



# Cherry Juice

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# President's Corner

**WELL ... HERE WE GO AGAIN !  
ANOTHER NEW YEAR AHEAD OF US  
IN THE CARC.**

## *Beats the alternative- Right?*

I hope that 2022 was a good year for you (kind of blah for me). I have high hopes for 2023. One thing I've been thinking about for this year is some ham radio resolutions.

Here are a couple of my resolutions.

- ☐ **Improve my CW contesting skills. I'm kind of a lazy contester so I need to focus a lot more.**
- ☐ **Win the lottery so I can put up a new 70' tower!**
- ☐ **Make 5 band DXCC and 5 band WAS**
- ☐ **Field day, beat the CW op's score!**

I hope you are also thinking about your ham radio activities for this new year.

The first major activity is our CARC annual Swap which takes place the second Saturday in February.

A great group of club members are hard at work planning for the swap. Do you want to join in and give us a hand?

Next Tuesday night come on down to Glenn's office a 7:00 PM and you can help us put together a huge mailing that we send out to area hams. This is a big project, and many hands are needed to collate, fold, label and stamp over 100 pieces of mail. Everything has been printed, we just need your help to put it all together.

One piece of paper in the mailing will be a reminder to pay Ward your dues (\$24) for 2023. You could pay them at the swap but it's a lot easier on Ward to collect the dues beforehand.



Shortly you will receive an email asking you to sign-up to help at the swap. But here's the link in case you want to grab a good job early. [Swap Sign-up Form Link.](#)

As you might there is a lot of activity before, during and after the swap.

One of the major tasks in to bring up the tables and chairs and get them set up before the vendors and participants arrive. We think this will happen Friday evening before the swap. We have been going to the Elks Club for dinner and then going over to St. Francis to do the set-up after their basketball game. It's better than starting at 5 AM on Saturday – I know, I've done it!

So hang on for the ride, 2023 is going to be a great year (especially if we can beat the CW op's at Field Day!

73,

Ernie, K8RCT

**Personal Invitation:** I would like to personally invite YOU- to join the club leadership team. We need your input, your voice. At the January 24, Club Meeting, we elect 2023 officers. I invite you to step up- give us the gift of your involvement and the benefit of your skills.

All positions are open, even mine! - Give it some thought, talk to me, and come to the meeting to vote.



# The Christmas Blizzard of 2022

## Skywarn Response Team Success

By Mike Vandermey, KD8REH  
Region 7 Skywarn Coordinator

December can be a wonderful time of the year with holiday parties and trips to see friends and family but Michigan's unpredictable weather can bring all of those plans to a halt. On December 21<sup>st</sup> the National Weather Service was sounding the alarm for a major winter storm that would impact the Midwest. However officials were unsure exactly when and where it would strike.

With data showing a very impressive and potentially deadly storm known as an Extratropical cyclone (Bomb Cyclone) local emergency managers began preparing for the worst by activating emergency operating centers and placing emergency shelters on stand by. Region 7 Skywarn activated a continuous net for the duration of the blizzard, which affected Northern Michigan from December 22<sup>nd</sup> through December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Over 50 participants from across the region participated in the net, providing valuable real-time weather observations to the National Weather Service.

Skywarn members utilized the Northern Michigan Linked Repeater network, D7Auxcomm DMR, and MPSCS 800 mhz to coordinate and receive reports during the storm. The National Weather Service utilized all of the data provided by Region 7 Skywarn during the course of the storm. Glen K8SGZ created a spreadsheet that the National Weather Service was given access to. As data was being input into the document forecasters were reading the data and sharing it with local emergency managers and media outlets.



"The dedication and hard work of our Skywarn volunteers played a critical role in the response to the Christmas Blizzard," said Adam Price - N8APX, Region 7 Assistant Skywarn Coordinator. "Their timely and accurate reports, made possible through the use of our advanced communication systems, helped keep the public safe and informed during a dangerous and unpredictable storm."

The storm and the related cold wave killed at least 102 people, with 41 of those deaths occurring in the Buffalo area where lake effect snowfall exceeded 55 inches over the five-day period. Approximately 6.3 million people were without power and close to 18,000 flights were canceled. Rumor has it even Jim Cantore from the Weather Channel and his team booked rooms at the Park Place hotel in anticipation of a major storm but Northern Michigan was spared the brunt of the storm which was unofficially named Winter storm Elliot by the Weather channel. To some this was a "once in a century storm".

As the Region 7 Skywarn Coordinator I would like to thank everyone who participated in the nets and to those who dedicated their time collecting data and running multiple Skywarn nets. These actions did not go unnoticed by emergency managers and the National Weather Service who thanked us for our hard work and dedication.

I encourage everyone who is interested in being a part of Auxcomm or Skywarn to please participate in future nets and to attend training's.



## Winter Field Day

January 28th & 29, 2023

Winter Field Day has evolved over the past 17 years. It was first started in 2007 and there was just a handful of entries.

The rules/ guidelines were a little unclear but several still participated and the event slowly gained popularity.

WFD is always on the last full weekend of January, beginning at 19:00 UTC on Saturday and running through 18:59 on Sunday.

You can operate on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter HF bands and all bands above 50 MHz.

To be considered for scoring, all participants must submit their log entries before 11:59 UTC on March 1st. All logs must be submitted in the Cabrillo format and contain the proper exchange data. Late entries cannot be accepted.

WFD participation and results are tallied and posted on the website for future reference. Our goal is to have logs scored by May 30th and posted the first week of June.

The organizers publish a newsletter just before and after the event. If you would like to receive the newsletter, send an email to:

[wfda@winterfieldday.com](mailto:wfda@winterfieldday.com).

This can be a lot of fun – and if the warm winter holds, it might be downright delightful to spend a few hours outdoors at a picnic table working the world.

**Let us know here at the Cherry Juice how your WFD went – what you did and wanted to do. Photos will help tell the story.**

**We look forward to publishing your story in the February Cherry Juice**

Send your story, photos to  
[wx1j@arrl.net](mailto:wx1j@arrl.net).

<https://winterfieldday.com/>

## CARC Will Teach Technician License Classes March 1

From March 1, 2023 – April 30 2023 Classes will be held  
on Wednesday evenings  
At the New Approaches Center  
5123 N. Royal Drive  
Traverse City, MI  
7:00 PM Each Wednesday

Watch for more information in coming weeks  
To sign-up for the Classes or Teach one –  
email: [email@cherrylandarc.com](mailto:email@cherrylandarc.com)  
Subject - CLASSES



## Club Officer & Board Elections January 24 !

# Make your voice heard

The slate of officers is the same as 2022 – This is because no-one has stepped forward to indicate their interest in taking on the task of leadership of the club.

### THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Send an email today to

[Email@cherrylandarc.com](mailto:Email@cherrylandarc.com)

Let us know you are interested in a position on the board or officer slate. We all welcome your initiative and value your contribution to the club.

The current officer slate to the right – is the current leadership team. You can challenge any position on the slate – Step up, make your case and let the membership vote.

The January Club Meeting will be held at the VFW Hall, on Veterans Drive in Traverse City at 7:00 PM on January 24 – Tuesday evening.

- There will be a review of the SWAP Meet plans and status,
- The Election of Officers
- And a Program presentation.

The VFW Post 2780 is located at:

**3400 Veterans Dr, Traverse City, MI 49684.**

### Current Proposed Officer Slate for 2023

President	Ernie Abel - K8RCT
Vice President	Glen Johnson – K8SGZ
Secretary	Hope Francisco – AA8SN
Treasurer	Ward Kuhn – N8WK
CJ Editor	Joe Erlewein – N8CN
Board	Mark Kristof – KC8ZAP
Board	Drake Habich – N8DMH
Board	Scott Pyles – WX1J



# We Hear You

## S9 + 20dB

### The 2022 Member Survey Results are in.

We launched the Member survey in Early December and gave you all 20 days to respond with your opinion About the Club, Club activities and Two new initiatives that We are considering for 2023.

Your opinions have been Received and for that We thank you very Much. The views And opinions That you shared Are meaningful To us and to the Club's board and Officers who are Charged with making decisions about How the club will Function in the future.

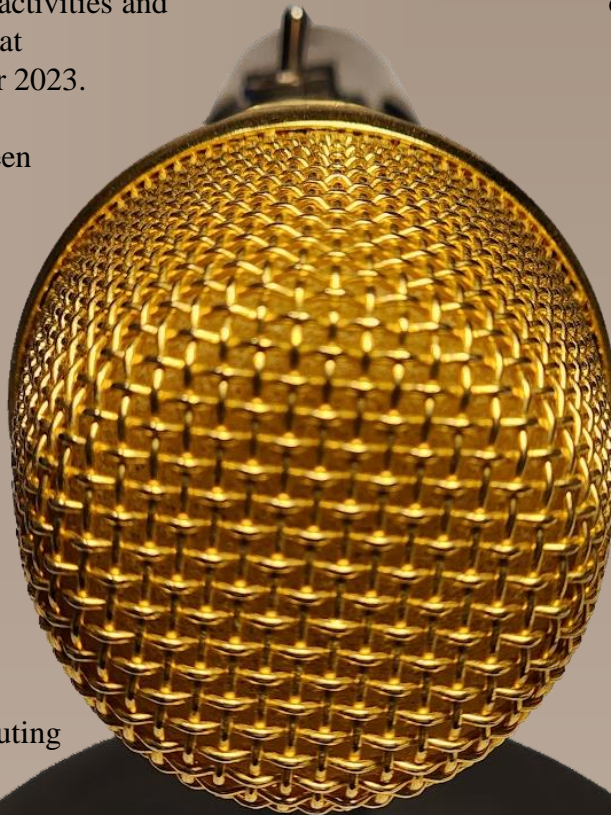
Thank you for contributing Your wisdom and Opinion with Us.

260 Subscribers + another 22 Were given the link to respond. 72 people responded, or about 25%.

While we would like to have everyone respond, 25% is barely a statistically reasonable sample. What we did receive from those who responded were some great ideas, helpful suggestions and list of things you liked And just didn't like.

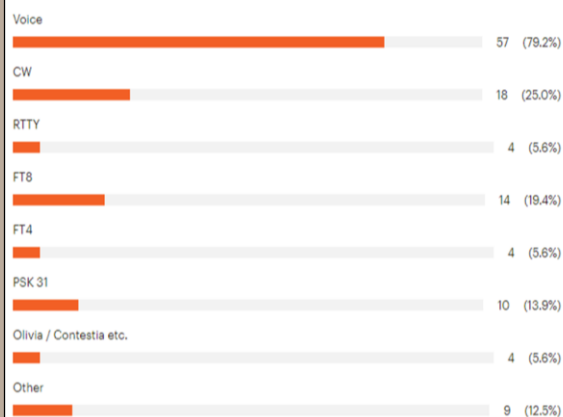
The board of directors are reviewing the detailed results and will discuss any planned responses at the February Board Meeting. Full results and decisions will follow in **the February Cherry Juice.**

Meantime, a snapshot is on page 7



# Survey Snapshots

"What modes of operation do you use most often?"

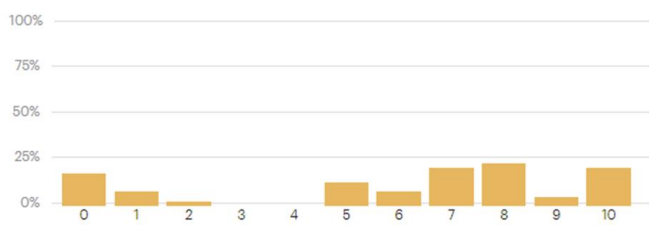


Open text responses to "other":

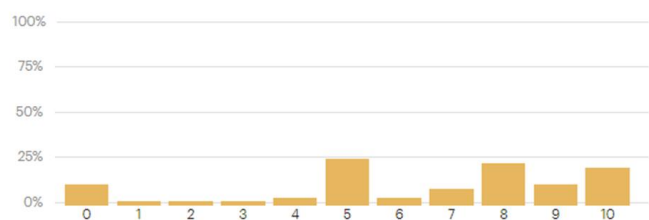
"How would you rate your participation in the Cherryland ARC Club? (with zero meaning I am not involved and 10 means I am very involved)"



"Please rate your opinion of the Club Meetings you have attended. (where 0 means very poor and 10 means excellent)"



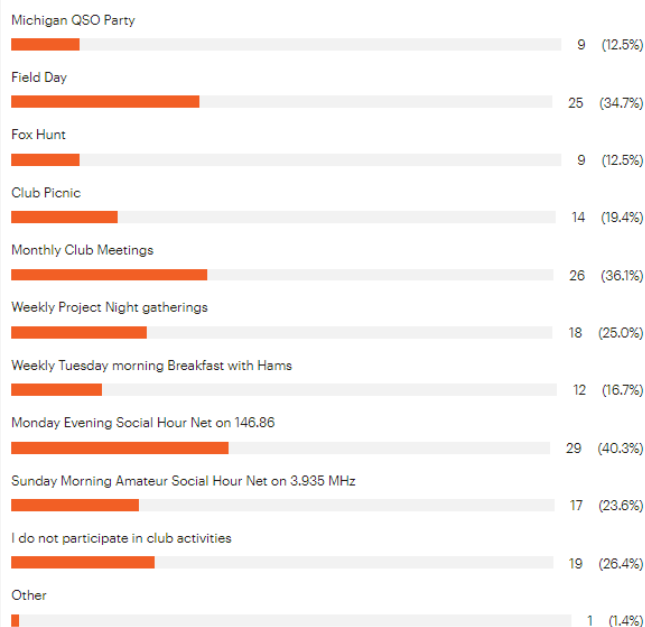
"Please rate your opinion of the Monday Evening Social Hour Net? (where 0 means very poor and 10 means excellent)"



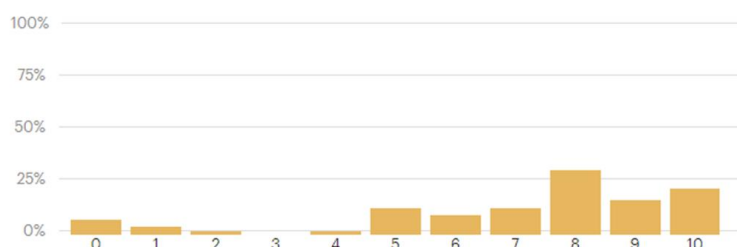
"How many years have you been a licensed ham?"



"Please check each of the club activities that you have participated in during the past 2 years."



"How would you rate Cherryland ARC as a club (with zero meaning bad and 10 meaning excellent)"



**The beauty of diverse opinions  
Is that growth can happen.**

# FEB 11, SWAP & SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CAN YOU HELP?

One of the Club's biggest events of the year is without question the Annual Swap & Shop.

**This year, it's our 49<sup>th</sup>!**

The Swap doesn't run by itself. The Club Members who volunteer to help really make the process smooth and as we say, many hands make light work.

## Here's when we Start

The Swap begins **Friday Night**.

The St. Francis Gymnasium we use is being used by the School for basketball games until about 8:45 – 9:00 pm.

Once the games are completed, the CARC can begin preparing for the SWAP vendors who begin showing up at the school on Saturday Morning around 7:00 am to get their tables set-up.

## Here's what we need

### Friday Night: 8:45pm

We need 2 people who can roll-out the floor coverings.

We need 8 people who can move tables and chairs.

When the Floor Canvas Coverings have been rolled out, the tables and chairs can be arranged.

There will be someone there to describe where the tables go. We bring the tables from another room, to the Gym and set them up.

Some members will meet for dinner before the event at the ELKS club- They and others will most likely enjoy the last game in the gym.

### Saturday Morning: 7:00 AM

We need 2 people who can work with the vendors to help them find their tables and make any additional adjustments to the layout.

Robert Kennedy, K8RAK, volunteered to make announcements – but he will need help with the door prize drawings.

### Saturday Mid-Day: 12:00 PM

When the SWAP is over at Noon- the process is reversed. We return the tables and chairs from the gym to the storage location.

We roll up the canvas floor coverings.



This is done in coordination with the school custodian staff – and it goes quite quickly with everyone's help.

Last year we were in our cars driving home at 1:15pm.

## To Volunteer ... Go

We have a Volunteer Sign-up Sheet at this link.

[volunteersignup.org/DYWF4](http://volunteersignup.org/DYWF4)

Go to that page, enter your name, email and phone contact information for the Job you wish to volunteer.

We will be in contact with you to coordinate when and where to meet. Thank you!







# 49<sup>th</sup> Annual HAM RADIO

## Swap-N-Shop

**SATURDAY**

**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

8:00 am - Noon

**Door  
Prizes!**



**VE  
EXAMS  
9:00 am**

**Admission \$5.00 – Table \$8.00**

**St. Francis High School  
Gymnasium  
123 E. Eleventh Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684**

**Parking lot  
At Cass & Eleventh Streets**

**VE Exam Info**  
Hope, AA8SN  
[aa8sn@arrl.net](mailto:aa8sn@arrl.net)  
231-218-0622

**[www.CherrylandARC.com](http://www.CherrylandARC.com)**

**For information or table reservation:  
Joe Erlewein, N8CN at 231-668-4223  
[swap@cherrylandarc.com](mailto:swap@cherrylandarc.com)**

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**An ARRL  
Sanctioned  
Swap Event!**

# Hamfest Calendar

ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests through February 2023:

- 1/15/23 - SCARF Hamfest, Shade, OH
- 1/22/23 - Hazel Park Hamfest, Royal Oak, MI
- 2/11/23 - Cherryland, Traverse City, MI
- 2/18/23 - Livonia Swap, Livonia, MI
- 3/5/23 - Cave City Hamfest, Cave City, KY
- 3/11-23 - MOVARC Hamfest, Bidwell, OH
- 3/11/23 - Crossroads Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI
- 3/19/23 - Toledo Mobile Radio Assn, Perrysburg, OH
- 3/26/23 - USECA Hamfest, Troy, MI

For the latest detail on regional hamfests, check the ARRL web page at:  
<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>.

Club Dues  
are due in  
January.

[Click the Application Form](#) to get a new form to renew your membership.

Thank you.

CARC Membership Application Form

Last Name: Nickname:

Callsign (if any):

Street

State:

Email:

Zip:

Phone:

Occupation: (if applicable)

ARRL Member?

Yes

No

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

Ward Kuhn, N8WK

P.O. Box 987

Traverse City, MI 49685

Membership Plans

Single Membership

\$ 24.00

Family Membership

\$ 26.00

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Student Membership

\$ 5.00

\* All members live in the same household

## Coming Highlights

January	
CARC Board Meeting	3-Jan
DMR D7 Auxcom Net	4, 11, 18
Project Nights	10,17,31
CARC Club Meeting	24-Jan

February	
CARC Board Meeting	7-Feb
DMR D7 Auxcom Net	1,8,16,23
Project Nights	14,21
CARC Club Meeting	28-Feb

March	
CARC Board Meeting	7-Mar
DMR D7 Auxcom Net	1,8,15,22,29
Project Nights	14,21
CARC Club Meeting	28-Mar

## CHERRYLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

President	Ernie, K8RCT	Board Member	Mark, KC8ZAP
Vice President	Glen, K8SGZ	Board Member	Drake, N8DMH
Treasurer	Ward, N8WK	Board Member	Scott, WX1J
Secretary	Hope, AA8SN		
Cherry Juice Editor	Joe, N8CN		