

from the MIR station. Chris, N8JHE, mentioned that if anyone has items for sale or "wanted" items, to let him know a week and a half prior to club meetings. A motion was then made by Lee, KC8QT, and seconded by Matt, N8JWC, to conclude the business portion of the meeting and was passed by all by voice vote. The program following the business meeting was a very interesting demonstration of Packet Radio put on by Steve Williams, N8CTI, and Jim Voss, KS8D. The 50/50 raffle was won by Warren, W8WU, and donated back to the club. Respectively submitted by Chris Pavka, N8JHE, Secretary

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Jerry Sullivan will present a talk on capacitance following the business meeting and you can be sure it will be very knowledgeable.

Dale Weber has gotten a sixty foot tower for his six meter FM antenna and is going to town in that area.

The four Novices, Don Behnke, Max Benjamin, Don Drake and Evelyn Wilson have all taken their test and are awaiting results of the examination and call letters Congratulations!

An Eico transmitter has been purchased by John Sistanich for the school and will be available for loan to any Novice.

A vote will be held at this meeting on acceptance of the Club Constitution so a full house is in order, please.

John Sistanich has two mobile mikes for sale at \$2.50 each.

A Little about April's Auction.....

Here's just a few of the items that will be available at April's auction. Thought I would give a glimpse just to "peak" your curiosity!
Cordless phones - cassette players - remote-control toys - alarm clocks - and a whole bunch more of good stuff! So don't forget to bring your items and your money! **REMEMBER**, The club is benefiting from this! More details in next months newsletter.

Just a note from the E. C.

As you all know, this month's program is our annual SKYWARN training session. Included in this months newsletter will be a "clip and save" article on estimating wind speed and also reporting procedures for severe weather. I urge everyone to cut this out and stick it in your wallet for

future reference. John Cotke will be down from the National Weather Service in Lansing. John took over from Bill Fortune who has gone to Oklahoma late last year. We look forward to working with John as he is with us.

CLIP AND SAVE

REPORTING PROCEDURES.....

Report briefly: **WHAT** you have seen: wall cloud, tornado, funnel cloud, waterspout, **HEAVY** rain, etc.

WHERE you saw it: the direction and distance from a known location, e.g., 3 miles south of Coldwater.

WHEN you saw it: make sure you note the time of your observation.

WHAT it was doing: describe the storm's direction and speed of travel, size and intensity, and destructiveness. Include any amount of uncertainty as needed, i.e., "funnel cloud; no debris visible at the surface but too far away to be certain it is not on the ground."

IDENTIFY yourself and your location.

REPORT: 1-Tornado, Funnel Cloud, Waterspout, or Wall Cloud.

2-Hail, 1/4 inch or larger. 3-Damaging Winds (usually 50 mph or greater.)

4-Flash Flooding. 5-Rain, (rate of 1 inch per hour or more.)

DO NOT REPORT.....

DO NOT get on the air and report that "It just started raining a little bit here" or "I've got the sun shining at my place". During severe weather outbreaks, there is no need for this type of information. All it does is "clutter" the airwaves and makes things more confusing. **REMEMBER**, during Watches and Warnings, if you do not have anything significant to report, **DON'T!**

WIND SPEED ESTIMATION GUIDE (MPH)

25-31 Large branches moving. Whistling heard in overhead wires.

32-38 Whole trees moving. Inconvenience in walking against wind

39-46 Small branches break (twigs). Impedes walking.

47-54 Slight structural damage. Larger branches and weak limbs may break.

55-63 Moderate structural and tree damage.

64 & above Heavy to severe structural and tree damage