

Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

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Presidents Message

The last three President's Messages have been quite personal in nature partly so that you could get to know

me better and partly because I am feeling quite nostalgic at this age. This month's message is no different!

Gregory (KD8NRO), Cathy and I traveled 1,700 miles from April 6th (Sunday) through April 9th (Wednesday) to visit a university Gregory is interested in attending. We drove 13 hours on that Sunday through the UP into Wisconsin and to our final destination in Bemidji, Minnesota. During our visit, Gregory signed up for classes and I made a deposit on a dorm room for him. It looks like this is where he will attend in the fall majoring in Sport Management.

After staying in Bemidji two nights, we drove down to Minneapolis on Tuesday and stayed overnight. We went to the Mall of America for about four hours that day. Gregory got to have his picture taken with the Minnesota Vikings quarterback who was in the Microsoft store. I'm not much of a shopper and I reached a state of exhaustion much quicker than my wife and son did -- so we did not spend a lot more time at the mall.

This semester at Ferris is winding down and students only have two more weeks of classes.

Commencement for the College of Business is May 10th and the summer semester begins shortly thereafter. It seems time goes by so quickly these days.

As the late Paul Harvey would say in his famous radio broadcasts – "now for the rest of the story..."

I understand that April's meeting was fairly well attended, and the presentation on digital communications by John Mathieson (AC8JW) and Stephen Smith (WA8LMF) was very informative and generated a lot of questions.

Members of the club conducted an "amateur radio awareness" program for some Girl Scouts on Saturday, April 12th. There were about 15 Girl Scouts in a variety of ages. They all seemed to enjoy what we did for them to demonstrate ham radio. HF, repeater operations and satellite communications were the primary modes used during our demonstrations. Contact with a ham in New Mexico was made on 20 meters. My thanks to

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Fritz Pins, Jeff Sell, Delcy Hernden, and Gregory Woolen for showing up to participate in this worthwhile community outreach event.

Please volunteer to conduct a net as it is not hard and it is a lot of fun. The two meter net is every Tuesday at 9 PM and the 440 net is every Sunday at 7:30 PM. The script (preamble) for conducting the net is on the BRAARC Web site. Also, one can be provided in print, if needed.

Gregory and I will be attending the ARRL National Convention in Hartford, Connecticut in July. In addition to convention activities, we will tour League headquarters and the W1AW

station. This convention celebrates the 100th birthday of ARRL.

Don't miss the opportunity to eat breakfast with fellow hams on April 26th at Sharon's Restaurant in Rogers Heights. I hope to see all of you at our May 1st monthly meeting!

May God bless and watch over each of you.

73s,
Jim
K4UIH

April Meeting Minutes

The meeting program was long so there are no minutes.

Announcements:

Saturday, April 26 – Regular Club Breakfast at Sharon's in Rogers Heights at 9:00 AM

Thursday, May 1 – Regular Club Meeting at Big Rapids Public Safety at 7:00PM

Tuesday evenings at 9:00pm 2M net on 146.74

Sunday evenings at 7:00pm 440 net on 443.9 MHz with a +5 offset. Also on EchoLink.

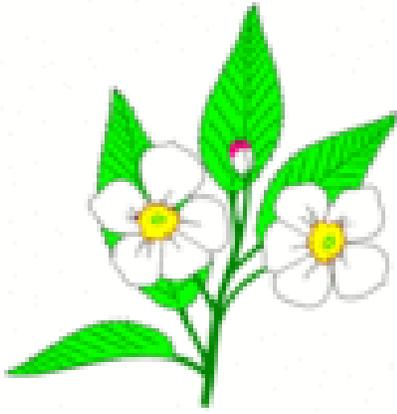
Breakfast

Saturday, April 26
9:00AM

Sharon's Restaurant
Rogers Heights

Last Month's Technical Question:





Think Spring!!

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