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Dear alumni and friends,

We are writing to report some very good news from Ann Arbor. During the past two years, **The University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club (UMARC)** has been re-established and **W8UM** is back on the air! We have been having a ball working HF and VHF from the new shack in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) building on North Campus. We have assembled the workings of a nice station and now have big plans for raising a tower and the construction of several new antennas for W8UM.

To this end, we have embarked on a major fundraising campaign. Since our major goal is to raise money to construct a tower atop the EECS building we have named this the **"Sponsor-a-foot" Campaign**. By sponsoring "a foot" (or multiple feet) of tower, you will be directly impacting the U-M Amateur Radio Club and W8UM for many years to come. Also, as an esteemed sponsor, your name will appear on an engraved plaque in the W8UM shack.

In this packet you will find three things. The first is a newsletter telling you about what the club has been up in the past year as well as our future plans. The second is this letter, along with a second page answering the question, "Why should I support to W8UM?", along with a list of tax benefits. Finally, we've included a donation form and self-addressed stamped envelope should you decide to support W8UM.

We hope this letter finds you well, and that you will stay in touch with us back in Ann Arbor. We welcome your letters, emails, and especially skeds on the ham bands. We also invite you to visit the W8UM shack any time to operate the station and hang out with the current members.

Thank you and VY 73,

Chris Galbraith KA8WFC
President U-M ARC

You can make a difference by supporting the U-M Amateur Radio Club and W8UM

Keep Amateur Radio alive at The University of Michigan

The U-M Amateur Radio Club has been around since 1913 (call 8XA), making it the second oldest university amateur radio club in the US. Your contribution will insure the club's continued success by funding station improvements and club activities.
Amateur Radio *belongs* at Michigan!

Encourage college-age men and women to become hams

The U-M ARC sponsors licensing classes and testing, and actively promotes amateur radio all over campus. It is amazing how many college-age men and women have never heard of amateur radio or have never had the opportunity to see an active station. On a larger scale, ham radio needs an influx of younger people to keep the hobby alive. With your support, our club will continue to attract and introduce Michigan students to Amateur Radio and help them obtain their first ham "tickets".

Maintain a big signal from W8UM

The pride you feel when you hear W8UM on the air is matched only by our pride when we hear, "GO BLUE!" shouting from the loudspeaker during a contest or after a casual QSO. You can help us generate a mighty signal on HF through the microwave bands. And, the next time you are in Ann Arbor you'll have a top-notch station to operate!

We *really* want to beat MSU's club (W8SH) in future contests! You can help!!

Let's face it, our current station can't compete with MSU (although we keep trying!) MSU has quite a station due in large part to MSU alumni support. (MSU alumni raised $10,000 for a complete W8SH renovation a few years ago.)

Tax Benefits of Donating to W8UM

- The U-M Amateur Radio Club and station W8UM is part of The University of Michigan and takes donations through the University, a tax-exempt 501C3 organization. By donating to W8UM you will receive a receipt from U-M allowing you to take a **tax deduction** on your tax return for your charitable gift.

- W8UM supporters who are **Michigan residents** can get a **tax credit** of $0.50 for every $1 you donate, up to $200 for those filing joint returns or $100 for those filing single returns. This means that if you donate $400 to W8UM, it costs you only $200 (for joint filers).

- Many companies match donations, effectively doubling your support of W8UM. Please check with your employer's human resources department to see if they will match your donation!