



THE CHERRY JUICE

cherryland amateur radio club traverse city, mi

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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

May 22nd Club Meeting

This month's program will be a demonstration of various "go kits" for emergencies, both real and exercises. If you have a "go kit" bring it to the meeting for show and tell. Also we will have an update on the club reorganization, be voting on the new Bylaws and a report from the repeater committee. Where: The lower level cafeteria in the Governmental Center on Boardman near the intersection of Boardman and Eighth. 7 p.m. Cookies and coffee available.

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:

Hudsonville, MI. Saturday, June 02, 2012. Hudsonville, MI. IRA Annual Hamfest. Hudsonville Fair grounds. 5235 Park Avenue. 9 to 10:30 am. Walk-ins OK

Muskegon, MI. Saturday, June 9, 2012. Red Cross Building. 120 W. Webster Avenue. 9 am. Walk-ins OK. Contact: Robert: res00lwt1@frontier.net

HAMFESTS:

Saturday, June 2, 2012. Hudsonville, MI. IRA Annual Hamfest. Hudsonville Fairgrounds. 5235 Park Avenue. 8 am til noon. Vendors, Indoor and trunk sales, exams. TI: 147.160 (PL 94.8) Camping available with showers and electric. Friday night: Road Kill Chili and potluck dinner. Contact: Don 616 532-7769.
www.w8ira.org

Saturday, June 9, 2012. Newberry, MI. LARS Hamfest. Luce Amateur Radio Society. Pentland Twsp Hall. M-28. TI: 146.61 Contact: Dave KA8K 906 586-3928. hopperd@michigan.gov

Reflected Waves

May 1992

The May CARC meeting featured Molly, an air traffic controller from the Cherry Capital Airport tower. Molly spoke on the use of radios in air traffic control and supplemented her talk with an FAA video on air traffic control. The May Foxhunt was won by Barry K18W, Ken W8QKP and Pat N8HLK. Finishing second were Joe N8OUZ and Dave N8QVP. Finishing third and fourth, respectively were Chuck W8SGR and Brook N8OCX.

May 2003

This months meeting was an update of the ARRL by Jim Weaver K8JE, Director of the ARRL Great Lakes Division. Jim made the long trip up from Mason, Ohio and had many interesting points on current ARRL activities. This was Jim's first visit to the CARC. The Michigan Repeater council met at the Red Cross Building on June 1st. Joe W8TVT has purchased 30 T-shirts for club members to wear at this years Field Day.

CLUB/REPEATER UPDATE

Our plans for club re-organization as a 501 (c)3 non-profit are progressing nicely and Ward **N8WK** has filed necessary papers with the State of Michigan and Dave **N8CN** has completed a revision of the Bylaws. The proposed Bylaws will be sent out to all members on the email list and a vote to accept, amend or reject the Bylaws will take place at the May general meeting on Tuesday May 22nd.

The repeater committee advised the Board at the April meeting that the club should purchase 8 cavities for the 86 repeater from Telewave for \$2,483.00. The purchase was authorized by the membership at the April General meeting. Treasurer Ward **N8WK** issued the check at the Board meeting and Dave **KJ4KF** placed the order with Telewave. Now, the agenda has changed to getting estimates for a tower climb, hardline and antennas. The repeater committee continues to meet every Tuesday at project nights and the meetings remain open to all members.

FOR SALE

Al Smith, **W8IAS**, has an older two meter rig for sale. The radio is an Icom 229A, 25 watt (10, 5, and 1 watt too) two meter fm transceiver. Best offer. According to eHam it is good for packet also and on QRZ they have been going for \$50.00 to \$75.00 in good condition. Contact: Frank "Al" Smith W8IAS, 412 Highview Rd, Traverse City MI.

LOTW

Are you on Log Book of the World yet? Why not? It is now a nice little cozy group of 50,000 hams! Here's the scoop from the ARRL.

On May 1, Dragan Pavlovic, **YT3PDT**, completed his registration process for Logbook of The World, becoming the 50,000th person to take advantage of the ARRL's online QSL confirmation system. According to ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, there are more than 3500 individuals from outside the US in the process of obtaining a digital certificate, and more than 1800 individuals inside the US who have started the certificate process, but not yet finished. Earlier this year, the ARRL and CQ Communications announced that the ARRL will provide support for CQ-sponsored operating awards by LoTW, beginning with the WPX Award. This project has entered the beta testing phase with a select group of hams and, barring any unforeseen circumstances, is on track to be launched to the Amateur Radio community this month.

"Radio amateurs around the world consider LoTW to be the 'must have' awards and electronic confirmation system," Patton said. "We look forward to planned improvements and upgrades, and we are gratified that so many people have helped the system grow and become more and more useful."

-TNX to *The ARRL Letter*

TRAVERSE BAY AREA EMERGENCY GROUP

As most of you know TBARG has no funding source except you and I. So in an effort to get operating stations up and operational we need some stuff. I thought I would put out a wish list and if anyone has something they would like to donate we would sure appreciate it. We are a 5013c non profit so your donations are tax deductible. We would be happy to take anything (including money) as well. Please don't be offended I am asking and don't feel obligated. Except for grant items (we have been fortunate) we the members just buy or supply anything we need and could use help.

Munson: Repeater directory, Pads of lined paper 3-5, Pens & pencils, 4 to 1 balun (for HF Loop), UPC (working but not real good, just enough for a few minutes for generator to come on), Mouse pad, Head set for Yeasu 7900, Head set for Alinco DR135, Band Plan sheets 2, Clock, Scanner, AM/FM radio, Power strip / ext cord (good quality), Stuff to ground the radios (strap or other).

Green Lake Fire Dept: (back up generator & 4 hams at station), consoles like Munson to house radios, TNC, Coax for HF Rig, 220 Radio and antenna, 220 coax, coax for 2 meter & 440 allot 300-500', tower sections (any), UPC (working but not real good, just enough for a few minutes for generator to come on), Mouse Pad, 2 meter / 440 antenna, 2 meter antenna (any) - 2, Repeater directory, Pads of lined paper 3-5, Pens & pencils.

Peninsula Fire Station: 2 meter radios with VFO x 2, 2 meter antennas (any, j pole ok) - 5, Good coax for 2 meters - about 250' est, Power supply, TNC?



MUNSON CONSOLE

VHF SIDE





HF SIDE

COMPUTER POSITION



HAM SCAMS

Dear QTH.com Ham Radio Classifieds user:

We've seen an alarming increase in the number of scammers utilizing our website (and it seems most other ham radio classified sites, too, based on reports coming in. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain what some of these scammers are doing, in hopes it will better protect you from them, when you are selling equipment on the QTH.com Classifieds. Common scammer traits:

- 1) They will use some else's call sign, and they will create an email address that contains that call, usually with a free email provider like gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc. They sometimes pose as foreign callsigns (especially UK and Spain) but recently have been using USA calls.
- 2) They will sometimes post "For Sale" ads, but also will sometimes answer "Wanted" ads. Usually the prices are a little too good to be true.
- 3) They will use pictures of equipment they have found on the Internet but don't really own.
- 4) They seem to like payments via Western Union (no protection for the buyer), but will also use PayPal (hoping to drain their account before the buyer realizes they have been scammed).
- 5) They seem to know ham radio jargon. For all we know, these scammers are hams, but we can't be sure.
- 6) They are sophisticated enough to use "proxy servers" so their IP address cannot be easily determined. We are constantly tweaking our filters to block these guys, but it is a constant cat and mouse game. What can you do to protect yourself?

*Ask for a phone number and call the person before agreeing on any deal. This is probably the #1 way to expose the rats.

*Check to see if the email address they used matches what is listed for that person on their QRZ.com profile. It could be a red flag if there is a mismatch.

*Be especially cautious of dealing with foreign hams. Not all foreign hams are scammers, of course! Just be extra careful!!

*Never use Western Union. Be very cautious of using Money Orders and Cashier's Checks. PayPal and Credit Cards seem to be the best option, as far as having any buyer protection. Money Orders & Cashier's Checks are perfectly acceptable if you are absolutely sure who you are dealing with.

Read all of my "Safe Trading Tips" at <http://chat.qth.com/yiewtopic.php7tM2>

About 100,000 ads are placed each year in the QTH.com Classifieds, and only a tiny, tiny fraction wind up being fraudulent. I do not want to scare you into thinking that it is unsafe to trade online. Rather, I simply want to arm you with knowledge, so that you will be able to sniff out the bad guys and stay safe.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly at ka9foxi@qth.com.

-73-Scott KA9FOX

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