

Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

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Presidents Message

Gregory (KD8NRO) graduated from high school on June 1st. His "open house" party at Buffalo Wild Wings was a huge

success with about 125 people in attendance. He will be leaving for college at Bemidji State University in Minnesota late-August. He will major in Sport Management.

Caitlin returned from Scotland on Father's Day after a three-week study abroad trip. She really enjoyed the sights, learning about their culture, and interacting in actual elementary classrooms in Edinburgh. It was an awesome Father's Day for me just to have her back in Michigan. We picked her up at the airport and went to Longhorn restaurant on 28th street where we all had steak.

My youngest granddaughter, Christina, spent about 10 days in Italy as a member of a vocal performance group from her former high school. Her parents (my oldest daughter Melissa and son-in-law Chris) decided to join her for this exciting trip. Not only did her group get to perform in public, but they spent a lot of time touring Italy.

Today, I went to an orthopedic surgeon to find out what can be done for the torn lateral

meniscus in my knee. I will have arthroscopic surgery in the very near future. They will call me next week to set up an appointment.

Since I have a conference to attend next week in Chicago, the ARRL convention in mid-July, and take Gregory to Bemidji in late August, I may have to schedule it in September.

Gregory and I will be attending the ARRL National Convention in Hartford, Connecticut in July. In addition to convention activities, we will tour League headquarters and the W1AW station. This convention celebrates the 100th birthday of ARRL.

As the late Paul Harvey would say in his famous radio broadcasts – "now for the rest of the story..."

June's meeting was fairly well attended, and the presentation by Chris Vallette on emergency services provided by the Salvation Army was very informative and generated a lot of questions. Lt. Chris Karlin of the Salvation Army also attended and fielded several questions. The connection between amateur

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radio and their disaster services was also discussed.

Please volunteer to conduct a net as it is not hard and it is a lot of fun. The two meter net is every Tuesday at 9 PM and the 440 net is every Sunday at 7:30 PM. The script (preamble) for conducting the net is on the BRAARC Web site. Also, one can be provided in print, if needed.

Even though we are not holding a club meeting in July due to the Fourth of July holiday, please join us for breakfast with your fellow hams on June 28th at Sharon's Restaurant in Rogers Heights. I hope to see all of you at our next monthly meeting on August 7th. I will be arranging a speaker.

May God bless and watch over each of you.
73s,
Jim
K4UIH

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June 2014 Meeting Minutes: Unavailable

Announcements:

Saturday, June 28, Breakfast at Sharon's in Rogers Heights, 9A.M.

Thursday, July 3, NO JULY MEETING Due to 4th of July week-end

Club will not participate in Field Day, See invite from Lowell Amateur Radio Club.

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Lowell Amateur Radio Club Invite to Field Day

This year the Lowell Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is holding Field Day at our Morley receive site. The Lowell repeater on 145.27-(94.8Hz) has a remote receiver NE of Morley. Note this is receive only, the transmitter and main receiver is 5 miles north of Lowell. This site also hosts K8SN repeater 442.075+(103.5Hz) which is tied by internet to the K8SN repeater in Moline 442.175+(103.5Hz).

It is 10 acres with a 250 foot tower owned by T&W Electronics of Grand Rapids.

LARC is extending an invitation to BRAAC members, and any hams for that matter, to join us. If to stay for a quick visit or stay the weekend or anything in between. We start setup Friday evening June 27, operation begins 2PM Saturday June 28, ends 2PM Sunday June 29.

Location is just south of the intersection of 4 Mile and 155th Ave, on the east side, in Deerfield Township. Use the address 3800 155th Ave, Morley, Mi 49332. Just go to the base of the 250 ft tower and you're there. We are also listed on the ARRL Field Day locator <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> which also has contact information.

73 Jack NY8D

Lowell Amateur Radio Club <http://www.w8lrc.org>

Peter N. Chesebrough, W8PET, Silent Key

October 7, 1941—May 16, 2014

Pete was one of our most active and supportive members. Outside of club and amateur radio activities he was active in a number of community service organizations and was dedicated to assisting each in any way he could. He was known as a far sighted member of the Big Rapids Planning and Zoning board and was a back stage and on stage member of Stage M, which he supported with gifts of stage equipment including lighting boards and sound equipment.

As a Big Rapids Rotary Club president he wrote the first comprehensive handbook for the club. He provided many hours of work and also donated an over-the-road truck and other equipment to the local Recycle organization. He never mentioned these activities and was noted for his modesty and quiet demeanor. There were other activities that he didn't want mentioned but his influence was positive with each organization he touched. His stint as a submariner impressed me with some of the spooky assignments he completed.

I became acquainted with Pete in 1989 when I was introduced to him by the Dean of Ferris's Technology college. He taught digital electronics, and was a Stanford University graduate where he earned an Electrical Engineering degree.

Probably because each of us seemed to be interested in just about everything we got to be close friends. He discovered that I had been a ham but had let my ticket lapse. He persisted in seeing to it that I took the exam and started back into ham radio. He was a very active member in the Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club. His old call, KB4CCE, was replaced with the familiar W8PET.

To this day I don't know how much equipment he donated but there had to be several CAT 1000 repeater controllers, radios and power supplies. When the two-meter tower blew down, he saw to it that our company Omnitrack, bought the tower owners, SKE's Tower Communications, a new tower.

Pete was one of the nicest, most generous people I ever knew. When he learned he had some sort of health problem he and his wife Carol decided that their house of Madison was too big and they moved to Ludington.

It was there that he learned that he had a brain tumor. He valiantly fought the tumor but finally died May 16. Our last words to each other, two days before he passed away were ones of affection. He was a brave man and I will never forget the friendship we shared. His legacy was of good works and good friends.

Don MacConnel
WA4FRJ

Estate Sale of K8UK Dick Yager

Icom 7410 HF 6-160	995.00
National Transceiver NCX-5 Believed working	95.00
National Transceiver NCX-5 Believed working	95.00
National Power supply NCXA Not working	10.00
Kenwood TM241A FM 2meter	90.00
Uniden CB Pro 5	15.00
12 v 30 amp power supply	45.00
2 ele butterfly yagi 20 meters	25.00
12 ele 440 satellite ant	45.00
12 ele 2 meter satellite ant	45.00
6 meter reduced size loop	25.00
Palomar 160-80 Loop	20.00
HyGain CDE 44 rotor and control box	75.00
HyGain CD II rotor and control box	75.00
Disc one antenna	5.00
2 satellite parabolic dish antenna 25.00ea or both	40.00
MFJ electronic CW keyer 407B	35.00
MFJ Artificial Ground	45.00
MFJ Voice Keyer 434	75.00
Bencher Iambic Chrome base CW paddle	85.00
Many Misc items new wire antenna windom, hallicrafters rec, Boxes, connectors, switches and cables, etc.	845.00

Approx 45 microphones which can be seen at www.benz-arp.org
"BARF photo's" tab then K8uk sale , for photos and text
Description. Will sell the remaining lots for 845.00 everything
listed may NOT be available, inspection encouraged. If no Package Lot
interest will sell at per item prices reflected in each desc plus 15 percent .
Pricing reflects "as is" condition most sales final.
Contact KG8CW Mike either by email kg8cw.home@gmail.com or
Phone 231 882 7936 or 147.040 pl 114.8

**Final sale of items not sold or Ebayed, will be July 26 during or after BARF
breakfast. Location is near Bronson lake if after.**

Breakfast

Saturday, June 28, 9A.M.

Sharon's Restaurant, Rogers Heights



The Rotary Club of Big Rapids



ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE

**SERVICE AVAILABLE
ON WEST AVENUE!**

Mecosta County Fair Grounds
1/2 Chicken, 1/4 Chicken Meals!
Tickets available at the door or from any Rotary Member.



Service Above Self

3 DAYS ONLY!
JULY 8, 9 & 10, 2014
from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

A Portion of
our proceeds
will be
donated to  **Wheatlake**
Cancer & Wellness Center

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