

The April meeting was well attended with 39 members and guests present. Many items of interest were discussed. Ernie, W8ALG, gave an updated report about the finished condition of the club alternator (I'M told that this is a gadget that generates AC current - Ed.). Ernie spent many hours of his personal time to do his usual excellent job. He states that the alternator now runs as smoothly and quietly as a watch (!). Ernie also demonstrated a new switch which he had made, that could be used in conjunction with the alternator in an emergency condition, as for instance with the club repeater. This switch automatically turns on or off the alternator as power is interrupted on the commercial mains. He said that this switch would become club property when the club builds a permanent housing for the alternator.

John, WA8BUB, reported on the progress of the Field Day plans, and asked for volunteers workers, operators, loggers, and equipment. WB will be operating three complete stations, on 80, 40 and 20 meters, both SSB and CW. The event will start at 2 PM Saturday afternoon, June 25, and will continue through 2 PM on Sunday, and after the stations are dismantled there will be the usual picnic for all members and guests. It will be a big weekend and John says this will be the best ever. Incidentally the Field Day site will be again at "Shumsky's Acres", and next months Cherry Juice will have a detailed map showing how easy it is to find.

Wells, W8GI and Ed, K8CWR, reported their progress with the GARC station that will be operating during the National Cherry Festival, July 4 through 10 from one of the windows at the J. C. Penny store in downtown Traverse City. Wells passed around a copy of the beautiful "Worked Cherryland" certificate which he designed and had printed. This certificate will be sent to those stations which work our GARC station (WB8VKB) during the Festival week. This is a great public relations project for our club and it's members, and Wells and Ed are to be complimented for their great efforts, and deserve every bit of support the membership can give them. They are looking for able bodied hands to help with antenna erections, loan of equipment and needed operators.

Jack, K8YZW, then demonstrated several types of loop antennas which can be used as Direction Finders for a hidden transmitter hunt. He showed how to take readings, log them on a map, and easily find the hidden xmtr.

A good evening was had, with cookie and coffee served by ~~XXXXXX~~ Mary Matteson (and her able helper), and Jerry, K8YVU, distributing some excelleny prizes.

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During the WASH net on Wednesday May 12, it was voted by the stations present to advance the time of the net one hour to 9:00 PM. This will allow members to enjoy the longer sunny (?) evenings during the summertime. Also, Mary, WB8SNP, asked for volunteers for net control duty. As Jean, W8LHJ, suggested if every member would take the net one night it would take 18 or 20 weeks before the turn would come around again. Incidentally we do want to congratulate Mary, WB8SNP, and maybe even Vic, W8KPO, for the many weeks of continuously net controlling the WASH net. They have done such a great job in keeping the two meter and repeater frequency going, and keeping an interested two meter group involved.

Speaking of nets, the SMASH net continues it's enjoyable ways, with stations calling in from a three or four state area. Net control has been divided between some of the members. Many of the TC stations QSY to 20 meters at the ten o'clock time and have a half and hour QSO with Terry, WB8PLQ/4, down in Homestead, Florida. Sounds like Terry is getting hot with the weather!

DATES TO REMEMBER:-----

- May 16 1st anual CARC xmtr hunt
- May 25 regular CARC meeting
- June 25-26 ARRL Field Day
- July 4 - 10 National Cherry Festival
- July 25 CARC summer picnic
- July 16-18 ARRL National Convention - Denver, Colo.
- August 15 (?) Straits Area Radio Club picnic

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ACTIVITIES MANAGER JOHN WA8BUB FIELD DAY REPORT-----

If you circled your calendar as I asked you to do last month----- please run now and change it! It was not an error made by my typist; I take full blame.

The correct date is SATURDAY JUNE 26 and SUNDAY JUNE 27.

Our plans are progressing. Three bandmasters are:

- 80 Meters - Jack K8YZW
- 40 Meters - Bill, WA8WMM
- 20 Meters - Ed, K8CWR

Set up time is 2 PM, Saturday, and we plan to operate the full allowable period, 27 hours.

The family picnic will start at 4 PM, sunday.

Of course anyone is welcome to come out at anytime. If you are licensed I do hope that you will ~~XXXXXX~~ contact me or one of the bandmasters to let them know that you will help to operate. Remember, loggers do not need a ticket.

Further details as to our needs for equipment etc. plus transportation of same will be brought up at the next meeting.

John WA8BUB (Bring Ure Beer)

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During the week of June 1, Doug and ~~XXXX~~ Jean DeMaw will be visiting this area. In a telephone conversation with Doug this past Monday I asked him if he would consent to giving a little talk before a group of our members and possibly amateurs and guests from all over the NW portion of Michigan. He definitely agreed and in that this is a great opportunity to talk with an official from ARRL heqdquarters I would like to propose and informal evening party, much like we have at Christmas time, for both OM8s and XYL's(or YL8s as the caxse might be) tentatively scholduled for either June 4 or 5 (Friday or Saturday). Doug is Technical Editor for QST, and Jean is in charge of the issuing of the various certificates (WAS, DXCC, RC, etc.). Pleas contact me as soon as possible if you are interested, and which night might be the best. My business phone is 946-4664, and my summer phone is 946-6009.

Bill, W8JUY

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SEE YOU SUNDAY, MAY 16, NMC TECH CENTER 1:30PM