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Newsletter of the Holland Amateur Radio Club December 2010



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Meetings Change Day and Location in 2011

2nd Monday each month
7:00 pm
Ottawa County Red Cross
270 James Street
Holland, Michigan 49424

Meeting Dates

January 10, 2011	
February 14, 2011	
March 14, 2011	
April 11, 2011	
May 9, 2011	
June 13, 2011	
July 11, 2011	
August 8, 2011	
September 12, 2011	
October 10, 2011	
November 14, 2011	Annual Banquet
December 12, 2011	Year-end business and elections

Megan's Message and Musings



"It's beginning to look a lot like..."

That time when we put on our warm gear, keep an eye out for deer, hum favorite tunes we hear, remember how to drive and steer, and wonder if Santa's list of good boys and girls is something to fear! Oh yes, it is also time to wrap up this last month and look forward to a New Year!

Oh, what a year it has been! Here is a recap of how busy 2010 was, in no particular order...

- ✓ The RST newsletter was reborn.
- ✓ The K8DAA Yahoo Group got a fresh new look.
- ✓ HARC became an ARRL Affiliated Club, an ARRL Special Service Club and an official ARRL Club Commission club.

Local Repeaters**Holland ARC****HARC****147.060 MHz K8DAA**

+0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL
HARC Net every Monday 7:30 pm
OCEC Net 4th Thursday 7:00 pm

443.825 MHz K8DAA

+5.0MHz offset 94.8Hz PL
IRLP Node 4373

146.500 MHz K8DAA

+1.0 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

North Ottawa ARC**NOARC****145.490 MHz W8CSO**

-0.6 MHz offset
Grand Haven 94.8Hz PL
Grand Rapids 91.5Hz PL
Net every Tuesday 7:00pm

Allegan County ARC**ACARC****147.240 MHz AC8RC**

+0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

Independent Repeater Association**IRA****147.160 MHz W8HVG**

+0.6 MHz offset
Grand Rapids 94.8Hz PL
Holland 118.8 Hz PL
Michigan Traffic Net 9:00pm
Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday

Local Simplex**National****146.520 MHz****OCEC****147.520 MHz****HARC****146.430 MHz**

- ✓ An "event cancellation notification" policy and procedure was developed and worked successfully in February.
- ✓ We added ARRL Hamfest information to our newsletter and our website.
- ✓ ARRL contests are also published in our newsletter and website.
- ✓ "Ham is for Breakfast" is still running strong on the last Saturday of each month, and "Donuts at Donutville" is likewise well-attended each Wednesday
- ✓ We sponsored Technician, General, and Extra license classes.
- ✓ Our Monday 2M Net is becoming "The Place To Be" each week.
- ✓ Mike Cole WD8NAH became our new CW instructor.
- ✓ We continue to reach out to our neighboring Ham organizations.
- ✓ SKYWARN training was a record number of HARC members in attendance.
- ✓ We developed a spiffy brochure for distribution to help raise interest in Amateur Radio and our Club.
- ✓ Our Projector Project Fund Raiser reached its goal and we have a new projector!
- ✓ We hosted two Mini Swap and Breakfasts at the clubhouse.
- ✓ In order to make room for our growing attendance, we moved to a new meeting place at the Kollen Park Fire Station.
- ✓ We had a full year of Presentations and Activities
 - January - "Modern Day Broadcast Transmitting Stations" was presented by Tom Bosscher K8TB
 - February - we were snowed out....
 - March - "Foxhunting" was presented by Mike Hill.
 - April - "OCEC, and how it helps our community" was presented by Jim Miller W8JRM and Jason McKay KC8OVS.
 - May - "Grounding" by Don LaBrenz WB8I from Muskegon
 - June - "Field Day" preparations by Phil VanHuis K8PVH and Ken Perry N8AAE
 - July - an amazing "Working Satellites" demonstration by Doug Papay KC8CAO included a rare contact with the International Space Station.
 - August - "Rockets" was a field trip to the Park Township Airport for a demonstration by Brian Fredrick KD8IFE.
 - September - "Baluns, Chokes and Transmission Lines" saw us put our learning caps on during the presentation by Bob Hardin KDLZT.
 - October - we hosted our 9th annual Great Lakeshore Super Swap.
 - November - Annual Banquet, again at the Beechwood Inn had a large attendance, great quantities of food, and a photo presentation by Steve Vander Hill N8UJD that featured some of our members back when they had hair!

SKYWARN Nets**Ottawa County – South****147.060 MHz K8DAA**

+0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

Ottawa County – North**145.490 MHz W8CSO**

-0.6 MHz offset

Grand Haven 94.8Hz PL

Grand Rapids 91.5Hz PL

Note: Ottawa County north and south repeaters are linked for SKYWARN nets

Allegan County**147.240 MHz AC8RC**

+0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

Kent County**147.260 MHz W8DC**

+0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

Muskegon County**146.820 MHz**

-0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

Michigan Hamfests

Details available from

www.arrl.org/hamfests.html**Jan 16 Hazel Park****Feb 12 Cherryland****Feb 20 Livonia****Mar 19 Marshall****April 02 Lowell**

- December – we wrapped up the year's business, elections, and snapped up all sorts of home-baked cookies!

- ✓ HARC membership has reached a high numbers!
- ✓ We created a Last Call Committee to remember those we lost
- ✓ Tom Wilson KD8DEG is Santa on the Santa Net.
- ✓ We had to leave the clubhouse due to storm damage, but the Red Cross opened their doors and we moved without a hitch.
- ✓ We lost 4 members this year: Hollis Roels W8FIZ, Carl Lynema W8MRX, Philip Sherman N8AGF, and Dean Parrot N8FKB.
- ✓ We hosted an auction of items donated by the estate of Hollis Roels W8FIZ.
- ✓ We started random "Lost Repeater Drills" to train our members.
- ✓ The HARC website was redesigned and is up to date.

What will 2011 bring?

- ✓ We are restarting the HARC HAM HUNT member directory
- ✓ We are making plans for Make and Take classes.
- ✓ We have more Technician, General and CW classes scheduled.

We have become one of West Michigan's largest Radio Clubs and will continue to grow, so it is no surprise that this year also held a few hills to climb and issues that needed to be resolved.

There were some missed communications and misunderstandings, but we hope that the issues behind these uncomfortable times have been resolved, and that our members know that the Officers and Board did their best this past year to maintain a top quality organization.

Elections held during the December meeting resulted in the Officers and Board being re-elected to continue next year, with Jim Lamberts KC8KE and Phil Van Huis K8PVH exchanging duties of Vice-President and Treasurer. The Board accepted the resignation of Kim Lobert N8KAL as our Buildings and Facilities chair, and recommended Hank Dinkelmann KA8COB to be his replacement. The membership approved this recommendation and affirmed the continuing appointment of all other Committee Chairs for 2011.

So with everyone's support and understanding we will continue the tradition of keeping the Amateur Radio Service as a strong community of hobbyists, companions, and communicators.

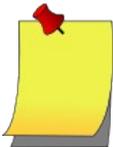
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, and see you in 2011

Megan Heyl WO0MEG
President

Ham of the Year Nominations Are Still Open

This award is about service to our club and community. Dave Lamer WA8RSA, and Jim Lamberts KC8KE are still taking nominations for our 2010 Ham of the Year, given to a deserving person or persons!

Please take a moment to call or email your nominations to:
Jim KC8KE kc8ke@arrl.net or call (616) 399-6002
Dave WA8RSA wa8rsa@arrl.net or call (616) 772-1391



Reminder - Membership Meeting Changes in 2011

New day.....2nd Monday of the month
New Location.....Ottawa County Red Cross, 270 James Street in Holland, Michigan.
Same time.....Meetings still start at 7:00pm.

Meet, Greet and Eat



Times and places to meet fellow amateurs for food and refreshment

Donuts at Donutville

Each Wednesday at 2:30pm, Donutville - 676 Michigan Avenue in Holland.

******* REMINDER - NO BREAKFAST DECEMBER 25, 2010 *******

"HAM is for Breakfast"

Last Saturday of each month at 9:00am. Southside Inn - 192 West 35th Street in Holland (just east of Washington Avenue) in the back room. Members, spouses, friends, family, and anyone else interested in amateur radio, or food, are welcome.

A BOOK REPORT

by K8PVH

"A book report?" you say?

Yup!

This past May, while I was at the Dayton Hamvention, I went to the big display of the ARRL. While there, I saw that they had a new book out. It is called: "Storm Spotting and Amateur Radio". It was written by Michael Corey, W5MPC and Victor Morris, AH6WX.

After paging through the copy at the table, I decided it was worth the \$25.00 price and I should have one of my own.

After returning home, I started to read the book and found it to be interesting and very well written. It has seven chapters, covering the following subjects:

- 1 – Introduction
- 2 – Safety
- 3 – Equipment & Resources
- 4 – Training
- 5 – Meteorology
- 6 – Hurricanes
- 7 – Storm Spotter Activation

These chapters have a lot of good information that duplicates and enhances the information we get every spring at our Skywarn training sessions.

Following the initial seven chapters, there are nine appendices that provide a lot of good reference material. Some of the subjects referenced are weather books, weather websites, an example of a local Skywarn operations manual, ARRL reporting forms and several other useful items.

I found that this book is well worth its price. It is a very nice book that has a permanent spot on my reference book shelf, right along side my copies of the ARRL Operations Manual and my ARRL Antenna Book.



Upcoming Public Service Opportunities

Please contact each event's coordinator for more information.

To be announced in January, 2011



Nets of Interest

Compiled by Tom Wilson, KD8DEG. All frequencies are in MHz unless otherwise noted.

Sunday

8:30 AM	50.400	AM	Grand Rapids
8:00 PM	145.270	FM	Lowell Club
8:00 PM	50.400	AM	Kalamazoo, Gary K8BKB
8:00 PM	147.240	FM	Allegan, Jim AC8AG
9:00 PM	50.150	USB	Zeeland, Charlie N8QEM
9:30 PM	144.155	USB	Holland, Bill K8NFT

Monday

7:30 PM	147.060+	FM	HARC 2m Net. Ed, KF8EV, Net Manager
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Tuesday

7:00 PM	144.222	USB	Kalamazoo, K8BKB Gary
8:00 PM	144.222	AM	Kalamazoo, WJ8L Phil
9:30 PM	50.300	USB	Kalamazoo, K8BKB Gary
9:00 PM	145.270	FM	MDXA, Dave KC8PCL
9:30 PM	50.400	AM	Kalamazoo, K8BKB Gary

Wednesday

8:00 PM	28.380	USB	Allegan
8:00 PM	28.058	CW	West Michigan Hams CW round table and rag chew
9:00 PM	50.140	USB	Cedar Springs, AC8AH Jerry

Thursday

6:30 PM	147.520	FM	2 nd Thursday each month, OCEC Simplex Net
7:00 PM	147.060+	FM	4 th Thursday each month, OCEC Repeater Net
7:00 PM	147.160+	FM	Michigan youth, 22 and younger
8:00 PM	146.800+	FM	MAARC weekly Net

Friday

0000z–2400z	7.114	CW	Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) Novice Day. This is for CW beginners, slower ops, or anyone who wants help. The goal is to congregate beginners where they can help each other and to increase activity on 40 meters above 7100 kHz.
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Daily

7:00 PM	50.200	USB	Cadillac, round tables
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If you know of any other nets, please let me know and I'll add them to the list.

Jim N8QMD, n8qmd@arrl.net.