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CAMPERS TO THE RESCUE

EMERGENCY HELP

Dave/WD8IFL

On Saturday night, [September 28th], while sitting at my trailer talking to Biff/N8NQQ, Phil/WA8ZOF and Elizabeth/N8XCZ, a camper from across the road came up to us and asked if we had a phone. I told him no, but the pay phones were at the bathrooms. He acted a little confused then said he needed to call 911 because his wife was choking on something and could not breathe.

At that time, I told Elizabeth to get Ann/KG8IF. Elizabeth "flew down" to where Ann was at, (didn't know that girls could run so fast). Ann and Joan/N8VLY (both RN nurses) did a super dash to the victim's camper and rendered aid and calmed her down. At the same time, Biff got on his scooter and "burned rubber," and made it in record time to the phone and made the 911 call.

Other hams in our group took flashlights and guided the park ranger, police and ambulance to the scene. This could not have come off better if they had rehearsed it a hundred times over. All were very professional and quick—no confusion, no mistakes. The camper was transported to River District Hospital.

Later that night, Jeff/KF8XO and his wife showed up—turned out the lady camper was his mother—small world. Last word from Jeff is, she is on a ventilator and doing better.

I think these hams should be given recognition. [So do I. -ed.]

"F or I D ?"

V. E. 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, contact Bill, N8CVC at: (810) 468-8345; (before 9:00 p.m.).

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NEXT MEETING — November 19th

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 AA8CY AA8HF AA8NQ KG8QT N8OEF

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f Founder	c Charter	h Hon. Charter
KA8KTV f c SK	N8HCT f c	KA8IZM f c SK
N8FNO f c	N8BK h	WD8MFN f c
WD8NHT f c	K8QLM f c	KA8BDG c
WB8QNI c	N8FDN c	WA8VZZ c
WB8OSF h	KA8VYV h	N8AWV h
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The Editor is:

Still Going

Joe/K8OEF

Due to the timing of our deadline for the *Express*, I can not report any swap information. But, based on the recent L'anse Creuse Swap, there is an ongoing problem. This issue contains some comments on the current situation.

The Christmas party has limited seating—if you snooze, you loose. Don't be left on the dock.

How time flies! Nominations for our club's officers will take place at the November meeting—elections will be at the December meeting—who's running?—who's not? After that, you'll get tired of hearing "dues due." (There is no correlation between those two events.)

Reminder—don't forget to transmit PL (CTCSS for you afinados). Our main site has a receiver that does not require it; but, if you want the maximum coverage of this system, turn your tone on (and leave it on). The two satellite receivers (downtown Detroit and Romeo) require PL. And if you really want to experience the ultimate, and have PL decode (receive), try it. You'll experience nice features that very few repeater systems in our area offer. With PL decode you gain two advantages: 1. You only hear audio from the person transmitting (no repeater id, courtesy tones, other repeaters, etc.). During erratic band conditions, especially Spring and Fall, you will not have to listen to other repeaters on our frequency. 2. If you use crossband repeating, your radio will give you immediate access to respond instead of waiting until the repeater carrier drops. (Dennis, KB8YYC has a different work-around for that).

As a member of the Amateur Radio News Service, I'm proud to display their logo.



November Meeting Hosts
 Fred, KB8LYA
 Marilyn, K8PIK

TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Welcome!

WX3L/Mike

February's general meeting was the cutoff for this years' roster. Here are our newest members:

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| KC8BIU/Ted | KC8EEJ/James |
| KC8BTV/Chris | WA8JPR/William |
| KC8CHV/George | KG8LH/Burnell |
| KC8CPT/Donald | KA8PEV/David |
| KC8DBE/Charles | KB8UGB/Robert |
| KC8DIP/Bob | W4VNS/Ed |
| KC8DIS/Grahm | KB8WCM/Steven |
| KC8EDK/Brian | KE6ZZO/Kenneth |
| Richard Plizga | |

Do Dayton Hamvention

With U.S.E.C.A.

- Wednesday, May 14
- *Thursday, May 15
- Friday, May 16
- Saturday, May 17
- Sunday, May 18

We have 28 rooms set aside at the Comfort Inn (Exit 82 on I-75 & SR36) at the Miami Valley Centre Mall, 987 East Ash Street, Piqua Ohio 45356.

Reserve your room by April 30, 1997 with the group account number G00680 for U.S.E.C.A. \$68/1 or \$72/2 if you use our group number. Phone (513) 778-8100.

Be sure to use the dates for the nights you want the room under your NAME and confirm if you plan to arrive after 5:00 pm.

During visit:
147.420 MHz Simplex
442.000 MHz Simplex

Contact Biff, N8NQQ at (810) 566-7749 if you need more details.

*9:00 am to 5:00 pm visit the Air Force Museum with USECA.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING
WILL BE ONE WEEK LATER
THE DATE IS
NOVEMBER 19TH

1997 FIELD DAY SURVEY

Scott/KG8IE

Hello to all U.S.E.C.A. members from your new Field Day Chairman.

I need your help on whether we should do QRP for a second year or go back to generators again. Also, what do you think about using old tube rigs instead of solid state radios.

Please write your thoughts and send them to me at: 2540 Koper, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.

I also need to know if you ran a station last year and are you still interested in doing it for Field Day 1997.

- QRP Field Day
- Regular Generator Field Day
- Old Tube Rigs
- Solid State Rigs
- Call & Station you ran & interested in running it again.



—HELP WANTED—

Thumbs Up Road Rally

Saturday, November 9, 1996

Ham radio operators needed to run checkpoints and provide communications. Registration at noon at the Burger King in Imlay City (M-53 & I-69). The event will run until approximately 10:00 and finish at the Tietz Family Restaurant in Imlay City.

Contact Jim, N8OKW or Marianne, N8TMJ at 739-6565 to volunteer.

Ken's Kozy Korner

NET NOTES

Ken/KF8RG

HOW MANY OF YOU remember the old USECA Saturday night casual get-togethers in Don's (WB8F) basement? I still find it hard to believe that so much could happen in such a small space. Besides the weekly socials, Don graciously hosted monthly FCC exams, rig repairs, and an HF/VHF station for anyone to operate. Over time the crowd became too large for so small a space and the weekly socials moved to a local restaurant. Although always fun, it was never quite the same.

Last month, I attended the "open house" at the new Salvation Army HQ in Mount Clemens. In case you haven't heard, USECA has been graciously offered the use of a meeting room and the Salvation Army HF/VHF stations. If that first night is anything like what's to come, USECA's got another great place to meet, eat, test, and operate! It'll be the perfect place to show off your club videos, your new antenna design, or just plain socialize. Although eats will be mostly coffee and donuts, nothin' says you can't order a pizza! At this point in time it looks like we'll have use of the place from 7-11 every Saturday evening, barring any unforeseen difficulties.

Some personal thoughts on Net Awards . . . When I first assumed the role of Net Point Coordinator, an award was earned for each 50 points, with no time limit, and CW and FM points were counted together. With the passage of almost 4 years, it became obvious that awards were being given to those who only checked into USECA's nets 12 or so times a year (hardly what I'd call radio-active!). With 208 nets (now 260) available over the course of a year, awards had become pretty meaningless. In 1994, with the board's blessings, I made major changes in our net point system; I'd like to propose yet another.

Years ago, USECA had an annual "Hooter" award. To earn the basic award required 12 check-ins. In proposing another change to the Net Point system and award requirements—it's this award that I had in mind as an idea: The Hooter required 12 check-ins to a possible 52 nets with no extra points earned by NCOs. Today's award requires 50 check-ins to a possible 156 FM nets (or 25 check-ins to a possible 104 CW nets) with extra points earned by NCOs. The old FM "Hooter" required a 23% attendance record versus the 32% now required for a comparable FM award. (Our CW awards require 24%).

So, the question is this: *Should we lower the basic FM award points requirement from 50 to 40?* Doing so would drop attendance required to 24% for non-NCOs. Changes to the awards would be minimal and doing so would probably generate approximately 10-15 more annual awards (I'd be willing to absorb the extra cost). Implementation could start immediately. Please discuss this possible change at November's General Membership meeting, I'll follow the membership's decision.

Congratulations to last month's award winners: Floyd Soo (KF8AT); 50 pts. FM—Dave MacCallumMhor (KG8KZ); 50 pts. CW—and Harry Young (W8VRW); 100 pts. CW.

DUES—DUES—DUES! Beat the December rush! Pay your 1997 dues early. At \$20 (single) and \$30 (family) it's a bargain, considering all the activities and feasts this club puts on. You'll find a membership renewal form in every *Express*. While you're at it, dig one out of an old newsletter and give one to a friend. Encourage someone to join. USECA doesn't advertise—YOUR club depends on YOU to spread the word!

Till next month—73

November Contests:

- 1-2 Japan International DX SSB contest
- 2-4 ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW (earn an ARRL mug or pin!)
OK/OM (Czechoslovakia) DX contest
Worked all Europe Contest, RTTY
- 16-18 ARRL November Sweepstakes, Phone (earn an ARRL mug or pin)
RSGB (Radio Soc. of Great Britain)
1.8 MHz (160 mtrs) contest, CW
- 23-24 CQ Worldwide DX contest, CW
(Details in QST magazine.)

"THE HAPPENIN' CLUB"

CLUB ACTIVITIES

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
NOV	19	7:30 pm	General Meeting/Nominations
DEC	10	7:30 pm	General Meeting/Elections
DEC	14	7:00 pm	9th Annual Christmas Party
JAN	14	7:30 pm	General Meeting
FEB	11	7:30 pm	General Meeting
MAR	11	7:30 pm	General Meeting
APR	8	7:30 pm	General Meeting
APR	TBA	6:30 am	WalkAmerica
MAY	TBA	9:00 am	7th Annual Pre-Field Day
MAY	TBA	7:30 pm	General Meeting
MAY	16-18		Dayton
JUN	TBA		Trash-For-Cash
JUN	TBA	7:30 pm	General Meeting/Fox Hunt
JUN	28-29		Field Day
JUL	TBA		Campout—Christmas in July
SEP	1		Romeo Peach Festival Parade

OP TIP:**WHEN I'M CALLING YOU***Joe/K8OEF*

Unless you know for sure the person you are calling is near his radio and listening for a call, here is a tip—call him twice in the same transmission—i.e., "KF8AT, KF8AT, ("this is," or, "from," or pause with nothing) K8OEF."

Why? Glad you asked. If I say, "KF8AT, K8OEF," chances are Floyd never heard his call. Floyd and several others use a cross-band repeat setup and there is a slight delay in their reception.

This also could happen: "N8OEF, KF8AT." My ears are tuned and hear "OEF" and answer the call. If Floyd said "N8OEF, N8OEF, this is KF8AT," I would have known the call was not for me.

It's much easier to detect your call when someone says it twice. The first time the person may not be sure, and the second time it would be confirmed.

If you use this procedure you only have to do it once. Calling the station again in 15 seconds saying the same thing is a waste—worse yet, following it with "nothing heard" after trying two calls. Now, you've made three transmissions when if done properly one would suffice. We the listeners, know there was "nothing heard" we don't need reminding. (Another waste is "for id.")

Hope this tip helps you become a better operator.

Stepping off the soapbox . . . "this is" K8OEF.

**Eighty Meter Propagation Study**

0000UTC October 1, 1996 until 0000UTC April 1, 1997 (seemed appropriate). Suggested searching area from 3.560 MHz to 3.590 MHz, but the whole band is open. Thinking mainly of the 3.560 QRP calling frequency and the 3.579 MHz colorburst frequency that is used in a lot of crystal controlled rigs.

Everybody starts at zero on all counts.

Practice sessions already in progress.

(Chuck Adams, K5FO)



“ N o t h i n g H e a r d ”

AT THANKSGIVING:**ODE TO A HAM***Ken/KF8RG*

Although licensed as KB8LDW in 1990, I was first exposed to Amateur radio as a child. I'd guess I was around 8 years old. I had an "Uncle" Charlie (No! . . . not the FCC!), who lived with my Grand Aunt atop a peak in the Catskill Mountains of Southeastern New York. "Uncle" Charlie had served with the Navy in the Pacific during World War II and had sustained serious head wounds during one of several vicious sea battles. Upon his discharge, he was introduced to Amateur Radio by a friend, a hobby he obviously loved and attempted to pass along to me in 1961.

On our annual Thanksgiving Day visit Charlie took me into his shack, actually a spare bedroom, crammed with radio gear. Most of the equipment looked to be 8 feet tall, and from it emanated a barely audible hum and a soft orange glow. Wires and cables snaked along the edges of the floor. From a huge speaker, chirps and squawks echoed around the room. Maps and postcards from around the world adorned the few bare spots on the walls. Charlie never said much, because of his injuries he wasn't a talkative kinda guy—but as he sat in front of one of his "glowing" companions, he came alive with chatter. I guess he thought I'd be impressed with all the gear and what was probably a DX contact, but I think he was disappointed when I showed little interest in watching him operate. An 8-year-old just has so many "funner" things to do!

Late in the afternoon, Charlie brought out a pair of "Walkie Talkies" for my brother and I to play with. He was very careful to explain how they worked and the similarities they shared with his larger Ham gear. For a little while, we experimented to see how far we could communicate, but rather quickly lost interest, especially after dropping one of the radios and snapping off the antenna. We went back to the house, to prepare for Thanksgiving dinner and returned the now damaged radios to "Uncle" Charlie. He looked upset and I expected a tongue lashing, but he only asked if we'd like to go for a ride in his WWII vintage Jeep after dinner. The ride up the mountain in the evening breeze was great fun and "Uncle" Charlie never mentioned radio again that evening.

Only a year or two later, our family moved away, first to New Jersey, then Ohio, and our contact with "Uncle" Charlie became an occasional card on birthdays and holidays. A few years later, the cards stopped and we learned that "Uncle" Charlie (Bjorkman) had passed away. Although I can't credit Charlie with sparking my interest in getting a Ham radio license, he certainly tried . . . and for that I'd like give him a belated "Thanks"! (To this day, I *still* don't know what his call sign was.) I'd be willin' to bet he's got a "knowing" smile on his face now!

CLUB MEMBERS

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*New this month.

If you are a club member and would like your address published in the *Express*, send it via e-mail to K8OEF.

2-METER LANS

LOCAL AREA NETS

DAY	TIME	CLUB	FREQ.
SUN	1:00 pm	U.S.E.C.A./Information	147.180
SUN	7:00 pm	HPARC/Kids	146.640
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
MON	8:00 pm	MECA	147.200
TUE	8:00 pm	U.S.E.C.A./Information	147.180
TUE	8:00 pm	SEMARA	146.740
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	SATERN	147.180
WED	9:00 pm	MICHIGAN QRP	145.170
THR	8:00 pm	EDISON/Info.	145.330
THR	9:00 pm	ECHO	147.080
FRI	Midnite	U.S.E.C.A./Hootowl	147.180

*FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAYS ONLY.

WHAT SWAP?

Dave/WD8IFL

AS I ATTENDED the L'anse Creuse swap this weekend it became apparent to me that there were not very many U.S.E.C.A. members in attendance. Yes, there was some of the regulars, but not very many for the size of our club.

As stated at almost every U.S.E.C.A. meeting, the swap is a very, very important function as it is our main money maker that allows us to do the many things that we do. Without our swap, we would be in very bad shape as far as money for club operations. Well folks, this swap was very important to the L'anse Creuse club; we let them down. Is it fair to expect them to attend our swap when we don't attend theirs?

I hear everyone say that the swaps are down because the vendors are not there. Well let me tell you, the reason the vendors aren't there is because the customers aren't there. This sets up a cycle—if not many vendors show up, then not many hams show up—then less vendors show up next time and less hams show up and so-on and so-on. If swaps are to continue, this cycle must be broken. the vendors will not be the ones to break the cycle. Ham customers must break the cycle and start going to the swaps—then, if it's profitable to them, you can bet your H.T. that the vendors will be there next time. So you see, if you don't attend swaps (I mean other swaps too) then you are helping the swaps go away!

Once they are gone, they are gone forever. Every ham related item you buy will be at a retail store, at a retail price. The vendor won't lose, we will. Next time, go to the swaps—all or most of the local swaps. We need other clubs to attend ours, we need to attend theirs. It's a two-way street that some of us must have forgotten.

See you at the swaps.



SWAP FEEDBACK:
 I had a table at the LC swap. It was poorly attended is an understatement. It was the worst I have ever seen it. I have had a table there for the last 10 years. It's the last time for me. All swaps are down I understand.



“Machine?”

U.S.E.C.A. 1996 FM Net Points as received by October 8th

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Call	Name	pts	Call	Name	pts	Call	Name	pts	Call	Name	pts
KB0QYX	BOB	4	KC8EEJ	JIM	6	KB8QMP	BILL	8	N8XCZ	ELIZABETH	5
WB2C	ANDY	4	KC8EKP	BOB	1	KB8QMS	NANCY	66	N8XNN	VAN	2
N2YEH	DON	1	KA8ETP	DOC	16	N8QVX	KEVIN	6	N8XOJ	ISAIH	1
VA3AEC	JIM	1	WD8F	BOB	1	KB8QWY	FRANK	2	KB8YBT	JOHN	2
VA3JOT	JOE	1	WB8FFX	LESTER	2	KB8QXB	SUE	1	N8YJI	DINA	32
WX3L	MIKE	14	N8FGK	JERRY	3	KB8QXD	RANDY	10	KB8YJM	JOHN	1
VE3PET	NEEDNAME	1	N8FGR	JERRY	1	N8RAR	WAYNE	4	KB8YLB	ED	6
VE3STZ	MARK	1	KB8GFE	KEN	2	KB8RBV	MANNY	21	KB8YNY	MICHELLE	1
N3VDM	JASON	1	KB8GGI	PAUL	3	KF8RG	KEN	40	N8YTV	HARRY	8
VA3WVV	TIM	1	KB8GPO	KEN	6	KB8RJS	ERIC	1	N8YWS	STAN	4
VA3XDN	DAN	1	WA8GQL	DAN	3	WB8RLJ	RICH	1	KB8YYA	DREUX	25
KE4JDW	TOM	1	WB8H	GORDIE	6	WB8RNO	LEN	2	KB8YYC	DENNIS	52
KE4KR	NAOMI	1	AA8HF	DARWIN	2	N8RRU	GARY	11	WB8ZJL	PAUL	9
AE4OG	NEEDNAME	1	N8HFM	BILL	1	N8RTH	RICK	1	N8ZLQ	JIM	1
KE6ZZO	KEN	5	KB8HGL	JOE	1	N8RUE	EDDIE	20	KB8ZMC	BILL	4
KA7KZO	JOHN	5	N8HJW	FRAN	1	N8RUH	TJ	5	WA8ZOF	PHIL	2
KB7UUC	FRED	1	N8HSC	STEVE	1	N8SCQ	BOB	5	N8ZRZ	AL	1
KC8ACF	BRAD	3	N8HTV	JOHN	2	N8SIH	BETTY	21	N8ZZE	JOHN	1
N8AFC	LARRY	2	N8HUL	DAVE	1	KB8SLA	KATIE	1			
KC8AOS	DAN	1	N8HZE	KEN	2	N8SML	JIM	2			
KC8AQI	DAVID	1	KG8IE	SCOTT	16	KB8SQZ	LARRY	1			
N8ARO	AL	1	KG8IF	ANN	42	KB8SRI	GARY	1			
KC8ARS	HENRY	8	WD8IFL	DAVE	67	N8SUR	RICH	6			
KF8AT	FLOYD	50	N8IGM	JOE	2	KB8SVN	CHUCK	1			
KB8AX	ROBERT	1	WB8ITB	FRED	2	KB8TAS	JERRY	21			
KC8BDB	RICK	7	W8JEK	BOB	1	N8TMJ	MARRIANNE	27			
KA8BDG	DICK	2	N8JEX	RICHARD	4	N8TUF	BOB	1			
KC8BFP	MARK	1	AA8JN	FRANK	1	N8TUN	STEVE	1			
KC8BGR	JEAN	3	WA8JPR	BILL	4	KB8TVV	JIM	27			
W8BHF	BOB	11	N8JUC	JOHN	1	N8TWD	BECKY	1			
WD8BRE	ED	1	W8BK	DIANE	1	K8TXS	ALEX	2			
KC8BRG	GENE	1	N8KIX	JERRY	6	KE8UB	JOH	1			
KC8BTV	CHRIS	4	N8KND	DOUG	4	KA8UHG	STEVE	1			
KC8BTW	DARREL	1	KA8KNO	DAVE	1	KB8UKJ	MIKE	1			
KF8BU	MIKE	1	N8KRO	BOB	1	KB8ULS	ROGER	1			
KC8BWW	JOHN	1	N8LWH	RUSS	1	KB8UXQ	MIKE	1			
KC8BXD	HENRY	12	KB8LYA	FRED	37	KG8UY	NEEDNAME	1			
KC8BZP	FRANK	2	AA8LZ	BILL	8	WM8V	JERRY	4			
KC8BZS	KEN	1	WY8M	ARPAD	29	WA8VJ	GULLIVER	2			
K8CFY	JERRY	29	KF8MB	MEL	2	N8VIR	RON	1			
KC8CMS	DAN	1	N8MCD	JIM	2	N8VLY	JOAN	3			
KC8CPT	DON	22	AA8MD	ERIC	13	N8VLZ	GORDIE	9			
KF8CT	DAVE	35	N8MIJ	JIM	1	KE8VM	DAN	1			
KC8CUD	STEVE	1	N8MMV	MIKE	1	N8VMH	DAVE	8			
N8CVC	BILL	9	KB8NDS	TOM	2	N8VOH	KATHY	7			
KC8CWZ	WALT	4	KA8NDY	DAN	43	KB8VQM	LESTER	6			
KC8CXB	GARY	26	N8NMX	BILL	1	KB8VRW	BOB	1			
KC8DBG	BILL	1	N8NQQ	BIFF	14	W8VRW	HARRY	1			
KC8DBJ	DAVE	9	KB8NXT	MATT	1	N8VTF	DON	24			
AA8DD	BOB	1	N8OAE	ERNIE	10	N8VVH	LINDA	13			
KC8DDG	TOM	10	KB8EF	JOE	72	KB8WBV	KEN	16			
K8DHA	JOHN	1	N8OEF	VAL	14	KB8WBW	CHRIS	1			
KC8DIP	BOB	2	N8OEM	BARB	1	KB8WBZ	CARL	2			
KC8DIS	GRAHAM	1	N8OEV	DAVE	1	KB8WCM	STEVE	6			
WA8DKV	MARSHALL	2	N8OEX	EARL	3	KG8WG	LEE	23			
KC8DPT	TOM	1	N8OKW	JIM	44	KG8WH	DAVE	12			
KC8DRK	TIM	1	N8OMP	GARY	2	KB8WLR	CHUCK	6			
KA8DUC	BRUCE	1	AA8OZ	PAUL	4	KB8WMR	JOHN	2			
KC8DVI	MARK	1	K8PIK	MARILYNN	19	KB8WMS	JIM	1			
N8DVO	FRED	2	KB8PKV	DWAYNE	1	N8WMY	JIM	27			
K8DZI	FRANK	1	N8PYH	GERARD	3	WB8WOD	LARRY	1			
WB8E	WALT	40	KB8QFR	JIM	8	KB8WTA	DAN	3			
KA8EAS	JERRY	1	KB8QFY	LYNN	14	KB8WTH	RICHARD	42			
KC8ECB	KEN	1	KB8QLM	RICHARD	36	KB8WVW	CARMINE	1			
KC8EDK	BRIAN	4	KB8QLT	DOUG	1	KB8WWG	BROCK	1			
KC8EDO	JIM	2	KB8QLZ	GARY	1	N8WYP	RAY	1			

Call	Name	pts	
1	KB8OEF	JOE	72
2	WD8IFL	DAVE	67
3	KB8QMS	NANCY	66
4	KB8YYC	DENNIS	52
5	KF8AT	FLOYD	50
6	N8OKW	JIM	44
7	KA8NDY	DAN	43
8	KG8IF	ANN	42
9	KB8WTH	RICHARD	42
10	WB8E	WALT	40
11	KF8RG	KEN	40
12	KB8LYA	FRED	37
13	KB8QLM	RICHARD	36
14	KF8CT	DAVE	35
15	N8YJI	DINA	32
16	WY8M	ARPAD	29
17	K8CFY	JERRY	29
18	N8WMY	JIM	27
19	KB8TVV	JIM	27
20	N8TMJ	MARRIANNE	27

Call	Name	pts	
1	N8MOJ	MARION	140
2	WB8VRW	HARRY	112
3	KG8KZ	DAVE	50
4	WA8ZOF	PHIL	30
5	KF8AT	FLOYD	24
6	N8OEF	VAL	20
7	KA8NDY	DAN	18
8	N8WYO	ALAN	14
9	WX3L	MIKE	6
10	KF8RG	KEN	6

Want to run a net?...
 Earn extra points?...
 See or call Bill, AA8LZ.
 for more information.

See USECA's "Net Point System
 Explanation" for info on how
 net points are earned.

Database c/o KF8RG (Ken)
 Software written by WUBC (Tom)

NET OPS SCHEDULES

2-METER NETS

	SUN. 1 PM	TUES. 8 PM	FRI. MIDNIGHT
WEEK	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz
1	KG8IF	KB8QXD	KB8YYC
2	K8OEF	N8LXL	KB8TAS
3	AA8MD	WY8M	KF8AT
4	N8OKW	WB8E	WY8M
5	KG8WG	KB8QMS	KB8QMS

CW NETS

	THURS. 9 PM	FRI. 10 PM
WEEK	21.140 MHz	21.140 MHz
1	-OPEN-	W8VRW
2	-OPEN-	-OPEN-
3	-OPEN-	WA8ZOF
4	-OPEN-	N8MOJ
5	-OPEN-	W8VIJ

NCO's—If you are unable to take your net, please get a replacement or contact Bill/AA8LZ.



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- If you define summer as three months of bad sledding.
- If owning a Japanese car is a hanging offense in your hometown.
- If you know how to play Euchre.
- If the Big Mac is something you drive across.
- If you drive 75 on the highway and always pass on the right.
- If your kid's Little League baseball game has been snowed out.
- If you know what a pastie is.
- If you learned to drive a boat before you could ride a bike.
- If you occasionally cheer 'GO Lions and take the Tigers with you'.
- If you've ever experienced frostbite and sunburn in the same week.
- If your favorite holidays are Thanksgiving, Christmas and the opening day of deer season.
- If your snowmobile and fishing boat have big block Chevy engines.
- If your year has two seasons Winter and Construction.
- If half the change in your pocket is Canadian.

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USECA Board Meeting Minutes—01 October 96

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N8OEX	Earl	Past president
K8OEF	Joe	Editor
KF8CT	Dave	ARRL Liaison
WB8E	Walt	
N8QVX	Kevin	
*Absent		

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 7:39 P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

MEMBERSHIP—No report.

REPEATER STATUS—No report

ARRL—No report

OLD BUSINESS

Swap—Dave/KF8CT is trying to get list of clubs in Michigan, Ohio & Indiana so flyers can be sent to them.

Kevin/N8QVX reported that the table sales down from last year. Announcement should be put on DVR. Ann/KG8IF will contact Doug/N8KND.

Jerry/KB8TBS is to have sign up sheet at general meeting for sign up, and will make assignments of volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Pearsall/KA8YNJ will be the guest speaker at the October meeting.

Ann/KG8IF and Lynn/KB8QFY will be going this Thursday to make final arrangements for the Christmas party, will have menu and price set for the general meeting.

Jim/N8OKW stated that the smokers of the club will have to police themselves, cig. butts were found outside by the entrance. There is NO SMOKING in the building or on school property, so smokers please watch where you throw your butts. We could lose our meeting place.

EXPRESS—No report

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Gaboury, KB8YYC, Recording Secretary

USECA General Membership Minutes—8 October 96

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*Absent		

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:42 P.M. Attendance was approximately 65.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the Express.

The treasurer's report was presented.

MEMBERSHIP—Mike/WX3L, 200 members paid to date.

HOST

This month's co-hosts were Gary/N8RRU & Joan/N8VLY. Fred/KB8LYA & Marilyn/K8PIK will be next month's host.

REPEATER—Doug/N8KND

Should have a Swap message in the DVR. Have to check out autopatch, might need a new modem or board. If their is a trouble maker on the repeater, just ignore them.

NET MANAGER—Bill/AA8LZ still out to lunch.

EXPRESS—Joe/K8OEF was on vacation again.

ARRL—Dave/KF8CT no news.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill/N8CVC said that he now uses electronic filing for testing results. With Saturday testing, call signs are issued by Monday afternoon.

With Kevin/N8QVX not at the meeting Jerry/KB8TAS has the sign-up

sheet to pass around for members to sign-up for duties at the Swap. We need people there early to man the doors. Walt/WB8E has tickets for sale, and Nancy/KB8QMS has tickets for tables.

Gaylen/WD8PLQ again has brought up the fact that we have to look at the direction the swap is going in. Maybe ask the computer online services to participate, discussion followed.

Ann/KG8IF has sign-up sheet for the Christmas Party, Saturday Dec. 14th. The capacity will be 100, and the cost will be \$14.00 per person.

NEW BUSINESS

November meeting will be on the 19th.

Jim/N8WMY gave report on first slow code net on Monday night.

Jim/N8OKW asked for operators for Thumbs Up Rally on November 9th.

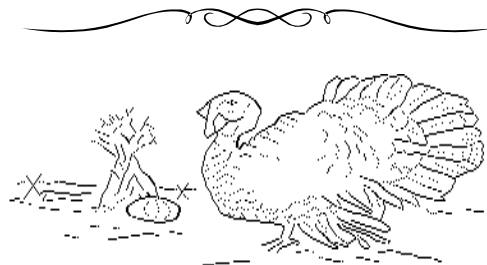
Smokers MUST police themselves while they're outside puffing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM—Mike Pearsall/KA8YNJ spoke on CW intercepting during the Korean Conflict.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Gaboury, KB8YYC, Recording Secretary



**THIRD ANNUAL QRP-L
FOXHUNT RULES—1996**

I have done the best that I could and I wish to thank everyone who is participating and those that wanted to participate, but this thing has gotten big. Just look at the number of man-hours that are set aside for this years big event. If I left anyone out, it was either oversight, stupidity, or lack of room on my part or the schedule. Omissions were not done on purpose.

For those in the newbie list of subscribers (less than a year) here is the info: (subject to slight changes at the whim of K5FO).

1. A followup posting will give a list of stations called 'foxes'.

2. They will come on at time periods listed and I have their states listed along with their calls, names and email adr. They will call CQ and standby. Freqs will be on 40M NEAR but not on the QRP calling freq of 7.040 MHz. I want the foxes to not operate exactly on 7.040 MHz to allow the gang owning 40-9ers to have a clear frequency to work others. The 40-9ers are 'rock-bound' and can move some but not much. Deviations in schedule will be posted to the list ASAP, but there are no guarantees in life. NOTE: hunters must not call CQ for the fox.

3. All foxes will be QRP and you must be QRP too to be in the running for the prizes. Prizes are being accumulated and will be announced at a later date. have an NN1G GM-xx that I will give, Doug Hendricks has a complete set of QRPP to give, and I'll take email on any other donations and post those later in October Only members of the qrp-l mailing are eligible for the prizes. You need to be a member just to keep up with the schedule changes and the fun postings.

4. You work the guy and you get one point and he gets one point. Exchange RST, State/Country/Province, name, and QRP-L NR or power level. Work each fox no more than once per night as this henders others and will be considered un-sportsmanlike conduct. Also please do not try to work other stations on the same freq as the fox. A fox may work QRO stations too that call. The fox will post results within a few days of their time period. K5FO will post periodic standings for the top scores.

**Due to the way the list came out, I felt bad about CA, so both CA stations are worth two points. I added N6GA and his two sessions will result in three foxes for that week.

** Hey, what's six hours anyway?

If you don't already have a qrp-l number, send email to LISTSERV@LEHIGH.EDU and in the body put RUN QRP-L X GETNR 'yourcall'. You gotta be a subscriber to do this though.

5. Two groups, foxes and hunters. Highest score(s) in each group gets a big prize. Limit one prize per entry, i.e., a fox cannot also take first in the hunter catagory too. Final results to be determined by K5FO and the decision of the judge is final. Prize pool work in progress.

6. The Novice/Tech+ individuals have special status. You can work them once only for points. They are worth 5 points. This is equivalent of 10 hours of work trying to

catch a regular fox. They will not have a regular schedule, but they will post a week in advance to the group when they will be on. Each N/T will be on at least once per month and they are allowed to operate twice per month for points. They should be able to upgrade by March on their code speed. Work them at their speeds please. This is to help them get upgraded sooner.

7. I think that's all. It's supposed to be fun and not complicated.

A. The purpose of this exercise is not a contest. It is and has always been to generate QRP on the air activity during the week, when there are not big contests in prog??ress, just this one. This exercise/event/hunt/contest/etc.—is probably the longest running official test of it's type in the world. Noone else would try this, for sure.

Remember, it's just a hobby.

As a matter of point of reference, last year's activity generated more than 3,500 two way QRP exchanges, maybe more 2xQRP exchanges than all the other QRP contests put together.

B. The foxhunt helps this group test out rigs, show off operating skills, develop operating skills, test antennas, etc. I still feel strongly that QRPers have got to get on the air. What good is it to spend a lot of time and money of building, etc. and not put the rig(s) on the air to have fun with? We gotta hold on to the electromagnetic spectrum by using it.

C. We do CW only for this one, 'cuz the majority (at the present time) of QRP work is done via CW and it simplifies things for this event. The fox will go at your speed, so if you think you are too slow—don't worry. Just go for it.

D. This posting may be reproduced in QRP newsletters or web sites with all the info intact but may be modified for formatting issues.

E. A copy of this notice and any updates will be placed at the FTP.LEHIGH.EDU in October so that it doesn't have to be reposted in it's entirety to this group—and it will be updated as needed changes occur.

F. After working a fox, the "hunters" should move off freq and work other members of the group. At least 3 kHz is suggested to be considerate.

G. Postings to this group re this event should start with FOX: in the subject line so that those individuals that want to automate their mailers to "kill" such postings may do so.

H. Mark your calendars and good luck to all and let us all hope for fantastic propagation. May your weak signal be strong, go far, and be heard by all.

I. And, of course, the rest of the week is open for general QSOs too.

Keep those rigs warmed up and on the air.
Schedule to be posted separately.

Chuck Adams, K5FO

(Submitted by Paul, WB8ZJL)

THIRD ANNUAL QRP-L FOXHUNT SCHEDULE—1996

The following is the official fox list for the QRP-L Foxhunt season of 1996-1997. Minor changes may occur as the season goes along so stay tuned to QRP-L for notices.

For those not up to date on UTC, subtract one day from the date shown to have the correct date in the USofA. The time difference depends upon your time zone and as such is left as an exercise for the reader.

CALL/Name/QTH/email:

WA1GUV Tom Burlington, VT cooper@gmpvt.com
 W1HUE Larry Idaho Falls, ID lve1@inel.gov
 AA1IK Ernie Canaan, NH gregoire@endor.com
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 norm@uu1238.flowerslabs.com
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 N2VPK Mark Clarence, NY facmsa@facilities.buffalo.edu
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 WO3B Bob Pasadena, MD bobwhitewo3b@geocities.com
 AE4IC Bob Greensboro, NC ae4ic@nr.infi.net
 KS4L Randy Huntsville, AL wr.moore@worldnet.att.net
 KA5DVS Jim Hightstown, NJ james@research.nj.nec.com
 AB5OU Tim Las Cruces, NM tpettibo@nmsu.edu
 W5TFB Jack College Station, TX jbryant@math.tamu.edu
 WB5QMP Randy Moscow, ID rfoltz@unicorn.it.wsu.edu
 WA5VQK Tim Austin, TX tahrens@devmail.sps.mot.com
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 N6WG Bob Newark, CA bob_tellefsen-cnse97@email.mot.com
 KU7Y Ron Reno, NV ku7y@sage.dri.edu
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 N8VAR Ron Dayton, OH
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 WB8RUQ Ron Milford, MI majewski@erim.org
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 W0CH David Seneca, MO w0ch@juno.com

Novice/Tech+ List

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 KB9JLO Dan Decatur, IL bcdlr@midwest.net
 WA7SSA Niel Idaho Falls, ID nskousen@sciencetech.com
 WD4MSM Barry South Bend, IN barry.p.keating.1@nd.edu

Date/Time(UTC)/Call/Name/State:

Oct 3 0100-0200 AB5OU Tim NM
 Oct 4 0200-0400 AE9K Brian WI
 Oct 10 0100-0300 K2NF Norm FL
 Oct 11 0130-0330 WO3B Bob MD
 Oct 15 0200-0400 NQ7K Mike AZ
 Oct 17 0100-0300 N9DD Tom IN
 Oct 22 0200-0400 KF2PH Nick NY
 Oct 23 0100-0300 WA5VQK Tim TX
 Oct 29 0100-0300 WB8RUQ Ron MI

Nov 1 0200-0400 WA1GUV Tom VT
 Nov 5 0200-0400 KA5DVS Jim NJ
 Nov 7 0200-0400 WB5QMP Randy ID
 Don't forget 40-9er contest Nov. 11-15!
 Nov 12 0100-0300 N2TNN Dean NJ
 Nov 14 0100-0300 K2NF Norm FL
 Nov 19 0200-0400 KU7Y Ron NV
 Nov 21 0200-0400 N2VPK Mark NY
 Nov 26 0100-0300 AE4IC Bob NC
 Nov 28 0200-0400 W1HUE Larry ID
 Dec 4 0200-0400 KS4L Randy AL
 Dec 5 0200-0400 NQ7K Mike AZ
 Dec 10 0100-0300 N8VAR Ron OH
 Dec 12 0300-0500 N6GA Cam CA
 *Cam gets another date later in Jan
 Dec 17 0200-0400 W5TFB Jack TX
 Dec 18 0300-0500 W0CH Dave MO
 Dec 24 0100-0300 AA1IK Ernie NH
 Dec 27 0200-0400 WA5VQK Tim TX
 Dec 31 0100-0300 WB8ZJL Paul MI
 Jan 2 0400-0600 N6WG Bob CA
 Jan 7 0300-0500 W0CH Dave MO
 Jan 9 0100-0300 WO3B Bob MD
 Jan 14 0100-0300 N8VAR Ron OH
 Jan 15 0200-0400 KS4L Randy AL
 Jan 22 0200-0400 AB5OU Tim NM
 Jan 24 0200-0400 KF2PH Nick NY
 Jan 28 0100-0300 WB8RUQ Ron MI
 Jan 29 0100-0300 AE4IC Bob NC
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 Feb 21 0200-0400 AE9K Brian WI
 Feb 25 0100-0300 AA1IK Ernie NH
 Feb 27 0200-0400 W5TFB Jack TX
 Mar 5 0400-0600 N6WG Bob CA
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*Chuck Adams, K5FO
 (Submitted by Paul, WB8ZJL)*

ARE YOU NORMAL?

Facts about us Americans. Did you know that:

Only 30% of us can flare our nostrils
 21% of us don't make our bed daily. 5% of us never do.
 Men do 29% of laundry each week. Only 7% of women trust their husbands to do it correctly.
 40% of women have hurled footwear at a man
 85% of men don't use the slit in their underwear
 67.5% of men were tightie whities (briefs)
 The average bra size today is 36C whereas 10 years ago it was a 34B
 85% of women wear the wrong bra size
 3 out of 4 of us store our dollar bills in rigid order with singles leading up to higher denominations
 13% of us admit to occasionally doing our offspring's homework
 91% of us lie regularly
 27% admit to cheating on a test or quiz
 29% admit they've intentionally stolen something from a store
 50% admit they regularly sneak food into movie theaters to avoid the high prices of snack foods
 90% believe in divine retribution
 10% believe in the 10 Commandments
 82% believe in an afterlife
 45% believe in ghosts
 13% (mostly men) have spent a night in jail
 29% of us are virgins when we marry
 58.4% have called into work sick when we weren't
 10% of us switch tags in the store to pay less for an item
 Over 50% believe in spanking but only a child over 2 years old
 35% give to charity at least once a month
 How far would you go for \$10 million?
 25% would abandon their friends, family, and church
 7% would murder
 69% eat the cake before the frosting
 When nobody else is around, 47% drink straight from the carton
 85% of us will eat Spam this year
 70% of us drink orange juice daily
 Snickers is the most popular candy
 22% of us skip lunch daily
 9% of us skip breakfast daily

66% of us eat cereal regularly
 22% of all restaurant meals include french fries
 14% of us eat the watermelon seeds
 Only 13% brush our teeth from side to side
 45% use mouthwash every day
 22% leave the glob of toothpaste in the sink
 The typical shower is 101 degrees F
 Nearly 1/3 of U.S. women color their hair
 9% of women and 8% of men have had cosmetic surgery
 53% of women will not leave the house without makeup on
 58% of women paint their nails regularly
 62% of us pop our zits
 33% of women lie about their weight
 10% of us claim to have seen a ghost
 57% have had deja vu
 49% believe in ESP
 4 out of 5 of us have suffered from hemorrhoids
 The average girl starts her period at age 12
 44% have broken a bone
 Only 30% of us know our cholesterol level
 14% have attended a self help meeting
 15% regularly go to a shrink
 78% would rather die quickly than live in a retirement home
 46.5% of men say they ALWAYS put the seat down after they've used the toilet, yet women claim to ALWAYS find it up
 30% of us refuse to sit on a public toilet seat
 54.2% of us always wash our hands after using the toilet
 23.5% admit they don't always flush
 45.2% pee in the shower
 44.9% pee in the ocean
 28.1% pee in the pool
 55.2% will let someone else come in the bathroom while they're using the toilet
 39% of us peek in our host's bathroom cabinet.
 17% have been caught by the host.
 81.3% would tell an acquaintance to zip his pants
 29% of us ignore RSVP
 71.6% of us eavesdrop
 22% are functionally illiterate
 Less than 10% are trilingual
 37% claim to know how to use all the features on their VCR
 53% prefer ATM machines over tellers

56% of women do the bills in a marriage
 2 out of 3 of us wouldn't give up our spouse even for a night for a million bucks
 20% of us have played in a band at one time in our life
 40% of us have had music lessons
 44% reuse tinfoil
 57% save pretty gift paper to reuse
 66% of women and 59% of men have used a mix to cook and taken credit for doing it from scratch
 53% read their horoscopes regularly
 16% of us have forgotten our own wedding anniversary (mostly men)
 59% of us say we're average looking
 Blacks are more than twice as likely to call themselves beautiful
 90% of us depend on alarm clocks to wake us
 53% of us would take advice from Ann Landers
 28% of us have skinny dipped. 14% with the opposite sex.
 51% of adults dress up for a Halloween festivity
 On average, we send 38 Christmas cards every year
 20% of women consider their parents to be their best friends
 2 out of 5 have married their first love
 The biggest cause of matrimonial fighting is money
 Only 4% asked the parents' approval for their bride's hand
 1 in 5 men proposed on his knees
 6% propose over the phone
 71% can drive a stick shift car
 45% of us consistently follow the speed limit
 2/3 of us speed up at a yellow light
 1/3 of us don't wear seat belts
 12% of men never use their car blinkers
 44% of men tailgate to speed up the person in front of them
 25% of us drive after we've been drinking
 4 out of 5 sing in the car

—Internet

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 CALL _____ CLASS _____ AUTO-PATCH _____
 NAME _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____
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 TELEPHONE # _____ PRINT IN ROSTER: YES NO
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CALL _____ CLASS _____ CALL _____ CLASS _____
 NAME _____ NAME _____
 BIRTHDATE _____ BIRTHDATE _____
 MEMBER: ARRL YES NO MEMBER: ARRL YES NO
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NOVEMBER, 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CW NET (21.140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	2 TESTING SALVATION ARMY
3 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18 KA8TOU	4	5 2 METER NET 8:00 P.M. 147.18	6 SATERN NET 9:00 P.M. 147.18	7 CW NET (21.140) 9:00 P.M.	8 CW NET (21.140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	9
10 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18 K8DHH, N8FNO	11 KB8ZNA	12 BOARD MEETING	13	14 CW NET (21.140) 9:00 P.M.	15 CW NET (21.140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT N8MOJ	16
17 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18 KB8RBV N8VOH, N8WMY	18 KC8AQJ	19 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 P.M. KC8ACF	20 SATERN NET 9:00 P.M. 147.18	21 CW NET (21.140) 9:00 P.M.	22 CW NET (21.140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	23
24 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18	25	26 2 METER NET 8:00 P.M. 147.18 N8VOG	27 N8QVX	28 THANKSGIVING CW NET (21.140) 9:00 P.M.	29	30

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NET POINT SYSTEM

- ✓ 1) CW NCO = 4 points, FM NCO = 3 points, CW check-in = 2 points, FM check-in = 1 point. (NOTE: Check-ins must do so personally, proxy check-ins are not legitimate. "In & Out" check-ins, while allowed, are not encouraged. Each NCO has final authority as to whether these check-ins earn points. Awards are earned for 50 points and each multiple thereof and plaques for the highest annual scores, CW and FM. Awards are meant to encourage participation and are open to anyone. A star next to your call, denotes an award due. Make plans to have it picked up if you can't make the meeting.
- ✓ 2) Net logs should be readable and at the *very least*, have the CALLS and NAMES noted of those who checked in, as well as the NCO, DATE, and MODE. It is the NCO's responsibility to mail the original net log to the Net Point Manager within 30 days. Any received later will not earn the extra points normally awarded the NCO. MAIL logs to: 53762 Kristin Ct., Shelby Twp., MI 48316, C/O KF8RG.
- ✓ 3) As the year progresses, it becomes necessary to suppress the display of non-updated records in the database to save space in the *Express*. Even if your record is not displayed, it is intact in the database—simply check into a net to be listed once again with all previous points credited.
- ✓ 4) If you notice any mistakes, (wrong or changed call signs, names, etc.), please inform KF8RG as soon as possible so a correction can be made.

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