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Field Day 2005

Report

Phil, W8IC

WE HAD ANOTHER field day weekend with excellent weather! The food was also most excellent, thanks to Dennis, W8DFG, Brian, KC8DIR, and the kitchen crew. The Friday afternoon set up went well. Our QRM band and a guest band provided live entertainment in the evening, and some late night snacks kept all the visitors happy.

Saturday there were the normal little glitches, but at 2 pm the airwaves jumped to life. Unfortunately, band conditions were not the best. Most of the stations seemed to be down in number of contacts, however the sun spot numbers were also way down. This will eventually improve, but not soon.

USECA did have 11 stations as well as a GOTA station—all operating simultaneously. It appeared that everyone who came out to Jim, N8MCD and Kathy's farm had a good time. Thanks again, Jim and Kathy for hosting the field day site. The Sunday station breakdown and pack up also went very well. There was time afterward for a nice relaxing get-together.

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One-time Change

VE Testing News

For the month of October, 2005, the monthly scheduled VE test session at the Elks Club will be moved to the **2nd** Thursday of October, instead of the 1st Thursday due to a scheduling conflict.

Mobile HF Radio

By Dick Arnold, AF8X

Sooner or later most hams will think about going mobile. Operating mobile can be very rewarding, but it can also be dangerous. Any radio gear installed in a vehicle should be secured so as not to be able to be launched as a deadly missile in case of an accident or sudden stop. Many of the new rigs have a removable faceplate, which is easily mounted near the driver's location and the heavier electronics can be mounted under the seat or in the trunk.

The electric feed to your rig should be wired directly off the battery and fused appropriately to protect the electronics. Power taken from the cigar lighter receptacles should be avoided. Wires attached to the battery should be of suitable size and terminated with the proper lugs; the wires can usually be routed through one of the existing holes in the firewall. If there is not a spare hole sealed with a rubber stopper, you can more often than not follow along with one of the wire harnesses through the firewall into the cabin area. When powering a rig from the vehicle battery, check the voltage with the engine running. Automobile electrical systems will exceed the high voltage limit of some radios while the engine is running. The Elecraft KX-1 14-volt limit is a case in point.

Modern car functions are controlled by CPUs. It is a good idea to check with the manufacturer to see if the computer might be damaged by RF. Low power or QRP should pose no problems. Years ago I experienced an anomaly while operating mobile. Each time I transmitted, the cruise control would cause the car to accelerate. I believe that cars now have better shielding for their CPUs, but it doesn't hurt to check.

The antenna you choose will probably determine how much success you will have operating mobile. I have had good luck with the Hustler brand mobile antennas, but there are many choices now. I would suggest you talk to others to see what they are using and if they are happy with them. Some of the new mobile antennas like the screwdriver types are automatically tuned from the rig, where cheaper models are manually tuned.

There are a number of antenna mounts made for cars and trucks, but with the new model cars having plastic bumpers, some method of mounting must be found to be both secure and grounded. If the mount is attached to a surface that is not bonded to the metal framework of the vehicle, a ground wire will have to be attached between the mount and the framework.

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Next Meeting — Tuesday, October 11

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N8AWV h	N8HCT f c	WB8OSF h
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N8BK h	KA8KTV f c SK	WB8QNI c SK
N8FDN c	G. Manquardt h	KA8VYV h
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J. Haubner c	WB8NHT f c SK	

Michigan's . . .

BEST-IN-CLASS!

The Editor is:

Still Going

Joe, K8OEF

USECA SWAP! Everyone should be thinking of it; and I do mean *everyone!* This is our one-time event that is the most “happening” we have in our club; why? It’s the time of year for us to increase our coffers. Just think, without the swap and its success, everyone will be paying higher dues and complain how high they are because of supply and demand. Gasoline! Need I say more; we know that from recent personal experience of supply and demand. So give all you can to make this one event a major success. It is extremely important for our survival.

Next month I hope to inform you of the major progress of getting the *Express* on the web to its new location and new format thanks to Dave, KC8IAQ—it is currently under major construction and it will take a while (longer than two weeks). In the end (no time frame yet), you’ll be able to go to our web page and key in a word and it will search and find the edition(s) with the key word based on the table of contents (named “Inside This Issue”—say, like the word “Mabel.” Cool stuff eh? So, stay tuned!



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**20th Annual
Utica-Shelby Emergency Communications
Association
HAMFEST**



OCTOBER 30, 2005

Doors open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

American Polish Century Club
33204 Maple Lane Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48312-6212
1 Mile East of M-53, Just North of 14 Mile Rd.

W5YI/VEC FCC Exams
Radio and Equipment Test Bench
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Contact hamfest@K8UO.net, Bob @ (586) 716-9114

Talk-in on the USECA Repeater 147.180 – PL 100 Hz

USECA Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting—September 6, 2005

In attendance:

W1IK, Jim	President
WN1B, Scott	Vice-President
KT8F, Ann	Recording Secretary
KW8Z, Ken	Membership Secretary
W8DFG, Dennis	Treasurer
K8GEO, George	Board Member
N8OZ, Joe	Board Member
W1SKU, Fred	Board Member
*KB8QMS, Nancy	Past President
*Absent	



Meeting called to order by the President at: 7:30 PM

Correspondence: Dennis, W8DFG reported USECA was FYBO winner in our category, 119,360 points.

Minutes: Correction – in June, the BOD did not accept WN1B's resignation as it was considered premature at that time. Motion to accept the corrected minutes of the last BOD meeting made by Dennis, W8DFG, and 2nd by, Joe, N8OZ. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Dennis, W8DFG suggested that we obtain a license and hold an open raffle monthly as a general fundraiser. Motion to accept by Scott, WN1B, 2nd by Fred, W1SKU, motion carried. Second quarter audit to be done following the meeting.

Membership: Ken, KW8Z – 190 members paid up.

Technical report: Scott, WN1B – reported that the new repeater was up and running as of the 1st of August report. A few modifications still need to be made. Mt. Clemens site working fine, no interference. The west site is being worked on. Considering replacing the DVR in the future.

Webmaster: Dave, KC8IAQ – discussed the new forums now available. Everyone needs to re-register at this time to access the forums. Dave discussed some of the new features and updates that will be available. Dave also requested a show of support from fellow amateurs at the Clinton Twp. Civic Center 9/22/05 regarding antenna height ordinances.

ARRL liaison – no report.

Field Day report given by Phil, W8IC. See article elsewhere in this issue for details.

Trustee Report: given by Dennis, W8DFG. MARC meeting this coming Sunday.

Jim, W1IK, stated that the Friday night 80 meter CW nets have moved from 3720 kHz to 3710 kHz, time remains 10 PM.

Ann, KT8F provided info on the upcoming September campout.

The Christmas party will be held at the Elk's Club, Saturday December 3. If you are interested in helping to make this event a success, please contact Ann, KT8F. Help with centerpieces and decorations would be appreciated.

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis, W8DFG, and 2nd by George, K8GEO, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Manor, KT8F, Recording Secretary



General Meeting—September 13, 2005

In attendance:

W1IK, Jim	President
WN1B, Scott	Vice-President
*KT8F, Ann	Recording Secretary
KW8Z, Ken	Membership Secretary
W8DFG, Dennis	Treasurer
K8GEO, George	Board Member
N8OZ, Joe	Board Member
W1SKU, Fred	Board Member
*KB8QMS, Nancy	Past President
*Absent	

Meeting called to order by the President at: 7:35 PM.

Foxhunt was held before meeting. Chuck, N8ZA was the fox. Floyd, W8RO located the fox first, Larry, W8SOX second, and Brad, N8VI came in third.

Introductions were made, new members, visitors and upgrades recognized.

Motion made to accept the minutes as printed in the Express made by Floyd, W8RO and 2nd by Mike, N5WCS, motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Dennis, W8DFG. Motion to approve made by Eric, N8CTQ and 2nd by David, KC8TTQ. Motion carries.

Membership: Ken, KW8Z: 190 members registered

Webmaster: Dave, KC8IAQ reported that all members have to re-register for the Community Boards.

Technical report: Floyd, W8RO reported that he did not know where to start the story. Peewee's out, Ethyl's in. New repeater installed in August at the main site. He thanked all who had a hand in it. The Waterford site is up and running and voting into the repeater. Next on the agenda is getting the Detroit site back up and running.

Health & Welfare: Ken, KC8ZVA was in a motorcycle accident. He was in the hospital, but is home now.

ARRL: Dave, W8RIT really had nothing to report. He will be putting an article together to put into the Express.

Field Day: Phil, W8IC gave report that numbers are down, and that we were the 5th largest in attendance for last year.

Swap: Bob, KZ8N chair of this year's swap gave a report that he has started to get some reservations in. Talked on needing help in all aspects. Such as setup, security, ticket takers. List will be available at next meeting to sign up. Swap will be held on OCT 30th at the American Polish Century Club on Maple Lane and Fourteen Mile.

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Propagation at a Glance

By Dick Arnold, AF8X

I have never quite figured out how to interpret all those numbers associated with propagation. Here is an easy way to see if the band of interest is open to a particular area.

The beacons listed here by location and band are a great help to see if a band is dead or just quiet.

NCDXF/IARU Beacon Transmission Schedule

Each beacon transmits every three minutes, day and night. This table gives the minute and second of the start of the first transmission within the hour for each beacon on each frequency. A transmission consists of the callsign of the beacon sent at 22 words per minute followed by four one-second dashes. The callsign and the first dash are sent at 100 watts. The remaining dashes are sent at 10 watts, 1 watt and 100 milliwatts

Call	Location	14.100	18.110	21.150	24.930	28.200		
4U1UN	United Nations	00:00	00:10	00:20	00:30	00:40		
VE8AT	Canada	00:10	00:20	00:30	00:40	00:50		
W6WX	United States	00:20	00:30	00:40	00:50	01:00		
KH6WO	Hawaii	00:30	OFF	00:50	OFF	01:10		
ZL6B	New Zealand	00:40	00:50	01:00	01:10	01:20		
VK6RBP	Australia	00:50	01:00	01:10	01:20	01:30		
JA2IGY	Japan	01:00	01:10	01:20	01:30	01:40		
RR90	Russia	01:10	01:20	01:30	01:40	01:50		
VR2B	Hong Kong	01:20	01:30	01:40	01:50	02:00		
4S7B	Sri Lanka	01:30	01:40	01:50	02:00	02:10		
ZS6DN	South Africa	01:40	01:50	02:00	02:10	02:20		
5Z4B	Kenya	01:50	02:00	02:10	02:20	02:30		
4X6TU	Israel	02:00	02:10	02:20	02:30	02:40		
OH2B	Finland	02:10	02:20	02:30	02:40	02:50		
CS3B	Madeira	02:20	02:30	02:40	02:50	00:00		
LU4AA	Argentina	02:30	02:40	02:50	00:00	00:10		
OA4B	Peru	02:40	02:50	00:00	00:10	00:20		
YV5B	Venezuela	02:50	00:00	00:10	00:20	00:30		

Hello:

My name is Jeff King, WB8WKA and I am writing to ask for your cooperation in addressing the future of Amateur Radio in the ARRL Great Lakes Division. As you may be aware, the election of a new Director for the term 2006 - 2008 is just weeks away. Ballots are scheduled to be mailed out between September 27 - October 1, 2005 to all Full Members of the ARRL as of September 10, 2005.

I am asking for your support to help spread the news that Neil Sablatzky, K8IT is running to be our new Great Lakes Division Director. I have attached Neil's Candidate Position Statement for your review. I would appreciate if you could read this aloud at your club meeting, re-print this in your newsletter, and communicate any questions from your club back. I will be sure to make sure that Neil replies directly to your member's questions.

I've known Neil for almost 20 years, and have worked closely with him in the last 3 years on the ARRL HSMM (High Speed Multi Media) committee. I bring this up because I have seen Neil in action working with the highest levels of ARRL leadership, something he will have to do even more so as our division director. Neil digs for the answers and questions all the assumptions. Neil has authored for QST, CQ VHF, & 73 magazines. He is passionate about amateur radio, both the technical and operational sides of it.

This I believe is exactly the kind of person we need as our division director. I think you will find that Neil will be a great Leader with an open mind who can help our Division bring Amateur Radio into the future. I hope you can join me in supporting Neil, K8IT in his campaign to become elected Great Lakes Division Director.

73,

Jeff King, WB8WKA

JIM WEAVER, K8JE, SEEKS RE-ELECTION AS DIRECTOR

Fellow ARRL members, I am honored that you have allowed me to serve you and Amateur Radio as your Great Lakes Division Director the past three years. I appreciate your confidence in me and ask you to re-elect me to three more years of progress.

Why vote for me? I've fulfilled every promise I've made to you and have proven my leadership. You don't need to guess "what" I am. My work on your behalf includes:

- Through my monthly "Weaver's Words" newsletter, I continually seek your advice on key issues, inform you of the "full story" behind these issues and demonstrate my belief that you are "The Reason ARRL Is." I kept my word to you. Incidentally, my votes on the Board have been completely consistent with the wishes expressed to me by the overwhelming majority of you.

- Work by the Board, Staff and local leadership resulted in victories by Division amateurs in nearly each instance our right to install antenna structures was challenged. I kept my word to you.

- ARRL Staff has begun a unique, detailed project to reach the pool of non-hams that will restore growth to the Amateur Radio Service. The results of the project will be recruiting new and younger amateurs, and keeping them active in our great Service. I kept my word to you.

- My motion that established the ARRL Grassroots Legislative Action Program is effectively promoting the needs of Amateur Radio. I kept my word to you.

The future offers unforeseen challenges. Key among these challenges is action resulting from FCC's decision to minimize its involvement in Amateur Radio. I want to work on the Board to develop strategies that to enable us to achieve the flexibility we need to guide our great Service through coming successful years.

If re-elected, I will renew my commitment to resolving members'

concerns, to strengthen and to grow Amateur Radio and to continue to promote the full significance of "Members, The Reason ARRL Is."

Thanks. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments - k8je@arrl.org.

73,

Jim, K8JE



Hi, Joe--

I am running for Vice Director of the ARRL Great Lakes Division. It's a two-man race; my opponent is Gary Johnston, KI4LA. If you think it's appropriate, I'd be happy if you ran my candidate's statement in the next issue of your newsletter. You can pick it up directly off my blog at <http://kb6nu.com/?p=676> or I can send it to you.

There are also two people running for Director: Jim Weaver, K8JE, the current director, and Neil Sablatzky, K8IT. I'm supporting K8IT. His statement is at

<http://kb6nu.com/?p=678>

I'm sure he'd be happy to have you run his statement as well.

If you have any comments, questions, or complaints, please feel free to e-mail me or phone me at 734-930-6564.

73!

Dan KB6NU

This page is the result of my incoming e-mails from ARRL members desiring to inform people of their intentions regarding the up-coming election.

—Joe, K8OEF
(Editor Extraordinaire)

NEW UNIFIED AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE EXAM AS PROPOSED BY ARRL

Submitted by Dick, AF8X

The new unified amateur radio test has been announced and is here. A few important changes have been made. The new test has been designed in order that the same test can be given for all license classes. To qualify for the higher classes of license, all you have to do is score better on the test. This makes things so much simpler for VE's.

I have included a copy of the new exam.

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Please PRINT (that means no squiggly lines)

YOUR NAME (what they call you) _____

ADDRESS (where you live) _____

BIRTH DATE (when you were born) _____

EXAM INSTRUCTIONS:

Make a circle (one of these round things O) around the letter of the best answer!
(This is so we know what your answer to the question is!)

1. You TALK into a microphone with your

- A. Hands
- B. Feet
- C. Toes
- D. Mouth
- E. Armpits

2. When you talk into a microphone, you talk into

- A. the front
- B. the back
- C. the top
- D. the bottom
- E. the wire

3. "HEADPHONES" are worn over the

- A. Knees
- B. Eyes
- C. Toes
- D. Ears
- E. Lips

4. What do you do with the AC line cord coming out of a power supply?

- A. Hold it in the air to pick up signals
- B. Pull on it to start the motor
- C. Talk into the plug to get real "skip DX"
- D. Hook it to your antenna
- E. Insert the plug into a source of power

5. A "two meter" radio is:

- A. twice as strong as a one-meter radio
- B. two one-meter radios in series
- C. a CB with two meters on the front panel
- D. a good doorstop
- E. a monoband radio

6. A "ten-foot mast" is how long?

- A. Three meters
- B. Ten pounds
- C. Two meters
- D. Tree-top tall
- E. Same length as basketball hoop is high

7. A "Triband antenna" is made to work on how many bands?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 10

8. The "Marconi" antenna is named after:

- A. Marconi
- B. Mantovani
- C. macaroni
- D. Dean Martin
- E. martini

9. What colors of DIODES can you buy at a Radio Shack store?

- A. Red, blue and black
- B. Red, yellow and green
- C. Orange and brown
- D. I am color blind so this is a discriminatory question and I should automatically get a waiver on this question.
- E. I have no intention of ever using DIODES, so don't care what color they are.

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USECA Club Liaison

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
OCT	1	Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society Annual Convention. Port Huron, MI; Thomas Edison Inn, 500 Thomas Edison Parkway. Talk-In: 146.800 (PL 100). Contact: James D. Buffington, K5JIM. Phone: 662-369-4985. Email: jim@jimbuffington.com
OCT	9	Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club & Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team (SMART), Kalamazoo, MI, Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds, "Exhibition E" 2900 Lake Street. Talk-In: 147.040. Contact: Donald Eikhoff, WD8IDJ. Phone: 269-665-6421. Email: info@kalamazoohamfest.com
OCT	22	Lakeshore Super Swap Holland Amateur Radio Club Holland, MI Harbor Lights School 3600 152nd Avenue & Riley Street Talk-In: 147.060 (PL 94.8 Hz) Contact: Phil Van Huis, KC8QXY Phone: 616-335-5032 Email: pjvanhuis@wmol.com
OCT	23	BLOSSOMLAND BLAST. Blossomland Amateur Radio Association, Benton Harbor, MI; Playland Hall/ DeMar's West 1050 Nickerson Avenue. Talk-In: 146.82(-) alternate 146.72(-). Contact: Gary Wallis, KB8VIM. Phone: 269-429-3629. Email: w8mai@comcast.net
OCT	30	Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Association, Sterling Heights, MI; American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane Drive, Talk-In: 147.180 (PL 100); Contact: Bob Hollingsworth, KZ8N; Phone: 586-716-9114 leave message. Email: hamfest@k8uo
DEC	4	33rd Annual Swap & Shop. L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club, Harrison Township (Mount Clemens), MI; L'Anse Creuse High School, 38495 L'Anse Creuse Road. Talk-In: 147.08+(ECHO repeater); 146.42 Simplex. Contact: David Herrington, N8NLK. Phone: 586-465-2797. Email: n8nlk@arrl.net
<i>Submitted by David, KC8TTQ</i>		

New Amateur Radio License—From Page 7

10. What color of SLURPEE can you buy at 7-11?

- A. Red, blue and black
- B. Red, yellow and green
- C. Orange and brown
- D. I am color blind so this is a discriminatory question and I should get another waiver on this question. I now have two questions right.
- E. All the above

11. You have just installed your new mobile rig in your vehicle and you are still parked at the curb, you need to

pull out into traffic and you are talking to another station?

- A. You put down the mic long enough to signal that you intend to pull away from the curb
- B. You keep on talking and just pull out in traffic
- C. You open your left rear door to signal that you want to pull out in traffic, while calling CQ DX on the repeater
- D. You install a light bulb at the top of your antenna so that it will flash when you are talking on the radio and people will then know to let you out

END OF EXAM.

YOUR SIGNATURE (slap yo tag here)

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SCORING:

Get FOUR correct and you get an EXTRA! Get TWO right and you get a GENERAL! Get ONE right and you get a TECHNICIAN! Get None right. Go back out in parking lot and study another five minutes. When you are done, come back in and try again.

Field Day 2005 Report—From Page 1

Thanks to all who took part in the 2005 USECA Field Day. Here is the break down: 756 CW contacts, 109 digital contacts, and 178 phone contacts, for a total of 9540 points. We also had 1470 bonus points for an over total of 11,010. These numbers are lower than previous years, however, we did not have the benefit of some of the large antennas that we used to have. Also, propagation in general was down. The conditions may not improve next year, so now is the time to start planning your station - think about a tower and directional antennas for the higher bands, as well as ways to work out any interference issues between stations.

73, Phil, W8IC and Ann, KT8F

Meeting Minutes—From Page 4

Inter Club Liaison: Mike, N5WCS is stepping down from this post. David, KC8TTQ will be taking over. In the meantime George, K8GEO gave the report of the activities coming up. George also thanked the Board for all comments directed towards him.

Old Business:

Jim, W1IK made the announcement that the Board did not accept the resignation of Scott, WN1B as Vice-President, so he will be finishing out the year.

Morse Code class has resumed on Mondays at 9:00PM

New Business:

Dennis, W8DFG, made a motion, seconded by George, K8GEO that Walt, WB8E helps Ann with the Christmas Party. Motion passed.

Allan, KA8JJN requested help with Jamboree On The Air involving the Boy Scouts at Camp Rotary on Oct 15th.

Larry, KI8HJ stated that an Emergency Exercise would be held next Thursday the 22nd at the Salvation Army Corps. in Mt. Clemens.

Dave, KC8IAQ informed the club that there would be a Zoning Board meeting in Clinton Twp. concerning antenna ordinance in the Township on Thursday the 22nd.

Dave, W8RIT made a motion that for the Traders Post and Technical Support Net that all check-ins must participate in the net, not just check in with no traffic to get the Net Point, seconded by Mike, N5WCS. Discussion followed. After discussion, Dave withdrew the motion.

Scott, W1BIC invited all to attend the GM Club meeting for their ARRL BPL presentation next week.

Mike, N5WCS informed us that there will not be a Hazel Park meeting this week. It has been postponed for one week.

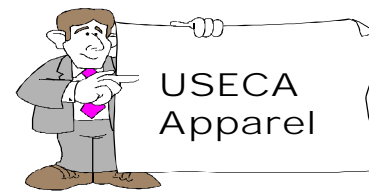
Scott, WN1B won the 50-50 drawing, then, DONATED his winnings back to the club.

Meeting closed at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis W8DFG, Acting Secretary

USECA VE Testing

Testing will be the FIRST Thursday of the month from September through June. Joe, N8OZ will have the CVE duty. No pre-registration is needed or wanted. Test Fee is \$14.00. Applicants need copies and originals of CSCE's and/or license. There is no copy machine at the Elks; (there is none close by). Starting time is 7:00 p.m. — please do not arrive earlier. Walk-ins are welcomed. Test site is at the Mt. Clemens Elks, 179 S. Main St., 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.



Jackets—\$45.00 • Sweatshirts—\$25.00
Polo Shirts—\$22.00 • Caps—\$6.00
(2X & 3X—Additional Charge)
Contact: Chuck, N8ZA
At Meetings or Phone (586) 557-4983

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USECA Cork Board

? Radio Items?

ALS 600 Solid State Base Amp. No tune 1.5 to 22 MHz. List \$1129.99; sell for \$1000. (Page 86 in AES catalog) Contact Jerry, K8CFY at: k8cfy@k8uo.com.

★COMET SB-14 6M/2M/440 Mobile antenna. Black fold-over base. Excellent condition. Only \$40! Contact Floyd, W8RO, at (248) 431-7769 or w8ro@k8uo.com.

KENWOOD Linear Amp. 1000 watts, model TL-922A; 160-15 meters; \$1000.

General Radio Freq. Measuring Equipment; 2-6' cabinets; w/all frequency equipment; w/manuals; lots of electronics; \$250.

HEATHKIT Transceiver model HW-16; w/manual. 80-40 & 15 meters; no crystals; \$35.

HEATHKIT SWL radio model GR-81; 160-80-40-20 meters; w/manual \$50.

Contact K8LJM, Jose; (586) 792-4602.

WANTED: Motorola Expo batteries in GWO. Contact Floyd, W8RO at (248) 431-7769 or w8ro@k8uo.com

? Miscellaneous Items?

CHEVROLET, 2003 Trailblazer 4WD (W8RO/M). Excellent condition, loaded. Sandlewood exterior, Tan interior. 29K miles. Only \$22,900! For more details, contact Floyd, W8RO at (248) 431-7769 or w8ro@k8uo.com.

IMATION SuperDisk 120MB Parallel Port Drive. Will trade for anything for which I can find a use. Dick Arnold (586) 791 3595.

FREE! To a good home: Epson Apex L-1000 Dot Matrix Printer (24 pin). Very good condition with manuals and drivers! Contact Floyd, W8RO at (248) 431-7769 or w8ro@k8uo.com.

MOTOR HOME, 1978, 27 foot. 58K miles. Dodge chassis 440 engine. Runs well. Used at last 5 USECA Field Days. New tires and dual exhaust system. 4 kw generator, hot and cold water system, full bathroom, color TV, microwave, air conditioning. Refrigerator/freezer works on propane. Sleeps 6. \$2000 firm. Phil, W8IC (586) 751-3893.

SONY/DELL 21" CRT Computer Monitor with manual; like new; 2 years old. \$295. Contact Joe, K8OEF at (586) 781-0050 or k8oef@k8uo.com.

TOSHIBA Laptop computer 486 Satellite with Canon Jet Printer. \$130. Hewlett-Packard Color Printer Deskjet 560C. \$35. Bapco safety analyzer 120v to 220v test for ground on any product. \$125. Sony car stereo, AM/FM cassette with Sony CD 10 Disc Changer \$140. KC8QIC, Denny, (586) 268-7417.

TRU-CHEK Rain Gauge. "World's best rain gauge." Slightly used and still in box with unused mounting bracket. \$15 Contact Floyd, W8RO at (248) 431-7769 or w8ro@k8uo.com.

FOR SALE

American Electrola DXC-100 – rare tabletop radio only 2000 made, all solid state, American made with American components, allegedly the last SWL USA-made radio actually made in the USA, HF receiver to 30 MHz, AM/FM/SW, digital display, direct entry keypad, wooden case, front firing speaker, large internal wire loop antenna, long telescopic antenna, ext. jack, power supply, original owners manual; \$125-.

KENWOOD R2000 – Short-wave HF receiver, covers all HF-broadcast-ham-CB-marine bands, receives all popular modes AM/FM/CW/SSB, 150 kHz to 30 MHz, built in power supply or can run on external 12VDC, have box, owners manual, service manual; \$325- obo or trade?

MFJ MFJ-956 – tuner, two knobs, 2 SO-239's; \$24-.

Motorola 5Y – actually made by Galvin Mfg Co. in 1937, no case, large Motorola speaker, very dusty, functional condition unknown, \$FREE.

Yaesu MH-34 – Speaker mic for Yaesu HT's, single pin 4-conductor style, rotatable lapel clip, like new; \$20.

Kenwood SMC-33 – Speaker-mic for Kenwood HT's, two-pin style, right angle connector, has the three programmable buttons across the top, lock switch on the back, rotatable lapel clip; \$45.

Computer Speakers – amplified pc speakers, used only 10 minutes; \$5-.

Archer 15-1113 – UHF/VHF/FM pre-amp, 110V; \$10.

CB Antenna – about 26" long, base loaded, base load is tunable w/2 adjustment rings, 3/8" style mount; \$5.

Cell Phone Mobile Power Cord – for cell phone with 4.8V battery, DC coaxial plug on phone end; \$5.

Power Supply – switching PS, 12-15 VDC, 16A, works, you wire it up; \$25.

Duckies – UHF duck about 6" with BNC, \$5; dual band 2M/440 "Icom" style about 6" with BNC, \$15; 11 Meter black rubber duck with right angle PL259, \$5.

K-40 10/11M Whip – 4' fiberglass, black, tunable, substitute for original K-40 stainless whip & base load, no mount or coax just the antenna; \$4.

Contact Arpad, WY8M at: wy8m@arri.net or (586) 751-3804 or 147.180 MHz+ 100 Hz PL.

★New or changed this month.
Please notify the editor to have item(s) added and/or removed.
This Cork Board is for club members only and it's free!



Mobile HF Radio—From Page 1
Operating: Aside from the fact that you can receive a ticket for "Distracted driving," you can also receive fatal injuries! If you find that talking on the radio, either SSB or CW is a distraction, Park it! You can still have a good time from a motionless portable operation.

An ideal situation is to have a driver operating the vehicle while you operate the radio.



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Annual Membership Dues Regular: \$20 — Family: \$30 — Auto-Patch: \$35 (One Time Fee) + Annual Dues
 Applications can be given to the Membership Secretary at monthly meeting or mailed.

Please make check payable to: **USECA** — Address: **P.O. Box 46331, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046**

(Allow 4-6 weeks for processing.)

USECA reserves the right to accept or reject New or Renewal Memberships.



Local Area FM Nets

DAY	TIME	CLUB	FREQ.
SUN	1:00 pm	USECA/Information	147.180
SUN	7:00 pm	USECA/Youth	147.180
SUN	8:00 pm	USECA/Traders/Helpers	147.180
SUN	9:00 pm	HPARC/Info	146.640
SUN	9:00 pm	Garden City ARC	146.860
SUN-SAT	10:15 pm	S. E. Michigan Traffic Net	145.330
MON	7:30 pm	SATERN	147.180
MON	8:00 pm	MECA/Info	147.200
MON	8:00 pm	GMARC (PL 123)	443.075
MON	9:00 pm	USECA/Morse Code Class	147.180
TUE	9:00 pm	Motor City Radio Club	147.240
WED	9:00 pm	ARPSC/Info	145.490
THU	8:00 pm	RACES/ARES	147.200
THU	8:30 pm	LCARC/Info	147.080

VHF PL'S — 100 Hz

On The World Wide Web

USECA Home Page

WWW.USECA.NET

Local HF Nets

DAY	TIME	CLUB/DESCRIPTION	FREQ.
MON	7:30 pm	LCARC/15 Meter CW	21.165
MON	9:00 pm	LCARC/15 Meter Phone USB	21.395
WED	7:00 pm	USECA/6 Meter Phone USB	50.150
THU	7:30 pm	LCARC/10 Meter Phone USB	28.435
THU	9:00 pm	USECA/15 Meter Slow CW	21.140
FRI	10:00 pm	USECA/80 Meter CW	3.720
FRI	11:00 pm	USECA/10 Meter Phone USB	28.425

Listings in **BOLD** are USECA club nets, but ALL ARE WELCOME!

Net Ops Schedules

2-METER NETS

	SUN. 1 PM	SUN. 8 PM**
WEEK	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz
1	VA3IDJ	W1IK
2	KT8F	KC8WXF
3	-OPEN-	W8RIT
4	KW8Z	WN1B
5*	WB8E	KW8Z

*If applicable

**Traders/Helpers Net

NCO's—If you're unable to take your net please get a replacement or contact Brian, KC8DIR (586) 749-4561—Don't wait!

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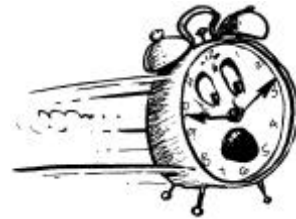


OCTOBER 2005

"The Happenin' Club"

Club Activities

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
OCT	11	7:30 pm	General Meeting
OCT	30	8:00 am	USECA 20th Annual Swap
NOV	8	7:30 pm	General Meeting (Nominations)
DEC	3	7:00 pm	USECA 18th Annual Christmas Party
DEC	13	7:30 pm	General Meeting (Elections)



Fall Back—Sunday, October 30

Name Badges

WITH THE OFFICIAL USECA LOGO
CONTACT LAURA — (586) 749-4561