Dear alumni and friends,

We are almost half-way to raising the W8UM tower! Last summer, we embarked on the “Sponsor-a-foot” Campaign and had a great response toward our $10,000 goal. Almost $5,000 has already been donated. We were also able to secure a cost-sharing plan with the EECS department and College of Engineering whereby we are responsible for only one third of the total project budget of $30,000. Modifications to the roof have been ordered with our current donations, and plans to procure tower and antenna materials are underway. However, it is only with your help that we can reach our $10,000 goal and fulfill our commitment to raise a new tower for W8UM.

Please have a look at the 2006 edition of our club newsletter, “Chirp and Splatter.” In it you will find stories and pictures of UM-ARC activities, W8UM station improvements, future plans, and more.

I hope this packet finds you well and hope you will stay in touch with us; our website features a wealth of information on our current projects and activities, including a more detailed proposal for the tower. We welcome your letters, emails and skeds, and encourage you to visit our station anytime you are near Ann Arbor.

Thank you and VY 73,

Richard French, KD8APA
President, UM-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 over $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!
YES! I would like to support W8UM with my donation of:

☐ “Sponsor-a-foot” of Tower Campaign
   Number of feet _____ x $100 = $ ________

☐ Other amount $ ________

Please make checks payable to:
   “The University of Michigan”

On the memo/comment line, please specify:
   “Designated for UM Amateur Radio Club”

Name: ___________________________ Callsign: _________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________
Class or affiliation (ex. EE 1970): ______________________
☐ Anonymous Donation

Please send your donation along with this form in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

THANK YOU and 73,
The members of the U-M Amateur Radio Club