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In memoriam to Madeline and George (N8PKC-SK) Haddad, Marcia and I (Bruce, K2BET) are honored by the acceptance of a donation offered to the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association as a contribution to enhance and maintain the area repeater network installed, maintained and monitored over many years by the volunteer officers and members of this organization. The Haddads were mother and step-father to Marcia, in-laws to myself for many of those years.

Mr. Haddad acquired his General Amateur license at age 70, apparently inspired by my activities at the time, and became a dedicated CW operator, making many QSOs, and friends around the world, in the twenty years he was able to enjoy the hobby. His wife, Madeline, though never licensed, was instrumental in assisting her husband in learning the information to complete the FCC testing questions, and reliably using Morse Code, the mode he eventually preferred operating above all others. George also continually monitored the various repeaters accessible from his Oakland County home.

My own interest in supporting the LCDRA organization began in my more active years of the 1970s and before, eventually accepting the position of Coordinator of the then 'Tri-County AREC' group for a brief two years. Though less active recently, I have always been aware of the importance of the development and maintenance of the local repeater network by the various volunteers and technicians who offer their knowledge and skills to provide such communications as a service to the community in general, and amateur operators, specifically.

It is hoped that this contribution will help carry forward plans already in motion to increase the coverage and reliability of the current repeater network, particularly the 145.39 repeater active for most local weather and disaster events, as well as a communications service for many local charitable entities when called upon for that purpose.

It has not escaped my awareness that I have used the repeater system over many years, without a dues paying membership to the organization. With this donation I trust I will have paid those dues and will continue to do so. I know I am not alone in bypassing the membership and dues, due to "just occasional use of the system", but in spite of that I am realizing that the dues paid by full membership become increasingly important if our volunteer leaders are going to continue to provide the best and most reliable communications to us and the rest of the community. I encourage others in that category with me to extend themselves in dues-paying membership, in the greater effort to continue future expansion, maintenance and reliability of the system we all enjoy daily, during weather nets, or just informally, from time-to-time.

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