



Branch Signals BCARC Newsletter



August 2002

WD8KAF Club Repeaters:

147.300 + 100 Hz PL
443.300 +

COMING EVENTS

**August 20th 2002 (3rd Tuesday)
Club Meeting
7:00 PM 911 Center, Basement
Training Room**

**2-Meter Net
Tuesdays 7:00 PM
(Except meeting night)**

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Meeting Notice

The August 2002 meeting of the Branch County Amateur Radio Club will be held at 7:00 PM on August 20, 2002 in the basement Training Room of the 911 Center on US 12 west of Coldwater near the airport on July 16th 2002. Be sure to bring a friend with you to the meeting.

August Meeting

We are planning to have the Senior members of the Michigan QRP Club on hand to tell us all the reasons why working the world with less than 5 watts is the most fun since sliced bread. Details are still being worked out at this time, but this one looks like a good program that will be enjoyed by all.

September Meeting

We have once again invited Dick Mondro, W8FQT, to join us at our September meeting. Dick has recently been appointed to a position as ARRL Great Lakes Division Vice-Director. Please see the remarks elsewhere in this newsletter regarding other leadership changes in the Great Lakes Division.

Dick and his wife Sandy, KG8HM, who is the Affiliated Club Coordinator for the Michigan Section are becoming regular visitors at our club meetings. They will both bring us up to date on the challenges that we as amateurs face in general and in Michigan in particular and will tell us about current happenings in the world of the ARRL and amateur radio. Dick and Sandy are always informative and entertaining and I highly recommend that you attend this meeting.

October Meeting

The program for the October club meeting will be the ever-popular Club Auction. Start saving your spare change now and dust off those "Golden Goodies" that you have in your shack and junk box. Our auctioneer will be our own Jim Voss, W8SST unless he can talk a real auctioneer into conducting the auction. Complete rules and information will be published in the Newsletter, as we get closer to auction time.

Rare DX on 2M

Recently some rare DX was heard on the local repeater. Jim Conrad, W8MQ was in town to attend a wedding and was making some noise on the repeater. It was good to hear Jim's voice again.



Jim Voss, W8SST
Branch County
Emergency Coordinator

Those of you who missed last month's club meeting missed a great program and display of storm chaser equipment. Those two guys do what most of us only dream about. Great stuff.

If, by chance, you don't get updates from the ARRL, maybe you haven't heard yet that George Race, WB8BGY, has resigned his position as Great Lakes Division Director. I'll let George explain exactly why he took that action, but I would suggest that you drop him an email in thanks for his many years of devotion to the League and amateur radio, in general. At this time, former Vice Director, Gary Johnston, KI4LA, of Edgewood, Kentucky has been elected by Board action to fill the Director's spot. League President, Jim Haynie, W5JBP appointed Dick Mondro, W8FQT, to be Vice Director. Both of these gentlemen will serve until the fall elections, when they will both run to make their positions permanent. Debbie Kirkbride, KA8YKK of Bay City, will serve as Michigan Section Manager through 2003. You should also consider emailing those in new positions assuring them of your support. I have no doubt that things will continue to run normally considering the combined years of experience brought to the new positions. Oh, by the way, make a visit the ARRL website (<http://www.arrl.org/sections/MI.html>) to find the email addresses you need and more information on the changes.

Look for an ARES meeting sometime in early September to plan for our participation in the annual Simulated Emergency Test. The test is planned for October 5th and 6th. Last year's participation was pretty much minimal, so let's get things in motion for the 2002 version going early on. At this time the scenario is a secret, but as soon as it is leaked I'll give you a heads up of some kind.

I only received four replies to my column last month, so this is your last chance before I call you, and I will be calling you if you're an ARES member and haven't responded to my question. The question was, "What would it take to get you involved in the weekly Emergency Net? Send your reply to W8SST@arrl.net.

Till next time. . . Jim Voss, W8SST

Addendum

A few comments on Saturday night's storm and subsequent net. Thanks to Don Cook for picking up the Emergency Net. We didn't have much warning and we had a few glitches along the way, but we made it through the night. We had 8 participants for the hour long net. Thanks to all that were there, but where was everybody else? We needed about three or four more stations at one point. Watch for the announcement of an ARES meeting sometime in August to talk about revving up our weather spotting operation. J.V.



DX On the Bands

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, IZ8CCW, MM0BQI, WA7BNM, The Daily DX, QRZ DX, 425DXnews, The DXNL and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all. (Courtesy of ARRL DX Bulletin)

MALDIVES, 8Q. A group of young DXers will be QRV as 8Q7ZZ from July 29 to August 11. QSL via G3SWH.

CROATIA, 9A. Frano, 9A5V will be QRV in the IOTA Contest from Sipan Island, IOTA EU-016. QSL to home call.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. Ian, G3TMA will participate in the IOTA Contest as 9M6A, IOTA OC-088, from the Hillview Gardens Resort. QSL via N2OO.

CHINA, BY. Look for BI4J to be QRV from Chongming Island, IOTA AS-136, for the IOTA Contest. QSL via BA4RD.

BAHAMAS, C6. Members of the Southwest Ohio DX Association and the Hoosier DX and Contest Group are QRV as C6AJR from Eleuthera Island, IOTA NA-001, until July 31.

This includes an entry in the IOTA Contest as C6DX. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL C6AJR via W8GEX and C6DX via N8QET.

CHILE, CE. Marco, CE6TBN will participate in the IOTA Contest as CE6TBN/p from Mocha Island, IOTA SA-061. QSL via N1IBM.

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CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. EA8BWW will be QRV in the IOTA Contest from Gomera Island, IOTA AF-004. QSL via EA8AG.

REUNION ISLAND, FR. Patrick, FR5FD will be a participant in the IOTA Contest from here, IOTA AF-016. QSL to home call.

JERSEY, GJ. Rich, K2WR will be active as GJ2A during the IOTA Contest. He will also be QRV outside the contest as MJ0AWR. QSL to home call. QSL contest call via GJ3DVC.

SCOTLAND, GM. Jim, MM0BQI is QRV from Special Event station GB5SI on the Summer Isles, IOTA EU-092, until July 29. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

SOUTH KOREA, HL. The Korea DX Club will be active as DS0DX/2 in the IOTA Contest from Yongyu Island, IOTA AS-105. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via HL1XP.

BULGARIA, LZ. LZ1KSL will be QRV in the IOTA Contest from Sveta Anastasia Island, IOTA EU-181.

MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ ISLAND, R1MV. OH5NE, RA1ACJ, RV1AC and UA1ANA will be QRV as R1MVI from IOTA EU-117 in the IOTA Contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL via operators' instructions.

CRETE, SV9. SV9ANJ, SV9BMJ, SV9COL, SV9FBM and SV9FBG will be active in the IOTA Contest as SY9DIA from Dia Island, IOTA EU-187. QSL via SV9ANJ.

TURKEY, TA. Metin, TA1ED is active as TA1ED/0 from Gokceada Island, IOTA EU-186, until July 30. This includes an entry in the IOTA Contest. QSL to home call.

ASIATIC RUSSIA, UA0. The RI0L team will be QRV in the IOTA Contest from Rikorda Island, IOTA AS-066. QSL via IK2DUW.

CANADA, VE. Richard, VE2DX will be QRV from Prince Edward Island as VE2DX/VY2 during the IOTA Contest. Before and after the contest, he may try to be QRV from Lighthouses and other IOTAs as well. QSL to home call.

INDONESIA, YB. The team of IT9SSI, IZ8CCW, YC3DIK, YC3IZK, YC3MM and YC3OX will be QRV as 8A3M from Masalembu Island, a new IOTA, from July 29 to August 4. QSL via IZ8CCW.

This is a new feature for the [Branch Signals](#) newsletter and is intended to be a place for locals to list any equipment that they might have for sale as well as a place to list any equipment that they are interested in purchasing.

As you might expect, the Branch County Amateur Radio Club bears no responsibility whatsoever in regard to any equipment, statements or representations made by owners or purchasers of any items listed in this column.

FOR SALE

[Mosley TA53 M HF 4 Element Beam](#). Covers 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20-meter bands using 14 ft Boom with a turning radius of just under 15 ft. Weighs 55 lbs. Excellent gain and F/B ratios. Only 6.7 sq. ft wind load. Excellent condition- was in the air only three years. This is a first class antenna!

[Rohn HDBX40 Tower](#) Heavy duty 40 ft Rohn self-supporting tower. 18 Sq. ft load. Excellent condition.

I now live in an area that does not allow towers and need to part with this great DX antenna and tower. Contact WB8R at 278-0406 or email at WB8R@arrl.net. Photos available for emailing. Larry Camp, WB8R

LOOKING FOR...

Don, KC8PRM is looking for a solid, experienced, user-friendly 2-meter rig that has tone and repeater offset capability. Don can be reached at cookdj@cbpu.com.

What and where is this place?

