph (as mentioned in the article on Page 11 of the September issue) has been the Youth Forum prize manager for the past 27 years. Quite an accomplishment. Congratulations, Ralph.

## And from the CQ Honoree Himself ...

By Ralph / W8ROI

The club is mentioned two times in the article as L'Anse Creuse ARC, once along with the Radio Club of America, (RCA) ICOM, KENWOOD, MFJ, [Kirmuss & Associates](#), (whoever they are [founded by [WOCBK](#)—Editor]) Delaware Lehigh ARC, DX Engineering, AMSAT, ARRL, K4AMG ARC, DARA, and Heil Sound. I guess one could say that we 'are in good company' in such a list.

Carole seems to think that I've been associated with the Forum for 27 years. I am not certain it has been that long. There is a 'historic connection' to the club's beginning involvement and the disposition of the Club Van. Can anyone come up with the year that Dave, N8NLK sold the van on eBay? The monthly 50/50 Van Support Raffle was turned over to me and became the Youth Forum 50/50 support raffle. Prior to that, the club may have made a few donations to the Forum, but unless the old financial records are intact somewhere, that connection is long lost to the ages.

I seem to associate my involvement a little differently. After seeing MY first Forum, I approached Carole and said I might be able to get a few bucks from the club the following year for the Forum. It was then that I hoped that our new young member, Erin, KD4YLR, might be a Presenter one year. It might have been the following year that the Burck family came down to Dayton on a dual purpose trip. Mrs. Burck had a sister who was a ham and lived in the Dayton area. So, they had a family visit and Mr. Burck, Erin and brother Craig all attended the Forum. It was my plan to introduce Carole and Erin, with hopes that Erin might be a presenter at some point. However, the Burcks had to leave early for some family gathering, so the introduction never took place.

THAT was the year the Don LaFreniere, VA3DJL was a presenter. Erin thought she recognized him from a little on the air activity, and when Don mentioned some of the activities he and his friends participated in, she knew it was the same fellow she had talked to a few times on the air.

The next time she heard him, she called him and mentioned seeing him at Dayton. The rest, as they say, is history. They eventually met at one of the many winter swaps that occurred in our area, back in the good old days. A bit more about this romance can be seen in the archives of AR Newsline at

<http://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/sbay.hams/cJXb4aqalAI>

So, I'm thinking that my first *visit* to the Forum was likely the year **BEFORE** Don made his presentation. Somewhere, Carole says she has 'lots of records' of the presenters and the years they did their thing. Not of great importance, but still a nice story with the proverbial 'happy ending'.

Don has a great page at [QRZ.com](#). His US Call is W8PSP, and there is a video of some of the work that went into the installation of a very large Mosley multi-band yagi, at just over 90 feet (9 elements, if I counted right).



## Excerpted from the ARRL “Michigan Section News October, 2017”



Greetings to the Hams of Michigan,

The Inaugural 2017 [Great Lakes HamCon](#) (2017 Great Lakes Division Convention) is in the books! We hosted the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention and welcomed over a thousand guests to our incredible venue at Michigan International Speedway. We welcomed Rick Roderick, K5UR, ARRL President and Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM and Kim McNeill, KB1WUX from the Marketing/Circulation Department at ARRL HQ who operated the ARRL display and answered countless questions.



This event was the culmination of over a year's work on behalf of dedicated staff and volunteers from our 21 clubs that came together to produce this event.

We had a day and a half of forums in the great meeting rooms along pit road as well as a one-day Tech class and subsequent VE test session. Our ARRL Banquet was held in the prestigious Champion's Club atop the grandstands where Great Lakes Division Awards were presented to deserving individuals.

As with all new events of this kind, our list of commercial vendors was smaller than we would have liked. For a first-time event, most chose to take a wait and see approach, and they missed a good one! Our vendors reported fantastic sales numbers and while we thank them for seeing the 'vision' and coming to [GLHamCon](#), we also thank our shoppers for making the event worthwhile for our vendors.

There were some areas that did not go as planned or happen how we thought they would, and as a result, we have a laundry list of things that can be made better for next year's event. Your GLHamCon team appreciates your understanding and patience.

With over 1000 paid attendees, we are absolutely rating the event as a success! Our thanks go to our NASCAR and Michigan International Speedway friends, the ARRL, our partner clubs who believed in us and most of all, the amateurs of the ARRL Great Lakes Division and beyond. Stay tuned for GLHamCon Ver. 2.0!

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73 until next month,

Larry, WB8R

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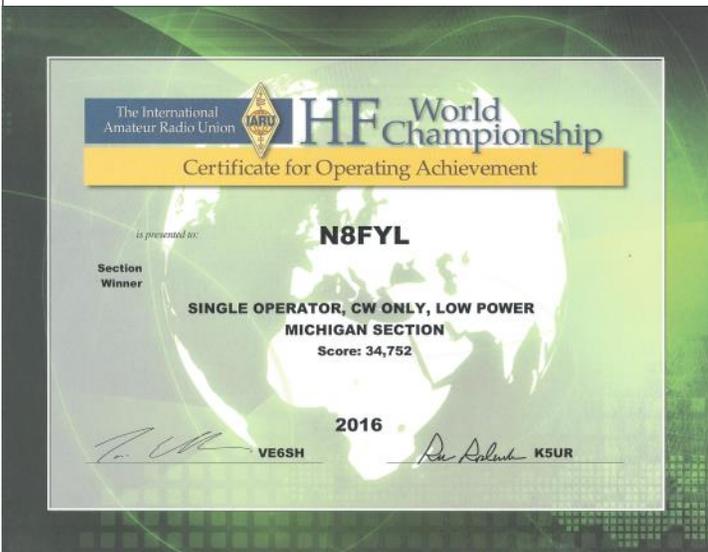
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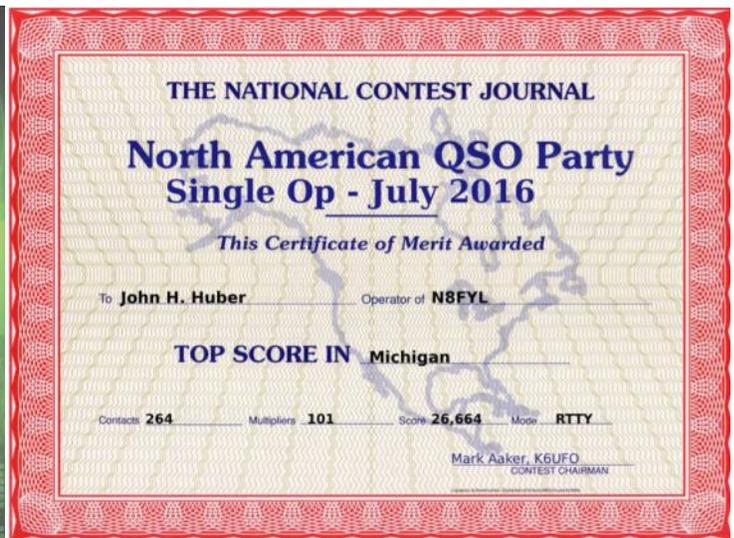
# Do You Need a “BIG” Station to Do Well in Contesting?

By John / N8FYL

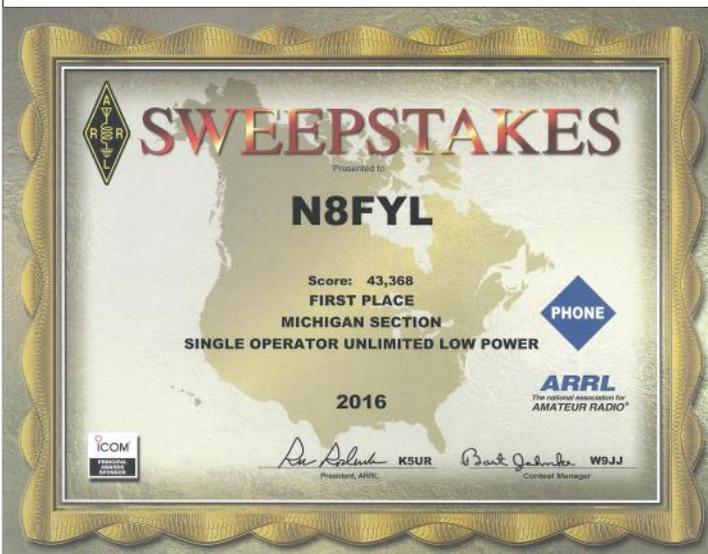
I guess that depends on your definition of “doing well”. I define “doing well” as enjoying myself operating in a contest and being able to make a score that is maybe some where near the middle of the pack. Doing better than I did the year before in QSO count, or multiplier count, and/or score meets my definition too. Then there is the unexpected bonus of having the high score in my entry category. For 2016 contests I received certificates for 4 winning/top score efforts. Three modes are represented: CW, SSB, and RTTY. Granted, in most cases the number of competitors was not large, but I still was able to be the “top dog” in the category with my 100 watts, G5RV at 55 feet at the end of 225 feet of coax, and butt-in-chair (time on the air) effort. I conclude that the answer to the question in “No”, at least here at N8FYL. Dit dit



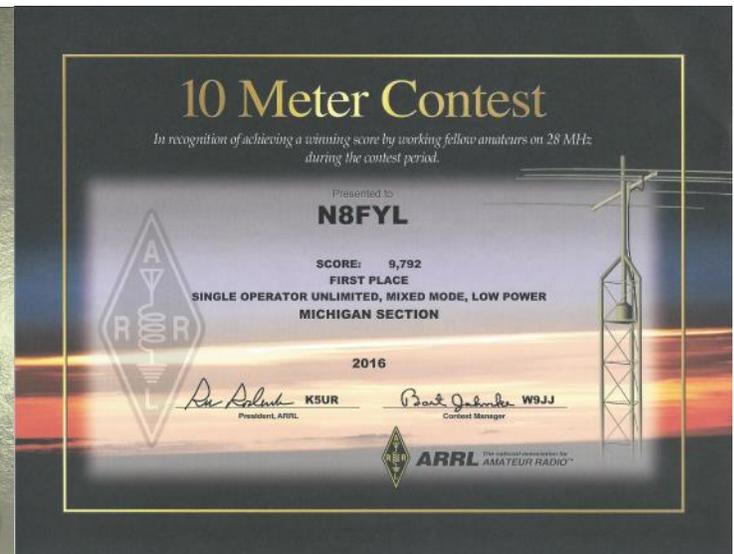
2016 IARU HF World Championship 2016-07-09  
Single Op, CW only, Low Power, Michigan Section



North American QSO Party Single Op RTTY  
2016-07-16—Top score in Michigan



2016 ARRL Sweepstakes—Phone 2016-11-19  
Single Op Unlimited, Low Power, Michigan Section



2016 ARRL 10 Meter—Mixed mode 2016-12-10  
Single Op Unlimited, Low Power, Michigan Section



But ONLY your local time zone clocks. Leave your UTC clocks alone. :-)

CQ MIQP CQ MIQP N8LC MIQP  
**Michigan QSO Party 2017**



Well, sadly, there are still no results published for the 2017 MIQP contest.

On a happy note we are closer to the next MIQP, April 21, 2018!.

### ARRL Sweepstakes

(Click the link above to go to the ARRL Sweepstakes information)



**CW:** First full weekend in November (November 4-6, 2017).

**Phone:** Third full weekend in November (November 18-20, 2017).

**Contest Period:** Begins 2100 UTC Saturday and runs through 0259 UTC Monday.

## Future Programs & Activities

Gregg Crump, N8GEO—Activities Manager

- October 29, 2017 [USECA Swap](#) at UFCW #876 Hall (Madison Place) in Madison Heights, MI
- November 1, 2017 Regular meeting
- December 3, 2017 LCARC Swap at UFCW #876 Hall (Madison Place) in Madison Heights, MI
- December 6, 2017 Regular meeting
- December 13, 2017 LCARC Christmas Party at [Sajo's](#)
- January 3, 2018 Regular meeting
- January 28, 2018 Hazel Park Swap at UFCW #876 Hall (Madison Place) in Madison Heights, MI
- February 7, 2018 Regular meeting
- March 7, 2018 Regular meeting
- April 4, 2018 Regular meeting

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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 held at 7 pm on the Wednesday after the regular membership meeting in September, November, January, March, and May. The location 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
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Christmas Party	Keith Harris	W8KD	Net Points Manager	Tom Mathison	WU8C
Club Apparel & Patches	Gregg Crump	N8GEO	Net Points Upgrade Awards	Gregg Crump	N8GEO
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## VE Testing Locations

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

**Hazel Park**—Jerry Begel, W9NPI, [w9npi@arrl.net](mailto: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

Swap on December 3, 2017.  
February 6, 2018 and May 21, 2018 at the Tucker Senior Center.

## 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

10/29/2017 | [USECA Hamfest/Swap & Shop](#)

**Location:** Madison Heights, MI

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Utica-Shelby Emergency Communication Assn

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

11/18/2017 | [Indiana State Convention \(Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo\)](#)

**Location:** Fort Wayne, IN

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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

12/03/2017 | [LCARC Swap/Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Madison Heights, MI

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

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

01/28/2018 | [HPARC Swap](#) (Hazel Park ARC)

**Location:** Madison Heights, MI

**Type:** Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://hparc.org> [Learn More](#)

02/18/2018 | [Livonia ARC's 47th Annual Swap & Shop](#)

**Location:** Livonia, MI

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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

[Learn More](#)

04/29/2018 | [1st Annual GMARC Swap & Shop](#)

**Location:** Madison Heights, MI

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** General Motors Amateur Radio Club

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

05/18/2018 | [2018 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	EDT					
Monday	2330	1930	15 M	CW	21.165 MHz	Vince, WA8BIJ	Every Monday
Monday	0030	2030	15 M	USB	21.395 MHz	Clem, W8VO	Every Monday
Monday	0100	2100	6 M	USB	50.160 MHz	Gregg, N8GEO	Every Monday
Tuesday	0000	2000	2 M	Packet	144.93 MHz	Vince, WA8BIJ	Every Tuesday (Connect to detqso)
Thursday	2330	1930	10 M	USB	28.435 MHz	Wayne WG8U	Every Thursday
						Clem, W8VO	1st Thursday
						Wayne, WG8U	2nd Thursday
Thursday	0030	2030	2 M	FM	147.08+ MHz	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

I am an ARRL Member: ( Y / N / Life )

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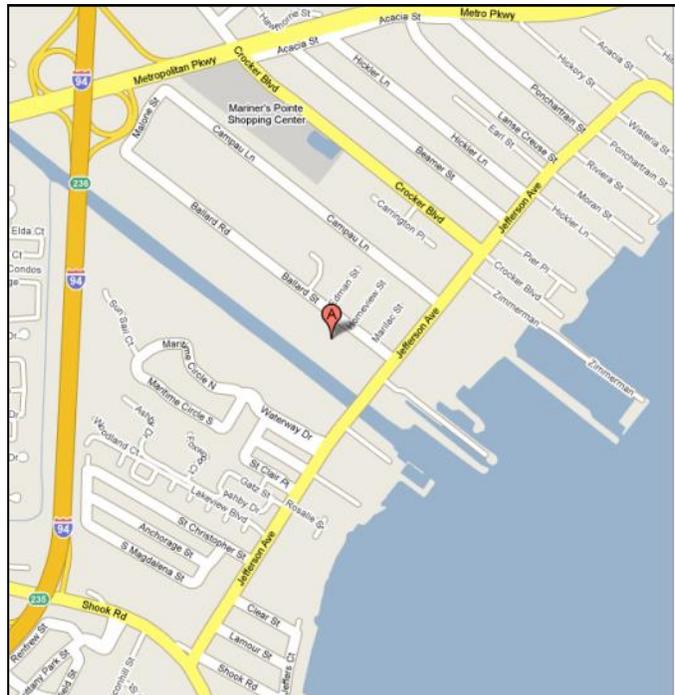
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