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A FEMALE VIEWPOINT

Betty/N8LXL

I am not in favor of YL clubs. Realizing this may come as a surprise to some of you, I'll explain.

I believe that a club that has been established for a given hobby should be just that, for the hobby, not for any particular segment participating within a hobby.

USECA does a pretty good job of representing the hobby rather than just a certain type or gender. Of course, this is one of the important reasons I became a member and participate in club activities.

In my opinion, as long as there are clubs that aspire to function for the benefit of all that have an interest in the hobby the club represents there isn't a need for specialized clubs.

This is not to say that I am knocking existing YL clubs. These clubs have a lot to offer women and undoubtedly have kept women active who would have otherwise lost interest in ham radio long ago. Not all areas have club that try to involve men and women.

Fortunately we have a club that welcomes everyone and encourages everyone to become and remain active in ham radio. Hopefully this is a spreading trend and the need for separate clubs will greatly diminish.

Of course, now that I have opened my big mouth, if for some reason, when reading this, you don't happen to agree, let me know. We can discuss it and/or I can make sure your thoughts on the matter are published. Also, if you're thinking that maybe I might find everything hunky dory but you don't, let me know and we'll see about improving the status quo.

FIELD DAY T-SHIRTS

ADVANCE SALE - \$7.00!!

Order now to get your choice of colors!

Purple - California Blue - Burgundy - Spearmint

Royal - Navy - Kelly - True Red - Black

Burnt Orange - Raspberry

See Walt WB8E, or Ann KB4FXV to order.

The USECA EXPRESS is published monthly by the Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Association of Macomb County, Michigan. Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm local time, at the Church of God, located at the corner of Canal and Romeo Plank in Clinton Township.

The club repeater, WA8Z - 147.78/18, is located near Cass and Mound roads in Utica, Michigan. Satellite receive sites will be activated in 1991.

The USECA information net is held every Tuesday at 01 00 UTC. All are welcome to participate.

Articles for the Express should reach the editor no later than the night of the club meeting. Articles may also be mailed to the following address:

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Articles on computer diskette are very welcome. The editor can handle most IBM compatible formats. When typing your article on your work processor, please do not insert any printer commands, and only use a carriage return at the end of a paragraph (so as to cut down on my editing time). If you have any further questions, call me at:

(313) 979-9102

Thanks!

USECA GENERAL MEETING February 12, 1991

Open the meeting at 19:38 hrs by President, Sean WX8L

Those here for the first time: Jerry KB8LQX; Paul KB8JOH;

Dave N8NEA; Rick n/c; John n/c;

New club members: Mike N8NAH; Dave N8NEA

Recent up-grades: David N8MQJ to General; Ken to Novice;

Jeff N8LYW to General; Larry N8MSH to General.

Motion to accept last months minutes as printed; KB8LOT; 2nd WY8K.

Motion to accept treasurer's report as read: N8MET; N8CVC

Recording Secretaries report: Dave KF8CT; Call to fill in sign in sheet and offered MARS pamphlets from ARRL, more available upon request.

Membership secretary: Jerry WM8V; announces membership at 250.

Technical Chairperson: Doug N8KND; Antenna completion for repeater waiting on good weather. Repeater proceeding with general debugging, hum gone, audio improved.

Field Day chairperson: Betty N8LXL Called for confirmation on station preferences & needs operators for 15M CW; 6M CW; 6M SSB

12M CW; 12M SSB.

Hamfest Chairperson: Doug N8KLD; Paperwork sent to ARRL.

Program Chairperson: Bill N8CVC; March, Ron N8BSI ATV (Amateur Television) April, Steve N8KIZ shortwave listening; May is Foxhunt.

Board meeting at Don's basement Feb. 21, 1991

Old business: Ann KB4FXV reported that Leader Dog school antenna project has go-ahead from school. USECA supplies antenna and coax, school will install.

Larry WA2AJQ was appointed USECA ARRL coordinator.

Rudy WD8EGR will handle refreshments.

Walt WB8E offered code practice tapes at various speeds. He also announced Field day T-shirts will be available in same colors as last year, \$7.00 prepaid in advance.

Contact Walt.

Charlie WY8K proposed to membership that the general meeting start at 1900 hrs to allow more time at meeting for those who must get up early for work. Members to vote on issue next month.

He also announced that video tape sales will be handled by club henceforth. He will continue to make tapes.

Ron N8FOW announced FCC crack down on those using Packet for commercial purposes.

Larry WA2AJQ also added that casual sales by individuals was permissible for personal items.

Chuck KA8NRM appealed for antenna help.

Kevin N8LLE (Editor) inquired if anyone's copy of Express had missing sheets.

Break at 2030 hrs; resumed at 2100 hrs.

Ron N8FOW won \$33.00 on 50/50 drawing.

Presentation on radio controlled model aircraft was made by Dick WI8Z and Larry N8MSH who had a video on flights of many interesting R/C aircraft as well as demonstration on control operation using two impressive R/C aircraft they brought.

Meeting closed 2210 hrs by motion WB8F, seconded WY8K.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary, Dave KF8CT.

BY-LAWS
**UTICA SHELBY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION**
(U.S.E.C.A.)

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 Officers/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 Nominating 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 ye/nea 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. or its members.

ARTICLE II DUES

SECTION 1.

The organization, by recommendation by the Board of Directors, and by a 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
- 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.

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- 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. 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 preside at all meetings of the organization conducting 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.

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 4. Treasurer

He/She 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.

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.

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 (U.S.E.C.A.) disbands as a club, that all equipment owned by the club be sold. That all funds from the sale, along with any other funds of the organization, be donated to the organization known as Handy-Hams. Said 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 USECA

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. 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.

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 coordinating 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.

Nominating 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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The Caboose

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Well, here we are back at the CABOOSE. It's a long walk from the Engine back to here but now, resting on the rear platform, we can look out and see where the EXPRESS has been. We can also look up the line of cars and see where it is going, keeping tabs of all as we progress along our route into the future. So it's not just all sitting here, looking at the past. NO SIR.

Current Affairs:

First and foremost I sincerely want to thank all for the really beautiful plaque awarded to me at the last meeting. To say I was surprised would be an understatement - I WAS TOTALLY MESMERIZED. If I looked foolish, it was because I did not know what to say; - except THANKS..... A WHOLE LOT!

On the UNDERGROUND ANTENNA:

I have not been able to get much done during the holidays, but expect to go at it again now. By the time this gets to print I may have already done so. Bill, KFBFK has rough-draft assembled and tested his with encouraging results (on the living room floor). So, 'doubting Toms' take note!

All you duo-banders: why not make a simple vertical dipole? A piece of copper pipe, some coax, some pvc for insulators and you are in business. Put the coax inside the lower half; feed the shield to this half at the center insulator, and the center conductor to the top half.

The formula $2808 \div \text{freq. (mhz)}$, should do well. Even a full wave antenna is not too large for most people at these frequencies. Let me know how you do.

From the RADIO HILL GAZETTE
This article appeared in the New Jersey DX Association Newsletter:

EMPTY BOXES

by
Bill Fisher, W2OC

If you go down to my basement, you will stare in amazement,
At the collection of boxes you'll see.
From ceiling to floor, empty cartons galore,
Every size, every shape there can be.
There's one from a Kenwood that works really well,
And one from a Yaesu that I'm trying to sell.
There's a printer, a disk drive, a monitor too,
And of course a computer, (the one called Big Blue).
There's a microwave oven, and a wireless phone,
And yes, another computer, (but this one's a clone).
Three power supplies, one electronic key,
Two VCR's and a color TV.
There are many more boxes, the list doesn't end,
And I better stop now, not to bore you my friend.
But they're piling up higher and higher each day,
And to walk in my basement, well there just is no way.
What if something should fail and be sent back for repair,
What would I do if the right box isn't there?
I never could handle the pain and the stress,
of not being able to ship U.P.S.
But I now have the answer to this worrisome plight,
And it came from my spouse, as she told me last night,
"The solution is easy and plain as can be,
Get rid of those boxes; it's those cartons or me."



"Go ahead, hate me. It's included in the bill."

A black and white photograph of a tall, slender aluminum tower. A person is visible climbing the tower near the top. The tower is supported by guy wires extending to the ground. The background consists of a dense forest of trees.

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