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CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

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WR8AEN - Bill Martinek, Trustee ... 146.25/85 Open Access

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Jack Leishman, K8VZW
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CLUB NETS: SMASH NET Every Sunday at 1200 Local on 3935 KHz
AREC NET Every Monday at 2000 Local on WR8AEN

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APRIL MEETING: A recent QST article described the construction of a time-delayed tone decoder. This month we will see one in operation, learn how it works, how it can be used with our repeater and transceivers, and what good it will do for us. Other groups across Michigan are initiating similar programs for emergency alerting. This is a good time for the Cherryland to continue its involvement in public service activities. The meeting will be Tuesday, April 26 at the NBE Tech Center at 7:30PM. Refreshments will be served and one of the raffle prizes will be a gutter mount for an antenna donated by Bill, W8JUY.

CAR TRAINING: Many thanks from the CARC to Trooper Dave Knowles for an interesting presentation earlier this month on crime/accident reporting. Sixteen club members attended and will soon be receiving their certificates and decals. Dave has offered to make the presentation available to those who were unable to attend the April 5 session. Please contact me if you would like to do so and I will make the necessary arrangements with Dave.

MAY DINNER: It's time to begin making your reservations for our May dinner at the Elks Club. The date is Friday, May 20, the day before the Cadillac swap 'n shop. Sue, W8CBBU will be taking the reservations and can be reached at 326-6392 or box 2, Empire APS, MI. 49630. The exact cost and menu will be available in the May Cherry Juice. Jerry, W8CVP has offered to show some selections from his old-time movie collection. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and join us for an enjoyable evening.

FIELD DAY 1977: This event is often considered to be the culmination of a radio club's yearly activities. It represents the club's ability to bring everyone together for a great time for all and recognition of the group's organizing and operating skills. Who can deny the excitement and challenge of Field Day operation? Last year we improved markedly over the previous years' results in our scoring. We managed to place 15th in the 8th call area and 98th nationwide in our category. And best of all was the fabulous time everyone had.

Well, now is the time to insure we equal and better last year's accomplishments. I already have volunteers for two bandmasters and the novice leader. Bill, W8JUY will lead 80 meters and John, W8IAZ will lead 40. Bill, W8AEN will spur the novices on to mind-boggling scores. We need one more bandmaster for 20 meters. Won't you help? The bandmasters' responsibilities entail management of equipment, antennas, most important of all-operators.

The site this year is located in a spot in Leelanau county. (The exact location may be used as a hidden transmitter hunt shortly.) It is reported to be the highest spot in the county and has a fantastic view, especially from the 60 foot observation tower there! It is accessible by car so we won't need to carry everything up the hill. The field is quite large with trees on two sides. It promises to be an outstanding radio location.

Once again, as in last year's Field Day, CW contacts will be worth twice as much as Phone contacts. We are allowed to contact each station on Phone and CW on each band. So we need only make half as many CW contacts to obtain an equivalent score. So haul out that old rusty key, bug, or keyer. Even I, less than a CW fan, made over 90 CW contacts this past weekend in 3 hours to practice for Field Day. We will still operate on Phone of course. But, we need the CW operation desperately for a good score.

An excellent opportunity to get some Phone practice is coming up this weekend. It is the Open CD (Communications Department) Party sponsored by the ARRL. I have enclosed a log sheet and dupe sheet for your use. Get on and give it a try. You'll find it can be great fun and really good practice for June.

We will have a Field Day organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 31 for everyone who can make it. Any ideas, suggestions, etc. you may have should be brought to this month's Club meeting so they can be worked over next month. Don't miss the greatest chance at having Fun during 1977, PARTICIPATE in Field Day 1977!

CD PARTY: The following is a synopsis of this contest's rules. The exchange is your CD appointment or membership status plus ARRL section (no signal report). Examples: Life Member Ohio, Member Michigan, Emergency Co-ordinator South Texas. Each station may be worked once on each band. Your score is the number of contacts multiplied by 5 plus your code proficiency speed as issued on the ARRL certificate (even in the Phone contest!), multiplied by the number of different ARRL sections. Suggested frequencies are 3870-3900, 7230-7235, 14265-14285, 21340-21360, and 28600-28630. The contest runs from 0700Z Saturday through 1:00AM Monday local time. You may work a maximum of 20 out of the 30 hours with times off of 15 minutes minimum. Send your logs and dupe sheets to ARRL before May 23. The rules are in March QST. Good luck to you and try to get in as much operating as you can. The practice is great for Field Day.

MICHIGAN QSO PARTY: Another chance to have some fun practice is coming in May. It runs from 2:00PM Saturday, May 14 through 10:00PM Sunday May 15. You may operate both Phone and CW. A station may be contacted once on each band/mode. Portables/mobiles may counted as new contacts each time a county change takes place. Exchange RS(T), QSO No., county (for MI. stations), state or country for others. Multipliers are counted only once. Michigan stations score one point per QSO multiplied by the sum of states, countries, and Michigan counties (KL7/KH6 count as states) worked. VE QSO's count as one country multiplier. The maximum multiplier is 60. For each VHF band you may count the multipliers separately, i.e. count Leelanau county once on 6 and again on 2. Suggested frequencies are CW 1810, 3540, 3725, 7035, 7125, 14035, 21035, 28035, 28125; Phone 1815, 3905, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28580; VHF 50.125 and 145.025. When you send your logs in be sure to include your PRINTED name and address with a statement that you abided by the contest rules and FCC regulations. Also send along the fact that you are a CARC member for our Club cumulative score! Your logs go to Mark Shaw W8BDC, 3910 Woodman, Troy, MI. 48064. Join in the "party" and have some fun.

NEW REPEATER: The new manual has been ordered along with crystals and channel elements. As soon as these items arrive we will be able to begin the actual conversion to two meters.

SMASH NET: Last November we changed the SMASH net time from 9:00AM to Noon due to seasonal propagation conditions. With summer time approaching it appears changing back to 9:00AM would be a wise idea. Let us know your feelings concerning this so I can take appropriate action.

NOVICE CLASS: Ten people are awaiting arrival of their Novice exams. Unfortunately the FCC canceled the bulk exam program just after I submitted my request for exams. They sat on the request for over one month before returning it to me. The FCC is actually considering cancellation of the entire Novice program due in part to the outstanding success of recent licensing classes. According to the Communications Act of 1934 part of the FCC's responsibilities is to promote the use of the spectrum. Their latest thoughts hardly fulfill their mandate. Unfortunately, until Congress legislates a more intelligent funding measure for the FCC we will continue to suffer the consequences of bureaucratic financial mismanagement. One thing each of us can do is to make our representatives aware of the problem so they can hopefully strive towards a solution. Do your part in getting the current mess corrected.

DAYTON: During April of each year the preceding title implies on other words: HAMVENTION. Billed as "the worlds largest Ham gathering", you have to be ther to believe it. The programs run from Friday through Sunday, April 29 - May 1. If you can get there, by all means try to do so. The flea market alone is worth the trip. Plus, there are so many forums and displays you won't believe it. Hopefully Sue, WD8CBU will win a new Drake line to go with the 20 meter beam she won at Muskegon. See you in Dayton.

D.O.C.: It was mentioned at the CGW meeting that you must have the necessary Canadian permit to operate your radios (CB or Ham) while in Canada. To obtain this permit you should write to: Department of Communications, Room 100B, Treble Bldg., 473 Albert St., Ottawa, Ontario K1R 5B4. Request the forms and information necessary to obtain your permit and avoid possible confiscation of your equipment.

MIS-INFORMED JOURNALISM: I'm certain many of you saw the Jack Anderson column in a recent paper. It was obviously (to us) filled with many half-truths in an attempt to distort the actual situation. We certainly owe thanks to Ken, WBQKP for his very-well written reply published in the Record Eagle.

SCHEMS, FACTS, and OTHER RELATED ITEMS: Could it be possible that WR8ANT, the Cadillac repeater will be on soon? Stay tuned to 146.97 and see. Congratulations to Ed Risk on passing his Technician exam. Ed just took his Novice exam and tried for the General in Grand Rapids this month. That CW kept him down, but I'm sure only for a short while. Welcome back to Eric, K8PDM from /C6A land. We listened for that 300 mw., but the foreign broadcast station were louder. Sue, WD8CBU insists that the 20 meter beam is her's. She is even studying for her General ticket so she can use it. It has been confirmed that WR8AEN was taken off the air during the Muskegon convention when Bill, W8JUY, Dicky, W8CJT, and Dave Sporny, WD8??? were flown over the site by Jerry, WR8CVP. It seems the control circuit was triggered by the crashing of empty bottles on the ground dropped from a certain plane. In talking with Terry, ex-WB8PIQ this Sunday on 20 he said he will absolutely be on from his own station "within the next 10 days". (Or was that months?) Ike, W8WVS can put up his 20 meter dipole now that the weather is improved. Of course Bob, W8JYU is on his way back to Northport and will talk to Ike on 2 Meters instead. Amazing as it may seem, Jack K8I2W still has his SB-104 working. Although it is rumored that a coax switch, monitor scope, SWR bridge, and antenna match went up in smoke recently. John, W8IQZ is no longer catching plastic bags on his fishing expeditions. Instead he has moved up to catching water in his waders. Most of the Hams (no pun intended) in Empire (WD8BZP, W8IQZ, WD8CBU and W8WVM) enjoyed the Dave Sporny Rig Band Sunday night at the Holiday Inn. Dave is busily studing for his General and waiting for a Novice exam to arrive. Jerry, WR8CVP is Dave's drummer and somewhere in the trumpet section is Bill, W8JUY practicing for the Extra CW test on his horn. Speaking of Extra CW tests, best wishes to Greg, WR8TTR on his up-coming test. Floyd, W8IAR says Bob Wilson at Central Lake received WD8IOK and a new Novice license. Congratulations Bob!

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