



THE CHERRY JUICE

cherryland amateur radio club traverse city, mi

January 2009

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Dave N8CN

CLUB NETS

MESH NET
8 pm Monday
146.86 MHZ

SMASH NET
9 am Sunday
3.935 MHZ



ARRL Affiliated Club
#1082

Coming Club Events

January 27th Club Meeting

This month's program will be a discussion of the science of radio propagation by Ward N8WK. In addition, January is when we elect our officers and Board for the coming year. As usual, there will be coffee and a cookie or two. Once again, we will meet at the Governmental Center at 8th and Boardman at 7 pm in the lower level cafeteria.

Tuesday Project Nights

Where: At the club station in the lower level of the Salvation Army Building located at the NE corner of Barlow and Boone. 7 p.m. Every Tuesday except the 4th Tuesday of the month which is reserved for the regular club meeting.

Forward Waves

VE EXAMS:

Charlotte, MI. January 24, 2009. Eaton County ARC. 1 p.m. Eaton County Sheriff's Dept. EOC. 1024 Independence Blvd. Charlotte, MI. Walk-ins OK. Contact John: 517 645-2378 DETTA@IA4U.net

Traverse City, MI. February 14, 2009. Cherryland ARC. 10 a.m. at the Swap. 218 Vine St. Immaculate Conception Elementary School. Contact: Hope AA8SN aa8sn@arri.net or 231 941-7262

HAMFESTS:

Saturday, February 7, 2009. Negaunee, MI. Hiawatha ARA. Negaunee Town Hall, 42 HWY, M-35. TI: 146.640 (PL 100) Contact: Bob N8PKN, 906 225-6773. n8pkn@aol.com

Saturday, February 14, 2009. 36th Annual Swap-n-Shop, Cherryland ARC. Immaculate Conception Elementary School. 218 Vine St. 8 am until noon. Contact Joe W8TVT: 231 947-8555 or jjnovak@charter.net

Reflected Waves

January 1986

New officers elected at this month's meeting include President Bob **W8NGH**, VP Jim **N8AYQ**, Secretary Gary **KA8WXN**, Treasurer Al N **W8IAS** and Corresponding Secretary Mick **N8DBK**. The new Directors are Tom **KD8DV**, Ken **W8QKP** and Brennan **KA8SOF**. New calls heard this month include Pat **KA8YLN**, Jean **KA8YLA** and Tom **KA8YLL**.

January 2001

Hope Francisco **AA8SN** was awarded the Ham of the Year for 2000 at the December Christmas party. The award was presented by Norm **KC8CLM**. Officers elected for 2001 include President Tom **AA8YI**, VP Norm **KC8CLM**, Recording Secretary Gloria **N8KXJ**, Corresponding Secretary Hope **AA8SN**, and Treasurer Ward **N8WK**. The new Directors are Jon **KG8AO**, John **KX8CW** and Dale **N8VX**. The Cherry Juice editor is Dave **N8CN**.

DUES DELINQUENT JAN 31!

Treasurer Ward **N8WK** reminds me that it is time to “share the wealth” and pay your club dues. Once again, the dues structure is unchanged and you can still join at “eighties prices”. Membership dues need to be paid before January 31, 2009 to avoid being considered delinquent. Club dues are still only \$12.00/ year for the 1st family member and additional members are \$2.00/year. Autopatch privileges are \$12.00/year. Student memberships (elementary, middle or high school) are \$5.00/year. A voluntary repeater donation (\$5.00-10.00/family) is suggested to help keep our repeaters on the air. If all your information in the club directory is accurate, just send your check to:

Ward Kuhn **N8WK**
PO Box 987
Traverse City, MI 49685

If your information in the club directory is **NOT CORRECT**, either send the correct information to Ward with your check or you can fill out the information form on the “**JOIN**” page on the Cherry Juice web site, click on submit, and Ward will get the correct information

NOTE: We need to keep an accurate and current e-mail database. Each month I send out an e-mail reminder when I put the Cherry Juice on-line. If you are not receiving this reminder and would like to, please send your e-mail address to: n8cn@charter.net

2008 HOY

This years Ham of the Year (HOY) is none other than club president Don N8QX. Don has served as Club President for the past 2 years and has been opening the club station for the Tuesday Project nights and bringing the coffee and cookies for the meetings. He has attended and participated in all of the club activities and provided the sound equipment for the Swap-n-Shop for several years.

Don was first licensed as a General Class operator as **KC8SSD** and in 2003 he upgraded to Amateur Extra Class and obtained his current call **N8QX**.

Don is a self-employed commercial artist but has enjoyed several occupations over the years including being a math teacher at Mott Junior College, social work in the Flint Corrections System and helping with the sound system set-up for several major rock concerts at the Pontiac Silver Dome.

He and his wife Claire have a son, Dylan, who lives in Ann Arbor and is also an artist. Dylan is a friend of Joe **N8OUZ** and they spent several years in school together. Currently Dylan is doing medical illustrations plus selling his own artwork.

Don is an accomplished guitarist and has played in several bands both downstate and in the Traverse City Area. Don has worked in one of the local guitar studios both in sales and as an instructor and one of his students has been CARC former HOY Dale **N8VX**.

For several years, Don regularly participated in some Sunday night jam sessions with Lyle **KC8BQL** and Dave **N8CN** and 3-4 other rock star wannabees! Other than Don we were all advised to hold onto our day jobs!

The award, a lamp created by Joe **W8TVT**, was presented by the last recipient of the Hoy, Jon **N8UL**. Congratulations Don, you have enriched the CARC experience for all of us.

HAMS PRESENT AWARD

William Sholten Benzie County Emergency Manager was honored with a certificate of appreciation November 22nd at a breakfast meeting of the Benzie Amateur Radio Friends. As Emergency Manager Sholten has participated with the Ham ARES/RACES organization in their Simulated Emergency Tests and annual Field Day exercises.

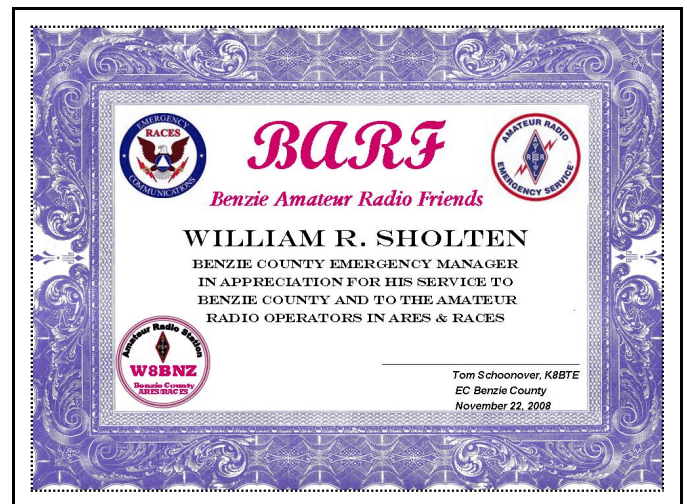
ARES/RACES is a Federal Communications Commission licensed Ham group who volunteers to assist Emergency Management, Police, Fire, Red Cross, Hospitals with backup communications during emergencies when their assistance is requested.

In January Sholten will be moving into the position as Benzie County Under Sheriff. The Benzie ARES/RACES Hams congratulate him and look forward to providing our services where needed.

-73 de Tom Schoonover K8BTE
Emergency Coordinator
Benzie County ARES/RACES



Pictured above(left to right): Bill Paris AA4R, Bill Sholton, Tom Schoonover K8BTE



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN GETS IT RIGHT!



That's right. That's our CARC Recording Secretary Gloria **N8KXJ** in her newly delivered (but not newly earned!) Authentic U of M Varsity Letter Jacket. It seems as though when Gloria was a sharp-eyed student at the U/M she was a member of the Rifle team and earned a Varsity Letter. There was only one problem—in those days the University did not award letters to women!!

Hard to believe that the University JFK labeled the "Harvard of the Midwest" had a gender bias but such was the sad state of affairs. Well, 60 years later they got it right and tracked down these deserving athletes and presented their letters. Congratulations Gloria!! Very, very cool!!

SWAP-n-SHOP 2009

Once again, it's time for the annual Swap-n-Shop and this time it's number 36. Once again, Joe Novak **W8TVT** will be acting as swap chairman and general "gets things done" guy. Ward **N8WK** will be manning the ticket/table sales and Jon **N8UL** will be running the club table. Prez Don will be doing the announcements and **N8RST** will be heading up the kitchen crew.

We can always use set-up and take-down people and help is always appreciated in the kitchen and the club table so everyone can get a break and a chance to "cruise the tables".

There will be a sign-up list at the January meeting and I'm sure Joe will give an update on how the event is progressing. If you can't make the meeting, give Joe a call either on the repeater or at **947-8555** to volunteer. He will tell you where you are needed—and you will be needed!!

Once again, there will be a pre-swap dinner at the Elks Club on Friday night. This will begin at 5 pm and after the dinner, we will head to the school to begin early set-up. All are welcome as "many hands make for light work". This is a great time to help your club.

PS: If you can't make the swap, call Ward and buy a ticket anyway. It's only \$5.00, it's for a good cause and you'll be in the running for 1 of the top 3 door prizes as you do not have to present to win the top 3 prizes. Top prize is usually a 2 meter radio, mobile or HT.

FCC LICENSE ACTIVITY ON THE RISE

According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, **AB1FM**, there continues to be a heightened interest in Amateur Radio following the FCC's elimination of the Morse code exam requirement in February 2007: "The number of new license applicants remains strong under the new Amateur Radio Service rules. The following table chronicles all 14 FCC authorized VEC organizations' new license activity over the last few years." In 2008, the total number of US amateurs rose 1.2 percent, from 655,800 in 2007, to 663,500 in 2008:

New Amateur Totals 2006 through November 2008			
Month	2006	2007	2008
Jan	1274	1647	1755
Feb	1605	2435	2998
Mar	2531	3478	2816
Apr	1728	2673	3090
May	2283	2607	2562
Jun	1967	2281	2402
Jul	1401	1786	2077
Aug	1623	2183	2084
Sep	1357	1462	1763
Oct	1781	2109	2303
Nov	1993	2132	2197
Dec	1569	1935	2019

Totals:	21,112	26,728	28,066

Somma said that the number of General and Extra class upgrades is also on the rise. "When looking at 2006 totals," she said, "we see that upgrade applications for 2007 were up 286 percent; in 2008, they were up 146 percent over 2006. Requests for new club licenses also remain strong. In 2008, we had 671 applications for club licenses come in, while in 2007, there were 506 applications. That's an increase of 133 percent." Calling it a "ripple effect," Somma said that the number of amateurs who want to be volunteer examiners and who want to teach Amateur Radio classes is also going up. "Here at the ARRL VEC, we've seen a spike in the number of applications from General and Extra class radio amateurs who want to give back to their community by serving as examiners and instructors," she said. Somma further broke down the numbers to show the approximate number of licensees per FCC license class:

Novice:	18,500
Technician:	322,500
General:	145,000
Advanced:	62,000
Extra:	115,500
Total:	663,500

"I can think back to the mid 1980s when there were approximately 450,000 US Amateurs," Somma recalled. "These are the highest numbers of General and Extra class licensees I have ever seen." As of April 15, 2000, the FCC no longer issues Novice or Advanced class licenses. "As expected, the number of Novice and Advanced class licensees has decreased," she said. "As I look toward 2009, I see Amateur Radio growing in a positive direction."