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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
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Title:	Amateur Radio Club Records
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Historical Note

The first radio station at Michigan State University was established through the efforts of the Amateur Radio Club in 1919, under the call letters of 8YG, making it one of the earliest college radio stations in existence. Broadcasting weather reports and farm market prices was its primary function. In 1925, 8YG became WKAR, the commercial broadcast station, while a ham radio station was formed under the call letters 8XBU. 1927 saw the issuance of a new license and a new call sign, 8SH. The first day of operations for the College's permanent call sign W8SH, was January 22, 1927.

The club has been an active force in local and national communications during disasters and emergencies with membership in the Lansing Disaster Control plan (1964) and the Community

Radio Watch Programs. While staying on top of advancing technology, W8SH placed the first United States to Europe slow-scan TV QSO, on February 22, 1969. The club also coordinated and broadcast chess matches between Lansing and Buffalo, New York. During the third Presidential debate on October 19, 1992, at Michigan State University, the Radio Club was doing its part by communicating with others around the nation.

In 1951, Ian O. Ebert became faculty advisor for the Radio Club. He held this position for thirty one years. Upon Ebert's death in 1982, Gerald Park took over as faculty advisor, where he served for fifteen years. In 1983, the station W8SH, was dedicated and renamed Ebert Memorial Station.

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Scope and Content

The Amateur Radio Club records cover the time period 1924-1992, with the bulk falling between 1948 and 1989. Minutes of meetings, financial transactions, correspondence, and station and contest logs make up the majority of the collection. One bound volume contains early logs for WKAR (1924) and W8SH (1927-1931), as well as minutes of meetings (1932-1936), a list of operators (1927-1936), treasurer's reports (1933), vibration experiment notes (1925), certificates, and W8SH QSL or "Radio Contact Cards". The records also include two boxes of QSL and QSO Cards (1927-1950) arranged alphabetically by U.S. state and city, as well as fifteen boxes of QSL and QSO Cards (1929-1986) organized by U.S. states and country call signs. See archivist for list of countries and corresponding call signs.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Amateur radio stations
- College students -- Societies and clubs
- Radio broadcasting
- Letters (correspondence)
- Photographs
- Ebert, Ian O.
- Parks, Gerald
- Community Radio Watch Programs
- Michigan State University. Broadcasting Services
- Michigan State University. Students. Societies, etc
- WKAR (Radio station : East Lansing, Mich.)
- Michigan State University. Amateur Radio Club

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Construction, 1948-1991	box 1180	folder 1
Minutes of Meetings		
1948-1953	box 1180	folder 2
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1961-1963	box 1180	folder 4
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January 1951 - April 1955	box 1180	folder 28
Novice Log, April 1955 - November 1957	box 1180	folder 29
Temco Log, April 1955 - November 1957	box 1180	folder 30
May - September 1957	box 1181	folder 1
May 1958 - February 1959	box 1181	folder 2
Novice Log, February 1961 - April 1963	box 1181	folder 3

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W8RDN Log, July 1956 - November 1956	box 1183	folder 7
W8RDN Log, July 1956 - October 1958	box 1183	folder 8
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John S. Beardsley's Log, May 1976 - June 1980	box 1183	folder 10
Certificates, 1964, 1966-1986	box 1183	folder 11

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QSL Cards, 1929-1986	box 1183	folder 12
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Call Signs: (DA - DL) - G	box 6938	
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New Station Presented to MSU June 6th, 1984	box UA Photo 37	
Radio Station	box UA Photo 37	
Slow Scan TV Transmission	box UA Photo 37	