



THE CHERRY JUICE

cherryland amateur radio club traverse city, mi

October 2012

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CLUB NETS

MESH NET
8 pm Monday
146.86 MHZ

SMASH NET
9 am Sunday
3.935 MHZ

Club Repeaters
146.86 PL 114.8
W8ZTB Memorial
Repeater

442.50 PL 114.8
W8NHG Memorial
Repeater



ARRL Affiliated Club
#1082

Coming Club Events

October 23rd Club Meeting

The October program will be a presentation by Harry KB8RIV.

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

Traverse City, MI. Sat. Nov. 10
Cherryland ARC.
1pm, Traverse Area District Library, Thirlby Room. 610 Woodmere Ave., Traverse City, MI 49686. Walk-ins allowed.
Contact: Hope Francisco AA8SN (231) 941-7262 or hopeaa8sn@juno.com

Prescott, MI. Wed. Nov 21
Prescott Testing Group
7pm, Mills Township Hall
2441 Greenwood Rd, Skidway Lake, Prescott, MI 48756-9108.
Walk-ins allowed. Contact Dale E Mondeau. (989)873-6920, 2hamitup@frontier.com

HAMFESTS

December 2
LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest
L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club
38495 L'Anse Creuse Street,
Harrison Township, MI 48045.
WWW.N8LC.ORG
Talk-in: 147.08+, PL100HZ
Contact: Gregg Crump, N8GEO. 29729 S. River Road, Harrison Twp, MI 48045 (248)670-7021. N8GEO@arrl.net

Reflected Waves

October 1992

WAM (Worked All Members) contest was kicked off in September and there are reports of many, many contacts occurring. The contest and award seems to be a hit!

The CARC collects orders for Club Jackets, and there is talk of a T-shirt and other items.

Brook, N8OCX prepares to find a super secret spot for this year's Fox Hunt.

October 2003

The CARC Club Station is moved from the Red Cross to the Salvation Army.

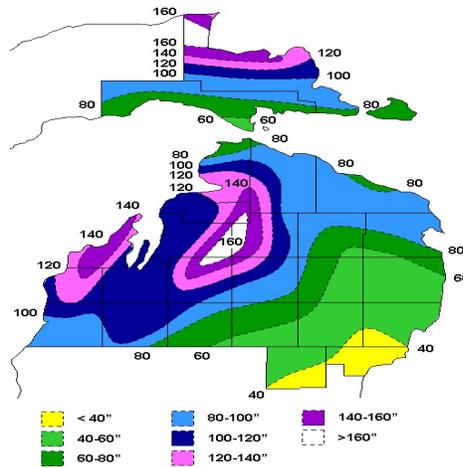
The "East Bay Repeater" 147.100 has a new callsign as Jeff Peters K9JP is the new trustee.

CLUB UPDATE

The CARC re-organization as a 501 (c)3 non-profit is progressing. We are officially incorporated with the State of Michigan as the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club and we have finalized paperwork to file with the IRS for 501 (c)3 status. All that remains is official submission of the paperwork and a game called “the waiting game.”

National Weather Service Winter Presentation

Mean Annual Snowfall
NWS Gaylord Forecast Area



With one of the most active winter weather seasons in the United States, residents of Northern Michigan have to be prepared for changeable and sometimes severe winter weather. Michigan is one of the few states in the country which experience lake effect snow. Lake effect snow occurs when cold air crosses the still relatively warm waters of the Great Lakes. With the lakes unfrozen for much of the winter, the lake effect snow machine creates staggering snowfall totals of more than 15 feet in some locations. Northern Michigan is a unique and challenging location for winter weather, for both residents and weather forecasters.

If you are interested in learning more about winter weather and snow reporting, you are encouraged to attend an upcoming winter talk by the National Weather Service. These classes are **FREE**, open to the public and last approximately 90 minutes. Attendees will also receive a laminated snowfall tips measuring card, as well as winter weather safety information. In addition, those in attendance will be eligible to put their name in a drawing for an official NWS rain gauge, snow measuring stick and snow measurement board.

Topics to be covered at this year’s workshop include:

1. Storm tracks and lake effect snow
2. Extreme winter weather, products and safety
3. Look back at the unusually warm summer
4. Developing El Nino – How will this affect winter in northern Michigan?

Talk dates and locations across northern Michigan

October 23rd 630 pm
Grayling City Hal - Grayling

October 25th 700 pm
Bayliss Public Library – Sault. Ste. Marie

October 24th 630 pm
Missaukee EMS Building - Lake City

November 5th 630 pm
Traverse City Civic Center – Traverse City

October 25th Noon
Armella Parker Senior’s Center – Bay Mills

November 7th 630 pm
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary - Alpena

For more information and details on winter seminar dates and locations, please visit the National Weather Service Gaylord website at www.weather.gov/gaylord. You may also call the NWS office with any questions at 989-731-3384.

WIN A FREE HF STATION

The following comes to us via email from Tom W8BNL – Thanks Tom!

Do you know any hams under the age of 21? The link below is to a (fairly) new ham radio store on-line that is giving away an entirely complete HF station on Jan. 1, 2013.

<http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com/youth-s/222.htm>

73 to all de Tom - W8BNL

From the above link:

Haverhill, Mass., September 24, 2012 – Amateur Radio Supplies of Haverhill, Mass., announced today a new biannual giveaway to promote youth in amateur radio DXing and contesting. “Getting on HF (high frequency) in today’s economy is very challenging for many, but especially for our youth operators,” said Jeff Demers, owner, Amateur Radio Supplies. “Many youth operators are unable to purchase the needed equipment to get on the air. Here at Amateur Radio Supplies, we want them to experience the joy that has propelled us in this hobby for many decades. Thus, on January 1, 2013, we’ll be doing the first of many station sponsorships to support youth in DXing and contesting.”

Amateur Radio Supplies will give a complete HF (high frequency) station to the selected applicant, including: Alinco DX-SR8T/E 160-6m All Mode Transceiver & 30 Amp PS, LDG AT-100 Pro II Desktop Antenna Tuner, Choice of Rugged All Band G5RV or HyGain DX-77A Vertical 100’ of Premium RG-213 Coax, Vibroplex Brass Racer Iambic Paddles, SignalLink USB Sound Card for Digital Modes, Heil Pro Set Plus Headset

Applicants from any country under the age of 21 are invited to provide brief answers to the following three questions, as well as their name, call sign, and license class online: 1. How often are you able to operate on the HF bands? 2. Where (what QTH) do you typically operate from? 3. How do you intend to use the equipment provided?

S.E.T. EXERCISE → ACTUAL EVENT:

BROWN BRIDGE DAM REPORT

Thank you all for your willingness to assist in the Brown Bridge Dam failure incident on Oct 6th. As you know, the Brown Bridge Dam was in the process of being removed and a temporary structure had been constructed to hold back the pond and the original dam was being removed. The temporary structure began to fail and release water causing flooding downstream from the dam. This required a mandatory evacuation from the down stream homes.

The Traverse Bay Amateur Radio Emergency Services Group (we call it "TBARG" was actively participating in the 2012 SET on October 6th. We had a group of operators operating from our radio room at Munson Hospital and another group deployed in our communications van (called the "BARGE" of course) which was set up at the new Grand Traverse County Emergency Operations Center (still under constructions).

The Grand Traverse County Emergency Manager, Dan Scott, was in our Munson Hospital radio room when he got the call about the potential for the Brown Bridge Dam to fail. He immediately left to take charge of the incident but did take time to let us know about the dam failing.

We immediately terminated the SET activities and moved to stand by emergency mode. This included notifying D-7 of the situation over the packet converse bridge. Voice net operations also switch to directed net.





Several of our group are volunteer firemen who have access to the central dispatch system. They were able to keep us informed about the situation. We were never formally dispatched but were on standby during the event. Also, thanks to our ARES partners in other counties, we had a large group of hams on standby. No one self-dispatched...thank you!

The situation at the dam gradually improved as contractors brought in heavy equipment and truck loads of large rocks to stabilize the temporary structure. There were several homes downstream from the dam that did get flooded but no injuries.

At this time the pond behind the Brown Bridge Dam has been drained and no further flooding threat from the dam exists at this time.

Thanks everyone for your professionalism and willingness to assist if need. As the saying goes, "when all else fails....".

73,

Ernie Abel, K8RCT
Grand Traverse Co. EC/RO



ARRL ONLINE AUCTION BEGINS OCT 25

The ARRL Online Auction opened for Preview on Oct. 16th and public bidding begins at 10AM EDT on Thursday, Oct 25th. More information can be found at: <http://arrl.auctionanything.com>

NEITHER SNOW NOR RAIN NOR COST OF PETROL...

Take note that as of Jan 27, 2013, the cost to mail First Class letters and postcards within the US will increase to 46 cents, 33 cents respectively, an increase of 1 cent. The cost of packages will increase as well. This is the third increase in two years, counting the April 2011 and Jan 2012 increases. Additionally, the USPS will introduce a new First Class Mail Global Forever Stamp in January, at a cost of \$1.10, which allows customers to mail 1-ounce letters anywhere in the world for a flat rate. (Other flat-rate services are slated to increase as well.) This might affect your QSL card interests, so be sure to take note, and [check here for more information](#).

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