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Sunday Morning Amateur Social Hour (SMASH) Sundays 09:30 AM EDST - 3935 KHz.

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THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, 1974. July and August are customarily considered vacation months, so we'll comply, and resume with a full winter schedule in September. You may also be thinking about who you wish to elect as Club Officers, as September is Election Month. A new slate of events for the coming year will be formulated, and you should have some good, or bad ideas along this line also! What may seem bad to one person may be someone else's cup of tea, so bring your ideas, and let it all hang out! As a reminder, this is your club too, and we need your help and support.

Our June meeting was another in a fine series of very interesting and informative ones that we've been fortunate to have throughout the past year. Ed Chapman K8CWR gave us a very fine program about the vital role electronics plays in our State and Federal Highway System. I never dreamed they had such sophisticated welding and control setups! Ed has as you know, a definite knack in presenting his vast knowledge, and he did his usual outstanding job, right down to the Question and Answer Session at the end. Bill Missal graciously accepted his Ham Of the Month plaque from Bill WA8WWO/W8JUY, and the rest of us applauded his past and present efforts. I still saw many pairs of arms at the Bar as I left (Very early that is). I was suffering still from shenanigans pulled the previous evening, and didn't have the stomach or inclination for a second headache in one week! I guess old age is slowly creeping up on me. When I get to be 95, I think I'll quit this fooling around, and start taking care of my aching body. A man has't think about the future you know!

Field Day 1974 Report: One word sums up the opinion of those of us that attended this annual event. It starts with an "S", and has more letters in it than some of the more articulate members of our fraternity might imagine. "Successful" is the word for which I would choose to describe our grand effort. As usual, we know a few things that we'll be sure to correct next year, that is if someone remembers them! It was a ball, and thanks go to many, many who helped make it a bangup good time. We thank Frank Shumsky W8TVQ for the use of his front 40 acres as a FD Site; Tom and Carl Okerstrom, John Mesch WB8BZR, and Joe Novak for the use of their Tents and camper; Vic and Mary Devlin for the delicious weiners and wine (Hic!); and the many fine wives and moms that donated food for the picnic after the contest. Thanks also go to Edna and John Widman for the efforts they expended in keeping us in paper(of all kinds!), pencils, food, and 807's. They made several trips, and they were really appreciated. My HT-37 died before it got started, and Bruce WBSADT kindly donated the use of his Galaxy Tranceiver for our 20M effort. Frank Shumsky and John Binsfeld also had their equipment there, as did Grant Richardson and John Mesch. We also appreciate those that burned the midnight oil and stuck out the whole shebang with us. We grossed (Whew - figuratively and literally speaking!) about 1100 contacts, which should better our last year's score, and was done in only 24 hours of operating time. John Binsfeld was in his usual fantastic form, and racked up about 600 QSO's on 40M, with the rest of us filling in on 75M, 20M, and 15M. We also thank Bruce Smith and his friend from North Port for the use of the fine diesel generator. It ran so good that we couldn't get it to stop at the end of the contest! It never missed a lick!

Latest News From The FCC: Traverse City will, or rather is among the various cities throughout Michigan that will be able to administer Amateur Radio License Exams on a regular basis. We will be able to test here during the months of July, October, January, and April, and in Manistee during September and March. The procedure is to write to the FCC in Detroit and request a Test Date. They will send you a letter informing you of date and time. If the date they set up is inconvenient, you may notify them, and request a different appointment. No grading will be done on a local basis, so now you take both code and written, as opposed to having to pass the code first in the past. If you should pass the code and fail the theory, or vice versa, you get credit for it, and must pass only what you failed within a six month period. This sounds great to me! There is also a proposal before the FCC to permit one to pay a fee and receive the call of his choice if the applicant is an Extra Class Operator, and the requested call is not already issued. This will enable many of us relatively new hams to get a good, short CW/Contest Call. Did you ever try to hammer out "WB8PLQ" in a Sweepsstakes CW Contest? It will be interesting to see what comes out of this proposal.

My family and I attended the PON, MEN, Wolverine, and BR Ntes Annual Picnic at Midland, Michigan on Sunday, July 14, 1974. It was nice, and very well attended. It is always nice to be able to attach a face to the voice you have been hearing over the previous year. Would you ever dream that our SCM, Ollie W8ZBT, is a small-built man. His booming voice sure isn't tiny! They are looking for a site for the 1975 Picnic, and Traverse City was mentioned as a possible desirable location. What do you folks out there in Radioland think about this? It would be tremendous PR for our club, and the Cherryland Area. You might mull this one over.

John Mesch W8BZR and myself have been thinking and discussing over the idea of having a Family, Dish-to-pass type picnic during August at Empire Air Force Station. A tour could be arranged, there is a fine Baseball field, and plenty of nice shade for comfortable dining. We think a week night would be better, as our summer weekends are usually too busy. We'll be calling all of you, and putting the bite on you all for something that is needed. Keep your ears open for a call soon!

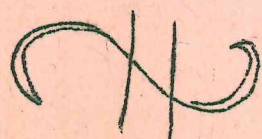
Congratulations to Mary Devlin, who is now W8SNP. She was looking for some good phonetics, and we all helped her at the last meeting. We all agreed on the first two letters, and they are "Sassy" and "Naughty". The hangup came on the last letter. After much debate and discussion, we settled on "Proper". Mary said this was good, because she needed something that she could live up to at her advanced age! We hope you have a lot of fun Mary, and welcome to our distinguished ranks!

We have at least two more new members in our bulging club roster. I am very embarrassed to admit that I have misplaced my notes, and will be unable to give you the lowdown on these two characters this month. I promise to have a full expose' next issue.

The economic crisis must have finally reached Traverse City and surrounding areas, because I did not receive any Want Ads at all this month. What a shame, all this free space going to waste!

There will be no Ham Of The Month feature until September, when we resume our regular meeting schedule.

This is about all I have for this month. My brain goes on vacation in July and August, which leaves me more helpless than ever. Please call me at 326-2851 and inform me of the tid-bits that can make a newsheet of this type a success. 73 & 88 de,



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