



THE SPARK GAP

MOTOR CITY RADIO CLUB

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The President's Corner

I went to John Holm's, W8NFR, funeral Friday morning. We lost a brother-in-arms. We saw him at meetings, perhaps a special event or so but do we really know who he was?

The reverend officiating the service had asked his widow, Barb, to jot a few things down to be read at the service.

Seems John graduated from Dearborn High School and attended University of Purdue for a year before being drafted. While in the Army, he served in India and China. Following his honorable discharge, he went to Purdue where he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked for Michigan Bell, where he played a part in the development of touch tone dialing. Following Michigan Bell, he worked for "Henry" as an engineer. Because he didn't have a teaching degree, Henry Ford CC hired him as a "probationary" instructor. I believe his tenure there spanned 20+ years.

Besides being a member of the MCRC, John also belonged to the Elks and was a 33rd degree Mason. John would've been 82 on November 24th.

Christmas Potluck!!

Time for our annual Christmas Potluck! Enjoy good food and good friends! Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the food from others!

Join us Friday, December 7th at **6:30 p.m.** at the Westfield Center, located at 2700 Westfield Rd, Trenton in the Fireplace Room

While you're there, purchase a 75th Anniversary ornament for only \$7.00!



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At meetings, we shake hands and pat each other on the back. We see the man or woman standing before us but do we really know them? Do we realize and recognize their accomplishments? Do we pay each other the respect we'd wish for ourselves?

The world lost a great man in John.

Those are just my thoughts.

73,

Jim, K8SSB

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Final Season Scores for the 2007 Fox Hunters!

5th Place - Ruth Briggs - WB8AFO with 21 points

4th Place - Ray Shovoly, N8SLJ, and
Ken Lux, N8TDF with 24 points

3rd Place - Stan Briggs, K8SB, 26 points

2nd Place - Gary Bolla, N8ZFH, 28 points

1st Place - Anne Travis, K8AE, 28 points

NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES, LOGS, LOGS, LOGS!

Now that the November Sweepstakes are over, it's time to get those logs submitted to the ARRL. Deadlines: CW entries must be sent to SSCW@arrl.org by Wednesday, December 5, 2007. Phone entries must be sent to SSPhone@arrl.org by Wednesday, December 19th. Cabrillo formatted logs can be submitted by logging onto the web application at <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms> and complete the required information. Any entry that has been created using a computer for logging must be submitted in the Cabrillo log file format. If you have any questions regarding Sweepstakes or the competition, please ask one of the board members!

Great News!
www.W8MRM.org
is back online!

General Meeting November 2, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by K8SSB. Role call was taken of the 30 members that were present along with 2 guests in attendance.

President's report – Jim thanked Mike and Lynette Rudzki for the fine job they did this past year, and he also thanked the board members for voting him into office.

Vice President's report – Bruce read the membership requirements.

Treasurer's report – Motion made to approve by Ruth WB8AFO, seconded by Don K8THU. No objections, motion was passed.

Secretary's report – Motion made to accept by Anne K8AE, Ruth WB8AFO seconded, no objections, motion was passed.

Refreshment Committee – for January meeting Rick will bring donuts, no one volunteered for pop.

Special events – Anne has nothing to report, although need to set up flyers for class in January.

75th Anniversary – Dec 1st at Portofino's, top speaker will be Dave Sumner K1ZZ, former members, past presidents will be attending from the late 40's. At this time 70 people will be attending.

Fox Hunt – last one was for the season was in October, winner was Ray N8SLJ. They will resume in the spring.

VE Exam- next exam is Dec 6. The exams will continue in January the second Saturday of the month alternating months, also Saturday at Field Day and possibly one or two other times. To become a VE please see Don, K8THU.

Education – Dave KC8OBH announced another class session at HFCC. Need a volunteer to take over his position in January as he is unable to continue as instructor.

Net – John N8KAM would like to have a check in sheet on the web in case he is unable to run the Tuesday night net.

Contest – November sweepstakes, CW and phone portion two weeks apart, same teams will apply.

New Business

November Sweepstakes - Stan K8SB stated that we need to send in enough logs to qualify for medium size club. Suggested club territory 175 mile radius. Stan moved territory should be centered on St.Louis, MI. This would include all of Lower Michigan, and part of Northern Ohio for active club members. Don called the question to vote, 2/3 majority needed everyone was in favor.

Jim K8SSB limited discussion on any business to 5 min per person. Bruce K18GR made motion to accept, all in favor was 30 opposed 2

Annual Budget Presentation Anne K8AE proposed that the yearly budget be presented at the December meeting for approval, Dave KC8OBH seconded. Stan said membership should vote and approve the money the club is spending. Ken said bylaws require approval for over \$400. Club visitor belongs to 2 other clubs he stated they have standard operating expenses anything over \$300 needs to be approved. Motion carried 19 to 6.

Awards – James French for representing the MCRC in the Mackinac 50 special event.

Scout Special Event - Thanked Linda and Dave Metz, Bruce Moyer, and John Roberts for helping Pack 1261. They had 37 contacts and the youngest was a 4 yr old girl.

Suggestions for monthly meeting presentations; CPR, Skywarn, satellite telemetry, instruction for Logbook of the World, EQSL, Digital Group of Michigan, D-Star, class on being net control for the 2-Meter Net, becoming a VE, club swaps, fox hunting, field trips to radio observatory, or Ch 2, program on UFO, conversion of analog TV to digital, club outings – ex baseball or football games, or contacting another club to attend their meetings occasionally.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 by Ray, second by Kevin. Board Meeting on November 15th

Board meeting minutes not submitted

2007 ARRL Field Day Rankings

Top 10 Scores for Michigan Category 2A Participants

| # | Call | Score | QSO's | Participants | Club |
|----|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--|
| 1 | K8EPV | 7,388 | 1,749 | 10 | Eastern MI ARC & Thumb Area Contest Club |
| 2 | W8MRM | 7,260 | 1,996 | 86 | Motor City Radio Club |
| 3 | K8UNS | 3,232 | 814 | 40 | Livonia ARC & Ford ARL |
| 4 | W8DC | 2,918 | 1,192 | 15 | Grand Rapids ARA |
| 5 | W8MAA | 2,758 | 608 | 15 | Central Michigan ARC |
| 6 | W8MAI | 2,520 | 557 | 49 | Blossomland ARA |
| 7 | W8USA | 2,300 | 566 | 10 | Michigan AR Alliance |
| 8 | W8BNZ | 2,216 | 578 | 42 | |
| 9 | NV8N | 850 | 277 | 7 | |
| 10 | K8CAD | 834 | 192 | 22 | Wexaukee ARC |

Top 10 Scores for Overall Michigan Participants

| # | Call | Score | Category | QSO's | Participants | Club |
|----|-------|--------|----------|-------|--------------|--|
| 1 | K8UO | 12,340 | 16AB | 1,193 | 115 | USECA ARC |
| 2 | W8UM | 10,034 | 4A | 2,639 | 50 | Arrow/UMARC Field Day Team |
| 3 | W8TNO | 8,930 | 3A | 3,018 | 32 | OCARS |
| 4 | K8EPV | 7,388 | 2A | 1,749 | 10 | Eastern MI ARC & Thumb Area Contest Club |
| 5 | W8MRM | 7,260 | 2A | 1,996 | 86 | Motor City RC |
| 6 | W8VY | 6,162 | 8A | 1,665 | 31 | Kalamazoo ARC |
| 7 | W8HP | 5,846 | 3A | 1,801 | 43 | Hazel Park ARC |
| 8 | N8LC | 4,886 | 4A | 1,465 | 24 | L'Anse Creuse ARC |
| 9 | WA8RC | 4,770 | 1B1B | 412 | 1 | |
| 10 | N8BB | 4,560 | 1B1B | 446 | 1 | |

Eclectic Electric

by Ward Silver, N0AX

Across

- 1. A line of equal altitude in a topo map
 - 7. Kilohms times microfarads
 - 10. Prefix for Hy-Gain HF beams
 - 12. Great Lake bordering New York
 - 13. A low blo
 - 14. The picture pointed to on a computer screen
 - 17. Tear
 - 18. All the way home
 - 19. Drake twins VFO type (abbr)
 - 20. Keeps the power on to computer gear
 - 21. Transistor package designator
 - 22. Start or begin
 - 23. Method of acquiring physical knowledge
 - 25. Layers of cold air over layers of hot air
 - 27. Common label for the AF Gain knob
 - 28. Organization that runs ambulances (abbr)
 - 29. Popular non-broadcast TV channel
 - 31. Companion to FIR (filter type)
 - 33. Between Cancer and Capricorn
 - 38. Waveguide designator
 - 39. Qualification to train pilots (abbr)
 - 40. Pre-wireless communications
 - 42. Defect
 - 44. Smell from burning insulation
 - 46. Manufacturer of Japanese fans
 - 47. Elevation of peak radiated energy (abbr)
 - 50. One component of solder (chemical symbol)
 - 51. Result of waves encountering an impedance discontinuity
 - 57. Opposite of solid
 - 60. Uses the prefix ST
 - 62. Atom missing an electron
 - 63. Miscopy a call sign or information
 - 64. Most NW of the contiguous states (abbr)
 - 65. Microwave navigational system
 - 66. Numeric comparison
 - 70. Most vulnerable body part to microwave radiation
 - 71. Old name for antenna
- Down
- 1. Contest prizes
 - 2. Ten-Tec transceiver
 - 3. Pinch, bite, or trim

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| 21 | | | 22 | | | 23 | 24 | | | | | | | |
| 25 | | 26 | | | | | | | | | | 27 | | |
| | | 28 | | | | | | | | 29 | 30 | | | |
| 31 | 32 | | | 33 | 34 | 35 | | 36 | 37 | | | | 38 | |
| 39 | | | | | 40 | | | | | | | 41 | | |
| | | 42 | 43 | | | | | | | 44 | | | | 45 |
| 46 | | | | | | | | 47 | 48 | 49 | | | 50 | |
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| 65 | | | | 66 | 67 | | 68 | | | | | 69 | | |
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- 4. Usual mode of electromagnetic energy in waveguides (abbr)
 - 5. To consume a supply of something
 - 6. Inductor resistance
 - 8. Web pages
 - 9. Accomplish or complete
 - 11. Vertical and mobile antenna maker
 - 15. Complement to pro
 - 16. A good Spanish signal is cinco
 - 18. Poorest performer
 - 19. Diode used for switching
 - 22. Quad antenna manufacturer
 - 23. International System of Units (abbr)
 - 24. Finished
 - 26. Confirm functionality
 - 29. Arena where Dayton Hamvention is held
 - 30. Sudden ionospheric disturbance
 - 32. Speculation
 - 34. Echo all the way around (abbr)
 - 35. Prefix used by Austria
 - 36. Latin abbreviation meaning "that is"
 - 37. A tenth of a decigram
 - 38. To snap back and forth
 - 41. Uses the prefix KP3 (postal code)
 - 43. LF navigational system
 - 45. Logarithmic comparison (abbr)
 - 48. Largest, but wettest, continent (abbr)
 - 49. Location
 - 52. Abbreviation meaning "English"
 - 53. Most popular ham event in the US (abbr)
 - 54. Omitted or not taken
 - 55. A copy of a magazine
 - 56. Rarest of the tenth district states (abbr)
 - 58. One of the stereo phone plug contacts
 - 59. The four compass directions
 - 61. Pointed fastener
 - 63. Unpleasant personal emission
 - 65. Wire or metal thickness (abbr)
 - 66. Indicates an emailed reply
 - 67. CW prosign for "stand by"
 - 68. Measure of intelligence
 - 69. A state or a laugh
- See Solution on Page 7

*75th
Anniversary
Dinner*



**Past
Presidents**

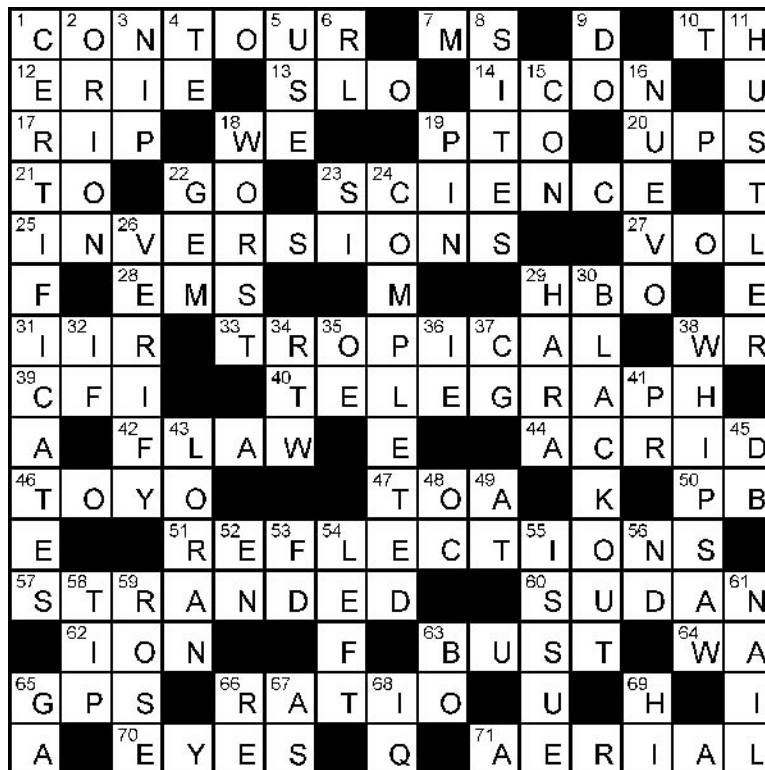
**The
Dignitaries**



**75th
Anniversary
Ornament**

Test Sessions Coming to a Location Near You!

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| <p>December 8th Arrow Communications Association Time: 9:00 a.m. (No Walk-ins) Contact: Claybourne Mithcell (734) 662-6663 Location: American Red Cross Building 4624 Packard Street, Pittsfield Twshp, MI 48108 Candidates Must Pre-Register or Call Roger & 734-663-4625.</p> | <p>December 11 - Livingston ARC Time: 7:00 p.m. (Walk-ins Allowed) Contact: George Van Dam (313) 99-5547 E-Mail: BVANDAM@Comcast.net Location: Livingston County EOC 300 S. Highland Way Howell, MI 48843</p> |
| <p>December 8th Toledo Mobile Radio Association Time: 8:30 a.m. (No Walk-ins) Contact: Steven L. Stalker (419) 467-3734 E-Mail: SStalker@ameritech.net Location: Maumee Fire Station #2 450 W. Dussel Drive Maumee, OH 43537</p> | <p>December 4 - Hazel Park ARC Time: 7:00 p.m. (Walk-ins Allowed) Contact: Dee D. Flint, (248) 981-8145 E-Mail: N8UZE@ARRL.NET Location: Oak Park Community Center 14300 Oak Park Blvd Pre-Registration Urged, Checkin @ 7 - Test 7:30 p.m. Oak Park, MI 48237</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">January 12 & March 8th - Motor City Radio Club Time: 9:00 a.m. (Walk-ins Allowed) Contact: Don Novak, (734) 281-7030 E-Mail: K8THU@ARRL.NET Location: Glenwood Methodist Church 2130 Ford Avenue (Northline) Wyandotte, MI 48192</p> | |



Calendar

December 6, 2007

Licensing test session at Henry Ford Community College, Patterson Technical Building, Room 235 at 7:00 p.m.

December 7, 2007

General Meeting at the Westfield Center. Christmas Potluck Dinner! Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

December 15, 2007

Breakfast at Leo's Coney Island in Taylor at 9:30 a.m.

December 20, 2007

Board Meeting - Location To Be Announced - Begins at 7:30 p.m.

January 4, 2008

General Meeting at the Westfield Center. General Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Topic: TBA

February 1, 2008

General Meeting at the Westfield Center. General Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Topic: TBA

Join us every Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. for the Motor City Radio Club Net on the 147.24 Wyandotte Repeater.

Or use Echolink: K8UH/L

Dues are Due!!

Yes, it's that time of the year again! Time to renew your commitment to the club by paying your annual dues.

Give you check addressed to "Motor City Radio Club" or cash in an envelope with your name and callsign clearly printed to our Treasurer, Dale, WA8FRD, at the meeting. You can also pay your membership via www.Paypal.com if you don't want to write out a check. Our website has more details. If you can't make it to a meeting, then send your check to the club address:

Motor City Radio Club

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Wyandotte, Michigan 48192-0337

Senior \$20.00

Individual \$25.00

Family \$35.00

Club members who are more than three months in arrears in dues will be dropped.

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