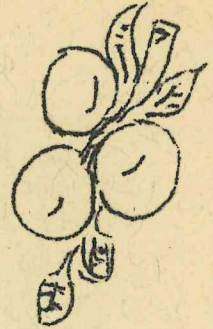


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# CHERRY JUICE



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CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Traverse City, Michigan

CLUB OFFICERS:

- Pres.-Bill Martinek, W8JUY
- V. P.-Jerry Cermak, K8YVU
- Treas.-Joe Novak, W8TVT
- Rec.Sec.-Mary Matteson, WD8CGA
- Corr. Sec.-Bill Roe, WD8EKN

DIRECTORS:

- Paul Miller-WD8DEJ
- Greg North -WB8TPR
- Dave Sporny-WD8NLP

SMASH NET-Sundays, 9:00 a.m.  
3935 Khz.

CLUB STATIONS:

- WB8VKB-Wells Chapin, W8GI
- WR8AEN-Bill Martinek, W8JUY

REPEATER FREQ. 146.25/146.85  
Monday Nights - 8 p.m.

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CLUB MEETINGS: We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Northwestern Mich. College Tech. Center across from McDonalds. The date of our next meeting is May 23rd, Tuesday.

ANNUAL DUES: Dues are only \$5.00 per year, and each additional member in the same family may join for \$1.00.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 20 Swap N' Shop at Cadillac.
- May 23 Regular Meeting.
- June 24 "Field Day". We need an all-out effort to keep our club & 25 on top.
- June 4 Hamfest at Chelsea Fairgrounds outside Ann Arbor on I-94.
- June 20 Regular Meeting.

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The CARC patches have arrived and will be available at the May Radio Club meeting. They are 3 inches in diameter and will go well on a cap, shirt, jacket, or whatever. Cost is \$1.50 each. At the May meeting, we will be taking orders for individualized call patches. They will be curved and would go above the CARC patches. This combination would go well on a jacket. The cost per each patch will be \$1.00.

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On Thurs., May 11th, a Board Meeting was held at Bill Martinek's cottage:

Starting Sunday, May 28th, we are starting the Smash Net on 3935 Khz. at 9:00 a.m. We need your help in checking in on the Net.

Jerry, K8YVU, reported that 12 have passed their novice code test; thanx to Jerry and Joe, W8TVT, we are going to have a new group of licensed Hams in a few weeks.

Joe reported we now have 90 paid members. Joe has sent in for our club to be affiliated by ARRL. If you subscribe to Q.S.T. through the club, this makes you an ARRL member, plus the club gets to keep \$1.50 of the \$12.50 subscription fee.

Jerry has been working on keeping the old Repeater going. Bud Heller said he would get the new Repeater to Jack, K8XX, this week for help in getting it on the air. Two recent Repeater donations from WB8TCY and W8RNG.

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DAYTON, 1978 by Edna, WB8EYL

If you found your favorite frequency clear and free of QRM the weekend of April 28, 29, and 30, it was probably due to the fact that some 20,000 (+) dedicated hams were gathered in Dayton for their annual Hamvention.

Reports from several local hams indicated that Traverse City was quite well represented with Paul Miller, Orville Miller, Lou Bone, Bill Moehring, Alex Sullivan, Sue and Jack Leishman, Edna and John Widman, and possibly others. Even our ex-president, Bill Mader, drove up from New Mexico for the event.

When we got tired of looking over the new gear and equipment, there were other things to do, such as attending some of the 19 forums with 68 speakers which were offered. They talked on many subjects, both enlightening and educational. One particular forum which had a capacity crowd was the one given by the F.C.C., and of course, the most discussed subject was the deletion of the 10 Meter band on amplifiers.

Dayton is the place where most exhibitors and manufacturers introduce their new products, and 1978 was no exception - - such as the new solid state transceivers being introduced by Drake and Dentron. When you met a friend, you didn't say "Hello" - instead, the greeting was usually "Have you seen the new TR 7 yet?"

When you got tired of looking or listening, or wanted a breath of fresh air and sunshine, you could go outside and browse around the world's largest ham flea market.

Hams visit Dayton from all over the world. It was reported that there were 72 visitors from Japan alone. Perhaps some were there to check on what their competition was up to??

There were so many highlights that it is difficult for us to put them all in proper perspective. We had a long talk with Herb, K6QKI, who was a member of the Clipperton DXpedition. They had a rig on display with a sign on it which read, "If you worked us on 20 M., this is the rig you worked." He was not hurried on Friday, so we heard about many of the experiences they had. One of the most exciting came as they were leaving the island and loading the gear into a rubber raft. The raft capsized due to the rough sea and all of the equipment went into 10 feet of salt water. Their only choice after retrieving it was to pour the water out and wait until they could get back to the States to squirt all with a hose, due to a shortage of fresh water on the ship. One very interesting fact to us was that they made over 28,000 contacts, which figures out to be an average of one every 20 seconds for all of the time they were on the island, and they had only ONE spare rig. One of Edna's prized souvenirs from the Hamvention is an autograph (with 88's) from Herb.

Another story was told at the DX forum about the Kingman Reef DX-  
pedition which is funny now (tragic then). They had a terrific storm  
and one of the tent flaps was blown in such a way as to make a per-  
fect funnel for the water to run right into the back of the rig and  
out the phone jack. When that happened, they decided that it was  
about time to stop operating, for a while, at least. In fact, there  
were so many interesting programs, that we would separate and each  
attend one and then compare notes later.

Another highlight was meeting Suzanne, HI8XDJ, from the Dominican  
Republic. Edna has talked with her several times on the air, so it  
was like meeting an old friend for the first time. The same with  
Joe Arcure. Joe, W3HMK, is probably the best known QSL manager in  
the country, as he is manager for 182 foreign stations and, of course,  
we have sent lots of mail his way.

Another feature - for the first time in several years, the F.C.C.  
conducted license exams with 1100 people taking them. The exams  
were given in a school across the road from the Arena, because it  
would not have been proper to give the exams in a building where  
people had to pay an entrance fee. Maybe they didn't want to chance  
a pink slip?

The exhibit space was greatly enlarged this year by opening up the  
ice rink, which not only reduced the crowded aisles, but which pro-  
vided spectator seats for the finale, which was the drawing of the  
prizes, and they were something! Imagine a complete Drake station,  
from microphone right through to amplifier as a prize!

The best is yet to come - Attending the Contest Forum and seeing  
Jack Leishman K8XX (with his family Sue, Teresa, and Freddie) re-  
ceive his well-earned trophy. It is a beautiful plaque, a memorial  
to Joe Johnson W5QBM, and given by the Richardson Wireless Klub to  
the winner of the single operator 20 Meter SSB in the 1977 World Wide  
Contest. Jack made 815 contacts during 29 hours of operation, con-  
tacting 105 countries. He holds the distinction of being the first  
operator from 8-land ever to receive the award and also only the  
second time that it has ever been awarded to a midwesterner. Kudos  
to you, Jack! His family and we were very proud to be there. He  
told us that he will bring IT to the next club meeting.

It is not necessary to spend a lot of money at the Hamvention, if  
you do not wish to do so, in order to enjoy it. It is exciting  
enough to see the new equipment, etc., to make the trip worthwhile.  
As for us, we came home with a shopping bag full of folders, adver-  
tising, and literature to carry us through to the next Hamvention.  
Besides that, we have lot of nice memories, as usual, more than  
enough to last the year.

The dates for the next Dayton Hamvention will be April 27, 28, 29.  
Hope to see you there.

Edna WB8EYL  
John N8HI

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 X        SILENT KEY - Bruce Smith WB8ADT  
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 X        It is with regret that we report  
 X the death of Bruce Smith. Bruce suf-  
 X fered a heart attack while vacationing  
 X in South Carolina. Bruce was an active  
 X member of CARC and was noticeably pres-  
 X ent at Field Day activities. He put  
 X Northport on the map with his activity  
 X of county hunting. He needed only 20  
 X more counties in order to receive a  
 X certificate indicating that he had con-  
 X tacted the 3,077 counties in the U.S.A.  
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 X        Bruce ran the family-owned insurance  
 X agency in Northport. He is survived by  
 X his wife.  
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 X        Another friend of CARC, Jim Voorhees,  
 X W8RL, also passed away recently. Alth-  
 X ough Jim resided in Hillsdale, he spent  
 X a great deal of time at their family cab-  
 X in near Kalkaska. Jim's previous call,  
 X before going two letter, was W8EGR.  
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Ed Risk, WD8KWJ, Ph. #946-9476

Wants to Buy: Coax connectors, antennae insulators, 200' strand-  
ed #10 on 12 copper wire; 1 to 1 balun, R68 coax; coax swtich,  
ground rod.

See you at the next meeting.

73's

P.S. From Greg North

At next Tuesday's meeting, Greg will cover our club's Emergency  
Amateur Radio Service - with the cooperation of the county and  
Jack Bensley, we will be able to set up in the new county building.

Jack, K8XX will present the program this month. He will be  
showing off the new Heathkit computer that the NMC Tech Center  
has purchased. Should be very interesting!

CARC welcomes Lou Cunningham as it's 90th member. Lou's call  
is WA0EEA/8. He will be building a house this summer in the  
Suttons Bay area.

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