

Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, June is almost over! We had the most successful Field Day that I've witnessed since moving to Big Rapids ten years ago. Unofficially, there were over 900 contacts made. There were a lot of people who helped make our 2012 Field Day be so successful, but my special thanks goes to Jeff Sell, our Vice President, who led this project for the club.

On a personal note: my youngest daughter completed her first year at Ferris including one summer class and ended up with a 3.17 GPA. That is over one point higher than her father had his first year of college! Gregory came back on Saturday afternoon from a week-long church camp that is down in Dowling (near Battle Creek) – so he did not make Field Day due to being so worn out.

At our next meeting, Jeff Sell will run a documentary video about a WWII submarine. While this is unrelated to amateur radio, it is a story that will be interesting to all. It received several Emmy awards as a documentary film. Feel free to bring members of your family to see this production.

At the August meeting, Larry Camp (WB8R), ARRL Section manager for Michigan, will talk about the future of the ARRL and amateur radio.

I Hope to see you at the next club meeting on Thursday, July 5th at the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety.

73s,

Jim

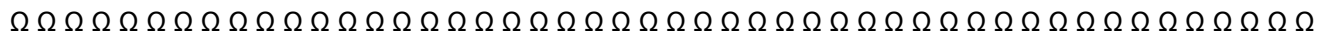
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BRAARC Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 7, 2012

1. Please sign up to be net control.
2. Field Day Breakfast – June 23rd at Sharon's Restaurant 9 am
3. Next Monthly Club Breakfast – June 30th at Sharon's Restaurant 9am
4. Next Monthly Meeting July 5th at 7 pm – BR Department of Public Safety

5. Jeff Sell has one more antenna kit for sale – contact him if you are interested in purchasing it.
6. Some of the books from the estate of Bill Eckels are on sale (for a donation).
7. Jeff Sell talked about final plans for Field Day. We need many volunteers to make this a success.
8. We all took a ham radio quiz.
9. Jeff Sell showed two short videos - one on D-Star and one of images of the Earth.
10. Jeff Sell and Mike McKay are planning to hike a portion of the North Country Trail. They hope to have 2 teams (4 hikers) – contact either member if you are interested in joining them.
11. Both the Secretary’s Report and the Treasurer’s Report were accepted.
12. Jeff Sell and Mike McKay visited the 6 meter site. They did some minor adjustments to the 6 meter repeater. They are proposing a 6-meter round table to be held at 7:30 pm on Thursdays.
Join them if you’d like.
13. The next Emergency Committee Meeting will be in September. Summer meetings have been canceled.
14. Check out some of the new website items. Mike McKay has been working on scanning QSL cards from Bill Eckles and creating a QSL museum. Any help you could provide to Mike in chipping away at this very large undertaking would be appreciated. You could also

- upload some of your own QSL cards if you’d like. The FORUMS page is also a great new addition. If you have any information for the website – please send it along to Mike McKay.
15. Girls On The Run communications event went well- great cooperation by members and no emergencies to deal with.
 16. Gary Atteberry is home from the hospital following his surgery and appears to be feeling better.
 17. A club campout at Blodgett Landing in Hersey is being planned for July. Stay tuned for more details.
 18. The issue of club equipment insurance was discussed. Jim Woolen will look into other insurance carriers.
 19. Tom Behler proposed linking the 2 meter and the 440 repeaters. This may be tried in the future.
 20. Jim Woolen spoke to a vendor at the Dayton Hamvention concerning emergency vests. He hopes to have a sample and some prices very soon.
 21. Jeff Sell and Mike McKay presented a TECH corner on their experimentation with MESH.
 22. Bill Stankey won the 50/50 drawing.
 23. Bill Stankey volunteered to bring refreshments to the next meeting.



In all, approximately 350 runners participated in the race. This included the girls who were the officially-registered participants, and an additional significant number of friends and other family members who wanted a little exercise of their own on a very nice June Saturday morning.

As always, our group was complimented frequently on our skill in handling the communications, and our presence was greatly appreciated by the event organizers. I want to personally thank everyone for their help, and look forward to doing it again next year as this event continues to grow.

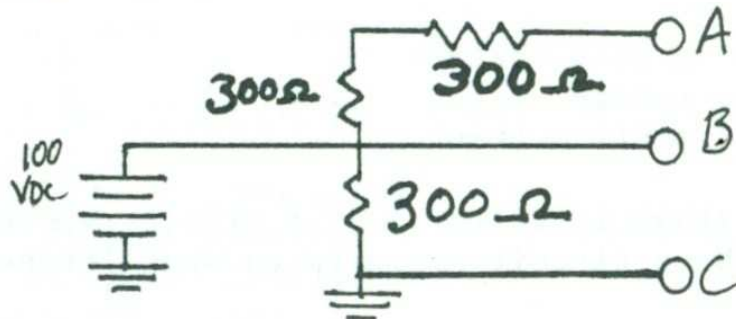
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Tech Corner/Brain Teaser:

This problem was taken from a 1986 FCC General Radio Telephone Test Book. See how sharp your circuit skills are. (Editor: there is a connection point in the middle even though it's not shown as a dot.)

What is the E between points A and C in this circuit?

- a. 0 Volts
- b. 33 Volts
- c. 66 Volts
- d. 50 Volts
- e. 100 Volts



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BREAKFAST

Saturday June 30, 2012
Sharon's Restaurant
Rogers Heights
9:00AM



Come Join Us!!!

Great Food and Drink!

7				8	4	1		5
9			5	2		8		3
5		2						
6					8	4		7
	3				7			
	4		1			6		
	7			6	1	5	4	
1							8	
	2	8	3	5				

This month's puzzle

4	2	1	5	3	8	6	7	9
8	9	3	4	6	7	1	2	5
5	6	7	9	1	2	8	3	4
6	3	2	1	8	9	4	5	7
7	1	5	2	4	3	9	6	8
9	4	8	7	5	6	2	1	3
2	5	6	8	7	4	3	9	1
3	7	4	6	9	1	5	8	2
1	8	9	3	2	5	7	4	6

Last month's solution

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