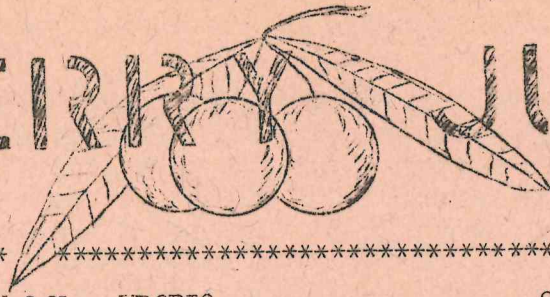


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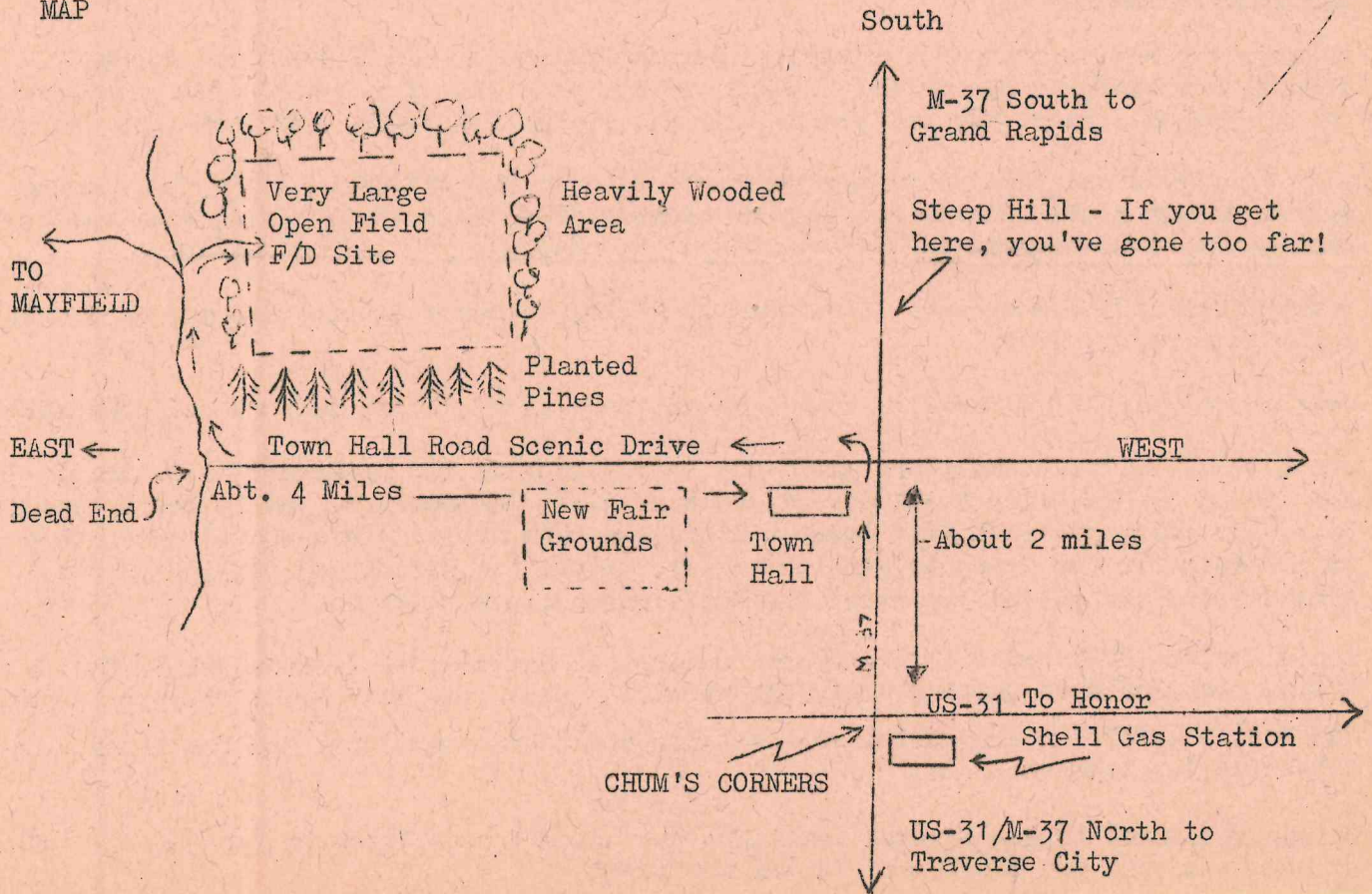
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Sunday Morning Amateur Social Hour (SMASH NET) - Sundays - 9:00 AM- 3935 KHz  $\pm$  2 KHz  
 2M Wednesday Amateur Social Hour (WASH NET) - W8KPO, NCS - 8:00 PM Wednesdays - .52 Simplex, but try 146.25/85 first to see if repeater is up.

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JUNE, 1975 Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 1975 at the Field Day Site. The map drawn below should get you there in fine shape. Thanks go to Frank Shumsky W8TVQ for this map, and the use of his land for our Field Day! If you can't figure this map out, it is either your own fault, or Frank's! We'll start about 6:30 PM and have a very informal Weiner Roast for those that care to do that kind of thing. Bring your eats, and eat it there. Mamma and the kids are also welcome, so come on out and help feed the Grand Traverse Mosquito Population! We will lay out plans for our antennas, and chew the fat, so to speak. I would imagine that a few brown 807s will also be consumed, if someone thinks to bring them! See you there!

MAP





1975 FIELD DAY: June has arrived, and with it comes another Field Day! We've got quite an event planned for this year, and we want all of you to be an important part.

This time several of us plan to head out the Friday night before Field Day (27 June) and camp out two nights, instead of the customary Saturday night only. You are all cordially invited to join us, and all you really need is your sleeping bag and your favorite can of deodorant, preferably RIGHT GUARD. We could use a few large tents to use as sleeping quarters, but don't let the lack of tents stop you from coming out! Frank Shumsky and Jerry Cermak will have campers for the stations to be in, and John Mesch will bring his large tent along. We'll get along, so please come and be with us! Bill Martinek and I will bring our Collins sets, and Frank Shumsky and John Mesch will bring their Swan rigs. What we need most is a bevy of operators and loggers. It would be real neat if we had enough people to help so that a few OMs wouldn't have to work the whole show. You could help our club win fame and fortune!

Bruce Smith WBSADT and Ike Hagen W8GVS said they would bring the Diesel Power Generator by on Friday evening, we'll dig a single, co-ed type toilet, have cooking facilities ready, and have everything else ready to go on Saturday. You should bring your eats, drinking water, Right Guard, and sense of humor, and plan on spending the whole weekend with us.

After the contest is over on Sunday (About 4:00 PM) we will have a Bring-Your -Own-Dish-Style picnic, with a weiner and marshmallow roast for us kids! The whole family is invited. Any card tables you may bring along would be appreciated, as tables are always at a premium. Be sure to bring enough eats for your crowd, and we'll be sure to have enough. Oh yeh, bring out the camera too. You saw what fun the old FD pictures were at the May Meeting! You all come, you hear?

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC - Don't forget the Summer Picnic on 27 July, which is a Sunday. Wells W8GI and Vic W8KPO tell me that everything is GO for that day, and we should have a great time. So, mark a big red ring around 27 July, and plan on seeing us at Whitewater Township Park! Next month's CJ will feature this event, complete with map and full particulars.

#### SCUTTLEBUTT COLUMN:

We have two new novices in our midst! Bernie Walters is now WNSVGG, and Leonard Todd is now WNSVGF! Bernie and Leonard are are two, thus far, successful graduates of the Spring Novice Code and Theory Classes. Congradulations, and Good Luck Fellers!

Al, K8WXQ and family are new residents of Traverse City, and Al is the newest member of our club! Al was recently discharged from the Navy, and will soon take up employment with Motorola in Traverse City. Welcome Aboard, Al and Family!

Jerry Cermak K8YVU should be a new Advanced Class Operator by the time you read this rag. Nice going, Jerry!

John Mesch W8LQZ is a new Elks Club member. Best wishes John, in your new endeavor!

Joe Novak W8TVT and family are presently on vacation to the Washington D.C. Area. Joe loaded up his Delco Sparkplug rig with Repeater Frequencies, and by now he should be really chipping teeth with those politicians back there! This should generate a little work for Doc Mesch to straighten out. Maybe Doc Wilcox can straighten out that twisted and pulled leg after the Politicians finish with Joe!

Louie Fowler W8PSI and wife Irene are touring my old stomping grounds out in California, and should be getting back just about the same time this sheet hits the press.

Bud Heller W8TEE and frau Ruth are back from their European Tour, and Bud looks none-the-worse for this escapade!

It was real nice to see several familiar, but not oft seen faces at the May Meeting. We miss you when you don't come to the meetings!



I worked Don Elsner WB9POK, EX-WB8IMC via the Manistee Repeater on Saturday, 14 June. After the QSO, I QSYed to .94 Simplex, gave a shout, and low and behold, who should come back to me but Don Elsner. That was a very pleasant surprise talking to Don on .94 Simplex between Empire and Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Don says to tell all his friends over here "HI".

ELECTION TIME, SEPTEMBER: Four gentlemen have graciously consented to become the nominating Committee for our 1976 Slate of Officers. Ike Hagen W8GVS will be Committee Chairman, and his committee will also include William "Ducky" Duckwitz W8CJT, Elgen "Walt" Walt W8RNQ, and Ernie Phipps W8AIG. These gentlemen have a big job interviewing prospective officers, and mostly persuading someone to serve the Club. We will be electing a new President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and one new Board of Director Member. Please consider taking a position of leadership, and helping our club, as well as yourself grow with the position. Our Club cannot survive without leadership, and you do not have to be a born leader. One can learn the essentials, if the desire to serve is there. The President ties things together, and acts as the catalyst to get Club programs on the road. The Vice President serves as Program Chairman, and in the absence of the President. Jean Charvay W8IHJ sent me a clipping that is very appropriate in describing the Program Chairman's position. It goes like so:

Back in the days when the West was really wild, a New York lawyer was invited to address a meeting in a cattle town.

His speech was obviously a failure and when he finished he was alarmed to see three grimfaced cattlemen, equipped with guns and ropes headed for the speaker's table.

An elderly man, seated near by, tapped the lawyer: "Just set still, son. They ain't nobody gonna hurt you. Them fellers is a-coming fer the dad-burn program chairman."

So, as you can see, the Vice President's job carries a little liability with it!

All the Club Officers jobs require a lot of responsibility, but our Club is very lucky in this aspect. Many of our members are very respected professional men, businessmen, and leaders of service organizations. All our members possess more than what is considered normal intelligence, or else they wouldn't be Amateur Radio Operators! Please, help others, and put some of those smarts to work! Some of you will probably use the excuse "I have never held a leadership position before". This excuse holds very little water, since most of us managed to learn to walk and talk since birth! You can learn the job as you go. Our Club has a LAYD System. It means "Learn As You Do". You apply this System, and you'll learn the job just like we did when we were elected. So, say "Yes" when the Nominating Committee asks you, and get LAYD (Learned As You Do)!

REPEATER REPORT: WR8AEN, Cherryland's Own Repeater is operational. Not without a few bugaboos, but otherwise operational. Many FB QSOs took place all last weekend through our Repeater located at Jerry Cermak's place. Jerry Cermak and Bill Morin deserve the lion's share of thanks for the many hours they have spent tying the darn thing together! Jean Charvay W8IHJ, Bill Moehring W8ZTJ, and Vic Devlin W8KPO also deserve a big thanks for their collective building efforts. Bud Heller W8TEE for his tuning help and advice, and many others that have helped so much. One always forgets someone when "Thanks" are passed around. If I did commit this sin, please forgive me, because it was not on purpose. Many members have donated various parts and help on many occasions, and without this help, the job would not have gotten to the advanced stage it is presently at. Thanks to the many people, gals and guys alike, that have devoted their Tuesday evenings to meeting us at Jerry's Barn. A lot of fun was had, and will continue to be had while we do a collective effort to finish the machine. If fun can be measured, the quantity of dead, Brown 807s might be a gauge. If fellowship can be measured, the mended feelings and warm QSOs on the return trip home might serve as a guide. All those that just drop by to see the "Machine" and say "HI" are also appreciated. We know you support us by your presence, and we appreciate it! So, why not drop by every Tuesday Evening around 7:00 PM or so, and peek in on us. Jerry lives at 3905 Slusher Road, just above the Jr.



# THE TEN ELECTRO-COMMANDMENTS

- I. Beware of lightning that lurketh in an un-discharged capacitor, lest it cause thee to bounce upon thy buttocks in a most un-seemingly manner.
- II. Cause thou the switch that supplieth large quantities of juice to be opened and thusly tagged, that thy days may be long in this earthly veil of tears.
- III. Prove to thyself that all circuits that radiate and upon which thou worketh are grounded and thusly tagged, lest they lift thee to RF Potential and causeth thee to make like a radiator too!
- IV. Carry on thou not amongst fools who engage in intentional shocks, for they are surely non-believers and are not long for this world.
- V. Take care that thou useth the proper caution when thou taketh the measure of a Hi-Voltage circuit, so that thou dost not incinerate both thee and thy Test Meter.
- VI. Take care that thou tamperth not with interlocks and safety devices, for this incureth the rath of the powers to be and bringeth their fury upon thy head!
- VII. Work thee not on energized equipment, for if thou dost so, thy acquaintances will surely be buying beer for thy widow and consoling her in certain other ways not generally acceptable to thee!
- VIII. Verily verily I say unto thee, never service equipment alone, for electrical cooking is sometimes a slothful process, and thou might sizzle in thine own fat upon a hot circuit for hours upon end before thy Maker sees fit to end thy misery and drag thee into His fold.
- IX. Trifle not with Radio-Active tubes in substance, lest thou commence to glow in the dark like unto a lightning bug, and thy wife be frustrated and have no further use for thee, except for thy wages!
- X. Commit to memory all the Works of the Prophets, which are written in safety manuals and which giveth out the straight dope.

Thanks to Bill Martinek W8JUY for relaying this humorous, but none-the-less appropo bit of wit. Bill found this in the Michigan Area Repeater Council Monthly Bulletin, and thought it would give us all a chuckle and a little food for thought. Tnx Bill!



SUMMER SCHEDULE COLUMN AND EDITOR'S GRIPES: Summer might be here. The damp, drippy weather and temperatures do leave some doubt in ones's mind, however! My Play-Boy Calander up at work does say that Summer is technically here. The Summer season does bring with it certain revisions to or normal meeting schedule. Our June meeting will be held at the Field Day Site, the July meeting will be our Cerryland ARC Annual Summer Picnic, and no formal meeting is planned for August. For the most part, public meetings in our area are usually curtailed during the three summer months due to vacations and other numerous summer activities. We will be continuing our informal Tuesday Evening meetings working on the Repeater, and you are all invited to drop by and be there with us. I will also continue to print Cherry Juice, at least through August, and the SMASH and WASH Nets will continue as always. Please note that the SMASH Net now starts at 0900 AM, instead of 0930. This should allow a few more of the early church-goers to join us. Vic reports a good check-in on the Wednesday WASH Net, and cordially invites all 2M-EMers to join us.

Come September, let us all return to the meeting with refreshed mind and pooped body from a long Summer of fun, work, and activities!

During the Summer lull, why don't you also think up a few nice bits to have printed in Cherry Juice? Believe me, I have really had to rack my brain at times to dream up material for this rag! Club participation has been minimal, to say the least. If this publication is to continue for another year, a whole lot more input from you, the membership will be necessary. If this publication is un-necessary, or there is no further interest, it can revert back to the old Post-Card System. Think it over, and let me know as soon as possible, either by phone, on the air, or by Post. Silence on your part will constitute a "NO" vote, and a majority of NO votes will end the Newsletter during the coming year. Of course, maybe someone else in the membership would like to assume Editor and Publisher duties, and work under the system that has existed the past two years. It has been fun, but demanding. If the participation in filling out the ARRL Affiliation Questionnaire is any indication of the membership's interest, the Newsletter will be discontinued! A 38% return from the membership is poor, and as a result, our club is still not affiliated. My duties and responsibilities as President and Cherry Juice Editor require upwards of 20 hours a month, and it seems to be asking too much of 62% of you to take five minutes and fill out a simple Questionnaire. I have expressed my feelings, and levied somewhat of an ultimatum on you, the membership! Think it over, do you, or don't you want to have a Newsletter the coming year?

Perhaps you have a problem or gripe that should be publically aired. In this case, a "LETTER TO THE EDITOR" would be in order. Maybe you or your buddy has something to sell, or you need a special component - A bit in the WANT AD section might turn the trick here! I know beyond all shadow od doubt that we have poets, story writers, and technical writers in our organization. I would be more than glad to help anyone in any way possible to get your offering into print. This newssheet is supposed to be the mouthpiece of the Club, not just mine and the precious few that have contributed the last two years!

We could also use a writer for a Novice Column. We have new novices constantly looking for information that has been old stuff to us old-timers for many moons. How about someone sharing this knowlege with our novice members? I am sure that all of us had someone to help us over the rough spots when we first got started. A few minutes of your time would be appreciated!

So, this ends another issue of Cherry Juice. I hope to see you all at the June Meeting, and wish you 73 and 88 de,

*Terry*

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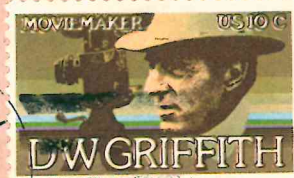
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