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WAS = Worked All... Snowbanks?

The May general meeting of the CARC will have a spectacular program by one of our local hams.

Scott Rought, KA8SMA will be presenting a program on his **QRP adventures during this year's winter field day.**

Scott is the QRP editor for *CQ Magazine*. This year he decided to really rough it and set up for winter field day with a makeshift tent and QRP radios.

You can read about his adventures in April issue of *CQ* magazine (Pg. 61). QRP in a cold tent in the middle of winter is what I call extreme operating!



Down on the Farm – Shed Roof Repair



As you probably know, the club has a shed out at the Don (WD8NRZ) Parker's farm. We store a lot of our Field Day equipment there. We noticed last year that the roof of the shed was leaking. So last fall a bunch of us went to the farm with the intent to re-roof the shed. We were making pretty good progress until the rain started. We had about 25% of the roof finished and then the rain came. Luckily, we were able to make the roof watertight before we had to quit.

We have a date planned to finish re-roofing the shed. Mark your calendar for **June 4th** to come out and help us finish this project. I think Chef Glen will be serving up a hot dog lunch and there may be some adult beverages available.

Let's **meet at 10:00 AM on June 4th** and see if we can finish in time for lunch.

Scott WX1J volunteered to go out to the farm a few days earlier and strip the remaining old shingles off of the roof so this should go pretty fast.

Ernie, K8RCT

ARRL Field Day Approaches!

This year, Field Day is June 25-26.

At the May 24th meeting we'll be working out details for equipment, antennas, stations, food, personnel, and scheduling.

The Cherryland ARC normally operates Field Day from high atop the ridge along West Bay between Traverse City and Suttons Bay. You can see a [map of the Field Day site and links to more info at the club Field Day page](#).



Typically, we will load up equipment in trailers and deliver the gear to the site the Friday before the event, starting the actual setup tasks on Saturday Morning with the goal of being ready to operate by noon. There are areas for people to camp over the weekend but we ask that you contact the club and provide us contact information and some basic details on your “setup” before coming to camp out, as we have had issues in the past. Thanks!

May VE Session Results / Next exam Aug 13th

The latest VE test session was held May 14 at the Traverse Area District Library. We ended up having seven applicants, six of whom walked out with either an initial license or an upgrade. Two applicants took both the Tech and the General exam; One passed both and the other applicant missed the General by just one point. Bummer! We ended up having four new Techs and two new Generals.

Many thanks to the willing VE helpers--Ernie K8RCT, Mark KC8ZAP, and Tom NS8K. The May 14 session was scheduled to be held in Study Room D, but as we had a number of walk-ins, we outgrew the room, and I had to quickly make other arrangements at the library. Fortunately, they found us a bigger room that was not in use and all turned out just fine.

The new rule requiring applicants to pay an additional \$35 directly to the FCC is causing some anxiety. As this is the first exam since the change, I don't know how long it will take before applicants receive an e-mail from the FCC with the link to follow to make their payments. I mailed the exam papers six days ago, and ARRL has not processed them yet, so we will have to wait and see how long the process takes. Look for an update next month on this.

The next CARC VE session is on August 13th at the Traverse Area District Library, in the **Thirlby Room, at 1:00 PM**. You will need to register ahead of time, and be sure you have your **FCC FRN number** in advance.

Contact HopeAA8SN@gmail.com for more information and to get signed up !

Hope, AA8SN



2022 May Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2022 CARC board meeting;

Present: Ernie K8RCT, Mark KC8ZAP, Scott W1XJ, Glen W8SGZ, Ward N8WK, Joe N8CN, and Drake N8DMH
Hope AA8SN, Dave K8WPE, and a visitor Elliott Goldwyn.

meeting called to order at 7:30pm

1. Minutes of Last board meeting Meeting was canceled in April due to weather
2. Treasurer's Report Status same as last month with over \$6K in the bank
3. Repeater Proposal
 - a. Joe N8CN reported that Drake is working on the previous 442.5+ Kenwood repeater to replace the existing FM/YSF Yaesu repeater that has been in use. They have also purchased some accessories for MMDVM. Joe bought a Motorola MTR2000 repeater for \$500 and proposed that we replace the Yaesu FM/YSF repeater with the MTR2000 Motorola. We have two Fusion repeaters in use currently. The proposal is to sell one to fund these changes and donate the other to TBARG with the understanding that if it is needed as a spare for either 146.86 or 442.5+, we would temporarily use it while we seek repairs/changes.
 - b. Drake made the motion seconded by Ward that we follow the repeater committee plans and to reimburse Joe for the \$500 he paid. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. Date to Reroof the shed
 - a. May 31 Scott said he would go to the farm and remove the old shingles.
 - b. June 4 at 10AM we will have a work bee with lunch following to finish the project
5. SATERN Nets
 - a. Bob Dennis informed Ernie that we are now part of the Great Lakes section which is comprised of just Michigan. Ernie encouraged us to check into the following nets:
 - a. M,W, F @ 11:30 on 14.325 Mhz
 - b. Saturday @ 11:30 on 14.320 Mhz
 - c. DMR/Fusion @ 8:00 pm Wednesday (DMR - 31269; YSF - 43641)
6. Other Business
 - a. Glen was offered the use of the tower on Bugai Rd, owned by the State of Michigan, if he used the tower for emergency use. It could also serve as a backup to the 86. Ernie requested that everything be put into writing to avoid any future misunderstandings. Ward said that TBARG would have to get their own insurance policy for the tower.
 - b. Glen made a motion that CARC support TBARG in this. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor.
7. Adjourn Adjourned at 8:04 PM

Minutes taken and submitted by Hope AA8N



When is the next SWAP – N – SHOP ?

Coming Highlights

May

Club Meeting MAY 24

June

Shed Roof Project JUN 4

Board Meeting JUN 7

Project Night JUN 14,21

Club Meeting JUN 28

2022 Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest Calendar

June 4th, IRA Hudsonville Hamfest, Hudsonville MI

June 5th, Chelsea Swap & Shop, Chelsea MI

June 11th, LARS Yooper Hamfest, Newberry, MI

June 18th, Midland Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Midland MI

June 19th, Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI

CARC Membership Application form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Callsign (if any): _____ Class (if any): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Email (we promise not to spam): _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Spouse (if applicable): _____

ARRL Member? (Y/N): _____

Send Form To:
Cherryland ARC
PO Box 987
Traverse City, MI 49685

... or just bring it to a meeting!

Membership Rates

- \$24 Single Membership (+\$2 Family Membership (same residence))
- \$5 Student Discounted Membership

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