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Joe, W8TVT <SK>



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ARRL Field Day 2021

Everything that happened...

Hope Francisco, AA8SN, CW Station Captain



Club Field Day Site 2021

Kiessel Farm in Leelanau County

By multiple contributors

Rain was one feature of this year's **ARRL Field Day** exercises. But the overriding benefits that came from this potential set-back were team-work, camaraderie, the ability to work fast and be precise. In fact, this is one of the points of participating in this national event. To rapidly set up stations, get on the air quickly and to be efficient at communication with other stations. Exactly the characteristics ham radio operators have been famous for over the decades of helping

facilitate communication with emergency coordination agencies and families during natural disasters and anytime electricity, internet and cell service is disrupted.

The rain stayed steady for the full 24 hours of operation. The food-tent was a spot to gather, dry off a bit before going back out to put up another tent. In all the club setup 5 stations. Brad, W8QPO occupied the high spot with a large canvas tent, tower, yagi, loop antennas and everything they needed.

Other stations were created using Club 9 man tents, folding tables and chairs and a variety of antennas. Besides Brad's stations there were one CW, a 20 Meter Voice, a 40 Meter Voice and a VHF All Mode station running FT-4, FT-8 on 10, 6, 2 meters and occasionally on other bands that might have opportunity. This VHF station also made contact with the International Space Station repeater for a voice contact earning 100 bonus points. They also successfully downloaded a Slow Scan Television transmission from the International Space Station.



The fog obscured trees, the bay and the West coastline of Old Mission Peninsula. But the spirit of the Cherryland ARC could not have been brighter, there on the hill this last weekend of June as the club turned in an impressive preliminary **total score of 3, 378 points.**

Antenna Collection used at Field Day



Triband Yagi & Verticals used by W8QPO team



6 Meter Dipole used by VHF team



DX Commander Vertical used by 40 Meter station



40/80 Meter NVIS Antenna used by CW, 20, 40 & Digital

15 Meter Voice Station



15 Meter Station Tent – Brad W8QPO team operating



20 Meter Voice Station



The 20 Meter Station was poised on the edge of a cliff overlooking West Bay. Were it not for the fog, it would have been delightful. Ward, N8WK stayed steady and consistent racking up point after point in his clear professional voice. Miya Ingal, the reporter from 7 & 4 News interviewed and captured a few transmissions filming live-action that was shown on the Saturday evening news.

At the end of Field Day, Ward and a few helpers, tipped the tent over to pour out biclets pf rain that had collected inside. - Nice work Ward – Thank you!



40 Meter Voice Station

The 40 meter station got off to a late start, as I was awaiting parts to complete the antenna on Saturday afternoon, but was on the air starting around 6 or 7pm.

We needed ground radials and a coax fitting between the antenna and coax cable. We were able to create both and got on the air.

The difference this year compared to last was instead of a wire end fed dipole, we used Randy's DX Commander. What a difference! I noticed the band was noise-free, with exception to some bleed-through on CW or data, but for the most part the band was quiet enough to hear even more weaker stations. I recall picking up a couple of stations from Spain working a contest and we were somewhat successful in contacting them. We didn't count them in the log, but it was fun. There were a number of pileups, with higher power transmitted signals, which made it challenging to succeed in getting a contact for those stations.



Joe, KC8RLU & Randy, KE8JWB

For most of the time, Randy and I did "hunt & pounce" for contacts. A few times, we stayed put on a frequency and awaited for stations. We later switched from the club's generators to one of the ones Glen provided and operated at night until around 2 or 2:30am. We picked up again around 10am and worked through until 2pm. I succeeded in copying the W1AW Field Day Bulletin by tuning to 7.095 MHz, using my

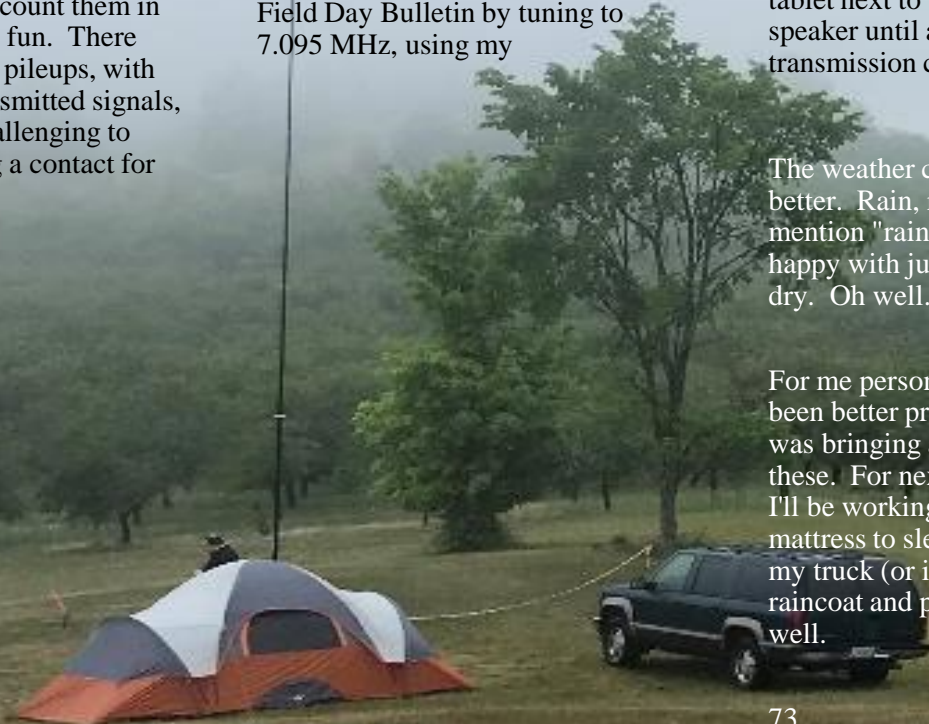
Kindle (thanks, Glen K8SGZ) with Android flmsg and it automatically decoded the message in MFSK16. For some reason, PSK31 mode didn't work and I think it was because I missed the beginning few seconds of the audible tones being transmitted. I simply held the tablet next to the radio's internal speaker until all of the transmission completed.

The weather could have been better. Rain, rain and did I mention "rain"? I would've been happy with just cloudy and dry. Oh well.

For me personally, I could have been better prepared for what I was bringing along to events like these. For next year and beyond, I'll be working on that. A new air mattress to sleep on in the back of my truck (or in the tent), a hooded raincoat and pair of galoshes as well.

73,

Joe, KC8RLU



20 & 40 Meter CW Station

Yes, setting up the tent in the pouring rain and having to bail out the water with a dixie cup was interesting!

That was the wettest Field Day I've ever experienced, and I've been doing Field Day for 26 years. Surprisingly though, it really did not dampen our spirits at all.

A big hitch came up the days leading up to Field Day in trying to get my computer to recognize the WinKeyer interface so that N1MM would work. I tried everything, but I finally had to call Roger for help. He resurrected his ancient DOS computer with NA loaded on it to bring instead which saved the day. It worked fine, but one unforeseen annoyance was that every time someone shut down the generator to gas it up, his old computer would shut down abruptly as well as it had no internal batteries! I saw blue smoke coming out of his ears a few times over that! I had a bit of a learning curve getting used to NA, but it wasn't a big deal.

Another hitch was the disappearance of the antenna we had planned to use, Brad helped out by putting together an inverted V for 20 and 40m for us to use. It worked fine.

We enjoyed having visitors in our "shack" who came to hang out for a bit--Doc Dave, Randy, Ernie, and a new visitor who came in response to having seen the TV 7 & 4 coverage, Bill KA8CBZ.. All in all, it was a successful FD, and as always, the best part of all was the social time together.

73,

Hope, AA8SN



Roger, N8KV



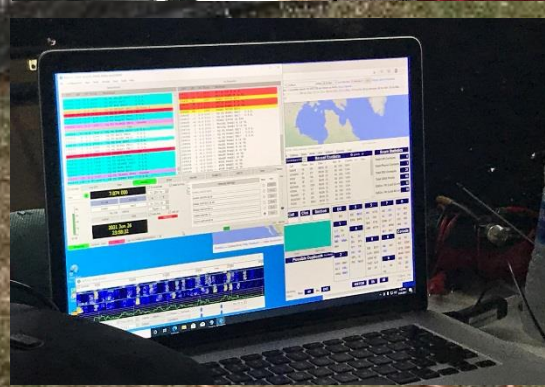
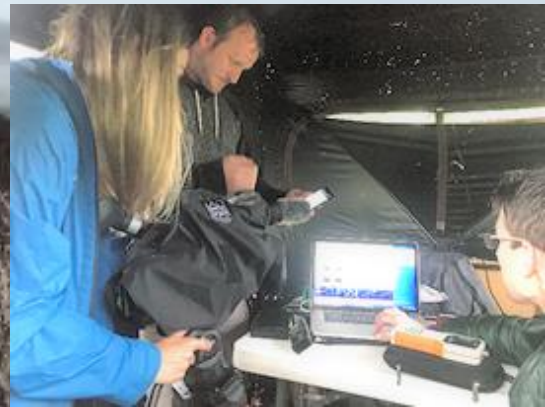
Hope, AA8SN

VHF- 10-2 Meter & Digital Station

Drake, N8DMH and Brennan, K8BMZ shared operating duties running FT-4, FT-8 and some voice work on the VHF and other bands. With around 80 contacts, this station was hopping on the hill.

“FT8 was packed and FT4 was much quicker but quieter. But none of that matters unless you have a functioning antenna. We made more contacts on FT8 but I would prefer FT4 because it takes half as much time to make a contact. Sunday Morning was the key to success on 6m. We ran strictly 6m FT8 on Sunday since we were having such good luck with it and we also weren't bothering anyone on the other bands with us being the only ones on 6.”

73, Drake, N8DMH



The Best Tent and Food Station



Chez Glen

Not one person is confused. . . The most successful set-up of CARC Field Day 2021 was the Food Tent under the control of Captain Glen, K8SGZ, Master Chef and his important side-chef*, Dave, K8WPE.

On Friday evening, Glen's white van pulled up next to the red & white circus tent. Much like a clown-car, the food containers

One success after another

Kept being handed out of the van, one-by-one or two and stacked on the tables inside. Within a few minutes, Glen had the grill unpacked, fired up and organized all the food into ways that made sense. Within 30 minutes dinner was served and the food preparation, cooking and consumption continued until Sunday afternoon.

There were constant flow of breakfast, lunch and dinner and no-one went away hungry. The highlight was the Saturday evening "Significant Others" dinner. All club members could register to attend. Those who did were treated to a London Broil with many sides and deserts provided by attendees.

Once concluded, Glen started working on Sunday breakfast. . .



Paula Anderson & David, K8WPE



Tony, KE8SBZ



Glen, K8SGZE



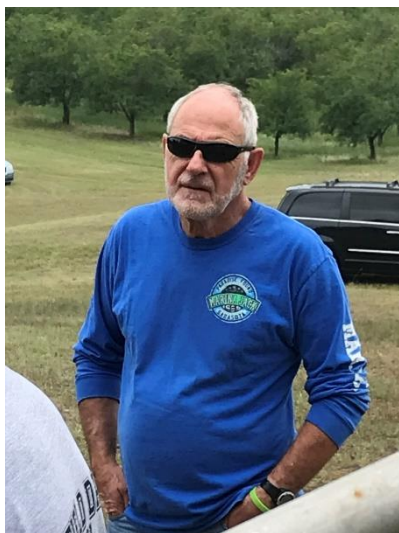
The Saturday evening social hour and **Significant Other's Dinner** was well attended by all radio operators and some spouses, relatives and friends. The food was awesome. The visiting, priceless.

Scott, WX1J's wife Paula Anderson enjoyed the food and visiting. Don Parker's sister Betty, was able to catch up with a few members from other field days and meet some new people as well. It was nice to have our relatives and significant others join the camaraderie of the CARC Club members engaged in this annual event. Thank you to the Club, to Glen and to each who attended.

Seen at the Scene



Joe, KC8RLU



Tom, KE8CVM



Don, WD8NRZ



Joe, N8CN



Drake, N8DMH



Brennan, K8BMZ



Glen, K8SGZ, Brad, W8QPO, Jon, N8UL



John, AA8RV with Hope, AA8SN

Seen at the Scene



David, K8WPE



S'mores



Luna



Brad, W8QPO



Glen, K8SGZ



Scott, WX1J



Robert, W8RAK and Roger N8RV

UpNorthLive



UNL star reporter Miya Ingel came out to the CARC field day site through muddy 2 track roads and loaded cherry trees to set up her camera and ask inquiring questions of President Ernie Abel K8RCT, and Grand Traverse County Emergency Coordinator, Glen Johnson, K8SGZ.

Her report and recordings of CARC Stations in operation and personal interviews was shown only an hour later at 6:00pm and again at 11:00 News on 7&4. You can see the 30 second newscast at this link:

[View UpNorthLive Newscast Here.](#)

We thank UNL, 7&4 and Miya for taking the time to share the emergency preparedness training exercise that helps prepare the area amateur radio operators to respond quickly and efficiently in the event of a local, regional, national or international disaster.



Field Day 2021- Signing Off

It's a Wrap!

Well, here are some thoughts on this year's Field Day. First of all, what a great group of troopers who spent the weekend out in the rain! This shows that we can operate off the grid in temporary shelters and still get the messages through. I watched rain drenched hams out there putting up tents and erecting antennas in an all day rain (actually a two day rain). Luckily the weather was sort of warm so we didn't freeze. I have a memory of looking up the hill to the CW tent and watching Hope bail out the tent with a plastic cup. A real trooper!

The club's tents are great - no leaks so once we got set-up everyone could dry out a bit while operating. We did get a bit damp going down to sample Glen's meals but otherwise we were dry. All the antennas seemed to be working fine once a few problems were solved. The CW station was missing it's off center fed dipole so Brad fabricated a new 80-40 dipole antenna for it. We're still on the hunt for the missing OCF dipole.

As always Chef Glen provided us with wonderful meals. Yummy London Broil on Saturday night. Glen was on vacation and only got back to town one day before we started setting up. He had to do all the shopping, gather up the cooking equipment and dash out to the orchard to start cooking.

Scott set up his satellite station and it was the first time I've seen satellite communications in action. It was clear audio and Scott showed us how to track the satellite pass. I'm impressed (We are going to set up a satellite station in the club room).

Ernie, K8RCT





A Lifetime of Achievement

Joseph W. Novak, W8TVT Silent Key 7 April, 2021

By Joe Erlewein, N8CN, Cherry Juice Editor

The kids have settled into bed, work for the day is done and I'm finally getting that coveted chance to kick-back, relax, and decompress. I pop the top of my beverage bottle open, and pour it into my glass. As I place the top into the little Ziploc baggie we keep near the opener, a ritual I probably won't be able to break myself of, I sadly realize that I no longer have any idea what to do with these zip-top baggies full of bottle tops. But I have many thoughts, all with a great deal of fondness and warmth, about the person to whom I've been providing little Ziploc baggies of bottle tops for the last few years... But I am getting ahead of myself.

Just a little over a year ago, I had the distinct honor of presenting the **Cherryland ARC's very first, and only, "Lifetime Achievement Award" to Joe Novak W8TVT**. When it comes to awards presented to recipients for specific things, I can't think of a more appropriate way to describe Joe's involvement with the Cherryland ARC over the years.

Again, to be clear, the award presented to Joe Novak W8TVT is called the "*Lifetime Achievement Award*." The title of this award is **poignant**.

Joe was born in Traverse City in 1939. At age 13 he was already involved with the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club, earning his first license through the club in 1954. Considering his involvement with the club before the time of his licensing, Joe had been a part of the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club for more than 67 years!

One of the interesting "additional roles" that seems to come with the prestigious title *Editor of the Cherry Juice* is that of "Ad-Hoc Club Historian." My favorite section of the Cherry Juice used to be the "Forward Waves" and "Reflected Waves" sections - two sections of the newsletter that, in the lower right hand corner, used to look "into the near future" at things to come, but also recapped specific "highlights of the past" in CARC History. These are sections that I failed to "bring along" through the 'reformatting' of the newsletter a couple of years ago... (and I should fix that!)

I bring this up because it became my favorite task to sift through the CARC "coffers" of knowledge (which really amounts to two plastic bins of printed

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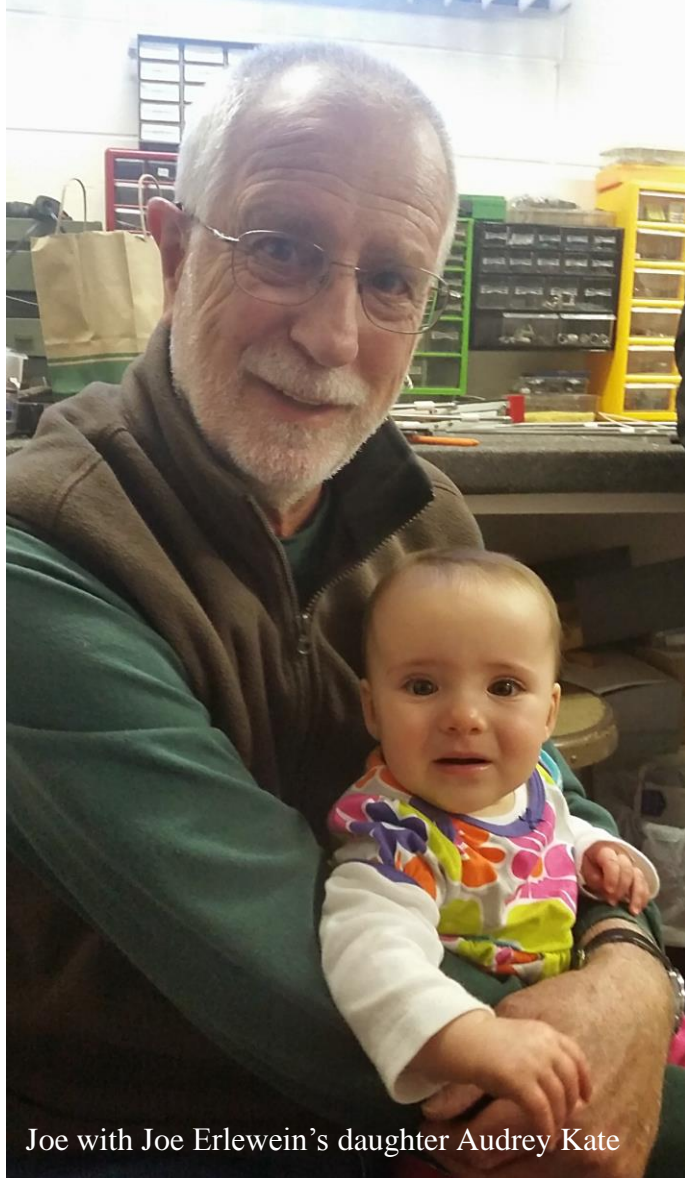
Ward, N8WK, Joe, W8TVT, Chuck, W8SGR

material and another couple smaller bins of pictures and QSL cards) and pick out “nuggets of gold” that stand out, suitable for (re-)publication in the ‘Juice.

There are a few names that really begin to stand out when you are sitting on your concrete basement floor once every couple of months or so -- papers and pictures strewn around you in a circle, searching old copies of the CJ, or old minutes, or sign-up sheets, or email archives, or whatever else is in there.

Item after item, certain folks' names become etched into your memory. Some are easily memorable because they're unique names, like Wells or Ducky. Others are easy to remember due to local fame, like Martinek or Monohan. However, repetition is how memory works - marketing and ad agencies know this all too well. Repeat something often enough, and people WILL remember it. Throughout the club's history, there is no other name that appears as frequently as - Joe Novak W8TVT.

Joe was absolutely a permanent fixture in the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club and truly loved and enjoyed Amateur Radio as a hobby. He regularly attended general and board meetings, even when not actively serving a position on the board. I set out to count the number of positions Joe has held in the Cherryland ARC over the years .. but quickly realized this would be an enormous task! He's held the positions of Treasurer and Board Director among others, and over many periods of many years... Anyway, point being that Joe has seen the club through thick and thin, large and small, and everything in-between. His dedication to the Cherryland club throughout the years was absolutely unique and driven by a deep care for the group and its purpose; Joe served as an advisor and ambassador within the club because he loved the club, and he loved the people in it.



Joe with Joe Erlewein's daughter Audrey Kate

It's no wonder, then, that a story like mine isn't unique; When I was 13 I had a tendency to go about experimenting with electronics, audio, AM and eventually CB radio... in all of the wrong ways. My Dad did some looking one weekend, after overhearing what we all recognize as “CB Vocabulary” coming from the radio set in my room one evening, and found the local Amateur Radio club. He took me to the next meeting, and I don't recall much from it, other than I understood very little. But at the end of that meeting I met Joe Novak as we ate homemade cookies that Gerri made, and he asked me about my interest in radio, my very young career in Boy Scouts, and how school was going. That first meeting was a lot different than I expected. Instead of learning about “Ham Radio” what really happened was that I made lifelong friends who would teach, learn, experiment, experience, work and have fun together in ways I hadn't really yet even known existed.

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Joe was my very first Ham Radio friend like this. He was that First Contact “IRL” (In Real Life) for a LOT of other hams in the area as well. It’s quite possible that if you’re reading this and your introduction to Ham Radio involved the Cherryland ARC, your first “Eyeball QSO” was probably Joe!

Joe was so engaged with the Cherryland club that his absence was absolutely noticed for several months in a row, but for very good reasons! Joe always prioritized family, and at one point in the 80s increased his involvement within the Boy Scouts of America. A few people (okay, more than a few) asked about his absences ... which prompted an article in the newsletter explaining his scheduling conflicts so that people wouldn’t worry! His sons Doug and Steve obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, and Joe went on many hiking and camping trips including the Philmont scout ranch in New Mexico. His daughter Jane also worked at Philmont during the summer. But the ways his absence was noted was definitely a testament to how involved Joe was with the group, and how important his presence was to the Cherryland club membership.

His family, in turn, was super supportive of his hobby. His wife Janet (N8RRR) and his daughter Jane (N8RSU) were licensed, and Janet recognized the joy working with the club brought Joe, and was very supportive of his involvement. Janet was also

occasionally active on the repeater before mobile phone technology really “caught on” and we would often hear her and Joe coordinating plans, and sometimes she even checked in to the MESH Net! Janet attended many more events that I think I’ve seen another club member’s spouse attend, which I feel is a testament to her support of his hobby.

Joe understood, and was passionate about the youth being the future of Ham Radio

Joe held a keen interest in getting the club involved with Boy Scouts of America activities, having been a scout himself, and made sure to prioritize time with the club’s station at Greilick, on-the-air events like the Jamboree, and any educational opportunity involving youth. Having his educational background, Joe understood and was passionate about the youth being the future of Ham Radio, and, really everything else! He made sure to be a teacher, a listener, and to understand people, where to engage with them, and how to connect and get them to

understand all manner of subject matter - from the technical ins and outs of radio, to contest etiquette, and also to just being a decent human being. Joe has countless times offered me very good advice in all of these areas, and most helpfully, on the balance of time, energy, and priorities.

Joe focused on the people of the club, made sure to include everyone, and made everyone feel that they were a part of all of the Club events. Joe wrote many articles for past issues of the Cherry Juice such as recapping the events at the annual swap, special events such as the “Ham Bike Outings”, Lighthouse weekend,



Joe, W8TVT, Janet N8RRR Partners in life as husband and wife.

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and numerous other activities. At field day he kept a clipboard on him at all times which most people likely assumed was his logbook.. Well, it WAS, but that was not on the top page. The top pages were his notes and narrative of who showed up, what they did, notable events, and the “story” of the event.

Listing Joe’s “Radio Resume” here would be a ludicrous task, but I want to explain that Joe received joy and fun out of the Ham Radio hobby aside from his role within the Cherryland ARC. He was involved with [MARAC](#) which is the group for “County Hunters” and achieved several awards with them, and regularly attended their gatherings. Members of this group have presented at least twice at Cherryland meetings. Joe ran net control of the MESH net for many years, and was often also on the SMASH net on 80M. Joe was involved with many of the License Classes offered to new and upgrading hams.

Hams throughout the region and state knew Joe through his leadership and coordination of several events that were “Big News” for the Cherryland ARC. Joe was “Mr. Swap-N-Shop” and for many years did most of the coordination, planning and execution of the Cherryland club’s annual swap. From ticketing logistics, table placement and reservation, to scheduling, Joe coordinated almost every aspect of

the event and somehow managed to document each event, and still be social with everyone he encountered. This was the club’s largest annual income opportunity, and for many years kept the club “sound and stable” - and this is surely a direct result of his leadership.

Speaking of fundraising, Joe was also the “man with the plan” when it came to Cherryland ARC club gear! From T-Shirts to Jackets to Hats to Patches - Joe organized all of these items over the years, normally at a slight monetary profit to the club, but always to the brand marketing benefit of the CARC! The club’s annual Field Day participation was another event Joe loved. Aside from operating a solar/battery station on 2M FM for Field Day each year (bonus points!), Joe also was involved in a lot of the planning of the use of the site and equipment, and was on several planning and technical committees around Field Day. Joe coordinated rooms at the TBA and other locations for the more-public “Project Nights” in the 90s as well. Joe also brought “trinkets” back from Dayton (he regularly went!) and other swaps and conventions and gave these away as “prizes” at club meetings, along with a monthly 50/50 raffle at the meetings. Regularly Joe organized communications for many marathons and bike races, EmCom events prior to TBARG, and was also a founder and member of TBARG later on.



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Joe was one of the original founders of the William Martinek W8JUY Ham of the Year Award, presented to a club member each year. Joe personally presented this award to 27 club members over the years. Joe had a speech he would deliver prior to the presentation of the award which described the history and beginnings of the award for those who did not know Bill. Joe explained that Bill passed away in 1993 and owned the Jewelry store downtown of great notoriety. Bill had been the President of the club (as well as other positions) and had taught classes for many years, ran the Wolverine, GR, and Goose nets (among others). Any ham who visited town eventually talked to Bill who became known as “Mr. Amateur Radio” for Traverse City because of his continued efforts and contributions to Ham Radio in the area, and also his generous involvement with the Cherryland club.

The first HOY recipient was Chuck Mellberg W8SGR, and others followed. It didn’t take long, however, for the Cherryland club membership to realize that Joe was indeed one of the most deserving hams of the award himself.. But how do you surprise the creator of the award WITH the award without him knowing that ahead of time? Oh, and also - Joe made each Ham Of The Year award personally and each was unique and had a plaque. How do you present him the award without him knowing? Well, the club figured out a way... and It was sneaky.

In 1996, as presenter of the award, Joe was given the name of a “phony” HOY recipient, and as he did every year, Joe embarked on a mission to research the person and prepare a presentation speech for them. As expected, Joe did not disappoint and arrived at the Christmas dinner with award and speech in-hand, and ready to present. What Joe didn’t know was that Chuck Mellberg W8SGR had the “real” award with his name on it, and Dave Erlewein N8CN had prepared the “real” presentation speech. And the “phony” recipient was not in attendance

Before Joe was to deliver his speech, Dave was asked to “say a few words” but soon began iterating the famous “Joe Novak HOY Speech” about the history of Bill, the award, and where it came from. Joe was visibly confused, as here was my Dad, stealing the whole intro to the presentation he prepared!

Joe was one of the original founders of the William Martinek W8JUY Ham of the Year Award, presented to a club member each year.



Dave Poinsett, NU8A, 2018 HOY with Joe’s handmade award

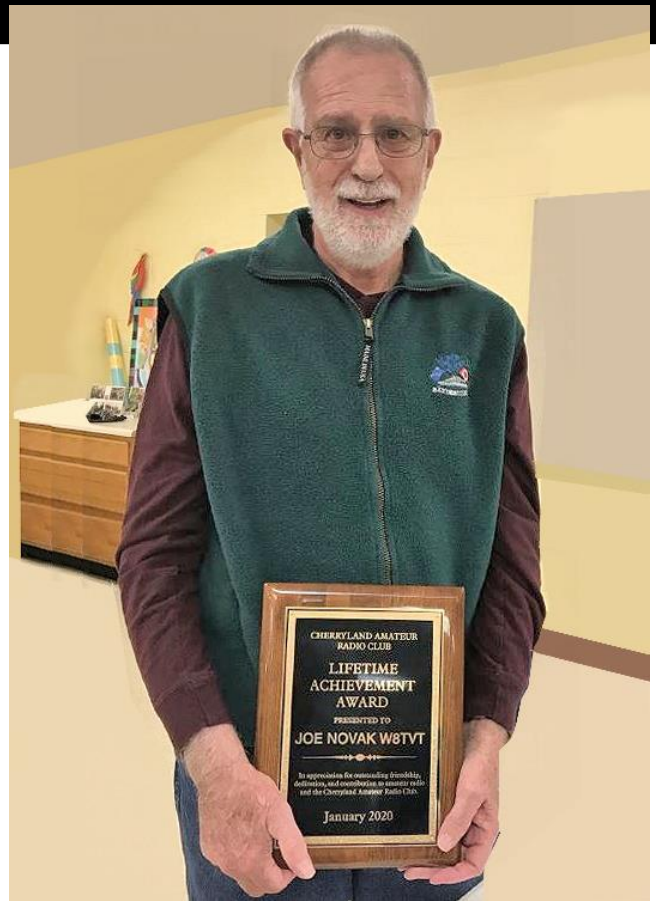


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As you might imagine, everything worked out well, as Dave then announced that Joe had been misled purposefully, and that he was not the presenter of the award this year - but the REAL recipient! So, in the end, the ONLY HOY award Joe didn't actually make himself was ... his own, in 1996. Joe was crafty, and, back to the opening of this article, among other things made picture frames "bedazzled" with bottle tops nailed around the perimeter. Joe took great care to make sure each one looked neat, often creating patterns, themes, and using "unique" caps in specific places. The same care was put into his other craft work, including the HOY awards, which normally featured an attractive base, a larger vacuum tube with a lamp bulb base and shade attached - and he somehow hid the wiring and they all worked and looked lovely.

Joe did all of what he did for the Cherryland ARC because he loved the club and he loved the people. He loved the "story" of the club, and whenever he submitted an article about an event, went to the annual fox hunt or picnic, or made a speech or presented an award or gave away trinkets from swaps or other prizes, or just sat down and talked with folks - he loved the story of the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club. And he helped write it. And as a result, Joe is an enormous part of the story of the Cherryland ARC.

There's a reason Joe is a huge part of the CARC Story. It's the same reason that he volunteered at Munson Hospital for several years, raised 3 wonderful kids and several grandkids, enjoyed activities with his family, being an advocate of physical fitness through biking and sports (he refereed both football and basketball in the past, and was also into X-C Skiing for some time), and restored and kept a VW Beetle. He did lots of neat craft projects, and had an affection for vintage and antique clocks. Joe was a well-rounded and compassionate human being of impeccable character, and everything that he decided was worthy of his attention and effort, he genuinely cared about and found joy in. In doing this, you end up being a part of those stories, not just the stenographer.



Joe Novak, W8TVT, <SK>

Lifetime Achievement Award January 2020

I want to include a portion of something my Dad wrote about Joe upon the presentation of his HOY award:

“Successful people are seldom one-dimensional. The character traits that make them successful in one area promote success in others. Joe is a shining example. Successful Husband and Father, Successful citizen, and successful ham. Our CARC Ham of the Year! “

... and definitely the story of our CARC Lifetime Achiever, Joe Novak, W8TVT.

73 and SK

de Joe Erlewein, N8CN

Remembering Joe, W8TVT

Field Day didn't feel right without Joe there operating his 2m solar station next to the CW tent. He is so missed.

I look back at so many varied events--special events where the club provided communications help, putting up my tower and beam, club picnics, fox hunts, setting up for the swap, Field Day, Christmas parties at the Elks--Joe was involved in them all. He was such a faithful and responsible person. I admired that about him.

My favorite memory of him was the day a bunch of hams came out to my house to put up my tower and beam. "Monkey" Norm K8CLM was up at the top of the tower installing the rotor and beam looking as comfortable as if he were standing on terra-firma. I was sitting at the base of the tower looking up at him. Joe came over and said I looked like I was praying to which I responded that yes, you bet I was!

Later that week, Joe gave me a gift. It was a beanie baby that was not yet available on the market, but he had gotten it through someone that had access to it. It was a bear on his knees with his hands together in prayer. On the tag in an enclosed packet was the name, date, etc of the bear. The bear's name was Hope! It is in my shack next to the vacuum tube lamp that he made for my HOY award.

Hope, AA8SN

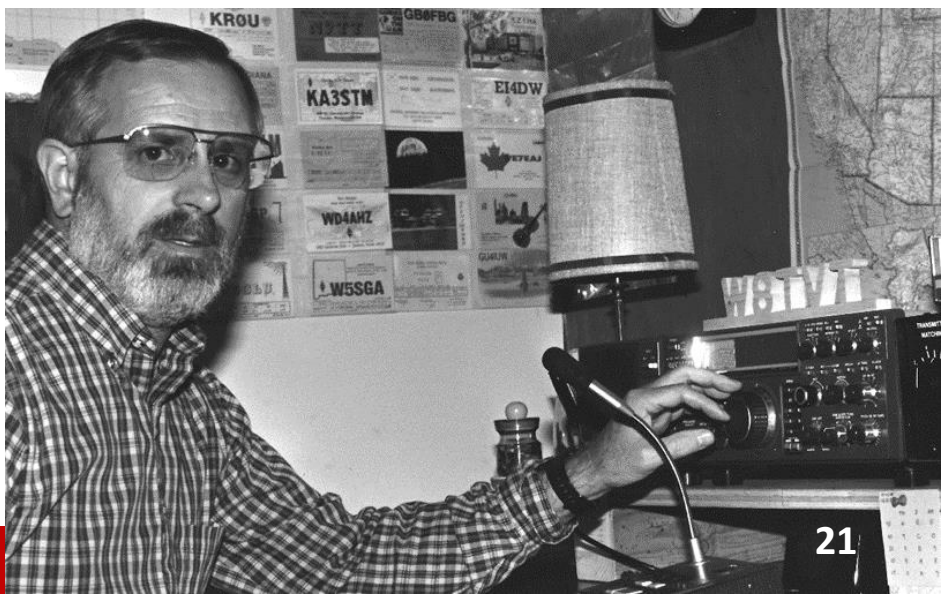


“Field Day will not be the same without Joe... I remember how kind and helpful he always was, ensuring we had everything we needed. He constantly checked on us, seeing how our CW station was doing, recording our Q counts too. Thank you Joe, I hope to see you on the “other side”.

73 OT. Roger, N8KV

Joe has been making the “Ham of the Year” trophies for decades. These were made from Vintage High Power Vacuum tubes and are treasured by everyone who has one.

Ernie, K8RCT



Remembering Joe, W8TVT

Too Many Great Memories!

Joe was a great friend, companion, and mentor.

My favorite memories are our trips to Burger King... Both of us enjoyed the "Fast Food". Joe also introduced me to Dayton. . The Disney Land of ham radio.

I will miss you Joe!

Tom, KE8CVM



Joe at one of his Ham Bike Rides.

Thank you for sharing Joe with our Club for so many good years. Such fond memories hearing him on our repeater, running the nets, and hearing his friendly voice. He was always so kind and so good to all our new young and older hams!

God Bless you Joe, W8TVT

Don Parker, WD8NRZ

I always appreciated Joe's friendliness, when we'd meet. I have his picture from the obituary hanging on the kitchen bulletin board... He sure was a special person that will greatly be missed.

Betty Parker, Don Parker's sister



Joe on 2M Solar station.

Joe was mainly a stable, always present, ever open to hams new and old guy.

Always willing to volunteer his time and talent.

I have been a club member since 1972 and Joe was always there. He will be missed.

Dave, K8WPE

Joe was the coordinator of the Annual CARC Hamfest. These were many held on the nastiest weather weekends in February. Everyone loves the swaps as they were the first ones of each year.

Ernie, K8RCT

My cornerstone memory of Joe was built over several club meetings when I first moved to Traverse City, full time in 2017. I met a few people at the events, but Joe stood out by the way he always said hello and inquired about anything. He was genuinely interested in all people. Speaking with Joe was being engaged in a continuing conversation. Never really an end, but a pause between dialogs.

He always remembered, always encouraged, always offered.

That is a powerful lesson for all of us. Thank you, Joe, God bless and we will remember you always.

Scott, WX1J



Joe, W8TVT, Tom KE8CVM the Foxes at 2020 Fox Hunt.

Do you have a memory of Joe that you would like to share? Send it by email to wx1j@arrl.net we will put it in the next newsletter.

News you can use

SolderSmoke: Global Adventures in Wireless Electronics

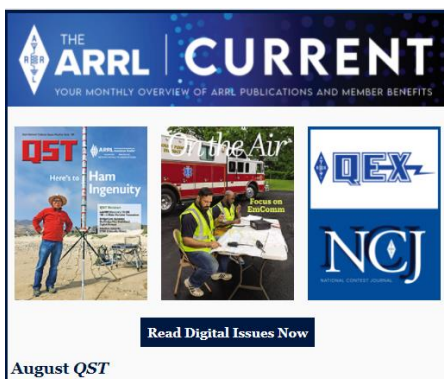
I am currently re-reading this book for the third or fourth time. If you ever want to get a book that will discuss how different circuits work and how to do your own repairs along with learning the history of a ham's life well spent this is the book. Each time I read it I learned something new about how different circuits work and how to tackle repairs of my various rigs when they don't follow my instructions. Just a great book written by the moderator of the solder spoke blog and the solder smoke podcast.



I have asked him time again to prepare volume two because his first one has so much information in it and has taught me so much. Finally he advised that he was working on it. Please be patient. Ha ha.

Dave K8WPE

https://www.amazon.com/dp/0578053128/ref=cm_sw_r_em_api_glt_fabc_MNAQHGN01S57BAZP049C



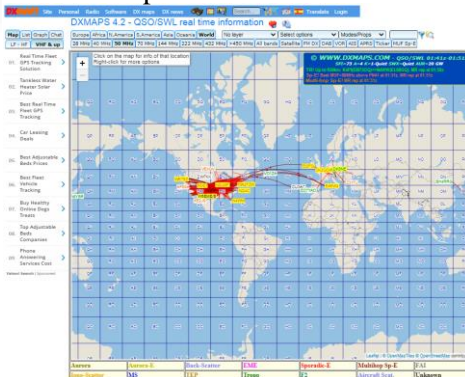
We have run this before, but it's still one of the best bargains around. Free to members of the ARRL. Online access to the ARRL magazines such as QST, On the Air, QEX and many more. Join today, support the National advocate of Amateur Radio and get access to lots of information.

"This is a neat new freebie if you have an ARRL membership."

Dave, K8WPE

DXMAPS 4.2 - QSO/SWL real time information

Monitor propagation by map of the world. Want to know what's happening on 6 meters? This bright red patch shows 6M activity on 7/6/2021 at 10:00pm. Click map to link.



QSO Recorder Indexing

Service lets you hear your contacts. Developed by Vasilii Gokoyev, K3IT, the QSO Recorder Indexing Service (QSORDEX) allows radio amateurs to share their contest and DXpedition contact audio recordings. Users then can search the site to retrieve them by call sign. Audio files are in .mp3 format, saved according to the system's naming convention, and then uploaded to the Dropbox.com file-hosting service. The site itself does not store any files; it only indexes them. To add your own contacts, register at Dropbox.com and download and install the Dropbox PC client. A free 2 GB Dropbox account can store approximately 12,000 contacts, although users may purchase additional space above what is provided with a free account. [See the QSOOrder website for additional details.](#)

From ARRL Letter July 7, 2021



GREAT LAKES DIVISION ARRL CONVENTION

Plans are approved for this convention. DX Engineering will be hosting the event at their facility in Tallmadge, OH on August 7 in conjunction with their DXE Hamfest. Plans for special meetings and forums will be announced as soon as those events are confirmed. Save the date!

FOR SALE

VHF Rigs & Ants by Joe Novak, W8TVT

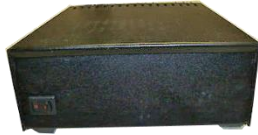
Please Contact Scott, WX1J- wx1j@arrl.net, 248-495-3665
Bundles may be separated

Package 1: \$100.00



Motorola Moxy, w/ Mic & Astron RS-12A PS
Radio set 442.5 MHz W8TCM Repeater

Package 2: \$100.00



Motorola Spectra, w/ Mic & Astron SL-114M PS

Package3: \$100.00



Kenwood TK-762G, w/ Mic & Astron RS-12M PS

W8TVT Antenna prices are referenced 10% below QTH.com



\$200.00

Mosley TA-33
Antenna, In its Box
Not assembled Assy
instructions included



\$200.00

Cushcraft A3S
Antenna, In its Box
Not assembled. Assy
instructions included

HF Rig by Ken Musson, W8QKP

Contact Ken: kmusson@charter.net



Kenwood TS-430S HF All Mode XCVR



Kenwood PS-53 Power Supply



Kenwood MC-60 Desk Mic

Antique Radio Collection Shortwave Listeners, Listen up!



Crosley Radio Built into Table

Four classic antique radios- all have been refurbished. These were part of an estate sale that was finalized at the end of June.

These fine radios are available now.

If you are interested in one or all of these beautiful works of art and audio- please contact: Julie Stone at jstonehome4@gmail.com



Wm. O. Grunow Radio- 1933 - 43



Motorola Aero-Vane – Mid 1940s

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
SMASH Net 3.935 MHz 9:00 AM	TBARG & MESH Net 146.86 MHz 8:00 PM	Project Night- At Salvation Army HQ		Round Table Net 146.86 MHz 7:00 PM		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SMASH Net 3.935 MHz 9:00 AM	TBARG & MESH Net 146.86 MHz 8:00 PM	Project Night- At Salvation Army HQ	 SkyWarn Net Training 146.86 MHz 8:00 PM			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
SMASH Net 3.935 MHz 9:00 AM	TBARG & MESH Net 146.86 MHz 8:00 PM	Project Night- At Salvation Army HQ				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
SMASH Net 3.935 MHz 9:00 AM	TBARG & MESH Net 146.86 MHz 8:00 PM	Project Night- At Salvation Army HQ				Salvation Army Christmas in July Bell Ringing at Oleson's Market
						 MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN.
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
SMASH Net 3.935 MHz 9:00 AM	TBARG & MESH Net 146.86 MHz 8:00 PM	Club Picnic Sayler Park Yuba, MI 7:00 PM	HAM EXAM Workshop 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Salvation Army			

HAMFESTS are back in action

2021 Great Lakes Div. ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest calendar:

7/10/2021 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest, Mansfield, OH
7/10/2021 - Cave City Hamfest - Cave City, KY
7/17/2021 - GMARC Trunkfest, Shelby Twp, MI
7/17/2021 - NOARS Fest, Elyria, OH
7/18/2021 - Van Wert Hamfest, Van Wert, OH
7/25/2021 - St. Joseph Co ARC Swap, Centreville, MI
8/7/2021 - Columbus Hamfest, Columbus, OH
8/7/2021 - MOVARC Hamfest, Bidwell, OH
8/21/2021 - GMARC Trunkfest, Shelby Twp, MI
8/28/2021 - Cincinnati Hamfest/Ohio Conference, Cincinnati, OH
8/29/2021 - Seaway Trunk Swap, Port Huron, MI
9/11/2021 - Greater Louisville, Shepherdsville, KY
9/11/2021 - GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI
9/12/2021 - Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH
9/18/2021 - Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI
9/18/2021 - Richmond Hamfest, Richmond, KY
9/18/2021 - GMARC Trunkfest, Shelby Twp, MI
9/18/2021 - CMARC Hamfest, Okemos, MI
9/18/2021 - Mound ARA Swapmeet, Miamisburg, OH
9/18/2021 - Miami Co Swap Meet, Troy, OH
9/19/2021 - Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI
9/26/2021 - Cleveland Hamfest, Berea, OH
10/2/2021 - VetteCity/Great Lakes Convention, Bowling Green, KY
10/16/2021 - Muskegon Color Tour Swap, Muskegon, MI
10/24/2021 - USECA Hamfest, Madison Hgts, MI
10/31/2021 - Massillon Swap, Massillon, OH
11/6/2021 - Grant ARC Hamfest, Georgetown, OH
12/4/2021 - Fulton Co Winterfest, Delta, OH
12/5/2021 - L'anse Creuse Swap, Madison Hgts, MI

For the latest detail on regional hamfests, check the ARRL web page at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>.

Coming Highlights

July

Board Meeting	JULY 6
Sk,ywarn Training Net	JULY 7
Project Nights	JULY 13,20
Club Meeting	JULY 27
\ Club Picnic Sayler Park	

August

Board Meeting	AUG 3
Sk,ywarn Training Net	AUG 4
VE EXAM-1:00 PM	AUG 7
ARRL G L Convention	AUG 7
Project Nights	AUG 10,17
Club Meeting	AUG 24
Project Nights	AUG 31

September

Board Meeting	SEP 7
Sk,ywarn Training Net	SEP 8
Project Nights	SEP 10,14
Club Meeting	SEP 24
New Ham Workshop	SEP 25
Project Nights	SEP 31

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