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## ROMEO PARADE • SEPTEMBER 4

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*COME ON DOWN . . .*

### PARADE TIME!

Once again this year, U.S.E.C.A. will be providing communication assistance for the annual Romeo Peach Festival Parade on September 4 (Labor Day). If you would like to volunteer your help at this event, you have four options:

1. Contact Walt/WB8E at: (810) 777-2954.
2. Call the club's answering machine at: (810) 268-6730 — leave your name and number; someone will contact you.
3. Get on the repeater and inquire.
4. Show Up!

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**WE  
ARE  
BACK!**

### OCTOBER 22

Take special note of this date—it is one of the most (if not the most) important dates for our club. Please plan to participate at our swap to help make it a huge success.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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AA8NQ	WY8M	KF8RG	KF8MB	KF8CT
AA8CY	AA8HF	N8KDL	N8CVC	

## Still Going . . .

*Joe / K8OEF*

SWAP TIME! Our swap location has changed; the date remains the same. Full details will be in next month's EXPRESS. I'll say it this month and repeat it again next month — there is no activity more important to the financial success of our club than our annual swap & shop — NONE!

It would be literally impossible to thank every single person who contributed to Field Day '95. If I mention a few people, I am sure to miss someone; therefore, to one and all, "Thanks!"

I hope someone will submit the results of Field Day '95 for publication. I think the participants and all others would be interested to see the results of their efforts.

NOTE: For September only, testing will be on the second Saturday of the month.

Remember . . . until further notice, you must use a 100 Hz PL tone to access our repeater system.

This is YOUR newsletter. You are the people that make it (or break it). Don't be afraid to contribute an article or information for the EXPRESS.

If you submit an article to be published in the EXPRESS, please include your name and/or call sign. Anonymous articles will not be printed. If you do not wish to be mentioned, that is OK. A near, very embarrassing situation recently occurred where some very erroneous information would have been printed and consequently would have caused quite an embarrassment to people who certainly would have been unpleasantly surprised!

73 for now.

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THINK . . .

**USECA SWAP & SHOP**

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**V.E. TESTING**

Examinations for an Amateur License are held 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, 34 Grand, Mt. Clemens. You must have the following if testing: Picture I.D.; copy of your current license or completion certificates, if any. Birth certificate is accepted in lieu of picture I.D. For more information and directions to the test site, contact Bill/N8CVC at: (810) 468-8345; (before 9:00 p.m.).

**ALTERNATE V.E. TESTING**

Hazel Park ARC  
 Mike, WD8S; (810) 399-7970  
 Bill, N8SWQ; (313) 533-5962  
 LARC Club (Livonia); (313) 261-5486  
 Motor City Radio Club (Wyandotte)  
 Stan, KB8SB; (313) 676-6248

**U.S.E.C.A. MERCHANDISE**

**SWEAT SHIRT**

SIZE	PRICE
S-XL	\$15.00
XX	\$17.00
XXX	\$18.00
XXXX	\$20.00

**T-SHIRT**

SIZE	PRICE
S-XL	\$8.25
XX	\$9.25
XXX	\$10.25
XXXX	\$11.25

(CASH ONLY—CONTACT WALT, WB8E)

**Award-  
 Winning  
 EXPRESS**



**"THE HAPPENIN' CLUB"**

**CLUB ACTIVITIES**

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
MAY	26-29		Memorial Weekend [Location Changed] Camp-Out
JUN	13	8 pm	U.S.E.C.A. Fox Hunt
JUN	23-25		Field Day
JUL	14-16		Christmas in July Algonac State Park Camp-Out
JUL	30	8 am	EMARC Swap & Picnic
AUG	12-20		Bay City Camp-Out
AUG	19-20		Clinton River Clean-Up
SEP	?		Romeo Peach Festival
OCT	21	8 am	Boy Scouts—JOTA Stony Creek Park
OCT	22	8 am	U.S.E.C.A. Swap & Shop
NOV	11	1 pm	Road Rally
DEC	?		Annual Christmas Party
MAY	17-19		Dayton '96

**2-METER LANs**

**LOCAL AREA NETS**

DAY	TIME	CLUB	FREQ.
SUN	1:00 pm	U.S.E.C.A./Info.	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
MON	8:00 pm	MECA	147.200
TUE	8:00 pm	U.S.E.C.A./Info.	147.180
WED	8:00 pm	SPIRIT of '76/Info.	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	Midnight	U.S.E.C.A./Hoot Owl	147.180

\*FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAYS ONLY.

**NAME BADGES**

With the Official U.S.E.C.A. Logo — \$3.00  
 Contact Jerry, KB8TAS: (810) 263-0227

**80 CW**

## Field Day '95

*Tom / KB8NDS*

**W**hat can I say that hasn't already been said about USECA's 1995 Field Day? As usual, I am at a loss for meaningful words. I don't know if we all really appreciate the uniqueness of our annual festivities, but folks, I have to say that in the Ham radio world, USECA is a tough act to follow.

When I am not messing around with some electronic project or building some kind of antenna, I spend a fair amount of time lurking on some of the forums on CompuServe. One of my favorite CS forum is the Hamnet. It is basically a place where hams get together to swap advice and tall tales. Kind of the electronic equivalent of our Saturday night restaurant get-togethers, but without the food.

One of the conversations that I stumbled upon while cruising the Hamnet involved what some of the other clubs in the country were doing for Field Day this year. When I announced that we would be running 17A, I got a number of questions as to how ANY club could ever manage to muster the energy to be able to pull off such a feat.

Now, I don't claim to have all of the answers as to what it takes to be able to have our club run 17A for Field Day. But, I do know this, it wasn't an accident. We are fortunate to have the mixture of people which allows us to do this. When you stop and consider that about half of the clubs in the USA are running 2A for Field Day, you start to get the picture of how monumental the achievement of putting it all together really is.

While I don't want to fall into the trap of starting to thank the key folks who made everything happen, for fear of forgetting any of them. I will say that my hat is off to Arpad, Walt, Bill, Betty, and Jim, for the fine jobs that they did on preparing things for the rest of us. I'm sure that there were a lot of other folks who also contributed, but I tend to get tunnel vision and hearing loss when concentrating on getting my own station up and on the air.

I don't know how many of you noticed, but there seemed to be fewer people who showed up this year. This really wasn't bad, since the ones who did show up were there to help, not just to fill their faces with steak and other delicacies. What really

impressed me was that we even had a few folks who were not even amateur radio operators who showed up to help.

Once again, I was chairman of the 80 CW station. This was my second year as chair of that station, and I enjoyed it immensely. Isn't it odd how the more you get involved, the more fun you have? Believe me, I had a LOT of fun this year!

One of the projects that I took on in preparation for our annual ritual was to come up with some new antennas for the 80 CW station. Those who were there will tell you about our new SET of full-sized, 1/4-wave verticals. That's right folks, not just one, but *two* antennas, each of them *66 feet high*. The really amazing thing was that it only took five of us to put them up! (I love it when a plan comes together!)

We ran the verticals as a phased array, in order to get some directional patterns out of them. For those of you who were wondering how well they worked, I'll just say that in my humble opinion they did a great job. I have gone over our Field Day logs for 1994 and 1995, and have noticed that we had many more long distance contacts with the phased verticals than we did with our other antennas. The really amazing thing is that while the low radiation angle of the vertical antennas brought in the DX, they also continued to work the closer stations. So much so, that next year we may abandon the old dipole altogether.

We also had the U-Haul truck again this year, and once again it proved to be a superior operating platform. Even though we didn't get our usual two days of rain it was still nice to have a shielded, level space to put our station in. The only thing better than the U-Haul (and my Drake TR7) was the ICE bandpass filter that I bought for our station. Man, that thing really knocks the heck out of them woodpeckers and noise makers. Not to mention, it kept us from transmitting on four different bands, simultaneously. The latest rumor is that some of the club members are taking up a collection to buy one for the 40 CW station to use next year.

As for contacts, we made 314 of them this year. This is about ten more than last year, even though the bands were more noisy and less open. The amusing

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thing was that a number of times the stations that we contacted came back with a "?" to our 17A

exchange. The contacts that we really loved were the ones where the other station would send the letters "W-O-W" before they sent their exchange back to us.

We would not have made all those contacts were it not for the crew at 80 CW. Once again, Fred (WB8ITB), Steve (KC8BW), Arpad (WY8M) and myself managed to deprive ourselves of sleep and rack up a respectable score. We also had help from a few others who stepped in to help out from time to time, I would thank them, but I didn't get all of their names.

One of the names that I did get was that of one of my students, Ron Oldani, who helped us out by doing the logging from 10:00 p.m. to about midnight. The amazing thing was that Ron isn't even a Ham! He just happened to be sitting there when Arp said that the sandman was calling and asked Ron if he wanted to log for a while. Ron responded with, "What do I have to do?"; and was promptly recruited! For two hours I kept my ear to the radio and told him to, "Just type in what I tell you . . ." I credit Ron with successfully logging at least 33 contacts, without ever knowing a DIT from a DAH! This folks, is what Field Day is all about; the willingness to take part.

Speaking of taking part. I don't know how many of you noticed, but none of the stations that I saw ran out of operators in the middle of the night this year. This is one of the crucial things to getting a good Field Day score; you must have operators to work the night shift on your workhorse bands; 80, 40, and 20 meters. We peaked on 80 CW between 4 and 5 in the morning with 30 contacts in one hour. Without the night operators, the scores would be el-stinko, for sure.

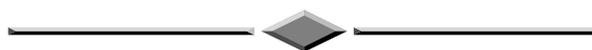
Some of the other folks that I would like to thank on behalf of the 80 CW crew are; Al (N8ARO), Rich (WR8Q), and Walt (KB8JXW), most of whom are club members. There were also a few other hams that helped out, but I have forgotten their names and/or calls. Sorry folks, it's my digital memory feature; once a minute it goes back to zero!

I also wish to thank a few of my students, who are not Hams, who came out to give us a hand, or at least to see the happenings; Pingree Conflitti, Richard Pointe, Ron Oldani, Robert Ramsay, and Gary Rhein. My brother, Lee Bowes, also deserves a nod of thanks for helping us to get the antennas up and running.

Well folks, that's about as much blab as I can muster at one sitting. Here's hoping that I see you at Field Day next year. I am planning on being station chairman for 80 CW again. How about you? What are you doing next year on the last weekend of June?

Best Wishes,

Tom Bowes, KB8NDS



## WY8M

Congratulations to Arpad/WY8M . . . his article in our April, 1995 edition of the EXPRESS ("Some Thoughts On Code") was published in the July/August, 1995 edition of ARNS. ARNS is the Amateur Radio News Service published for us newsletter editors to exchange information and/or articles from throughout the states. ARNS is the organization that gave our EXPRESS an "Excellent" rating in their recent newsletter contest.

# From The Net Point Manager

Ken / KF8RG

Hope all of ya' had a great summer! We had lots of great weather for club activities this year so there's no excuse for those of you who didn't show up.

Dina has done a fantastic job of arranging the club camp-outs. I managed to drop in on the Christmas in July camp-out at Algonac State Park and it sure seemed like everyone was havin' a ball (even though some of the other campers thought USECANs running around in Santa suits were a bit odd!).

The USECA picnic was a huge success; good food was plentiful, and we were blessed with beautiful, sunny weather and the passing of at least 12 freighters. I didn't count the rigs on hand but it appeared we were 4 alpha (again, more stations than some clubs run on Field Day!).

I visited the Lightship Huron, as always, and after chatting a while with one of the old-timers on board about various other lightships and maritime museums, inquired about the Amateur station on board and as to whether it was still operable. He replied that it was, and offered to give me a closer look. As we looked around the radio room, I told him that there were about 50 or so Hams on the knoll beside the ship who'd love to operate the station and that I'd help set it up for whoever wished to operate. Well . . . the rest was easy, ops were standing in line for a chance to shout "CQ CQ this is (Your Call) a'board the Lightship Huron". A microphone was available for use, but we couldn't find a key!

When it came Marion's (N8MOJ) turn to operate, she was about to walk away disgusted . . . (no way was this gal gonna stoop to using a mike!) when we discovered a switch wired in for tuning purposes. Marion went for it. I gotta admit, it was some of the worst CW I've ever heard (the switches fault), but Marion stuck it out and even managed a nice chat with a XYL friend of hers in England!

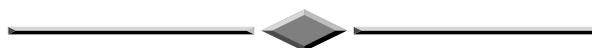
Hey! Did'ya hear the story about the "Three Hour Cruise" . . . ask OF and IF, who not only crossed Lake Scary, but also got caught between a "Rock and a Hard Place"! The "Minnow" and crew had a rough time of it, but that was all acting for TV—this story's for real!

By the way, Net Ops—check the note at the bottom of the Net Points; there's a new rule on net logs that reach me more than a month late!

I will try to leave a message, as a reminder, on the repeater's DVR prior to club meetings as to who should be there to pick up an award.

Our nets have been quite active, as compared to other summers, especially the Sunday International and the Tuesday Info Nets. If you haven't already, join in the fun and keep abreast of club happenings by checking in.

Know someone who's let their membership lapse? Talk to 'em about renewing. Know a new ham or one studying to be? Talk to 'em about joining! The club counts on you, the membership, for new members. We don't advertise . . . that's *your* job!



## Net Point Notes . . .

1. A star next to your name indicates an award is due.
2. Awards should be picked up at club meetings, they will not be mailed.
3. Net point tallies are only as accurate as the check-in sheets are forwarded to net point manager; late or missing logs cannot be scored. Please avoid dupes on your logs and write neatly. Accuracy matters . . . get the callsigns right.
4. Net logs should be mailed within the week to KF8RG, 53762 Kristin Ct., Shelby Twp., MI 48316.
5. NCO's . . . take note, logs mailed more than a month late will only earn you 1 pt as NCO.
6. Plaques are awarded at years end to the highest scoring contestants on CW & FM.
7. FM Check-in=1 pt.; CW Check-in=2 pts.; FM NCO=3 pts.; CW NCO=4 pts.

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## USECA's 1995 FM Net Points as received by August 5th

## Top Twenty FM Contenders

Call	Name	Pts	Call	Name	Pts	Call	Name	Pts	Call	Name	Pts	
WB2C	ANDY	1	KA8NDY	DAN	31	KB8TVV	JIM	14	1	* KF8AT	FLOYD	61
WX3L	MIKE	18	N8NMX	BILL	2	K8TXS	ALEX	1	2	* K8OEF	JOE	60
WX3M	DON	3	N8NQQ	BIFF	25	KA8UHG	STEVE	4	3	* KB8WTC	MIKE	54
WD4DNN	JOHN	1	KA8NRM	CHUCK	1	KB8ULS	ROGER	2	4	* KB8QMS	NANCY	50
WD7G	TONY	1	N8NTD	JOHN	19	KE8UM	MURRAY	1	5	WD8IFL	DAVE	46
KA7KZO	JOHN	15	N8NZA	JEAN	1	KB8UNX	MARK	1	6	WY8M	ARPAD	43
KC8ACF	BRAD	3	N8OAE	ERNIE	8	KB8UTC	MIKE	1	7	WB8E	WALT	43
KB8AKS	JERRY	10	WB8OAF	BILL	1	WK8V	DAVE	1	8	KB8TAS	JERRY	41
* KF8AT	FLOYD	61	WB8ODH	BRIAN	1	WA8VIJ	GULLIVER	2	9	KB8RBV	MANNY	37
AA8BE	RUDY	1	* K8OEF	JOE	60	KB8VJD	DAVE	1	10	KB8TOQ	LEE	35
WD8BRE	ED	2	N8OEF	VAL	7	KB8VLI	STEVE	27	11	N8RUE	EDDIE	33
N8CBG	PETE	1	N8OEM	BARB	7	KB8VLJ	DAVE	2	12	KG8IF	ANN	33
K8CFY	JERRY	26	N8OEV	DAVE	4	KB8VLL	BILL	4	13	KB8QXD	RANDY	31
N8CHB	ROGER	1	N8OEX	EARL	4	N8VLY	JOAN	6	14	KA8NDY	DAN	31
KB8CRI	CHUCK	2	N8OKW	JIM	30	N8VLZ	GORDIE	8	15	N8OKW	JIM	30
KF8CT	DAVE	27	N8OSU	RANDY	1	KE8VM	DAN	1	16	KB8QMP	BILL	29
N8CVC	BILL	1	N8OWI	COLE	11	N8VMH	DAVE	10	17	N8TMJ	MARIANNE	29
K8DHA	JOHN	1	AA8OZ	PAUL	2	N8VOH	KATHY	13	18	KB8WBZ	CARL	28
N8DPH	DEB	1	N8PYH	GERARD	1	KB8VQM	LESTER	8	19	KB8VLI	STEVE	27
WD8DQS	LESTER	1	KB8QFR	JIM	24	W8VRW	HARRY	1	20	KF8CT	DAVE	27
W8DYC	JACK	1	KB8QFY	LYNN	13	N8VTF	DON	27				
WB8E	WALT	43	KB8QLZ	GARY	20	N8VWH	LINDA	5				
KB8GGI	PAUL	7	KB8QMP	BILL	29	KB8VWL	ED	2				
KG8GJ	KEVIN	2	* KB8QMS	NANCY	50	KB8VWR	MARIE	1				
KB8GPO	KEN	2	KG8QT	MARTY	9	KB8VWY	DORIS	1				
WA8GQL	DAN	8	N8QVX	KEVIN	17	KB8WBV	KEN	5				
WB8H	GORDIE	2	KB8QWF	DORIS	1	KB8WBZ	CARL	28				
WA8HBM	WILLIAM	1	KB8QWY	FRANK	1	KB8WCN	BRIAN	2				
AA8HF	DARWIN	5	KB8QXB	SUE	6	N8WDO	DAN	2				
N8HIY	BOB	1	KB8QXD	RANDY	31	KB8WFV	GREG	1				
N8HJW	FRAN	1	N8QXP	CHARLES	1	KB8WFW	MIKE	3				
WB8HUA	TOM	1	KB8QYM	DAVE	1	KB8WFF	JOSHI	4				
N8HZE	KEN	2	N8QZS	PAUL	1	KB8WLR	CHUCK	22				
KG8IE	SCOTT	3	KB8RBQ	LOUIE	1	KB8WLU	PAUL	5				
KG8IF	ANN	33	KB8RBV	MANNY	37	KB8WMS	JIM	9				
WD8IFL	DAVE	46	KF8RG	KEN	18	N8WVW	RICK	1				
KG8IG	DON	1	N8RHT	RICK	3	N8WVY	JIM	13				
N8IGM	JOE	1	KB8RJI	DAVE	1	KB8WPG	MIKE	1				
W8JEK	BOB	1	KB8RJS	ERIC	1	* KB8WTC	MIKE	54				
N8JEX	RICH	3	WD8RNO	LYNN	2	KB8WTH	RICHARD	17				
AA8JN	FRANK	2	N8RRU	GARY	13	N8WYP	RAY	1				
N8JVA	ANDY	1	N8RUE	EDDIE	33	N8XCZ	ELIZABET	5				
N8KDL	DOUG	1	N8RUH	TJ	10	N8XOH	JIM	1				
N8KIM	WAYNE	1	KB8RXM	TIM	1	N8XSM	EUGENE	2				
N8KXL	JERRY	1	N8RYT	TOM	1	KB8YBT	JOHN	1				
KG8KM	HAL	1	N8SCQ	BOB	2	N8YBY	LEONARD	2				
N8KND	DOUG	9	KB8SFK	RED	3	N8YJI	DINA	25				
N8KNS	DON	7	KB8SFO	DENNIS	1	KB8YJM	JOHN	1				
KG8KZ	DAVE	17	N8SIH	BETTY	26	KB8YLB	ED	3				
WA8LCZ	BYRON	2	KB8SLF	DAN	5	N8YWK	BOB	4				
N8LLE	KEVIN	1	N8SNN	SARA	2	N8YWN	STAN	21				
N8LXL	BETTY	4	KB8SRB	STAN	4	KB8YYA	DREW	15				
KB8LYA	FRED	24	KB8SRD	KEN	13	KB8YYB	DEBBIE	1				
AA8LZ	BILL	12	KB8SRI	JERRY	5	KB8YYC	DENNIS	21				
WY8M	ARPAD	43	N8SUR	RICH	6	KB8YYD	TOM	1				
KF8MB	MEL	2	KB8SVN	CHUCK	1	N8ZFA	PETE	2				
N8MBK	NATHAN	1	KB8TAS	JERRY	41	KB8ZFC	BILL	1				
N8MCD	JIM	3	N8TMJ	MARIANNE	29	WB8ZJL	PAUL	6				
AA8MD	ERIC	20	N8TNI	SHARON	1	KB8ZMC	BILL	4				
N8MJJ	JIM	1	KB8TOQ	LEE	35	KB8ZMD	PAM	1				
N8MIV	NORMAN	1	KA8TPE	SCOTT	1	WA8ZOF	PHIL	8				
KB8MUA	ANDY	2	N8TUN	STEVE	4	N8ZRZ	AL	1				
KB8NDS	TOM	5										

### CW Netpoint Leaders

Call	Name	Pts	
1	* W8VRW	HARRY	154
2	* N8MOJ	MARION	84
3	* KF8AT	FLOYD	58
4	N8OEF	VAL	48
5	KA8NDY	DAN	42
6	WB8E	WALT	40
7	KG8KZ	DAVE	34
8	WA8ZOF	PHIL	30
9	N8WYO	ALAN	22
10	WD8PLQ	GAYLEN	12
11	WA8LCZ	BYRON	8
12	KF8RG	KEN	8
13	WY8M	ARPAD	6
14	KB8TOQ	LEE	6
15	N8SCQ	BOB	4
16	AA8CY	BRIAN	4
17	N8QMD	NEEDNAME	4
18	WA8TOB	CHARLES	2
19	KG8IF	ANN	2
20	WD5DNA	WILTON	2

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## If Only . . .

*Nancy / KB8QMS*

If my call sign was **KF8AT**, I would be the Prez., the big kahuna. I could be proud that I was true to my word concerning the goals that I stated for the club and that I did an excellent job.

If my call sign was **N8KND**, I would have left the country; also, to get away from the massive job of keeping the repeater system going.

If my call sign was **K8OEF**, I would be able to say I am the editor of the *Express* and that every issue is award winning and deserves an excellent rating.

If my call sign was **KG8IF**, I would be married to **WA8ZOF** (wow), I would be a vice president who knows how to spell potato; and, I would be a true friend because I listen with my heart.

If my call sign was **WD8IFL**, I would be world famous; and, know how to smoke a turkey. I would have a sailboat; and, be a part of the "aqua nuts" of U.S.E.C.A.

If my call sign was **N8TMJ**, I would know how to throw a great Christmas in July party; and, I could be proud knowing I am such a caring person.

If my call sign was **N8OKW**, I would know how to sew on velcro; and, I would know an awful lot about racing cars.

If my call sign was **WY8M**, I would have the "Arp Tarp," at field day; and, have my call sign used at one of the biggest events in amateur radio.

If my call sign was **N8NQQ**, I would have a Dutchman motor

home with air and be retired with nothing to do except camp.

If my call sign was **WB8E**, I would be one hell of a nice guy. I would be our club ambassador extraordinaire; one of the doers and shakers of U.S.E.C.A. I would be an extra class with class; and, last but not least, I would be the world's greatest salesman since I would be able to sell a used pie container with fork and crumbs included.

If my call sign was **KB8QFY**, I would have my own motorcycle and look good in chaps.

If my call sign was **N8VLY**, I would thank **N8RRU** for buying me a camper.

If my call sign was **N8OEX**, I would be a great chef; and, I would ask the club to provide me with an official chef's hat.

If my call sign was **WA8Z**, I would have no problem remembering my call sign.

If my call sign was **N8SIH**, I would have gotten to go bra-less at the Port Huron picnic and get away with it.

If my call sign was **K8CFY**, I would own that cool looking bike and ride around and around at Algonac State Park

If my call sign was **KB8TAS**, I would be "the guy" that sells the badges with the official U.S.E.C.A. logo.

If my call sign was **WX3M**. I would have a brain; and, I would know an awful lot about alot.

If my call sign was **KG8IE**, I would have won the Detroit Region Championship Spring Road rally.

If my call sign was **KF8RG**, I would get a lot of mail and not junk that says "occupant" or "resident."

If my call sign was **N8VTF**, I would get to drive the Salvation Army Canteen and get to have trainees at my every beck'n call.

If my call sign was **KA8NDY**, I would own Elmer Fudd.

If my call sign was **KB8QXD**, I would get to say "this is" KB8QX Delta.

If my call sign was **N8YJI**, I would own the Taj Mahal, and be "the other woman."

If my call sign was **AA8CY**, I would have an awesome head of hair and get to wear it in a pony tail.

If my call sign was **W8VRW**, I would know the code and have a wall full of certificates for top 20 CW contenders.

If my call sign was **KB8YYC**, I would be able to yank your chain; and, be "talked into" chairing a station at field day and doing a fine job.

If my call sign was **KB8QMP**, I would be a captain and be able to get a S.A.T.E.R.N. team together to provide service in time of disaster.

If my call sign was **N8LXL**, I would wonder why **AA8LZ** spends his days off out on a certain boat "going fishing," but never has brought home a fish.

If my call sign was **N8MCD**, I would install a shower on my property, so I wouldn't be contributing to the destruction of the ozone layer.

If my call sign was **KB8QMS**, I would be me.

**USECA Board Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 1995**

In attendance:

KF8AT	Floyd	President
KB8QFY	Lynn	Treasurer
N8OKW	Jim	Recording Secretary
WY8M	Arpad	Board Member
N8NQQ	Biff	Board Member
K8OEF	Joe	Editor
N8VLY	Joan	Membership Secretary
KF8CT	Dave	
K8CFY	Jerry	Historian
N8OEX	Earl	Past President
N8QVX	Kevin	Swap Chairman
N8LXL	Betty	Board Member

Absent:  
KG8IF Ann Vice President

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:38.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Membership

The current membership is 189.

Repeater Status

The repeater is UP and working. The problem last week was the power supply which had failed. A new power supply is on order which will have higher capacity and meters to make trouble shooting easier.

Newsletter

As usual, there will not be a newsletter in July and August, as the club does not have regular meetings in July and August due to the unavailability of the school.

ARRL

The new 610 forms will be ordered June 15th.

Activities

Pre-Field Day, May 13, Ann, KG8IF and Lynn, KB8QFY

As usual, it was at Stony Creek. All had a good time.

Memorial Day Camp Out, May 27, 28, 29. Dena, N8YJI

Even with the last minute change of venue to Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area, the camp-out was a success. A total of 20 people camped and another 10 or so dropped in for part of the weekend.

Field Day, June 23, 24, 25, Betty, N8LXL  
See Betty, Don, WX3M or Arpad, WY8M to volunteer to help. All stations have chairs. We still need a 1.2 GHz radio and antenna. Steaks have been ordered.

Christmas in July, July 14,15,16, Marianne, N8TMJ  
Will again be at Algonac State Park. Everyone is encouraged to bring their Christmas decorations and join us for the fun and strange stares of the other campers.

Swap—October 22 Kevin, N8QVX  
The swap will be at Clintondale High School, on 15 Mile West of Gratiot. Space for up to 200 tables in the two cafeterias is available. Food service will also be available. Kevin will need a lot of help, so contact him to offer your help before he has to call you..

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Mickle, N8OKW, Recording Secretary

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**USECA General Membership Meeting  
June 13, 1995**

Board Members in attendance:

KF8AT	Floyd	President
KB8QFY	Lynn	Treasurer
WY8M	Arpad	Board Member
N8NQQ	Biff	Board Member
N8LXL	Betty	Board Member
N8OEX	Earl	Past President
N8VLY	Joan	Membership Secretary

Absent:  
KG8IF Ann Vice President  
N8OKW Jim Recording Secretary

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

Attendance was 49 members and as many antennas for the fox hunt. One car had 8 antennas.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the Express.

The treasurer's report was presented.

MEMBERSHIP, Joan, N8VLY

Current paid membership is between 189 and 200.

REPEATER, Doug, N8KND

Thermal problem is causing voter floating and picking wrong receive site. The 200 W PA is out. Replacement parts are ordered and it should be back in place by Sat, 6-17.

Summer-Weight USECA Jackets

Betty, N8SIH is taking orders for raglan-sleeved style jackets. The price is approx. \$37.00. Call her to place your order.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIELD DAY, June 24, 25—Betty N8LXL passed out "pass-a-dish" pans for the Sat. meal.

Tents will be erected on Fri. morning after 10:30 a.m.

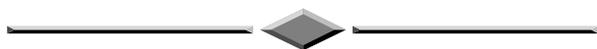
No satellite station—Will change to Packet Station.

Christmas in July, July 14, 15, Marianne, N8TMJ is planned for Algonac State Park. Make your reservations early.

RACES/ARES—See Biff, N8NQQ for information on membership and upcoming activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. followed by the annual fox hunt and pizza party at Frank's Place on Utica Rd.

Respectfully submitted; Marianne Mickle, N8TMJ, Acting Secretary.



## Christmas in July '95

*Marianne / N8TMJ*

Hot—sweltering—no breeze—Mother Nature let us know what "Santa" feels like when a fireplace is smoldering and he has to enter. It may not be a good analogy, but that's what it felt like.

Sixteen campers weathered the weekend and another sixteen joined us for the "pass-a-dish" and gift exchange. Just as we were ready to get the dinner on, a storm came through. We waited it out under the several canopies that we had erected earlier in the weekend. After the storm blew through, the air cooled and we had a marvelous evening. Dena (N8YJI) and Nancy (N8QMS) along with our 5 foot lighted Santa gave us all the holiday spirit. Dena outdid herself again. Christmas shirt—socks—earrings—lighted antenna and music. (Pictures can be seen in the album at the next meeting.)

In addition to the partying, eating, swimming, and ship watching, Jim, N8OKW, ran the Sunday afternoon information net from the campground using a new copper pipe J-pole that he had built for the weekend. Boy did the radio get hot when all the campers used the same radio for their check-ins. It probably stayed on high transmit for about 15 minutes straight.

Will we do it again? Yes, unless something untoward happens. Plan ahead & join us next July.

Thanks to all that participated. You are a great group.  
Marianne, N8TMJ

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***SUPPORT YOUR CLUB . . .***

**USECA SWAP**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1995**  
**8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**NET OP SCHEDULES**

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2-METER NETS (147.180 MHz)				CW NETS (21.140 MHz)	
WEEK	SUN. 1 PM	TUES. 8 PM	FRI. MIDNIGHT	THURS. 9 PM	FRI. 10 PM
1	KG8IF	WB8E	KB8WTC	-OPEN-	W8VRW
2	K8OEF	N8LXL	KB8TAS	-OPEN-	-OPEN-
3	AA8MD	WY8M	KF8AT	-OPEN-	WA8ZOF
4	-OPEN-	KB8RBV	WY8M	-OPEN-	N8MOJ
5	KB8RSH	N8VVH	KB8QMS	-OPEN-	W8VIJ

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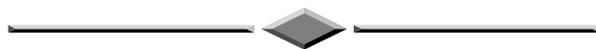
- 12 dB gain over a dipole
- 40 dB Front-to-Back ratio
- 60° Half-power Beamwidth
- SWR < 1.2:1 across the band
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- Mounts directly to tower or mast
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**IMPORTANT NOTE TO NCO'S**

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 ITEM NUMBER 5.



**JUMBLE ANSWERS**

The previous edition of the *Express* contained a "Jumble" quiz; the following are the answers:

1. GROUND
2. REMOTE
3. CRYSTAL
4. HARDLINE
5. A GOOD MATCH

**HELP WANTED — ROMEO PARADE  
 SEPTEMBER 4 (Labor Day)**

# SEPTEMBER, 1995

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CW NET (21:140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	2
3 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18	4 LABOR DAY ROMEO PEACH FESTIVAL PARADE	5 BOARD MEETING 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 TESTING SALVATION ARMY
10 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18	11	12 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 P.M.	13	14 ARPPSC 7:30 P.M. FREEDOM HILL CW NET (21:140) 9:00 P.M.	15 CW NET (21:140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	16
17 LANSE CREUSE SWAP & SHOP 2 METER NET 1:00 P.M. 147.18	18	19 2 METER NET 8:00 P.M. 147.18	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	27	28 CW NET (21:140) 9:00 P.M.	29 CW NET (21:140) 10:00 P.M. HOOTOWL NET MIDNIGHT	30

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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*RACES*  YES  NO

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*RACES*  YES  NO

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