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UTICA SHELBY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, INC. Volume 24, Number 9, November 2008

USECA Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting—October 6, 2008

In attendance:

Tom, N8ZI	President
Alec, NF8X	Vice-President
*Ann, KT8F	Recording Secretary
Dennis, W8DFG	Treasurer
Joe, N8OZ	Membership Secretary
Walt, WB8E	Board Member
Ray, K8RDJ	Board Member
Ken, N8UO	Board Member
Chuck, N8ZA	Past President
*Absent	



Note: board member's call signs are not included in the minutes as they are listed above.

Meeting called to order by the President at: 7:35 PM.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last BOD meeting made by Alec, supported by Tom, motion carried.

Membership: Joe – 150 members with BOD approval of 4 new members.

Treasurer's report provided by Dennis. Motion to accept made by Ray and supported by Chuck, motion carried. An audit is to be conducted at the November Board meeting.

Web master report provided by Alec. He stated that he renewed the domain for 1 year. Dennis made a motion that Alec take over as Webmaster and move the server. Seconded by Joe, vote taken, motion passed.

Trustee: Dennis requested that a control operators meeting take place at the next board meeting.

Technical report: Jim, W1IK – made a visit to the main site to check it out. PA fans need replacement. Recommended a filter check every 3 months. Dennis made a motion that \$150.00 be allocated for fans and connectors. Supported by Ray, discussion, vote taken, motion carried.

Swap: report per Chuck. Everything is in motion.

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Christmas Party
See Page 3

Youth Newsletter

Bill, N8SA, ARRL Liaison

With pride, we are announcing the first edition of the Michigan Section's Youth Newsletter.

Please check this URL to download your copy.
<http://arpsc.mi-nts.org/downloads/YRM01.pdf>

Please feel free to distribute to your friends.

73.



Read and Comment

Bill, N8SA, ARRL Liaison

This is something I would like the club to comment on. It sounds like a good idea to me, but I would like others to respond. Jim states comments by Sept. 30 but he will accept them later.

Thanks.



Please reply directly to n8et@arrl.net.

+++ 2009 Great Lakes Division Convention—Questions for you +++

You are asked to review the following information as soon as possible and to reply directly to Bill Kelsey, N8ET by September 30. Short time! Some of you may have already gotten an e-mail similar to this one directly from N8ET. This version has been slightly revised and updated.

The Findlay Radio Club is considering sponsoring the 2009 Great Lakes Division Convention in the latter part of next year. The Convention would be in a non-traditional format, and would not be held in conjunction with the Findlay Hamfest. We are trying to minimize costs for attendees by doing some non-traditional things. We are looking into a low or zero rental cost facility. The start time would be mid-morning so that most attendees could drive to Findlay that day rather than staying in a hotel. The noontime meal would be quite informal, quite possibly a box lunch rather than a sit-down affair. We might consider an off-site late afternoon banquet with an interesting speaker at a decent (but in-expensive) restaurant.

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Next Meeting — November 10 — Nominations

CLUB DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Tom Tincknell/N8ZI (586) 651-7239
Vice President	Alec Beardsley/NF8X (586) 873-8841
Recording Secretary	Ann Manor/KT8F (586) 751-3893
Treasurer	Dennis Gaboury/W8DFG (586) 465-7126
Membership Secretary	Joe Kennedy/N8OZ (586) 977-7222
Board Member	Walt Gracey/WB8E (586) 777-2954
Board Member	Ray Anderson/K8RDJ (586) 979-4456
Board Member	Ken Riley/N8UO (586) 751-4949
Past President	Chuck Perushek/N8ZA (586) 557-4983

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ARRL Liaison	Bill/N8SA
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Door Prizes	-OPEN-
Editor	Joe/K8OEF (586) 781-0050
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Health & Welfare	Rob/KD8ENP (248) 816-2222
Historian	Jerry/K8CFY (586) 791-4484
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Net Manager	Bob/N8ZY (586) 978-1682
Photographer	Wes/KD8DHS
Program Director	Alec/NF8X (586) 873-8841
Public Relations Officer	Ken/N8KC (248) 652-1187
Refreshments	Walt/WB8E; & Alec/NF8X
Repeater Trustee	Dennis/W8DFG (586) 465-7126
Swap Director	Larry, N8NIC (586) 864-4563
Technical Director	Jim/W1IK (586) 771-4135
Technicians	KA8D; W8IC; 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	Joe/K8OEF*	Alec/NF8X*
Phil/W8IC	Joe/N8OZ*	Chuck/N8ZA*
Jim/W1IK	Floyd/W8RO	Tom/N8ZI*

PROGRAMMERS

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

Still Going

Joe, K8OEF

November! What does that mean? The swap is over; we turn the clocks back (on the 2nd); nominations for club officers takes place at the General Meeting and to make it feel like winter is surely on its way, Ann, KT8F has her article on Page 3 regarding this year's Christmas Party. And let us not forget the election of our next U.S. President to take office in January.

73 for now.



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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.

Christmas Party Saturday, December 13, 2008

Ann, KT8F

THIS YEAR'S Christmas Dinner Party Gala will take place at our meeting place, the Elk's Club in Mt. Clemens. The date is Saturday, December 13. Cocktails will be available at 6:30 PM; dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. We are happy to announce that, as in the past, a great buffet dinner is to be catered by Zucarro's. Their food, from experience, has always been most excellent. We will be served chicken with artichoke sauce and roast beef. Also included are a pasta dish, potatoes and vegetables, salad, rolls/butter, and cake for dessert. Coffee and tea are provided.

The price for this wonderful evening is \$17.00 per person. There will be a cash bar. Note: Please remember to tip your bartenders as this not included as part of the meal.

Once again, by many requests, we will hold the White Elephant Gift Exchange. It has been an enjoyable event in the past. This is voluntary—bring a gift, get a gift. The gift could be something you have around the house, but don't need or want. Funny gifts are often fought over. It should be something someone else could conceivably want. How this works: you draw a number and when it is called (serially), you get to pick a present, OR, you may go and steal someone else's present. That person then has to pick another present from the table. However, if you get something pretty cool, someone may

come and get yours! So then, back to the table you go. Since the first person up (number 1) doesn't have a chance to pick (steal) a gift from someone else, that lucky person gets that chance after all the other numbers have been called. Obviously, it is a good thing to draw a high number, as most of the gifts have been opened and you can go grab someone else's instead if you want. If you decide to purchase something, a \$15.00 value is suggested. No name tags on the packages!

It only gets better! We are pleased to announce that throughout the evening, our own professional entertainer, "Island Phil" (KD8GVO) has agreed to provide live music for your entertainment. He sure was a big hit last year.

Make your reservations with Ann Manor, KT8F. Contact Ann at (586) 751-3893, or kt8f@wideopenwest.com, or you can mail your reservations to: Ann Manor, 4865 Bates Dr., Warren, MI 48092. Make checks payable to USECA. You can also contact Dennis, W8DFG, if that is more convenient. Cut-off date is Monday, December 8 (December's General meeting). Unfortunately, we cannot accept reservations beyond that date, as we need to provide the caterer with the number of meals by Tuesday. Hope to see you there!

Read and Comment—From Page 1

The convention would finish early enough so that most people could return home that night.

We would probably have two series of sessions of about one hour each. One series would include the standard ARRL Convention sessions—meet the officers, Q&A, ARRL Board, Headquarters, Division, Section activities; and programs like new technology, DXing, etc. The second series would be aimed at the newer hams in the Division. This would give the Convention an "Elmering" theme to provide some of the material that always seems to be missing from a typical licensing course. We would hope that when a new ham leaves at the end of the day, he or she would have a better idea of what Ham Radio has to offer besides the local 2 meter repeater. They would have much more information on how to do some of these other activities, like how to set up an HF station, how to make a QSO on HF, how to get started on VHF, or digital modes, or ATV, or Satellites, or...You get the idea. The scope of the sessions would be broad enough that even the old timers would pick up something new.

Before we commit to the work involved running a convention, we would like to know if anyone would come to an event like this. If this sounds like something you or members of your local club would take a day to attend, please let me know (via e-mail at n8et@arrl.net) by September 30. If we get a good response, we will move forward. If no one is interested, we have plenty of other things to do!

Thanks for your input, and hope to hear from a lot of you!

73—Bill—N8ET (n8et@arrl.net)—Findlay Radio Club

Tnx, 73,

Jim Weaver, K8JE
Director, Great Lakes Division

Meeting Minutes—From Page 1

Health and Welfare: Rob, KD8ENP stated he had sent a card to Brian, KC8DIR's wife Laura. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Old business: none.

New business: none.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dennis and 2nd by Alec, motion carried, meeting adjourned at: 9:05 PM.

Minutes taken by Alec and transcribed by Ann.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Manor, KT8F, Recording Secretary.

**General Meeting — October 13, 2008**

In attendance:

Tom, N8ZI	President
Alec, NF8X	Vice-President
Ann, KT8F	Recording Secretary
Dennis, W8DFG	Treasurer
Joe, N8OZ	Membership Secretary
Walt, WB8E	Board Member
Ray, K8RDJ	Board Member
Ken, N8UO	Board Member
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Meeting called to order by the President at 7:32: PM.

Introductions were made, new members, visitors and upgrades recognized.

Motion made to accept the minutes as printed in the Express made by Steve, N8XO and 2nd by Jim, WY8I, motion carried.

No Treasurer's report.

Membership: Joe, N8OZ: 150 members

Webmaster: Alec NF8X stated he has been elected by the board to be the new webmaster, taking over for Brad, N8VI. Brief report given on the web status.

Express: Joe, K8OEF – no report.

Technical Committee: no report.

ARRL Liaison: Bill, N8SA – reported on recent ARRL events and encouraged people to join. Talked about PRB 1.

Field Day: Larry, W8NIC reported on the current status – good responses received – many reservations. Larry has tickets. Needs volunteers.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Paul, AA8OZ – provided info regarding the upcoming JODA and the Bramble outings. Asked for operators to come and support these events.

Ann, KT8F provided details about the upcoming Christmas Party, to be held Saturday, December 13. See article elsewhere in this issue for information.

Thanks to Walt, WB8E and crew for providing tonight's eat-before-you-meet dinner.

51 members and visitors were present.

Business portion of the meeting concluded at: 8:10 PM

Tonight's program provided by Bill, N8SA and Steve, N8XO. They provided a report on this year's field day.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Manor, KT8F, Recording Secretary

**Daylight Time**

Starting in 2007, daylight time begins in the United States on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. On the second Sunday in March, clocks are set ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, which becomes 3:00 a.m. local daylight time. On the first Sunday in November, clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time. These dates were established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. no. 109-58, 119 Stat 594 (2005).

Not all places in the U.S. observe daylight time. In particular, Hawaii and most of Arizona do not use it. Indiana adopted its use beginning in 2006.

Many other countries observe some form of "summer time", but they do not necessarily change their clocks on the same dates as the U.S.

Daylight time and time zones in the U.S. are defined in the U.S. Code, Title 15, Chapter 6, Subchapter IX - Standard Time.

[Internet]

In the past few years, Daylight Time changed the last Sunday in October which was the day of our swap—that is no longer true, so be sure to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 2—(fall back).

[Ed.]

USECA Net Points										
CALL	NAME	VHF	HF	TOTAL		CALL	NAME	VHF	HF	TOTAL
KT8F	ANN	3	0	3		W8RO	FLOYD	2	0	2
KD8IJ	AMEL	3	0	3		W8PIE	RAY	0	2	2
KD8HTT	DAN	3	0	3		NJ8F	JIM	0	2	2
AC8BY	RICHARD	3	0	3		N8IEZ	PAUL	0	2	2
WU8V	KURT	3	0	3		W8SJ	DICK	0	2	2
W0JBC	JAY	3	0	3		KZ8N	BOB	2	0	2
WK8A	JOHN	3	0	3		W2TJT	TOM	0	2	2
N8UA	JIM	1	2	3		W3BMK	KARL	0	2	2
N8RAR	WAYNE	1	2	3		N8QLQ	PAT	2	0	2
N8JGU	MIKE	3	0	3		N8VVP	KEITH	0	2	2
KA8LGI	DARRELL	1	2	3		N8CEU	ERIC	2	0	2
N8NKY	ED	1	2	3		N8UZE	DEE	0	2	2
N8MCD	JIM	1	2	3		W8IC	PHIL	0	2	2
KD8FFJ	KEITH	1	2	3		KD8INN	RICHARD	2	0	2
KW8J	LEO	1	2	3		VE3TQT	KEN	0	2	2
KD8CLE	JOHN	0	2	2		VE3RNG	JIM	0	2	2
WA8ZBX	BILL	0	2	2		W1BIC	SCOTT	0	2	2
KD8GWY	ROB	0	2	2		KD8HVN	RAY	0	2	2
KD8DYA	HAROLD	0	2	2		W8UVS	JOE	0	2	2
W8WRB	BILL	2	0	2		VE3GMI	GLEN	0	2	2
W0DJM	DAVE	0	2	2		VE3MPH	JOHN	2	0	2
KD8FVP	BRENT	2	0	2		VE3CCI	BRAD	2	0	2
WB8YZN	CHRIS	0	2	2		VA6AN	ALEN	0	2	2
KB8WMB	GLEN	0	2	2		VA3TVW	TOM	0	2	2
AB8WL	JOE	0	2	2		KF4T	TED	0	2	2
AB8XE	JEFF	0	2	2		N8FVH	MIKE	2	0	2
K8DRV	BILL	0	2	2		KD8HMT	TERRY	2	0	2
K8DT	JOE	0	2	2						
K8IH	JAMES	0	2	2						
K8MMB	ED	0	2	2						
K8SJE	PAUL	0	2	2						
K8WW	DAVE	0	2	2						
WI5BUD	GEORGE	0	2	2						
KB2SLE	EARL	0	2	2						
KC2QZR	JOE	0	2	2						
KB8LFE	JIM	2	0	2						
KD0CVT	JEFF	0	2	2						
KB8ZXW	JOHN	0	2	2						
KD8HNW	SEAN	2	0	2						
KC2QXE	STEVE	0	2	2						
KC4FXV	JOE	0	2	2						
KC8HMJ	RICH	0	2	2						
KC8KYW	JOHN	0	2	2						
KC8OJT	CLARENCE	2	0	2						
KC8TTQ	DAVID	2	0	2						
KC8WBB	JACK	0	2	2						
WD8CYB	DUANE	2	0	2						
KB3Z	MARK	0	2	2						
W8MJ	KEN	0	2	2						
W1RGO	SPENCER	0	2	2						
KG4PAG	TOM	0	2	2						
W8JOQ	JAMES	0	2	2						
KI4UAS	JERRY	0	2	2						
KI8ES	PHIL	0	2	2						
								Submitted by Bob, N8ZY		

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	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**
WEEK	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz
1	KD8CXJ	W1IK
2	N8ZA	N8EB
3	KW8Z	N8ZI
4	WB8E	-OPEN-
5*	KT8F	-OPEN-

*If applicable

**Traders/Tech Support

Updated 12/07

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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NOVEMBER 2008

"The Happenin' Club"

Club Activities

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
NOV	10	7:30 pm	General Meeting—Nominations
NOV	17	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
DEC	8	7:30 pm	General Meeting—Elections
DEC	13	6:30 pm	USECA 21st Annual Christmas Party
DEC	15	7:00 pm	VE Test Session

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