Prez Says

Hi, Everyone!

As I sit here and write this article to you, we are only a week away from our 2015 Field Day. This past week Bruce AC8KD, along with the tent captains, met to put the finishing touches on the operating and logging schedule. I cannot thank them enough as this is no easy task.

As you read this, our Field Day is in the books and, I am sure, it was the best one yet! I hope you were there because this event could not happen without the total commitment of the entire club.

Talking about Field Day, I want to thank Bruce for taking on this task – if you are a past chair of this event, you know all the work that is involved. Also, many thanks go to Bruce and Stan K8SB for their planning presentation at our June General Meeting. When you see Bruce, please congratulate him as many times we forget this after the last radio is packed in the club trailer.

Also, as I write this, we are a day away from the Monroe Swap at which our club will have a table. I want to thank Dale WA8FRD for once again heading this up for the club also the members who volunteered to help. This is another sure-fire way to get the MCRC known to the Section and the ham radio community and for generating new members. Thank You!

Don’t forget that our Fox Hunts are in full swing. The first hunt was won by our last year’s winners, Bruce AC8KD and Woody N8MWQ. The “Blue Box” strikes again! Please see Bruce for further details on our Fox Hunts.

Our July General Meeting promises to be very interesting with a presentation on “RFI & EMI” Part II to be presented by KW N8FNC.

I am sure, during the business part of the meeting, Bruce will give a preliminary update on Field Day 2015 results.

Please plan ahead and join us at the Annual Club Picnic to be held at Elizabeth Park, Trenton, on August 8th with a rain date of August 22nd. Listen to the repeater for Dale WA8FRD to give up-to-date information if it is raining. Thank you Gary W8GPR for, once again, securing the site for this event.
At our last meeting, we said our good byes and best wishes to long-time club members and past club presidents, Dave KC8OBH and Linda KC8PKY, who are moving out of state. We wish them well and we will miss them. I am sure they will check in to the club net when they can and we will see them down the log.

Last, but not least, it is time for you, the members, to start thinking about club nominations and elections. I have mentioned in past articles how important it is for members to step forward to help the club.

As you know, Bill W8KZP has volunteered to chair the nominating process. Also, Ruth WB8AFO and Linda KB8TOO have volunteered to oversee the election balloting. I want to personally thank each of them for taking on these tasks for the club.

So, with this said, begin to think about who you would like to see lead the club in the year to come. As in the past, we will have nominations at the September meeting with elections in October.

Let’s give some thought to what kind of presentations you would like to see next year and, better yet, volunteer to present one at a general meeting. It is my hope to give our new president a head start!

Our club can only be as good as “you”, the individual member, are willing to be an active part of it. As Vince Lombardi always said, “The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.”

Thank you again for your continued support of our club.

73,
Bill AC8KO

VE Examinations:

**Next VE Examination**

**July 11, 2015**

**2015 VE Schedule:**
Exams will start at 9AM and be at the Glenwood United Methodist Church in Wyandotte.
2130 Ford Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192

**No advance registration is required.**
Our exams are every other month the second Saturday at 9:00 AM beginning in January each year and at FD in June.

We also offer license renewal free for ARRL members, unless the license is a vanity call, in which case, the fee is $26.40.

73, Don Novak, K8THU
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Thank You,
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Don & XYL:

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2015 Fox Hunting Season:

Dave and Linda Mertz played our ‘Fox’ for the first Fox hunt of the 2015 season.

They found what proved to be a great location at the Jaycees handicapped park in Taylor, MI. bounded by a tall bluff that significantly attenuated signals to the North. Using low power from a hand held transceiver with a short antenna made the Fox a significant challenge to locate.

Shown in the results below, only 2 of the 4 teams successfully located this particular site. (Good hiding spot!)

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Dave: KC8OBH walks from the park pavilion where he 'Hid' while Linda: KC8PKY watches from her vehicle.

Shown above, the first team (Bruce and Woody….of course!) walk behind Dave at the end of the 1st 'hunt'.
A fond Farewell:

The club said a fond farewell to Dave and Linda Metz (KC8OBH & KC8PKY ) at our June meeting.

For many years both Dave and Linda have been mainstays of many MCRC activities with Linda running support for the annual spring bike tour, Dave leading the educational activities for training perspective new hams, and both serving as Fox Hunt boosters.

Dave and Linda enjoying an MCRC breakfast.

Teaching prospective new hams at Dearborn Heights Library.

At the June MCRC meeting, John (K8DHH) on right, presented an award for given for “club participation above and beyond expectations for all these years”.

We will miss both Dave and Linda, and wish them well in their new QTH, which they tell us has ‘lots of room for antennas’ on a large plot of land in northern Indiana.

Dave, thinking of a really large Rhombic!

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Meeting Minutes:

Motor City Radio Club
General Membership Meeting
June 5, 2015

President – Bill Loeber, AC8KO
Vice President – W. Kirkman, N8MWQ
Secretary – Chuck Smith, KD8WFS
Treasurer – Dale Poblenz, WA8FRD
Custodian – John Roberts, N8KAM
Trustee – Jim Baksa, KD8HFX
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Parliamentarian – B. Menning, AC8KD

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Club Roll Call: Members: 26

3. Acknowledgement of Guests: Guests: 2

4. Minutes from last meeting: Motion _Bob Rehahn AC8DZ_ Second _KW N8FNC_ Approved

5. President's Report: General welcome

6. Vice President’s Report: Reading of “How to become a member”

7. Secretary’s report: Status quo

8. Treasurer’s Report: Without objection, accepted subject to audit. Ray Arnold N8TYA, Linda Metz KC8PKY.

   This was your last chance to sign up and pay for a Field Day T-Shirt.

9. Committee/Coordinator Reports:

   ● Education - Kimball N8FNC. Would like to have another class. Need a classroom. Suggestions?
   ● Fox Hunts - Bruce AC8KD. Report on first Fox Hunt. Went very well. Next one June 20th.
   ● Net Manager/Emerg. Comms/Custodian – John N8KAM. Has Net Control Sheets for guest operators.
   ● Special Events/Publicity/History – Anne K8AE. Out sick. Please sign her get well card at desk.
   ● V E program – Don K8THU. Will test at 10am at Field Day, indoors.
   ● Spark Gap - Kimball N8FNC. As always, need articles and photographs. Keep them coming.
   ● Webmaster – Jim KD8HFX. Creating a “Donor Wall” on the club website. Work in progress.
   ● Field Day 2015 - Bruce AC8KD. Will address after the break.
   ● Librarian - Ray KD8DPZ. Reference and training material is available.

10. Awards/Recognition: Dave and Linda Metz will be leaving for Indiana soon.

   Award given for club participation above and beyond expectations for all these years. Presented by John K8DHH.

11. Refreshments: Coffee: Dale WA8FRD. Donuts: Bob AC8DK. Soda/Pop: Gary W8GPR.

12. New Members Announcements: Welcome to Walter Carter, KD8LWC

13. Unfinished Business:

14. NEW/Old BUSINESS:

   ● Annual Dinner: John K8DHH. (November). Will post survey shortly. Several questions to answer.
   ● Club Field Trip? Ideas? Volunteers? Woody N8MWQ has arranged a tour of the NWS site in White Lake.
   ● Possible dates are August 29th or September 26th. Can host 25 guests max. The first 25 to sign up will get a "great" tour.
   ● Meeting Location Change effective 09/15! Pass the word!
   ● MGST. John K8DHH. (Report). The club participation went so well the Downriver Cycling Club would like us to do it again next year. They were very pleased.
   ● Nominations. Bill W8KZP. Looking for volunteers? Contact Bill if you would like to run for club officer position.

15. Club/Board Announcements:

   Board meeting: Thursday June 18th - 1930 Big Boy, Wyandotte.
   Club Breakfast: Saturday June 20th - 0900 Leo’s Coney Island, Riverview. (Make Note: Location).

   Next meeting: July 10th, RFI & EMI. (Part 2). KW N8FNC.

16. Motion for a 15 Minute RECESS: Motion _Linda Metz KC8PKY_ Second _Ray Arnold N8TYA_ Y

17. Program: Field Day Prep. Bruce AC8KD. Bruce and Stan gave a comprehensive report on Field Day plans and expectations.

   Good training session on the logging software, including a CW demo. John K8DHH led discussion of GOTA and Satellite participation. ISS contact possible. Sandy, working on her Tech and not quite a member yet, has volunteered to do the cooking. Good explanation of what she has planned for the menu. Sounds good!

18. For the good of the club? John K8DHH suggested it was time for the club to buy a projector.

   Prices have come down to reasonable levels. Dale WA8FRD explained how the club website hosting has been extended for 3 years at the old rate.

   Prices were increasing significantly, but we were given an early renewal option.

19. Close meeting: Do I have a motion to adjourn? Yes.KW N8FNC, John N8KAM

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October “Hints & Kinks”!

The program for the October meeting is “Hints and Kinks – Show and Tell”.

I will be the master of ceremonies and some members will be the star presenters. This will be your opportunity to share with the club information about such things as a new piece of equipment, your discovery about new to you operating mode, your favorite QSO and/or QLS, A certificate that you are proud of and tell us what you had to do to earn it. If you had an experience with repairing a piece of gear or figured out how to track down some interference, share it with us.

So as to keep the program moving along I am asking that if you are interested in participating in the program please contact me as soon as possible. These programs work better if we can include pictures and actual objects in your presentation, if possible.

I will be preparing a presentation package which I will show for each presentation.

I will discuss with you the type of materials you will be using and any visual aids you would like to use.

I would like to have all information in my hands by September 15.

HINTS AND KINKS – SHOW AND TELL
A reminder that at the October meeting we will be presenting our Hints and Kinks – Show and Tell program. Please contact Stan, K8SB with your information about your presentation before September 15.
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2015 Meeting Schedule:
The following is the overall plan for Motor City Radio Club Meetings, Activities and Presentations for 2015.

Note: Some meeting plans are subject to change and we may take advantage of special opportunities to make changes if particularly interesting options present themselves.

July 10 – “EMI/RFI Part 2: Prevention”, N8FNC - kw
August 8 – Club Picnic / Rain Date August 22.
September 11 – Officer Nominations: Bill W8KZP
October 2 – Elections + "Hints & Kinks", Stan K8SB

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November 14 – Annual Dinner! John K8DHH (No Meeting)
December 4 - Christmas Celebration & New Year Goals

Members with suggestions for meeting topics and presentations should contact our President with details.

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MCRC General Meeting:
- **July 10, 2015 @ 7:30PM**
  Westfield Center
  2700 Westfield Road
  Trenton, MI 48183-2443

MCRC Club Breakfasts
- **July 18, 2015 @ 9AM**: (3rd Saturday of Each Month)
  Fox Hunt to follow immediately after!
  Leo’s Coney Island Restaurant
  19230 Fort St.
  Riverview, MI. 48193-6207

MCRC Board Meetings:
- **July 16, 2015 @ 7:30PM** (3rd Thursday of Each Month)
  Big Boy Restaurant
  3366 Biddle Ave.
  Wyandotte, MI 48192

MCRC Special Events:
- Announced on the MCRC web site at [www.w8mrm.net](http://www.w8mrm.net)

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On-Air Activities:

**MCRC 2 Meter Net:**
Join us every Tuesday night at 9PM for the Motor City Radio Club 2 meter net on the 147.24 PL 100 Wyandotte Repeater, or use Echolink WY8DOT-R.

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**2015 Fox Hunts:**
Following Club Breakfast!