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WHAT'S NEW . . .

NUMBER 2 at FIELD DAY

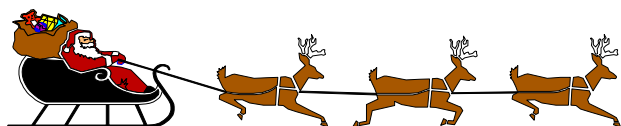
CHRISTMAS PARTY

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- 2 Meter – 147.180 MHz (Local Time)
Sunday 1:00 PM
Tuesday 8:00 PM
Friday Midnight
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Thursday 9:00 PM
Friday 10:00 PM

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<i>f</i> Founder	<i>c</i> Charter	<i>h</i> Hon. Charter
KA8KTV <i>f c</i> SK	N8HCT <i>f c</i>	KA8IZM <i>f c</i> SK
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WB8QNI <i>c</i>	N8FDN <i>c</i>	WA8VZZ <i>c</i>
WB8OSF <i>h</i>	KA8VYV <i>h</i>	N8AWV <i>h</i>
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N8FWF/Charles Smith	NU8F/Joe Lucido
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WD8EGV/Art Sheff	N8YVC/Velma Ragon

Still Going . . .

Joe / K8OEF

Congratulations to all USECA'ns for the outstanding performance in the 1994 Field Day—SECOND PLACE in North America per QST—way-to-go! And now for the encore . . .

Someone asked what is “*Still Going.*” The answer is the EXPRESS. Without missing a heartbeat, editors have changed and not a single issue was missed. Speaking of issues, what a stellar job was done by our faithful, hard working and dedicated members. The finished product was dropped off on Monday evening; printed, folded and sealed on Tuesday evening; mailed on Wednesday and I received my copy on Thursday!

This being my second edition, I see where improvements can be made. As I said last month, it will continue to improve as we “go forward.” (There's that phrase again.)

I trust the EXPRESS improved enough to submit to ARNS. What's that? It stands for Amateur Radio News Service. Yep, even the editors have their own newsletter. Helpful ideas and suggestions are printed every month; and a sharing of articles is involved; enough to pass along to you provided the proper credits are given. Therefore, you will see some “stuff” and wonder where it came from—the credits will state its origin.

Speaking of ARNS, they are having a publications contest aimed at recognizing superior performance in amateur radio journalism, and evaluating club newsletters with suggestions for improvement. (General circulation magazines and professional journals are not eligible.) They require one copy of any issue dated July, 1993 through December, 1994. I will submit this issue and see what happens.

Let me list the criteria and you can see what they believe to be important in their judgment to arrive at a winner:

- A. General format (title, date and frequency of issue shown; identification of organization; names, addresses, phone of editor [oops] and officers; spelling and grammar; club meeting dates, place and time; layout, spelling and grammar).

- B. Appearance (overall layout and balance; pictures, cartoons, and graphics; type consistent and attractive, article and type spacing; reproduction quality; cover sheet, first page, header; easy to handle, open and read).
- C. Content (member contributions; editorials; club activity coverage; training and general amateur coverage; technical or operating articles; use of humor, puzzles, entertainment; serves special needs of members).

Papers will be grouped based on total scores computed by the judges and will be awarded a certificate falling into SUPERIOR, EXCELLENT, or GOOD categories. Along with the certificate, each club will receive copies of the judging sheets showing points awarded for each of the areas considered and each judge's summary critique of outstanding characteristics of their paper, with suggestions for improvement.

The ARNS BULLETIN will not publish scores, but will list entrants and awards. The decisions of the judges are final.

There it be! What the heck, perhaps we'll get good feedback on improving our EXPRESS.

Good Luck to all of you who are running for office in the December elections.

Remember, the deadline for copy in the EXPRESS is the night of the general meeting. You can contact me at (810) 781-0050, or mail your articles to me at: 12060 Cherokee Circle, Shelby Twp., MI 48315-1117.

Thanks to all of you on your comments of my very first edition (yes, I picked up the majority from Betty's hard work).

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

73 for now.



U.S.E.C.A. EXPRESS

USECA Board Meeting Minutes October 3, 1994

In attendance:

KF8AT	Floyd	President
KG8IF	Ann	Vice President
N8OKW	Jim	Recording Secretary
N8VLY	Joan	Membership Secretary
KF8CT	Dave	Board Member
WY8M	Arpad	Board Member
N8NQQ	Biff	Board Member
N8OEX	Earl	Past president
N8LXL	Betty	Editor
WB8E	Walt	
N8RRU	Gary	

Absent:

KB8QFY	Lynn	Treasurer
KG8IE	Scott	
N8KND	Doug	

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:40.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurers report was approved as submitted. A few of the Field Day receipts have not yet been received by the treasurer.

Membership

Joan reported that the current paid membership stands at 210.

Repeater Status

The back-up repeater is working well. Doug, N8KND is working on repairing the main unit. It is expected to be done by the end of November.

Activities

Fall Camp-out at Algonac

A small but enthusiastic group had a fun time. This will be the last campout for 1994. See you next spring.

Christmas Party

Possibility of party at Barrymores again. Betty has agreed to organize it again this year. The tentative date is Dec. 10 Th. It was agreed that we keep the door prize fund at no more than \$200.

Swap

October 23 is the date. Virginia reported that all is going well at this time. She needs people to sign up to help. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting. Over 75 tables have been sold to date. Expect to sell about 100. Joan will handle the money at the event.

Net Coordinator

To be announced at the meeting.

Newsletter

The newsletter for October is printed and was folded and addressed at the Board Meeting. With any cooperation from the post office, it will be in most members hands by the

meeting. Due to added workload, Betty regretfully is stepping down as editor. The Board has elected Joe, K8OEF, as the new editor.

Jackets

Hopefully, the last of the jackets will be done this Friday and be available at the meeting. Because of problems getting the jackets correct, a new source will be found.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Mickle, N8OKW, Recording Secretary

USECA Board Meeting Minutes November 1, 1994

In attendance:

KF8AT	Floyd	President
KG8IF	Ann	Vice President
N8OKW	Jim	Recording Secretary
N8VLY	Joan	Membership Secretary
KB8QFY	Lynn	Treasurer
KF8CT	Dave	Board Member
WY8M	Arpad	Board Member
N8NQQ	Biff	Board Member
K8OEF	Joe	Editor
N8KND	Doug	
WB8E	Walt	
Absent:		
N8OEX	Earl	Past president

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:40.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurers report was approved as submitted. The swap was a financial success.

Membership

Joan reported that the current paid membership stands at 211.

Repeater Status

The back-up repeater is working well. Doug, N8KND is working on repairing the main unit. It is expected to be ready to welcome in the new year. A new users guide will be required because of changes to the repeater.

Activities

Christmas Party

Party will be at Barrymores again on Saturday, December 10th. at 7:00. Reservations and payment will be accepted at the November meeting. Betty is organizing it again this year.

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USECA Board Meeting Minutes November 1, 1994 (Continued)

Newsletter

The November newsletter went in the mail on October 19th. We will be entering the Express in a newsletter contest.

Jackets

Another order will be taken at the November meeting. Anyone who wants to order a jacket, contact Ann, KG8IF. Cost is under \$40.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Mickle, N8OKW, Recording Secretary

USECA General Membership Meeting

November 8, 1994

Board Members in attendance:

KF8AT	Floyd	President
KG8IF	Ann	Vice President
KB8QFY	Lynn	Treasurer
KF8CT	Dave	Board Member
WY8M	Arpad	Board Member
N8OEX	Earl	Past president
N8VLY	Joan	Membership Secretary
N8OKW	Jim	Recording Secretary

Absent:

N8NQQ	Biff	Board Member
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The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:39 P.M.

All present introduced themselves. Attendance was approximately 60.

Upgrades:

Betty upgraded to married.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the Express.

The treasurers report was accepted as presented. Both the Field Day and Picnic expenses were considerably less than last year.

NOMINATIONS

The following members were nominated:

Floyd	KF8AT	President
Ann	KG8IF	Vice President
Lynn	KB8QFY	Treasurer
Jim	N8OKW	Recording Secretary
Joan	N8VLY	Membership Secretary
Arpad	WY8M	Board Member
Virginia	N8NLS	Board Member
Ray	N8WYP	Board Member
Betty	N8LXL	Board Member

Lee	KB8TOQ	Board Member
Kevin	N8QVX	Board Member
Phil	WA8ZOF	Board Member
Scott	KG8IF	Board Member

The election will held at the December meeting.

MEMBERSHIP, Joan, N8VLY

The membership now stands 214. Joan is taking renewals.

NET MANAGER, Lee, KB8TOQ

All nets, except Friday night are filled. See Lee if you would like to take a Hoot Owl Friday night net.

Activities

Field Day, Arpad, WY8M

As everyone knows, it was a great success. Great thanks to Arpad and Betty for all the organization work. We finished in the top 10 as was our goal!

Swap, Virginia, N8NLS

The top prize of \$300 was awarded. Kevin, N8QVX is the Chairman for 1995. Let him know how you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thumbs Up Road Rally, Jim, N8OKW

Radio operators are needed to provide communications on the 12th of November.

Christmas Party, December 10th, Betty N8LXL

The party this year will again be held at C. J. Barrymores. 7:00. Tickets are \$11.95. Call, write, or see Betty to make your reservations. The deadline to make reservations is the December meeting on December 6th.

TESTING, Bill, N8CVC

Testing is first Saturday of the month at the Salvation Army. We had 17 people testing last Saturday.

CERTIFICATES

Certificates for net participation were awarded to the following:

Arpad	WY8M	Nancy	KB8QMS
Al	N8ZRZ	Harry	W8VRW
Val	N8OEF	Walt	WB8E
Phil	WA8ZOF	Dave	KG8KZ
Joe	K8OEF	Kevin	N8QVX
Marion	N8MOJ	Ann	KG8IF
Floyd	KF8AT		

USECA Jackets Ann, KG8IF

Jacket orders are going well. Ann is taking orders. This will probably be the last order for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

James F. Mickle, N8OKW, Recording Secretary

From the Prez!

Floyd / KF8AT

Well, 1994 was a very good year! The Board of Directors were given certain goals and responsibilities by the membership. Some of those goals included: the incorporation of USECA (with its associated red tape), putting USECA into the Top Ten overall in North America for Field Day, getting the membership and accounting records up to date, reducing club expenditures (while not sacrificing the quality of club events), continuing to contribute to community events and providing help in emergency preparedness, always encouraging new people to enter the hobby and hopefully join the club and of course, encouraging members to upgrade their license status to increase the enjoyment of the hobby. In my eyes, the B.O.D. accomplished these goals during the course of the year. I firmly believe that this success was due to the Board and the membership working together as a team. I certainly could not have attained my goals without the continued help and support from the rest of the Board. So I wish to thank the entire B.O.D. for all the help and dedication that made all of our accomplishments possible. So with that, I wish to thank the entire membership for the opportunity to serve as your President and I also want to wish the best of luck to the new incoming Board. CUL!

MS-150 Bicycle Ride

Floyd / KF8AT

Back on July 9th and 10th of this year, Lissa and I participated in the MS-150. This bicycle ride is sponsored by the Michigan Multiple Sclerosis Society for the purpose of fund raising to battle this serious disease. The ride itself covered 150 miles in 2 days! Of course, participants had to secure pledges of money to qualify for the ride.

The ride started at the crack of dawn Saturday the 9th of July. Lissa and I were joined by Bob, N8SCQ and we pretty much rode the weekend together. We started out at Northville Downs and proceeded through the country side passing near Milford, Brighton, Whitmore Lake and on up to East Lansing where we were all treated to dorm rooms, hot showers and an all you can eat dinner before activities like basketball, volley ball, dancing, movies, etc.! The day's ride went extremely well, considering the storms that were rolling through the region for the previous few days. The forecast originally called for more storms, but lo and behold, Saturday morning was clear and sunny. Bob and I had our HTs along

for the ride and were able to keep in touch with each other by radio as well as monitor the repeater traffic from the ride officials. The weather held almost all day, the last 10 or 20 miles were ridden under cloudy skies with just the slightest hint of drizzle. I don't think anyone noticed though, with close to 60 miles on the trip odometer for the day, everyone was concerned with other more important things, like the comfort level of their tail ends, the muscle fatigue, flat tires, and the headwind we were riding into the whole way. When we all arrived at the Brody Complex at MSU at about 2 p.m. we all had ridden 73.48 miles, averaging 15.2 mph for a total riding time of 4 hours, 46 minutes and 55 seconds. The elapsed time of course, does not include the rest stops along the way. Well all actually felt pretty good. Of course, we all had been training most of the Spring for this ride. After a very welcome shower and a nap, we all gathered in the cafeteria for a well earned dinner with the requisite horror stories of the day's events. After dinner, Bob, Lissa and I opted for a movie instead of basketball, volleyball or dancing before bed. What a drag getting old. In my college days, I would have partied all night before riding back the next day.

After a good night's sleep, we awoke at 6 a.m., showered and headed to breakfast. After putting our overnight gear back on the trucks, we all climbed on the saddle at 7 a.m. and headed back towards Northville Downs. It was a little chilly for most in the early morning hours, but I was comfortable after the first few miles. It was cloudy until lunch time, but there was no hint of rain anywhere. We also had a little bit of a tailwind with us on Sunday's return trip. It was another fabulous day for a ride! We all rode into Northville Downs at 1:15 p.m., this time covering the 73.48 miles at an average speed of 16.6 mph for an elapsed time on the saddle of 4 hours 22 minutes and 36 seconds. As you can see, the wind did play a factor in our average speeds for both trips. After we put the bikes back on their carriers, we had a barbecue style lunch in the infield of the race track. The sun was shining and it was a gorgeous afternoon. It sure did turn out to be a beautiful weekend for a bicycle ride. Hope I can convince a few more USECANs to participate next year. It is a very rewarding experience.

I want to take the time to thank one and all that pledged to the MS Society through my ride. Every dollar helps and this IS a good cause. I am planning to ride the 1995 MS-150 and hope that I can depend on all of you to help support this worthy cause. I understand that this ride raised in excess of \$500,000.

Thoughts From The Veep

Reflections on 1994 Events

Ann / KG8IF

Our pre-field day picnic, held at Stoney Creek Metro Park in May, was enjoyed by over 115 Hams, family members and friends. As usual, we ate well, ragchewed, and played radio. We ran 7-alpha and made contacts ranging from the Caribbean to W1AW. Thanks to all who helped out. The enthusiasm generated at pre-field day helped to propel our club to the coveted TOP 10 IN NORTH AMERICA list—of course we're talking FIELD DAY 1994. WAY TO GO, GUYS AND GALS! For years, this goal has eluded us, making our placement this year all the sweeter. Thanks to Arpad, WY8M, Betty, N8LXL and all who helped in any way to engineer this massive event, in which we ran 16-alpha. Many of you worked very hard. As hams are always learning, modifications and improvements are already being planned for FD 95. I personally had a super time with my cohorts, Walt, WB8E and Ken, KF8RG at 15 CW and can't wait to do it again next year.

Other fun events this summer included 4 campouts—Memorial Day, Christmas in July and Mid-September Western theme at Algonac State Park, also the 2nd Annual Bay City State Park Campout in August. These events were well attended, since our mutual cookouts provide superb cuisine—we're talking some MAJOR feasts here—not to mention lots of socializing and radio run. We took turns

“hosting” and organizing the campouts—Marianne, N8TMJ did a particularly fine job with Christmas in July, thanks Marianne! By popular demand this will be a repeat event in 95. No outrageous stories to report this year, folks. I left any bags found on the ground strictly alone, and Mike, WX3L somehow managed not to park in a fire pit. He did, however, discover a new way of resting in a hammock, even though it didn't look all that graceful or comfortable to me. (See U.S.E.C.A. picture album.)

The annual club picnic, hosted by U.S.E.C.A., held July 31 in Port Huron was also a most enjoyable outing, and was attended by several other clubs.

I'm glad to report that romance is alive and well in U.S.E.C.A., as Betty, N8SIH and Jerry, K8CFY, got married this October. Many “USECans” turned out to see the deed done and watched with delight as Jerry carried his bride off in the back of an old pick up truck, complete with hay, old shoes, shotgun and all. Congratulations, Jerry and Betty.

In spite of the repeater problems, overall, 1994 has been a great year, the best ever, for our ever-growing club, largely due to the active participation, enthusiasm and friendliness of all of you who make up our special family.

Dues Due

Membership renewals are due in January. If mailing in renewals, or applications, please send them to my home address for more rapid attention. Remember, copies of licenses and upgrades are needed for the files. Thanks for your cooperation!

73 . . . Joan / N8VLY

Elections/Meeting

Refer to the minutes of the November 8, 1994 meeting for the nominations of officers. Remember, the elections will be at the December 6th meeting. (For December only, the monthly meeting is on the FIRST Tuesday.)

F.Y.I. . . .

Joe / K8OEF

For Your Information, U.S.E.C.A. receives newsletters from various radio clubs. The recent issues were given to me at the last board meeting and upon reviewing various issues, I can see where we will be able to share information. So, for the time being, I'll reserve some space for such articles.

The following were from various locales:

"Remember the story about four members named: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. With an important job to be done, Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was really Everybody's job. Everybody did think Anybody could do it, but Nobody came to realize that Everybody wouldn't do it. So it ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Everybody should have done."

Semara Signal/Ev Hawley/K8JTT

Amateurs by call sign group:

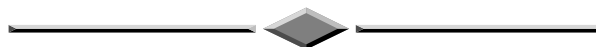
Group	Extra	Advan.	General	Technic.	Novice	Total
A	36968	647	230	6	0	37851
B	4613	30535	51	6	1	35036
C	15164	43777	66150	99424	39	224554
D	9193	36828	58158	136048	93757	333984
Other	4					4
Total	65942	112225	124589	235484	93797	631399

(Group "A"=2x1 & 2x2; "B"=2x2; "C"=1x3; "D"=2x3)

[Source: FCC Licensing Facility, Gettysburg, PA]

Testing . . .

Examinations for an Amateur License is held the FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (except July and August). Starting time is 7:15 p.m.; please do not arrive earlier. Walk-ins are welcomed. Test site is at the Salvation Army, 34 Grand, Mt. Clemens. You must have the following if testing: Picture I.D.; copy of your current license or completion certificates, if any. Birth certificate is accepted in lieu of picture I.D. For more information and the directions to the test site, contact Bill/N8CVC at: (810) 468-8345.



NET OP SCHEDULES

2 METER NETS

WEEK	(SUN. 1 pm)	(TUES. 8 pm)
1	KG8IF	WB8E
2	K8OEF	N8LXL
3	AA8MD	WY8M
4	N8QVX	KB8RBV
5	KB8RSH	N8VVH

HOOTOWL NETS

WEEK	(FRI. Midnight)
1	-OPEN-
2	-OPEN-
3	-OPEN-
4	-OPEN-
5	-OPEN-

CW NETS

WEEK	(THURS. 9 pm)	(FRI. 10 pm)
1	N8SCQ	W8VRW
2	N8SCQ	N8SCQ
3	N8SCQ	WA8ZOF
4	N8SCQ	N8MOJ
5	N8SCQ	W8VIJ

[Ed note: The following article is exactly as received from Arpad; written in his own unique style; complete and unabridged (as I hold my breath).]

yes boys and girls...

it's the

SOAPBOX

warning !!!

may contain partially hydrogenated words... and stuff.

Well, where do I begin? Been a while since I did an intro thingy, so... for the new folks out there in USECA land...

HI! I'm Arpad (WY8M). Been a club member (heh-heh...he said member) for six(?) years, on the board two different years, call used at FD twice, helped run team 80CW for over half a decade, ran the swap for two years, started a program to get ham books into our high schools, doin' VE testing fer a few years now, climbed the Messina tower and remote site towers several times doing antenna/hardline work as well as at the receive sites, been writing this column (not necessarily ham related) for 'bout four years now (WOW), and bunches of other stuff I've fergotten.

Oh yea... all this column writin' stuff is my opinion. It could be yours, too! For only \$19.95 plus shipping and fondling. Anyway, basically statin' fer da new kids... I've been around, baby!

Hey Jerry(K8CFY), thanx fer writin' that article. Unfortunately, it didn't answer any of the historical questions asked in my column many months ago. PLEASE BEG BEG PLEAD PLEAD Write more. Also, fix that Goldwing so we can go ridin' together next spring.

Found out I really like motorcycling. I mean, a lot. Like a whole lot. Unfortunately, I gotta travel twenty miles just ta get out a town enough to enjoy the two lane black tops. Can't wait 'till spring. Or that couple o' days in February where it warms up to 60° F. I'll be out there! Looking for a V-65 Magna. Had a V-45. Nice bikes. Now I got a new set of swap meets ta go to.

I think we need regularly published USECA stats or trivia. Trivia quote of the month. Or a Q & A kinda stat thing. A lot a' new people in the club could maybe quite possibly be curious 'bout where we've been and what we've done! You know, like how many FD's have we had? How many swaps? Where were they at? What's the attendance curve? at the meetings? at the picnics? at the pre-FD's??? When and where can we regularly view all these videos and pictures that have been amassed? Maybe a club statistician as well as a historian is needed. Need ta know where we've been and what we've done in order to plow ahead! Just a thought...

How 'bout a semi-annual stat report from the membership secretary? Ya know, how many of what class do we have? How many in what cities? Inquiring mind's want to know!

Say! How about that repeater! Sure has great coverage! Gosh. Gee. Sure'd be nice ta get out!

Really though, I think people now realize how important the repeater is to the club and it's unity. Don't know what ya got 'till it's gone. Problem now is that there is a chain of several people involved with the repeater project that are professional procrastinators. Self-admitted procrastinators. Yes, these are well intentioned good people, but still procrastinators.

Ya need more than good intentions, though. Intentions need to be followed thru. Yes, yes I know there can be extenuating circumstances. Such as: volunteer help. Can't criticize someone for a job their not being paid for. Such as: new or unforeseen obligations/ duties/ responsibilities. Things happen. Things change. Murphy exists.

What can ya do??? You (as a fellow USECAn) CAN try to help/ assist/ motivate/ coordinate/ slap/ smack/ kick the individual to assist getting the job done.

Or, look for another sucke... I mean qualified volunteer to do the job. I say this because I've seen our club suffer several times in the past with well intentioned people that wouldn't follow thru and DO the job! We waited and waited and waited. Seen it happen with treasurer, membership secretary, and swap positions in past years. Tired of seein' it. Don't wanna see it any more. Using a slightly translated but common phrase: DOO-DOO OR GET OFF THE BUCKET !! If yer not going to perform the duties of the position that you voluntarily accepted, step down and pass the torch to another qualified individual. There's nothing wrong with saying '**HEY**, I just can't do this without more help or someone taking over.'

Enough of that happy happy joy joy stuff, on to real journalism. yea right...

See?!?! I told ya we could make it into the top ten at FD! Now let's get into Letterman's top ten list. How 'bout some articles for next spring from the station chairs. It'll get us ready fer next year when we're 18A... mobile!!!

Didja know we're incorporated? Yep. Me, I'm waiting on the company cars!

Brought this up several times before. Hasn't flown yet. Whatcha think of the club buying an odd piece of property in west central Macomb county to put up a tower for our repeater? 150' - 200' free-stander would do it. With a shed (barn) big enough to store our repeater and club equipment. The plot would not havta be big and could be an irregular size (read cheap). Our main repeater access is extremely limited and the indoor location is most disgustingly dirty and dusty and very hot in the summer. Not good. Good would be to have 24 hr a day 7 day a week access to a clean

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and the indoor location is most disgustingly dirty and dusty and very hot in the summer. Not good. Good would be to have 24 hr a day 7 day a week access to a clean repeater site and equipment. HAHAHAHahaha. Well, it was a thought, anyway. Gotta have future plans...

Got my base antenna's up, finally! Look out hoot owl net. Got a signal now! Need an HF rig. Don't have any money. What to do. Sold my Icom 735 (down payment \$ for house) to Jim(N8NXO) and haven't heard him on VHF/UHF since. Sure would like to buy it back. Miss those 6-7-8 hour streaks on HF playin' CW on 30M with my cast laying across the desk. Don't miss the cast! Or the wheelchair or crutches (was hit by car last year while on bike). Yep. Hope to get back on this winter. Miss CW rag chewin' on 30M.

Just got a line on a pair of Drake's and a Johnson Viking and a Hallicrafters receiver. Yes, Jeff(KF8XO), if I sell, I'll call ya this time! Want ta get the twins working for the winter. The tubes'll help warm the shack an' my keyin' fingers.

Hey! We got a hard working treasurer Lynn (KB8QFY) and a hard working membership secretary Joan (N8VLY). DON'T piss them off!!! We don't want ta lose them.

The Hoot Owl net. Used ta be a rip roarin' time. For the new kiddie's... This net used to primarily discuss(?) non-ham related topics. God knows there's too many ham topic related nets already. Stuff like muscle cars on Gratiot or Woodward, Where was the weirdest place you've 'done it', favorite road kill recipes, and the like were past topics. Sometimes the nets got controversial. That's good. A little heated discussion never permanently disfigured anyone. That's why it's at midnite when the little ones are unconscious, or should be! It was preferred that the NCO's were under the influence of some controlled substance. More fun that way. Lately the nets haven't happened. The normal(read warped) crowd that hung during those nets have different schedules, including me. BUT, now with the new base set up, I plan to help revive the old spirit. Maybe we'll even log net points... if I feel like it! During the net, some will be invited to join in the jocularities ensuing in the shack.

AND REMEMBER... uhhhh... oh yea. All RF receivers come with on/off switches and frequency selectors. Exercise those flabby fingers.

humbly yours,
WY8Me

P.S. I'll save the political statements for later.

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(80-10m 300 watt) SSB-AM-CW	
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(matching speaker and power supply)	
Drake W4 wattmeter (200/2000 watts)	45.00
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Extraneous tubes	15.00
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Includes all manuals & alignment guide	
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Gary / N8RRU

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Call	Name	Pts.	Call	Name	Pts.
WX3L	MIKE	20	KB8QFY	LYNNE	30
KA7KZO	JOHN	25	KB8QLZ	GARY	14
KB8AKS	JERRY	1	KB8QMP	BILL	12
* KF8AT	FLOYD	54	* KB8QMS	NANCY	53
WD8BRE	ED	3	* N8QVX	KEVIN	62
W8BYR	BILL	1	KB8QXB	SUE	22
K8CFY	JERRY	39	KB8QXD	RANDY	37
KF8CT	DAVE	32	KB8RBV	MANNY	47
N8CVC	BILL	10	N8RHT	RICK	11
AA8CY	BRIAN	2	N8RRU	GARY	34
AA8DD	BOB	2	KB8RSH	MARTY	32
WB8E	WALT	47	N8RUE	EDDIE	22
WB8FNQ	GREG	1	N8RUH	TJ	29
KB8GPO	KEN	10	KB8RVR	DON	1
WB8H	GORDIE	11	N8SCQ	BOB	27
AA8HF	DARWIN	9	KB8SFL	JIM	2
N8HZE	KEN	5	KB8SFN	DON	6
KG8IE	SCOTT	41	KB8SGT	DON	1
* KG8IF	ANN	61	N8SIH	BETTY	26
* WD8IFL	DAVE	51	KB8SRB	STAN	11
WD8IWE	SHIRLEY	1	KB8SRD	KEN	5
W8JEK	BOB	4	KB8TAS	JERRY	4
N8JEX	RICH	6	N8TKK	DENNIS	2
AA8JN	FRANK	7	N8TLC	BILL	6
N8JXW	BILL	1	KB8TLQ	LEE	1
N8KEF	CHRIS	1	N8TMJ	MARIANNE	32
KG8KM	HAL	12	KB8TOQ	LEE	5
N8KND	DOUG	7	N8UJK	HELEN	3
N8KNS	DON	4	N8UJL	SARA	15
* KG8KZ	DAVE	52	KB8UNX	MARK	1
N8LXL	BETTY	9	N8VBH	PAT	11
KB8LYA	FRED	27	N8VLY	JOAN	16
AA8LZ	BILL	14	N8VLZ	GORDIE	38
* WY8M	ARPAD	57	N8VMH	DAVE	11
KF8MB	MEL	11	N8VOH	KATHY	24
AA8MD	ERIC	47	N8VTF	DON	36
N8MIJ	JIM	9	N8VVH	LINDA	48
N8NAV	MARK	2	N8WMY	JIM	4
KA8NDY	DAN	6	N8WYP	RAY	30
N8NQQ	BIFF	26	N8XCZ	ELIZABETH	31
N8OAE	ERNIE	9	N8XRC	BILL	10
* K8OEF	JOE	89	N8XSF	EUGENE	1
N8OEF	VAL	11	N8XSM	GENE	9
N8OEM	BARB	16	N8YBY	LEONARD	4
N8OEV	DAVE	29	N8YJI	DINA	44
N8OEX	EARL	14	* N8YVC	VELMA	70
N8OKW	JIM	44	N8YVD	KELLY	9
N8OWI	COLE	32	N8YWS	STAN	33
KB8QDT	CASE	1	WB8ZJL	PAUL	20
KB8QFR	JIM	29	WA8ZOF	PHIL	17
KB8QFT	DENNIS	4	* N8ZRZ	AL	51

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KEN (KF8RG)

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TOP 20 CONTESTANTS

No.	Call	Name	Pts.	Totals
1 *	K8OEF	JOE	25	89
2 *	N8YVC	VELMA	13	70
3 *	N8QVX	KEVIN	10	62
4 *	KG8IF	ANN	16	61
5 *	WY8M	ARPAD	10	57
6 *	KF8AT	FLOYD	15	54
7 *	KB8QMS	NANCY	10	53
8	KG8KZ	DAVE	12	52
9	WD8IFL	DAVE	10	51
10	N8ZRZ	AL	13	51
11	N8VVH	LINDA	7	48
12	AA8MD	ERIC	17	47
13	WB8E	WALT	11	47
14	KB8RBV	MANNY	14	47
15	N8OKW	JIM	12	44
16	N8YJI	DINA	6	44
17	KG8IE	SCOTT	10	41
18	K8CFY	JERRY	10	39
19	N8VLZ	GORDIE	6	38
20	K8CFY	RANDY	3	37

Date: 11/04/94, KEN (KF8RG)

Net Point Explanation

Ken / KF8RG

- (1) CW NCO = 4 pts; CW Check-in = 2 pts
FM NCO = 3 pts; FM Check-in = 1 pt
- (2) Net points can *only* be awarded as I receive them. (Net control ops; It is *your responsibility* to get your check-in sheets to me as soon as is possible and as complete and legible as possible!)
- (3) Point totals are as of the date noted at the foot of each net point list. Check-in sheets that arrive later will not be noted until the following month.
- (4) FM and CW net points are tallied *separately* and separate awards made.
- (5) If you change your call, it is *your* responsibility to let me know or your records will be wrong! The FCC hasn't yet allowed me access to their database.
- (6) A (*) by your name means an award is due. Awards are presented at USECA's monthly meetings. If you can't make it, please arrange for someone else to pick it up.
- (7) To save space here, and avoid using half of the club paper as a score sheet, I am again resorting to suppressing records. As has been my practice, if you have not checked into a net in approximately 3 months (FM), 6 months (CW), your call will not be listed. Simply check into a net to get back on the list with all past points credited. Note the "Displayed xxx of xxx"; the second number is the total number of records.

Please *mail* check-in sheets to KF8RG, Ken Coughlin, 53762 Kristin Ct., Shelby Twp, MI 48316-2240.

1994 CW NET POINTS

TOP CONTESTANTS

Call	Name	Pts.	Call	Name	Pts.
KB0LFA	PETER	2	AA8MD	ERIC	4
WX3L	MIKE	20	* N8MOJ	MARION	96
WX3M	DON	4	* N8OEF	VAL	52
KC5EPH	BRIAN	2	N8OSU	RANDY	2
* KF8AT	FLOYD	116	WD8PLQ	GAYLEN	20
KF8CT	DAVE	2	KB8QEN	GARY	18
AA8CY	BRIAN	28	N8QFL	DAN	4
* WB8E	WALT	68	KF8RG	KEN	6
WD8FDU	NEEDNAME	2	N8RHV	JAY	2
WB8H	GORDIE	2	N8SCQ	BOB	46
KG8IE	SCOTT	12	WA8TOB	CHARLIE	2
KG8IF	ANN	20	* WA8VLJ	GULLIVER	4
WD8IFL	DAVE	14	W8VRW	HARRY	156
AA8JN	FRANK	2	N8WYP	RAY	2
* KG8KZ	DAVE	80	KF8XO	JEFF	2
KG8LB	NEEDNAME	2	* KF8YT	SCOTT	4
WA8LCZ	BYRON	12	WB8ZJL	PAUL	8
AA8LZ	BILL	2	WA8ZOF	PHIL	56
WY8M	ARPAD	16	N8ZSC	HAL	8

No.	Call	Name	Pts	Total
1	* W8VRW	HARRY	80	156
2	* KF8AT	FLOYD	64	116
3	* N8MOJ	MARION	50	96
4	* KG8KZ	DAVE	42	80
5	* WB8E	WALT	30	68
6	* WA8ZOF	PHIL	24	56
7	* N8OEF	VAL	8	52
8	N8SCQ	BOB	0	46
9	AA8CY	BRIAN	6	28
10	WD8PLQ	GAYLEN	2	20
11	WX3L	MIKE	0	20
12	KG8IF	ANN	6	20
13	KB8QEN	GARY	12	18
14	WY8M	ARPAD	0	16
15	WD8IFL	DAVE	2	14
16	WA8LCZ	BYRON	10	12
17	KG8IE	SCOTT	0	12
18	WB8ZJL	PAUL	2	8
19	N8ZSC	HAL	2	8

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NO-CODE vs "KNOW CODE"

In October's "World Radio" magazine and in the November issue of the "Express," morse code, as a requirement for HF privileges, was the subject of some speculation. Both, in some way, mentioned the assumed imminent demise of morse code and it's supposed irrelevance in today's world of high speed data links, spread spectrum, and other advanced technologies. Some have gone as far as to assert that the FCC's Morse Code proficiency requirement for HF should be lifted. As an avid fan of CW, and for the sake of the Amateur Hobby, it is my fervent hope that the HF CW requirement be retained as it now stands.

The FCC Morse Code requirement is seen by some as a "barrier," erected to somehow filter the new amateurs coming into our hobby (and the HF bands) . . . Not True! The Morse code requirement for the HF bands (5 WPM) stems from the ITU's (International Telegraphy Union's) rule requiring a fundamental skill in receiving and sending morse code. While the FCC is at liberty to change the CW speed required for the General and Extra licenses, it would take an international consensus to do away with code as a requirement for the bands below 30 MHz.

Morse Code, as a means of wireless communication, requires the least complex equipment to send and receive. CW technology is thus less expensive to buy

or build, making it the mode of choice for many third world Amateurs. QRP CW transceivers that can fit in a Cracker-Jack box are not uncommon and some transmitters can be small enough to fit inside a 35mm film container (ala the "Oner" of QST fame). It is also the most efficient mode, requiring the least bandwidth, and the lowest signal/noise ratio to effectively communicate. It's no wonder that QRP enthusiasts largely prefer this mode of operation!

I'll grant you, morse code is dying as a means of routine communication other than recreational. It is much slower and more laborious than most other modes. Sadly, even the Navy and Coast Guard no longer use it much and are in the process of phasing it out almost entirely in favor of high speed data links via satellite. Historically though, Morse Code has always been useful as a "last resort" mode to get the message delivered when all else fails. This *potential* alone should be enough for any Ham to see the value of Morse Code. Since Amateurs have the reputation of being the last line of defense in communication, don't *you* think we should continue the HF Morse Code requirement?

Do you remember the American Lieutenant Colonel, shot down in North Vietnam, paraded in front of TV cameras in Hanoi and made to confess alleged U.S. war crimes? Then you'll also recall his message, sent in Morse Code with blinks of his eyes . . . (- --- .- .- -..

.-.) T-O-R-T-U-R-E! He simply had no other way to communicate his desperate situation to viewers. P.O.W.'s throughout this century have used morse code to communicate discreetly amongst themselves during internment, tapping out messages, plans, and encouragement to each other on prison walls.

Code, as a method of communication between hams, has a way of teaching good operating habits . . . in a CW QSO, if the sending station suddenly ends his transmission without a procedural sign (AR, KN, K or BK), the other station is left wondering what happened. Accuracy and a readable fist are also important, in fact almost as important as the message itself! Without both, the message is lost in confusion at the receiving end.

Your fist, as you become more proficient at CW, has a sound all it's own, especially on a straight key. In this respect, CW can be an art form, with each operator having his/her own unique style. An operator using a "bug" (a mechanical keyer) can have a truly identifiable style. On occasion, as I tune across the bands, I'll recognize a "fist" I've heard before and sure enough it'll be an old friend.

Yes, code can be difficult to learn for some of us, but there are many examples of Amateurs who have beaten that challenge. Blind hams, deaf hams and paraplegics . . . even one amateur who passed his 20 wpm from the confines of an iron lung, using a straw to blow on a reed switch . . . all were hams far more challenged by code than most of us ever will be! To initially learn Morse Code is the hardest part. Getting to know all 42 characters and prosigns can seem daunting, but by setting aside approximately 20 minutes a day, twice a day, *every* day, most people have little difficulty learning the code at 5 words per minute in four to six weeks. Practice tapes worked for me, others use computers, some copy off the air, any method that works is the best one for you. Now is the time, with winter upon us, and yard work done till spring, to set aside the time needed to learn, upgrade or hone your skills in CW. Join the fun during USECA's CW nets, listed on the front page. Try out CW on the VHF/UHF bands if you've got the gear or just use an oscillator and practice sending back and forth with a friend.

Don't get me wrong! This is not a diatribe against No-coders! Many no-coders I've tested as a VE have gone on to learn code and upgrade. The codeless Technician tickets are an excellent way to get a taste of Amateur Radio on the bands above 30 MHz and whet the appetite for more! Most get involved with many other aspects of the hobby than just using the local repeater. I only mean to encourage more new hams to learn Morse Code and to reap for

themselves the enjoyment this time-honored mode of communication can bring. Knowing code is what distinguishes our service from all the others . . . it is the glue that binds us . . . our common bond. (Even if it's only so you know which of the repeater's remote receive sites is ID'ing) . . . Besides, we need more CW ops for Field Day '95!

73 . . . KF8RG



NET POINT NOTES

The new Net Awards are in! Many thanks to John Sonnenfeld (KA7KZO), whose layout talent and graphics expertise helped make the new and more colorful certificates possible. I am hoping that the first awards will be signed and ready for presentation at November's general membership meeting. Please be there if you have an award coming or ask someone to pick it up for you if possible.

Judging from where the point tally is at this time, I'll make the prediction that we'll be handing out, by years end, approximately 35-40 FM awards and maybe 15 or so CW awards. The certificates will be serial numbered to designate 1st awarded and so on. So . . . if your point tally isn't too far from an award, start checking in regularly or taking nets and maybe earn *two* before time runs out! In February or March of '95 I will be awarding "1994 Net Point Champion" plaques to the top CW and FM contenders for the year.

The Swap . . . A success, but I was a bit disappointed with the vendor turnout; quite a few empty tables as compared to last year. Attendance seemed to be a bit off too. Hope we can turn this around next year—the swap supports most of what we do as a club! The VE exam session during the swap went smoothly with approximately 25 examinees testing. We all owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who donated their time to make the swap work, whether on the floor, at the door, or in the VE session.

As usual, I'd like to thank those Net Op's who got their check-in sheets to me promptly this month . . . Joe (K8OEF), Marion (N8MOJ), Eric (AA8MD), Arpad (WY8M), and Phil (WA8ZOF).

Till next month . . . Ken (KF8RG)



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Restaurant Review

The Cheapskate Gourmet

SERO'S in Rochester and Chesterfield

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quality</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Ambiance</u>	<u>Smoke Free</u>
\$	☆☆☆	☆☆☆	☆☆☆	☆	☆☆

Sero's is a Greek restaurant that is a cut above the average. While they are both typical, stand alone, family restaurants, their food is much better than average. Not only do they have an extensive menu of American and Greek entrees, they typically have at least six specials that include soup, salad, entree, potatoes vegetable and desert. You are often better off to leave the vegetable on the plate as it is typically canned and not up to the rest of the food. The cost of the specials range from about \$4.95 to \$7.95, with most of them in the \$6.00 range. They also have the usual hamburgers and an extensive assortment of sandwiches for those who are not ready for a full meal.

One of their outstanding meals is lamb chops. They are as good as you can find anywhere, and much more reasonable. The lamb shank is also outstanding. Of course, they have the flaming Greek cheese as an appetizer. Morning breakfast may be the best buy almost anyplace. They serve two eggs, meat (choice of bacon, ham or sausage), toast for \$1.49. Add potatoes, and the price goes up to only \$1.95. This is seven days a week, no rip-offs on the weekend. They also have an omelet of the day for less than \$2.50. Be sure to ask for the thick cut Greek toast to go with your breakfast, it is great.

If you want fancy surroundings, don't go to Sero's. A paper place mat on the Formica table is about all you can expect.

Service is almost too fast at times. You hardly get a chance to catch your breath between courses. If you find a line waiting for a table, don't despair. You will be seated shortly.

There is a large no smoking area. Ventilation is good, so smoke does not seem to be a problem most of the time. This may be in part due to the speedy service. You don't have time to light a cigarette between courses.

If you want excellent Greek food, there is no reason to go to Greektown. Sero's has better food and the price is about 1/2 of what you would pay in Detroit, plus the parking is free. The food is very good and the portions excellent. What more could you want, except for fancy surroundings.

The Rochester location is at Livernois and University Drive, about 2 miles west of town. The Chesterfield store is on Gratiot about 22 Mile Rd. In addition the Rochester and Chesterfield locations, there are two others, in Lapeer and Southfield that have not been reviewed.

Key: \$ <\$10 \$\$ 10-15 \$\$\$ 15-20 \$\$\$\$ >\$20 for a complete meal.

☆ Fair ☆☆ Good ☆☆☆ Very Good ☆☆☆☆ Excellent

Restaurant Review by The Cheapskate Gourmet is planned as a regular column in the EXPRESS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



*From all of us,
To each and everyone of you.*

The U.S.E.C.A. Board

Presented, October 1994

CONSTITUTION OF UTICA SHELBY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association, Inc. (U.S.E.C.A., Inc.)

ARTICLE II PREAMBLE

We the members, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, have joined together as the U.S.E.C.A., Inc. amateur radio club and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further public relations emergency communications activities, training, technical advancement of the club members, operation activities and other miscellaneous activities.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in amateur radio communications, that is the amateur radio service as defined by the Federal Communications Commission, shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the organization and shall meet regularly to determine such policies necessary for the continued growth and welfare of the organization.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

The officers of the organization shall be licensed amateurs and shall be the governing body to oversee the meetings.

ARTICLE VI A.R.R.L.

This organization shall conform to any and all provisions required for affiliation with the American Radio Relay League (A.R.R.L.).

BY-LAWS

UTICA SHELBY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, INC. (U.S.E.C.A., INC.)

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Eligibility

All persons interested in amateur radio communications, that is the amateur radio service as defined by the Federal Communications Commission, shall be eligible for membership.

SECTION 2. Voting

Each member shall be eligible to vote on each matter brought before the membership for a vote.

- A. Voting on major topics such as Election of Officer/Change in Constitution, By-Laws shall be determined by a favorable majority of a ballot vote with absentee ballots being accepted. All ballots shall be mailed to the Nomination Committee (or Board of Directors depending on the subject of the vote) to arrive at least two days prior to the next meeting, or being brought in person to the next meeting.
- B. Voting on minor topics shall be brought before the general membership at a regular meeting and shall be determined by a majority of a yea/no vote or show of hands, whichever method the officers decide to use.

SECTION 3. Expulsion of Members

Any member may be expelled from the organization for misconduct by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting. This meeting will take place after the membership has been sent notice stating that there is a motion on the floor to expel a member. Any such motion must be reviewed by the Board of Directors before being posted.

- A. Misconduct is defined as any willing and repeated infraction of the rules and regulations of the F.C.C., any other laws pertaining to the amateur service, or public misconduct so as to reflect unfavorably upon U.S.E.C.A., Inc. or its members.

ARTICLE II DUES

SECTION 1.

The organization, by recommendation by the Board of Directors, and by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the club organization, within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble.

- A. Dues shall be levied on each of the following categories:
 - Regular membership; with or without autopatch privileges
 - Family membership; with or without autopatch privileges

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- B. The membership period shall extend from January 1 of any given year, through and including December 31 of said year with dues prorated throughout the year.
- C. A member who is in arrears (dues and/or assessments) for a period exceeding 6 weeks may have his membership terminated and will be dropped from the roster. A member dropped from the roster has no voting privileges and cannot serve as an officer or committee head.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Officers

The officers of the organization shall be: President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer. Only members in good standing who are licensed amateurs at the time of election shall be officers.

SECTION 2. Term of Office

- A. The officers of the organization shall be elected for a term of one year, which shall run from January 1 through December 31 with the exception of the Treasurer and Membership Secretary whose term of office will be June 1 through May 31. The election meeting shall take place at the December meeting, after nominations at the November meeting.
- B. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by a special election at the first regular meeting, upon Board approval of said vacancy.

SECTION 3. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Officers may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of the members present at the next scheduled meeting. This shall be upon written notice to said officer and by recommendation of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

All officers may enlist volunteer assistants as necessary to fulfill the duties of the office.

All officers are charged with keeping accurate records as may be necessary for their position and turning over to their successor, upon expiration of their term, any and all items belonging to the club.

SECTION 1. President

The President shall reside at all meetings of the organization conduct them according to the rules adopted by the club, make appointments to committees and be responsible for the operation of the organization. He/she shall oversee all club activities.

SECTION 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President when he/she is absent and assist the President in the affairs of the club.

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SECTION 3. Secretary, Corresponding

The Corresponding Secretary shall keep all minutes of meetings as deemed necessary, maintain all correspondence for the club, notify the membership of all communications to the club and oversee the mailing of written notices for all special meetings. He/she shall keep the club Constitution and By-Laws and have the same, with any and all amendments, changes and additions, available at all meetings for any inquiries by the membership.

SECTION 4. Secretary, Membership

The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the membership roster, keeping same accurate and up-to-date and having the information available at all club meetings. He/she shall also be responsible for all membership cards, new member information and for seeing that each new member receives all information necessary. He/she shall contact the Technical Director to notify of a quick dial number for a member requesting same.

SECTION 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall accept and deposit in the club account, all moneys collected by the club, make disbursements as authorized by the club and shall be responsible for, and keep an accurate record of, the financial status of the club. Any disbursement over \$100 shall be brought before the membership for approval.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers (President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer), the immediate Past President and three elected members. They shall be the governing body of the organization and shall meet regularly to determine such policies necessary for the continued growth and welfare of the organization. The three elected members at large of the Board of Directors shall be responsible for filing all necessary tax and corporate papers as assigned by the President.

If, for any reason, the Past President is unable to serve on the Board of Directors, an elected member shall take his/her place.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Regular Meetings

Regularly scheduled general membership meetings shall be held at least once each month with the exception of the months of July and August. A quorum for the meetings for the transaction of business shall be 10% of the total membership. Meetings are open to all organization members and guests. Only members in good standing shall have a vote in the proceedings.

SECTION 2. Special/Emergency Meetings

Special or Emergency meetings may be scheduled by the Board of Directors as deemed necessary. Written notice shall be sent to all members at least one (1) week prior to the meeting except in an emergency when the announcement shall be verbal.

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SECTION 3. Board of Directors Meetings

Board of Directors meetings shall be held at least once each month. A quorum for the Board of Directors meetings for the transaction of business shall be five (5) board members. Meetings are open to all organization members. Only the Board of Directors shall have a vote in the proceedings.

ARTICLE VII REPEATER TRUSTEE

The Trustee shall be appointed, or changed, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be responsible for, and maintain proper operation of, the repeater according to the rules of the FCC. He/she shall appoint control operators and control monitors as needed for the proper operation of the repeater.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES OF THE CLUB

The need for committees shall be determined by the membership through the daily activities of the club. The President shall appoint or request a volunteer to chair each committee as needed. Each committee chairperson shall be responsible for appointing assistants or requesting volunteers as needed to complete the work of the committee.

ARTICLE IX CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

Major changes and restructuring to the By-Laws may not be accomplished more than once every three years although amendments may be requested when appropriate. The process to add or rescind By-Laws is to present the change to the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting, have it printed in the newsletter for the entire membership to review and return ballot votes the following meeting per Article I, Section 2, Voting.

ARTICLE X CLUB FUNDS

It is the wish of the membership that if the Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Association, Inc. (U.S.E.C.A., Inc.) disbands as a club, that all equipment owned by the club be sold. All funds from the sale, along with any other funds of the organization shall be donated to the organization known as Handy-Hams. This organization is properly named Courage Handy-Ham System and is located at 3915 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55422.

LISTING OF COMMITTEES/DIRECTORS FOR U.S.E.C.A., INC.

Technical Director: The Technical Director shall be responsible for the repeater and all equipment and distribution of any and all codes, such as quick dial numbers.

Editor: The Editor of the club bulletin shall be responsible for the proper write-up and distribution of the club paper. If for any reason the club newspaper cannot be mailed to the membership, arrangements should be made for a postcard to go out to all members reminding them of any meeting or activity during that month.

Activities: The Activities Chairperson shall oversee, with the assistance of a chairperson for each activity, all special club activities, such as the swap, field day, club picnic, holiday dinner, fox hunt, etc. and starting new activities or special activities for the club as appropriate.

Program Director: The Program Director shall have the responsibility to provide a program for the general membership meetings.

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Net Coordinator: The Net Coordinator shall be responsible for the club nets, seeing that all nets have a manager. He/she shall maintain all net points and certificate information for club members wishing to participate in a certificate program.

Refreshment Chairperson: The Refreshment Chairperson shall be responsible for refreshments at club meetings and all club supplies for refreshments (paper cups, plates, plasticware, etc.) to be used by the membership.

Swap and Shop Chairperson: The Swap and Shop Chairperson shall be responsible for the Swap and Shop, seeing that all areas are staffed, advertising/flyers are sent out and that spaces are properly allotted and sold.

Field Day Chairperson: The Field Day Chairperson shall be responsible for Field Day, seeing that an appropriate area is found, that all stations and special areas have someone to head them and coordination equipment.

Mailers/Sorters: These people are volunteers (more are always welcome) who help put the newsletter together and make sure it goes out on time to the membership.

Hats and Badges Coordinator: The Hats and Badges Coordinator makes sure that if any hats or badges are requested by the membership that the order is filled with all pertinent information in a timely fashion.

Health and Welfare Coordinator: The Health and Welfare Coordinator makes sure that flowers or cards are sent to any club member should a death or sickness occur in their immediate family.

Club Historian: The Club Historian is responsible for keeping a history of the club through any and all means possible; newsletters, pictures, scrap book, videos. This should include all club activities and community work.

ARRL Liaison: The club ARRL Liaison is responsible for maintaining a good relationship with ARRL, keeping the club abreast of information coming from ARRL, any books or videos that are available and reminding the members of the club affiliation and reimbursement.

Nomination Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of three to five members and have the responsibility to investigate the possibilities for future officers of the club from the membership. After contacting the possibilities and gaining a positive answer, they shall present the slate of officers in November, accepting nominations from the floor. The slate of officers shall then be printed in the club newsletter with a short biography, and voted on at the December meeting following the procedure in Article I, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 CW NET (21.140) 9:00 P.M.	2 CW NET (21.140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	3 TESTING SALVATION ARMY
4 HAZEL PARK SWAP 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18	5	6 "ELECTIONS" GENERAL MEETING 7:30 P.M.	7	8 CW NET (21.140) 9:00 P.M.	9 CW NET (21.140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	10 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
11 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18	12	13 2 METER NET 8:00 P.M. 147.18	14	15 CW NET (21.140) 9:00 P.M.	16 CW NET (21.140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	17
18 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18	19	20 2 METER NET 8:00 P.M. 147.18	21	22 CW NET (21.140) 9:00 P.M.	23 CW NET (21.140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	24 
25 CHRISTMAS 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18	26	27 2 METER NET 8:00 P.M. 147.18	28	29 CW NET (21.140) 9:00 P.M.	30 CW NET (21.140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION APPLICATION

DATE _____ NEW RENEWAL NEWSLETTER ONLY

CALL _____ CLASS _____ AUTO-PATCH _____

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # _____ PRINT IN ROSTER YES NO

BIRTHDATE _____

MEMBER: ARRL YES NO RACES YES NO ARES YES NO

COPY OF CURRENT LICENSE FOR U.S.E.C.A. FILE

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY:

CALL _____ CLASS _____

NAME _____

BIRTHDATE _____

MEMBER: ARRL YES NO RACES YES NO ARES YES NO

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES (INCLUDES NEWSLETTER)

REGULAR: \$20 - FAMILY: \$30

NEWSLETTER (ONLY): \$8 - AUTO-PATCH: \$35 (ONE-TIME FEE) + ANNUAL DUES

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **U.S.E.C.A.**

APPLICATIONS CAN BE GIVEN TO MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AT MONTHLY MEETINGS OR MAIL TO:

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