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CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

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CLUB NETS: SWASH NET Every Sunday at 1200 Local on 3935 KHz

The subject heard most of all on the air and in Amateur periodicals each year at this time is FIELD DAY. What plans have you made for the 25th and 26th this June? If they don't feature Field Day as the center attraction you'll be missing out on the most fun weekend in 1977.

CARC is heading for the hills (instead of the swamp this year) and looking for lots of QSO's. A look at the past two year's scores tells an interesting story.

1975: CARC	502 QSO's	12 Participants	1888 Points
Michigan #1	1662	58	4922
1976: CARC	977	40	2716
Michigan #1	1431	35	4602
1977: CARC (#1 MI)	1800	50	5700 (Conservative projection)

CONGRATULATIONS!

We certainly should be proud of the outstanding improvement made last year. With one less transmitter our score increased 43% while our QSO total increased 62%. As you can see by the computer-projection we will jump 84% in QSO total and a whopping 110% in score! That should put us in the number ONE spot for Michigan and in the top 10 nationwide for Class 3A.

Perhaps you think that Mader has just taken the last step on his way to crazy land. Well you're wrong. That happened a long time ago. However, we can do it together (get that good Field Day score) and really have a great time in the process. This year our antenna compliment will include a full size 20 meter 3 element Yagi up 65 feet, a tri-bander up 40 feet, a full size 10 meter 3 element Yagi up 45 feet, a 3 element 40 meter colinear up 60 feet, a 2 element 80 colinear up 50 feet as well as some less impressive but effective dipoles and verticals. Especially important is the fact that these beautiful radiators will be located on the highest point in Leelanau County. You can look in all directions for

many miles from this spot as witnessed by those who participated in our last hidden transmitter hunt. I get enthused just writing (not typing) about this!

Each station should be equipped with a Kenwood TS-820 for the primary transceiver plus at least one more for back up. This even includes the Novice station. We hope to have a camping trailer or motor home for each station. Ernie, W8ALG has pronounced our faithful alternator ready and able to perform flawlessly. We still are in need of one more power source though if one of you can find one.

There are some remaining pieces to put together and we'll be ready to assault the airwaves once again. I have left the most basic and important ingredient in Field Day to the last: your PARTICIPATION. Without it the CARC will miss out and most of all so will you. We need lots of operators and loggers as well as help in setting up and taking down the stations. Come on out with us and join in the fun.

We will hope to operate as much CW as possible. Each CW contact is worth two phone contacts so get that key, bug, or keyer out and dust it off. Why not get some on the air practice between now and then? Try listening to WIAW (4:00PM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM and 10:00PM) about 5 WPM faster than you can comfortably copy. You Novices will pick up lots of speed on FD weekend and perhaps some of you Generals and Advanced Class licenses can pull it up to 20 WPM.

Be sure to bring your original operator's license. The FCC requires you to have it in your possession whenever you operate any Amateur station. The call we will be using this year is W8GI. Thanks to Wells for letting us do that. It will be a big help especially on CW.

I need some help in two specific areas. First is that of publicity. I need a person to contact the local media with the appropriate info on FD. It's worth 25 contacts or 50 points as well as being good PR. Second is the participation of one or two persons who can help with message traffic and won't be able to make it out to the FD site. We can earn 50 points by sending one message to the SCM and 50 more by relaying 10 messages to anyone. Two meters would be best but any band will do. Even if you don't have equipment on the air I will see that you have something to use that weekend. We need your help. Contact me at home at 326-6392 or at work at 326-6211 during the week. Also let me know if transportation will be a problem for you. Any one who has a utility trailer for hauling tower sections please get in touch with me.

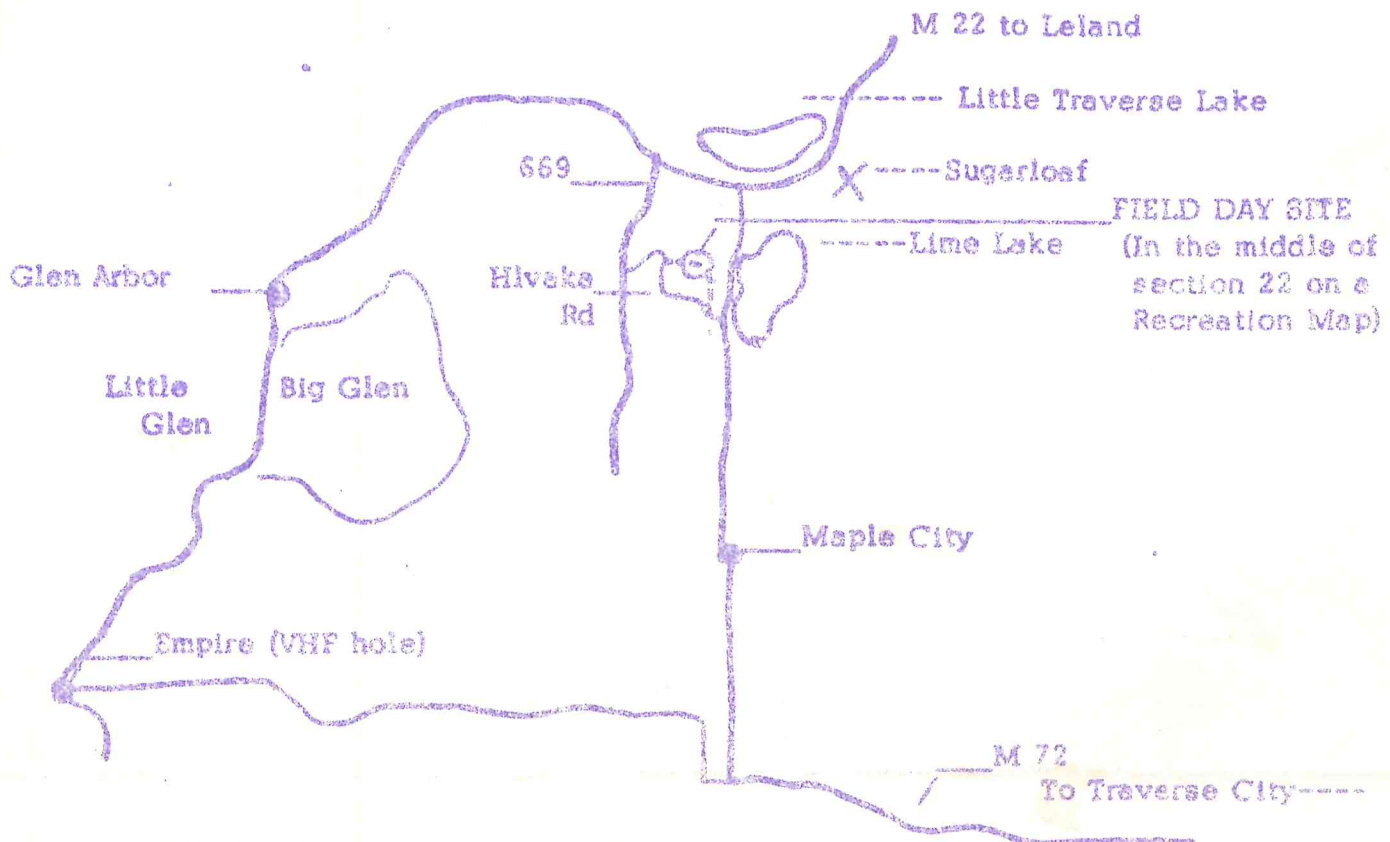
Remember that we will have an operational Novice station this year and Technicians will be allowed to participate in that operation. So you Techs should get some CW (remember what that is) practice in now.

Be sure to bring lots of liquid refreshments as the weather is sure to be bright and sunny. Of course to insure that it stays that way you can include rain gear too.

73 and I hope to see you at FIELD DAY.

Bill

CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FIELD DAY SITE



Turn on Hlvaka rd coming north out of Maple city. Climb the hill and watch for the signs. From the north turn on Hlvaka rd, off 669 and also watch for the signs. Talk-in will be on 52 and 85. FD starts at 2:00PM on Saturday but come up earlier for good cheer and whatever else. Take down starts at 5:00PM Sunday. But remember: The fun starts when YOU arrive.

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