Club Repeaters
146.86 PL 114.8 **W8TCM/R**
W8ZTB Memorial Repeater

442.50 PL 114.8 **W8TCM/R**
W8NGH Memorial Repeater

Club Nets
MESH NET
(Monday Evening Social Hour)
8PM EST Mondays
146.86 Repeater

SMASH NET
(Sunday Morning Amateur Social Hour)
9AM EST Sundays
3.935 MHZ

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The Cherry Juice

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Cherryland Amateur Radio Club
Traverse City, MI

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Club #1082

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March General Meeting 3/26, 7pm
Governmental Center
400 Boardman Ave, Traverse City
Program:
Contesting (MI QSO Party)
Hope AA8SN and Ernie K8RCT

April General Meeting 4/23, 7pm
Salvation Army
1239 Barlow St, Traverse City
Program:
Skywarn Training
Mike KD8REH

Forward Waves

VE EXAMS

4/13/2013, 10:00AM
Sponsored By: Saginaw Valley ARA
Walk-Ins Welcomed
Contact: Emmett A. Bengry, 989-274-9039,
e.bengry@att.net
Saginaw Red Cross
1232 N. Michigan Ave, Saginaw MI 48602

4/17/2013, 7:00PM
Sponsored By: Prescott Testing Group
Walk-Ins Welcomed
Contact: Dale E. Mondeau, 989-873-6920,
2hamitup@frontier.com
Mills Township Hall, 2441 Greenwood Rd., Skidway Lake,
Prescott, MI 48756

HAMFESTS

3/30/2013
A.R.G.Y.L. Hamfest
11700 Vergennes St., Lowell, MI 49331
Sponsored By: Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell
Talk-In: 146.62 (-) (PL 94.8) , 145.270 (-) (PL 94.8)
Contact: Al Eckman, WW8WW, al.eckman@comcast.net
616.450.4332, 725 Bowes Rd, Apt K6, Lowell MI 49331
Website: www.argyl.org

HAMFESTS (cont.)

5/4/2013
Cadillac Hamfest
Cadillac Junior High School
500 South Chestnut St., Cadillac, MI 49601
Sponsored By: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Talk-In: 146.980 (-) (no PL)
Contact: Alton McConnell, NU8L, nu8l@yahoo.com
231.876.1485, PO Box 163, Cadillac, MI 49601

Reflected Waves

March, 1993

The CARC Swap-N-Shop in 1993 saw 368 paid admissions. VE tests produced 8 No-Code Tech, 5 Tech, 3 General, 6 Advanced, and 2 Extra licenses.

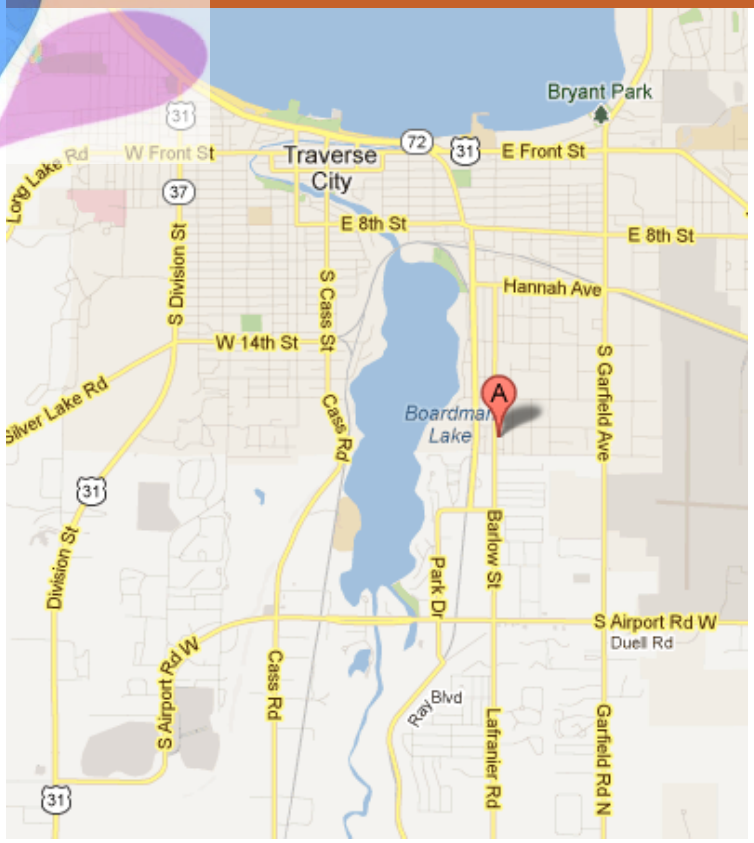
The first WAM (Worked All Members) 80 award were awarded to Gerri N8RST and Brook N8OCX.

March, 2004

Pete K8WQK updated status on the CARC and SAARC linked systems between Mancelona, Leeland, and Cheboygan repeaters. The unique linking arrangement was done using no extra linking transceivers and utilizing PL and monitoring receivers.

CARC Elections were delayed due to weather, and Hope AA8SN was elected president with Chuck W8SGR as VP.

LAST MEETING at the Governmental Center!



Changes in the policies adopted by the Governmental Center require the use of monitoring personnel during use of the building after business hours. These new security and safety measures would have resulted in a several-hundred-dollar-per-month financial commitment from the CARC to continue holding meetings at the Governmental Center.

The CARC General Meeting on 3/26 will be the last General Meeting at the Governmental Center. Future meetings will be held at the Salvation Army at 1239 Barlow St. in Traverse City.

So – For March, we will see you at the Governmental Center (the normal location).

FOR APRIL and thereafter – We will be meeting at the Salvation Army on Barlow Street !

Club Update

Ward reports that as of 2/25/2013, the IRS has approved the status.

The Cherryland Amateur Radio Club is now a 501(c)(3) organization.

A final reminder:
If you have not yet paid your 2013 CARC Dues, they are … due!

Dues this year are $20.00.
Please send your 2013 Dues to:

Ward Kuhn N8WK
PO Box 987
Traverse City, MI 49685

John William McClellan, KB8GGK, Silent Key

John William McClellan, KB8GGK, of Traverse City passed away at his home on February 27, 2013.

John had long been an active member of the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club for many years. He was routinely present for countless events, nets, and was a veritable permanent fixture at CARC Field Day events. He earned and upheld the title "Dr. Dog" as the official professional feeder of hungry hams.

John's wife Gerri N8RST assisted with coffee, cookies, donuts, and other refreshments for the CARC for almost 17 years, and they have both held positions on the CARC Board.

Gerri plans to have a memorial service for John sometime this spring and details will be announced.

John wanted to be sure that it was known that the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club held a special place in his heart, and that he had enjoyed the fellowship of the group and cherished the friendships he had made and maintained within.

73 John – you are missed.

-SK-

Memorial Gifts are encouraged and can be sent to:
Gerri McClellan, N8RST,
321 W. 16th st,
Traverse City, MI 49684.

Bill, W8PIT made it to 88!

Many of you are aware of the various "Q" signals used by Amateur Radio operators. CW operators created these Q-signals in order to reduce the number of characters that they would have to send for common terms of discussion.

Many of the more-common signals are still used: QTH (meaning your location), QSO (meaning can you communicate with another station), QSY (change to another frequency) and QSL (can you acknowledge receipt - This signal led to the famous QSL card).

Number-based signals were also used. These were primarily used in the text of messages composed by others and sent by Amateur Radio stations. The most common of these was (and still is) "73" which means best regards.

Less common are the number signals of 33 and 88. The number 33 would be used when the message wanted to send God Bless You, and 88's would mean Love and Kisses.

Bill Shenk, W8PIT has, age-wise, made it through all of the numbers! On March 13th he celebrated his 88th birthday. This in itself is quite an accomplishment.

(His XYL, Marilyn N8UUJ gave him a lot of 88's.)

Please join me in wishing Bill a Happy Birthday!

73, Joe W8TVT

The TBARG Page

TBARG Camp Greilick Scouting Event

During the scouting event at Camp Greilick we blew the serpentine belt on the barge. Luckily, Mike V. was able to install a new belt with the help of his brother. The hams on site dug into their pockets and came up with enough cash to purchase the replacement belt and idler pulley. I'm thinking that we need to build an equipment fund for TBARG. Those of us at Camp Greilick have already made a substantial contribution and we're asking other TBARG members to help build up a small cash reserve so the burden doesn't fall on only one or two members.

A check for $20 or $50 made out to TBARG and given to Ward would really really help!

Your kind consideration (tax exempt) is greatly appreciated...really!

73 de Ernie, K8RCT

TBARG Emergency Exercise and Training

There is a FEMA exercise coming up on April 25th that we need to practice for. So, we are planning on having a short exercise on Saturday, April 6th to prepare for the really big event. There is a full exercise plan (email enable@charter.net to request) document, but the short version is that we will meet at Munson Hospital at 9:00 AM on April 6th in the cafeteria. We will dispatch operators to the Munson radio room, the ComVan and to a few Shelter sites in Grand Traverse County. The exercise will involve passing ICS213 messages between entities...mainly between the ComVan which will be parked at the EOC and the shelter sites. Munson will establish net control operations.

Here are the staffing needs:
Munson - Minimum of 3 operators
ComVan - Minimum of 3 operators
Shelters - Minimum of 3 operators (with HT's, mobiles, or go-kits)

Please let me know if you can make this event... we'll worry about the April 25th FEMA drill later!

Thanks for your help... I'll buy the donuts!

73 de Ernie, K8RCT

Bill Borgman K8CJQ Memorial Club – Historic Bridge Weekend

At the CARC 2013 Swap-N-Shop, I was pleased to meet Terrie Hazecamp, W8CJQ. Terrie has been involved with the Bill Borgman K8CJQ Memorial Club. There is more information at the website http://k8cjq.com

Of particular interest Terrie is looking for volunteers to assist with the Historic Bridge Weekend event from July 19-21 this year. Below is information from the website and a flyer. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

HISTORIC BRIDGE WEEKEND

Sponsored by K8CJQ Memorial Club

July 19 -21, 2013

00:00z July 19 – 23:59z July 21, 2013

To get your bridge on the list send Callsign, Name of bridge, Location information to:

historicbridge@gmail.com

Visit us on the web at k8cjq.org

Sponsoring Event

Historic Bridge Weekend

A week before his death, Bill was planning to start a new event. A historic landmark or Historic Bridge Weekend. We, the Mid West DX Club are sponsoring the Historic Bridge Weekend.

This inaugural event will be held on July 19-21, 2013.

Operation on any amateur radio frequencies is permitted.

If you are operating from a historic bridge please email (historicbridge@gmail.com) the callsign being used, name of the bridge and location including state or country, so that we can get you posted to the website.

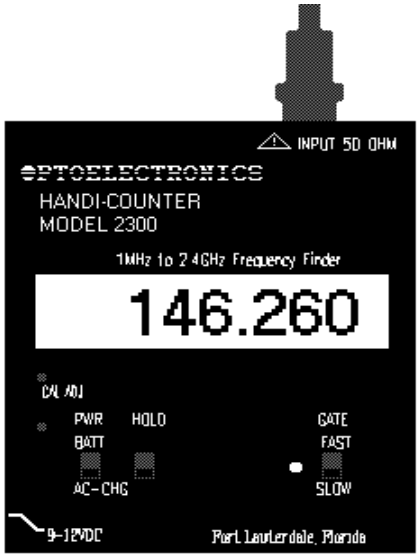
July 19-21, 2013 the first "Historical Bridges On the Air" event.

2013 Participating Bridges

K8CJQ	**2nd Street Iron Bridge**	**Allegan, MI**
VE3LS	**Blakfriars Truss Bridge**	**London, ON**
W8AGB	**Mackinaw Bridge**	**Mackinaw City, MI**
TBA	**Golden Gate Bridge**	**San Francisco, CA**

That's it for the March edition of the Cherry Juice –
Don't forget, the March General Meeting will be Tuesday March 26th at 7pm at the Governmental Center at 400 Boardman Ave in Traverse City, MI 49684.
As always, I welcome your input on the newsletter, positive or negative!

-73 de Joe N8OUZ



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CARC BOARD MEETTING MINUTES 03-05-2013
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: AA8SN, K8RCT, N8WK, KD8REH, N8OUZ, W8VPC, W8SGR, KJ4KFJ
CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: KB8RIV, KC8ZAP, W8TVT, NS8K

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM
NEW BUSINESS
1) Girls on the run marathon - Hope was contacted regarding Fundraiser. They are sending up a WX balloon with a transmitter. They want to be able to find it when it lands. Can we help? May 25. 5pm. Saturday. 2 weeks before would like to do a practice run (since the actual event will be live on television). Hope took a list of names of those interested, and this should be announced at the meeting and at other venues, perhaps the email list.
2) The CARC acknowledges that a group of members independent of the CARC will be collecting contributions to assist Gerry McClellan for funeral (and other) costs.
3) Joe TVT brings to Hope a concern of dwindling check-in numbers for the MESH Net. Discussion on whether to continue the net.
4) Ward moved that a letter be sent to Don and Dave thanking them for many years of service. Motion carries.
5) Ward reviews budget. Joe N8OUZ moves to pay rent to IC for 2014 swap. Ernie seconds, motion carries.
6) Ernie will send an email out to the board regarding the Boy Scout event (unnamed) (March 15-17).
7) Joe N8OUZ made no progress on the SATERN station at the Salvation Army. This is a gentle reminder. Stop slacking Joe!
8) New meeting place: Harry KB8RIV suggests that Tuesday nights at the Salvation Army are available for general meetings. It was mused that we ought to send correspondence to the Commander confirming the schedule, but Harry indicated it was known and that it was not necessary. Joe moves that Hope contact the Commander and confirm the details. Elevator is fixed, and there are extra chairs and ample room. Next VE Session will also be in this room (between Cadillac Swap (5/4) and Dayton (5/17)) since the Library is booked.
9) Budget for 501(c)(3) - it is granted, we are now a charitable organization. Donations and Dues can be deducted on the payers taxes as charitable donations. Ward suggests we look at the repeater committee findings and update the plan for the repeater repairs. We should adopt a budget based on the goals that need to be technically achieved. Ernie suggests that this should be a more precise and non-rushed process, potentially updating the quote since it is a year old and nailing down the bill of materials.
10) Mike at Mad River - MI QSO party plaque
11) Bill Shenk W8PIT turns 88 next week. Embarrassing CJ article to commence via W8TVT. w8pit@charter.net (3/13/2013)
12) Kudos to Chris for the presentation. Chris has a PDF available for those interested.
13) MONTHLY CLUB PRESENTATIONS
1. MARCH - K8RCT and AA8SN, CONTESTING (MI QSO party)
2. APRIL - KD8REH, SKYWARN TRAINING
3. MAY - K8RCT, NVIS ANTENNAS

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 8:09PM
Respectfully Submitted, Mike Vandermey KD8REH

Traverse Bay Amateur Radio Group

SKYWARN

Severe Weather Network

What is the TBARG Skywarn Program?

The TBARG Skywarn program works in conjunction with the National Weather Service in Gaylord during sever weather events by providing critical information about severe weather and potentially saving lives. The data will also help forecasters with storm movement and location.

How can I help?

During sever weather nets will be activated on the W8TCM 146.86 repeater. A warning tone will be broadcast and an alert message will inform you of the status of the storm. When nets are activated a net control station will take certain information about the storm, (movement, rain fall, lightning, tornados, ETC) for more information on nets and protocols visit our web site at www.tbarg.org and look for the Skywarn link.

What do I need?

To participate in Skywarn nets you must take the Basic Skywarn training provided by the national weather service. The second thing you will need is a 2 meter (vhf) radio. Depending on what county you live in the net might be on the 145.390 repeater in Leeland, or our primary repeater 146.860.

ANYONE CAN BE A PART OF A SKYWARN NET!

SKYWARN NET FREQUENCIES
W8TCM 146.860 PL 114.8
W8SGR 145.390 PL 103.5
SIMPLEX 146.520

SEVERE WEATHER SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING!
UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

April 23rd CARC General Meeting – 4/23/2013 – Salvation Army, 1239 Barlow St in TC
May 8th – Civic Center – 1213 W. Civic Center Dr. in TC

Everyone is encouraged to attend both meetings!

For more information contact:
Michael Vandermey
KD8REH
Skywarn Coordinator

Email: kd8reh@yahoo.com