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FEBRUARY, 1975 MEETING: Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25 February, 1975 in the Traverse City Elks Club at 7:30 PM. Please use the back parking lot and door, as we have our old, large meeting room once again. Jack Leishman K8YZW will present a program about Radio Propagation. Discussion from the audience will be encouraged and a question and answer period given. This should prove to be a very enlightening evening and program!

SWAP AND SHOP REPORT: We had a nice Swap and Shop on February 15, 1975. The attendance was down somewhat from last year, and a rather poor showing in evidence by our own membership. Otherwise, all went well, and a good time was had by those that did participate. Joe Novak W8TVT says that our expenses were \$97.10, and we took in a total of \$96.60, thus showing a net loss of 50¢. The Swap and Shop Chairman was once again Jack Leishman K8YZW and his Committee consisted of: Bill Martinek W8JUY, Ken Musson W8QKP, Joe Novak W8TVT, Ike Hagen W8GVS, Elgen Walt W8RNQ, Dave Drake K8BRX, Ducky Duckwitz W8CJT, My XYL Julia, and myself WB8PLQ. Ducky fabricated a pair of the nicest, prettiest Direction Signs that I have ever seen! I thought they were to be door prizes when I first saw them! Nice work, Ducky! Bill Martinek, Ken Musson, and Jack Leishman loaned us pieces of asundry hardware that helped make the event go so smoothly. Thanks go to all those that took the time to come, to those that took the extra pains to bring things to sell, and especially those that loosened their purse strings and bought stuff! Very special thanks go to our local merchants who gave us breaks on our prizes, or down right donated items. They are: Martinek Jewelers, Dynatronics, Cherry Capitol Sound, Ltd, and Traverse City Electronics Supply, who were formerly known as R&S Electronics. The next time you are in town, why not stop by these merchants and tell them how much you appreciate their support!

Amateur Radio Training Classes: We will commence teaching Novice Code and General Class Theory, to include Novice Theory, on March 4, 1975 at the Northwest Michigan College Technical Center from 7-10 PM. The room will be the same one that we held the Swap and Shop in. An Announcement will be made concerning required ARRL Booklets, and an order will be taken for such booklets.

Second Annual Summer Picnic: Wells Chapin W8GI, came up with a very neat suggestion regarding this coming summer's gala event. He thinks it would be real great if we held it on a Sunday, and invited anyone who wants to come. We batted it around on the SMASH Net, and the general concensus is that it is a terrific idea! It will be a completely informal affair, with everyone bringing what they want to eat drink, or do otherwise. Vic Devlin W8KPO graciously offered his services as Site Location Chairman, and suggested Whitewater Township Park on Elk Lake. The tentative dates of either 20 or 27 July, 1975 were decided upon, and Vic said he would check with those incharge on what date is open. Wells said he would handle the correspondence to all the radio clubs in Michigan, so things are starting to move already! We'll be able to sell goodies from our auto trunks, boat or fish, and just 'o whatever turns us on. There will be camping, toilet facilities, and drinking water, so plan on attending. There will be no fees, only what costs for camping, if you do that.



FIELD DAY, 1975: June 21-22 is not very far off! It is high time that we start plans and make some arrangements for this annual summer event. We have a power plant to procure, or one to repair, Antenna Masts to construct, Dipoles to cut, and maybe a dry-run or two to see how things go together, and how we can improve our designs. We need a Chairman for this year, and a responsible committee. We should take care of this matter now, and start some positive action on it.

Wells Chapin W8GI is writing a comprehensive treatise on Soldering and Technique for a national magazine. Good luck on this worthwhile endeavor, Wells!

Dave Wilcox K8WPE, aced me out at the Swap and Shop on the purchase of a nice ReGENCY HR-2 2M FM Tranceiver. Dave got a real good deal, and I hope he enjoys it as much as I know I would have if I had bought it! At first, I thought it would be real cool if he accidentally swallowed his mike, but after thinking it over, I realized that I was too slow again in making up my dumb mind. Nice going, Dave!

Terry, WB8PLQ recently operated in the Closed ARRL CD Party, and made 105 contacts. This should met a pretty good score in the overall totals, and a nice slot in the Michigan State bracket.

160 meters has been providing some very interesting listening lately. Doug DeMaw W1CER booms into Empire around 5 PM, and most states have been heard throughout the course of the evening. I also heard a G3 and several choice Carribean tidbits. My 160M Transmitting Converter is about 3/4 done, and will hopefully soon be on the air.

Jack Leishman reports that VK and ZL comes in on 20M about 6-8 PM daily. He also works G-land and DL-land around noon every day on the same band. Jack says that 75M phone has yielded some real nice DX openings this past winter, and has still some promise in the coming weeks.

Ken Musson W8QKP is now on 2M FM. He bought a real cherry (?) Motorola rig from Dave Drake K8BRX at the Swap and Shop, and has a new "Coat-hanger" antenna up. You'll have to write a technical article on that antenna, Ken!

John Mesch WB8BZR got his Sparkplug all tuned to a Gnat's Ear, and tried it out on a weekend safari to Chicago the Weekend 15-17 February.

We all enjoyed visiting with Earl Kaiser W8KQP at the Swap and Shop. It's good to see you up and about, Earl! Earl is the owner of Dynatronics of Traverse City.

Alice and Ed Chapman K8CWR are back in town after an extended winter vacation down to Texas and back. Ed had a 2M FM Rig along, and an SB-101 for the low bands. He says they had a ball. Good to see you again, ED!

The WR8AEN Repeater Duplexer Cavities are looking great. Jean Charavay W8IHJ has them now, and he and Bud Heller W8TEE will do the final mechanical work and tuning on them prior to installation. Thanks also go to Bill Moehring W8ZTJ for the nice job he did on the machine work and assembly.

You will find a 1975 ARRL Affiliation Questionnaire enclosed with this Newsletter. Please fill it out, fold it into thirds like this newsheet is done, affix a stamp, and mail it to me. Better yet, bring it with your body to the February Meeting, therefore saving all that back-breaking, time consuming labor!

Well, that is about all for this month. How about a little news from your place? Surely something newsworthy has happened. You would be surprised how a story could be concocted from such a thing as Wells C and Lucille Chapin becoming the proud parents of a set of triplets, or Edna Widman getting her 50 year pin from the ARRL! See how newsworthy this type of stuff is! Oh well, Best of all 73 and 88 de,  
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