



# THE CHERRY JUICE

cherryland amateur radio club traverse city, mi

September 2010

## Coming Club Events

### September 28<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

This month features our ARRL Great Lakes Division Director, Jim Weaver **K8JE**. Jim will bring us up to date on ARRL activities and discuss what's on deck for the near future. Let's have a large turn-out to both welcome Jim and thank him for making the long trip up from Mason, Ohio.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month which is reserved for the regular club meeting.

Club Officers  
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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

## Forward Waves

### VE EXAMS:

**Muskegon, MI.** Saturday, October 2, 2010  
Muskegon Area ARC. Red Cross Building.  
313 W Webster Ave. 9 am. Walk-ins  
allowed. Contact: Robert 231 799-3634 or  
[res00lwt1@verizon.net](mailto:res00lwt1@verizon.net)

**Traverse City, MI.** Saturday, November  
13, 2010. Cherryland ARC. Salvation Army  
Building, corner of Barlow and Boone. 1  
pm. Walk-ins OK. Contact: Hope AA8SN  
at 231 941-7262 or [aa8sn@arrl.net](mailto:aa8sn@arrl.net)

### HAMFESTS:

**Saturday, October 16, 2010.** Holland, MI.  
Great Lakeshore Super Swap. Holland  
ARC. W. Ottawa HS, 3600 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave. 8  
am til Noon. Contact: Jeff KB8QAP 616  
724-7720.

**Sunday, October 17, 2010.** Kalamazoo,  
MI. Kalamazoo Hamfest. Kalamazoo ARC  
and SW Michigan AR Team. Kalamazoo  
County Expo Center. 2900 Lake Street. 8  
am til Noon. TI: 147.040 (PL 94.8)  
Contact: [Info@KalamazooHamFest.com](mailto:Info@KalamazooHamFest.com)

## Reflected Waves

### September 1987

At the September business meeting, the members approved the disposal of the Club Trailer and requested Joe Cordon, Grand Traverse Emergency co-ordinator to proceed with a search for a suitable communications vehicle. President Jim **N8AYQ** has been appointed ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) for the ARRL-sponsored Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).

### September 2000

The September meeting consisted of a demonstration of various fox hunting technics and then an actual fox hunt. The CARC Board voted to sponsor a plaque for the Michigan QSO party in April. Marion **W8VWY** reported that at the August VE session, no elements were failed. Every element taken was passed and the sessions produced 2 new Techs, 1 Tech plus, 2 upgrades to General and 1 upgrade to Extra. Marion believes this was the first ever 100% passing session.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

This month, our program will be presented by Jim Weaver **K8JE**. Jim is the Director of the ARRL's Great Lakes Division. As you may remember, Jim was scheduled to meet with us this spring but he was forced to cancel due to a family illness. Always one to honor his commitments, he rescheduled for the September meeting. We are fortunate to have a Director as willing to travel as Jim as he resides in Mason, Ohio and Traverse City is a pretty good jaunt!

This is your chance to find out what the ARRL has been doing this year and what is on tap for next year. It is also a great time for you to ask questions about the ARRL as Jim is always willing to entertain questions.

Let's have a great turnout for Jim's presentation. Tuesday, September 28, at the Governmental Center at the corner of Eighth and Boardman Streets. See you there!!

## AUGUST FOX HUNT

There were 4 teams chasing the fox (aka Ward **N8WK**) at the Fox Hunt during the August meeting. First to find the wily critter were Hope **AA8SN** and Phil Van Den Berge. Second and third places were wrapped up by the teams of Ernie **K8RCT** and Chuck **W8SGR**, and Joe **N8OUZ** and Julian **N0CALL**, respectively. Last but still fiercely competitive were club prez Don **N8QX** and Mike **W8PVC**. A good time was had by all and next year we hope to have more teams involved.

## SET EXERCISE

This year the annual national **SET** (Simulated Emergency Test) is scheduled for October 2nd. Please mark your calendar so you can be available to participate in this annual emergency exercise. This year's plans are being formulated and we will be joining forces with the BARF (yep, it's the BARF group - Benzie Amateur Radio Friends). I will let you know when we have a few more details worked out but please keep your calendar free for that day. We also might be cooperating with other NW quadrant counties in this exercise so it should be a good one!

--73

Ernie, **K8RCT**

Grand Traverse Co. EC

## 50 STATES AND MORE

If each country we communicate with as ham radio operators could tell us what they're like as a culture, in one sentence, we'd all enjoy our hobby tenfold. Having 51 countries confirmed towards my DXCC, and having communicated with nearly 30 more, I'm telling you, if I knew more about each of those cultures, I would have enjoyed each QSO, that much more.

As a businessman, I've been fortunate enough to travel from India, to China and as far south as Sao Paulo, Brazil. Each culture and every people are different. In our culture, some of us frown on generalizing about each region of the world, but in truth, each region is different. In fact, each region is incredibly different. As a ham radio operator, not only have I learned more about each culture, but I've learned more about geography, through the hobby, than I ever learned in high school. Each time I'd read about another DXpedition, or contact some strange island, I'd grab my atlas, or look at the map on the wall, to find out just exactly where Auckland

is, or where Bouvet Island is found. We hams, over time, seem to remember these locations on the map.

But what I lack is learning more about each culture through one-on-one ham radio conversation. Like many of us, my QSOs with strange and faraway places abruptly stop after a signal report and after providing my name or QTH. As a businessman, my one-on-one conversations have provided eons more of data bits to program and digest. These conversations, while traveling abroad, require hours of direct contact, and as a result, I feel I know much more about other cultures than any travel guide or Wiki article could ever teach me. I've learned more about the people of Brazil from traveling, and talking to people, than I have through ham radio.

So why is it, as hams, do we not take the time to talk to our ham counterparts on the other side of the globe? I know, you might be one of the rare hams who does. But for the rest of us, we send out our report, name and location, and then we move on to the next DX spot. But if we were to have a good conversation, do you suppose we'd enjoy the hobby that much more? I do. Through this hobby, I've made friends in India, Mauritius and last, but not least, Minneapolis (just kidding).

I've learned that there are many more Muslims in India than I ever thought. The Hindu religion there also has as many as 32,000 gods, including a Monkey and Elephant god. And through this hobby, I'm one of those who could learn even more if I'd take the time to talk, instead of just reporting.

So, it's time. I believe that now is a good time, especially with the sunspots returning, where, as a result, we may be able to get to know more about other cultures through deeper conversations. Maybe we'd learn about the younger children abroad who are exploited. Or maybe we'd come to better understand the mindset of the people of Indonesia and our differences. At the very least, I believe that learning more about other cultures will bring us to a better appreciation for what we already have in this country, and that's freedom.

My business travels have moved me to better understand this. And for those hams who cannot or will not travel abroad, a good ham radio conversation with people overseas could easily have the same impact, if only we'd take the time.

Peace,  
Sean, **W8OKN**



Exploited Girl in Mumbai, India

## LIGHTHOUSE SPECIAL EVENT STATION

The August special event activity from the open house at the Grand Traverse Light at the tip of the Leelanau Peninsula was a successful and fun-filled event for all the participants. The only negative aspect of the event was that not many CARC members stepped up to the mike.

Ed Ketterer **K8SZN** reports that he, Ernie Abel **K8RCT** and Ward Kuhn **N8WK** set up two radio stations in the kitchen area of the lighthouse and operated from mid-morning until about 4:00. They made about 90 contacts, with the majority of the contacts with stations in the U.S., though some stations in Canada were worked and one contact was with a ham in Bermuda.

Voice was used for the vast majority of the contacts, but a handful were made using Morse Code. We talked with many other lighthouses, including some in Maine, New Jersey, Florida, California, and Washington. We also made contact with the lightship Nantucket, which was in Boston Harbor at the time. During each conversation, we took time to tell the operator on the other end about the Grand Traverse Lighthouse and Museum, and the Northport area.

Quite a number of visitors to the Lighthouse stuck their heads in to inquire about what was going on. Since there was always one of us who was not operating a radio, we were able to talk with the folks to explain what was going on. We also had posted a one-page summary of what the event was all about just outside the kitchen door.

-73 de **K8SZN**

**K8RCT** sends the following pictures:

Ed **K8SZN** at the microphone and Ward **N8WK** logging.



Ward **N8WK** takes his turn at the microphone.



## MULTIPLE NEW DXCC ENTITIES COMING

In mid-July of this year, the Dutch Senate voted to disband the Netherlands Antilles effective October 10, 2010. This breakup will give the islands of Curacao and Sint Maarten independent country status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The BES islands (Bonaire, St Eustastius and Saba) will be special municipalities. Currently, there are two distinct DXCC entities within the Netherlands Antilles: PJ2,4 and 9 (Bonaire and Curacao) and PJ5-8 (Sint Maarten, Saba and Sint Eustastius).

At this point it is clear that Curacao and Sint Maarten will become two new DXCC entities but the situation is less clear with the BES islands. The most likely resolution will be Sint Eustastius and Saba considered one entity and Bonaire another. Thus we will likely have 3 and possibly 4 new DXCC entities.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> the ARRL released the following statement:

*To clarify the administrative process by which the anticipated changes to the two existing Netherlands Antilles DXCC entities will be made, the ARRL Awards Committee has determined that at 0400 UTC (12:00 AM local time in the islands) on October 10, 2010, the two Netherland Antilles DXCC entities will be deleted. Commencing at 0400 UTC (12:00 AM local time) on October 10, 2010, operation from the islands of Curacao, Bonaire, Sint Maarten, Saba and St Eustastius will count for a yet-to-be-determined number of new entities under the DXCC List Criteria and Political Entities, Rule 1 and/or Rule 2 Geographic Separation Entities. When the Awards Committee determines what Rule 1 or Rule 2 actions apply, it will announce the final disposition of the entities on the DXCC list. The DXCC desk will not accept confirmations for these new entities until after January 1, 2011.*

Currently there are several Dxpeditions to these entities being planned. Stay tuned for further developments.

## PUT YOUR PROFILE ON THE WEB

One of the features on the new ARRL Web site is Member Profile. You can post a list of your favorite Amateur Radio activities, as well as a description of how you got involved with Amateur Radio here. How your profile appears is under your control -- you can make your full profile available to all other ARRL members, or you can choose to hide certain information. Adding your profile to the Member Directory allows your fellow ARRL members to connect with you outside of the ham bands. For example, you can then search for others who share your passion for DXing, contesting or EmComm. Adding your profile is simple: Log in to the ARRL Web site, click on "Edit your Profile" link and select the "Edit Profile" screen. You'll find the Permissions area just below the Profile Information section. You'll need to opt-in in order for your profile to be seen on the Web site.

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