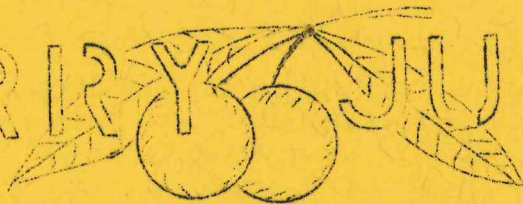


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Sunday Morning Amateur Social Hour (SMASH NET)- Sundays 9:00 AM - 3935 ± 2 KHz.
2M FM Wednesday Amateur Social Hour (WASH NET)- Wednesdays 8:00 PM - WB8SNP/W8KPO NCS
Wash Net held usually on 146.52 Simplex, but may go to 25/85 if WR8AEN is up.

JULY, 1975 MEETING: The Northern Michigan Ham Radio Picnic will be our Club meeting for the month of July. Please come out and support this event! Page three of this issue gives a complete run down of this event. Special thanks go to Wells Chapin W8GI for his excellent PR legwork. All the ads in the national magazines are great, Wells! Also thanks go to Vic and Mary Devlin W8KPO and WB8SNP, Respectively, and to Jean and Helen Charavay. Jean is W8IHJ, and he and Helen are making up the 52/52 Direction Signs, and seeing to it that they will be put out along major roads. Vic and Mary did the arrangement duties for the event at Whitewater Township Park. So, a hearty THANKS to you folks!

FIELD DAY REPORT: John Mesch W8LQZ has written a fine and very descriptive article and you will find it on Page-two of this issue.

I have not been exactly snowed with articles for forthcoming issues of CHERRY JUICE! There have been several promises of articles made, but the support has not been exactly enthusiastic. I do hate to continuously harp about this problem, but something must be done to get some material to write about! There will be an August issue, but starting the new Club Year in September, the continuing of this Newsletter will be up to the new president, and his/her new editor. I think that two years of this job is enough, and that someone else should have the privilege of scraping the barrel every month for news articles. We have 55 members at this time, and it should not be too hard to get two or three news articles, and one technical article per month. At least on the surface it appears to be easy! Perhaps a new editor will be able to draw more support from the membership! Thanks go to the precious few that have taken a bit of their time and helped support this effort. I have enjoyed doing this news-sheet, and helping with it since its birth, 19 issues ago. It is possible that with such a busy membership as we have, that reading a three to five page newsletter each month takes too much of their time, and that a simple postcard announcing the Monthly meeting is more appropriate! Please voice your feelings about this matter at the September Meeting!

REPEATER REPORT: More work is in the mill on improved control circuitry that will enable our repeater to be on longer each day. Clarence Rasmussen W8LKR says we have an offer of antenna tower space out at Kalkaska, and we will be looking into this. We also have a Pre-Amp for the receiver rounded up, and will test it out this week sometime. Shielded wiring is to be installed, a Powermeter built, and new cable for the Antenna System installed.

FIELD DAY 1975 REPORT - By Dr. John P. Mesch W8LQZ

The Cherryland ARC completed the 1975 Field Day with a mixed bag of mosquitoes, sunburn, and QSOs. The QSOs were plentiful; 602 of them were obtained on 80 thru 10 meters, using four transmitters, and manned by twelve of our best operators and most avid outdoorsmen. The weather was tough on both men and equipment, with heavy dew at night and scorching hot 90° temperatures each day. However, the fun and fellowship of it all more than outweighed the adversities. The 24-hour exercise proved the ruggedness of our equipment, and Bruce's generator never missed a stroke! Special thanks are in order for Tina Wolfley, Ryan Gernak, and Bill Rowe who tirelessly logged for us the many hours.

The Club gained lots of publicity from the event. Field Day news carried by several Traverse City radio stations, and we had news items in three editions of the Record Eagle. In addition, Peter Hammar, of Radio Station WIAA Interlochen, spent Saturday night with us and taped some QSOs and interviews with Field Day Operators for a forthcoming program on WIAA. This program may also be carried nationwide on the National Public Radio Network. The exact time that this program will be aired will be relayed to club members on a future SMASH or WASH Net.

The Final Scoring for WB8VKB is as follows: 80M CW - 39 QSOs, 75M Phone - 91 QSOs, 40M CW - 47 QSOs, 40M Phone - 208 QSOs, 20M CW - 31 QSOs, 20M Phone - 116 QSOs, 15M Phone - 51 QSOs, and 10M Phone - 19 QSOs.

Stations were worked from all over North America, plus a 15M contact in Brazil and a 20M contact with the Netherlands. Our final score with all multipliers and bonuses included 1588 points. Watch QST to see how WB8VKB compares with other clubs!

Let's hope for another successful Field Day in 1976! *****

(Editor's Note: John was our 1975 Field Day Chairman, and was largely responsible for the fine PR job done, and the excellent organization we enjoyed this year. Many THANKS to him, and the avid, hearty souls who supported us this year!)

As you can probably see by now, our CARC has its own Club Call! Wells W8GI made a special trip to the Field Day Site on Saturday to deliver our new license. Cherryland Amateur Radio Club is now WB8VKB! Tnx Wells for the work you did on getting this call, and being its Trustee.

Bill Morin, who has done a big job designing and building our Repeater Control Circuitry, is looking for others of us that work with Digital Logic Circuits. Bill has lots of ideas, and would like to share them, and exchange materials with others sharing his interests. Bill's address is 917 Boone Street, Traverse City, and his phone number is 947-2677.

I made a serious, dumb BOO-BOO last month. I forgot to announce that Ducky, W8CJT was also initiated into the Elks Club. An apology to you Ducky, and a belated CONGRATULATIONS!

How many of us have thought about what our final objective as a Ham is? I received a nice note from Ernie Phipps W8AIG, and it goes:

"A hams final objective is like buying oats. If you want nice clean, fresh oats, you must pay a fair price. However, if you can be satisfied with oats that have been trough the horse, they come a little cheaper!"

Perhaps we can apply this bit of wisdom to our efforts on the Repeater, and the other numerous and sundry projects we attempt to accomplish with our precious time and hard earned money. Maybe a re-evaluation of our goal, in regards to the Repeater is in order, and maybe we should be thinking about "nice, clean, fresh oats" for a change!

WELCOME ALL RADIO HAMS AND ALL ELECTRONIC BUFFS!

NORTHERN MICHIGAN HAM RADIO PICNIC

Sponsored By the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club, Traverse City,
Michigan

DATE: Sunday, July 27, 1975 - AM to PM, into the evening!

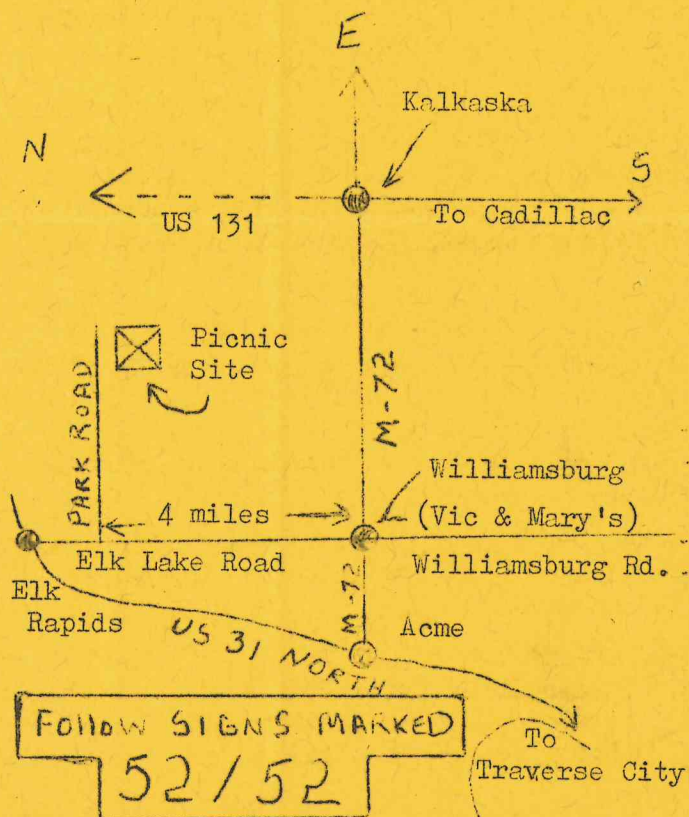
PLACE: Whitewater Township Park - Just outside of Williamsburg, Michigan, on Park Road. Williamsburg is North and East of Traverse City, Michigan on M-72.

PRICE: If you bring along your camper, or tent, and use the facilities, the charge will be \$2.50 per night. There is no admission to the Picnic itself, as far as price goes! Just bring your Swap & Shop junk - the good wife and kids, and be prepared for a good-old-fashioned picnic! There will be swings for the kids, boating areas, swimming, fishing, and lots of picnic tables. They also have grills, a pavillion, and a place for Dad to park his trailer overnight.

ACTIVITIES: Swap & Shop from your cartrunk, games for the kids, good old ragchews, meet your old buddies and some new ones, and by all means, stop in at VIC AND MARY'S COUNTRY STORE in Williamsburg. They carry a complete line of Beans and Kool-Aid, and will be glad to give you directions, sell you stuff, and chew the fat with you! Vic is W8KPO and Mary is WB8SNP. They will talk you in on 146.52/52, so give them a shout!

FOOD: Bring your own food and drinks - Eat it with whom and when you please! Don't forget that there are grills, so if you wish, you can prepare a culinary delight. If you forget something, you can always run back to Vic and Mary's!

FACILITIES: Picnic Tables, Grills, Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Trails, and Swings. Campsites are available for \$2.50 per night, with modern toilet, shower, and sewage disposal facilities. There are no electrical hookups at the Campsites, however. There is a boat launching ramp at \$1.00 per boat.



Sounds great doesn't it? Well it is, and if you aren't camping, it won't cost you a hard earned red cent! You might even make a buck by pawning off some of that junk, or selling one of those old dogs in your junk pile.

SO, GET THE KIDS SCRUBBED UP - GET MAMMA IN-TUNE - PUT SUNDAY, JULY, 27, 1975 ON YOUR CALENDAR, AND BY ALL MEANS, PLAN ON COMING EARLY AND STAYING LATE!

This is our first attempt at something of this nature, so please support us! We would like to see people from all over Michigan, especially those from the North areas! For further info, call or write Wells Chapin W8GI, Box 176, Kingsley, MI 49649. You can also meet the Cherryland Amateur Social Hour (SMASH NET) on Sunday at 9:00 AM at 3935 KHz \pm 2 KHz. If you are within 2M-FM range meet us on the WASH Net - Wednesdays at 8:00 PM - 146.52

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