



THE CHERRY JUICE

Newsletter of the
CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN



ARRL Affiliated
Club #1082



Club Officers

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Cherry Juice Editor

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Club Repeaters

W8TCM/R 146.86- (PL 114.8)
Yaesu SystemFusion Capable
W8ZTB Memorial Repeater

W8TCM/R 442.50- (PL 114.8)
YSF Wires-X link WM-CONNECT
W8NGH Memorial Repeater

Club Radio Nets

MESH NET
Monday Evening Social Hour
Each Monday, 8pm
146.860 MHz (-) (PL 114.8)

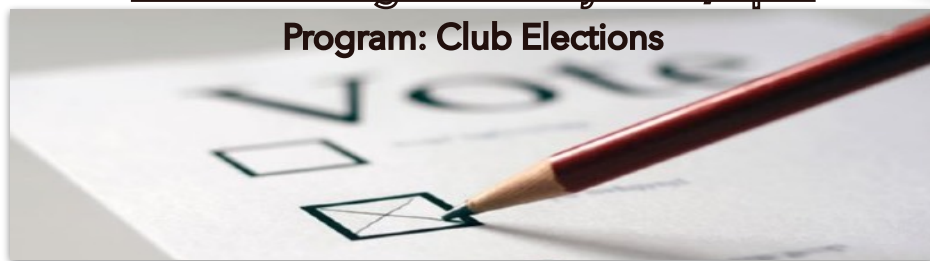
SMASH NET
Sunday Morning Amateur Social
Hour
Each Sunday, 9am
3.935 MHz

Stay Informed! Check out the
club website:

www.CherrylandARC.com

Club Meeting – January 28th, 7pm

Program: Club Elections



47th Annual

HAM RADIO

Swap-N-Shop

SATURDAY

February 8th, 2020

8am - noon

Admission \$5.00 – Table \$8.00

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ★ 12/30/2019 - Last MESH NET of 2019 - 8pm!
- ★ 12/31/2019 - No Meeting / Project Night (Holiday: New Year Eve)
- ★ 1/ 6/2020 - MESH NET, 8pm
- ★ 1/ 7/2020 - Board Meeting, 7pm
- ★ 1/13/2020 - MESH NET, 8pm
- ★ 1/14/2020 - Project Night, 7pm
- ★ 1/20/2020 - MESH NET, 8pm
- ★ 1/21/2020 - Project Night, 7pm
- ★ 1/27/2020 - MESH NET, 8pm
- ★ 1/28/2020 - General Meeting - Programs: 1) Elections 2) TBD
- ★ 2/ 4/2020 - Board Meeting, 7pm
- ★ 2/ 8/2020 - SWAP-N-SHOP! 8am-noon, St. Francis HS Gym (Flyer)

See the full calendar of events at:

http://cherrylandarc.com/?page_id=26

Be "IN THE KNOW":

**If your phone, tablet or computer supports Google Calendar
(most iPhones and Androids, and even Blackberries do!),
you can add the Cherryland ARC calendar to your mobile device!
Links to do so are at the above page.**

Elections in January!

A reminder that the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club will be holding annual Elections for positions at the January 28, 2020 meeting.

The board will present a “slate” of recommendations for each position after confirming with candidates that they will accept the nomination.

Any active member in good standing may choose to nominate themselves or another member in good standing for any position available for election. This is encouraged to bring new ideas, practices, perspectives and character to the club! Once a nomination is made (and accepted) there will be a vote for each position with multiple nominee candidates. If all candidates are unchallenged, the adoption of the slate will be put to a vote.

Positions up for election are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and one of the three rotating-term Director positions.

So, please attend the meeting on January 28th and make your voice heard! (Also be sure you have paid your annual dues so that your vote is valid!)

Christmas Dinner and “Ham Of The Year” Award

There was a great turn-out for the club Christmas Dinner this year - 34 people! As usual the food at the Elks Lodge was great, and the service was wonderful.

The staff was kind and helpful - especially since we (my fault..) had so terribly underestimated the attendance (less than half!) and as a result they had to move us to another room, swapping with another large group. Of the 34 attendees, only 16 filled out the online form or emailed me, so my count was actually less helpful than if I hadn't given them one. But it worked out, everyone adjusted to the new number, and everyone got seated and served.

Near the end of the meal the presentation for this year's Ham Of The Year award was made. For those not familiar, here is an adapted history of this award.

When Bill Martinek W8JUY passed away in 1993, those who had the pleasure of knowing and working with Bill pitched the idea of an annual award in his honor. Bill was very active on many nets serving as Net Control Operator, handling numerous pieces of traffic and making many phone patches for people throughout Northern Michigan. He made many friends both on and off the air. He helped put Traverse City on the “Amateur Radio map.” Any out-of-town hams visiting our area were sure to stop at his jewelry store for an eyeball QSO.



For many years W8JUY was truly “Mr. Amateur Radio” in Traverse City. Bill was a driving force when the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club was first started back in the late 40’s. At the time, club meetings were held in a Quonset Hut in the woods of Northwestern Michigan College.

Bill was always involved in the Club Activities helping out wherever he could. He served as Club President and Board Member. He taught Amateur Radio classes to aspiring novices. Many members of the Cherryland ARC were his students.

In the 60’s, Bill was there to help the club rejuvenate to again provide service to those interested in Amateur Radio. Bill was a gracious contributor to the club’s Swap & Shop. Bill was keenly interested in promoting a 2-meter repeater in the Traverse City area, and as we’re all aware Bill was the trustee of the CARC Repeater.

The “W8JUY” repeater (146.85, then soon after 146.86) is still on the air and remains one of the few “Quadrant”-coordinated repeaters in the state due to its position, coverage, and usefulness in the area of Emergency Services. (The MiARC no longer coordinates “Quadrant” repeaters).

With Bill’s passing many members wanted to somehow pay tribute to Bill’s memory for his many contributions. Bob WA8ABL introduced the motion of giving recognition to our club president Chuck Mellberg W8SGR for his many contributions to the Cherryland ARC. What followed was a unanimous decision of the 53 members present to presenting Chuck W8SGR with the first ever William F. Martinek W8JUY Memorial Ham Of The Year award, with the intention that this will be an annual award with nominee to be made by club members. A panel of previous recipients would select each year’s Ham of the Year.

Since inception, there have been 27 Awards Given:

- 1993 Chuck Mellberg W8SGR
- 1994 Dave Erlewein N8QVP
- 1995 Marion W8VWY and Bev K8ZJU Stoner
- 1996 Joe Novak W8TVT
- 1997 Ward Kuhn N8WK

- 1998 Bill Shenk W8PIT
- 1999 Norm Brown KC8CLM
- 2000 Hope Francisco AA8SN
- 2001 Dale Inman N8VX
- 2002 John Doneth KX8CW
- 2003 Jeff Peters K9JP
- 2004 Jill Rammer KC8JVC
- 2005 Norm Brown K8CLM and Chuck Mellberg W8SGR
- 2006 Jon Schumacher N8UL
- 2008 Don Strzynski N8QX
- 2009 Jim Palmer K8OJP
- 2010 Ernie Abel K8RCT
- 2011 Mike Cleary W8VPC
- 2012 Dave Erlewein N8CN
- 2013 Mike Vandermeij KD8REH
- 2014 Joe Erlewein N8CN
- 2015 Glen Johnson K8SGZ
- 2016 Ken Musson W8QKP
- 2017 Mike Cleary W8VPC
- 2018 Dave Poinsett NU8A

As you can see, there is precedent for both skipping a year (2007) and naming more than one recipient. This year, the latter occurred once more; The award was presented to Brook N8OCX and Joe N8CN for their leadership efforts culminating in the successful direct contact between the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club W8TCM and the International Space Station NA1SS on June 28, 2019.



Brook and Joe were quick to point out that this was most definitely not something that would have been remotely possible without several things, most notably an awesome, active, and engaged club with many members willing to jump in, take on tasks, and do their best. Also, a SUPER host - the Traverse Area District Library - who focused hugely on administrative efforts, coordination, education, recruitment, rehearsals, and PR.

The library's summer reading program focused on the theme of Space, and their various events and activities culminated to the apex of the program, the ISS contact. You can see the video replay which was live-streamed at this URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4OnrVCbWW9E> which was also a product of TADL's wonderful staff. We also benefitted from a wonderful and engaged support and mentor group including Gordon Scannell KD8COJ, Larry Koziel K8MU, and a special appearance by Astronaut Pilot Col. Greg "Box" Johnson.

Brook and Joe were both very honored to have been involved with the program and to help provide the means by which to give the youth involved a truly "out of this world" experience they will not soon forget, and help spark the interest in technologies to prepare them for a high-tech and amazing future.

Silent Key: Mike Mackiewicz W8ING

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the passing of Mike Mackiewicz W8ING on July 1, 2019.

Mike was a member of the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club for many years and resided in Central Lake. Mike prided himself in a "bare bones" set up and focused on DX "on a budget."

An official notice/obituary has not yet been released. More information will be sent as it is received.

A final "73" to W8ING - de W8TCM

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Silent Key: Gerry McClellan N8RST

It is with deepest regrets we inform you of the passing of Gerry McClellan N8RST on October 6, 2019.



Gerry was a member of the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club for many years, beginning in the late 70s. She had served on the board of the CARC for several years as Secretary and was the head of the club's official Coffee and Cookie Coordination Crew (CCCC), for almost 17 years!

Gerry was preceded in Death by her husband John, KB8GGK, who passed away Feb 27, 2013. An article was published in the 2013-03 Cherry Juice and is available here: http://cherrylandarc.com/?wpfb_dl=7

Gerry had been battling lung and blood cancer for the last three years. She was very much a fighter, having many surgeries and transplants, and was in recovery but the cancer ultimately returned.

A memorial service is being planned for next summer, possibly on Drummond Island, where her ashes will be scattered with John's and also their Dog's.

Gerry was a promoter and supporter of the Cherryland ARC, as was John, and they involved many people with club activities and sparked interest in many throughout the years to find out about ham radio and join the club.

Gerry will be fondly remembered as a sweet, special lady with infinite kindness and caring.



A Final and Best 73 to you Gerry, N8RST, from the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club, W8TCM.

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Silent Key: Paul Nepote K8HIB

It is with deepest regrets we inform you of the passing of Paul Nepote K8HIB (ex KA8HIB) on October 20, 2019.

Paul helped out for countless Public Service communication events throughout the 70s to the 2000s, and was invaluable in the CARC's Field Day efforts for years and years.

Paul was a mentor and invited and coached many beginning in Ham Radio for many years. Paul was an avid and talented photographer and was routinely published locally, and had an active online presence for years on various websites and social media.

Paul was also a computer hobbyist and web designer for years and was very active in the Grand Traverse area's online beginnings through the 90s. Paul loved dogs and has had several over the years.

Paul James Nepote (K8HIB)

July 22, 1945 - October 20, 2019

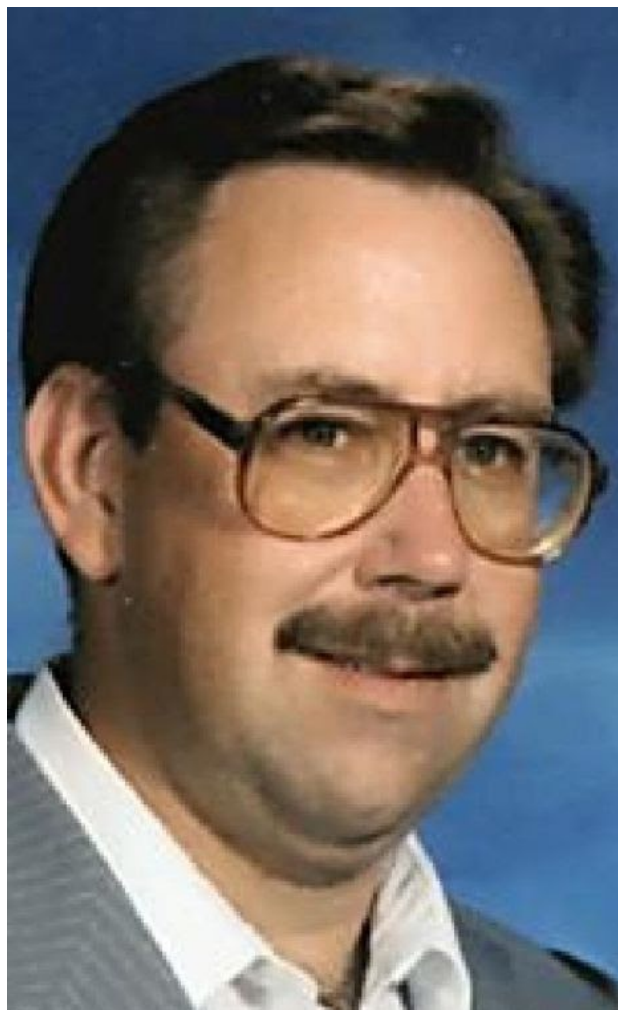
Paul Nepote, 74, of Traverse City, passed away at his home Oct. 20, 2019

Born in Flint, he resided in Traverse City, for the past 50 years.

Hobbies were amateur radio, fishing, hunting and photography.

He is survived by his sister, Marie Cornell; his four sons, James Shemes, John, Chris and Mike Nepote; grandchildren, Branden Nepote and Ashleigh Cleveland; and great-granddaughter, Moira Cleveland.

Published on October 24, 2019



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Christmas Bell Ringing

The Cherryland ARC once again assisted The Salvation Army in ringing the bell on December 7th from 10am-8pm. The club did a matching donation this year and we easily hit our amount, so we're looking forward to delivering the check matching the full pledged matching amount!

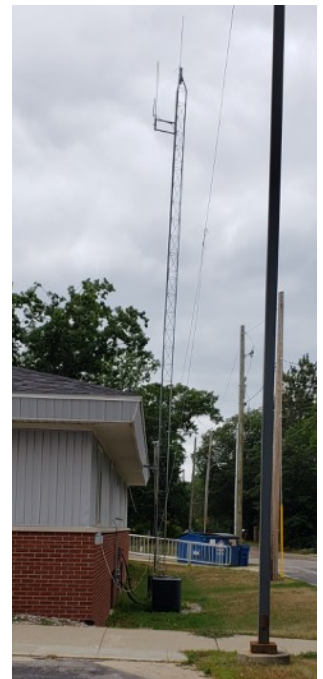
We wish to thank all of those who participated, and I do apologize if I've somehow left you off of the list: Bill WR8NY, Ward N8WK, Pete K8WQK, Tom KE8CVM, Hope AA8SN, Ernie K8RCT, Jim WB2LHP, Randy KE8JWB, Joe KC8RLU. You guys made a huge difference for people's lives and Christmases! Thanks!



Tower Project Underway at The Salvation Army TC SATERN Station AKA "Club Room"

Phase 1 of the project to re-design the antenna installation at TSA-TC has been completed - phase 1 was removal of the tower and antennas currently in place.

The Cherryland ARC took initiative at the suggestions of NU8A and WB2LHP to have an inspection done on the current tower and antenna system. While the feedline and main antenna looked great, some additional concerns were noted, such as the feedline for the J-pole, the J-pole itself, and the feedline and integrity of the HF wire antenna.





While the phase 1 (removal) procedure was being scheduled, the HF antenna (an “Inverted-VEE” style on a stand-off) broke loose from the tower and needed to be removed.

Phase 2 includes seeking funding and approval from various sources, including a possible grant from SATERN. There is a committee currently planning the next steps and making final designs, and the findings and plans will be discussed at upcoming board and General meetings. We are hopeful for an expedited funding and design phase so that any construction can begin in the upcoming window of fair weather us locals call “the 2 weeks of summer.”

Until then, antennas at the Salvation Army TC are currently offline and in the project room where parts are being inspected, cleaned, and prepped for reinstallation.



Swap-N-Shop!

February 8 is the date! Swap opens to the public at 8am and runs until noon. Volunteer Examination sessions start at 9am. Talk-in is on the 146.86- (PL114.8) repeater.

Tables are on-sale now, and you can fill out this form online:

<https://goo.gl/forms/3pfNT7LbbZIBPD5w1>

If you're not able to use the form, you can contact Joe Erlewein N8CN at 231.668.4223 or joe@n8cn.org

For information specific to the VE testing:

Hope AA8SN, 231.218.0622 or

hopeaa8sn@gmail.com

Trailblazer 2019 a success!

Saturday October 19th marked the date for the Boy Scouts of America Trailblazer Adventure Camp at the #GOREC facility (Formerly Camp Greilick) - Greilick Outdoor Center 4754 Scout Camp Rd, Traverse City.



The Cherryland ARC had a bunch of volunteers show up to demonstrate aspects of amateur radio to youth and parents alike as groups of them toured different “stations.” Those youth groups involved enjoyed a day of archery, bb guns, bouldering wall, scavenger hunt, rockets, fishery, fire safety, skull & skins.. and also an introduction to Ham Radio, as this was the same weekend as the BSA’s annual Jamboree On The Air event.

The chairperson of the event had this thank-you to pass along to the group:

A Huge Thank You to you and to the members of the Cherryland Radio Club for participating in the TrailBlazer Scout event last weekend!

Everyone had a great time, and the Cub Scouts learned a lot about ham radio operations. The Scouts I talked with said they found talking on the radios quite fascinating.

We appreciate everyone’s time they took to make this event happen!

*Thanks again,
Lynn Bakker
TrailBlazer Chairperson*



That's all for the December 2019 issue of The Cherry Juice! As always, if you have any suggestions or comments, I'm all ears! –

joe@n8cn.org

73, Joe N8CN

The CARC meets for a "project night" on **all other Tuesday nights** at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to come and use the tools, parts, resources, and "elmers" in the project room / SATERN station.

All Meetings occur at the **Salvation Army building** on **Barlow St.** (at Boon st.) in **Traverse City.**

The project room is on the **basement level.**

Cherryland ARC Information:

Club Meetings:

The official CARC Club Meeting occurs on the **Fourth Tuesday** of each month at 7pm. Anyone is welcome.

Board Meetings:

The CARC Board meets on the **First Tuesday** of each month at 7pm. Board meetings are open all.

Project Night:

To become a member of the CARC:

1. Fill out a membership form.

You may fill out a form at any meeting, fill out the form online via the website, or you can email cherrylandarc@gmail.com to receive a form via email.

2. Submit dues with your form.

Dues are \$24 per year and are due January 1 each year or with your membership form submission. (pro-rated)
(Family Memberships available for \$26)

CARC Membership Application form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Nickname: _____
 Callsign (if any): _____ Class (if any): _____
 Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____
 ZIP: _____

Email (we promise not to spam): _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Occupation: _____ Spouse: _____

ARRL Member? (Y/N): _____

Annual dues are \$24.00

Please complete the above and mail along with your payment to:

Ward Kuhn N8WK
 PO Box 987
 Traverse City, MI 49685



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Swap-N-Shop

SATURDAY

February 8th, 2020

8am - noon

Admission \$5.00 – Table \$8.00

**Door
Prizes!**

NEW LOCATION

St. Francis High School
Gymnasium
123 E. 11th Street
Traverse City, MI 49684

Parking at Cass and 11th street parking lot
[Click for Map !](#)

**VE
Exams
9 am**

VE Exam Info:

Hope, AA8SN:
hopeaa8sn@gmail.com
or 231-218-0622



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Swap Event**

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For information or table reservations, call:
Joe Erlewein N8CN at (231) 668-4223
[\[or click here to email swap@cherrylandarc.com\]](mailto:swap@cherrylandarc.com)



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