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CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

CLUB STATIONS: WBSVKB - Wells Chapin, Trustee
WR8AEN - Bill Martinek, Trustee ... 146.25/85' Open Access

CLUB OFFICERS:

Pres. - Bill Mader, W8MWH
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jack Leishman, K8VZW
Bill Martinek, W8JUV
John Mesch, W8LQZ

CLUB NETS: SMASH NET Every Sunday at 1200 Local on 3935 KHz
AREC NET Every Monday at 2000 Local on WR8AEN

MARCH'S MEETING: This month we are planning to show a film on antennas and matching systems from the ARRL film library. Spring is on the way and now is the time of year that all Hams'ancies turn toward the sky and how to fill it with wire and aluminum. Bring your questions about your antenna problems and pick up some insight on how those sky wires work.

FEBRUARY'S MEETING: Last month's program was a most interesting and informative presentation by Trooper David Knowles. Dave is the Traverse City State Police Post's Community Service Officer. His theme was crime prevention and reporting, especially how we with radios in our cars can help. Ten local businesses are already involved in the Community Radio Watch program as well as some organized CB groups. From both a public service and beneficial public relations viewpoints, we should become a part of this program. Dave gave a brief outline of what we could do, but the "how to do it" is somewhat more involved. It requires about three hours of training and discussion on effective use of your mobile rigs for crime and accident reporting. Dave has offered to provide the training for us on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 PM at the State Police Post. Upon completion of the training, we will be issued certificates suitable for framing, as well as decals and check sheets for our cars. For those who can't attend on April 5, we will schedule another date. Even if you don't have a mobile rig you should attend as the information you'll learn will prove to be most useful in many situations. Let's show how Hams can provide the public service they are capable of and know for.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION: Part of Dave's presentation last month touched on Operation Identification. This program is based on the marking of valuables to assist in identification if they are recovered as stolen property. This is very useful for Ham gear and other high value items. Our involvement in this program could consist of two concepts. First, we can mark our own equipment. Second, we can help in marking articles belonging to people who are unable to go to the State Police Post, such as elderly people who can't drive. We could bring the marking equipment to them. This service would be publicized for a specific date and time for people to call the post where a car equipped with two meters would be dispatched as appropriate. With as many rigs and operators as we have a large number of people could be served with our club and Ham radio would receive the benefit of outstanding publicity for a commendable public service. As the details are worked out, I will let you know. Let me know if I can depend on YOUR SUPPORT.

ATTENTION: A General course will be offered by NBC Spring Term on Wednesday's 7-10 PM. Classes will be held in the Technical Center and will continue through June 8th. This is an excellent opportunity for Novices and Technicians to upgrade their licenses. Registration is March 28th at the Student Affairs Office in the Administration Building on the main campus. For more information, contact Bill Mader at 326-6390.

ASSISTANT EC: I need some help! Specifically, I need one person from each county (Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Benzie) to be an Assistant Emergency Co-ordinator. Due to occasional troubles at work I am tied-up on Mondays and am unable to run the ARSS Net. Also, I can't be certain of being here next year. I would like to see ARSS in the Cherryland continued and even more active. How about you pitching in with some help. It's work, but it's also fun and rewarding.

NEW REPEATER: The members attending the February meeting approved the purchase of a replacement repeater for \$250. It is a Motorola transmitter/receiver with a Sensicon[®] receiver and 100 watt transmitter. Also approved was a sum not to exceed \$100 to purchase the necessary parts for moving it from the commercial frequencies to 146.25/85 MHz. Jack and I will keep you posted as to our progress on this machine. It will give us the greater dependability and receiver performance we desperately need.

EOC: We have received permission and approval from the Traverse City State Police Post Commander to establish an Emergency Operating Center in the Post basement. Glen WBSYKL and I will be installing 80 and 2 meter antennas on March 26. We will then have a location with emergency power to operate from as might be required during a natural disaster or other emergency situation.

SWAP 'N SHOP: Our fourth annual affair was an outstanding success! Due to the efforts of many club members, we realized income sufficient to operate the repeater for almost a full year. I want to thank every one who helped with all of the work. Without your help, we would not have been nearly as successful as we were. Thanks again.

MAY DINNER: Due to popular demand we will be holding a dinner meeting on Friday, May 20th, to take the place of a regular meeting. We'll be asking for reservations and providing more information next month. Be sure to mark that date on your calendar. Anyone interested in helping with table decorations, call Sue Mader at 326-6382.

HUMORS, FACTS, AND OTHER RELATED THINGS: Watch for a big signal from the Bahamas soon -- Eric K8PDM will be operating portable VP9 from March 27 thru April 6 on 2056 KHz with 300 big balliwatts. Jack K8VZW and Sue W8SNVR are getting an early taste of warm weather in Florida for ten days. John W8WUB and Edna W8SEYL are doing likewise in KH6-land. (What Edna won't do to get a KH6 QSL!) John W8LQZ and Shirley W8SEEP are getting in some skiing on the big slopes in Colorado. I wonder why I'm still in Empire??? Congratulations to Ray Roe on receiving his new novice call -- WD6IQV. Glenn W8SVLL is now being heard on WR2AEN with a sparkie. Congratulations to W8S Rough Tough and Violent (Beachnut & his Good Buddies!) on receiving a General Class ticket. Bill W8BCHI is busy making Novice contacts in spite of large sparks across his key contacts. Consumers Power blamed John's W8LQZ 40 meter dipole for a recent power outage in Empire. It is no longer attached to their utility pole. Congratulations to Frank W8CQD on obtaining his 3rd class Radiotelephone license; to Jack K8VZW on obtaining his 2nd class Radiotelegraph license; and Bill W8WWM on miraculously obtaining his 1st class Radiotelephone license. Most of the NBC Novice class have passed the CW test and are awaiting the written exam. We'll have another 12 new novices on the air soon. Good luck to Greg W8STPR on his try for the extra class. Ernie W8ALG sounds great on his new TS-820. W8SANT from Cadillac should be on 37/97 very soon. Some new calls I haven't mentioned yet are Bob Barry W8B DFX, Paul Miller W8DFJ, and George Van Farowe W8DFX...each have new technician licenses. Bruce VanFarowe has a new Novice call -- WD6DEN. Best wishes to Mary W8COGA on her speedy recovery from recent surgery. Joe W8CKV got plenty of use from his TR-22 on a recent trip to Atlanta.

Prize winners -- 1977 Swap 'n Shop

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| 1. R. J. Dawson WABSR | Watch |
| 2. J. Pascock KSKUA | Wattmeter |
| 3. Debra Barton WDSINT | Glock |
| 4. Walter Adams | Soldering iron |
| 5. Frank Shansky WSTVQ | Call book |
| 6. Mike Hoffman | V.O.M. |
| 7. Brian Paterson WBSFML | D.X. Call book |
| 8. Pat Guthrie KSTSO | Nut drivers |
| 9. Michael Cousins | Goldline wattmeter |
| 10. Manfred Grunwaldt | Elitabug |
| 11. Jim Mitchell | Call book |
| 12. Gregg Quisenberry | Sams book |
| 13. John Widman WABUB | Log |
| 14. Greg North WBS TPE | Book |
| 15. Jack Moran KBIUV | Data book |
| 16. Clarence Rasmussen WSLKR | Book |
| 17. Adele Jennings | Book |
| 18. Helen Sherman KBNML | Book |
| 19. Mal Palmer WDSFLT | Log |

Here is a letter of thanks from the first prize winner at the Swap 'n Shop. Congratulations and you are welcome, Dick. -- Cherryland ARC

2/20/77

Dear Bill,

Just a note to you and all the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club members to let you know how pleased I was to have won the major door prize at your swap-shop. It is really a fine watch and it came at a great time as mine was ticking off its last seconds. My thanks to the club for making the Wyler Quartz LCD available on the drawing.

73 & Best Regards

Dick Dawson WABSR

Don't forget the Great Lakes Division Convention in Muskegon, March 25 and 26. For further information, contact Hank Riekels WABGVX at (616) 722-1378.

73, Bill

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