



USECA EXPRESS



Michigan's Largest and Most Active Amateur Radio Club

UTICA SHELBY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, INC. Volume 25, Number , September 2009

USECA Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting—June 1, 2009

In attendance:

Bill, N8SA	President
Rob, NY8W	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
Walt, WB8E	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: 7:33 PM.

Last month's BOD meeting minutes read by Ann. Motion to accept the minutes of the last BOD meeting made by Rob, supported by Dennis, motion carried.

Treasurer's report provided by Dennis. Motion to accept made by Ann and supported by Walt, motion carried.

Membership: Joe – 145 members.

No web master report.

Technical report: Jim, W1IK – we currently have an adequate quota of control ops. Jim brought the service monitor to demonstrate it to the BOD.

Dennis stated that we have had a question from a member regarding the spectrum analyzer that was owned by the club in approximately 1996. The analyzer was not in use by the club at the time. At the time, the board discussed the issue and authorized the sale, with the proceeds going to the club's coffers.

Bill stated he has several thumb drives to be offered to Field Day chairs for their data collection. The drives are to be returned to Bill after the event.

Trustee: Dennis W8DFG – discussed some recent interference issues. No actions were required as the interference stopped. A new control operator, Bill, N8SA has been added.

FD: Bill stated we are up to 15A. Dennis has possibly lined up a portable shower, which would be borrowed from a church. If this does occur, a donation container may be set up, with the proceeds going to the church. Bill passed out field day site maps.

The Yeasu 857D has been obtained for the raffle. Tickets will be printed up next week and will be available soon for purchase.

Old Business:

Larry requested copies of old QST's as he has been dropping them off at various sites and they appear to be well received.

New Business:

Ann announced her resignation as Recording Secretary, to take effect September 1, 2009.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Larry, and 2nd by Joe, motion carried, meeting adjourned at: 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Manor, KT8F, Recording Secretary.

You are cordially invited to
Actively Participate & Assist
in our
Annual Swap & Shop
Sunday, October 25, 2009
Complete Details
In this "Express"
This is Your Club,
Its Success Depends
On YOU!

Next Meeting — September 14th

CLUB DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Bill Chesney/N8SA (586) 468-0106
Vice President	Rob Lifton/NY8W (248) 797-2264
Recording Secretary	—OPEN—
Treasurer	Dennis Gaboury/W8DFG (586) 465-7126
Membership Secretary	Joe Kennedy/N8OZ (810) 385-2990
Board Member	Jim Odam/WY8I (586) 879-3127
Board Member	Larry Logarta/W8NIC
Board Member	Chuck Perushek/N8ZA (586) 557-4983
Past President	Walt Gracey/WB8E (586) 596-9547

COMMITTEES

ARRL Liaison	Bill/N8SA
Awards Manager	Bob/N8ZY (586) 978-1682
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Editor	Joe/K8OEF (586) 781-0050
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Public Relations Officer	Ken/N8KC (248) 652-1187
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Repeater Trustee	Dennis/W8DFG (586) 465-7126
Swap Director	Jeff/KD8CIA
Technical Director	Jim/W1IK (586) 771-4135
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*	Joe/N8OZ*	Alec/NF8X*
Jim/W1IK	Floyd/W8RO	Chuck/N8ZA*

PROGRAMMERS

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

Still Going

Joe, K8OEF

Vacation is over and we're back. But, it's a very special time to be back because the entire editorial staff has decided to award another *Golden Crystal*.

This award goes to Ann, KT8F. Ann has been a dedicated USECA member longer than I can remember and I go back 15 years. She has put in countless hours of time, energy and talent to make this club what it is today. Words cannot fully describe all her accomplishments.

The entire editorial staff congratulates Ann and wishes her the best of luck and good fortune.

Now the sad side—the club needs a Recording Secretary to fill Ann's vacant position on the Board since she resigned effective September 1.

73 for now.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE!

Joe, N8OZ

Just a friendly reminder from your Membership Secretary—Don't forget to include a SASE if you want your membership card mailed to you (r-e-a-d the membership application).

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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.

**24th Annual
Utica-Shelby Emergency Communications
Association**



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OCTOBER 25, 2009

Doors open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

New and Used Sales

Radio Test Bench

VE Test Session (From 8am to 10am **ONLY)**

Many Great Door Prizes

Hang Out With Other Hams

Food and Fun

Join in the Buffet Dinner Starting at 12 Noon

Admission is \$5.00 at the Door

Contact Jeff, KD8CIA, (586) 873-9198 or kd8cia@gmail.com

Talk-in on the USECA Repeater 147.180 – PL 100 Hz

**American Polish Century Club
33204 Maple Lane Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48312-6212
1 Mile East of M-53, Just North of 14 Mile Rd.**

A Blast From The Past—USECA Express, December, 2005

Meaningful Entry-Level License Privileges Are Top Priority, ARRL Says

NEWINGTON, CT, Nov 1, 2005--The ARRL again has urged the FCC to provide meaningful operating privileges to entry-level Amateur Radio licensees, including access to HF, even if it doesn't want to create a new license class. Commenting in response to the FCC's July 9 Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235, the League also stood by its stance that the Commission retain the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for Amateur Extra applicants, but do away with it for General applicants.

"Retaining Morse telegraphy as a requirement for only the Amateur Extra class license, in ARRL's view, places Morse telegraphy in a proper, balanced perspective," the League told the Commission October 31, the deadline to comment in the proceeding. Reply comments are due November 14.

The FCC's NPRM&O proposed eliminating the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes but denied requests to create a new entry-level license class with limited HF privileges. The League said the FCC needs to finish the job of license restructuring it began in 1998 by reviewing operating privileges for all classes--especially at the first rung of the licensing ladder.

"The elimination of Morse telegraphy, absent a more thorough review of operating privileges in the Amateur Service, will not address the ascertained flaws in the only entry-level license class," the ARRL asserted, referring to the Technician license. "That license class is not attracting or keeping newcomers in its present configuration, and it needs fixing right now."

The ARRL argued that if the FCC will not create a new Novice class license as the League had suggested in its earlier Petition for Rule Making (RM-10867) in the proceeding, it should modify Technician operating privileges instead. The present licensing regime limits Technicians to VHF bands and above, "leaving newcomers to the Amateur Service isolated from their peers holding higher class licenses," the ARRL said. "The Technician class is, for too many, a 'dead end' to what might otherwise be an active, progressive interest in Amateur Radio, technical self-training and incentive-based educational progress in the many facets of the avocation."

The ARRL reminded the FCC that its restructuring plan enjoyed the support the two Amateur Radio licensees in Congress--Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR) and Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR).

Eliminating the Morse requirement for General class applicants "creates an anomaly with respect to the

Technician class license," the ARRL noted. "If the telegraphy requirement for the General class license is eliminated, the distinction between the Technician class licensee and the Technician Plus class licensee will have disappeared completely." Therefore, the League contends, there is a logical basis for affording Technician licensees entry-level HF privileges.

Those privileges would be very basic under the League's plan, which takes into account the FCC's proposal to adopt the ARRL's so-called "Novice reformatting" plan in WT Docket 04-140. The ARRL had earlier proposed the same privileges for a reconstituted Novice license.

Under the ARRL plan, Technicians would have telegraphy and data privileges on 3.55-3.7 MHz, 7.05-7.125 MHz and 21.05-21.20 MHz at 100 W output and on 28.05-28.3 MHz at 50 W output. The League wants the FCC to provide HF phone and image privileges to Technicians on 3.9-4.0 MHz, 7.2-7.3 MHz and 21.35-21.45 MHz at 100 W output, and on 28.3-28.5 MHz at 50 W.

The time is right to take a look at the operating privileges of Amateur Radio license classes, the ARRL said in its filing, "because the entry-level license class is demonstrably neither attractive to newcomers nor encouraging in terms of retaining the interest of license holders."

To back up its assertions, the League pointed to surveys it conducted in 1992 and 2003. Nearly half of the licensees responding in the latter poll indicated that they were not currently active in Amateur Radio--up 30 percent from the earlier survey. "The number of inactive Technician class licensees is 46 percent," the ARRL noted, adding that more than a quarter of Technicians responding in 2003 said they'd never even been on the air.

The League pointed out that the FCC's proposed across-the-board elimination of the Morse requirement eliminates a simple mechanism for current Technician licensees to obtain HF operating privileges--passing the 5 WPM code exam.

If the FCC does nothing other than eliminate the Morse requirement for the General license, the ARRL commented, it would make no sense to continue to deprive Technician licensees the HF operating privileges that Tech Plus licensees now enjoy.

"To do otherwise is to draw a distinction that is entirely arbitrary," the League concluded.

—Submitted by Dave, W8RIT

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

*If applicable

**Traders/Tech Support

Updated 12/09

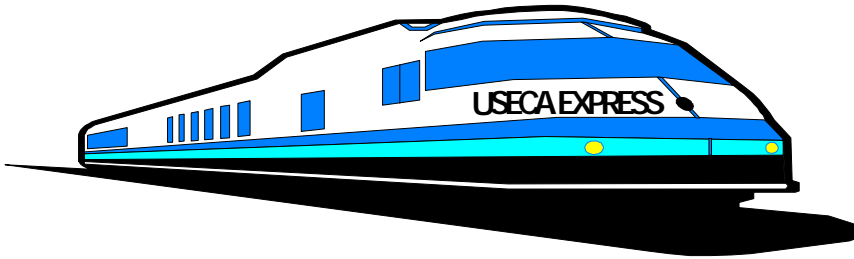
NCO's—If you're unable to take your net please get a replacement or contact Chuck, N8ZA (586) 557-4983—Don't wait!

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SEPTEMBER 2009

"The Happenin' Club"

Club Activities

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
SEP	14	7:30 pm	General Meeting
SEP	21	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
OCT	12	7:30 pm	General Meeting
OCT	19	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
OCT	25	8:00 am	USECA 24th Annual Swap
NOV	6	7:30 pm	General Meeting—Nominations
NOV	13	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
DEC	TBA		USECA 22nd Annual Christmas Party
DEC	14	7:30 pm	General Meeting—Elections
DEC	21	7:00 pm	VE Test Session

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