



THE CHERRY JUICE

cherryland amateur radio club traverse city, mi

September 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

September 25th Club Meeting

The September program will be a presentation on Skywarn by Mike KD8REH.

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

Sault Ste Marie, MI. Saturday, Sep 29
Eastern Upper Peninsula ARC
Contact David P. Deatrack
(906) 440-4605 wa8old@arrl.net
10:30AM: Faith Lutheran Church, 1600 Park St., Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783-8200
Walk-ins allowed.

Muskegon, MI. Saturday, October 6
Muskegon Area ARC
Contact Robert G. Carter (231) 799-3634
res00lwt1@frontier.net
9:00 AM: Red Cross Building, 120 W Webster Ave., Muskegon, MI 49440-1225
(Walk-ins allowed, pre-registration preferred)

HAMFESTS

Saturday, October 6, 2012.
Strait Area ARC Swap and Shop
Emmanuel Evangelical Church, 620 Emmet St., Petoskey, MI 49770
Talk-In: 146.68 - (PL 110.9)
Contact: Dirk Esterline, KG8JK
3106 Greenfield Drive Petoskey, MI 49770
231-348-5043 kg8jk@qsl.net
<http://www.w8gqn.org>

Saturday, October 13, 2012.
Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest.
Fellowship Reformed Church, 4200 East Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49440
Talk-In: 146.820 -600 (PL 94.8)
Contact: James Duram, K8COP
PO Box 386 Fruitport, MI 49415
231-638-7010 k8cop@arrl.net

Reflected Waves **September 1992**

The first ever W.A.M. (Worked All Members) award is introduced as well as rules for the contest. A presentation by Dave N8QVP was made at the club meeting.

Brook N8OCX, Pete N7FFK, and Rod N8QVR offer rig-checks for HTs and Mobile units at the club meeting using service monitors.

Dave Erlewein, N8QVP edits his first edition of the Cherry Juice in September, 1992 taking over from Elbert WS8Y. Dave would go on to edit the 'juice until his death in July, 2012.

September 2003

A presentation on Noise/Interference was made at the club meeting focusing on how to find the source, and how to eliminate it.

Ward N8WK and Ken KC8LTL were the winners of the fox hunt, finding the fox (Jon N8UL) first.

CARC Begins investigations into new Club Station location amidst uncertainty following the sale of the Red Cross building.

CARC and BARF members provided communication services for the American Lung Association annual Bike-A-Thon. George KB8YPL coordinated the team effort.

Emergency Preparedness

The ARRL SET (Simulated Emergency Test) is Oct. 6-7 of this year. This is an exercise that enables you and your local District and Section leaders to test equipment, modes, operating skills and emergency deployment plans. ARES, (Amateur Radio Emergency Services), NTS (National Traffic System), RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service), SKYWARN and the ARRL Field Organization hold the SET to be one of the premier events of the year.

TBARG will be leading local emergency communication efforts for this year's SET. Please visit <http://www.tbarg.org> for more information.

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 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. There are some documents pending filing to complete the process..

Official CARC Mailing Lists!

Hold onto your seats, members! We're bringing you out of the nineties into the new age of electronic communications! Yes, the CARC now has two official email lists! First of all, a "manual list" was being maintained in order to do a "mail blast" to all members when there was noteworthy news and/or a Cherry Juice release posted to the web. Well, there were a few problems with that. First was preserving the privacy of your email addresses; it was difficult for the board to send communications to all members, as it involved providing a... very large list of email addresses and names to each person who wanted to send a message. The lists solve that. Secondly, I am constantly getting add requests and bounces from addresses that have "gone inactive" or "changed." Members can now do this all completely by themselves. It's simple - just visit <http://www.cherrylandarc.com/> and click on the second menu item, "**Mailing Lists**".

You will notice that there are two lists. The first is called "official@cherrylandarc.com" and is for the sole purpose of communicating board-approved information to members. If you don't like a full inbox, this is the list for you. It will only be used to send official info and notices to members. It is not a list that recipients can reply to, so it also solves the issue of an "email barrage" or "reply rainstorm." The second list is called "general@cherrylandarc.com" and is intended to be more of a "forum for members" to discuss events, club information and activities, technical issues, and simply other information club members might be interested in discussing. Any recipient may reply to the list, but all submissions are moderated.

For both email lists, it is only possible for other members to see who else (including their addresses) is on the list if people actually send a message to the general list and it is approved by the moderators. This results in a marked improvement in the protection of your name and email address information than in our previous methods.

We hope that these changes serve to help facilitate a better and more efficient communication model for our club, and as always we welcome suggestions. Also, please contact me directly at joe@n8ouz.org if you experience difficulty subscribing to the lists. Once you submit your email, you will receive a message that you will need to open and click on a link inside of it. If you don't do this, your address is not added to the list. This is to prevent someone from abusing the system and signing up addresses without their approval, so it is there to protect you. While I cannot bypass this security mechanism for you, I can offer assistance to get things working correctly for you.

Minutes Now Online

The CARC website (Again, at <http://www.cherrylandarc.com> which I promise to some day stop shamelessly plugging!) has been undergoing some changes. One change made recently is the dis-inclusion of the CARC Board Meeting Minutes from the Cherry Juice newsletter (which, this actually happened several years ago) and collection of them online at the website under the section titled "Minutes: CARC Board." The page currently has our most recent minutes collection and is kept current. At present, most recent minutes are on the top, with older content following dating back to January of 2008. Because of the growing size of the collection of minutes (and the speed at which Dave K8WPE types, which is astounding!) I can see this soon becoming difficult to navigate. Be watching for an overhaul - I'm going to be organizing the official Minutes archives into a more easily usable format. Dave always does a very thorough, objective and complete presentation of the discussions and events at all of the board meetings, and we thank him for his continued efforts.

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”**-George Santayana**

You might notice the proliferation of articles in this month's Cherry Juice regarding.. Communication itself. This is yet another. I've taken it upon myself to make an attempt to better organize the past and online-archived publications of the Cherry Juice. To understand why I'm doing this, A brief history lesson.

In 2007, the CARC Board began to consider the publication of the paper-origin Cherry Juice as a growing expense, given the increasing costs of postage and production. Also, it was noted that it added time and effort resource necessity that was nothing short of burdensome. The board soon approved the motion to proceed with PDF publications of the Cherry Juice with the understanding that they will be suitable for email and/or posted on the official CARC Website, which the expenses to operate were easily dwarfed by a single month's worth of postage.

The February 2008 issue was, then, the first to be produced for the web, in color, in a PDF version. This would allow those who still wanted a "paper copy" to print one. It also allowed use on computers, PDAs, and other devices like phones. Since February 2008, each publication of the Cherry Juice was (and is) posted on the www.cherrylandarc.com website. The navigation of the archives is currently being made a "little easier to understand" but all issues are there for your reading. Just visit the website and click on the "Cherry Juice" link. Once you click on it, you'll notice that another link "Archives" appears directly underneath.

Now, the fun part. Seriously. I mean it.

Since a few years ago, I've been toying with this idea, and have been wanting to do it for some time. I spoke once to my Father N8CN about doing it, and he thought that it was a superb idea, although quite time consuming. He was, as he often is, very correct. One of the reasons most of this issue is about the Cherry Juice and the website itself is because .. That's where I've been spending most of my time.

At present, I have scanned into PDF format.. ALL copies that are known to exist of the Cherry Juice from **February 1974 to January 2008**. Pretty cool, huh? Since February 2008 to present are already produced as PDF-ready documents, those years are already ready for inclusion into the archives. I am still searching backup volumes from the late N8CN, but I am occasionally finding digital (PDF) copies of newsletters from the 90s, and 2000s that are more suitable for archival than the scanned paper copies from the archive box.

Great... so where are they? The good news is that they're all scanned into PDF format. The bad news is that each issue needs to be inspected. Addresses of recipients need to be obfuscated (these are, after all, scans of actual copies mailed to members). Some are faded and need image-correction done to try to make it more readable (not all are completely legible). Also, each file must be uploaded, indexed, and linked to. So.. The short answer is: they're coming. Soon.

I will be sending out an email alert to the list "official@cherrylandarc.com" when the uploading and indexing of all of the archives is complete.

I must take this opportunity to express that, in the process of taking on this project, I've had the unique opportunity to review the almost complete history of the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club, and continue to be both impressed by the organization and proud to be a member (let alone appointed editor) of the club. I've been reading issue after issue of the 'juice as it is scanned into zeroes and ones, reviewing board minutes from days long since gone, learning the roots and foundations of the club and the lives it has helped change over the years. I count myself lucky to be a part of it.

Elmer Alley

The section of the website called "Elmer Alley" is intended to be a list of contacts. These people should be able to provide help or information to either new hams or other club members who need some assistance with a ham radio project or activity, or should be able to help find assistance. There is a wealth of knowledge in this club and it would be nice to tap into some of it. As my Grandmother used to say, "Don't hide your light under a bushel basket." It is my hope that some of you will register to be a contact listed on Elmer Alley. Please don't hesitate to contact me, Joe N8OUZ at 231.668,4223 or via email at Joe@n8ouz.org.

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