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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

July 24th Club Meeting

This month's program will be a *picnic* - the annual CARC Picnic at Saylor Park! Bring a place setting, some beverages, and a dish to pass. The food starts around 6:30pm, but the fun will start before then, which you may regret missing - so don't!

Where: 5949 Yuba Park Rd, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Coming in August

An exciting FOX HUNT is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for more details!

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

Forward Waves

VE EXAMS:

Gaylord, MI. Saturday, August 4, 2012.
Top of Michigan ARC. Otsego County Public Library Meeting Room. 700 Otsego Ave. 9 am (No Walk-ins) Contact: Chad.
Email: cjohnston@mysgo.com

Traverse City, MI. Saturday, August 18, 2012. 1 pm (Walk-ins OK) Traverse City Public Library. Contact: Hope AA8SN.
Email: hopeaa8sn@juno.com

HAMFESTS:

Saturday, July 28, 2012. Lansing, MI.
CMARC Trunk Sales & Computer Equipment Hamfest. 8 am to 1 pm. Holt Christian Church. 2424 S. Washington Rd. Free Trunk Spots and Admission. TI: 145.39 (PL 100).

Saturday, August 4, 2012. Escanaba, MI.
Delta County AR Society. Bay de Noc Community College. 2001 N. Lincoln Rd, Escanaba, MI. 9 am til 2 pm. TI: 147.15 (PL 100) Contact: John WD8RTH. Email: wd8rth@dcars.org

Reflected Waves

July 1992

In July, 1992, the CARC Picnic was held in Yuba Park. Bob (Dr. Dog) W8NGH was once again king of the grill.

Field Day was the true test for the club's new TS-450S in 1992. The contacts for 1992 were 622 contacts on 40m (433cw), 342 contacts on 80m (177cw), 353 contacts on 20m(161 cw), and 33 on 15m (11 cw). 10m and up held 34 contacts (24 of which were cw). A final score was calculated as 6070.

The CARC received a thank-you letter from the Area Director of the Special Olympics in appreciation of the CARC's volunteer communication services during the 1992 Crystal Cruise Bike Tour.

July 2003

The 5th annual HBO (Ham Bike Outing) took place on July 26.

Field Day reports from 2003 indicated 487 CW contacts, 615 contacts on 20m, 530 on 40m, and 430 contacts on 15/80m.

And ... You guessed it, the CARC Picnic was again held in Yuba Park, solidifying a time-honored tradition of the CARC.

CARC FIELD DAY 2012

Wow, what a weekend! Sure, it rained a little Saturday evening and Sunday morning but no thunder or lightning. It turned out to be a great field day weekend and everyone seemed to have a good time. The 20 meter station led by W8QKP had over 650 contacts. W8WK and K8SZN (and others) had 360 contacts, while the 80/15/40 meter station run by W8QPO and KD8REH (and others) had 280+ contacts. The solar station on 52/52 had 13 contacts. Five contacts were needed on alternative power for bonus points.

Things got started on Tuesday June 19 when a group gathered at the CARC storage area on the Don Parker (WD8NRZ) farm to load up tower parts, antennas, wire and cables needed for field day. These items were transported to the Frank Kiessel Farm on Fort Rd., South of Suttons Bay. Ward, N8WK pulled the club trailer and Dave, KJ4KFJ brought out the club generators. Supervising was Chuck W8SGR. Others who helped out were Chris, KD8MTT, John, KD8RSY, Joe KC8RLU and myself.

Friday afternoon a group gathered to put up the towers and antennas. N8WK put together his five sloper antennas for 40 meters to his massive tower. Beam and towers were also assembled for 20, 15 and 10 meters. Those on hand to help out and give direction included W8QPO, W8SGR, W8QK, KB8WZK, K8SZN, K8DT, WB8RIV, KD8RTE, KJ4KFJ, WD8REH, W8TVT, KD8RSY, and KD8MTT, who also brought out his camper for a two night stay. Matt also brought out his faithful dog, Tucker, to help with guard duty. Later, K8HIB stopped out for a visit.



Harry KB8RIV was there to oversee the activities of the Salvation Army Food Wagon. Volunteers included Gail, Robert, Missy, Debra, Laurie, Randy & Jason. They served a great picnic style dinner that evening and breakfast the next morning with snacks in between. The Kiessel Family joined us for the picnic dinner that evening.

Those involved with station activities were N8WK, K8SZN, W8QKP, KB8WZK, K8DT, W8KAN, W8QPO, W8SGR, KD8REH, KB8RIV, WD8IIR, KC8ZAP, KD8RDT, KC8RLU, KD8SIY, & K9JP. Saturday visitors included N8HLK as she wanted to see what Ken was doing. Ken also had visits from N8HLJ, KC8MJ and grandkids Case and Satie. KD8OXX was out to check up on KD8MTT and Tucker. Other visitors included Ken Fraizer, Paul Plamondon, Jim AC8DG, and

Saturday was full of a flurry of activities to get each station "ready for action". Every station was ready for the two o'clock start. Frank, WD8IIR was out and I had a chance to reminisce with him about the history of this field. I reminded him that he was responsible for talking to the Kiessel Family about using this portion of their cherry farm as our field day site. We went into our memory banks and figured that it was 1991 when we first came out here. Wow, 21 years. Our special thanks to the Kiessel Family for this "loan" of their property. It is always neat to wander through their cherry orchard to this high bluff overlooking Grand Traverse Bay. It is especially nice to see the tall 40 meter tower with the American Flag proudly flying on top. Someone had a GPS and calculated that we are at 823 feet elevation. The bay is at the 577 foot level, so that puts us 246 feet above the water level. The view is worth the trip out here. However, let me get back to my report!

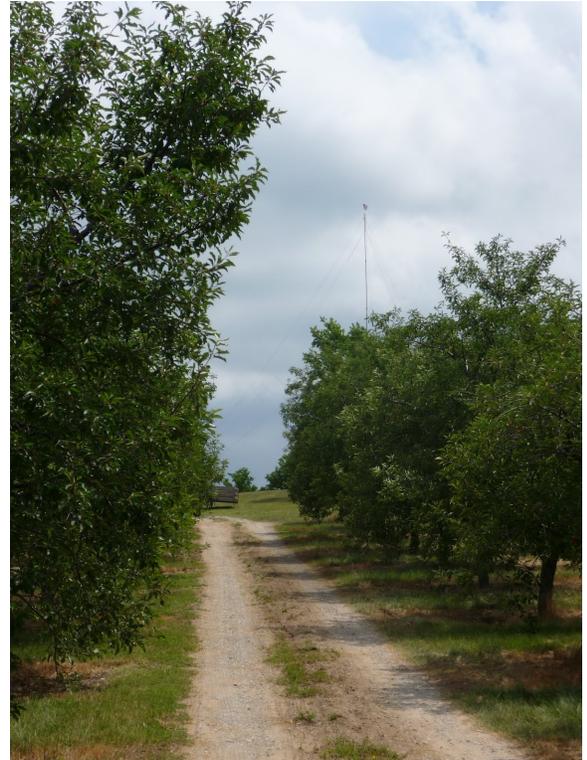


Mike WB6UTW. We also had a visit from Art Dembinski, KD8CGF from Ohio. Art was visiting the area and brought out his tent and sleeping bag. He spent the night and helped out on 20 meters. Later Saturday night Hope AA8SN was out and work a few stations. Many of the visitors found us by using the CARC signs that were put out on the road directing them to the Field Day site. Also of help was the Google Map showing the field day site that N8CN put out on the club web site.

The clean up crew was just great. The following people arranged their schedule to be there when the contest ended. They were on hand to help take down and disassemble the towers and beams and pack up the other equipment for transport back to the club storage area. Those who helped included KD8SIY, W8QKP, KD8RSY, W8KAN, N8WK, K8SZN, W8VPC, KD8MTT, W8TVT, K8DT, KB8WZK, W8QPO, KC8ZAP, and KD8REH. Everything was loaded and ready for transport by 3:34 PM. Great timing after a long 24+hrs. of activities.



Special thanks to KD8REH who drove the barge out and returned it to the Salvation Army parking lot. It was used to house the 15 meter station. Special recognition goes to N8WK, W8QPO, and KD8RSY. Ward hooked up the generator trailer to his car and Brad attached the club trailer to his vehicle. Off they went with John following to pick up any items that might fall out of the trailers! The plan was for them to park the trailers at the farm to be unloaded the following week. But oh no! The three of them unloaded the trailer and put the generators in storage... all by themselves. Our special thanks.



Well that's my report. I hope I have included everyone who was out there and involved. It is sometimes hard to keep track of everyone as there is so much going on. If I omitted any one, see me on the side. I will try to do better next time! (Hi)

73 Joe W8TVT

CLUB/REPEATER UPDATE

Our plans for club re-organization as a 501 (c)3 non-profit are progressing nicely. We are incorporated with the State of Michigan as the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club and we have begun the process with the IRS for 501 (c)3 status. The new Bylaws were accepted by vote of the members at the May regular club meeting and hopefully all the necessary paperwork will be completed within the next 2-3 months.

The new cavities for the repeater were installed over the weekend on July 15th by John KF8KK and Dave KJ4KFJ. Great work, guys! The repeater committee has cut back to meeting once per month, yielding to other club-sanctioned activities. The committee continues to investigate options for an antenna and feedline replacement strategy.



VE TESTING

Hope AA8SN reports that two candidates were tested on July 10, one passing Technician and one passing General. Ward N8WK, Jeff K9JP, and Ernie K8RCT assisted Hope with the testing session. The next testing session is August 18th at the Traverse Area District Library on Woodmere. Testing begins at 1pm (Walk-ins OK). Contact: Hope AA8SN. Email: hopeaa8sn@juno.com

ANTENNA PROJECT

As stated on the cover, a FOX HUNT is in the planning stages for August. Ernie K8RCT had the following from an email to share about a project for Fox Hunting antenna construction. (Apologies that the newsletter was not completed previous to the date of this project - please contact Ernie for information about constructing an antenna of your own, perhaps at a future project night!)

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As you know, in August the CARC has the annual FOX HUNT! This is a really great time and you won't want to miss participating in this event. The equipment you will need is a directional antenna (2 meter beam) and a 2 meter radio.

But wait, there is more.....I don't have a 2 meter portable beam!
So, next Tuesday night (July 17th) at 7:00 PM we will be building 2 meter beams down at the Salvation Army. Brad, W8QPO, has been busy putting together a bunch of beams. All they need is for us to build the gamma match and use the antenna tuner to make the final adjustments. All the parts are ready for you to put together!. (you are a CARC member, right?)

So, we will postpone the training session at Munson and we will instead be building 2 meter portable beams thanks to Brad and Chuck (thanks guys!!!). A donation to TBARG would be welcome (I'm thinking at least \$10). This is Brads contribution to the Emcomm team.

Ernest Abel

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