

# Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

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## **President's Note:**

Hello, fellow hams! The editor is off on vacation this month. This is going to be a "special" issue without KC8QOV's expert editing skills. You'll also notice this issue reflects your delivery choice.

Wow, it's going to be March in just a few days. BRAARC has much to do over the next few months. We need you to help us make these events a success. An old friend once said... We can't have Success without u.

I'd like to highlight a few of these events for you. Hopefully, you'll join us. The club breakfast is fast approaching on February 27, 2010 at 9am at Sharon's restaurant in Rogers Heights. That same day the 4H technology kids are meeting at the McKay's house to work on projects. Next we have the club meeting on March 4, 2010 at 7PM at the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety Building, 435 N. Michigan in Big Rapids. The presentation Topic is "APRS - how does Automatic Packet Reporting Systems work" or "Where am I?" Sounds fun!

Don't forget that April 10, 2010 is "Ham in a Day" and VE testing. We are going to need help with this event for sure. There is much to do to get ready and we need volunteers for a variety of jobs. We need help to coordinate advertising and registrations. We have locations available and a few VE's committed but we still need more help.

This year's banquet on May 7, 2010 is at a new and exciting location. "The Rock" at Ferris State University will host our gathering this year. The cost per person will be \$8. This unique dining experience will let you see how today's college student dines in style. Gone are the days of "Animal House" and "chipped beef on toast."

Spring is on its way and we hope to see all of you soon and many of our fun events.

Happy Hamming!  
Mike, KD8DIB

## **BRAARC Emergency Committee & ARES / RACES Update**

Dear ARES/RACES MEMBER

Let us first introduce ourselves. We are N8NJA, Bill Kelso, and KD8DHZ. Steve Cowan. Steve is the Amateur Radio Emergency Coordinator for Mecosta County, and Bill holds the same position in Osceola County.

With the departure of Tom Behler, KB8TYJ, there was a big change in the leadership of the ARES/RACES program in Mecosta and Osceola Counties. Neither of us have the experience in this area that Tom had accumulated in his many years of heading up the program. However, we are committed to keeping the program alive and hope you also have that commitment.

As an ARES or RACES member you could be called upon to provide communication for various Government Agencies or non Government organizations. Also you could be asked to provide communications during some public events. .

For us as ham radio operators to be able to provide this service we do need some training. Depending on the level you wish to participate in ARES/RACES determines the amount of training you would need.

We will be holding a training sessions in Reed City at the Osceola County Emergency Operations Center. It is located at 4325 220<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Patterson Road, Look for the Health Department sign) This session will take place on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 a.m. and will last until 3:00 p.m. with a break for lunch.

We hope you are still willing to keep your commitment to ARES/RACES and we encourage you to attend. Please let us know if you plan on attending by contacting either of us on the Big Rapids 146.74 repeater or Cadillac 146.98 repeater. You can also email Bill at [bk8nja@att.net](mailto:bk8nja@att.net) and Steve at [doorman444@gmail.com](mailto:doorman444@gmail.com). You can call Steve at 989-382-9452 and Bill at 231-743-6092.

Also you can join us on the ARES/RACES NET on the Big Rapids 146.74 repeater. This net is held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00 p.m.

Best regards,

Steve, KD8DHZ  
Bill, N8NJA



## **BRAARC Meeting Minutes**

Big Rapids Amateur Area Radio Club  
MINUTES 2/4/10

Called to order: 7:05 by President Mike KD8DIB, Mike had the guest introduce themselves, Leon KC8ACO guest from Remus

### **Announcements:**

Annual Club dues: 19 paid members

March Meeting: APRS- Where am I?

**Treasurers Report-** Val KD8IAM- approved

**Secretary Report-** Shila KD8IAL- approved

**Repeater Report-** no report

**Winter Field Day-** Jeff K8OE-2 participants, made some contacts

**Special Service Club Status-** Shila KD8IAL will check to put meeting in the pioneer

**Old Business-** Club Annual Dinner- The Rock at Ferris \$8/per person, approved

Memorial for Jim N8PUG- \$50 donated to Adams Trust Fund and donations, approved

Ham In a Day/VE session- George will get a hold of Bill Kelso to serve as VE coordinator/trainer. Mike KD8DIB will get the place to hold it in APRIL 10, 2010

**New Business-** 4 QSL,s from field day, David KC8WGA will send postcards back

A Thank You Note from Project Starburst

**Program-** club members showed their projects they were working on or have finished.

**Snacks-March-** no treats

### **Miscellaneous**

Jens KC8OIV won the 50/50 drawing

Patricia KD8GGD won net drawing

Adjourned

Submitted by (interim secretary) Joe KD8KPS

The final membership count for 2010 is twenty two paid members. There is still time to renew and support the club.

<b>BRAARC MEMBERSHIP</b>			
<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
Name:			
Call:	Class:	Phone:	
address:			
City:	State:	ZIP:	Email:
ARRL Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Newsletter: <input type="checkbox"/> US Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Website – minimizes postage and printing costs		
<b>SPOUSE INFORMATION IF JOINT MEMBERSHIP</b>			
Name:			
Call:	Class:	Email:	
<b>LICENSED CHILDREN</b>			
Name:	Call:	Class:	
<b>DUES / DONATION</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (\$25) <input type="checkbox"/> College Student(\$12.50) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth(free if oldest licensed family member<18 yrs)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Club Patch _____ X \$5 each - The club patch supports the repeater systems operated by the club.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation – general support for the club. <input type="checkbox"/> Repeater Donation – supports club repeaters			
<b>Total:</b>			

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. Please submit dues by the regular February club meeting to prevent accidental removal from club roster.

Membership forms can be sent to BRAARC, PO Box 343, Paris, MI 49338

**Feb-Mar 2010**  
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