



THE CHERRY JUICE

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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

June 23rd Club Meeting

This month we will assemble in the parking lot of the Salvation Army at the corner of Barlow and Boone at around 6:30 pm. We will be transporting Field Day Equipment from the Club Station and picking up tower sections, cable, generators, etc at the club storage shed at Don WD8NRZ's QTH. We will then move it all to the Field Day site. If you can't be at the Club Station by 6:30, monitor the 86 machine and connect up with us along the way or at the Field Day Site on Fort Road. All the help we can muster is needed. Many hands make for light work.

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:

Gaylord, MI. Saturday, August 1, 2009.
Top of Michigan ARC. Otsego Public Library, Old 27 south. 9 am. Walk-ins welcome. Contact: Chad at (989) 705-9322 or Chad@nuwaysupply.com

Traverse City, MI. Saturday, August 8, 2009. Cherryland ARC. Salvation Army Bldg, corner of Barlow and Boone. 1 pm. Walk-ins welcome. Contact: Hope AA8SN at (231) 941-7262 or aa8sn@arrl.net

HAMFESTS:

Saturday, August 1, 2009. Escanaba, MI. UP Hamfest. Delta County AR Society. 9 am at the Joseph Heiman University Center, Bay de Noc College. TI: 147.15 (PL 100). Contact: John wd8rth@dcars.org

Saturday, August 8, 2009. Hale, MI. ICARE Swap-n-Shop. Iosco County AR Enthusiasts. 8 am. Plainfield Twsp Hall, 220 N. Washington (M-65). Contact: Cliff N8HA. n8ha@centurytel.net

Reflected Waves

June 1986

The June regular meeting program featured Gary KA8WXN on the art and science of the Road Rally. Until retiring from the circuit, Gary was one of the top road rally racers. Art Dundon, after passing the Novice and Technician exams at Muskegon in April, finally received his call, N8HKQ. The new ARRL pocket-size repeater directory is a big hit. The ARRL Letter reports sales of over 5000 copies at Dayton this year.

June 2001

The June meeting was at debriefing on Field Day and a social event. Ward N8WK presented plans for the August Lighthouse event and Joe W8TVT presented the details for the August 3,4 and 5 HBO or Ham Bike Outing. This years Outing will take place in the Manistique area of the UP. Friday will be a travel and meet-up day, Saturday will involve a 12 or 24 mi ride to Kitch-iti-kipi Springs and on Sunday the group will stop at the Mackinaw City mall on the way home. Joe also brought several treasures he collected in Dayton and awarded them via the usual 50-50 raffle: Yaesu hats, DX maps and log books.

FIELD DAY

It's time once again! The Field Day Marathon is this coming weekend, June 27th and June 28th. If you are unclear about Field Day or a newly licensed ham, here's the scoop. The ARRL Field Day exercise is both a test of emergency communication procedures and a contest. The idea is to get on the air without the aid of commercial electrical power—generators, batteries, solar, wind, etc are OK—and make as many contacts throughout the US and Canada. DX stations are not eligible to compete but they may be contacted for credit.

Points are awarded for QSO's, modes, solar contacts, digital contacts, copying the ARRL Field Day Bulletin, etc. Clubs compete in classes determined by the number of transmitters on the air at one time. Field Day is a lot of fun, and you really should try it. Here's the schedule:

SETUP: begins Friday afternoon. We need helpers to get the steel and aluminum up in the air and organize the trailers, tents, etc. Friday is a work day and the more the merrier and the faster things go.

SATURDAY: setup continues in the AM until the contest and operating begin at 2 pm. We will be using the club call W8TCM which is an Amateur Extra Class call. The 12, 17 and 30 meter bands are not used on Field Day. Logging is done with computers and if you are not familiar with computer logging, there will be several people available to help you.

Harry KB8RIV will have the Salvation Army Food Wagon available for lunch and supper on Saturday and a morning repast on Sunday.

Operating will continue all night, provided we can get enough operators. Things are much quieter during the late night and early morning hours so if you are a little shy or don't feel comfortable at the microphone with other people around, work the graveyard shift or early morning!!

Sunday operating continues to mid-day and after the last contact is made it is time to dismantle the stations for another year. **WE NEED YOUR HELP. DON'T LEAVE EARLY.** Please hang around a while and help. Demolition of the site goes pretty quick and we always need people to coil guy ropes and coax and put away equipment.

Right now it looks like we will be a little short of operators and that's what's hard for me to believe. I can understand not wanting to struggle with set-up or take down, but not wanting to operate? Isn't that what we hams do? Isn't that why you studied so hard to pass those exams—to get on the air? Please make some time for Field Day this year and if you have family obligations such as graduations parties, weddings, etc during the day on Saturday, come on out for the graveyard shift and help keep those stations on the air. How about early Sunday morning? Find some time to come out to the site and operate for a few hours and give another operator a much needed break.

And if you haven't pulled an all-nighter since your senior Prom or when you crammed for an exam in college, then what better way to re-ignite that down-to-the-marrow tiredness that only a 24 hr shift of Field Day will bring you!!

We really hope everyone will come out for Field Day this year. If you haven't visited the site you are in for a real treat. The view of West Bay is truly stunning and will remind you why you love living in the Grand Traverse Bay area. There is a lot of space for camping if you are so inclined. Tents, tent campers and RV's are all welcome.

Cherry Juice

Every Field Day has its own character dictated by the site, the weather, the participants and the gods of propagation. What's it take?

Lots of help!

Lots of Operators!

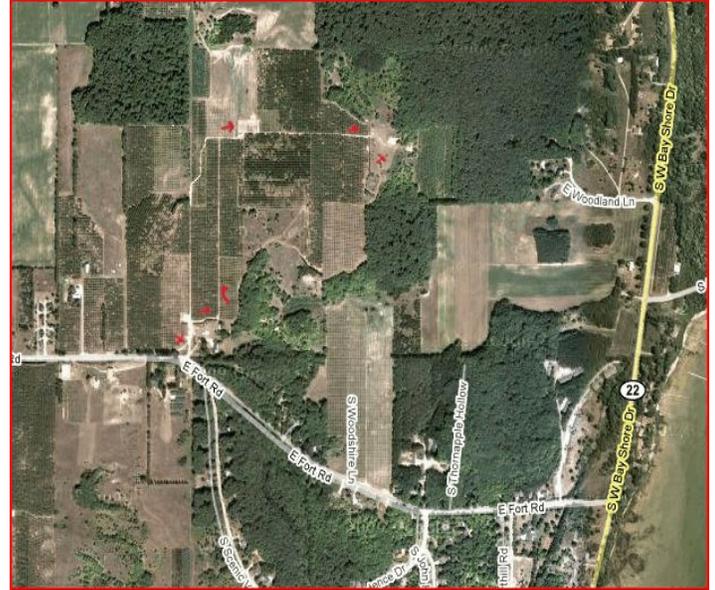
Lots of Loggers!

Lots of Visitors!

Lots of Families!

—if we get all this, we'll have lots of fun!!

FIELD DAY DIRECTIONS: Take M-22 north from Traverse City to Fort Road. Go West on Fort Road to the top of the hill. The Kiessel farm is the first farm on the right at the top of the hill. There will be a small sign at the entrance.



CHERRY FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Greetings from Tom Garrisi - W8BNL

The first week in July here in Traverse City, we hold "The National Cherry Festival". I got my old volunteer position back as "Director of Communications" where I handle all the UHF Radios and cell phones during the 8 day festival. I will also this year be setting up a OCF Dipole from my Comm Trailer and will have my HF rig on-site (local repeaters too on 2M & 440).

Anyway - - - I have applied for and received a "Special Event" call sign of **N8C** (never ate cherries?). I have the call sign for the entire week but will be only doing the "Special Event Transmitting" on Monday - July 6th. I plan to run the following schedule on that day (times are EDT).

0800-0930 3.980 MHz (+5 if occupied)

1100-1200 7.170 MHz (SSTV of QSO card once every 10 minutes (7.172 if occupied).

1500-1700 14.230 MHz (+5 if occupied)

1800-1900 7.170 MHz (SSTV of QSO card once every 10 minutes) (7.172 if occupied)

2000-2200 3.980 MHz (+5 if occupied)

So far - I am the single "OP" for this event, any volunteers? Perhaps next year we could also set up a CW station. Please let some of your friends out there know about this event as I have not advertised it via QST or any publications. Maybe next year - I can get a little better organized to ask for help with some of the time slots. I have posted in the "Photos" a preliminary view of the SSTV QSO Card I will be transmitting.

If you do not have "Digital Mode" capability either email me or try to catch one of the scheduled times and during our QSO you can request an emailed copy of the QSO Card without the "watermark". Oh yea - I will make sure to check into our Net on the '86 that evening to let all of you know how it went.

In the mean time - dah dit dah dit dah dah dit dah 73 and best wishes from Tom W8BNL!!

That's it for this month OM's and YL's--sorry for the abbreviated Juice but my other life has really intruded on me this month. Lots of work, lots of company and too little time.

-73 to all, N8CN

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