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## Grand Finale! 1998 Awards Program

Ken, N8KC (ex-KF8RG)

THIS IS MY last article as USECA Awards Manager. I sure hope Delphine, as our new Awards Manager, has as much fun as I've had for the past 7 years. This month's netpoint database listing is the last word for 1998 and my final. You'll notice that I did not include all the callsigns in the database, so as to save space in the *Express* and to make room for the "Top Ten" listings for the past several years—a historical look at net attendance, if you will.

1998 was a terrific year for USECA's net awards program. Over the course of the past year, I prepared 37 VHF awards (50 pt. certificates), 12 HF awards, and over 50 additional USECA gold seals (for points earned beyond 50)—a new annual record!

Throughout the past year, I've been keeping a record of the net logs I do receive. Dave (KC8IAQ), as USECA's Net Manager, has done an admirable job of tracking down missing net logs for me throughout the year by contacting scheduled NCOs where necessary and forwarding the information via packet. Judging from what logs I *don't* have, and compensating for nets that may *never* have occurred, I've added a number of points to the totals of those of you who were *close* to earning an award. No-one should feel shortchanged as I was quite generous.

At January's general membership meeting, USECA's annual HF/VHF "Top Op" awards were presented to Richard Brege (K8QLM) for his record breaking HF netpoint score and likewise to Dave Cunningham (KC8IAQ) for his exceptional VHF score, also a record! Both of these dedicated hams earned *more* official USECA gold seals in 1998 than there is room for on their awards!

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## Some Thoughts On Morse Code

Arpad, WY8M

THERE STILL SEEMS to be several factions pushing for the reduction or the complete elimination of code requirements for amateur radio licensing. So far, none of the arguments provided form any logical reason to abolish these simple test elements.

First off, learning code is part of a requirement (read: work) to earn a privilege. Earning a privilege makes you respect it. Some hams or ham wanna-be's whine and complain about this. That's human nature. Not all people are willing to work for something, or respect those who have. To hear some of these geniuses moan, you'd think that learning CW involves a major effort. It doesn't. Some think practicing CW takes a lot of time. It doesn't. If you can't spend 20 minutes a day learning code, when where you planning on actually operating HF?

Should we reduce or remove restrictions on ALL licensing now to include those unfortunate people who cannot exert their gray matter? Does the commercial airline pilot think the Cessna jockey should be upgraded to his equivalent just because it's too hard to learn all that flying stuff? Does the professor hand out free diplomas to his students because they're lazy and too unmotivated to make an effort? Does the doctor hand the scalpel to the orderly who wanted to be a physician, but didn't 'feel' like taking the time to learn? I think not.

I agree that CW, compared to other digital modes, is slower and older. Faster computer digital modes exist. But, code can get thru when the rest of those modes won't. Code is versatile. It can be sent by sound, sight, and touch. And, it uses the greatest computer known to mankind—the human mind!

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## License Fraud

THE FCC HAS acted in several Amateur Radio cases where it appears that individuals attempted to obtain an Amateur Radio license or upgrade by fraud or misrepresentation.

On December 14, the FCC downgraded two amateur licensees and canceled the ticket of a third in Michigan. Busted from Advanced to Tech Plus were Lawrence A. Repp Jr., N8HFN, and Alan E. Quirie, KA8ZRR. The FCC pulled the Tech Plus ticket of Steven A. Penn, formerly KC8HUM. The FCC had not updated its database as of December 17.

The Commission said the three filed amateur applications claiming to have taken Amateur examinations at Oak Park, Michigan, on June 3, 1997, at an ARRL VEC session. The FCC says its evidence shows that the three did not sit for the exams. It says their names "were added and signatures forged, sometime after the tests were administered, by one of the four examiners." That examiner--the father of one of the exam candidates involved--reportedly forwarded the session package on behalf of the VE team to the ARRL VEC for FCC filing.

The FCC said that three of the examiners knew nothing of the scheme. The other three VEs brought the situation to the attention of the ARRL VEC and the FCC. The FCC said it would act in the case of the fourth examiner by month's end. The Commission also is looking into possible enforcement action against another ham whose name was added to the list after the test session but whose application never was submitted to the FCC.

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Next Meeting — February 9 — (At Salvation Army)

## Silent Key

Member: Doc, KG8YX passed away on January 15, 1999—long remembered as our favorite resident of "RottenChester."  
73 to Doc

## Revised '99 Campout Dates/Locations

April 9-11—Tawas (CANCELED)

May 28-31—Lakeport

June 25-27—Field Day Weekend

July 23-25—Christmas in July—Algonac

August 6-15—Tawas

September 3-6—Labor Day Weekend—Tawas or Harrisville

September 24-26—Western Weekend—Algonac

Any suggestions or questions, call Dina, N8YJI (810) 777-4207.

## Members E-Mail Directory

(Changes only)

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★KF8MB, Mel: [kf8mb@worldnet.att.net](mailto:kf8mb@worldnet.att.net)

★KY8X, Joe: [kennej81@bigplanet.com](mailto:kennej81@bigplanet.com)

If you are a club member and would like your address published (or changed) in the *Express*, send it via e-mail to [K8OEF](mailto:K8OEF).

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The Editor is:

## Still Going

Joe, K8OEF

*Golden Crystal Award*—The (entire) editorial staff (in a unanimous decision) is proud to announce our special award to Ken, N8KC (ex-KF8RG) for his continuous dedication and support he gave to our club for SEVEN years! As stated last month, Ken has never missed a deadline in the five years I've been at the helm. Thank you very much Ken.

There is only one thing to be sure to do *before* February 9th (night of the General Meeting)—be sure your 1999 dues are paid. If not, this will be your last *Express*.

Please help support the club. You don't have to be a "social-type," to be a member. I asked a person why they didn't re-join, and that was the "excuse," (non-social type). If you can believe this, the person never joined, and still on the repeater almost daily! Hey! The dues also help pay for the equipment that must be purchased/maintained—this stuff ain't free! If you're gonna use it, why not help support it? There must be over 150 members who pay and *never* use the repeater.

The 1999 roster will be published in the March *Express* as we've done for years. Those of you with e-mail, there will be a general announcement of its readiness. Members will have the option to have it e-mailed which will be available in an Excel format.

**Good:** Heard on the air: "I'm gonna sign out to let others use the repeater." (That's what I call consideration and common courtesy and/or common sense.)

**Better:** The club officers and members are preparing for another exciting year of "happenings." Dina, N8YJI has updated the camping dates/locations.

**Best:** A member of the ".ORG" committee stated on the air that by the February meeting, we WILL have our own web page: "USECA.ORG." (I can hardly wait!)

73 for now.



## CLUB DIRECTORY

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Dennis Gaboury/W8DFG, (810) 465-7126
Vice President	Nancy Carr/KB8QMS, (810) 749-3383
Recording Secretary	Debbi Cokewell/KB8YYB, (810) 263-0227
Treasurer	Jim Mickle/N8OKW, (810) 677-1667
Membership Secretary	Mark Milby/W8IR, (810) 293-3603
Past President	Floyd Soo/W8RO, (248) 391-6660

### ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Dave Cunningham/KC8IAQ, (810) 791-2720
Ann Manor/KG8IF, (810) 751-3893
Marianne Mickle/N8TMJ, (810) 677-1667



## A Historical Look at USECA's Netpoint Leaders

Top Ten VHF Scorers 90-93			Top Ten VHF Scorers 1994			Top Ten VHF Scorers 1995			Top Ten VHF Scorers 1996		
WB8E	WALT	218	K8OEF	JOE	114	K8OEF	JOE	111	K8OEF	JOE	114
KF8AT	FLOYD	175	WY8M	ARPAD	81	KF8AT	FLOYD	102	KB8QMS	NANCY	103
N80WI	COLE	162	WB8E	WALT	76	KB8QMS	NANCY	97	WD8IFL	DAVE	102
WD8IFL	DAVE	157	N8YVC	VELMA	74	WB8E	WALT	78	KB8YYC	DENNIS	95
KB8NXS	SCOTT	137	KF8AT	FLOYD	72	WY8M	ARPAD	77	W8RO	FLOYD	88
K8CFY	JERRY	129	KG8IF	ANN	71	WD8IFL	DAVE	73	WB8E	WALT	79
N8OKW	JIM	127	KB8QMS	NANCY	70	KB8TOQ	LEE	68	KB8QLM	RICHARD	75
N8NMX	BILL	126	KG8KZ	DAVE	68	KB8TAS	JERRY	65	KB8WTH	RICHARD	72
N8RUE	EDDIE	119	N8QVX	KEVIN	68	KB8QXD	RANDY	64	KG8IF	ANN	70
N8OEV	DAVE	119	KB8RBV	MANNY	63	N8OKW	JIM	63	N8OKW	JIM	70

Top Ten VHF Scorers 1997			Top Ten VHF Scorers 1998			Top Ten HF Scorers 90-93			Top Ten HF Scorers 1994		
K8QLM	RICHARD	258	KC8IAQ	DAVE	332	WX3M	DON	104	W8VRW	HARRY	192
W1IK	JIM	128	K8QLM	RICHARD	308	WA8ZOF	PHIL	72	KF8AT	FLOYD	134
KC8IAQ	DAVE	117	KC8HMG	JANICE	223	WX3L	MIKE	58	N8MOJ	MARION	118
WN8VOT	DAVE	116	KC8DIR	BRIAN	205	N8MOJ	MARION	52	KG8KZ	DAVE	100
KC8GMT	LORA	107	KC8IAP	MARY	189	WB8E	WALT	50	WB8E	WALT	92
KB8WTH	RICH	107	W8VB	DAVE	182	BILL	KA8CBZ	44	WA8ZOF	PHIL	68
KC8HMG	JANICE	94	KC8HYU	JON	166	AA8CY	BRIAN	34	N8OEF	VAL	62
KC8DIR	BRIAN	92	W1IK	JIM	133	KF8AT	FLOYD	30	N8SCQ	BOB	46
KB8YYA	DREUX	90	KC8GMT	LORA	116	N8SCQ	BOB	30	AA8CY	BRIAN	34
W8RO	FLOYD	88	AB8BT	ANDY	115	W8VRW	HARRY	24	WD8PLQ	GAYLEN	22

Top Ten HF Scorers 1995			Top Ten HF Scorers 1996			Top Ten HF Scorers 1997			Top Ten HF Scorers 1998		
W8VRW	HARRY	270	N8MOJ	MARION	188	KC8GMT	LORA	178	K8QLM	RICHARD	326
N8MOJ	MARION	156	W8VRW	HARRY	140	KA2IBE	JOHN	114	KC8GMT	LORA	254
KF8AT	FLOYD	102	KG8KZ	DAVE	56	W8RO	FLOYD	87	KC8IAQ	DAVE	170
N8OEF	VAL	82	W8RO	FLOYD	41	KF8RG	KEN	67	W8RO	FLOYD	155
KG8KZ	DAVE	60	WA8ZOF	PHIL	40	N8MOJ	MARION	60	KA2IBE	JOHN	154
KA8NDY	DAN	52	N8OEF	VAL	26	W8VRW	HARRY	54	WA8JPR	BILL	150
WA8ZOF	PHIL	48	KA8NDY	DAN	18	WA8JPR	BILL	50	KC8HMG	JANICE	102
WB8E	WALT	42	N8WYO	ALAN	14	W8IC	PHIL	50	KF8RG	KEN	101
N8WYO	ALAN	32	N8RAR	WAYNE	11	KB8WTH	RICHARD	50	KB8TAS	JERRY	80
KG8QT	MARTY	18	N8SCQ	BOB	10	N8OEV	DAVE	34	KG8YX	DOC	71

USECA's final 1998 VHF Net Points											
										Displayed: 145 of 326 total records	
KA0RYI	JIM	6	K8EZ	RANDY	1	KC8KIO	CINDY	4	N8SA	BILL	15
W1ETE	BRENT	25	KC8EZW	MARK	10	KC8KIR	MATT	8	N8SIH	BETTY	50
W1IK	JIM	133	KC8FDQ	DUSTIN	1	KC8KJN	STEVE	5	KB8TAS	JERRY	62
KA2IBE	JOHN	81	KC8FRW	JOHN	73	N8KND	DOUG	8	KB8TEZ	MATT	50
VE3LFZ	MARIE	3	WB8FUI	PHIL	12	KC8KRU	DENNIS	2	KA8TIQ	JEFF	1
WX3M	DON	2	KC8FXF	MIKE	11	KC8LAH	STU	15	N8TMJ	MARIANNE	14
KC4ITU	DWIGHT	7	KC8FYP	GEORGE	3	KC8LDM	MIKE	3	N8TMN	DAVE	2
N4KN	IRA	1	K8GEO	GEORGE	9	KC8LDN	RAY	2	N8TUH	STEVE	1
KM5D	ERIC	2	KB8GFE	KEN	1	WY8M	ARPAD	30	KA8TWO	HANK	1
KB8AKS	JERRY	4	KC8GFN	DAVE	11	N8MCD	JIM	22	KB8ULS	ROGER	6
KC8ARS	HENRY	8	KC8GMT	LORA	116	K8MMB	ED	1	K8BUM	MURRAY	4
KC8BFP	MARK	30	KC8GNH	KEVIN	5	KA8NDY	DAN	23	KA8UUV	JOE	3
KC8BFY	MARK	1	WA8GQL	DAN	13	W8NG	JIM	24	W8VB	DAVE	182
KC8BIJ	TED	4	KC8GUC	LENNY	51	N8NMX	BILL	3	WA8VJ	GULLIVER	2
KC8BNI	JERRY	2	KC8GUE	MIKE	50	N8NQQ	BIFF	11	KG8WG	LEE	11
KB8BSG	CARL	1	KC8HMG	JANICE	223	N8OAE	ERNIE	10	KG8VH	DAVE	19
KC8BSG	CARL	1	KC8HMM	SAM	102	N8ODY	STEVE	1	K8WI	BILL	3
AB8BT	ANDY	115	KB8HSR	TIM	1	K8OEF	JOE	1	KB8WLR	CHUCK	3
KC8BXD	HENRY	12	KF8HT	CHUCK	24	N8OEF	VAL	62	N8WNF	BOB	1
K8CFY	JERRY	50	KC8HYU	JON	166	N8OEF	EARL	2	KB8WTH	RICHARD	102
KC8CPT	DON	57	N8HZE	KEN	10	WB8OIS	LEN	2	KY8X	JOE	50
AB8CQ	MIKE	2	KC8IAO	PEGGY	21	N8OKW	JIM	20	N8XNM	RAY	1
KC8DBG	BILL	62	KC8IAP	MARY	189	AA8OZ	PAUL	15	N8YBY	LEN	50
W8DFG	DENNIS	79	KC8IAQ	DAVE	332	N8PDP	MICHAEL	53	N8YJI	DINA	24
KC8DIR	BRIAN	205	KC8IDZ	DAVE	1	K8PIK	MARILYNN	4	KG8YX	DOC	102
KC8DPO	RON	8	KG8IF	ANN	58	KB8PKV	DUANE	1	KB8YYA	DREUX	52
KC8DPT	TOM	4	KC8IJK	SHAWN	15	WA8PPW	SAM	3	KB8YYB	DEBBIE	20
KB8DSC	JOHN	2	KC8IMP	TOBY	1	K8QLM	RICHARD	308	K8ZEC	JOHN	1
KC8DVG	BILL	1	W8IR	MARK	52	KB8QMP	BILL	6	N8ZFA	PETE	2
N8DVO	FRED	15	KC8IZG	DAVE	24	KB8QMS	NANCY	65	N8ZFY	PAT	16
K8DXX	BILL	6	KC8IZW	DALLAS	1	N8OOQ	TOM	1	K9GUY	GARY	3
K8DZT	FRANK	1	KC8JMP	JOHN	57	N8RAR	WAYNE	12			
KC8DZT	TOM	5	WA8JPR	BILL	33	KB8RBV	MANNY	11			
WB8E	WALT	70	KC8JSF	JEFF	7	KF8RG	KEN	50			
KC8ECB	KEN	1	KC8JSH	DELPHINE	30	N8RHT	RICK	3			
KC8EDF	KEN	1	KC8JTK	BILL	3	W8RO	FLOYD	83			
WD8EEU	BOB	1	KC8KBP	LARRY	3	N8RRU	JERRY	17			
N8ERV	TOM	7	W8KC	PAUL	34	N8RUE	EDDIE	15			

NCOs, Please Note!

Please send your net logs to  
KC8JSH, our new awards  
manager.

**73 from N8KC (ex-KF8RG)**

**USECA Board Meeting Minutes—January 5, 1999**

In attendance:

W8DFG, Dennis	President
KB8QMS, Nancy	Vice-President
KB8YYB, Debbi	Recording Secretary/Swap Chairperson
W8IR, Mark	Membership Secretary
N8OKW, Jim	Treasurer
KC8IAQ, Dave	Board Member
KG8IF, Ann	Board Member
N8TMJ, Marianne	Board Member
*W8RO, Floyd	Past President
K8CFY, Jerry	Historian
*K8OEF, Joe	Express Editor
W8VB, Dave	ARRL Liaison
WB8E, Walt	Field Day Chairman
N8KND, Doug	Repeater Technician
KB8TAS, Jerry; WY8M, Arpad; K8ZEC, John	
*Absent	



The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:33 P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Membership: Current membership exceeds 100.

Correspondence: A letter from Jerry Hilton, WD8PFX, was received and filed.

Repeater: Doug, N8KND, informed the Board that everything is up and operating.

Express: Joe, K8OEF, our editor extraordinaire was on vacation.

**Old Business:**

A motion was made by Ann, KG8IF, seconded by Nancy, KB8QMS, and passed to change policy regarding event chairman appointment. All prospective chairman must receive Board approval.

Discussion regarding financial guidelines for the club was tabled.

**New Business:**

Jerry, N8KLX, will be running a special event station for Walk America on April 25, 1999.

Jim, N8OKW, passed out information for the 1999 proposed budget. The Board will study the information and address the issue in February.

A motion was made by Nancy, KB8QMS, and seconded by Dave, KC8IAQ, to accept Ann, KG8IF, as chairman for Pre-Field Day, 1999 and the Christmas Party, 1999.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Cokewell, KB8YYB, Recording Secretary



Dennis, W8DFG; Ann, KG8IF; Dave, KC8IAQ; Marianne, N8TMJ; Debbi, KB8YYA

**USECA General Meeting Minutes—January 12, 1999**

In attendance:

W8DFG, Dennis	President
*KB8QMS, Nancy	Vice-President
KB8YYB, Debbi	Recording Secretary/Swap Chairperson
W8IR, Mark	Membership Secretary
N8OKW, Jim	Treasurer
KC8IAQ, Dave	Board Member
KG8IF, Ann	Board Member
N8TMJ, Marianne	Board Member
W8RO, Floyd	Past President
K8CFY, Jerry	Historian
K8OEF, Joe	Express Editor
*W8VB, Dave	ARRL Liaison
*WB8E, Walt	Field Day Chairman
*N8KND, Doug	Repeater Technician
*Absent	

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:35 P.M.

New upgrades were recognized.

A motion was made by Pete, N8ZFA, seconded by Dreux, KB8YYA, and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Express.

Jim, N8OKW, narrated a presentation regarding USECA's financial status as of December 31, 1998. A motion was made by Dave, KC8IAQ, seconded by Floyd, W8RO, and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Membership: Current membership is in excess of 100.

Express: Articles for the Express are due tonight.

Net Manager: NCO's are needed for all nets, in particular the Monday evening Slow Code Net. Join the fun and see Dave, KC8IAQ, to volunteer.

Testing: Testing will continue to be the first Saturday of each month at the Salvation Army in Mt. Clemens. Also, the ham radio open house will continue every Saturday evening from 7:00-11:00 P.M. Beginning Saturday, January 16, 1999, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M., there will be a Novice Tech Class at the Salvation Army. 7:00 - 7:30 P.M. will be CW, followed by text study 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. The class will run for 10 weeks. There will be a \$20 commitment fee required, which will be refunded when class has been completed.

Hosts: Many thanks to this month's host, Richard, K8QLM, and Janice, KC8HMG. Next month's hosts will be the lovely Jerry, K8CFY, and the wonderful Betty, N8SIH.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Road Rally: Jim, N8OKW, announced a Winter Rally at Alpine Valley Ski Area on January 23, 1999. See Jim to volunteer to help with this fun event.

Dreux, KB8YYA, reminded everyone that Walk America will be held on April 25, 1999 at Metropolitan Beach.

Pre-Field Day: Ann, KG8IF, announced plans for Pre-Field Day on May 22, 1999 at the Winter Cove area of Stony Creek.

USECA is in need of a chairman for Trash for Cash. See Dennis, W8DFG, to volunteer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Cokewell, KB8YYB, Recording Secretary

## Field Day Kitchen '99

Delphine, KC8JSH

IT'S COMING! IT'S COMING!—Field Day '99 will be here in just 5 short months.

While the main purpose of Field Day is to make contacts and earn points, being a true USECA member it also means an opportunity to have fun and EAT!

This is where my Co-chairperson Peggi, KC8IAO and I enter the picture. It is our responsibility to make sure that there is enough coffee, snacks and meals to satisfy everyone's appetite. But this task is too big for just two people and we need YOUR help.

Help will be needed for setup, serving, cooking and bringing a prepared dish to pass, and unfortunately breaking camp.

This month's suggestion for pass-a-dish, is a pasta dish that our family has enjoyed for years. The good thing about this salad is that it requires a minimum amount of refrigeration.

### PASTA SALAD

1lb, pasta (I like to use the colored twis)  
6-8 green onions sliced thin  
1 med. green pepper—diced  
1 can black olives, sliced  
Cherry tomatoes—As many as your would like, halves or whole  
1 jar of McCormick's salad seasoning with cheese  
(add Parmesan if desired)

1—16 oz bottle of Viva Italian dressing

Cook pasta according to directions. Add all ingredients. Mix well.

Makes a bunch and lasts two weeks.



## 1999 Net Point System

✓1) HF CW NCO = 4 points, HF SSB/VHF NCO = 3 points, HF CW/SSB check-in = 2 points, VHF check-in = 1 point. HF < 30 MHz, VHF > 30 MHz. (NOTE: Check-ins should do so *personally*, proxy check-ins are legitimate *only* for members on club business. "In & Out" check-ins, though allowed, are discouraged.)

✓2) Awards are earned for 50 points and multiples thereof; plaques for the highest annual HF and VHF scores. Awards are meant to encourage **participation** and can be earned by any licensed amateur.

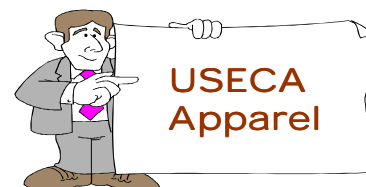
✓3) Net logs must be readable and include the CALLS and NAMES of check-ins, as well as NCO, DATE, and MODE.

✓4) NCO's: Forward net logs to the Awards Manager within 30 days; logs received later will not earn the bonus points normally awarded a NCO. MAIL logs to: 17516 Brill Dr., Clinton Twp., MI 48035 c/o KC8JSH; E-Mail: [delwro@att.net](mailto:delwro@att.net); or on the air to pass your list.

✓5) If *you* notice any errors in the database, wrong or changed call signs, misspelled names, etc., let Delphine know ASAP.

### USECA VE Testing

Examinations for an Amateur License are held the on 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. Pre-registration is preferred. Test site is at the Salvation Army, 55 Church, Mt. Clemens. If testing, you must have the following: picture ID (or birth certificate); and a copy of your current license or completion certificates, if any. For more information and directions to the test site, call Bill, N8SA at: (810) 468-8345; (before 9:00 p.m.).



Jackets—\$45.00 • Sweatshirts—\$25.00  
Polo Shirts—\$22.00 • Caps—\$6.00  
(2X & 3X—Additional Charge)  
**Contact: Richard, KB8WTH**  
**At Meetings or Phone (810) 791-4669**

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**SELL and WANTS**

COMPUTER Speakers. Altec Lansing ACS160, great for games and multimedia, 3-piece including sub-woofer, like new. \$95. Contact Joe, K8OEF (810) 781-0050 eves.

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ZENITH AT compatible 640k memory 2 5-1/4 floppies with keyboard and monitor make offer. Intel 386 tower with 8 Mb of memory, 720k floppy and 40 Mb hard drive with keyboard and no monitor. Make offer. n8erv@tir.com; pager (810) 485-2118; (810)-324-6086.

★New this month.

*Notify the editor to have items added/removed.*

The above column is for club members only and it's free!

**'98 Awards Program—From Page 1**

Congratulations also to those of you who either earned your first award or another USECA gold seal: K8QLM (300 pts. VHF), KC8GMT (250 pts. HF), KC8DIR (200 pts. VHF), WA8JPR (150 pts. HF), W8RO (150 pts. HF), KC8HYU (150 pts. VHF), KC8HMG (100 pts. HF), KB8WTH (100 pts. VHF), KC8HMM (100 pts. VHF), and VHF awards (50 pts.) to N8PDP, KC8JMP, KY8X, KB8TEZ, N8SIH, KF8RG, W8IR, KC8GUC, K8CFY, N8YBY, and an HF award (50 pts.) to WB8E.

**Do I  
Have It?**

*From the USECA web page*

**Your "Hit Parade"**

Beginning Date: March 4, 1997

Total Page Accesses: 5168

Hits Per Day: 8

Return Visitors Percentages:

- 1 Time = 33%
- 2-3 Times = 7%
- 4-7 Times = 4%
- 8+ Times = 56%

Browser Percentages:

- Netscape = 64%
- Internet Explorer = 34%
- Other = 2%

Operating Systems:

- Windows 95, 98, NT = 88%
- Windows 3.1 = 10%
- Other = 2%

(The above information is current thru January 15, 1999.)

**Thoughts on Morse Code—From Page 1**

All across the country: We have extra class grade school children. We have retiree's who earn extra class tickets. We have paraplegic extra class hams. We have blind extra classes. What's your excuse? The only excuse: Lack of motivation and laziness. Period. End of story.

Myself, I'm an extra class who after sitting on the extra ticket for three years needed another challenge. I took the FCC General Radiotelephone Operator license. Now I'm an "extra-plus"! I'm nobody special. I'm not a suma cum laude PhD. Just a test engineer who likes radio stuff and is willing to learn new things.

Finally—We are amateur radio operators. We, of all people, should know as many modes and methods of communicating via the electromagnetic medium as possible. Knowing the most basic, versatile, slowest, archaic, easiest, ancient, "out-dated," efficient mode should be part of our rudimentary capability!

**Dayton '99**  
May 14, 15 and 16, 1999  
*Are You Ready?*

*[From Last Month's Express]*

**Riddles!—Answers**

1. A coffin.
2. The child was born before 1776.
3. Mount Everest, it just hadn't been discovered!
4. Clara lives in the southern hemisphere.
5. World War I wasn't called "World War I" until after World War II.
6. The word "and".
7. They fall in the same year every year, New Year's Day just arrives very early in the year and Christmas arrives very late in the same year.
8. The lady was a Justice of the Peace.
9. One thousand nine hundred and ninety dollar bills are worth one dollar more than one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine dollar bills.
10. Only once, then you are subtracting it from 20.
11. An hour and a half IS 90 minutes.
12. "one word"
13. Penguins live in the Antarctic.
14. Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow.
15. You have to take a picture of a man with a camera, not with a wooden leg.
16. They were husband and wife.

If you do not understand any of these answers talk them over with your friends.

—Internet

**License Fraud—From Page 1**

The FCC also dismissed two amateur applications in Puerto Rico after the applicants failed to reply to FCC inquiries. In the case of Jose R. Velez-Rivera, an FCC official said it appears that an imposter tried to change another amateur's call sign, address, and date of birth to his own to get a license without taking an exam. In the second case, the FCC dismissed the renewal and General class upgrade application of Hector A. Santiago, WP4DCB. An FCC official said it appears Santiago tried to renew as a General when he only had a Novice ticket.

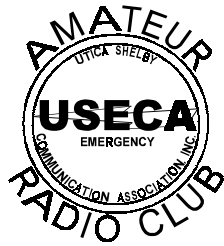
Velez-Rivera and Santiago were notified by the FCC October 23. The FCC updated its database this month to reflect the dismissals.

—Submitted by John, N8HTV

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 TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT IN ROSTER  YES  NO  
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 RACES  YES  NO

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 (Allow 4-6 weeks for processing.)



## 2-Meter LANs

### Local Area Nets

DAY	TIME	CLUB	FREQ.
SUN	1:00 pm	USECA/Information	147.180
SUN	8:00 pm	SPIRIT of '76/Traders	146.760
SUN	9:00 pm	HPARC/DART	146.640
SUN	9:00 pm	Garden City ARC	146.860
SUN-SAT	10:15 pm	S. E. Michigan Traffic Net	145.330
MON	8:00 pm	MECA	147.200
MON	9:00 pm	USECA/Slow Code	147.180
TUE	8:00 pm	USECA/Information	147.180
TUE	9:00 pm	Motor City Radio Club	147.240
WED	8:00 pm	GMARC	146.700
WED	8:00 pm	SPIRIT of '76/Info./Traders	146.760
WED	8:00 pm	SMART/ARPSC	147.140
WED	9:00 pm	MICHIGAN QRP	145.170
THU	7:00 pm	HPARC/Kids	146.640
THU	8:00 pm	EDISON/Information	145.330
THU	9:00 pm	SATERN	147.180
THU	9:00 pm	ECHO	147.080
FRI	Midnite	USECA/Hoot Owl	147.180

## Net Ops Schedules

### 2-METER NETS

	SUN. 1 PM	MON. 9 PM**	TUES. 8 PM	FRI. MIDNIGHT
WEEK	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz
1	KG8IF	N8OEF	K8QLM	KC8KJM
2	W8IR	W1IK	-OPEN-	KC8HMM
3	K8QLM	N8OEF	KC8IAP	KC8IAQ
4	KC8DIR	W1IK	AB8BT	-OPEN-
5*				

\*\*Slow Code

### HF NETS

	THURS. 9 PM	FRI. 10 PM	FRI. 11 PM
WEEK	21.140 MHz/CW	21.140 MHz/CW	28.425 MHz/USB
1	FILLED	-OPEN-	-OPEN-
2	FILLED	K8QLM	KA2IBE
3	FILLED	KC8IAQ	K8QLM
4	FILLED	-OPEN-	KC8IAQ
5*			

\*If applicable

NCO's—If you are unable to take your net,  
 please get a replacement or contact Dave, KC8IAQ.

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## Club Activities

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
FEB	9	7:30 pm	*General Meeting
MAR	9	7:30 pm	General Meeting
APR	13	7:30 pm	General Meeting
APR	25	6:30 am	WalkAmerica
MAY	11	7:30 pm	General Meeting
MAY	14-16		Dayton Hamvention
MAY	22	9:00 am	9th Annual Pre-Field Day
JUN	8	7:30 pm	General Meeting/Fox Hunt
JUN	TBD		Trash-For-Cash
JUN	26-27		Field Day

\*At Salvation Army.

**February Meeting Hosts**  
Jerry, K8CFY  
Betty, N8SIH

## Swaps

Day	Month	Date	Where
SAT	FEB	13	Traverse City
SUN	FEB	21	Livonia
SUN	MAR	21	Maumee, OH
F. S. S	MAY	14-16	Dayton, OH
SAT	JUN	19	Midland
SUN	JUN	20	Monroe
SUN	SEP	12	Findlay, OH
SUN	SEP	19	Adrian
<b>SUN</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>USECA</b>

*Source: ORV Bulletin, QST & N8ARO*

### 6-METER NETS

	WED 7 PM	WED 8 PM
<b>WEEK</b>	<b>50.130 MHz/USB</b>	<b>51.740 MHz/FM</b>
<b>1</b>	KC8JMP	KC8JMP
<b>2</b>	K8QLM	K8QLM
<b>3</b>	N8YBY	KC8HYU
<b>4</b>	W8VB	W8VB
<b>5*</b>		

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