

With appreciation for
having developed the
largest single Piccolo
application and with

gratitude for being lovable, as
well as opinionated and stubborn,

HARVEY G GREER

is awarded the honorary degree of

SRS post facto.

Being reasonably (sic) sound of mind, the
following Picco partners do attest

Robert W. Aslunger, Jr.

Ron Neubert.

Ron Peshek

Les Wolfe

Harold Brown

1986

The "Septic Tank (B)" was
pumped out on 7/22/86.

"Down in Flint they call it
hazardous wastes, but up
here it is just shit."

We have been coming here for
19 years. Recommended septic
tank pumping is every 4 years.
How about a compromise of once
per decade?

have
copy.

* Deforest
worker

1986

HIS FIRST wife, Dianne Ritt, from whom he was divorced in 1975 after 20 years of marriage, lives a quarter-mile away on the same road.

"He is a good man and I don't believe he did it," took part in smuggling, said his first wife, who is in her early 60s.

She said that during World War II, bombers he piloted were shot down twice.

"The first time, he walked back and was flying again in three days," she said. "The second time, he was caught by the Gestapo. They tortured him for six weeks, pulled out his fingernails. He never broke.

"He kept himself and his crew alive while they were in a prisoner of war camp for 26 months by eating ground-up prune pits and growing their own cabbage. He was a farm boy and knew how to grow things."

She said he received a number of medals, including the Medal of Honor, several Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

She had a large cardboard box filled with news clippings, documents and photographs pertaining to her former husband's career. Among the photos was one of him as World War II pilot, in which he was wearing a leather helmet with goggles, a leather flight jacket and a white silk scarf.

She described him as a loner and said he fit his childhood nickname of

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Gentle Lou. He is the youngest of eight children, she said.

She said he was called back for service during the Korean war and flew transports in the Far East.

He was part of a select group of pilots, she said, chosen to fly government dignitaries. When the late Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio died, she said, the family asked him to fly the body back to Ohio from Detroit. She said he was on friendly terms with the late Sen. Philip Hart of Michigan and that Hart helped get federal grants to build the Antrim County Airport.

AFTER WORLD WAR II, except for interruptions with military service, the couple devoted themselves to developing the airport.

During her husband's tenure as air-

port manager, it developed from a grass landing strip to a modern facility with a 5,000-foot, concrete runway and sophisticated microwave landing aids. In the summer, there are as many as 100 takeoffs and landings each day. Many of the planes are corporate jets with executives who are visiting local resorts such as Shanty Creek and Schuss Mountain.

In spring 1983, the indictment charges, the alleged mastermind of the ring, Michael Vogel, "paid or caused to be paid a substantial cash payment to defendant Louis Ritt."

On April 18, 1983, according to the indictment, a DC6 "landed at the Antrim County Airport . . . carrying approximately 14,000 pounds of marijuana."

The marijuana was unloaded, the

indictment charges, "and transported . . . by truck to the Waterway Construction Co. warehouse" in Southfield.

On April 22, 1984, according to the indictment, the same DC6 landed at Antrim County Airport and 18,000 pounds of marijuana was unloaded and transported by truck to a barn in Milford Township.

CHUCK SEXTON, 52, who took over as acting airport manager after Louis Ritt stepped down, said he can't believe Ritt is implicated in the marijuana smuggling.

"We were busy yesterday (Monday) when the FBI came," he said. "Lou was out pumping jet fuel in a turbo prop. They got him and then they went into a conference room. Then they left. I didn't notice if Lou was handcuffed."

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Pot case suspect known as hero

By THOMAS BeVIER
and BRIAN FLANIGAN
Free Press Staff Writers

BELLAIRE — The former manager of the Antrim County Airport here, who has been charged with being part of a \$90 million annual marijuana smuggling ring, is known as a decorated World War II bomber pilot who was shot down twice over France.

Louis Ritt, 67, who was manager of the airport until June 1, was one of 19 people charged in the alleged ring. According to the indictment, the airport here was used to route at least 32,000 pounds of marijuana to the Detroit area after it was flown from the Bahamas.

Ritt stepped down from the manager position he'd held for more than 30 years to become assistant manager. He cited his age as the reason.

Gregg Smith, owner of the Antrim County News, said Ritt deserves credit for building the finest rural airport in the nation, but added that for several years there have been rumors about drug traffic at the airport.

"I was not surprised" when Ritt was charged, Smith said Tuesday. "There have been street rumors that planes loaded with drugs were flying into the airport, but they could never be substantiated."

Smith said Ritt was admired for his work at the airport and had a reputation as a big spender with an eye for the ladies.

Ritt, who could not be located for comment Tuesday, now lives with his second wife, whom he married in December. Their cedar-sided house is on Ritt Road, a dirt road named after his family, which owned a nearby farm.

Water levels rise after September rains

by DOUG TRUAX

The expected seasonal decline in the water level of Lakes Michigan and Huron came to an abrupt halt in September as abnormal rains raised the lakes 6 inches above August, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Corps reported that 7.4 inches of rain fell on the lakes in September, 119 percent above nor-

mal precipitation.

"As a result, we are looking at breaking all-time records through March," said Dave Schweiger, hydraulic engineer for the Corps' Detroit District office.

The lakes are brim full, he said, and fall or spring storms could cause serious problems. "We've been awfully lucky during the last spring and fall," he added, "but I don't

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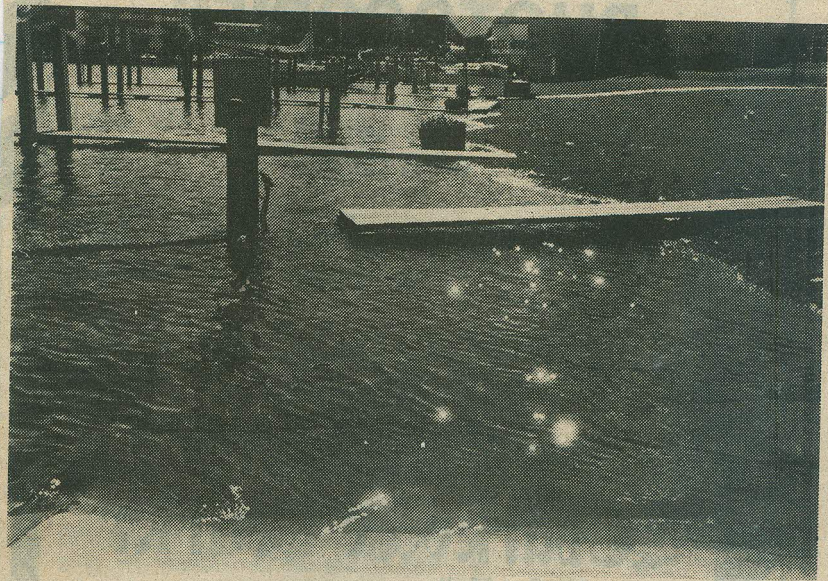


Photo by Doug Truax

The high water levels have pushed Round Lake up over the sidewalk. Temporary docks have been installed to get visitors to their boats. Officials are studying ways to alleviate damage to the docks this winter.

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levels for Lakes Michigan-Huron predicts that the lakes will be above the long-term average during the next six months. At the end of October, the Corps said, the lakes will be some 4 inches below what they were at the end of September. They are expected to complete their seasonal decline in February.

At the end of March 1987, the lakes will be 3 inches above the record for that month set in 1986, the Corps predicts.

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6-28-86

- 1-SWING - CARY'S IN CENTRAL LAKE -
They weren't available
when I was here,
but if you get one
save the bill (\$179⁰⁰)
for me.
- 2-Boats - lots of gas for both
motors. The Top is getting
ragged on The Big boat - do
your best.
- 3-Firewood - I've arranged to
buy a cord of firewood
from Jim Smith - I'll
pay him when I come
up over Labor day.
Need to stack it in The
garage.
4. Pump tank - They are supposed to be
sending me The warranty
card - if it comes
please put it in The
file under "pump".

Thanks,

Bma

ON

July 17, 1986

it was

100° F

Here-

THINGS:

- 1 - GAS - RIGHT TANK HAS TO BE ALMOST OUT - REMEMBER, WHEN YOU SMELL GAS, ITS NOT DANGEROUS. IT JUST WARNS YOU THAT ITS ALMOST OUT.
- 2 - THE BOAT IS RUNNING GREAT. HAVE FUN,
- 3 - DUMP - SAME HOURS - COST \$1⁰⁰ PER BAG - ARNIE IS STILL TICKING.
- 4 - SWAN COUNT: 13
DUCK COUNT: SCADS

Bruce
July 88

Greetings.

The beds are all freshly made. The floor has been mopped everywhere except the utility room.

Two mirrors were broken ~~by~~ by my kids. I will make up for it

have

Copey

8/23/89

1991

WE ARE GETTING OVER RUN WITH "JUNK" ITEMS.
HERE'S SOME THAT I FEEL ARE ON THE
ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST... IF YOU DISAGREE,
SPEAK UP. OTHERWISE, I WILL PLAN TO GET RID
OF THEM NEXT YEAR (1992) - IF YOU WANT THEM,
PLEASE TAKE THEM - BRUCE - JULY 1990.

IN THE UTILITY ROOM:

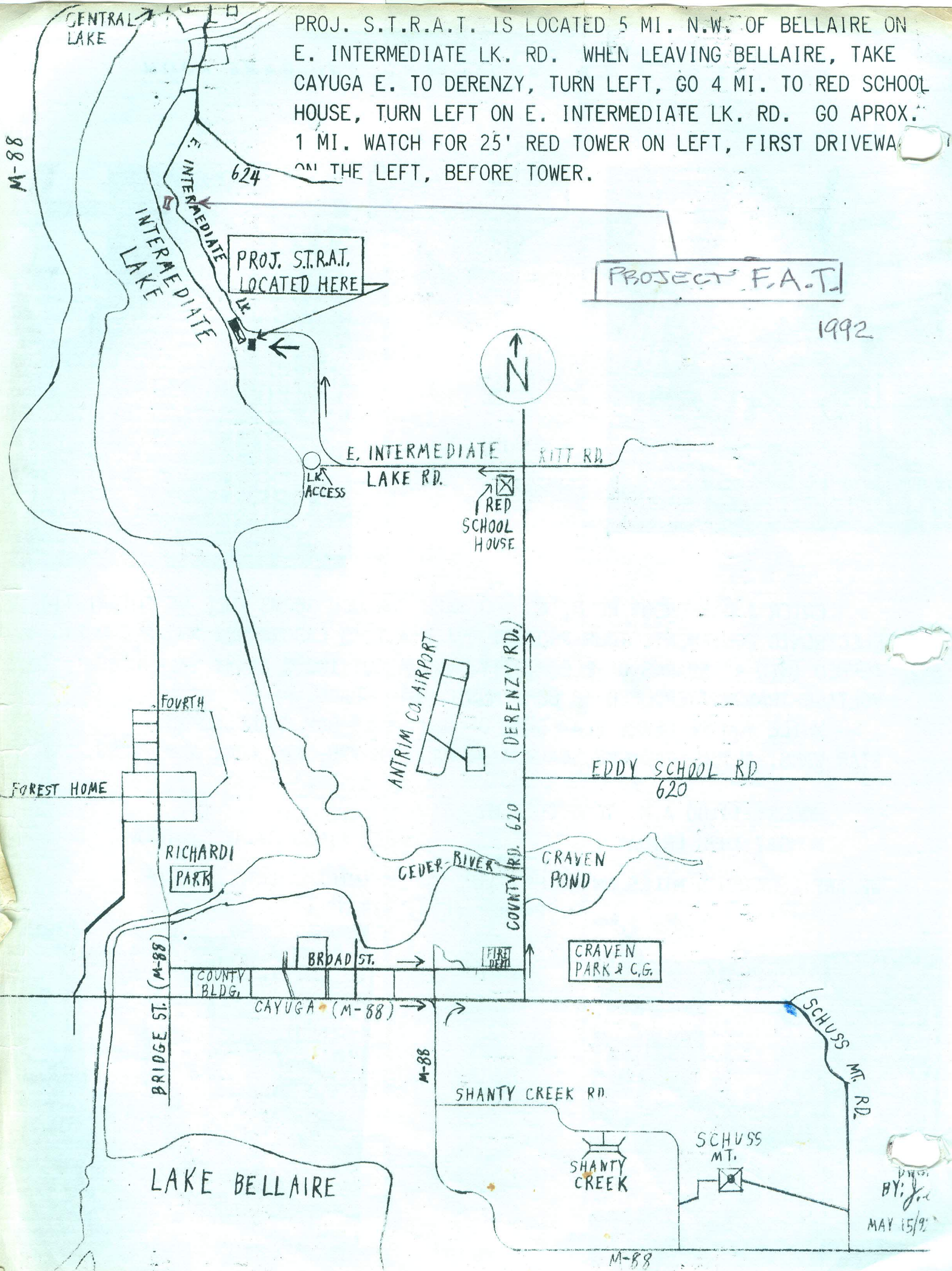
STAYS

- OLD CORN POPPER ^{cgs} ← no! no! This stays it makes great popcorn
- TOASTER OVEN ~~Gone~~
- MISC POTS & PANS ~~Gone~~
- OLD FRY PAN ~~Gone~~
- LITTLE OLD BLACK FAN ~~John~~
- ELECTRIC CAN OPENER ~~Gone~~
- ELECTRIC KNIFE SHARPENER ~~Gone~~
- OLD TOASTER ^{cgs} This is a classic, I'm Taking it, Its for the next couple who's been married 25 yrs.
- LARGE OLD COFFEE POT ~~John~~
- little black radio ~~John~~
- white overwound clock ~~Gone~~
- hair curlers (pink)
- TV Rabbit ears - CJS took home for Mother's TV at Bearwood

IN THE GARAGE?

TIRE INNER TUBES - DOES ANYONE USE THEM FOR
SWIMMING ??

They all leak



PROJ. S.T.R.A.T. IS LOCATED 5 MI. N.W. OF BELLAIRE ON E. INTERMEDIATE LK. RD. WHEN LEAVING BELLAIRE, TAKE CAYUGA E. TO DERENZY, TURN LEFT, GO 4 MI. TO RED SCHOOL HOUSE, TURN LEFT ON E. INTERMEDIATE LK. RD. GO APROX. 1 MI. WATCH FOR 25' RED TOWER ON LEFT, FIRST DRIVEWAY ON THE LEFT, BEFORE TOWER.

PROJECT F.A.T.

1992

PROJ. S.T.R.A.T. LOCATED HERE

E. INTERMEDIATE LAKE RD.

RITT RD.

RED SCHOOL HOUSE

ANTRIM CO. AIRPORT

COUNTY RD. 620 (DERENZY RD.)

EDDY SCHOOL RD 620

CEDAR RIVER

CRAVEN POND

CRAVEN PARK & C.G.

BROAD ST.

CAYUGA (M-88)

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SHANTY CREEK RD.

SCHUSS MT. RD.

LAKE BELLAIRE

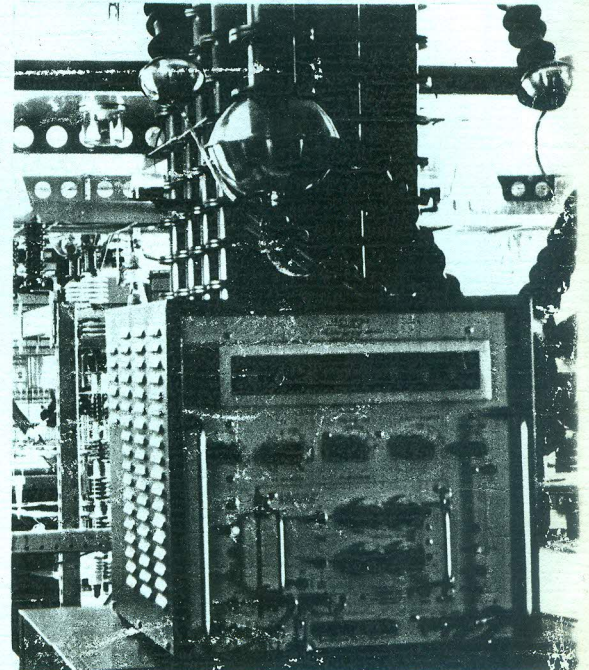
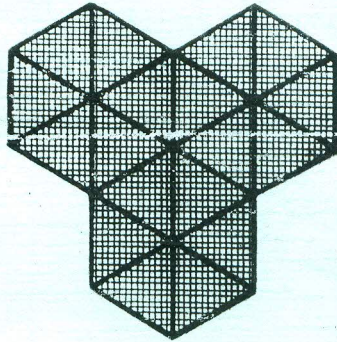
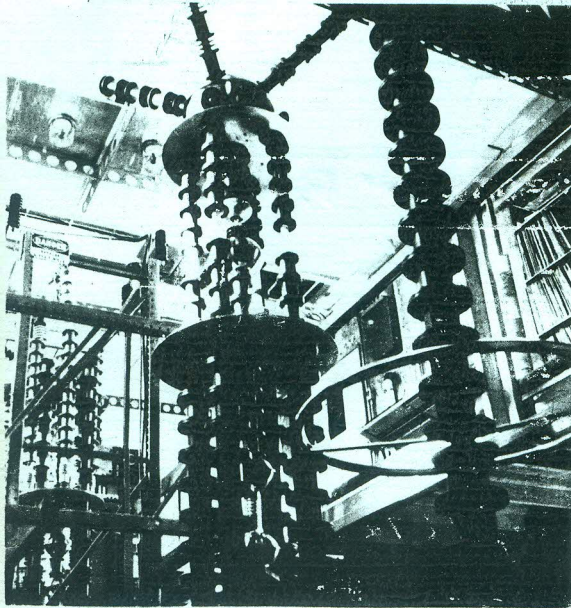
SHANTY CREEK

SCHUSS MT.

BY: J. MAY 15/92

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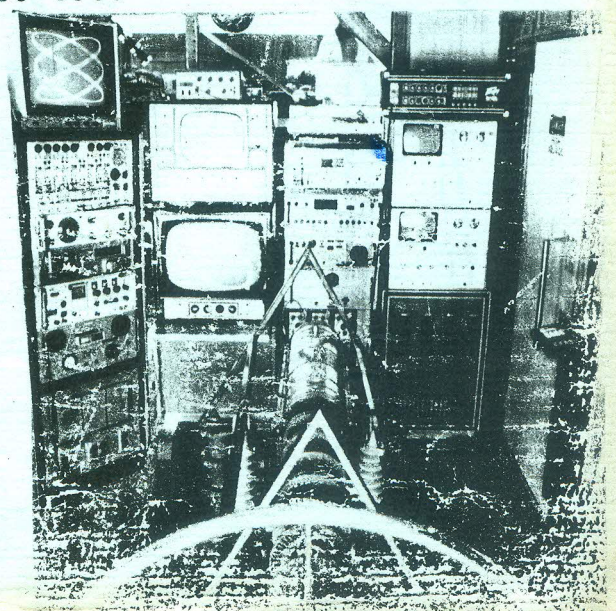
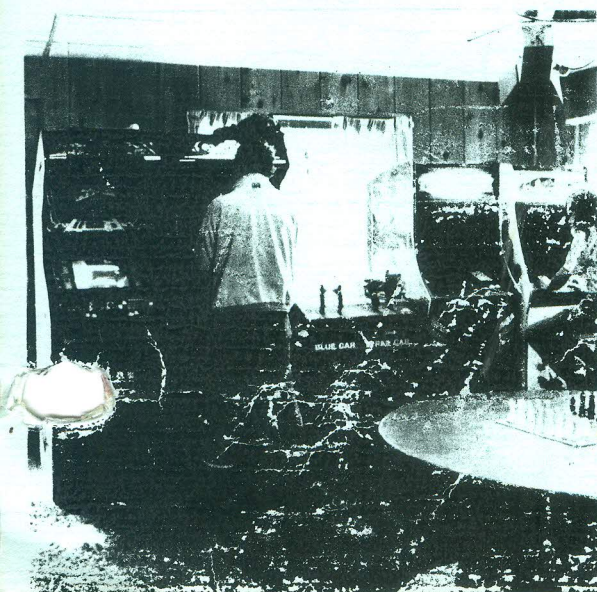
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Mom, Dad

Wed 10/14
1992

Welcome, Hope it's pleasant
for you as it has been for us.
We left you some Milk, Pop, Beer &
FUDGE. There should be plenty
of Fuel oil. Hate to leave

P.S. We left the Sweeper
out for Fly combat.

Love
John & Sara