

# CHERRYLAND JUCE

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CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
TRaverse CITY, MICHIGAN

**CLUB STATIONS:**

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John Mesch, W8LQZ  
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SMASH NET \* Sunday Morning, 9:00AM - 3935 Khz

WASH NET - Wednesday evening, 8:00PM - WR8AEN - 25-85

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MARCH MEETING: The Cherryland Amateur Radio Club will meet on Tuesday, March 23, 1976, at the Northwestern Michigan Technical Center, Room 121, at 7:30PM. The Tech Center is located on East Front Street directly across from MacDonal'd's. Cookies and coffee will be served. Bring along a friend or any old club member whom we haven't seen around for a while. Everyone is welcome.

Terry, WB8PLQ/4, has arrived safely at his new QTH in Florida. Last Sunday, after the SMASH net, a number of locals QSY'd to 20 meters and had a FB QSO with Terry. We were all pleased to hear that he and his family arrived in good condition, and that Terry behaved himself and didn't pick up any more Speeding tickets!

Wells, W8GI, chairman of our Worked All Cherryland Award, discussed at our last meeting the details involved. He has arranged through our good member, Paul Miller (who is also manger of our local J. C. Penny store) to have the availability of the Penny store front show windows to set up an amateur radio station during the National CHERry Festival in July. We will be able to have stations on the air, handling messages, and in general doing a great public relations job. There are many details yet to be worked out, but the club members will all be called upon to give a helping hand.

Many of the members were aware of the simulated emergency which Jack Bensley, Grand Traverse County Coordinator, activated on Thursday March 18th. His committee, along with the Grand Traverse Sheriff's department, the Traverse City Police department, and the Michigan State Police, as well as Civil Defencse volunteers attempted to simulate emergency techniques needed to keep communications flowing in this area. Unfortunately there was no mention of one of the best sources of emergency communications available locally --- our own amateur radio communications. The reason we were not included in this simulated emergency was that Mr. Bensley does not have the necessary detailed information of our resources. It is with this in mind that the following appeal by Bill Mader, WA8WMM be given serious thought and action.

Included in this month's Cherry Juice is a copy of ARRL form 7. Your completion of this form is the first big step in helping ~~me~~ establish the Cherryland Amateur Radio Emergency Corps. With these forms I will have available a compilation of our emergency communication capabilities for presentation to the local disaster agencies.

Please note that ARRL membership is not required to join AREC and that filling out this form implies no binding commitment to AREC. Your participation is determined by you and your desires. An operating station is not necessary, but be certain to note what capabilities you may have.

Amateur radio's prime purpose is to provide "public service". AREC is one of the best means at our disposal to do so. The satisfaction of helping during an emergency as well as the good times available from practice drills and exercises will add to your enjoyment of ham radio.

You may return the enclosed form to me by mail at - Box 2, Empire AFS, Mich. 49630, or better yet, bring it with you to our March meeting.

73  
Bill Mader, WA8WMM  
Emergency Co-ordinator  
Cherryland Area

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DATES TO REMEMBER:::

Cherryland ARC meetings;	March 23
	April 27
	May 25
	June 22
ARRL Field Day	June 26-27
National Cherry Festival	July 4 - 10
Cherryland ARC Summer Picnic	July 25

SWAP AND SHOPS:

Muskegon	March 19-20
Dayton	April ?
Cadillac	May 1

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Notes from our Treasurers desk - notebook - mind!!!!

The Cherryland Radio Club now has 60 paid members for the club year of September 1975 through August 1976. We hope the membership is of benefit to you, if not is there some way we can make it more beneficial?

The WR8AEN repeater donor list has now reached a total of 19, with a service area of a radius of almost 100 miles, we can very proud of this service.

NEWS FLASH----- Terrence W. Woofley, better known locally as WB8PLQ, has a new nickname - "Speedy"!!! More on this at the March CARC meeting.

Many Grand Traverse area Hams attended the ham fest in Muskegon. A good time was had by all. (Sober?) It was just a year ago that Clarence, W8LKR, had a run-in with someone who tried to rob his friends, and with the help of amateur radio and a repeater, the person was apprehended and ultimately convicted for his crime.

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TREASURER'S REPORT - (financial)

General fund \$490.16  
Repeater 187.78

Total in  
checking acct \$677.94

Savings account \$606.08

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"REPEATER REPEATS"  
an editorial by joe novak, w8tvt

Jerry, K8YVU, has located an 80 foot telephone pole that Ma Bell is going to discard in the next couple of months. It is now located in Kalkaska, on M-72, right by the Northland Shopping Center. There is a good possibility that it could be donated to the repeater. (Our present antenna height is about 35 feet above ground) The only catch (and it's a big one) is that we would have to hire someone to pull it out of the ground and re-set at the repeater site. Another slight problem is the transporting of the thing! However, Howard, W8RTV, has a 4-wheel drive truck and feels he could pull it. His dear friend, Big Al, W8CYO, would bring up the rear (?), as he has a double tandem axle trailer which could be used. This could be quite a sight and many supervisors would be needed on transport. Everyone will be kept informed as to the feasibility of this project via W8AEN.

Liability insurance has been ordered for the repeater site.

New repeater donors - Bill, W8WMM, Clyde, W8STH; Bill, W8ASF; Guyles, W8ALL; and Joe, W8TVT.

March QST, page 73, had some thoughts with regards to repeater Do's and Dont's. Listed below is a restatement of items to remember while using the repeater. (Ed. notes - actually these can be applied to all of our operating practise)

- Do keep transmissions short
- Do think before you transmit
- Do pause for the beeper (keeps the repeater from timing out and also allows others to break in)
- Do identify properly. You are not W8XYZ mobile - but W8XYZ mobile 8
- Do be courteous
- Do use simplex whenever possible
- Do support the repeater fund.
- Don't forget the repeater is a service for everyone's use
- Don't (try not to) criticize the operating techniques of others on the air. Instead, try to set an example which others will be proud to follow

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Don't monopolize the repeater

Don't forget that what you say and how you act when using the repeater will be heard by many people. Some of these people are potential hams. Let's not leave them with a bad impression of our hobby by making a fool of ourselves with thoughtless or off-colored remarks.

The repeater has been working fine and the coverage has been great. Let's all do our part to keep it that way.

Joe, W8TVT

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Speaking of the repeater (that's about all we can talk about anyway!), we are indebted to Al, K8CEB, for his donation of a Topeka pre-amp, and which Jack, K8YZW, installed. It is because of this small item that WR8AEN can now listen as well as it can talk!!!

Good communications with Ducky, W8CJT/4, indicate that he and his XYL Mac are having a great winter in the southern state. This morning he was mobiling from near Key West and pouring in a great signal with his Kenwood.

As we go to press, I want to thank Bill Mader and Joe Novak for their contributions to the Cherry Juice, and to Edna and Jon Widman for helping to publish and distribute the paper.

See you all on 3935 Khz on Sunday morn, and on WR8AEN on Wednesday night, and most particularly, next Tuesday night at the CARG meeting.

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Bill, W8JUY



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