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USECA Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting—March 2, 2009

In attendance:

Bill, N8SA	President
Rob, KD8ENP	Vice-President
Ann, KT8F	Recording Secretary
Dennis, W8DFG	Treasurer
Joe, N8OZ	Membership Secretary
Jim, WY8I	Board Member
Larry, W8NIC	Board Member
Chuck, N8ZA	Board Member
Tom, N8ZI	Past President



The Board Minutes were not received by press time; but should be printed in next month's Express—Ed.



General Meeting — March 9, 2009

In attendance:

Bill, N8SA	President
Rob, KD8ENP	Vice-President
*Ann, KT8F	Recording Secretary
Dennis,	Treasurer
Joe, N8OZ	Membership Secretary
Jim, WY8I	Board Member
Larry, W8NIC	Board Member
Chuck, N8ZA	Board Member
*Tom, N8ZI	Past President
*Absent	

Meeting called to order by the President at 7:30 PM.

Bill Passed around a copper pipe J-pole he had built and invited club members (and other hams) to an antenna construction party in his garage on Saturday, March 14, 2009.

Steve, N8XO made a motion to accept the previous general meeting minutes as printed in the Express. Jim, W11K, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dennis delivered the Treasurer's Report. Eddie, N8RUE moved to accept the report, seconded by Carl, N8AE. The motion carried.

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2009 Michigan QSO Party

It's that time of year again! It's time to gear it up and get ready for the 2009 Michigan QSO Party. The MiQP has something to offer for everyone and there is no shortage of reasons for joining in on the fun on April 18th, 2009.

In spite of the crappy conditions, last year was a good year for the MiQP. Activity was up and we had over 300 entries and we hope to do even better this year. We are hoping to see an increase in activity within the traditional amateur radio clubs in Michigan. I think that most clubs are looking for special activities and the MiQP has some features that should be considered in filling this need. This is a great event to generate club activity. Other than just a great excuse to get on the air, have fun and be hunted by hams around the country and world, the MiQP offers training opportunities for new hams; it can serve as a tune up for emergency operations by setting up and operating from your club EOC. It's a chance to fire up the club station, or get ready for field day by operating from some rare county.

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My Most Memorable Contact and QSL Card

Leonard, N8YBY

The year was 1997. One of my co-workers was Dave Linenger. The name really did not mean much to me until I heard that Astronaut Jerry Linenger (KC5HBR) from Eastpointe had just passed his Tech test and would be going to Russia for training and then aboard the MIR space station.

I asked Dave if he was in any way related to Jerry Linenger and he told me yes "that's my cousin". Dave took my call sign and passed it on to his cousin before he went into space. Shortly after Jerry Linenger was aboard the MIR space station his cousin asked me if I could pass some traffic up to Jerry.

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Next Meeting — April 13th

CLUB DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Bill Chesney/N8SA (586) 468-0106
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Board Member	Larry Logarta/W8NIC
Board Member	Chuck Perushek/N8ZA (586) 557-4983
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ARRL Liaison	Bill/N8SA
Awards Manager	Bob/N8ZY (586) 978-1682
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Photographer	Wes/KD8DHS
Program Director	Rob Lifton/KD8ENP (248) 797-2264
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Refreshments	Walt/WB8E; & Alec/NF8X
Repeater Trustee	Dennis/W8DFG (586) 465-7126
Swap Director	Jeff/KD8CIA
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Technicians	KA8D; WA8GQL; W8RO; AD8S; N8SA; W1SKU; N8ZI
VE Testing	Joe/N8OZ (586) 977-7222
Webmaster	Alec/NF8X (586) 873-8841

CONTROL OPERATORS (*Phone Number Above)

Jim/WY8I*	Floyd/W8RO	Chuck/N8ZA*
Jim/W1IK	Alec/NF8X*	Tom/N8ZI*
Joe/N8OZ*		

PROGRAMMERS

Dennis/W8DFG	Jim/W1IK	Brad/N8VI
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The Editor is:

Still Going

Joe, K8OEF

Lesson Learned! At the recent meeting of the entire editorial staff it was noted they (we) (I) broke one of the unwritten rules; and that is: a deadline is a deadline and unless it is an emergency of some sort, the staff should be committed to get the *Express* completed by the weekend following the General Meeting. This month this did not happen and we apologize for our lack of commitment. All articles, etc., to be published in the *Express* are due the night of the General Meeting. Thanks for your understanding.

Sunday, April 12 is Easter Sunday; so to all of you from all of us, "Happy Easter."

73 for now.

Coming next month . . . show your USECA membership card and receive a discount from these local stores.

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USECA VE Testing

Testing will be the THIRD Monday of the month from September thru June. Joe, N8OZ, is the Contact VE. Pre-registration is encouraged. Test fee is \$14.00 cash (exact change only). Examinees need to bring Xerox copies of current license and un-expired CSCE's, if any. There is no copy machine at the test site. Official starting time is 7:00 PM. Walk-ins are welcomed. Test site is at the Mt. Clemens Elks Club (179 S. Main St. in Mt. Clemens). Other VE test sessions can be arranged—contact the Contact VE for details.

Memorable Contact—From Page 1

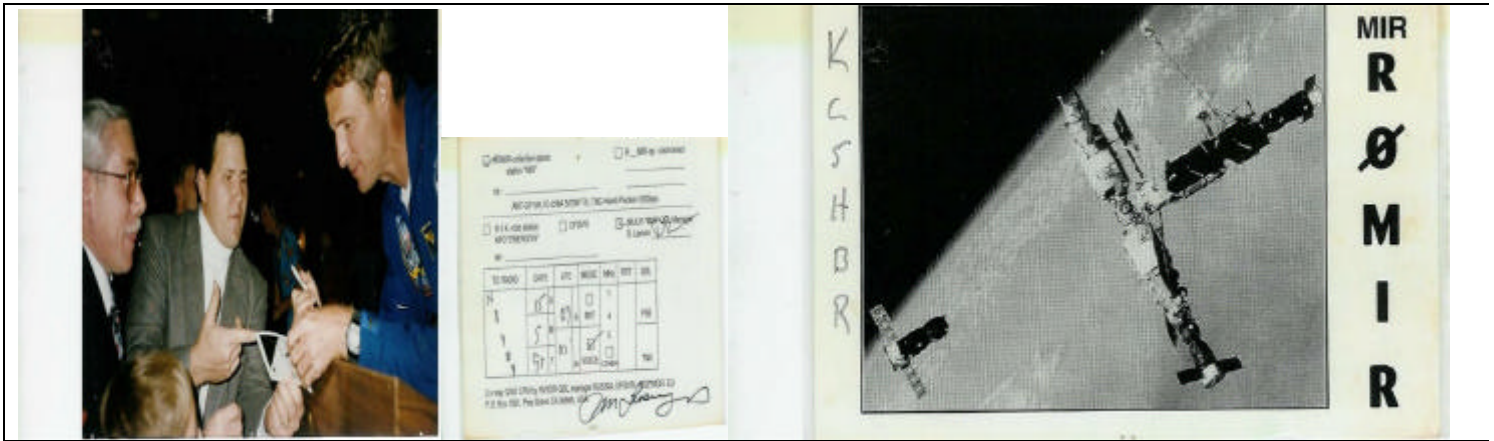
I told him I would try but would have to check the pass times. There was a pass in a couple of days that I could try before I went to work.

I was successful on making contact and passing information to Jerry. The following morning I made contact with the MIR and Jerry had traffic for me to pass on to his family. This continued for a good duration of his time aboard the MIR Space station. On his last day aboard the space station he asked me if the shuttle had

launched. Must be some bad communications between ground control and the MIR. Anyway I told him I did not know if the shuttle had launched. Just before the MIR was out of range Jerry said he could see the Cape and it was all lit up.

I attended the dinner for Astronaut Jerry Linenger at the Athena in Roseville and he personally signed my QSL card confirming my contact with ROMIR.

Dave Linenger center; N8YBY Left side



Meeting Minutes—From Page 1

Joe, our membership secretary, reported 130 paid members and reminded those in attendance that **dues are due**.

Webmaster was not in attendance; No report submitted.

Express Newsletter editor was not in attendance; No report submitted.

Our technical director, Jim W1IK, reminded USECA members that “kerchunking” the repeater is illegal.

ARRL Liaison: Bill Announced the appointment of Laura Smith as FCC special counsel, filling the vacancy left when Riley Hollingsworth retired last summer.

Field Day: Steve, N8XO announced that our field day site has been posted to the ARRL web site. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php> for details. Steve also reported that Jerry, N8KLX would have an updated version of his logging software before Field Day.

Old Business

Dennis announced that the drawing for the Kenwood TM-D710A raffle would occur following the break.

Upgrades announced:

- Dave WD8IFL passed his Extra
- Larry, W8NIC Passed his Extra
- Geri, KD8KCE passed her General

Jim, W1IK gave a brief mention of the June meeting foxhunt. He also reminded attendees that there is another foxhunt during our Pre-Field Day event.

New Business

Dave expressed an interest in 2-meter FM contesting, possibly involving other area clubs.

Tom, KD8GZE mentioned that the Shelby Township Public Library had a few current amateur radio books and that they would accept a gift in the form of a magazine subscription. Jim, W1IK moved that we spend club funds (\$39) to sponsor a subscription to QST to the Shelby Township Public Library. Don, WB8F seconded the motion. Jim offered an amendment to his motion to add the Clinton Township Public Library, thereby spending another \$39 of club funds. Carl, N8AE seconded the motion to amend the motion on the floor. The motion carried by a voice vote with no objections.

Jim, W1IK suggested that a good use for past issues of QST Magazine is to place them in various waiting rooms (i.e. doctors’ offices).

Larry, W8SOX asked the members in attendance if there was any interest in serving Gyros for one of our “Eat Before You Meet” meals.

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2009 Michigan QSO Party—From Page 1

In addition to the normally awarded plaques and certificates for the different categories, there will be a special 'Rookie of the Year Award' in 2009. It should also be noted that the ARRL has declared 2009 "The Year of the State QSO Party" and is offering a special certificate. Others will need to work Michigan stations during the QSO party to earn the Michigan flag for their ARRL award <http://www.arrl.org/awards/ysqso/>

As you can see from the rules listed below, this is only a 12 hour event. Please consider getting on the air for the whole thing, or any portion of the 12 hour period. You can operate from home, portable, mobile or at the club's station or EOC. With the support of mobile and portable stations, we plan on having activity in all 83 counties. Maybe someone in our club would like to activate a rare county?

Last but not least, we ask those of you that have participated in the MIQP to please help us get the word out and encourage other Michigan hams and radio clubs to participate and join the fun. See <http://www.miqp.org> for more details and the rules, !

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 18th until 0400Z Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon on the 18th until 12 midnight local Michigan time)

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, mobile and Emergencies Operations Center (EOC) and "Rookie" categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output

power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W).

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. MI to MI QSO's are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change counties, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3800, 7200, 14250, 21300, 28450.

Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to logs@miqp.org

More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, and Fliers see <http://www.miqp.org>

73 es cu April 18th 2009
Mark, NU8Z

Meeting Minutes—From Page 3

The reception was positive; no motions were made regarding this matter.

John, N8KAN expressed interest in some type of on air CW training sessions. Jerry, N8KLX mentioned that his logging software has a CW simulator. No action was taken.

Jeff, KD8CIA was introduced as our swap chairman for 2009.

Dennis, W8DFG delivered a presentation about MARC and repeater coordination.

Val Breault, N8OEF, Dave, W8RIT and Paul Reinhardt, KC8BDK, put on a second presentation regarding the Macomb County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps.

Jim, W1IK moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken, N8UO. The meeting ended at 9:50 pm.

There were 53 members and guests signed in.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Lifton, KD8ENP acting secretary.



USECA APPLICATION



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DATE _____ NEW RENEWAL MAIL PRINTED NEWSLETTER
 CALL _____ CLASS _____
 NAME _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 TELEPHONE # _____ PRINT # IN ROSTER NO
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____
 MEMBER: **ARRL** YES NO **RACES** YES NO

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 NAME _____
 MEMBER: **ARRL** YES NO
RACES YES NO

CALL _____ CLASS _____
 NAME _____
 MEMBER: **ARRL** YES NO
RACES YES NO

Annual Membership Dues: Regular: \$20 — Family: \$30 — Mail Printed Newsletter, ADD \$10.00

New Member applications must be mailed to P.O. Box address below.

Please make check payable to: **USECA** — Address: **P.O. Box 46331, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046**

All mailed-in applications to the P.O. Box must include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

(Allow 4-6 weeks for processing.)

USECA reserves the right to accept or reject New or Renewal Memberships.



Local Area FM Nets

DAY	TIME	CLUB	FREQ.
SUN	1:00 pm	USECA/Information	147.180
SUN	8:00 pm	USECA/Traders/Tech Sup.	147.180
SUN	9:00 pm	HPARC/Info	146.640
SUN	9:00 pm	Garden City ARC	146.860
SUN-SAT	10:15 pm	S. E. Michigan Traffic Net	145.330
MON	7:30 pm	SATERN	147.180
MON	8:00 pm	MECA/Info	147.200
MON	8:00 pm	GMARC (PL 123)	443.075
TUE	9:00 pm	Motor City Radio Club	147.240
WED	9:00 pm	ARPSC/Info	145.490
THU	8:00 pm	RACES/ARES	147.200
THU	8:30 pm	LCARC/Info	147.080
SAT	11:45 pm	Hoot Owl	147.180

VHF PL'S — 100 Hz

On The World Wide Web

USECA Home Page

WWW.USECAARC.COM

Local HF Nets

DAY	TIME	CLUB/DESCRIPTION	FREQ.
MON	7:30 pm	LCARC/15 Meter CW	21.165
MON	9:00 pm	LCARC/15 Meter Phone USB	21.395
TUE	8:00 pm	USECA/80 Meter Phone LSB	3.830
WED	7:00 pm	USECA/6 Meter Phone USB	50.140
THU	7:30 pm	LCARC/10 Meter Phone USB	28.435
THU	9:00 pm	USECA/15 Meter CW	21.140
FRI	10:00 pm	USECA/80 Meter CW	3.570
FRI	11:00 pm	USECA/10 Meter Phone USB	28.425

Listings in **BOLD** are USECA club nets, but ALL ARE WELCOME!

Net Ops Schedules

2-METER NETS

	SUN. 1 PM	SUN. 8 PM**	FRI. 11:45 PM
WEEK	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz
1	KD8CXJ	W11K	-OPEN-
2	N8ZA	W8NIC	-OPEN-
3	-OPEN-	-OPEN-	-OPEN-
4	WB8E	KD8GZE	-OPEN-
5*	KT8F	-OPEN-	-OPEN-

*If applicable

**Traders/Tech Support

Updated 12/09

NCO's—If you're unable to take your net please get a replacement or contact Keith, N8EB (586) 777-6751—Don't wait!

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Club Activities

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
APR	13	7:30 pm	General Meeting
APR	20	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
APR	26	7:00 am	Walk For Babies 2009
MAY	TBA		Pre-Field Day & Picnic
MAY	11	7:30 pm	General Meeting
MAY	15-17		Dayton Hamvention
MAY	18	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
JUN	8	7:30 pm	General Meeting & Fox Hunt
JUN	15	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
JUN	27-28		Field Day 2009

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