

The Ticker

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. February turned out to be worse weather wise than any other month so far this winter. We had some below zero weather, some sleet, and way too much snow. It looks like the first couple weeks of March won't be any better. Oh well, maybe next winter won't be so harsh.

Last month's program was presented by Hank Kohl (K8DD) and Stan Arnett (AC8W). They showed us slides and told stories from their Zone 2 Dxpediton in Canada. It was a good night for all and the guys had a little fun after the meeting as well. We enjoyed having them at the meeting. March's program will be a presentation on weather spotting. Joe (KC8A) informs us it should be a little shorter this year.

This year's Technician classes started on January 20th. Once again I would like to thank all of our club members who have come forward to help teach the classes and those who visit the classes to show their support. I would like to mention that the test date has moved out one week to April 14th.

Kevin (N8JMN) has also informed us that the test cost has went up to \$12.00 this year, but remember for that money you can take the Technician, Morse Code, General, and Extra class tests all on that night as long as you keep passing them. Where can you get a better bargain than that? I have seen this happen before, but it takes real determination and stamina to go from a non-ham to an Amateur Extra all in one night. But please remember if you pass one test, go ahead and keep going. There is nothing to lose and you may get lucky on the theory tests even if you aren't totally prepared. They are multiple guess and you have a 25% chance at each question. Those of you who are out there ready for an upgrade - COME ON IN AND DO IT.

We still need an instructor for the March 24th class. See Dick (K8GX) if you are interested in helping out.

Norm and I went to another hamfest last month. It was the Mansfield Hamfest in Mansfield, Ohio. It was an awful long drive, but worth the trip. It was a large fest and was spread out over four buildings. It was a nice hamfest and a lot of people attended. Don't forget March 15th is the Marshall hamfest and March 16th is the TMRA's (Toledo Mobile Radio Association) Hamfest. They are both usually well attended and you will see a variety of items there. Of course the biggest and best hamfest of all is the Dayton Hamvention in May. Three days long and row after row of treasures all for the taking.

Once again I would like to invite everyone to the Adrian Amateur Radio club's new website. It is w8tqe.com and Andy (WA8UWQ) is our caretaker. Let Andy know if you would like to see something added to the site. Goodbye for now. See you on March 7th for the meeting.

73,
Ginny W8TTX



Here are two pictures via Hank, K8DD and Stan AC8W showing their V47 view and the Sigma V antenna. Hank and Stan just returned from V47WW (Stan) and V47DD (Hank). Really a great view from their ocean view QTH down in the Caribbean! Hank and Stan were worked by many of us as they operated before the ARRL CW Contest and during the contest. I think a show is in order from these two DX travelers!



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know....

- ...KG8CO will be operating as VP5/KG8CO soon?
- ...K8AQM got one of his amps going from the trailer, beware!
- ...W8CFP is back from Hawaii and never operated as KH6/W8CFP?
- ...N8NWA is looking for a vertical to buy? Anyone got one for sale?
- ...K8XXX cluster now has a 2m and 440 rf link and soon a 220 link?
- ...N8QEW operates from W3SOB? Nice call!
- ...N8QZO is thinking seriously of linking his 44 repeater to the ECHO system via W8XXX?
- ...WE8Z is looking to sell his Alinco DX-70? (A great rig, buy it...K8AQM)
- ...NU8Z and another op at K8CC's had a rate of 400 QSOs going for awhile at K8CC's station?
- ...K8AQM just spent over \$50 in outgoing DX QSLs?
- ...K8AA built the 100 watt K2 mod for K8AQM's K222...and it worked first time?
- ...K8DD and AC8W liked the Sigma V antennas they took to V47, antennas are K8AA's and K8AQM's

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club board met on Feb 7, 2003 at the CAP building with the following persons present: Ginny W8TTX, Ted K8AQM, Dick K8GX, Eric K8JVW, Neil KC8DAR, Andy WA8UWQ, Dave K8AA, Bill KA8ARK, Norm W8TTH and Kevin N8JMN. The meeting was held at the CAP building and called to order at 7:00 PM. The Monday night beginner's classes are doing OK. The club has a new web site. Ted would like members to submit articles for the Tickler. A Social Saturday is scheduled for February 22. at 8:30 am. The program for next month is on severe weather spotting. The Adriam Hamfest is scheduled for Sept 14, at the fairgrounds. Field day will be held at the CAP building, unless someone wants to volunteer to chair the event and select another spot. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by president Ginny W8TTX at the CAP building. Roll call was by callsign and there were 27 persons present. Motion by Harold WA8QPS to accept the minutes as published on the website, second by Ken K8KIC, the motion passed. The financial report by Dave K8AA showed a balance of \$3,414.89. Motion to accept treasure's report by Bob K2IBM second by Eric K8JVW, motion passed. Old business: Beginner classes are being held Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Help is needed help to instruct. Please volunteer if you can. Testing will be on the 14 of April. Club Web site is up and running. Ted K8AQM Editor of The Tickler would like members to submit articles for the paper. Social Saturday will be held 22 Feb 8:30 am. New business: "Wires" a system which links repeaters to the internet on 2 meter or 440 at a cost of \$107 was discussed. Ted K8AQM suggested a committee to study. Also "Echo Link" seems to be a similar system. It can be seen on the internet at Ecolink.com. Ted K8AQM and Eric K8JVW will study the systems and report to the membership. The Adrian Hamfest will be held September 14, the building has been secured. Fieldday will be held at the CAP building unless someone wants to chair the function and would like to change the location. The March program will be on severe weather spotting, put on by the Weather Service. The April meeting will be on the Michigan QSO party put on by Mark NU8Z and Ted K8AQM. The board would like to have someone who is not a board member or an officer to be a greeter, We need a volunteer for this important job. Stan AC8W was Introduced by Ted as a holder of the most QSL card in the region and many other ham accomplishments. Stan AC8W and K8DD also a very accomplished operator will give the program tonight on their d-expedition to James Bay. Eric K8JVW motioned to adj Harold WA8QPS second. Motion passed, Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

To: "ADRIANARC" <adrianarc@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [Adrian ARC] IRA, PL CHANGE ON JACKSON LINK REPEATER

As of Feb. 10, 2003

There has been a PL change on the 145.47 Jackson link repeater. As of Feb. 9 at 7 PM, the Jackson link repeater requires a 114.8 HZ PL and the downtown Lansing remote receiver which was 114.8 Hz, now requires a 100.0 Hz PL.

Note they were just interchanged so that people around Lansing with fixed-set 1000.0 Hz PLs will still access the link, but people around Jackson, Ann Arbor and Detroit will require a 114.8 Hz PL and they will no longer key up the Windsor Canada repeater (if Canada's 100.0 Hz PL is turned off). This should help everyone!

This info is taken from the IRA (W8HVG/R) web site www.w8hvg.org

Tnx Eric K8JWV...Editor

News From N8QEW @ W3SOB, King's Point, Sun City Florida

Here are some recent pictures Tom N8QEW sent from his club station at King's Point, W3SOB. Tom provided a caption for each of the pictures.

Photo 1

The door to the shack reads, "King's Point Amateur Radio Club" which does not show in the photo. This door is kept locked with each member having a key.

Photo 2

This is a shot of the emergency HF station, Yaseu 890 and the club call "W3SOB". To the left is our emergency vhf/uhf emergency setup powered by three lead acid batteries that are maintained by a solar array on the roof. A very nice setup.





Photo 3

This is the meat of the station. It even has a TV and computer with four working positions. Off to my right is a complete repair bench.

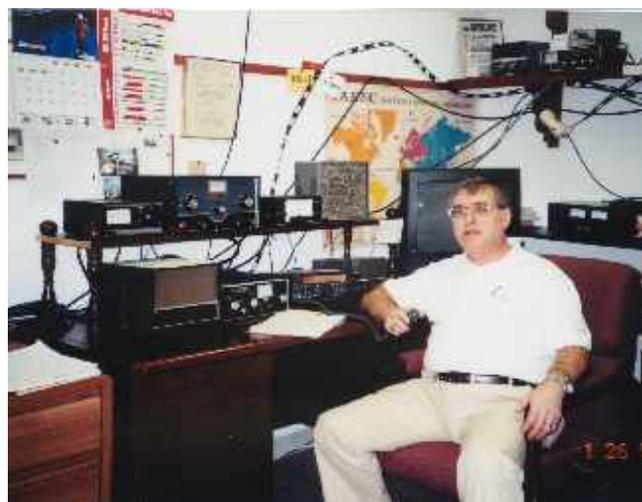


Photo 4

Here I am working the Sunday morning "AARC" net. Well kinda...that's what it looks like anyway.

The station consists of the following equipment:

Transceivers	TS-570D and FT-890
Linear	Swan Mark II 1kw cw
Tuner	MFJ 9622 C
Antennas	wire dipole 10-160m with 3000w tuner Tribander, Cushcraft A3s
Rotor	Hygain CD-45II
Tower	40 ft crank-up and tilt over

Our club in King's Point is small (20 members) but the one across the road at Sun City Center is very active and has 65 members. They also have a club station and two repeaters. I am a member of both clubs, but more on that later.

73....Tom, N8QEW

Tnx Tom for the view and "yes"... "more later"editor, K8AQM

De KC8GTA

Did you hear about the mention in the October 2002 issue of The QRP Quarterly, page 33, of Vince , W8ZJE? A rookie QRPer is mentioning some of his first QSL cards, one of them from Vince, whose comments were, "My pleasure to meet U and enjoy a fb QSO! Ur lil QRP rig sure was carrying the mail up this way...keep up the QRP CW...age here is 85 yrs-still pounding brass HI and 73."

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Local Area 2 Meter Net and 10 Meter Chats

Sunday 9:00 p.m. The ARES Net on 145.370 - Ken, K8KIC-Net Control

Monday 10 Meter Local Chat at 9:00 p.m. on 28.495 +/- QRM

Tuesday and Thursday 10 Meter Local Chat 9:00 p.m. on 28.325 +/-QRM

Local Area Repeaters

W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan

W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan

N8QZO 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan

Local Area DX Packet Clusters

K8XXX 144.970, 441.150 Adrian, Michigan

K8XXX Telnet://12.245.2239.80

Adrian ARC 30th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

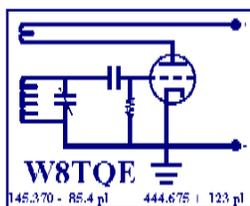
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