

Some of the suggestions for Club meeting programs have included ideas such as an "Old Timers" night to show the newcomers what Ham radio used to be like, additional Club dinners, question and answer periods to help out people with specific problems, and operating matters such as message handling and emergency communications. If one of you would like to put together one of these or something else, let me know and I will be more than happy to give you all of the assistance you might need.

CARC CONSTITUTION: I have received a number of comments from various Club members that some changes to our Constitution and By-laws are in order. At the Board meeting, Thursday, 14 October, John, W88BUB and John, W8LQZ volunteered to serve along with me on a committee to study this question and submit to the membership proposed changes. I am extending an invitation to any Club member who would care to serve with us. I have no intentions of having it appear that the Board runs the Club without the members' consent. Here is another chance to PARTICIPATE!

BOARD MEETINGS: Any member is welcome to attend any Board meeting. This is especially important if you have some item of Club business that would produce a lengthy discussion at a Club meeting. The only reason you should have for feeling the Board doesn't listen to you is if you don't talk to us.

W8BAEN REPEATER: To a great extent, the repeater attracts the largest share of our members' interests. A majority of the membership either uses or monitors it. It seems to take up substantial time at Club and Board meetings. There are a number of decisions that need to be made concerning the repeater. Once again I feel this calls for membership PARTICIPATION. The Board decided to have a meeting devoted to the repeater only. It is open to Club members, repeater donors, and anyone else who cares and would like to be heard. If there is something you have to say, then you ought to be there. The meeting will be held on 3 November at the NMC Technical Center, at 7:30 PM. That is on a Wednesday evening, not Tuesday. If you have transportation problems, contact me and I will help you get there. If you have a schedule conflict, just send your suggestions in a letter to me and I will be certain they are read.

DECEMBER MEETING: For the past few years, the Club has conducted a dinner meeting for the month of December as a Christmas party. This year's date is tentatively set for 6 December at the Elks Club. We should know for certain by this month's meeting. Last year it was hosted by Pat and Ken Musson. Everyone who attended was pleased with the results. This year should be just as successful IF we can find an energetic couple to put it all together. Would you like to help?

SWAP 'N SHOP: Yes, it really is time to start thinking about one of our most outstanding Club activities already. With magazine deadlines getting earlier even though deliveries are later, we need to get the advance advertising out. Sue, WD8CBU was volunteered to see that the necessary information is distributed. Last year, thanks to the efforts of many Club members, we did quite well financially and now is the time to get started in the same direction. We need someone to co-ordinate the individual efforts into another prosperous endeavor. Step forward and PARTICIPATE!

8P6GU/VP2GWM: The rum is flowing, sunburns are back in style, and if propagation fares well we will find W8JUY operating VP2GWM occasionally on 160 through 15 meters. Some of us have already worked Bill on 20 around 0800 local time near 14.275 MHz.

If you need Granada, he will be there through about 20 October. Then listen for 8P6GU for about two weeks. He would be happy to work some novices, so get those keys warmed up for a 40 meter evening sked. Let me know and I'll alert Bill for a time and frequency.

MICRO WHAT? Find out more about those amazing microprocessors and you may really get hooked on a fascinating subject. This Tuesday, October 19, at 7:30 PM the Straits Area RC will be meeting at Moetec Manufacturing Company near Petoskey. It should be an interesting and enlightening demonstration. Their club has invited us to attend this meeting. Six of us are already planning to attend. If you are interested, just give me a call. Moetec is located East of Northern Concrete on West Conway Road between 131 and 31 north of Petoskey. Someone will be on 52 for a "talk-in".

CHERRY JUICE: While Bill is enjoying rum and bikini-clad girls in the West Indies' sunshine, someone had to get this issue out. Unfortunately I neglected to keep my foot out of my mouth and you are stuck with my dismal editorial efforts. I promise that our Pulitzer Prize winning editor-in-chief will return next month. However, if you have any contributions for November's issue, please send them to me and I'll be sure to get them in. Our new corresponding secretary has "volunteered" to type each issue.

Would you like to see a better looking CJ? How about a few pictures included as well? Many clubs can do this with little or no extra expense. Perhaps one of you has photo-offset facilities available and could help us out. Any suggestions you can come up with that are within reason will be given due consideration.

FOR SALE: Swan Model 260 SSB-CW Transceiver. Self-contained 110/12 volt power supply, 80-10 meters, 260 watts input. Excellent condition. \$250.

Hallicrafters HA-1 "T-O" Keyer. Includes paddle. Contact John, WA8BUB, 941-0025.

FOR SALE: Cleg 99r. Been to swap 'n shops since 1965. Contact Bill, WA8WWM

INSIDE SECRET INFO: Jack, K8YZW is looking for a tamper-proof box for his SB-104 to keep him from blowing it up for the third time. Al, W8CYO was sent home from the hospital early at the nurses' request. It seems they were threatening a strike because they couldn't perform their duties in safety. Hope you're feeling much better now, Al. Is it really true that Edna, WB8EYL has put in an application to join the Space Cadets? John, W8LQZ has been fighting pollution by catching plastic bags instead of coho in the Frankfort harbor. WD8CBU and WD8BZP are in a race to see who can make the most novice contacts. WD8CBU is way ahead with a grand total of one. (Names were withheld to protect the author.) John, WA8EUB has his SB-104 working very well. He says his secret is keeping Jack away from it. Jack, W8FIN can actually be heard in Empire now with his new 75 meter antenna; can anyone use a 30 foot antenna? Ernie, W8ALG is working QRP on 2 with only 100 watts output. Wells, W8GI, ex-W2DUD and Bill, WA8WWM, ex-WA2REI lived in the same town in New York at the same time.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG AT THE MEETING! SEE YOU THERE.

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