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UTICA SHELBY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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USECA Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting—February, 2010

In attendance:

Larry, W8SOX	President
Dan, N8ZBA	Vice-President
Rob, NY8W	Recording Secretary
Dennis, W8DFG	Treasurer
Ray, K8RDJ	Membership Secretary
Walt, WB8E	Board Member
Larry, W8NIC	Board Member
Chuck, N8ZA	Board Member
*Bill, N8SA	Past President

*Absent

NOTE: With the exception of Larry (W8SOX and W8NIC) Board members' names are not included in the minutes as they are listed above.

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. by W8SOX Larry.

Correspondence: Livonia Stop N Swap is to be held at the Civic Park Seniors' Center (SE corner of Five Mile & Farmington) on February 21st from 8:00 am until Noon. Admission is \$5.00.

Dennis offered a motion to accept the January Board meeting as printed in the Express. Chuck seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurers' report was read by Dennis

Rob moved that we accept the treasurer's report. Dan seconded and the motion carried.

Ray reported that as of tonight's meeting we have 110 paid members. Discussion regarding attracting new members followed.

Old Business:

Winter Field Day: WFD fees totaled \$417.00, all of which went to the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization).

New Business:

Dennis brought up the idea of holding trunk sales in July and August in the Elk's parking lot. This issue will be discussed further at subsequent meetings.

At this time Walt made a motion to adjourn and Dennis seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Lifton, NY8W
Recording Secretary

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Winter Field Day

Chuck, N8ZA

Hello everyone once again I will ask did I see you at Winter Field Day? Oh that's right I did. Boy was it a good time or what.

We had at least 7 stations on the air and at times they would switch to different modes. Pete AA8GK the WFD chairman did a fantastic job. Pete was in one of the farthest cabins with no heat doing 20 and 40 and 80 digital at times using a G5RV.

Walt WB8E and Ray K8RDJ did 20cw, 15cw, 80cw, and 160cw using an inverted L and Walt's vertical. Dan N8ZBA did 20 and 80 phone using a G5RV Dan was prepared this year and was sporting a set of headphones and microphone. Nobody was going to bother Dan this year Hi Hi.

Dee N8UZE and Carl N8AE once again were in the honeymoon suite running 40 phone using a trapped dipole raised up on the flag pole. They had the best view in the house. Jim K8LFE did 10 phone this was Jim's first time at WFD and he was prepared. Jim brought a telescoping mast and a vertical to put on top.

Shaun KD8JNS and Rob NY8W were in the same cabin. Shaun did 160 phone using an inverted V that's right, 160ph what a way to go Shaun! Rob operated 15ph where I spent some time helping Rob trying to create some band conditions using Rob's FT450 and a G5RV we managed to make 10 contacts while I was there even out to California.

Ed KD8CXJ and Andy KD8HIZ ran 2meters and 6 meters and I think they even made a contact on 440, nice job guys. There were all kinds of friends that came up and a lot of help was given.

The big talk around the water cooler was Gary KD8MOO and his son Matt. Garry is a new tech and did not waste anytime getting to work at a station and helping out with his son Matt. I believe Matt even got to work some DX, Russia. We've got them hooked now Hi Hi.

And as always we had all kinds of food thanks to all that brought a dish to pass and the best kitchen staff a club could have. Dennis W8DFG and Larry W8SOX did a fantastic job Joe N8KA helped out in the kitchen behind the grill. Those that came up definitely went home a little heavier.

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Next Meeting — March 8th

CLUB DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Larry Stocking/W8SOX (586) 294-7718
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Membership Secretary	Ray Anderson/K8RDJ (586) 979-4456
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Board Member	Larry Logarta/W8NIC
Board Member	Chuck Perushek/N8ZA (586) 557-4983
Past President	Bill Chesney/N8SA (586) 468-0106

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Jim/W1IK*	Alec/NF8X*	Dan/N8ZBA
Dennis/W8DFG*		

PROGRAMMERS

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

Still Going

Joe, K8OEF

Thanks to Chuck, N8ZA for the great article and all the pictures from Winter Field Day for this edition.

In case you didn't know, anyone can attend the Board Meetings; first Monday of the month; same location at the General Meeting.

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 14 this year.

73 for now.



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USECA VE Testing

Testing will be the THIRD Monday of the month from September thru June. Alec, NF8X, 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.

We need everyone's help to get this bill out of committee or it will die and we will have to start all over again.

Thanks & 73!

Scott Bicknell, W1BIC

ARRL-Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator
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From Len Todd -

If you want the right to put up a Ham tower, it is up to you to do something now! Unfortunately, as I write this, we have one MI ham wondering if he can even have a 30' tower. However, there are things that you can do about this. For example:

1. If you have not already sent a letter to your Legislators to support HB # 5556, then now is the time. If passed in 2010, HB # 5556 - Michigan's PRB-1

"Amendment to the MI Zoning Enabling Act" will codify PRB-1 into our Michigan law. It also will establish an allowable tower height of 90' across the state. However, if we do not increase our number of legislative contacts, the Bill may die in committee. If you have already sent a letter, it is time to re-contact your House Representative to re-ignite interest.

For the actual text of HB # 5556, click on this link.
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/billintroduced/House/pdf/2009-HIB-5556.pdf>

For more information about PRB-1, click on this link.
<http://www.prb1michigan.org/>

For a legislative contact letter template, click on this link.
<http://www.prb1michigan.org/id18.html>

2. Also, tell a Ham friend about this critically important effort. Antennas and the towers that they are mounted on are critically important to us. They are our connection to the rest of the RF world. If need be, help your friend establish contacts with their Legislators. Discuss this topic at your next club or organization meeting.

For legislative contact information, click on this link.
<http://www.prb1michigan.org/id1.html>

Len Todd, N8AGS
MI PRB-1 Project Manager
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2010 Skywarn Training

The National Weather Service will be conducting "Skywarn" training in Macomb County in 2010 for those interested in becoming severe weather spotters for their community.

A storm spotter is an individual who takes a position in their community and reports winds gusts, hail size, rainfall, and cloud formations that could signal a developing tornado.

"Skywarn" spotters are not storm chasers. While their functions are similar, the spotter stays close to the home and usually has ties to the local Emergency Management Agency.

Skywarn Training will be conducted at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) building located at 44001 Garfield, Clinton Township in Rooms 103 A & B. The classes will be held on Wednesday, March 31st at 7 PM; Saturday, April 10th at 9 AM; and Wednesday, April 21st at 7 PM. Classes should last no more than 2 hours.

If you plan on attending one of these classes, please contact Mr. Keith Kuchenmeister, 586-469-6392 to register. You do not need to be a Macomb County resident to attend.

Len, N8YBY

The following new licensees' and upgrades were earned at the Jan. 18th VE test session.

Sharon Pearson, KD8NAM, New Technician

Michael Pool, KD8NAN, New Technician

Fredrick Wunderlich, AC8FN, New Extra (Yes, New)

Mallo Burge, KD8NAO, New Technician

Peter Karrer, N8OER, Upgrade General

David Middleton, KG4JTC, Upgrade Extra

Daniel Crabtree, KD8HTT, Upgrade General

Alec, NF8X, CVE

USECA Net Points

CALL	NAME	VHF Points	HF Points	TOTAL NET POINTS	CALL	NAME	VHF Points	HF Points	TOTAL NET POINTS
N8ZY	BOB	4	42	46	WB1DGS	RUSS	0	2	2
N8ZA	CHUCK	9	35	44	WB8YJJ	BILL	0	2	2
N8YBY	LEONARD	20	6	26	WU8V	KURT	0	2	2
K8RDJ	RAY	6	14	20	AA8GK	PETE	1	0	1
KC8C	TONY	5	14	19	AA8OZ	PAUL	1	0	1
AK8S	ALAN	7	10	17	K8DHA	JOHN	1	0	1
NY5Q	TOM	3	14	17	K8DXX	BILL	1	0	1
WB8E	WALT	1	16	17	K8QLM	JANICE	1	0	1
WY8I	JIM	9	8	17	K8RFP	RON	1	0	1
KD8JDC	RYAN	5	9	14	KA2IBE	JOHN	1	0	1
WB8F	DON	14	0	14	KA8LGI	DARRELL	1	0	1
KD8JNS	SHAUN	3	10	13	KC8CPT	DON	1	0	1
KC8UHK	RANDY	4	8	12	KD8DHS	WES	1	0	1
W8NIC	LARRY	4	8	12	KD8HTU	MARTY	1	0	1
W1IK	JIM	9	2	11	KD8MON	JOHN	1	0	1
KD8CFU	DAVE	3	6	9	KD8MTY	JIM	1	0	1
N8AE	CARL	0	8	8	KG4JTC	DAVE	1	0	1
W8AOQ	STEVE	0	8	8	KV8Z	CHRIS	1	0	1
K9DLW	DENNIS	3	4	7	KW8J	LEO	1	0	1
KC8ZRY	RANDY	7	0	7	N8DMW	KAREN	1	0	1
KD8CXJ	ED	3	4	7	N8EB	KEITH	1	0	1
KD8HIZ	ANDY	3	4	7	N8KA	JOE	1	0	1
N8LD	DENNIS	7	0	7	N8NJS	DAN	1	0	1
W8SOX	LARRY	5	2	7	N8NWA	JOHN	1	0	1
KA8POZ	SHAWN	6	0	6	N9QGU	BOB	1	0	1
KW8Z	KEN	2	4	6	W8DFG	DENNIS	1	0	1
N8CR	DENNIS	2	4	6	W8TRC	TOM	1	0	1
N8ZBA	DAN	2	4	6	W8VO	CLEM	1	0	1
W18C	DAVE	0	6	6	WA8FEA	GARY	1	0	1
KD8CIA	JEFF	1	4	5	WB8ITB	FRED	1	0	1
K4ZDH	RILEY	0	4	4	WB8OAF	BILL	1	0	1
K8DJE	JONESY	2	2	4	WB8TIV	GEORGE	1	0	1
KB3PTA	JAMES	0	4	4					
W8RIT	DAVE	0	4	4					
N8UO	KEN	1	2	3					
KC2RBT	RICHARD	0	2	2					
KC8CTZ	BOB	0	2	2					
KC8LUM	MIKE	0	2	2					
KC8REX	BERNARD	0	2	2					
KC8RMR	CLAUD	0	2	2					
KD8BOW	BRIAN	2	0	2					
KD8GVO	PHIL	0	2	2					
KD8IGM	BEAU	0	2	2					
KD8MFR	ROBERT	2	0	2					
KI8JN	PHIL	2	0	2					
N5WCS	MIKE	2	0	2					
N8HTV	JOHN	0	2	2					
N8LK	LONNIE	2	0	2					
W8OMC	KEN	0	2	2					

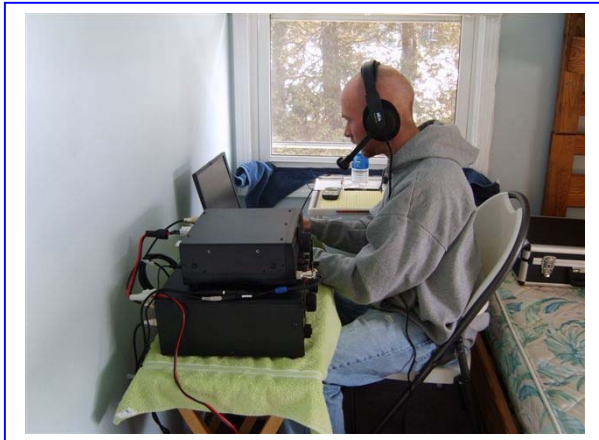
Submitted by Bob, N8ZY

Winter Field Day—From Page 1

This year I noticed more people that came up were eager to get behind the microphone and make some contacts. John KA2IBE and Ken N8KC came up together John was seen on the 20 phone station.

Well guys that's just some of the stuff I can remember. I have enclosed some of my pictures. Hope to see you all at the next big event.

73, N8ZA



Meeting Minutes—From Page 1**General Meeting — February, 2010****In attendance:**

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Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by W8SOX Larry.

There were 70 members and guests in attendance.

New licensees and upgrades were recognized

The microphone was passed around and all attendees introduced themselves.

Correspondence: Livonia Swap N Shop is Feb. 21 at the Civic Park Seniors' Center Located on the SE corner of Five Mile & Farmington. Doors open at 8 a.m. and admission is \$5.00.

AA8GK Pete offered a motion to accept the general meeting as printed in the Express. N8K LX Jerry seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurers' report was read by Dennis.

N8AE Carl moved that we accept the treasurer's report. WY8I Jim seconded and the motion carried.

Ray reported that as of tonight's meeting we have 132 paid members.

Inter club liaison report read by K8LFE Jim: L'anse Cruse ARC will be having a 2 meter antenna party on March 3rd (cost is about \$20). Contact K8LFE Jim for details.

Swaps: Livonia, Feb 21st, Marshall, March 20th, Grand Rapids, April 3, Milford, April 17th, Dayton May 14 – 16th and Monroe's will be held on June 20th.

Monroe ARC will hold a one day Tech Class on Feb. 27th, 9-3, contact K8LFE Jim for more info.

L'anse Cruse ARC is holding a VE test session on March 4th at the Macomb Twp. Public Library at 7 p.m.

Health/Welfare: At the meeting we circulated a get-well card for W8WRB Bill.

FD report by Bill: There was nothing to report but Bill did offer the following advice for FD stations. Battery boosters will save your batteries; N8XJK battery booster is made right here in Michigan and runs about \$170.

Old Business:

W8SOX Larry spoke about our Winter Field Day. We turned over \$417 to the CYO for use of their camp. We made 517 contacts with a multiplier of 20X plus 2000 bonus points. We claimed a total of over 12,000 points.

W8SOX Larry and Dennis did an amazing job in the kitchen, we were all well fed.

New Business: None

At this time N8RUE Eddie made a motion to adjourn and KD8JNS Shaun seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Following the business portion we took a short break.

After the break, we had a presentation from the Packard Proving Grounds.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Lifton, NY8W
Recording Secretary

*The Traveling . . .***WD8CRT**

I have tendered my notice and will be leaving the Kwajalein Atoll at the end of March.

I have accepted a position with Lockheed Martin and am to begin with them on 1 April. This is an overseas position, but I will be in the US to do some training. I am slated to do two weeks at Port Canaveral FL, one week in Akron, OH and then a week at Fort Benning GA in preparation for deployment.

I will be working as a Field Engineer on the PTDS (persistent threat detection system) program. This is an airborne sensor payload system flown on lighter than air vehicles (blimps). These are also known as Aerostats.

<http://www.designation-systems.net/dusrm/app4/aerostats.html>

<http://www.armybase.us/2009/10/u-s-army-awards-lockheed-martin-133-million-to-provide-persistent-threat-detection-aerostat-systems/>

Always somewhere...

Neil

[Many USECA members remember Neil. The above was an email received from him on January 29, 2010—Ed.]



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

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY:

CALL _____ CLASS _____
 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	8:00 pm	Digital	145.550
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

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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	6:00 pm	USECA/75 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	9:00 pm	USECA/80 Meter CW	3.570
FRI	10:00 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	W1IK	KD8CXJ
2	N8ZA	N8ZBA	KD8CXJ
3	-OPEN-	-OPEN-	KD8CXJ
4	WB8E	KD8JNS	KD8CXJ
5*	-OPEN-	-OPEN-	KD8CXJ

*If applicable

Updated 1/10

**Traders/Tech Support

NCO's—If you're unable to take your net please get a replacement or contact Chuck, N8ZA (586) 557-4983—Don't wait!

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MARCH 2010

"The Happenin' Club"

Club Activities

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
MAR	8	7:30 pm	General Meeting
MAR	15	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
APR	12	7:30 pm	General Meeting
APR	19	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
APR	25		"March For Babies"
MAY	10	7:30 pm	General Meeting
MAY	14-16		Dayton Hamvention
MAY	17	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
JUN	6		Pre-Field Day & Picnic
JUN	14	7:30 pm	General Meeting & Fox Hunt
JUN	21	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
JUN	26-27		Field Day 2010

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