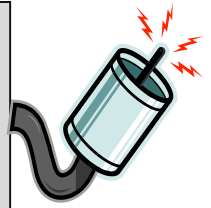




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President's Message, by Scott Craig N2OPQ

Today is my first day in writing this column in our club newsletter. First, I'd like to thank everyone for having me as your club President. I never imagined it being possible when I first became licensed back in 1991 that I would have a role such as Club Secretary or Club President of an amateur radio club. Checking my call sign history, it was November 1991 that my license was first issued. I'm sure I have the certificate of successful completion of examination form locked up in my safe. I took that first exam in Liberty, NY which was about a 90 minute to 2-hour drive from where I lived in Port Ewen, NY. I then joined a local club, called the Overlook Mountain Amateur Radio Club (OMARC) in Kingston, NY. I also joined another club, Mount Beacon Amateur Radio Club, that was a long drive but I occasionally went, riding with another club member to get there. The way I knew about the club was the wide coverage repeater that they had. The reason I really enjoyed going to that club was the interesting programs they had in addition to the programs I watched or participated in at my local club. Programs, newsletters, meetings, operating events such as Field Day, and most of all the people who make up the membership and the members as stated in "Tips and Tonics for Healthier Radio Clubs" (<https://goo.gl/UK4jwE>) are the brains and brawn behind every club activity and are extremely important.

This leads me into how very thankful I am for those who stepped up in our January meeting to form a Program Committee. Our program committee has lined up presentations for most of this year's meetings already and will continue to coordinate the speakers and presentations. Here are the members who are in our Program Committee:

- Ric Peterson, KD8QNZ
- Ned Keating, KD8FCB
- Greg Siemasz, W8VIJ
- Greg Stobbs, N8GAS

Below is a listing of what they've lined up for us so far. Thank you again to the coordinators and also a thank you goes out to the presenters.

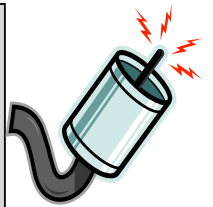
<u>Date</u>	<u>Presentation Topic</u> <u>Presenter and Call sign</u>
Feb 7, 2017	<u>Radio Memorabilia</u> , Joe Miller, KJ8O
Mar 7, 2017	<u>SDR Radio</u> , Justin Ball, W8JWB
Apr 4, 2017	<u>Home Brew test equipment every ham should have</u> Ned Keating, KD8FCB
May 2, 2017	<u>Digital Mobile Radio (DMR)</u> Jeff Swiger, N8NOE
Jun 6, 2017	<u>Field Day Planning</u> Jim Vigne, KB8TXZ
July / August	No Meetings
Sep 5, 2017	<u>Using WSPRlite to test antenna performance</u> , Greg Stobbs, N8GAS
Oct/Nov/Dec	TBD

P.S. Be sure to review the flyers at the end of this newsletter.





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Siren Testing: None until March 2017. Please stay tuned. Larry KB8POD will be net control.

Upcoming OCARS Meetings

- Tuesday, February 7, monthly meeting at 7:30, Radio Memorabilia by Joe KJ8O
- Tuesday, March 7, monthly meeting at 7:30, SDR Radio by Justin Ball W8JWB
- Tuesday, April 4, monthly meeting at 7:30, Test equipment, Ned Keating KD8FCB

Meeting location: Bethany Church, 1375 Hiller Rd., Waterford (between Cooley Lake & Commerce Rds.)
 doors open at 7:00, meeting begins at 7:30

Social Gathering: Wednesday 10:15 – 11:30 am, Village Place restaurant
 S.W. corner of Dixie Highway and Andersonville Rd., Waterford

Officers and Directors:	President:	Scott Craig N2OPQ	Directors:	Tim Pepper K8NWD
	Secretary:	Ken Stuter W8KRS		Al Bailey K8SIX
	Treasurer:	John Eldred N8FNN		Fred Holmes W1SKU
	Trustee:	Brad Nowak N8SNM		Jim Vigne KB8TXZ

OCARS Net: 7:30 pm (local time) on the Clarkston Repeater, 146.840 MHz, p.l. tone 100 Hz,
 Joe KJ8O is net control, Dan KD8TXZ and Chris KD4LJT are both alternate net
 control operators, and welcomes participation from all area hams. The OCARS net is
 now accessible through Echolink node W8JWB-R.

Net activity: Dates are local time, Monday evenings, with number of check-ins, time, and NCS:

- Jan. 2, 13, 30 min. KJ8O
- Jan. 9, 16, 30 min. KJ8O
- Jan. 16, 0, canceled due to ice
- Jan. 23, 29, 50 min. KJ8O
- Jan. 30, 25, 50 min. KJ8O

Websites: www.gsl.net/w8tno maintained by webmaster Scott Craig N2OPQ
www.grz.com/db/w8tno
<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/oakland-county-amateur-radio-society>
 And on Facebook!!!

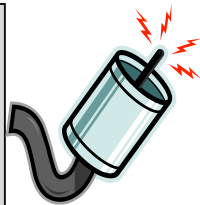
Contact information: w8tno.ocars@gmail.com or kj8o.ham@gmail.com (for an immediate response)

Great Lakes Division: <http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org/>

Michigan Section ARES: <http://ares-mi.org/>



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Upcoming Hamfests

See flyers at the last few pages

Upcoming Events

VE100/VEMY/{prefix} continues to be active in February from additional provinces until the first week in April, which commemorates Canada's successful participation in World War I. Additional information can be seen at <http://ve100vimy.ca/>

Please see Page 105 of the February QST for additional special events.

Contests

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|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| • Feb. 11 – 12 | CQ Worldwide Worked Prefix | RTTY |
| • Feb. 13 – 17 | ARRL School Club Roundup | CW and Phone |
| • Feb. 18 – 19 | ARRL International DX Contest | CW |
| • Feb. 25 – 26 | North American QSO Party | RTTY |
| • March 4 – 5 | ARRL International DX Contest | Phone |

Please see Page 97 of the February QST for a full listing of amateur radio contests.

Traders Net

Joe KJ8O will be bringing some unused items (books, an old computer that still works, a 2 meter radio).

Fred W1SKU may still have some items left for an estate.





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OCARS Meeting Minutes for 01/03/2017

Kenneth R. Stuter W8KRS, Secretary

Members socialized from 7:00 to 7:30

Meeting called to order at 7:36 by Scott N2OPQ, president

We had 22 in attendance

Business Meeting:

Secretary's Report: Prior meeting minutes accepted by Dan KD8TXZ, seconded by Jim KB8TXZ. Carried Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Given by John, N8FNN. Motion to accept by Doug N8VY, seconded by Greg W8VIJ. Carried Unanimously.

Old business: Polo Shirts \$23. If interested see Jim Vigne KB8TXZ.

Had a discussion on MIS Speedway (hAMcON) Ham Fest and was not sure if the \$250 contribution was voted on, so Ned, KD8FCB made the motion to accept and Chris, KD4LJT seconded it. It was passed unanimously by the membership. It was also mentioned that we had to sign the agreement.

New business: It was said that the new repeater was in and Tim, K8NWD brought it to the meeting to show it off. It will be installed by Tim and Justin, W8JWB soon. Justin's call will be on the repeater.

Scott, N2OPQ stated that the presentation tonight would be Rick Roderick K5UR now president of ARRL.

It was discussed to put a committee together to come up with ideas for presentations at our meetings. We had 3 volunteers, Ned KD8FCB, Greg N8GAS, and Ric KD8QNZ. Thank you guys.

Winter Field Day was discussed by Doug N8VY on January 28th 29th.

Break: 7:59 to 8:17

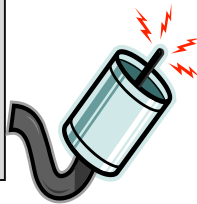
Presentation: Rick Roderick K5UR then First Vice President ARRL Speech at the 2014 National Centennial Convention on DVD. Presented by Scott N2OPQ.

50/50: George WD8INW drew the ticket and the winner Rick KD8ZMX presented the winnings back to the club. Thank you Rick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.



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Club member standings from the 2016 National Parks on the Air operating event

Activators:

- Jim KH6/KB8TXZ 5 (HI)
- Joe KJ8O 4 (MI and OH)
- Greg KH6/N8GAS 4 (HI)
- Doug KH6/N8VY 3 (HI)

Chasers:

- Ron W8RLS 437
- Tim K8NWD 387
- Joe KJ8O 166
- Ken W8KRS 8
- Doug N8VY 7
- Greg N8GAS 5
- Wayne N8KIM 4
- Bob K8RGM 1
- Al K8SIX 1
- Jim K8ZZU 1
- Fred W1SKU 1



Honor Roll (for contacts made only with the 59 National Parks):

- Ron W8RLS 53
- Tim K8NWD 50
- Joe KJ8O 16
- Doug N8VY 4
- Wayne N8KIM 2
- Al K8SIX 1

Grand totals: QSO's: 1,108,073 Activations: 21,297

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Sunday, February 19, 2017 8:00am - 12:00pm

2017 Michigan QSO Party



What? Michigan QSO Party

When? Saturday, April 15th, 2017
Noon to Midnight local time

Where? 10 thru 80 Meters (CW & SSB)

Why? Just Have Some Fun!!!!

- Chance to get on the air
 - Single Op, Multi Op, Mobile, EOC
 - Be the station others want to work
 - Maybe activate a rare county?
- Excellent Club Activity
 - Reason to get together as group
 - EOC station category
 - Excellent training in HF ops
 - Get new members on the air!
 - Friendly Competition

Let's all help make Michigan "radio-active" on the 15th of April!!!!

Rules & More Info: <http://www.miqp.org/>

Sponsored By: The Mad River Radio Club

Registration for USECA's Charter Bus Day-trip to Dayton Hamvention, May 20th, 2017

Please PRINT clearly ALL information required below. Total cost, \$55.. does NOT include Hamvention ticket (\$25)

Name _____ Call sign _____
Cell Phone # _____ Home Phone # _____
Emergency contact # _____ Name _____

Saturday, May 20th, 2017.. Bus leaves pkg lot @ 14 & Vandyke Walmart promptly @ 4am Email _____
Bus will leave Dayton Hara Bus parking area promptly @ 5pm
Deposit paid \$ _____ (\$20) NOTE! Your deposit is non-refundable and forfeit if the remaining funds (\$35) are not received by 9pm February 13th, 2017 and USECA reserves the right to re-sell the seat. No exceptions.

Payment in FULL received: ____/____/____ (\$55 total) Your signature REQUIRED below...

Please read carefully! I, _____, understand it is my responsibility to arrive at the embarkation points (both locally and in Dayton) and be aboard the bus ON TIME (4am here, 5pm Dayton). Failure to do so may well mean being left behind (here or at Dayton), in which case I'll be responsible for finding and funding my own transportation. Plan to arrive early at points of embarkation and allow enough time for loading any items you might have. If I am a "no-show", I understand that I forfeit my seat and any monies paid and that the seat may be resold as USECA sees fit. Once I pay in full for my seat, it is my responsibility... if I have to cancel for any reason; I understand it will be my responsibility to resell my ticket and notify USECA of that fact or my ticket may not be accepted in the hands of another person. I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify USECA and it's members for any unforeseen loss, liability, injury, or claims that may result from my participation in this activity. Please note that the bus is a non-stop with no stops for food or drink and plan accordingly.

Utica-Shelby Emergency Communications Association 2017 Day Trip to the Dayton Hamvention
Saturday May 20, 2017 Bus leaves 14 Mile & VanDyke Walmart lot @ 4am, leaves Hamvention @ 5pm
Only to be filled out for Payment in Full (non-refundable)

Received from _____ \$ 55 total

Date _____

Signed: _____ (USECA officer) Registrants initials _____ Affirming the following: I have read and understand my responsibilities to arrive on time @ embarkation points and the consequences of my failing to abide by the stipulations set forth in the registration I signed before receiving this receipt and hold USECA and it's members harmless as stated in my signed registration. Save this receipt!!!

Mailed forms must be received no later than May 8th at the latest. Mail to USECA, PO Box 46331, Mt Clemens, MI 48046

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Saturday May 20, 2017 Bus leaves 14 Mile & VanDyke Walmart lot @ 4am, leaves Hamvention @ 5pm
Deposit (non-refundable... remaining \$35 must be received by Feb 13th, 2017 or deposit is forfeit)

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Date _____

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