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☺ ☺ *The BIG One Is Here!* ☺ ☺

*You are cordially invited to  
Actively Participate & Assist  
in our  
Annual Swap & Shop  
Sunday, October 26, 1997  
Complete Details  
In the "Express"  
This is Your Club,  
Its Success Depends  
On YOU!*

## NET NOTES

AS WE FADE INTO Fall and Winter and many of our outdoor chores and activities come to an end, it's time to reflect on where USECA's been and where we'd like to see the club go. Elections for club offices will be held at December's general membership meeting. Now is the time to seriously consider who you might like to nominate for office (be sure to get the nominee's permission first!).

Nominations will be accepted at the November general membership meeting for the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and 3 elected Board Members. Nominations can ONLY be made by dues-paid USECA members and nominees MUST be a dues-paid USECA member of at least 6 months, as per our bylaws. Please give your nominations and your votes some SERIOUS thought—those with an axe to grind are more likely to divide USECA's membership rather than build upon what we have. Choose carefully those likely to keep USECA what it has always been, a club where "fun, food, and friendship" have always been #1!

With cold weather fast approaching and most of us spending more time indoors, Fall is also an excellent time to start going after that license upgrade you've been talkin' about (yeah—we've all heard ya' shootin' yer mouth off on the repeater!). With summer yard work at an end, and snow shoveling still months away, most of us have a little more free time on our hands—why not spend it preparing for your next license upgrade? The various written exams aren't really all that hard, and with USECA's swap just around the corner, you could pick up a study guide on the cheap! If Code is your next step, you're really in luck! Code classes are forming up at the Salvation Army HQ in Mount Clemens and the Slow Code Net has resumed on the repeater. Many USECANs, including myself, would be happy to help you pass your CW exam in any way possible, whether it's by on-the-air QSO's or one-on-one practice. A little practice, twice every day for 20-30 minutes gets most people past their CW barrier in about 4 weeks.

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### "THE HAPPENIN' CLUB"

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
OCT	14	7:30 pm	General Meeting
OCT	26	8:00 am	12th Annual USECA Swap
NOV	8	Noon	Thumbs Up Road Rally
NOV	4	7:30 pm	General Meeting (Nominations)
DEC	9	7:30 pm	General Meeting (Elections)
DEC	13	TBA	10th Annual Christmas Party

*NEXT MEETING — October 14*

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KA8BDG c	KA8IZM f c SK	K8QLM f c
N8BK h	KA8KTV f c SK	WB8QNI c
N8FDN c	G. Manquardt h	KA8VYV h
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The Editor is:

# Still Going

Joe, K8OEF



This is the month for “The Big One.” The Big One is our Swap. Nothing, (repeat *nothing*), is financially more important to the success of this club than our annual Swap & Shop. If you enjoy all the goodies this club provides, you must realize how this all comes about—synergism. So, again, the club is requesting your help to make this a success.

You can miss a field day, a parade or a camp out and the club will surely survive, but if too many people miss the opportunity to get involved with the swap, it could have disastrous results—I’m sure you don’t want that to happen. People are understanding, if you have a personal commitment; or are out of town—nonetheless, why not at least buy a ticket?

Get on the phone, and call Chris, KC8EZU at: (810) 987-6540 and tell him you want to help. His e-mail address is: kc8ezu@wwnet.net.

As of the date of this writing (subject to change, of course), our general meeting dates have been agreed upon with the school. The only odd dates (moved up a week early), are the months of November and April.

73 for now.




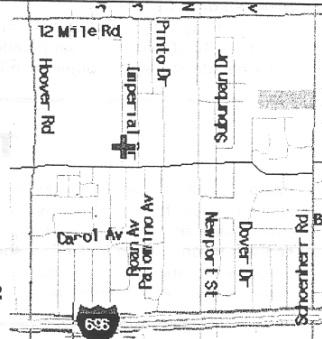
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# 12th ANNUAL USECA SWAP

The Italian American Cultural Society  
28111 Imperial Drive, Warren, MI 48093

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1997 8:00AM to 2:00PM

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Admission: \$4.00 (11 and under FREE)</li> <li>⇒ Tables: \$15.00 each</li> <li>⇒ Ham Radios</li> <li>⇒ Scanners</li> <li>⇒ CB Radios</li> <li>⇒ Computers</li> <li>⇒ Electronic and Computer Parts</li> <li>⇒ Free Parking</li> <li>⇒ Talk-In on USECA Repeater 147.180+ /PL 100.00 Hz</li> <li>⇒ Breakfast and Lunch Available</li> </ul>	 <p>Take I-696 to Hoover Road Exit and head North on Hoover to 12 Mile Road. Go East on 12 Mile just past the hospital to Imperial Road. Go Right on Imperial until it dead ends and you are there.</p> 
Ticket and Table Reservation Mail-In Coupon	
Name: _____	8' Table Rental @ \$15.00 _____
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State/Zip: _____	TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
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**Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association, Inc.**

## ROMEO PEACH PARADE

A TOTAL OF 26 amateur radio operators, almost all members of USECA, gave up their Labor Day holiday to provide communications and traffic control at the Romeo Peach Parade. A big thanks to them all from Ron Rossell, chairman of the parade, and all of us who were involved in the organization of the event.

We started to gather at 33 Mile Road and Van Dyke, the check-in and net control area, about 7:00 in the morning. Biff, N8NQQ, was the first one there, with his motorhome. Jim, N8OKW and Marianne, N8TMJ were right behind with their camping trailer, which provided shelter for net control. Others continued to arrive, and by 8:30, most everyone who had committed were there, plus a couple more. Assignments were made, coffee and donuts consumed, and everyone went off to their assigned duty stations.

Everything went off like clockwork. Both the children's parade at 10:00 and the main parade at 1:30. In fact, the main parade started a couple of minutes early. It was a

great parade, as usual. If you have not been able to attend in the past, mark it on your schedule now for next year. Biff was again assigned to the food and beverage cart. He delivered cold sodas and frozen water bottles all day. About noon, he delivered the sandwiches, lemonade and chips that the organizers provided for lunch. It was the best lunch in my memory, much better than last year's hot dogs.

By about 4:00 we were all done. As usual, it had been fun for all. Many of us gathered at net control and consumed some of the left over donuts and a tray of fresh vegetables and dip. Mark, K18CB, took the leftovers to the Salvation Army for their use.

While a parade like this is a lot of work, it is also very enjoyable and satisfying. Here is just one way that you can provide public service and have fun doing it.

Thanks to all who helped to make it happen. We all look forward to next year.

—Jim, N8OKW and Marianne, N8TMJ

## THUMBS UP RALLY

Radio operators control workers, and competitors are again needed for the Thumbs Up-97 Road Rally. The event will start at the Burger King in Imlay City at noon and will finish back in Imlay City about 9:30. In between, the competitors will cover about 220 miles of mostly unpaved roads in the thumb area.

This year's event is on Saturday, November 8, 1997.

Please contact the chairman, Marianne, N8TMJ or rallymaster, Jim, N8OKW at: (810) 739-6565 to get more information or volunteer.

### Legislative Alert:

## Tauzin Drops a Bomb Shell (HR 2369)

Prepared by Larry Van Horn, Assistant Editor Monitoring Times, Editor, Satellite Times, and Rachel Baughn, Editor Monitoring Times, Assistant Editor Satellite Times

Please give this information the widest possible dissemination on all hobby forums. The authors of this message grants permission to repost or reprint the information below unconditionally.

Here is the latest legislative threat to the monitoring hobby. This bill is pure poison to all branches of the radio hobby. In particular, we are extremely concerned with section 3 of this bill amending the Communications Act of 1934. Every radio listener and ham needs to contact his or her elected officials in Washington and voice opposition to this bill. (Here is another site if you're not sure of your rep, or his/her name is not listed in the e-mail addresses).

Unlike the Markey bill, HR 2369 does have cosponsors and, given the timing in the legislative calendar, it may

have an excellent chance of getting through Congress this session. This bill has the same provisions in it as the Markey bill (HR 1964) plus the new language on scanner mods in section 2 and the new, very restrictive language for the Comm Act of 34 in section 3. This affects every radio listener from shortwave right on up to the microwave regions. If your hobby is listening to something other than broadcast radio or television, ham, or CB, this bill could and probably will affect you.

We will be posting additional info and analysis after we talk to the legal folks. On the surface, this doesn't look good at all. We are going to have a major fight on our hands here.

Monitoring Times/Satellite Times  
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[As submitted—sans edited—ed.]

**WARNING! THE FOLLOWING CONTAINS... oh... never mind. You know what's coming. It's...**

das

## S O A P B O X

Well well well... as usual, not *everyone* enjoyed the last soapbox. Not to worry, it's not written for mass appeal or as a personal popularity booster. DUH! It's written as a thought provoking and riot inciting column. And... It's my editorial column. My opinions. They're MINE! HAHAhahahahaha! ALL MINE!!! You can't have 'em. Nope.

Your "favorite loudmouth is at it again" (direct quote from a disgruntled ham on the repeater). And I continue on...

I found it disheartening that the people who objected to the content of the last soapbox (wx) article didn't answer **ANY** of the questions I asked. None. Not one! Their primary gripe was that I had the audacity to say anything negative at all about the precious wx nets. I was hoping for some intellectual banter. I was hoping for intelligent explanation. I was hoping to initiate improvements. I was disappointed. Woe is me.

I'm sorry folks. Well, no... I'm not sorry sorry. I'm just amazed that the whole point was missed. It's really nice that people volunteer their time and efforts to do something, but when that *thing* doesn't work (my opinion), then what's the point? Other than Rich (K8OX) performing real field data to Doppler reading correlation's (kudo's to you, Rich), I saw/heard no point to the two nets I heard. Good intentions are nice, but need to be backed up. Ya think???

If you run a swap and it loses money, it's time to find another money maker. If you run a Field Day and ya come in dead last, it's time to try a different contest! If you start a wx net after half the storm cells came thru the county, tie up the "shared" (that was the agreement) repeater with long lengthy status "green" check-ins, and divulge no timely information... it may be time to revamp the system. Ya think???

But **HEY!** That's just my opinion. Feel free to write a rebuttal. Also, to see where I'm coming from historically (hysterically?)...

About six or seven years ago I was in Mt. Clemens for jury duty. Had a massive storm cell blow thru during lunch. Had my HT with me so I listened for da wx net. The net didn't kick in until the cell was half past. Now, mind you, I was on the east side of the county and the cell was already moving into Canada. Here we are... Six years later and the same sequence of events are occurring! *Twice* in one week!

Anyhoo... I'm not just a whiner. I don't just complain about problems. I've always been willing to be part of the solutions as well. My track record speaks for that! Do some research.

Onward and backward... Do you know the audible differences between intermod, splatter, tropo, static, lightning RF, dx repeater noises, lack of PL, over deviation, output heterodyne, clipping, band opening, and a genuine weak station on the repeater? Are you regularly asking the "weak 'breaking'(icky-yucky) station" to go ahead? Listen... Listen carefully. Listen closely. Don't assume that every squelch break is a station trying to get in.

A technical note... The rx sites are built from commercial grade radio equipment. This is to ensure reliability and stability. Really good stuff, Maynard... BUT! Their rx front ends are very *very* tight. That is, if you're deviating beyond  $\pm 5\text{kc}$  (not to be confused with high levels of modulation) you will clip out of the system. Have your deviation checked to assure you'll stay in the system. Ham radios have wide open forgiving front ends, which is why over deviation sounds great on simplex!

**THE USECA SWAP!** Buy a table. Bring a friend. Tell a co-worker. Post a flyer at work. Take flyers to your local RS. Send a group e-mail. Bolster the PR! And most importantly... **Be there!**

Ever climb a tower? I have. Many times. Hell of a view! Especially since SE MI is as flat as a squished possum on 696. Yep, pretty flat. But no tower has a *better* ice cream stand than Messina's, where our repeater resides. Erma's (across the street) has got the BEST frozen custard. New flavor each week. It's kinda neeto ta buy a cone and sit with your HT on low power under the USECA "tower of power". Take the duck off and see if ya can still make it. Our stick is the 22' fiberglass one at the top, side mounted on the right (view from custard stand). The aluminum one on the *very* top belongs to Messina. We couldn't convince them to swap wid us. Go figure...

Speakin' of our tower of power, we did some work on that big erection on Saturday (6<sup>th</sup>). Coincidentally, the controller PS fuse puked the night before. It musta known we were coming. Had a good clime. Very productive. I stayed on terra firma due to a bad cold. Kevin (N8QVX) and Scott (KG8IE) did the grunt work "upstairs", at times at 200'. Josh (N8QVX-jr) and I did the ground crew stuff. Doug (N8KND) tooled around the repeater itself. Dennis (The Great Wazoo) bopped between the repeater and the tower as needed, and shagging that all important piece of glass encased quick melting wire. Wish all our tower exploits went that well.

A reminder. If ya think there's sumthin' wrong with the 'peater, CALL **DOUG**. Doug (N8KND) needs the feedback on what's goin' on out there. If there's a receive site problem, how's he gonna know, if ya don't call? CALL DOUG! (810)558-7729. Call now. Answering machines are standing by. For those that forgot, he's our techie! Work with the man! Help him out! Motivate him! Call him every five minutes!!! He likes that. Really. Just ask him.

Ya may have noticed an IQ deficient oxygen depleter creating malicious interference on the repeater. There are only two things to do. Ignore it or track it. All repeaters go thru this now and again. That's one of the reasons we do the fox hunt every year. Some time ago I proposed that all

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## HE AIN'T COOL

ONE OF THE leadership skills I learned while serving in the military and used as a manager in upper management, is never criticize a person in front of their peers. Worse yet, put it in writing so everybody can read it. It embarrasses the person, ruins their morale, strips them of their pride, and destroys any loyalty they may have for the group.

The recent Soap Box article proves my point about someone lacking leadership skills. In fact, it will serve as "Lessons Learned" for those who participated in the Skywarn net and train inexperienced people who tried to offer their assistance. I once read a lapel button that said, "Don't yell at me, I'm just a volunteer." A sure way to lose a volunteer is to start calling them names.

Arpad claims the use of phonetics does not make sense, does not promote efficient communication, and uses up precious repeater time during rush hour. Arpad's opinion is contrary to that recommended by ARRL in the text book, "Now You're Talking." It states that if you have difficulty getting your call sign or other information across to the operator on the other end because of nearby interference, the use of phonetics should be used. Phonetics is a time honored form of communication that has matured over the years since World War II. The military, fire and police departments use it, as well as the International community. Are these organizations wrong for using phonetics? For the recently licensed Novice/Technicians, do yourself a favor, follow the advice that has been published by a competent authority.

We do not conduct weather nets. We do however, conduct Skywarn nets. We do not provide weather information for scanner listeners or hams. The National Weather Service (NWS) at White Lake provides that. We try to gather valid information from *trained* Skywarn spotters and report to NWS. We often get data from people who have not received Skywarn training and we appreciate their help. However, comments like, "it ain't raining here" have no value. If the scanner listeners want

the latest weather information, they should tune in to the NWS frequencies.

There is considerable communication with other agencies behind the scenes. We have a direct link with the NWS via packet and a 440 frequency. The Oakland Skywarn net is monitored. We are in contact with St. Clair County, MICON or the NWS usually advises the communities that will be affected by severe weather and it is their responsibility to initiate the Skywarn net. To reiterate, it is not the responsibility of Skywarn to issue weather bulletins.

As for the "this is" check-in routine, it is the protocol the Net Control Operator wants. It avoids stepping on one another when checking in. When the weather condition goes to yellow or red, check-ins are not accepted.

As for Arpad's comments, it points out the weaknesses that are inherent when shifting to a back-up repeater. Even though there is a signed agreement to use the USECA repeater, when the MECA repeater is down, we should realize that there may not be trained Skywarn people offering their assistance. This has to be taken into consideration when conducting the Skywarn net on a different repeater. Yes, mistakes were made; however, we should profit by those mistakes and do better the next time.

My wife and I recently traveled to California. We enjoyed the opportunity to chat with people along the way on our mobile radio. It helped get us back on track after making a few map reading mistakes. As I signed off, I would tell the folks, when in the Detroit area, give a call on the USECA repeater—it is the friendliest repeater in town. After reading Arpad's article, I do not think I will do that anymore. They may be chastised for saying, for ID, mobile, and clear and monitoring. Or worse yet, be called a dweeb. NOT COOL.

CUL

Ed, N8RUJ, DRO, Macomb County RACES/ARES

### *General Meeting Minutes—Continued from Page 12*

A motion was made by Bill, N8SA, seconded by Betty, N8SIH and passed to approval payment on the June, 1997 Fox Hunt budget over-run.

#### **New Business:**

George, KC8CHZ announced the need for additional volunteers for the MS Bike Ride, held on Sunday, September 14, 1997 at Addison Oaks Park. Please see George during the break.

Joe, K8OEF informed the membership that there will be a coupon in the October, 1997 Express for a discount on Swap tickets.

"Doc", KG8YX chronicled Ralph's gelid experiences with the female genus Bos in the livestock shelter. Though his informative

presentation was well received, there was discussion that future presentations should be done during the break as to better serve humanity.

Dennis, KB8YYC announced tonight's program. Randy Shook, K8EZ will present a program on FIST and it's CW program.

Net point awards will be presented immediately following the evening presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Cokewell, KB8YYB,  
Recording Secretary

**DON'T MISS OUR SWAP! — IT'S OCTOBER 26! — BE THERE!**

## UNIVERSAL THEORY OF DARK

FOR YEARS it has been believed that electric bulbs emitted light. However, recent information has proven otherwise. Electric bulbs don't emit light, they suck dark. Thus we call these bulbs dark suckers. The dark sucker theory proves the existence of dark, that dark has mass heavier than of light, and that dark is faster than light.

The basis of the dark sucker theory is that electric bulbs suck dark. Take for example, the dark suckers in the room where you are. There is less dark right next to them than there is elsewhere. The larger the dark sucker, the greater its capacity to suck dark. Dark suckers in a parking lot have a much greater capacity than the ones in this room. As with all things, dark suckers don't last forever. Once they are full of dark, they can no longer suck. This is proven by the black spot on a full dark sucker. A candle is a primitive dark sucker. A new candle has a white wick. You will notice that after the first use, the wick turns black, representing all the dark which has been sucked into it. If you hold a pencil next to the wick of an operating candle, the tip will turn black because it got in the way of the dark flowing into the candle. Unfortunately, these primitive dark suckers have a very limited range. There are also portable dark suckers. The bulbs in these can't handle all of the dark by themselves, and must be aided by a dark storage unit. When the dark storage unit is full, it must be either emptied or replaced before the portable dark sucker can operate again.

Dark has mass. When dark goes into a dark sucker, friction from this mass generates heat. Thus it is not wise to touch an operating dark sucker. Candles present a special problem, as the dark must travel into the solid wick instead

of through glass. This generates a great amount of heat. Thus it can be very dangerous to touch an operating candle. Dark is also heavier than light. If you swim just below the surface of a lake, you will see a lot of light. If you swim deeper and deeper, you notice it gets slowly darker and darker. When you reach a depth of approximately fifty feet, you are in total darkness. This is because the heavier dark sinks to the bottom of the lake and the lighter light floats to the top. The immense power of dark can be utilized to man's advantage. We can collect the dark that has settled to the bottom of lakes and push it through turbines, which generates electricity and helps push dark to the ocean, where it may be safely stored. Prior to turbines, it was it was much more difficult to get dark from the rivers and lakes to the ocean. The Indians recognized this problem, and tried to solve it. When on a river in a canoe travelling in the same direction as the flow of dark, they paddled slowly, so as not to stop the flow of dark; but when they travelled against the flow of dark, they paddled quickly so as to help push the dark along its way.

Finally, we must prove that dark is faster than light. If you were to stand in an illuminated room in front of a closed, dark closet, then slowly open the closet door, you would see the light slowly enter the closet; but since the dark is so fast, you would not be able to see the dark leave the closet.

In conclusion, I would like to say that dark suckers make all our lives much easier. So the next time you look at an electric bulb remember that it is indeed a dark sucker.

—Submitted by Jim, N8OKW

## SOAPBOX FEEDBACK

This letter is in relation to the Soapbox article in the September 1997 Express.

It is obvious that the writer does not understand how to treat people, especially volunteers who are trying to help him and all the other people of Macomb County. People should never be attacked in the manner that the writer did. If you think there is a problem, volunteer to help fix it or shut your mouth! Don't attack those who volunteer for public service, while you sit on your duff.

It is also apparent that the writer does not understand what the ARPSC and Skywarn group is all about. But then how could he? He has never, to my knowledge, tried to

find out by volunteering to help. Public service is the reason that we, as amateur radio operators, have all the spectrum that we enjoy. Each of us should try to find a public service niche where we can help. Criticizing those who give up their time to help, while sitting home and not doing anything to make it better, is totally unacceptable.

The writer is an embarrassment to the club and the amateur radio hobby. I am ashamed to be associated with anyone who has the attitude shown in this article.

—Jim Mickle, N8OKW

**AIN'T NO STOPPIN' US NOW,  
WE'RE ON THE MOVE!**

**Leave A Gap!**

## TOWER TALK!

**A**N INSURANCE COMPANY asked for more information regarding a work-related accident claim. This was the response: "I put 'poor planning' as the cause of my accident. I am an amateur radio operator and was working on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the materials down by hand, I decided to lower the items using a pulley.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools into a small barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 300 pounds of tools. You will note in block number 11 of the accident report that I weigh 155 pounds. Due to my surprise of being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope.

I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and

broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

I regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope in spite of my pain. At the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block number 11.

As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, and the lacerations of my legs and lower body. The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools so only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay on the tools, in pain, unable to stand and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind and let go of the rope..."

—Submitted by Floyd, W8RO

## THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER

Ten little members standing in a line.

One disliked the president, then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late.

One forgot her promise, then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven.

One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.

Seven loyal members got in a fix.

They quarreled over projects, then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and with drive.

One moved away, then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more.

One became indifferent, then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagree.

'Til one complained of meetings, then there were three.

Three eager members! What did they do?

One got discouraged, then there were two.

Two lonely members, our rhyme is nearly done.

One joined a sports team, then there was only one.

Our remaining faithful member was feeling rather blue.

Met with a neighbor, then there were two.

Two earnest members each enrolled one more.

Doubling their number, then there were four.

Four determined members, just couldn't wait.

'Til each won another, then there were eight.

Eight excited members signed up sixteen more.

In another six verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four.

—ARNS, July 1997

## 1997 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. (NOTE: Check-ins *must* do so personally, proxy check-ins are not legitimate. "In & Out" check-ins, while allowed, are discouraged.)

✓2) Awards are earned for 50 points and multiples thereof; plaques for the highest annual scores, HF and VHF. Awards are meant to encourage participation and are open to all.

✓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 log gets to the Awards Manager within 30 days; logs received later will not earn the bonus points normally awarded a NCO. MAIL logs to: 53762 Kristin Ct., Shelby Twp., MI 48316, c/o KF8RG, via packet to KF8RG-1 (145.03 MHz) or KF8RG @ DETIP BBS (144.93) or catch me on the air to pass your list.

✓5) If you notice any mistakes, wrong or changed call signs, names misspelled, etc., let Ken know ASAP.



USECA 1997 VHF Net Points as received September 11th

Displayed 192 of 299

Call	Name	pts	Call	Name	pts	Call	Name	pts
K80QYX	BOB	4	KC8GMU	GEORGE	12	K88QMS	NANCY	43
KA07NS	JACK	2	KC8GNC	LENNIE	1	N8QVX	KEVIN	1
K80TT	JB	1	KC8GNH	KEVIN	1	K88QXB	SUE	2
WV1AW	BILL	2	K8GPO	KEN	7	K88QXD	RANDY	10
W1IK	JIM	72	W8GQL	DAN	11	K88QYM	DAVE	1
WB2C	ANDY	10	KC8GRZ	JERRY	1	N8QZS	PAUL	1
KA2IBE	JOHN	4	KC8GUC	LENNY	1	N8RAR	WAYNE	12
AA2LY	TERRY	1	KC8GUE	MIKE	1	K88RBV	MANNY	17
VA3AMD	BILL	1	KC8BHG	JEFF	1	KF8RG	KEN	38
WX3L	MIKE	3	KC8HEG	DEAN	1	N8RHT	RICH	2
VE3MIG	MIKE	1	K8BHL	JOE	2	K88RJS	ERIC	2
VE3SUB	TERRY	1	KC8HKU	JOHN	2	W8RO	FLOYD	46
KF4ECD	BILL	1	KC8HMJ	JANICE	36	N8RRU	GARY	13
WB5CNM	RANDY	1	KC8HMI	KENNY	1	EDDIE	EDDIE	15
KC5MTM	SCOTTY	1	KC8HMJ	RICH	3	N8RUE	EDDIE	15
KC5QGQ	DAN	1	KC8HMK	VICKY	1	N8RUH	TJ	7
K87QWW	DOUG	1	KC8HMN	SCOTT	12	N8RUJ	ED	6
K87YWN	JOHN	1	K88HSD	DALE	2	N8RWI	JOHN	1
K88AKS	JERRY	37	KC8HYQ	KEVIN	1	N8SA	BILL	10
K8AP	GREG	1	KC8HYS	PAT	3	N8SCQ	BOB	1
KC8ARS	HENRY	4	N8HZE	KEN	8	N8SIH	BETTY	23
KA8BDG	DICK	15	KC8IAO	PEGGY	4	K8BTAS	JERRY	51
KC8BEG	JIM	1	KC8IAP	MARY	12	K8BTEZ	MATT	4
KC8BFE	NEEDNAME	1	KC8IAQ	DAVE	29	N8TLC	BILL	1
KC8BFF	MARK	14	KG8IE	SCOTT	29	N8TMJ	MARIANNE	25
W8BHF	BOB	5	KG8IF	ANN	28	K8TUV	JIM	10
K8BHP	EARL	1	W8BIFL	DAVE	10	K8TXS	ALEX	2
KC8BHP	MARK	1	N8IGM	JOE	3	N8UDZ	ADRIAN	7
KC8BIU	TED	41	KC8IHO	COLLIN	2	K88UFM	BOB	1
K8CB	MARK	31	K8IKW	GARY	1	K88ULS	ROGER	2
K8CFY	JERRY	37	W8BITB	FRED	1	N8ULW	LEE	1
KC8CHZ	GEORGE	4	K8JN	FRANK	1	K8BUM	MURRAY	1
KC8CPT	DON	43	W8BJPR	BILL	36	W8VB	DAVE	40
KC8CTS	DAVE	2	KA8JUL	JOHN	1	N8VBW	WAYNE	1
KC8CXB	GARY	43	N8JVA	ANDY	2	N8VLV	JOAN	4
KC8DBG	BILL	19	K8BJXZ	WALT	3	GORDIE	GORDIE	3
KC8BDE	ROBERT	2	N8KAN	JOHN	1	K8BVM	DAN	1
KC8DDG	TOM	8	W8KC	PAUL	23	DAVE	DAVE	72
KC8DDL	ANDY	3	K88LYA	FRED	13	N8VTF	DON	40
KC8DIR	BRIAN	30	KK8M	TOM	4	N8VYH	LINDA	17
KC8DPT	TOM	1	KY8M	GARY	1	K88WBV	KEN	2
KC8DRK	TIM	6	WY8M	ARPAD	7	DON	DON	1
KC8DTF	LIZ	1	N8MCD	JIM	1	K88WCP	DOUG	5
N8DVO	FRED	2	N8MMU	MIKE	1	K88WFX	STAN	1
W8BE	WALT	45	K88MUA	ANDY	1	DOUG	DOUG	5
KC8EDK	BRIAN	3	KA8NDY	DAN	31	LEE	LEE	28
KC8EMD	JASON	6	W8NG	JIM	33	DAVE	DAVE	25
KC8ESR	RICH	1	N8NMX	BILL	1	K8WI	BILL	29
KC8EVI	LES	12	N8NQO	BIFF	19	CHUCK	CHUCK	2
KC8EWP	JOSH	17	N8OEF	VAL	51	DANIEL	DANIEL	2
KC8EZU	CHRIS	8	N8OEV	DAVE	16	RICH	RICH	64
WD8F	BOB	4	N8OEX	EARL	6	W8WZ	CARL	5
KC8FER	KURT	1	AA8OH	JIM	4	KF8XO	JEFF	5
KC8FES	MARK	2	N8OKW	JIM	33	N8XPS	MIKE	8
KC8FRW	JOHN	23	K8BOMP	JIM	1	N8XRB	JEFF	4
KC8FTW	AMY	4	N8OMP	GARY	1	JOE	JOE	1
W88FUI	PHIL	10	K8OX	RICH	8	N8YJI	DINA	23
KC8FXF	MIKE	3	AA8OZ	PAUL	2	N8YTV	HARRY	18
KC8FYQ	GERALD	27	N8PAP	JON	1	N8YWS	STAN	17
KC8FYR	BRENT	4	K8PIK	MARILYNN	9	DOC	DOC	37
KC8FZO	ANDY	2	W8BPLQ	GAYLEN	1	DREUX	DREUX	57
KC8GFM	DOUG	2	K88PLW	DAN	3	DENNIS	DENNIS	46
KC8GMT	LORA	63	K8QLM	RICHARD	181	PETE	PETE	5
			K88QMP	BILL	3	SCOTT	SCOTT	3
						PAT	PAT	9
						JEFF	JEFF	1

Top 20 VHF Operators

Call	Name	pts
1	K8QLM	RICHARD 181
2	W1IK	JIM 72
3	WN8VOT	DAVE 72
4	K8B8WTH	RICH 64
5	KC8GMT	LORA 63
6	K88YYA	DREUX 57
7	K8BTAS	JERRY 51
8	N8OEF	VAL 51
9	W8RO	FLOYD 46
10	K88YYC	DENNIS 46
11	W8BE	WALT 45
12	K8C8CPT	DON 43
13	K88QMS	NANCY 43
14	K8C8XB	GARY 43
15	KC8BIU	TED 41
16	N8VTF	DON 40
17	W8VB	DAVE 40
18	K8CFY	JERRY 37
19	KG8YX	DOC 37
20	K88AKS	JERRY 37

Top HF operators

Call	Name	pts
1	N8MOJ	MARION 48
2	KC8GMT	LORA 30
3	KF8RG	KEN 28
4	W8RO	FLOYD 26
5	KA2IBE	JOHN 23
6	W8VRW	HARRY 20
7	W8IC	PHIL 18
8	K8B8WTH	RICHARD 18
9	K8WI	BILL 15
10	N8OEV	DAVE 14
11	W88FUI	PHIL 12
12	W8NG	JIM 12
13	K88YYC	DENNIS 11
14	K8ICB	MARK 11
15	N8RAR	WAYNE 8
16	KC8EMD	JASON 8
17	WN8VOT	DAVE 7
18	KC8EDO	JIM 6
19	K8CFY	JERRY 4
20	N8WYO	AL 4

Database c/o KF8RG (Ken)  
Software written by WU8C (Tom)

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

Want to run a net?...  
Earn extra points?...  
See or call Bill, K8WI,  
for more information.

OCTOBER MEETING HOSTS

Richard, K8QLM  
Janice, KC8HMG



**(810) 268-6730**



E-Mail Updates

Tom, KK8M—new address is: *bowes@tir.com*

N8VOH and KC8FMV—several attempts have been made to e-mail them information but they have been returned as "undeliverable."



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Kenwood TM-731 dual band mobile, fully modified, tone decode board, best RX front end ever made, box and manual, \$400. M2 440 beam, 18 element, with manual \$75. 440 mobile gain antenna, NMO mount, \$25. 2M mobile gain antenna, NMO mount \$25. 2M N8RUH copper pipe J-pole, \$10. Arpad, WY8M, (810) 751-3804.

★MFJ-1798 vertical ant. Oscar Boomer 738XB, 70 cm. Oscar Boomer 22XB, 144-148. Yaesu G5400B/5600B rotor, \$500 for all. KB8WVW (810) 781-9402.

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★New this month.

The above column is for club members only.  
(Notify the editor to have items added/removed.)

USECA APPAREL

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

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.).

**Pots have *Handles*.**  
**Newspapers have *Personals*.**  
**People have *Names*.**

NAME BADGES

WITH THE *OFFICIAL* USECA LOGO  
CONTACT JERRY, KB8TAS: (810) 263-0227

**SOAPBOX**—Continued from Page 5

the 2M beam owners get together and have a plan of attack: Track and triangulate offending stations quickly (within seconds!) to isolate what part of our region this turd was in, and phone the info to a waiting mobile RDF crew.

Because this required communication, cooperation, and organization; it never occurred! That aside... There are alternatives that work. First, as a base station, crank it up to full power. Most turd-headed interferers are mobile. Therefore your superior base ERP can (and will) overcome. Not much you can do mobile, other than QSY. Secondly, check your input freq immediately. Knowin' if they're full scale, half scale, or scratchy will let ya know if dey be in yer area. That info c'n be correlated later if it's a regular occurrence.

More stuff... So you're drivin' around and ya saw an accident. So ya drive *right on by* without checking for injuries, and then start searching for your autopatch codes. Ya find the codes. Ya try to remember how to use da codes. Ya call. Ya screw up. Ya try again. The call is confusing to the operator 'cause they're not used to semi-duplex communication over the full-duplex phone. Ya try to hang up. The patch won't hear you. Finally it does. Ya try calling the PD direct. Somebody jumps in and excitedly lets you know they're listening, monitoring, and standing by... but can't help 'cause they're mobile and don't have the codes. In the mean time... 38 cell phone equipped cars have called it in already! There are easily 10 times more cell phones out there on the road than there are active hams. If your not

willing to stay with the accident and phone in an accurate emergency call, don't waste your (our) time! It's good to be helpful, but be full of help, not hindrance and apathy. Think. Think ahead.

HEY! Did we have enuf guitarists at Field Day Friday nite or what? Maybe squeeze one or two more amps in under the tarp? Really... it was a great turnout. Just wish the sets were longer and the breaks shorter. **ROCK ME!!!** Wish I knew how to play an instrument, besides the epidermis trombone!

"Monitoring"... "Listening"... "Standing by"... Ugh. Many people use the 'peater for casual conversation. That's cool. So do I. But there **is** a less dweebish way ta let people know your out there and sound like you have a purpose in life. Call someone. Call anyone. W1AW... W1AW... WY8M. That'll let the other hamsters know yer out der and if they wanna call ya, they will! Oh, and you can skip the "clear" part. All ya need ta do is sign with yer call. That's it. No other obligation. Everyone already heard your party didn't answer. No need ta verify that by saying, "Guess he ain't there, so I'll sign clear!". Kinda redundant, eh? Think. Think hard. Think efficient.

Gosh golly hecky darn. Can't believe it's the end of th' article already. Guess y'all 'll havta wait 'till next month fer more. Y'all stay tuned to this here newsletter!

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de ur effervescent article writer  
ol' **WY8M** 'round da band

**NET NOTES**—Continued from Page 1

USECA's annual picnic . . . not ones to be held back by weather, the usual "Hard Core" USECAns showed up, in the rain and wind, for yet another of our famous feasts (Walt got a "steal-of-a-deal" on some hamburger patties at Sam's Club—somethin' about a recall). For those of you "*weenies*" who didn't show, the Port Huron area was clear of rain and clouds by 2:00 pm (just as the "Grand Wazoo" ordained!). Several HF rigs (a TS50 and a Scout) and antennas (a dipole and a 3 element Pro-Am beam) soon afterward filled the air with the sweet sound of Morse Code.

TALK UP OUR HAMFEST/SWAP! Get on the **OTHER** repeaters and talk it up! It's our biggest fund-raising event of the year and we can use the cash! Plan on attending—

help out if you can, with tickets, in the kitchen, with VE testing, on the floor, on the mike, or at the door—**BUT, BE THERE!!** If you know a vendor, encourage them to attend. Plan on PURCHASING SOMETHING at our swap; vendors will not return, year after year, if sales are low. Let's start reversing the trend to smaller swaps right here at USECA! Got some "treasures" you'd like to get rid off—maybe at a profit? It's not too late to reserve a table and at least you'll have a place to sit and do your socializing!

USECA's first 1997 VHF Net Awards were presented to K8QLM, WN8VOT, W1IK, KB8WTH, KC8GMT, KB8YYA, N8OEF, and KB8TAS at September's meeting. **Congratulations!** . . . and thanks for supporting USECA's Nets!

*See ya's all at the Swap! . . . KF8RG*

I Love Ya Man . . .  
But You Can't Have My *Express!*

**USECA Board Meeting Minutes—September 2, 1997**

In attendance:

KB8YYC Dennis President  
 W8VBDave Vice-President  
 \*KB8YYB Debbi Recording Secretary  
 KI8CBMark Membership Secretary  
 N8OKW Jim Treasurer  
 KG8IF Ann Board Member  
 KB8QMS Nancy Board Member  
 N8TMJ Marianne Board Member  
 W8RO Floyd Past President  
 \*K8CFY Jerry Historian  
 K8OEF Joe Express Editor  
 KC8EZU Chris Swap Chairman  
 KG8IEScott Field Day Chairman  
 N8KND Doug Repeater Technician  
 WB8E, Walt; N8VVH, Linda; N8OEX, Earl; KB8YYA, Dreux;  
 WY8M, Arpad  
 \*Absent

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. A brief run down of the expenses for Field Day was presented. A budget over-run will need to be presented to the general membership for approval at the September 9, 1997 meeting. Expenses for the June, 1997 Fox Hunt were also discussed. A small budget overage for the Fox Hunt will also have to go before the general membership for approval.

Membership: Mark, KI8CB reported that current membership exceeds 210.

Repeater: Doug, N8KND, reported that the east side is up and running. The voter is fussy on #4. Maintenance will be done on all of the antenna sites during the course of the month by the Tech Committee. Four usable receivers are now functioning, however the equipment controller is tired. Spare parts are becoming scarce. New equipment is needed to keep the controller in working order. Estimated expense for equipment is \$2,000.00. This will be purchased some time after some preliminary harnesses are completed. A motion was made by Jim, N8OKW, and seconded by Floyd, W8RO, and passed to proceed with the harnesses and when they are ready this proposal will be reviewed.

ARRL: Dave, W8VB reported that the application for the Swap has been sanctioned by the ARRL.

Newsletter: Articles will be due at the general membership meeting.

**Old Business:**

Activities: Jim, N8OKW, reported that 26 members worked the Romeo Peach Parade.

Field Day: Scott, KG8IE reported that a Field Day debriefing was held. Some changes were suggested and these will be implemented for Field Day 1998.

Swap: Chris, KC8EZU, reported that a letter with the table layout was recently mailed to all the previous dealers. Reservations for tables have been coming in. Chris will be doing more follow-up work and will report back at the next meeting. Arrangements have been made with Diane, WI8K, to hold a seminar on "How to Pass Traffic"; Scott, KG8IE, will hold a seminar on "Towers and Safety". At this time, the major prize will be \$100.00 in cash.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectively submitted,  
 Marianne Mickle, N8TMJ,  
 Acting Recording Secretary

**USECA General Meeting Minutes—September 9, 1997**

In attendance:

KB8YYC Dennis President  
 W8VBDave Vice-President  
 KB8YYB Debbi Recording Secretary  
 KI8CBMark Membership Secretary  
 N8OKW Jim Treasurer  
 \*KG8IF Ann Board Member  
 \*KB8QMS Nancy Board Member  
 N8TMJ Marianne Board Member  
 W8RO Floyd Past President  
 K8CFY Jerry Historian  
 K8OEF Joe Express Editor  
 KC8EZU Chris Swap Chairman  
 KG8IEScott Field Day Chairman  
 \*N8KND Doug Repeater Technician  
 \*Absent

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

New upgrades were recognized.

A motion was made by Ted, KC8BIU, seconded by Scott, KG8IE and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Express.

A motion was made by Linda, N8VVH, seconded by Jim, W1IK and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Membership: Current paid membership is in excess of 210.

Repeater: It was reported that the site work has been completed. Thanks to all those willing volunteers that donated their time and expertise. Currently the Utica site is down and only the 3 satellite sites are operational.

Express: Joe, K8OEF will be accepting articles for the next Express.

ARRL: Dave, W8VB reported that the 1997 USECA Swap will be ARRL sanctioned.

Net Manager: Dennis, KB8YYC recapitulated that we are still in need of Hoot Owl net controls.

Testing: Bill, N8SA, encapsulated current testing information. The first testing session was well attended. Testing will continue to be the first Saturday of each month at the Salvation Army in Mt. Clemens. Testing at the USECA Swap will commence at 8:00 A.M.

Apparel: Richard, KB8WTH, is back! Orders are being taken and flyers are available tonight listing all available apparel.

Hosts: Thanks to this month's host, Jerry, KB8TAS. The hosts for next month will be Richard, K8QLM and Janice, KC8HMG.

**Old Business:**

Field Day: Scott, KG8IE promulgated that there was a budget over-run for Field Day. A motion was made by Scott, KG8IE, seconded by Bill, N8SA and passed to approve payment of the \$400.00 over-run.

Swap: Chris, KC8EZU, apprised the membership that the Swap is progressing well. \$350.00 has been turned in to the Treasurer from advance table sales. Remember - reserve your tables now. There will be 3 entry doors for the public and 2 separate entry doors for the vendors. All vendors will be issued a hospital bracelet to be worn for easy identification. Flyers will not be available until the October, 1997 meeting.

Christmas Party: Dennis, KB8YYC edified plans for the 1997 Christmas Party. It will be held on Saturday, December 13, 1997 at Garwood's. Further information can be obtained from Ann, KG8IF.

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# USECA APPLICATION



DATE \_\_\_\_\_  NEW  RENEWAL  NEWSLETTER ONLY  
 CALL \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ AUTO-PATCH \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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 BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_  Copy of Current License for USECA File  
 MEMBER: ARRL  YES  NO RACES  YES  NO

## FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY:

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 MEMBER: ARRL  YES  NO  
 RACES  YES  NO

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 MEMBER: ARRL  YES  NO  
 RACES  YES  NO

Annual Membership Dues (Includes Newsletter) Regular: \$20 — Family: \$30

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Applications can be given to the Membership Secretary at monthly meeting or mailed.

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## WHERE'S THE SWAPS?

Day	Month	Date	Where*
SAT	OCT	11	Alpena
SUN	OCT	12	Lansing
SUN	OCT	19	Kalamazoo
<b>SUN</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>USECA (12th Annual)</b>
S, S	NOV	15-16	Fort Wayne, IN
SUN	DEC	7	Hazel Park

\*Michigan unless otherwise noted.

Source: QRV Bulletin

### October Contest Corral (from QST)

- 4-5..... Simulated Emergency Test (SATERN, RACES, & ARES members, take note)
- 4-5..... California QSO Party
- VK-ZL SSB Contest (New Zealand-Australia)
- 10..... Ten-Ten Club Day Sprint (10m)
- 11..... BARK Wire Antler Contest (?)
- 11-12.... VK-ZL CW Contest (New Zealand-Australia)
- Pennsylvania QSO Party
- 17-19.... Jamboree-on-the-Air (Boy Scouts of America)
- 18-19.... ARRL International EME Competition
- 19-20.... Illinois QSO Party
- 25-26.... CQ World-Wide DX Contest (Phone)

## FOR YOUR COMPUTER

### Preparing For 2000

To test your computer, set the computer clock to Dec. 31, 1999, 23:55:00 (11:55 p.m.). Turn the computer off and wait 10 minutes before turning it back on. If the date shown is Jan. 1, 2000 your computer is fine.

### On The World Wide Web

## USECA Home Page

<http://www.rust.net/~dkaherl/useca.htm>

**(OUR SWAP FLYER IS THERE!)**

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**USECA members \$3.00 with this voucher!!!**  
THANK YOU for your support. For more info contact KC8EZU-Chris at 810.987.6540.

OCTOBER 1997