

## Member Projects

### Description

SLAARC members are actively engaged in a variety of ham radio related projects. They are always working on their antennas, towers, and mobile installations (of course), but they also build, re-build, and repair electronics, work with Software Defined Radio (SDR), and build/use antenna analyzers and vector network analyzers. Descriptions and photographs of member projects will be displayed here as they become available. Please use the menu structure to navigate to projects of interest.

### SLAARC Turns 40

The South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1973, celebrated it's 40th anniversary in 2013.

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### 2013 Year End Celebration

The annual SLAARC year end celebration dinner will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 6:00 PM local time at the Zukey Lake Tavern in Pinckney, Michigan. Â If you plan to attend, please contact the club president with the number of people in your party.

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### 2014/09/01 (M) New Website

The new SLAARC website went live on Saturday, August 30, 2014. Â By 9 PM EDT on Monday, September 1, 2014 all current SLAARC members were issued usernames and passwords. Â Any club member who did not receive an e-mail with their login information (username and password) should contact the club vice-president, K8BRF at the e-mail address...

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### TX Noise Paper

The white paper by Jim Brown (K9YC) comparing ARRL Lab Data for Selected Transceivers has been added to the Technical page of the SLAARC website. Â Bruce (W8RA) brought this to our attention at breakfast this morning and provided the link and pdf.

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## **2014/09/14 (N) PC Boards Presentation**

The September 2014 SLAARC meeting will feature a presentation by club member Gary Morgan, WA8TJA, on the process he uses to design printer-circuit boards for his electronic projects and have them manufactured. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM local time at the Witch's Hat Depot in downtown South Lyon.

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## **2014/09/18 (R) PC Board Presentation Photos**

Photos have been posted from the September 14, 2014 SLAARC meeting presentation by member Gary Morgan, WA8TJA, on the process and technology he uses to design and manufacture his own printed circuit boards. Bob, WD8AQX, also brought a project he built some years ago and discussed the methods he used to make it. Look in...

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## **2014/09/18 (R) Findlay Hamfest Photos**

Photos from the September 7, 2014 Findlay Amateur Radio Club Hamfest have been added to the website under Photo Gallery | Hamfests.

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## **Change in dates for July 2015**

Please note that the monthly club meeting for July 2015 has been moved to Sunday, July 19. The time and place of the meeting remain the same as usual. Second Sunday meetings will resume in August. Because of the change in meeting date there should be an Info Net on Sunday evening, July 12.

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## **Field Day 2015**

SLAARC completed yet another ARRL Field Day event the last weekend of June, 2015. The club scaled back it's operations this year and decided to focus on participation and fun. The weather was OK for setup on Friday and very nice for teardown on Sunday but proved to be a challenge during the actually operating...

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## Website Transfer 2015

Dateline July 9, 2015 -- The South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club (SLAARC) has successfully transferred its WordPress website and other non-WordPress functions from the GoDaddy servers to the QTH.com servers. QTH is owned/operated by fellow amateur radio operator Scott Neader (KA9FOX). QTH is a popular web-hosting service for ham radio club websites and the...

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## Updates to Website

We are currently making updates to the website. If you see anything out-of-order, or missing, please let us know. Thanks de NU8M, John

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## International DX Convention 2017 Visalia, California, USA

Repost from an e-mail sent to the officers of SLAARC Dear DXer, I would like to extend a personal invitation to you and Members of your Club to attend the International DX Convention 2017 in Visalia, California on April 21-22-23, 2017. IDXC 2017 will be our 68th annual International DX Convention. DXers from...

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## New Club Officers – 2017

New Club Officers Hello All. We will have new club officers, starting in January, 2017 President "John Haworth (NU8M) - president@slaarc.com Vice President "Mike Sharpe (W8XH) - vicepresident@slaarc.com Secretary "Harvey Carter (AC8NO) - secretary@slaarc.com Treasurer "Craig Provan (W8ELD) - treasurer@slaarc.com A BIG Thank You to the previous officers for all their hard work...

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## Modifictions to Sunday Evening Net, Christmas and New Years

Status of Net at 8:00 PM EST Hello all. Since the next two Sunday evening nets fall on Christmas and New Years days, we will not plan on having a net. The next club event will be our meeting on January 8, 2017. However, feel free to give a call-out these two evenings to say...

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## **Meeting Announcement – January 2017**

Calling all Hams Our next meeting will occur at Sunday Evening, January 8th, 6:30 PM, at the Witches Hat Depot Technical Program After our business meeting, Steve Smith will give a presentation on updates to our digital node capabilities which may include Allstar nodes, updates to Wires-X and information on how to build your own Allstar...

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## **Livonia Amateur Radio Club Swap-N-Shop, Feb 19, 2017**

Announcement from the Livonia Amateur Radio Club on their up-and-coming Swap & Shop Dear Amateur Radio Club, The Livonia (Michigan) Amateur Radio Club (<http://www.livoniaarc.com>) is having our Swap & Shop on Sunday, February 19th from 8am till noon at the Livonia Seniors Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154. Our swap flier and vendor flier...

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## **[Hamvention] Announcing 2017 Dayton Contest University – celebrating 11 years**

As mentioned by NF8M Frank in our Nov-2016 meeting, here is information on Contest University.

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## **The SLAARC President's Newsletter – Jan-2017**

A short newsletter to begin our new year of meetings.

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## **[Hamvention] Mail Order Tickets Form and Exhibits Map Available Online**

Please find information about this years Dayton Hamfest. This is the new hamvention site The form to order Hamvention tickets by mail is available online. Advance tickets \$22, on site \$27. Maps of inside exhibit spaces are also available on the exhibits page. Online ordering is coming soon. Info has also been updated on a...

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## Ham Breakfast Topic – Asterisk Allstar on the Raspberry PI

Desert Voice over Internet using a RaspberryPi What is the current hot topic for SLAARC?  
Â Raspberry Pi of course. Â Actually, it's using the Raspberry as the computer to create things like repeater controllers, personal nodes and web sites. Allstar Allstar is an open source way to connect RF systems to Voice-over-Internet VoIP digital streams. Â Many...

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## Special SLAARC Meeting – Saturday, Jan 28th, 8:30 AM Senate Coney Island, South Lyon

This is an official notice of a special meeting to be held to consider actions for Winter Field Day.

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## Old QST Magazines Available

Ken, W8MJ, has copies of QST going back to 1981 that we would like to get rid of. Â If you are interested in these magazines please contact Ken directly. Ken is a member of the SLAARC, so club members have his contact information in the latest SLAARC roster. Â Hams who are not SLAARC members may...

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## Winter Field Day 2017 – N8SL

All Winter Field Day is this Saturday January 28 at 14:00 EST. What is winter field day you ask well it is just like field day but with a bit of cold. this is the first time that any of the club members are putting together an outing. the outing will be held at Island...

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## SLAARC Feb Meeting Announcement and President Newsletter

QST, QST, QST Our next meeting occurs on Sunday, February 12th, 2017 at the Witch's Hat Depot in South Lyon, MI. SLAARC Meeting Agenda Feb-2017 News, Pictures and Presentation During our next meeting, we will discuss the most recent club activity, Winter Field Day. Â We will also have a presentation from Larry Camp WB8R about...

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## **Announcing the 2017 Michigan QSO Party**

Reposting of an announcement from MiQP To all Michigan Amateur Radio Clubs, Please pass along this announcement to all of your club members regarding the 2017 Michigan QSO Party. Thanks and 73, Mike, N8MR 2017 MiQP Publicity Announcing the 2017 Michigan QSO Party Just Have Some Fun!!!! oÂ Â Â Â Chance to get on the air oÂ Â Â Â Single Op, Multi...

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## **President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement – March 2017**

QST, QST, QST Welcome to March.Â During the February Meeting, we had a great discussion on the upcoming Great Lakes HamCom at Michigan International Speedway this fall, October 7th and 8th 2017.Â Larry Camp WB8R, the ARRL Michigan Section Manager, presented what the vision is and how our club can support this new event.Â We...

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## **GLARA Donation Form**

The donation form for the new Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association (GLARA) has been added to the SLAARC website. Â Plese visit the Ham Links tab and click on GLARA to get to the page with the form. Â The form is a PDF. Â Those interested in using it need to download it to their device, save...

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## **HamCon, Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association – SLAARC Affiliation**

Meeting Presentation During our February meeting, Larry Camp WB8R presented the first-ever Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association (GLARA) sponsored hamfest, planned to be held at the Michigan International Speedway (MIS). Â GLARA is a new council of clubs, that would come together to support the MIS Hamfest (Great Lakes HamCom). Â This would occur October 7 to...

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## **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic class**

The Following was forwarded by Jim Kvochick K8JK Livingston County and Michigan Volunteer Defense Force will be having a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic classÂ Friday, March 17, Â Saturday, March 18 andÂ Sunday, March 19, 2017 Livingston County and Michigan Volunteer Defense Force Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training Class The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)...

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## **SLAARC has Joined the Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association**

Hello All, I am pleased to announce that SLAARC has officially become part of the Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association! As a member, we have opportunities to participate in the planning and support for the main event coming up in October, Great Lakes HamCon. Please find a message below requesting volunteers. One may also find...

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## **IEEE: THE ARRL LAB: TRIALS, TRIBULATIONS AND (TALL?) TALES**

Hello All, Please find an announcement that Louis AB8RI forwarded....John NU8M THE ARRL LAB: TRIALS, TRIBULATIONS AND (TALL?) TALES IEEE Southeastern Michigan: Chapter VIII (EMC) Southeastern Michigan IEEE EMC Chapter technical meeting. \*\*\* Note the Meeting Location: Al Ameer Restaurant - Canton Sponsors: NoiseKen & Measurement Instruments Date: 20 April 2017 Time: 05:30 PM to 07:30 PM...

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## **Great Lakes HamCon Newsletter**

Main points in May newsletter Event tickets available via MIS website Flea Market spaces available (\$2/sq foot for Founding Member Clubs ARRL President Rick Roderick will be keynote speaker Please find more details in the newsletter <http://glhamcon.org/GLARANewsSummaryMay2017.pdf> HamCon 73's de NU8M

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## **April's President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Dear SLAARC member: Hello April showers. During our March meeting, we voted to join the Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association to support the Great Lakes HamCon this fall at MIS. They are calling for volunteers to support the preparation for this event. Please find more information on our website here. The presentation during the March...

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## **May's President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Dear SLAARC member: Hello May flowers and showers â€“ with Thunder and Lightning. During our April meeting, we discussed the Great Lakes HamCon, the up-coming siren tests for Oakland county, and the potential to support the Astronomy on the Beach event in September. Astronomy on the Beach 2013 The presentation during the April Meeting, Mike...

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## **WINTER FIELD DAY on Jan 27 and Jan 28 at Island Lake Recreation Area**

The South Lyon Area Amateur Radio club will be participating in WINTER FIELD DAY on Jan 27 and Jan 28 at Island Lake Recreation Area. N8SL will be on the air beginning at 2pm.Â Operations will continue into the evening as long as the bands and club members can go!Â Operations will resume Sunday early...

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## **Presidents December Newsletter and January Meeting Announcement**

Itâ€™s that time of the year again.Â We have the dark-cold nights, sometimes with snow. Perfect antenna weather! It seems like just yesterday we were contemplating our first Winter Field Day and K8MIS Special Event station. We kept the N8SL club call active with three separate events. Now we are beginning to look at 2018...

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## **Special Meeting Announcement for Officer Elections – Nov-18-2017**

Hello All, We did not reach a quorum in the last regular meeting. Since we must elect officers for 2018, a special meeting must be called during our next club breakfast. Day: Â Saturday Time: Â 8:00 AM EST Place: Senate Coney Island, 25900 West Pontiac Trail, South Lyon MI, 48178 Room: Â Back room OpeningÂ Call to order...

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## **Officers Elected for 2018**

Hello All, The results of the election have been released. It took a whopping 3 minutes to nominate and vote on the officers for 2018. 2018 Officers President: John NU8M Vice-President: Mike W8XH Treasurer: Craig W8ELD Secretary: Harvey AC8NO Congratulations to the officers for 2018! SLAARC\_November\_2017\_Special\_Meeting\_Minutes

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## Facebook Video of January Presentation – FT8

Here is a link to the video from our January presentation from Larry K8UT on FT8  
<https://www.facebook.com/slaarc/videos/944780885684668/> Added Note Larry thought this was an important graph that was not shown...my how FT8 has taken the ham community by storm! Original sourced from 'http://g7vjr.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/ft8-2017-3.png'

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## President's February Newsletter and Meeting Announcement

Winter is Holding On Since the groundhog saw his shadow, we are going to have six more weeks of Winter. However, we have some things on our side. The days are getting longer, 80 and 160 meters are still good, and we had a very successful Winter Field Day. Winter Field Day Winter Field Day...

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## How to Volunteer for Great Lakes HamCon

During our last meeting, volunteering for the Great Lakes HamCon was mentioned. The following is from Larry WB8R: There are lots of opportunities for volunteers. The committees and their tasks are just now being determined. Don't be concerned if it takes a few more weeks for our task list to be assembled. Things are extremely...

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## Presidents Newsletter and Meeting Announcement – June

Dear SLAARC member: I cannot believe it is already June. During our May meeting, we discussed the Great Lakes HamCon, the up-coming siren tests for Oakland county, and some short discussions about Field Day. The meeting presentation, Bob WD8AQX gave a great overview of solar power and it's potential. It was especially interesting to learn...

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## Club Hosts ARRL Field Day, June 24 to 25

The South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club invites visitors to try their hand at operating an amateur radio. The club participates in the annual American Radio Relay League Field Day, running from 2 p.m. Sat., June 24 until 2 p.m. Sun. June 25, 2017. The free event will be at the east end of the...

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## **Michigan Section Family Outing July 7 & 8**

Larry WB8R wanted our club to know about the following event, as mentioned in the June Michigan Section News The 19th annual Michigan Section Family Outing will once again be held at the Woodlands Conference Center and Campground in the woods near Hale, Michigan. This facility has 420 acres of beautiful Northern Michigan woods...

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## **GLARA Founding Member Club Gathering @ MIS**

Hello All, Please find a message from Larry WB8R about an upcoming gathering for the founding clubs for the Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association. Good morning, As a founding member club of the Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association, you are invited to an event at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 6:00...

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## **President's Newsletter and July Meeting Announcement**

Hello All, We have made it through the major activity for our club, and it was a great one. Â It was a fun field day, with lots of visitors, great food and great band conditions. Â Even the weather cooperated, with some well placed gusts of wind. I added some more detail in my Newsletter SLAARC...

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## **K8MIS Special Event Station at August Race**

Our club will be participating in the Special Event station at MIS. Â Those interesting in coming out, may sign-up on the August Race Volunteer Form Â We have two locations, a Meet-and-Greet table in the Fan Zone by the race and the special event station at the Graves Family RV park adjacent to the...

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## **Special Meeting to authorize payment for Flea Market Space at GLHC**

We will call a special meeting to authorize payment for Flea Market Space at the Great Lakes HamCon in October 7th and 8th. Â It will occur on Saturday, August 26th, 8:00 AM, at the Senate Coney Island,Â 25900 West Pontiac Trail, South Lyon MI, 48178 SLAARC Special Meeting Agenda Aug-26-2017

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## **President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Dear SLAARC member: Wow, has the summer been going by quickly! Since Field Day, we have been supporting the next major club events occurring in August and October, K8MIS. The preparations for K8MIS is in full swing for the next major NASCAR event at Michigan International Speedway, August 11th to 13th. We will have two...

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## **President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement – September**

A very special event occurred in August!..we had so many individuals at one of our Saturday breakfasts, we needed to form an "L" shape to fit everyone at the table! There was also a spectacular event, the Great American Eclipse, which was the first total eclipse going through the continental US since 1979. This month's...

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## **SLAARC January Meeting**

All SLAARC Members, On Sunday, January 10th, the SLAARC Monthly Informational Zoom Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. using the Zoom Virtual Meeting link provided to club members. The topic of this month's Meeting is Winter Field Day. This will be presented by the Winter Field Day Committee, and they will cover where, when, and...

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## **August Informational Meeting**

To All SLAARC Members, This SUNDAY, August 14th, 2022 at The Witches Hat beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will have our SLAARC August Informational Meeting. The topic for the meeting will be a discussion of the changes to the N8SL Repeater System which will enhance its availability and reliability. This week I met with the...

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## **Astronomy at the Beach – 2022**

We will participate at the next Astronomy at the Beach, September 16 and 17. Astronomy at the Beach 2022 – Great Lakes Association of Astronomy Clubs (glaac.org) Friday, Sep 16, 5:00 PM till approximately 10:00 PM Club Table with Satellite and Digital Display Brochures and Q&A POTA demo near main tent Saturday, Sep 17, 5:00 PM till...

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## **April Meeting Presentation – Allstar Node**

Hello All, Gary KG8MM has provided a detailed set-up guide for those interested in an Allstar node. It is located in our Technical page as well as the Meeting Programs page

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## **Stealthy Antenna**

During our April meeting, Craig W8ELD mentioned two items he recently came across with good information about stealthy antennas. The first was a recent edition of Ham Nation <https://youtu.be/sViS87-OAQI> The second was a set of presentation slides from Carl Foster KB7AZ [Stealth\\_Antennas\\_Rev\\_NDownload](#)

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## **November Parks on the Air – Club Event**

Interested in activating a park, learning how to do it, or observe what it is? Come to Island Lake Rec area Saturday, November 23 between 1 and 4 PM to take part in the SLAARC park activation. <https://facebook.com/events/527631271365036/?ti=icl>

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## **Delayed Processing of October 26, 2019 VE Session**

We have experienced a delay in processing the SLAARC October 26th VE session. Please contact us with questions.....Thanks

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## **Club Parks on the Air Event, Sat Nov. 23, 2019**

The event is to introduce those to POTA! The equipment and the way to operate. No prior experience required! We plan to gather at the Hickory Shelter from 1 to 4 PM. Call out on the SLAARC repeater with any questions during the day of the event. <https://facebook.com/events/527631271365036/?ti=icl>

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## **September POTA Event – Astronomy at the Beach**

SLAARC will be at the annual Astronomy at the Beach event, Friday September 13th and Saturday September 14th. The Astronomy event begins at 6:00 PM both days. However, SLAARC will operate outside of this schedule. Our tentative location is between the structure and the parking lot, as it was in 2017. N8SL at the 2017...

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## **Operation Face Shield Ann Arbor**

The president of the Livonia Amateur Radio Club is working with the Operation face shield Ann Arbor group. If you are a maker, please check it out....Thanks

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## **Meeting Announcement and President's Newsletter – October**

Hello All, Welcome to Fall! We have our first meeting of Fall to discuss the major event for this time of year, the Great Lakes Ham Con. This includes our clubs support for the K8MIS special event station. Please find some more information in my newsletter. SLAARC Presidents Newsletter Oct-2017 For our next meeting, we...

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## **Drafting 2018 Calendar of Events**

Hello All, We are creating the plan for 2018 . For example, we have Winter Field Day Jan, Presentation on Grounding and Bonding in March and K8MIS special event station multiple times next year. What are some of the topics or activities that would interest you for our club?

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## **November President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Hard to believe it's already November. We have the dark-cold nights with snow soon to follow. Perfect antenna weather! It seems like just yesterday we were at the K8MIS special event station. Now we are preparing for Thanksgiving coming up around the corner. Several Ideas were discussed at the GL HamCon about potential improvements for...

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## **Great Lakes HamCon and K8MIS – Inaugural Events**

Great Lakes HamCon The first-ever Great Lakes HamCon is just days away, occurring on Saturday Oct 7 and Sunday Oct 8. We are looking forward to meeting all the club members at the event! We are also looking forward to seeing all the other clubs and participating in great forums lined up. We have two...

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## **Presidentâ€™s March Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Spring is Coming We keep having tastes of Spring. March has come in like a Lion, which means it should go out like a Lamb. I know that the February and March weather took out my HF antennas so March will mean some antenna work. Spring also means Siren testing for Oakland county. We had...

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## **SLAARC-N8SL Feb Meeting – Contingency for Poor Travel Conditions**

We will asses the travel and road conditions by 4:00 PM Sunday, approximately 2 hours before people would begin to travel to the meeting on Sunday. If the road conditions are poor, we will cancel the meeting. We will send out an e-mail, announce it on the repeater and post on facebook. Thanksâ€¦John NU8M, President,...

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## **May President’s Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Goodbye Spring and Hello Summer! What happened since the last meeting? We were getting snow and still had winter storm warnings up north, and then Summer broke out! I had to rush to do some antenna work before the snow disappeared. And so it begins The Event committee is ramping up for the summer activities....

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## **President’s April Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Spring is Coming - Still We continue to have tastes of Spring. March sort-of went, out like a Lamb, being chased by a Lion! As of this writing, we are having snow falling and melting upon hitting the ground. The still gives us all some time to do that important antenna project with snow showers....

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## **SLAARC Website Security Upgrade**

The SLAARC website has been upgraded to use HTTPS with SSL as of 17 March 2018. Everything appears to be working, but if you encounter any kind of problem, please let me know. ~BruceÅ (K8BRF)

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## **Introducing Groups.io for the e-mail list**

Members of the SLAARC e-mail list may have noticed a new e-mail that came out during July. It was generated from a newly created e-mail group created on Groups.io What is Groups.io? At base, it is a new form of an e-mail group. It allows for a clear method of managing a list of e-mail...

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## **Presidents Message and Dinner Announcement**

Year in Review Winter Field Day We had a great outing last January, getting three stations on the air, some satellite work, and a visit from a Scout troop. Å Parks on the Air We activation Island Lake Recreation Area so many times, we received an award...over 1000 QSO's! Summer Field Day We ran with...

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## **June President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Dayton Hamvention This was the second year for the Dayton Hamvention in Xenia, OH. It did rain, as in the previous year. This brought forth mud, but no as much as in thee previous year. The organizers addressed many of the issue last year Å with the traffic and mud in the Flea Market area. The...

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## **SLAARC 2018 Field Day Video – K8MRD**

Mike K8MRD made a great video chronicling our Field Day...check it out and share. Thanks and 73

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## **September President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Late Summer We are in the last month of Summer. Even though the bands may be poor, there is plenty of activity on the ft8 portions of the bands. Late Summer and Early Fall is a great time to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. When going out be sure to bring your favorite...

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## **July President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Field Day 2018 We put another one in the books. The weekend forecast was showing rain for the entire duration of the event. That did not deter the Friday set-up crew. A contingent showed up early to get going before any rain hit. As it turned out, we only received some light sprinkles while finishing...

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## **South Lyon selected for ARISS**

The Salem-South Lyon District Library (SSLDL) has been elected to move forward to the next step for an ARISS contact. The club's next step is to define the equipment plan for a Telebridge and generate technical events surrounding the event. The event will occur the week of June 29th, 2020. More information is found on...

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## **COVID-19 Message**

All SLAARC Club Members, Due to the current Coronavirus situation, there will be NO Saturday Morning Breakfast at Lilâ€™™ Chef in Brighton for the foreseeable future. I have contacted the Lilâ€™™ Chef and notified them that we would not be attending for now, and that I will notify them when we will resume our Saturday...

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## **November Club Presentation – Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)**

ARISS Webinar ARISS-proposal ARISS Suggested Equipment Set-Up ariss\_ground\_station Videos  
[https://youtu.be/sCm6pHf\\_XE0](https://youtu.be/sCm6pHf_XE0) <https://youtu.be/hbhrQiZ62LE> <https://youtu.be/Z-yHD9IVbH8>  
<https://youtu.be/om7GajM1Ue8>

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## **November President's Newsletter and Meeting Notice**



Perfect Weather for Antenna Work The weather is turning and that means time for all the antenna work that was not done during the Summer. Current forecast is for wind and rain with potential for snow at the end of the week. We all know that antennas perform the best when snow is falling during...

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## **2019 Officers Elected during November Meeting**

New Board of Directors for 2019

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## **Updates to Groups.io**

Two new subgroups were created in our Groups.io: current members and non-members. This was done as part of the synchronization with the current membership roster. Several current members were not part of the group and needed to be added, and we did not want to remove others that may be interested in our activities. Thanks....John...

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## **August President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement**

Summer Time Parks on the Air (POTA) is in full swing. Many are bringing their equipment with them on trips and taking the time to activate parks along the way. Keep an eye out for club members and be sure to spot them. So far the Summer has been fairly hot and dry. It's about...

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## **Field Day 2019**

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## **Participation in N8SL Field Day from Home**

Anyone interested in participating in the N8SL Field Day from home, please participate in the straw-pole: <https://www.strawpoll.me/20001312>

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## General Class forming in Ann Arbor

Dan KB6NU will be teaching a General class here in Ann Arbor starting on Saturday, January 11, 2020, and would like to invite SLAARC members to attend. The class will run for eight to ten weeks, depending on how fast they can get through the material. It's going to be held at the All Hands...

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## February Meeting Announcement

All SLAARC Members, Next Saturday, February 12th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., we will have our SLAARC February Informational Meeting. The topic will be "2022 Winter Field Day results and observations" presented by the events committee. The meeting will be at the Salem-South Lyon District Library located at 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, Michigan. It is located...

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## October President's Newsletter and Meeting Announcement

Hello Fall The temperatures have begun to edge ever colder and the leaves have begun their changes. As the days become shorter and summer storms lessen, the lower bands become more intriguing to operate. ARISS Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and the space...

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## March Club Meeting

Everyone, Because of the cancelation of February's meeting due to the Weather, this month's informational meeting will have last month's agenda. Also, DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD AN HOUR ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH. Meeting Announcement  
When: Sunday March 10th, 2019, 6:30 PM EDST Where: Witch's Hat Depot " Freight House  
Agenda 6:30 " 6:43 p.m. Meet and greet. "...

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## Mortty Review in April 2019 QST

Steve N8AR and Larry K8UT have some new bragging rights. Their home-brew activity Mortty, has a review in the latest copy of QST. Check it out in the Product Review portion of QST. It is on page 58, entitled Mortty Morse Code and RTTY Keying Interface Kit

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## August Monthly Membership Meeting

To all SLAARC Members, The August Informational Meeting will take place via Zoom Meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on August 8th. We will be using the same link that we have been using to connect to Zoom; and for those of you who may be new or have misplaced the link, please contact me, [president@slaarc.com](mailto:president@slaarc.com)...

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## Presentation from September Meeting – RDF

Please find a copy of the presentation presented by Gary N8RDF Radio-Direction-Finding-Primer-REFDownload Added info from November meeting W8VR-TH-AND-RDF-NOTES-1987Download

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## November Informational Meeting

All SLAARC Members, Two Weeks from today, on Saturday, November 20th, 2021 we will have our SLAARC November Informational Meeting. The topic will be “An Introduction to DMR Digital Radio for Amateur Radio use” presented by Roddy Clay (K18A) and Darrell Black (W8DSB) from the LARC Club. The meeting will be at the Salem-South Lyon...

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## May Informational Meeting

Announcing the SLAARC Monthly Informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday on May 16th The field day committee will be discussing the plans for 2021 field day how you can participate in person or remote from you home. Hope to see you at the meeting. Thanks, Eric Stoddart Chairman “Field Day Committee Please contact...

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## February Meeting – “Optimizing your Signal” with Bob Heil

Sunday, February 14th is this month’s SLAARC Informational meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will spend the first 15 minutes covering any SLAARC business that needs to be discussed. Starting promptly at 6:45 p.m., thanks to Dan Galiher (W8FFF) we will have Dr. Bob Heil K9ETD as our guest presenter via Zoom on the topic...

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## August Information Exchange Meeting

To All SLAARC Members, The SLAARC Monthly Information Exchange Meeting will take place on SUNDAY, August 13th, 2023 at The Witches Hat Depot beginning at 6:30 p.m. At this month's meeting, Eric Stoddart will give a presentation on how SLAARC performed at this year's Field Day, what things went well, and possible improvements that can be made for future...

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## Astronomy at the Beach 2023

If you're heading over to the Astronomy at the Beach event, make sure to swing by the South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club's table. What's in store for you? Get a firsthand glimpse of the fascinating world of amateur radio. Watch live demonstrations of satellite communications, a real testament to human ingenuity and passion for exploration. Dive deep...

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## Autum Support your Parks – POTA

Hello All POTA Enthusiasts! The South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club is excited to invite all club members and anyone curious about ham radio to our Parks on the Air (POTA) Autumn "Support Your Parks" event! Date: Sunday, October 22nd Time: 11:00am Location: Highland Recreation Area, White Lake, MI at the Goose Meadow Picnic Shelter...

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## Christmas Dinner

All SLAARC Members, This year's SLAARC Christmas Dinner will take place at the Zukey Lake Tavern on Sunday, December 10th 2023 starting at 6:30 p.m. I would appreciate it if you would send me an e-mail by Monday, November 20, 2023 telling me how many people each of you are planning to bring to the Christmas Dinner Party (please include yourself in the number). The address...

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## June Informational Meeting

On June 13th our monthly SLAARC Informational Zoom meeting will host a presentation by Events Committee Chairman Eric Stoddart K8ERS. Eric and other Events Committee members will talk about the finalized plans for this year's Field Day. Contact us for the link to the Zoom Meeting which will

start at 6:30 p.m. EDT. 73, Mike Sharpe...

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## **SLAARC's 2021 Field Day**

Hello All, We invite all to come to our Field Day for 2021. It will occur from 2 PM EDT Saturday, June 26th to 2PM EDT Sunday, June 27. It will occur at James F Atchison Memorial Park in New Hudson, MI We will begin setting up around 9 AM EDT on Friday June 25th....

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## **August Meeting**

All SLAARC Members, On Sunday 7-9-2020 at 6:30 p.m. the SLAARC August Virtual Informational Meeting will begin using the Zoom Virtual Meeting (contact us for link). We will spend the first 15 minutes with general discussions about any topic you may want to bring up. The next 15 minutes will cover any housekeeping issues the SLAARC Board needs...

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## **July Activities**

Membership Meeting Our July membership meeting will occur Sunday, July 14, 6:30 PM at the Witch's Hat Depot in South Lyon Michigan. Our topic will be a review of the Field Day results. Parks on the Air - Support you Parks POTA is holding a Support your Parks event. It runs July 20 and 21st...

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## **November Members Meeting and Board of Directors Election**

The Annual SLAARC Club Membership Meeting will take place: Sunday, November 10th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. EDT at the Witch's Hat Depot Freight House. Agenda 6:30 - 6:40 p.m. Meet and Greet. Pass around the Sign In sheet. 6:40 - 6:45 p.m. Everyone introduces themselves. 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Q & A, Swap and Shop, Net Control Operator Assignments 7:00 - 7:30...

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## **SLAARC Officers for 2020**

The following slate of officers were elected at the November Meeting President: Mike Sharpe W8XH Vice President: Mike Case W8MSC Secretary: Harvey Carter AC8NO Treasurer: Jerry Grimes K8GNG

Board at Large: Elaine Atallah W8ELA Congratulations and Thanks for Serving

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## Informational meeting – October 8th

Hello, Please join us for our next informational meeting at 6:30 PM, Sunday, October 8th at Witches Hat Depot in South Lyon, MI.

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## POTA Fall Support your Park Event

We plan to meet at the Blue Bird shelter at Island Lake Rec Area, Brighton MI, Saturday, Oct 16, around 12:00 PM EDT. Members are encouraged to bring their gear and try it out, to activate the park.

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## Autumn Support your Parks – POTA

We will plan to meet at Island Lake Rec Area, Sunday, October 16th, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Our location will be defined the day-of the gathering. Please contact [events@slaarc.com](mailto:events@slaarc.com) for more information.

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## Ham Radio Equipment for Sale from WA8UNL

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## February Meeting

The next meeting will be Sunday February 18th that is one week past our normal meeting date. Monthly Club meeting information Topic: Technicians, Life Beyond Repeaters Presenter: Anthony Luscre K8ZT Synopsis: Maximizing your on-air experience and use of current privileges by going beyond local repeaters. Explore new modes, new bands and new activities. Date and Time: Feb...

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## April Membership Meeting Announcement

This coming Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. Ken Meier (W8MJ); will give a presentation about the newly re-organized Michigan QSO Party Committee. Ken will discuss the changes to the rules designed to help attract more participation in this year's MIQP. Ken is the new Chairman of the MIQP Committee. The meeting will be at the...

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## 2021 Winter Field Day

The SLAARC Event Committee is pleased to announce our 2021 Winter Field Day (WFD) club activity. It will occur January 30 from 14:00 to January 31 14:00 at Proud Lake Rec Area. The full club presentation is viewable from a recording at our last regular club meeting <https://youtu.be/ULzzrQTW5o8> Printed Info from Presentation N8SL WFD 2021...

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## Youtube – Bob Heil's presentation – Feb 14 – SLAARC meeting

Bob Heil graciously spoke to the South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club's February 14, 2021 monthly informational meeting. He presented an overview of his amazing career in audio, and its ongoing interactions with ham radio. Bob presented a lot of information about ham radio audio concerns, the importance of 2.5kHz for speech articulation, various microphones...

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## October Membership Meeting Announcement

All SLAARC Members, On Sunday 10-11-2020 at 6:30 p.m. the SLAARC October Virtual Informational Meeting will begin using the Zoom Virtual Meeting link below. We will spend the first 15 minutes with general discussions about any topic you may want to bring up. The next 15 minutes will cover any housekeeping issues the SLAARC Board...

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## Contests and QSO Parties

With cold-snowy weather, it's a perfect time to look for on-air, indoor events. A very useful site is the WA7BNM Contest Calendar: Home. There is something for every type of operating. 73 John NU8M

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## November Meeting – SLAARC Election – Batteries and Solar

All SLAARC Members, On Sunday 11-8-2020 at 6:30 p.m. the SLAARC November Virtual Informational Meeting will begin using the Zoom Virtual Meeting link below. This will be our Annual Club Membership Meeting to nominate and elect the SLAARC Officers/Board Members for the year beginning January 1, 2021. We will need a MINIMUM of 14 voting members present in the Zoom Meeting to meet the quorum requirement. I...

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## December Zoom Meeting

All SLAARC Members, It should be obvious to all of us, that due to the Coronavirus Lockdown in Michigan we will be unable to celebrate Christmas at Zuke Lake Tavern this year on Sunday, December 13th. On the bright side, things are looking very favorable for this situation not lasting very much longer due to the anticipated availability of a vaccine in the...

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## October Membership Meeting

[Zoom meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 10th using the internet link listed below.] All SLAARC Members, I have been looking into how to have our monthly meetings be in-person meetings. A number of members have voiced their desire for in-person meetings, and I agree whole heartedly. The question is, how can we...

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## July Informational Meeting – 2022 Field Day

This SUNDAY, July 10th, 2022 at The Witches Hat beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will have our SLAARC July Informational Meeting. Eric Stoddart (K8ERS) and other members of the Events Committee have agreed to present “Preliminary Results of this year’s Field Day”. After discussing the low turn-out at our Saturday Morning Monthly Meetings, we have...

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## SLAARC ARRL Field Day June 25-26, 2022

Location Migizi Rustic Cabin Brighton Rec Area When Setup Friday June 24 Time 16:00 (Weather depend evening fire and cookout) Setup Saturday 9:00 am Operation June 25 – June 26 14:00 – 14:00 Detailed Schedule Location will at Brighton Rec Area Migizi Cabin (A Michigan park pass is



required)With this new location the setup time are a bit different Friday,...

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## Winter Field Day 2022 – Updated

Saturday, Jan 29, 2 PM EST to Sunday, Jan 30, 2 PM EST 2022. A couple new things: We found out this week that some ARROW club members have also rented a cabin at Brighton Rec Area for the weekend. We'll be coordinating with them for bands and operating times as to not cause interference...

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## Summer Support your Park – POTA Event

Saturday, July 16th, 11 AM to 4 PM, Highland Recreation Area. N8SL-POTA-SYP-2022.docx-1Download

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## January Informational Meeting

Next Saturday, January 8th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., we will have our SLAARC January Informational Meeting. The topic will be “Building and using Small Magnetic Loop Antennas” presented by Ted Fisher “AC8SW. Ted is a retired Electrical Engineer from General Dynamics. Ted got his Technician License in 2014, and upgraded to Extra in 2015....

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## April Membership Meeting

On April 11 our monthly SLAARC Zoom meeting will host a presentation by Rob Sherwood NC0B on Transmitter Spectral Purity. Rob is a world class expert on ham radio equipment performance. He is probably most famous for testing receiver performance and publishing “The List” for nearly four decades. Historically - if you wanted to know...

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## March Informational Meeting

Have you thought about antenna modeling software? You've seen the 3-D plots and elevation graphs of various antennas.If you want to learn more about the basics of antenna modeling and why you should model, be sure to join us for our March SLAARC Informational Meeting - An introduction to

Antenna Modeling presented by Bob Kiessel,...

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## **POTA – Support your Parks – Summer 2021**

Sunday, July 18th, Starting around Noon - Brighton Rec Area Are you looking for an opportunity to demonstrate your park activating and/or hunting prowess? Here is your chance! 4 times a year POTA has a seasonal "Support Your Parks Event" to encourage individuals to get out in the parks and make contacts.<https://stats.parksontheair.com/plaque/plaquesummary.php> We are located...

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## **February Club Meeting – Feb 19th, 2023**

The SLAARC Events Committee has met, and they have come up with a number of SLAARC events for 2023, including Summer Field Day. Mike Case (W8MSC), a member of the Events Committee, will give a presentation this Sunday the 19th, outlining the various SLAARC events that will take place in 2023. We will also be...

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## **SLAARC Christmas Party**

When: 6:30 PM EST, Sunday, Dec 11, 2022 Where: Zukey Lake Tavern All SLAARC Members, At last year's Christmas Party, we had 21 Members and guests who attended., and we all had a really good time. This year's SLAARC Christmas Dinner will take place at the Zukey Lake Tavern on Sunday, December 11th 2022...

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## **November, 2022 SLAARC Annual Club Membership Meeting**

To All SLAARC Members, This SUNDAY, November 13th, 2022 at The Witches Hat beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will have our SLAARC Annual Club Membership Meeting. As stated in our Bylaws, the primary purpose of this meeting is to elect the Club Board of Directors for the following year. Due to Covid restrictions, we have...

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## **POTA Support Your Parks – Winter Event**

10AM to 6PM, January 21, 2023 WFD-2022

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## January Information Exchange Meeting

To All SLAARC Members, This SUNDAY, January 8th, 2023 at The Witches Hat beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will have our SLAARC Monthly Information Exchange Meeting. I will present the following topic of interest titled "Elmer is returning to the South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club". You won't want to miss it. We will...

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## January SLAARC Meeting

All, Just a reminder that next Sunday January 14 will be our first club meeting. We will have a meet & greet starting at 6:30pm at the Witches Hat Depot. There are a few of us who have been meeting at the Witches Hat Brewery before the meeting starting at 5:00pm anyone is welcome feel free to...

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## 2024 SLAARC Election of Officers

To All SLAARC Members, Here are the results of the election of the 2024 SLAARC Officers and Board of Directors at the SLAARC meeting on November 12, 2023: Eric Stoddart K8ERS President, Chairman of the Board, James Mills K8JKU Vice-President, Board Member, Robert Kiessel W8BKT Treasurer, Board Member, Louis Kolenc N8LEK Secretary, Board Member, Mike Sharpe W8XH Member at Large, Board Member 73, Mike Sharpe - W8XH SLAARC President

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## Field Day 2024

Location: Migizi Cabin, Brighton Recreation Area (Coordinates: 42.4977, -83.8297) Start 2:00 PM, June 22, 2024 End 2:00 PM, June 23, 2024 Join the South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club for the 2024 ARRL Field Day at the scenic Migizi Cabin in Brighton Recreation Area. This annual event is a fantastic opportunity for amateur radio enthusiasts,...

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## April Club Membership Meeting

Next SUNDAY, Â April 16th, 2023 at The Witches Hat Depot beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will have our SLAARC Monthly Information Exchange Meeting. Eric Stoddart (K8ERS) will give a presentation about 3D Printing and Ham Radio. Eric will cover â€œWhat is 3D printing, and how can 3D printing be used for Ham Radio projects.â€• We...

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## May Information Meeting

To All SLAARC Members, Tomorrow, SUNDAY, May 21st, 2023 at The Witches Hat beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will have our SLAARC Monthly Information Exchange Meeting. This month we will have a live inter-active Question and Answer round table discussion. Questions about doing anything related to Amateur Radio topics will be addressed by club members. We...

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## March Club Meeting

This SUNDAY, Â March 12th, 2023 at The Witches Hat Depot beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will have our SLAARC Monthly Information Exchange Meeting. Frank Maynard (NF8M) will give a presentation about Amateur Radio Station Grounding and Bonding. We will also be broadcasting the meeting LIVE via Zoom Meeting for those who cannot attend the meeting...

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## ARRL Field Day and 50th Club Celebration- 2023

Updates from Club Meeting 11-June On Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25, SLAARC will be participating in the annual ARRL FD. Also, we will be celebrating the 50th year of the club. SLAARC was founded in 1973. Location Migizi Rustic Cabin Brighton Rec Area When Setup Friday June 23 (Weather depend evening fire and...

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## Winter Support you Parks

Mark your calendars! Join us for the exciting Parks on the Air Winter Support Your Parks Event! Date: January 19th-21st Location: Migizi Cabin, Brighton Recreation Area, 5210 Bishop Lake Rd, Brighton, Michigan, 48116 Time: Friday starting at 5pm, All day Saturday, and until 12pm on Sunday. We're setting up at the cozy Migizi Cabin, offering...

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## Election of Club Officers and Information Meeting

To All SLAARC Members, TheÂ SLAARC Monthly Information Exchange MeetingÂ will take place onÂ SUNDAY,Â Â NovemberÂ 12th, 2023 at The Witches Hat Depot beginning at 6:30 p.m. The first order of business will be to elect our SLAARC Officers/Board members for the year beginning January 1, 2024. Once the Election Discussion and Voting is finished, I will be presenting and demonstrating a new version of an old device...

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## Spring Support your Parks

Saturday, April 20th @ Island Lake Rec Area

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## Announcement: Michigan Parks on the Air Meetup!

Date: June 8th, 2024 <https://www.michiganpotameetup.com> Announcement: Michigan Parks on the Air Meetup! Hey South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club! We're thrilled to announce that some of our very own club members are organizing a Parks on the Air Meetup at the beautiful Sleepy Hollow State Park! It's a fantastic opportunity for all amateur radio enthusiasts...

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