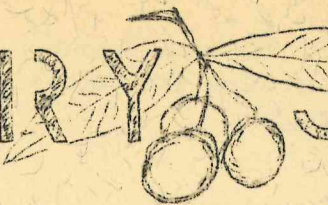


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## CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Club Meetings: Every Fourth Tuesday of Month at designated time and place.

Board of Directors Meeting: Every First Wednesday at designated time and place.

2M SMASH NET - 94 Simplex with W8KPO or WB8SNP as NCS - Sundays at 0900 AM Local.

75M SMASH Net - 3935 KHz with WB8PLQ as NCS - Sundays at 0930 Local Time.

CHERRYLAND REPEATER: WR8AEN on 25/85 one of these days!

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April, 1975 Meeting: We will not have the tour of Communications Equipment, Inc. of Glen Arbor, Michigan as previously announced. Mr. Morrison informed me that work load and commitments will not allow time for us at this time. We will meet in the Traverse City Elks Club on April 22, 1975 at 7:30 PM, instead. Jerry Hartweg WB8CVP has graciously offered to show some more of his Silent Movie Era films for our program, so this should be real entertainment! We will also discuss our May and June Meetings, and formulate some more Field Day plans. I hope to see all of you there!

NOVICE CLASS REPORT: Bernie Walters and Leonard Todd have passed their Novice Code Tests, and are anxiously awaiting their Theory Tests! Nice work guys! We have a total of seven XYLs and nine OMs in our class. Ed Chapman K8CWR is the Code Drill Instructor, and I'm the Theory Head Pounder. The class is making excellent progress, as evidenced by the last exam results, and we expect at least 16 new calls in Cherryland very shortly. We could use some help in the up-coming General and Advanced Classes. Several Oldtimers are attending the Novice Classes now, with hopes that very soon we will be teaching the General/Advanced Class. If we had one more Instructor, we could do it simultaneously with the Novice Class. How about it OMs? Couldn't you find a few hours to spare so that you could help someone?

### MONTHLY GOSSIP COLUMN:

Jack Leishman K8YZW and John Binsfeld K8DVV recently operated in the WPX Contest. They managed to work 552 QSOs, in 89 countries, and 245 prefixes. This gave them a total score of 358,000 points, which is very respectable, to say the least! They should rank (No pun intended) very high in the worldwide standings with this score!

Clarence Rassmussen W8LKR had a real- to - life game of cops and robbers after the Convention at Muskegon last month! It seems as though they caught a would-be robber in the act of ransacking his visiting friend's Mobile Camper. The vehicle was parked in the parking lot at the college, and they were returning to it after eating supper in town. It was dark, but they noticed, or were tipped off that someone was in the camper. The robber grabbed a target pistol from the camper, when caught, and commenced firing. Noone was hurt, and the police did apprehend the crooks after Clarence called out an SOS via the Muskegon 2M Repeater! Clarence says that is one time that the 2M gear really paid for itself! Glad you're OK Clarence after that harrowing experience. If it had happened to me, I know that I would have had a big laundry or dry-cleaning bill to clean my pants!

John Mesch EX-WB8BZR is now W8LQZ. He also sports a new FM-27B Transceiver. Maybe the club membership could help John pick the phonetics for his new call. The call phonetics must be appropo and decent!

MIGRATORY HAM-BIRD REPORT:

Bob Morrison W8QYU sent me a nice card stating that they are due back in God's Country about May 1st or so from Florida.

Walt Coates W8JVI is due back from Arizona about the middle of May and looks forward to seeing his old cronies again!

Verrol Conklin W8JXE and XYL are back from Southern Texas, where they waited out the Winter storms. Good to see you back, Verrol and we hope to see you at the meeting!

WB8PLQ is just starting to thaw out after a rather trying and cold winter!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS COLUMN:

Jim Moulton, a long-time resident and well known guy, has joined our club, and plans to get back into Amateur Radio. Welcome aboard, Jim, and Good Luck!

SUMMER PICNIC REMINDER: Don't forget to set Sunday, 27 July, 1975 to attend our Club Picnic at Whitewater Township Park. You should be talking it up to your Ham Buddies on the air, because evryone is invited. We will enjoy ourselves with food, Eyeball QSO's, and Car Trunk Sales. There will be none of the standard hassle of a formal affair, so we will all be able to have a good time with our friends and family. There will be more about how to get there, when, etc in coming issues of CJ.

W1AW - ARRL CODE PRACTICE SESSIONS - For you new people to radio, the American Radio League sends Code Practice Sessions on a regular schedule to help you learn your code. The following schedule is for speeds between 5 and 10 words per minute, and you with receivers could do worse than tune in and practice with them. The sessions all start at 9:30 PM EDST and are transmitted simultaneously on the following frequencies: 1805, 3580, 7080, 14080, 21080, 28080, 50080, and 145, 588 KHz. The 80M and 40M frequencies should be best for that time of evening to our area. They have nice Code Profficiency Certificates when you demonstrate your ability in Tests that they administer on a monthly basis. You can add endorsement stickers to it as you progress along and build up your speed. By the way, the days for these sessions are Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. They send other speeds on the remaining days of the week.

SHIP LIST: As promised, I said I would publish a list of those thoughtless souls who haven't the time to return the Questionnaire I enclosed with the February issue of Cherry Juice. The following OPS make the Odor-Roll for this month: Over 50% of the Club! Mr. Martinek said "Its about Time" when I informed him that I got the new Club Affiliation Package from the ARRL. I guess I have been rather slow, but the club response to my plea for speedy return of the Questionnaire has been rather dismal! I know it is really asking something of most of you when we invite you to the meetings, and even more when we ask you to volunteer for a project or job, but for the life of me, I can't understand why you can't take a minute and fill out the Questionnaire so we can affiliate our club! I do not feel that the Club news sheet should be used as a vessel to hurt or embarrass anyone. Maybe we get a laugh or giggle over someone else's misfortune by reading this rag, but that is done in good fun! I plan to enclose a new questionnaire in next month's CJ, and if you already sent me one, you can ignore it. You that haven't sent one in to me, Please DO NOT ignore it! Thanks.

MAY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Jerry Cermak K8YVU has invited us to his barn, where the WR8AEN Repeater is to be tested. We will discuss the machine, look it over, and then we'll see some Field Day slides to get us all primed for FD in June!

CLUB LICENSE REPORT: Wells Chapin W8GI informs me that he has submitted all the paperwork necessary to obtain a Radio Amateur Call and Station License for our club. Wells graciously consented to be our trustee for the license, and we extend our thanks to him. Hopefully the call will be here in time for Field Day!

LEAR-SEIGLER RADIO AMATEUR SYMPOSIUM REPORT: On April 5, 1975 Bill Martinek W8JUY, Wells Chapin W8GI, Louie Fowler W8PSI, and myself WB8PLQ, attended an outstanding Public Relations effort at Lear-Seigler Corporation in Grand Rapids. We were only four persons in a group of about 255, and the whole day was an activity packed and extremely informative event. We attended lectures on Semiconductors and State of the Art Micro-electronics. They fed us and took us on a plant tour, then presented each of us with a shopping bag full of component goodies and literature. The fee was \$10.00 per person, and believe you me, we got our ten bucks worth! The weather was beautiful, the visits with old friends delightful, and the knowledge gained 110 on a value scale of 100! Thanks LSI for having us!

Well, the time of year is here that we must start thinking about new officers for our club for the coming year. Yours truly will not be running for a third term of office, and I'll take my place for my one year term on the Board of Directors. A club must have new leadership faces and ideas from time-to-time. Two years is, in my view plenty of time to formulate one's ideas and attempt his goals. We will be forming a Nominating Committee, and all of you will be given the opportunity to accept responsibility, or decline it, as you may so be moved. Please search your soul and see if you could possibly accept a position for 1976.

Well, I've run out of sage and stupid things to say again this month. Hope you enjoy reading this paper, and continue to support it. Till next month, 73 and 88

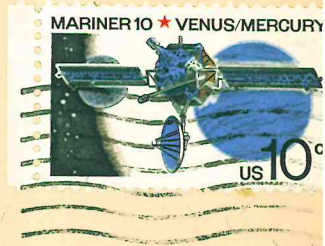
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