



# THE CHERRY JUICE

cherryland amateur radio club      traverse city, mi

July 2011

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CLUB NETS

MESH NET  
8 pm Monday  
146.86 MHZ

SMASH NET  
9 am Sunday  
3.935 MHZ

TBARG EmComm Net  
9 pm Monday  
146.86



ARRL Affiliated Club  
#1082

## Coming Club Events

### July 26th Club Meeting

Actually, it's a picnic, not a meeting. That's right, once again the annual summer picnic is upon us and we will be convening at Saylor Park in Yuba. Saylor Park is located about 3 1/2 miles north of Acme. Turn left on Yuba Park Rd and the entrance to the park will be on your right at the end of Yuba Park Rd. People start arriving around 5:30-6 p.m and we usually eat around 6:30 or 7 p.m. Friends and family are all welcome. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The club will provide brats and dogs and buns and soft drinks. Rain is not a problem as we have reserved the pavilion. There is a nice beach, playground equipment for little ones and nice clean restrooms. Trunk sales are encouraged! Hope you can make it!!

### Tuesday Project Nights

Where: At the club station in the lower level of the Salvation Army Building located at the NE corner of Barlow and Boone. 7 p.m. Every Tuesday except the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month which is reserved for the regular club meeting.

## Forward Waves

### VE EXAMS:

**Traverse City, MI.** Saturday, August 6, 2011. Cherryland ARC. 1 pm. Salvation Army Bldg. 1239 Barlow St (Corner of Boone and Barlow). Walk-ins OK. Contact: Hope AA8SN 231 941-7262 or hopeaa8sn@juno.com.

**Grand Rapids, MI.** Friday, August 12, 2011 Grand Rapids Area ARA. 6:30 pm. Red Cross Building, 1050 Fuller Ave NE. Contact: Rich (616) 531-6218 or rich@kc8nka.us

### HAMFESTS:

**Saturday, August 6, 2011** UP Hamfest. Escanaba, MI. Delta County ARS. 9 am until ? Bay de Noc College. TI: 147.50 (PL 100) Web site: [www.dcars.org](http://www.dcars.org). Contact: John WD8RTH (906) 399-4490 or [wd8rth@dcars.org](mailto:wd8rth@dcars.org).

**Saturday, August 27, 2011.** SARA SWAP & Trunk Sale. Owosso, MI. Shiawassee ARA. 8 am til noon. Baker College Welcome Center. TI: 147.02 (PL 100). Contact: Don WB8GUS (810) 599-0729 or [wb8gus@arrl.net](mailto:wb8gus@arrl.net).

## Reflected Waves

### July 1991

The annual July picnic was well attended and once again the cooking was performed by Dr. Dog **W8NGH**. Harry **W8CLF** will provide RACES training on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> at the Suttons Bay Fire Hall. Leelanau county will have a simulated disaster exercise this month. Club members worked the Golden Mile and Junior Royale parade for the National Cherry Festival.

### July 2001

The July meeting was the annual picnic and 56 CARC members, family and friends enjoyed warm weather and a beautiful evening on East Bay. Joe Novak updated every one on the upcoming Ham Bike Outing—HBO 2 and a good time was had by all. Several club members provided communication for Cherry Festival races and activities and some acted as Ambassadors for the annual event.

## FIELD DAY 2011: THE NOVAK REPORT

Field Day 2011 is now history. A small but energetic group gathered to put up and operate three stations for the weekend. It all started on Tuesday when **W8QPO**, **W8SGR**, **N8WK**, **N8QX**, **N8VX**, **W8TVE** and **KC8RLU** gathered at the Salvation Army Building to take the Club Trailer and "The Barge" to the Field Day site. We then took a flat bed trailer that **N8WK** had borrowed to load up the tower parts and antennas and take them to the Field Day site. This activity took approximately two and a half hours.

In the meantime, Don Parker **WD8NRZ** had changed the oil and serviced the club generators and hauled them out to the FD site. On Sunday he was back to transport them back to his farm for storage. (Thanks a lot Don, they ran just beautifully and provided uninterrupted service.)



W8TVT keeping the crew "on task"

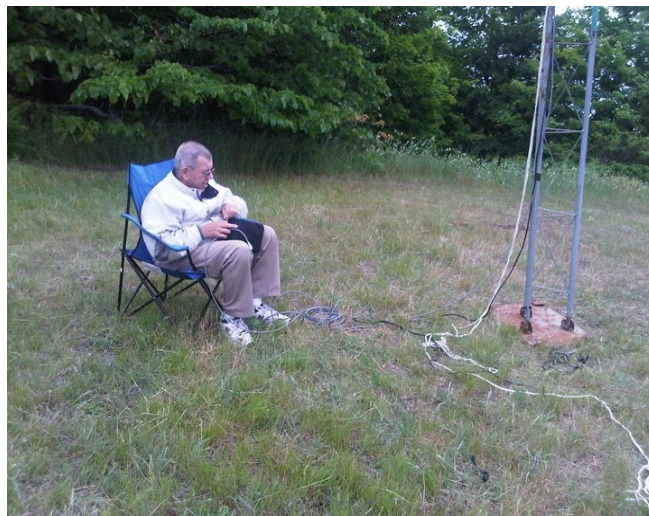


Balun? We don't need no stinkin balun!

On Friday, Ken **W8QKP** had made arrangements to have a boom truck out here to lift the towers and antennas and put them up. Each tower was guyed to hold them in place. On hand for this fun activity was **W8QKP**, **KB8WZK**, **K8DT**, **KD8MTT**, **W8FUN**, **W8TVT**, **W8QPO**, and **W8SGR**. The work was inspected and approved by **N8VX**. However, the work was delayed as Ken forgot some important parts for the 20 meter beam. It turned out to be a "family affair" as **N8HLJ**, **N8HLK**, Case and Sadie come to Ken's rescue and brought out the needed parts.

We had our own security guards for both nights as **KD8MTT** and his dog Tucker and **K8RUS** spend their nights in Matt's camper. Reportedly, Tucker kept the stray animals at bay!

Saturday, things got real serious. **N8WK** put the finishing touches on his five element sloper for 40 meters. He and **KC8RLU**, **KD8OAK**, **WD8NRZ** and others made 306 contacts during the 24 hr period.



At Field Day, W8SGR usually has the answer!

A two meter station was setup and this station was operated by many people including **KD8MTT**, **K8RUS** and **W8TVT**. This group made 16 contacts, in 4 counties, on 55 simplex providing the club with an extra 100 bonus points.

The 20 meter station had some loading problems with the antenna so **W8QKP** called the boom truck operator and he came out, hoisted Ken to the top of the tower where Ken was able to make adjustments to the antenna. After the corrections were made, Ken and his crew were able to make 674 contacts. Also active at this station were **KB8WZK**, **K8DT** and **W8KAN**.

Special visitors included **KC8MJI**, Case and Sadie, **N8HLK** and **N8HLJ**. Another highlight of the weekend for Ken (aside from the ride to the top of the tower) was working his son John **WD8MQN** and grand daughter Julia, in Lexington, VA.

Harry **KB8RIV** had the Salvation Army food wagon out serving snacks, meals, coffee and pop. He was assisted by Al Butler, Bob Marsh, Any Woodcock, Deb Marsh and Missy Marsh. Their services were greatly appreciated.

And then there was the 80/15 meter station. This was headed up by **W8QPO** with directions from **W8SGR**. Don't know how many contacts they made but they had a good time. There were set up in the "The Barge", the TBAREG emergency services vehicle. **N8VX** was thereto help and supervise the pizza selection. Other visitors to this group included **K8ZZ**, **KD8MKW** and **K8HIB**.

Saturday night visitors included Joe **N8OUZ** and Julian and a couple of their friends. **KD8OAK** was there and operated the new FT450 on 40 meters and then went home to get some rest. **WD8NRZ** came out to operate before lunch on 40 meters. **K8DT's** daughter and her family came out to check up on him. They wanted to make sure he was where he said he was going to be for the weekend.

Sunday morning Brad and Maria were out to check on things. It was determined that the Barge was not going to start due to battery problems.

The weather for the entire weekend was gorgeous and the view over West Bay from the site is simply stunning. It's great to live in Grand Traverse county.

Sunday morning, **KD8OAK** traveled back from Elk Rapids on his Honda to operate some more and help out with clean up. Mike **W8VPC** also made the trip over from Antrim County to help out. On Saturday, Mike was helping out with the Northern MI/Straits area clubs. Others helping with clean-up included **KC8RLU**, **W8QKP**, **N8WK**, **W8TVT**, **W8QPO**, **K8DT** and **WB8WZK**.

Well, that is my report. I just jotted down some of the things I observed and heard people talking about over the weekend. Hope I mention everyone who was there and involved.

-73 de Joe **W8TVT**

### THE VIEW FROM OKN

When it comes right down to it, ham radio is just lots of fun. The people we meet, the ideas we share and the camaraderie of it all is just exciting and I get lots of enjoyment from it. It's a gregarious hobby and it, therefore, requires people to interact with and I've met a ton of great people along the journey. Thank you!

As some of you may know, I'm also a SCUBA diver. Just this past weekend, I dove on a wreck out on Grand Traverse Bay that's in about 45 feet of water. The wreck is an old tugboat named, "The Tramp". SCUBA diving also has its share of camaraderie, but it's different, in this way. When you're diving, you don't, and you can't talk to anyone. I have a regulator in my mouth and I need it in order to breath while diving 65 feet below. Although my wife is also SCUBA certified, she doesn't complete every dive with me, so when she's on the boat, I can't tell her what I'm seeing until I show her the video from the camera I took along with me on the dive. She's commented a few times about how nice it would be to be able to talk to me while I'm diving.

Ham radio is all about communication. We are together, talking, even though we're not 5 feet from each other. We're sometimes on the other side of the mountain, or the world, and it's partly that communication that makes the hobby so much fun.

Comparing the two hobbies, in SCUBA you don't talk while enjoying the hobby, but you're right next to your dive partner. In ham radio, you talk, from great distances, but you rarely see who you're talking to. What the heck?

Now that brings up another interest fact about ham radio. It's more difficult to make a judgment about the other guy when you can't see or touch him. I think that makes us a little more open-minded about our fellow hams. It also makes it more interesting and "more funner", as my little brother used to say.

I know, we hear about the strange stuff that goes on 2 meters, and sometimes 75 meters, but at the end of the day, a huge percentage of the chats and conversations are friendly and fun. Ham radio is just fun.

So there you have it. We take these two-way radios, plug in the antennas we build, sending electrons and magnetic waves around the globe. We chat with fellow hams at the speed of light, and rarely do we see them (a couple of exceptions, I know). It's all so fascinating to me.

When it comes right down to it, ham radio is just fun.

-73 de Sean **W8OKN**

### HAM NATION CONTINUES TO GROW

The audience for the Bob Heil, **K9EID**, hosted Internet TV show Ham Nation is growing as the show heads toward its third month on Twit TV. In case you haven't heard, Bob Heil, **K9EID** and Gordon West, **WB6NOA** host the weekly hour long show on ham radio via the TWiT network. TWiT, which stands for This Week in Tech, is an offshoot of the now defunct ZDTV, later known as TechTV. Leo Laporte was the lead host for TechTV.

Laporte, also known as the 'chief twit', approached Heil about ham radio and the possibility of doing a show after discovering Bob's microphones, which are popular not only with professional musicians, broadcasters and amateur radio operators, but also netcasters and podcasters. Leo, who is studying for his Amateur Radio license, is no stranger to the hobby. Wayne Burdick of Elecraft and Laporte were roommates way back in their school days, so this bug has been in the back of his head for some time. In fact, the new state of the art TV studios that Laporte is building will prominently feature a ham radio station.

So far Ham Nation has had some pretty impressive guests. Joe Walsh, **WB6ACU** of Eagles fame wrote and performs the Ham Nation theme song. Larry Junstrom, **K4EB**, the bass player for the southern rock band 38 Special was a recent guest as well as the super Field Day crew of **W3AO**, who this year broke a 30 year record for Field Day contacts.

You can see Ham Nation every Tuesday at 9pm Eastern, 6pm Pacific. If you miss the live show audio and video archives are available for online viewing or downloading. Point your browser to [twit.tv/hn](http://twit.tv/hn).