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Club Christmas Dinner/Gift Exchange Slated for December 5

On December 5 at 6:00 pm, the BCARC will meet in the Fellowship Room of the Free Methodist Church at the corner of Fremont and Parkhurst streets in Coldwater for our annual Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange. Dinner will be served at 6:30.

The menu will be as follows:

Choice of Swiss Steak or Chicken Breast
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed Salad with Thousand Island or Ranch Dressing
Roll and Butter
Dessert
Coffee, Iced Tea, Water, Lemonade or Punch

The cost for this meal will be \$10.00 per person. This is an extremely good price for what we expect to be a very nice meal. Thanks to Jim Voss for doing all the work on this year's dinner.

If you have not already made your reservations, you can easily do so by calling Jim, W8SST at 278-4636. There will be a limited number of meals available without reservations, but we cannot guarantee how many can be accommodated, so the best plan is to call Jim now to ensure that you will have a spot. We look forward to seeing you there!

2006 Gift Exchange Rules

The gift exchange is open to all members and guests. In order to receive a gift, one must bring a gift. Gifts should be useful items that have a value of \$10 or more. A gift can come from your junk box or can be purchased and should be radio or computer related.



2005 Christmas Dinner Guests



K8SST trolling for good gifts

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The Officers and Board of Directors of the BCARC wish the very best of the holidays to you and your families.

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Gifts should be wrapped in Christmas paper and need not have “to” or “from” tags or other identification on them. Be sure to remember which gifts you brought so you don’t select your own gift!

If your spouse and/or children bring a gift, that will maximize your “take” from the exchange and may enable you to take home that “prize” gift that everyone covets. Those that bring gifts will be asked to draw a number, which will determine the order of gift selection and opening.

The gift opening will proceed as follows:

Number 1 chooses a gift from the gift table, opens it, and MUST show it to everyone present.

Number 2 can choose a gift from the table or he can take Number 1’s gift if he thinks that is a better gift than he could find amongst the unopened gifts. If number 2 chooses a gift from the table, he opens it and MUST show it to everyone present.

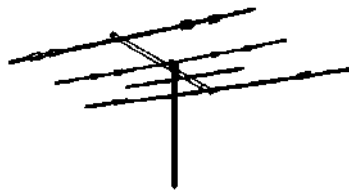
If Number 2 takes the gift from Number 1, then Number 1 goes back to the gift table and selects another gift, opens it and MUST show it to everyone.

Number 3 can choose a gift from the table, Number 1, or Number 2 and follow the same procedures listed above.

This same procedure is followed until the final person selects the last gift.

The third owner of a gift gets to keep it. An individual cannot retake a gift that was taken from him. Gifts must be able to be carried by one person. Gifts cannot consist of spouses, children or pets.

After all gifts have been opened, it is acceptable to trade your gift to anyone who is willing to trade with you. Be creative in the selection and packaging of your gift. This event is supposed to be fun so feel free to “ham it up” a bit to add some humor to the evening. Walk around and look over the gifts that are available for taking. Look at everything ... even those items that you have no intention of taking. Do what you can to “fake out” the crowd and when the time comes, pounce on that treasure!



DX on the Bands

CHINA, BY.

Operators BA4XA, BA4VE, BD3APX, BD4IXA, BG4VES and BG6IQD will be QRV as BI4N from Linshan Island, IOTA AS-150, from December 6 to 10. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL direct via BA4XA.

BAHAMAS, C6.

Brian, ND3F is QRV as C6AQQ from New Providence, IOTA NA-001, until December 3. He will also be active on the ARRL 160-Meter contest. QSL to home call. In addition, four members of the SouthWest Ohio DX Association will be QRV as C6DX and C6AXX from Eleuthera Island, IOTA NA-001, from December 5 to 13. They will be active on all HF bands and 6 meters with three stations. They will also be QRV in the upcoming ARRL 10-Meter contest. QSL C6DX via W8GEX and C6AXX via W9IXX.

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS.

Sang is QRV as DT8A from King George Island and has been active on 20 meters around 0100z. QSL via HL2FDW.

THAILAND, HS.

Look for Champ, E21EIC, Dej, E21YDP, Bruce, HS0ZCY and Alex, UT5UY to be QRV as E21EIC/p from Lipe Island, IOTA AS-126, in the Malay Peninsula South West Group from December 5 to 12. They will also be active with their own Thai callsigns. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL to home calls.

DJIBOUTI, J2.

Eric, ON7SAT is QRV as J20SA until December 16. Activity is on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using SSB in his spare time. QSL to home call.

AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8.

Operators N0FW, K4ZLE, W6KK and N9NS are QRV as KH8Q until December 14. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. This includes entries in the ARRL 160-Meter and upcoming ARRL 10-Meter contests. QSL direct via W8QID.

ARUBA, P4.

Dave, K9UK, John, W9KXQ, Bill, WW9WW, Dave, WG9J and Tom, W9AEB are QRV as P40Z until December 5. QSL via K9UK.

Club Notes

Even though we had 19 persons present at our November meeting, we once again did not have the quorum necessary to conduct business. Therefore, we will try again at the December meeting.

Hamfest Schedule

Dec 16 Lowell MI

Feb 24 Laporte, IN

Apr 21 Milford, MI

Your Editor Says.....

This is the last in a series of 60 newsletters that I have composed over the past 5 years. I hope that it has kept you enlightened and entertained as I have stumbled through the learning process.

At the new year, I will be turning over the helm of the club to a new president, who in turn will assume the job of editor along with his presidential duties.

I thank all of you for the opportunity to lead your club and I look forward to contributing in other ways.

Larry, WB8R

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JAPAN, JA.

Look for JA6WFM/6, JM6EBU/6 and JF6YME/6 to be QRV from Yoron Island, IOTA AS-023, in the Amami Island Group, from December 4 to 7. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home calls.

ANTARCTICA.

Mitko, LZ1UQ and Danny, LZ2UU are QRV as LZ0A from the Bulgarian Base St. Kliment Ohridski until January 3, 2007. LZ1UQ will also be active as VP8/LZ1UQ in some of the HF contests during this time.

CANADA, VE.

To mark the 100th anniversary of Reginald Fessenden's first AM voice broadcast on December 24, 1906, Canadian amateurs are active with special callsign prefixes until January 31, 2007.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5.

Kelly, N0VD will be QRV as VP5/N0VD from December 2 to 12. Activity will be on the HF bands. He will also be active as VP5D in the upcoming ARRL 10-Meter contest. QSL to home call.

LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS, VU.

Members of the Amateur Radio Society of India are QRV as VU7LD (and possibly VU7LD/homecalls) from Kavaratti Island, IOTA AS-011, from December 1 to 31. They are active on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK. QSL via W3HNK.

LAOS, XW.

Larry is QRV as XW1A and has been active on 20 meters around 0200z. QSL via E21EIC.

INDONESIA, YB.

Mat, YC8TDE/p is QRV from Ternate Island, IOTA OC-145, until December 15. He is usually QRV on 40 and 15 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

Exam Schedules

Dec 12

Sponsor: Eaton County ARC
Time: 12 Noon (Walk-ins ok)
Contact: John A. Dewey
 (517)543-0398
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Eaton Cnty
 Sheriff's Department - EOC
 1250 Independence Blvd
 Charlotte, MI 48813

Dec 16

Sponsor: Cascades ARS
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins ok)
Contact: Richard H McGuire
 (517)782-1430
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: Jackson District
 Library
 244 West Michigan
 Jackson, MI 49204

Dec 16

Sponsor: Fulton County R. C.
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins ok)
Contact: Howard W Fuller
 (419)825-5443
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Archbold Police
 Department, 405 E Lutz RD
 Pre-Registration Preferred



Two more Happy Grads
 of our Tech Class!
 Congrats to Corliss
 Fleming, KD8EPV and
 Keith Barkman, KD8EPU.
 Please listen for them on
 the air and say hello!

