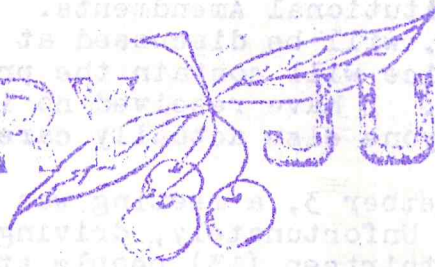


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CHERRYLAND ARC NET: SMASH NET Every Sunday at 1200 Local on 3935 KHz

NOVEMBER'S MEETING: A fine movie entitled "EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTER" will be the highlight of this month's meeting. Glen Sanford, W8YXL, has obtained it for us and promises it will be a good look at what could happen anywhere. The meeting will be held again in Room 106 of the Auto Technical Building directly across from Kentucky Fried Chicken on Front Street, southeast of the NMC Maritime Building. Refreshments will be served and, as always, every one is welcome. Bring along a friend, especially someone you know who hasn't been to a meeting in a long time. If you have transportation problems, contact me at 326-6392 and I'll get a ride for you.

"THE PREZ SEZ"

On January 29, 1977, The United States and Canada will be devastated by disasters from coast to coast. I am not a prophet, I am only describing the Annual Set-Simulated Emergency Test. This exercise is promoted by the ARRL via the AREC - Amateur Radio Emergency Corp. Through simulated disasters, communication plans are tested each year to see what points need improving. This year will be the Cherryland AREC's first crack at SET. Will you be ready? Beginning Monday, November 29, at 2000 local time (8:00 PM) on WR8AEN we will call the Cherryland AREC Net. Its purpose will be to provide training for AREC members. When was the last time you handled formal written traffic? It's obvious to me by listening to section-wide nets here in Michigan that formal traffic handling procedures need attention. During an actual emergency, correct message format can make the difference between garbled instructions and useful communications. You can do your part to keep Amateur Radio a meaningful public service by actively PARTICIPATING in AREC. I still am waiting for Form 7 (AREC applications) from many of you. If you have lost yours, I'll have some at the club meeting or let me know and I'll mail one to you. I must have each member's equipment capabilities in order to compile an effective emergency plan.

CARC CONSTITUTION: John W8BBU, John W8LQZ, and I have put together a number of proposed Constitutional Amendments. These, along with others submitted by Walls, W8GI, will be discussed at this month's Board meeting. The December's Cherry Juice will contain the present constitution along with many recommended changes. I have received no input from other club members on this matter. Does anyone else actually care?

REPEATER MEETING: On November 3, a meeting was held for people interested in the WR8AEN Repeater. Unfortunately, driving conditions were poor in the outlying areas and only thirteen (13) people attended. The technical background and current situation of the repeater were discussed along with possible future directions. As the current control and identifier circuitry was intended to be only a temporary device, approval was given to build a replacement. The new circuitry will contain a CW ID with appropriate timers to provide identification only during pauses along with squelch tail and time-out-timers.

Generally the Repeater continues to operate even though it consists of mediocre equipment. From a maintenance viewpoint, a transmitter/receiver replacement is worth considering -- a common conclusion of those who have worked on the repeater. The repeater's present coverage is limited most of all by its location. About 40% of WR8AEN users live outside Grand Traverse County. It was felt by many of those attending the meeting that improved coverage should be attained, but not at the expense of local coverages. One site in each of Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Kalkaska Counties is being investigated. As soon as any worthwhile information is available, it will be published in the CJ.

Some points on operating were also brought up at the meeting. Since WR8AEN is an Amateur Radio Repeater, business calls are prohibited. Occasionally this leads to a question as to what can and cannot be done. A good example is, if you are discussing the sale of a piece of equipment from your own station, the FCC will let it go. However, if you own or operate a radio store, you must not sell your radios on the air. In other words, if your wife needs tomato sauce for dinner, she may ask you to buy some on the way home. But, if she needs it for her restaurant or store, you have to go to the business or CB bands to discuss it.

After November 26, identification procedures will be simplified. It will no longer be necessary to designate "mobile" or "portable". However, you still must give YOUR call at the beginning of each transmission or group of transmissions and at intervals not to exceed ten (10) minutes during such transmissions. You must give both your call and the call of one of the stations with whom you were in contact upon terminating a QSO.

DECEMBER MEETING: I requested someone to put together our annual Christmas party in last month's Cherry Juice and at October's meeting. My thanks to Carl, W8MZJ who volunteered his and his wife's services to provide music for us. Also, to Mary, W8SCGA who volunteered to help with decorations. Rather than let time drag on without anything being done, my wife jumped into the vacuum. PARTICIPATION is the word.

The party will be held Monday night, December 6, at the Elk's Club in Traverse City. An alternate location was discussed at October's meeting and the Elk's Club won with fewer than 25% of those present voting. (Participation???) The dinner will be prime rib and trimmings at 7:30 preceded by a social hour from 6:30. The cost is \$5.50 per person plus drinks if you desire. The Board of Directors voted to pick up the tax and tip for all.

A number of fun activities are planned to make it a memorable and enjoyable evening including, of course, a photographic presentation of the startling effects of rum, sunshine, and R.F. upon visitors to the Caribbean Islands by Bill, W6JUY. Please be certain to call Sue, W8C8U at 326-6392 for your reservation. The Elk's Club must be notified of the expected number of guests by the first of December. They can only provide a few dinners over what we request and we have to pay for whatever we request.

To keep with the Christmas spirit, there will be door prizes available. If you are unable to attend the dinner, feel free to drop in when you can during the evening for some real "fine business eyeball QSO's".

The Christmas party will be the only club meeting during December. The January meeting will be held on the 25th.

SWAP 'N SHOP: The magazine publicity has already been distributed to each of the ham publications by Sue, W8C8U. The date is February 12, and the location is at NMC. Many other plans and details remain to be worked out. We still need a "co-ordinator" to put it all together. Is there anyone out there willing to put in some extra PARTICIPATION?

INSIDE SECRET INFO: This time Jack's, K8YZW power supply smoked. John, W88UB won't let Jack near his SS-104. Bill, W8WWM says he'll make over 1,000 QSO's in SS this weekend if his TS-820 arrives on time. John, W88UB has a big signal in Empire with a new 75 meter dipole. Frank, W8CQD found his 40673 preamp won't work in the transmit line of his Delco. John, W6LQZ quit fishing for plastic bags and is now trying to "bag" a deer. Thanks from Bill, W8WWM to the Board for a surprise birthday party three days early...he won't have time for one during SS! Mike, W8CUB is on the air with a new VHF Engineering transmitter strip and can be heard all around Empire. Jeff, W8DCZ has an 80 meter dipole up now, but is still trying to dig through the pileups in response to his CQ's. Bob, W8QYU/4 is alive and well in Florida as noted during a recent QSO on 20 meters. John, W6LQZ really does give out toothbrushes on Halloween. Will Mary, W8CGA and Dave, W8C8C ever talk to me on 80 CW? Congratulations to Greg, W8TPR on upgrading to Advanced. John, W88UB is going easier after breaking his wrist. Ernie, W8ALG is still keeping away from the doctors in spite of suffering a minor heart attack. Both were sent get-well cards on behalf of the club.

FOR SALE: Midland 15-500 12-channel 2 meter FM transceiver with ten frequencies installed--\$100 worth of crystals. Asking \$190. Contact Merrit Chandler, W82DK at 616-775-2333 in Cadillac.

Delco 2 meter FM transceiver on 34/94, 25/85, 52, 13/73 for \$50. Contact John, W6LQZ at 326-6392 in Empire.

NEX-5 5 band SSB transceiver 200 watts input. Includes power supply and crystal calibrator for \$350. Contact Ducky, W8CJT, at 223-4426 in Old Mission Peninsula.

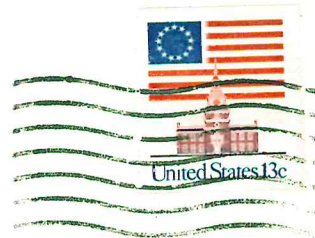
SS: In case you don't know, that stands for Sweepstakes. It is probably the most fun available from an operating event next to Field Day. CW SS is already a memory this year, but the Phone weekend is upon us. Each ARRL affiliated club is eligible to submit a club aggregate score. If you noticed CARG's standings for FD this past June, we made a big improvement, but there were still 98 other groups ahead of us nationwide and 13 in the 8th call area.

Much of the fun during Field Day is striving to make those extra contacts. It is a different style of operating that most of us are not accustomed to. To do it well requires practice and QST is a golden opportunity for that. Give it a try this weekend. The rules are in October's QST or call me before 4:00 PM Saturday. Regardless of how many contacts you make, get your score to me so I can send it in for QST publication.

SMASH NET: Due to longer skip conditions so early in the morning, the time for the SMASH Net is being changed from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. I polled each check-in for three weeks and noon came out on top. Stop in and say hello to the group on 3935. You'll find it's just a friendly group and a nice "Sunday Morning Amateur Social Hour".

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