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Sunday Morning Amateur Social Hour (SMASH) Sunday 0930 AM EDST - 3935 KHz

Six Meters - 52.525 - 2M FM 146.94 Simplex - Repeater in Planning Stage

Those of you that missed the last meeting really missed a nice time. We had name tags excellently manufactured by Edna WB8EYL. Edna also provided tasty cookies, and the Club provided coffee. Terry, our president, wore his HAM OF THE MONTH badge very proudly, and in addition he was awarded an appropriate trophy that he said he would proudly display in a prominent place in his shack. The trophy was designed and built by Wells, W8GI. Ed Chapman K8CWR is manufacturing the trophy for the next meeting, and at the end of the year, we will have everyone bring their trophy to the meeting, and we will have judges pick the winner over the year's trophies. The winning trophy maker will win a trip to Paris, or some other appropriate place. Our meeting started promptly at 7:30 PM and about 95% of the Club membership was in attendance. If you did not want to Ragchew, you could have started home at 8:50 PM. The meeting was short, snappy, and very interesting. (Publisher's Note: Wells, W8GI gave an excellent and informative program about writing for Technical Publications. Only sheer modesty prevented his mentioning his fine program himself!)

Thanks to all of you members for the fine acceptance you gave our Newsletter!

MARCH, 1974 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Ken Musson W8QKP, Program Chairman for March, 1974, says our March 20, 1974 meeting program will be a tour of the Traverse City Light and Power generating plant. Please report to the Power Plant building promptly at 7:30 PM, where we will tour the facilities. It should be very interesting, as we will be able to touch and feel and see the power that runs our rigs. After the tour, we will meet after the tour at the Elks's Club for our regular business meeting. The Light and Power Plant is right on Grandview Parkway (US 31N) just a little East of where US 31N and M-37 (Division Street) deadends into the West Bay. The building is on the North side of the street (Bay side), and is the big one that sits alone and has a high smokestack. CU on Wednesday Nite, 20 March, 1974!

In about a month we will send our Club Membership Directory list to the printers. Our new book will be small - pocket-size, and will have our club members in the front. The second section will list all Traverse City and surrounding area Hams by call and City only. Thus, be sure that I have your proper listing and all the info you want in it. Give me a call for corrections and additions.

This is the first issue of the Newsletter going to Members only - We had to do this to save money. Thus, you members are receiving the benefit of the Newsletter. You will note a new section - Classified ADS - This is also for members only.

The QSL Card Designing Contest was announced at the last meeting, and judging will take place at the April meeting... Don't forget to leave a place on the Card so that your Call can be printed or stamped in. Have something to say about Traverse City and the Area... USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

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By the time you get this letter, there will have been several meetings already held by interested Area Hams concerning the proposed 2M FM Repeater. Everyone interested in 2M FM is URGED to attend the forthcoming meetings! At these meetings the 2M Repeater Committee, consisting of Bill W8JUY, Frank W8TVQ, Ed K8CWR, and Bud W8TEE, makes its Report of Progress. A target date of June 1, 1974 is planned, and your help is solicited. There will be meetings on March 13 and March 27, 1974 in the Elk's Club at 8:00 PM. Please come and voice your opinion. You can also offer your help, as there will be much to do! So... dust off your 2M FM gear, because our Repeater is on its way!

The First Annual Cherryland Swap and Shop is now past history and was a very fine success. We discussed it at length at the February Meeting, and everyone has vowed to make next year's event another Wing-Dinger!

There's a rumor around town that we are going to soon have a Super-Power Ham Station in the area. One of our members was seen at the Swap and Shop carrying around some high power tubes, large inductances, and purchasing some large tube sockets. Could it be that John Binsfeld K8DVV is that guy?

Did you see Edna, WB8EYL running around the Swap and Shop with her hand all wrapped in elastic bandages? When asked how she did the damage, all you got was - "If I told you, you wouldn't believe it". Could it be that she clobbered her OM John W8BUB because he is always hogging the rig?

Did you know that Clyde W8STH has so much Radio Junk in his basement that he has to edge himself in sideways to get through it. We saw Louise, his fine XYL, keeping a real close eye on him at the Swap and Shop! Clyde is also the proud owner of a 4.5KW emergency generator that he is installing in his garage. Also, if you are intrigued by his XYL Louise's cute accent - It is French, as Clyde courted and won her hand when he was a GI in France.

ABOUT NEW MEMBERS: We gained three new members at the last meeting... Ducky W8CJT, a long time Ham who will be a great asset to the club; Earl W8KQP, who owns Dynatronics on Front Street. He has a lot of parts and some Ham equipment, so drop in and see him for your radio needs; and Al W8CYO. Al is quite a VHF enthusiast, and should prove to be a very valuable new member.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION ARRL CONVENTION at Muskegon, Michigan on March 22 and 23, 1974. Terry, WB8PLQ and W8GI are planning on travelling together. Ike W8GVS, Bruce W8ADY and their wives plan to attend the Saturday session. Dave K8WPE and a contingent from Bellaire also plan to make the Saturday scene. If anyone needs a ride down, or has room to spare, please contact WB8PLQ (Terry) at 326-2851, and maybe we'll be able to co-ordinate the travel efforts.

If you start saving these HAM OF THE MONTH articles, you will have a capsule history of everyone in the Club. This issue features Bill Martinek W8JUY, as our March HAM OF THE MONTH.

March, 1974 HAM OF THE MONTH

William (Bill) F. Martinek W8JUY/W8WWO is our fine Vice President, and very worthy HAM OF THE MONTH. Bill deserves a lot of credit for his work in re-vitalizing the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club. If it had not been for Bill, the Club would be non-existent. We all owe him and the Elk's Club a debt of gratitude for our fine meeting place. Bill has also been very active in getting a two meter Rptr station for the Traverse City Area. He has also donated several nice prizes to our recent Swap and Shop and prizes for our raffles. In general, his interest has been a great asset to our Club and the community.

The Martinek Family has been in the Jewelry Business in Traverse City since 1878 when Bill's Grandfather started the business. Bill's dad took over the operation of the store in 1903. Bill was born in Traverse City in 1919, and took over the present business when his father passed away in 1955. Bill has worked in the store on Front street since 1937.

Bill is married to a very wonderful wife Jean. They have two sons, Bill, who lives in Chicago, and Jim, who lives in New Haven, Connecticut. Bill's sister Maretta, lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Bill's education is quite diversified, having attended Ferris State, U OF M, and he graduated from Bradley Tech with a degree in Horology.

The Martinek Family has a cottage on the north end of Long Lake, where W8WVO pours out his signals during the summer when the family resides at the cottage. Incidentally, this property on Long Lake formerly belonged to Bill's Great Grand parents.

Bill has a great love and interest for music, as he plays in the Northwest Michigan Symphony and with a Jazz group, Dave Sporney Big Band. So... when you hear either of these groups, look and listen for the trumpet player. I wonder if he ever slipped in a CQ Overature?

Bill belongs to all Masonic groups, is a Shriner, an Elk, is Past President of Rotary Club, Past President of Michigan Retail Jewelers Association, and an A-1 guy and Ham!

He started Ham radio with his own call in 1952, but had an active interest as early as 1930. As a matter of fact, he told me he was exposed to a spark station that operated next door to the house where he was born! That must have been quite an experience, Bill! Hi! Bill doesn't know it, but I have been studying Ham Radio History, and I found out that this station was W8AYI Tracy Brown at 428 State St.

So, it is easy to see that Bill W8JUY is truly a native son of Traverse City, and a very esteemed member of our wonderful Ham Fraternity!

HAM ADS - FOR SALE: DX-60 A-1 Condx. - See Dave K8WPE or call 1-533-6442.

FOR SALE: James Millen Transmatch Jr. \$50.00 See Ike W8GVS

WANTED: Grebe CR9 or Grebe CR13 and 2-stage Amp... Also old breadboard Atwater Kent, Colin B. Kennedy 220 and 2-stage Amp. I am not a collector..I just want a couple of old receivers for my Hamshack for display purposes. What do you have, or if your Dad has an old barn, ask him if he has any old radios..I'd like them. Thanks...Wells Chapin W8GI Telephone 616-263-5411.

I intended to have a technical section but found that this letter was already too long.. so two fine articles submitted by K8CWR and W8IHJ will appear in our next issue. Will any of you who have constructive criticism, articles, or any news .. Please contact me...EH Yeh, if you want it in the next issue...Get it in promptly, as I start the Newsletter right after the meeting. So.....

Vy Best 73 de,

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