

# The Tickler

## *From the Prez.....*

Hi everyone.

Summer is finally here. Now don't be complaining about how hot it is outside, it has been a long time in coming and I hope we all enjoy it. It won't last long.

Chelsea, Fulton County, and Monroe hamfests took place in the month of June. Norm and I attended all but the Chelsea hamfest and had a good time at both. I didn't even get a black eye this year at Monroe. We missed the Chelsea hamfest, because we had decided to go to the Breeze Shooter's Hamfest in Butler, Indiana. Well that never happened, as many of you already know. We had truck trouble and only made it as far as Milan, Ohio. We still had a good weekend, because we met some kind folks who let us park the truck and camper in their driveway until we could get back on the road. They will be friends forever. We heard people on the radio that Monday morning telling what a good hamfest we missed. It just wasn't meant to be, at least not this year.

Some of our club members met at Becky's Restaurant in Blissfield this past Saturday morning thinking it was Adopt-a-Highway trash pick up day. Our trash pick up leader didn't show up with the lovely orange vests or the trash bags, so it was a bust. The guys still had a great breakfast and then went on to Denny's (WE8Z's) and Dick's (K8GX's) for a couple small tower related jobs. We must have got our dates messed up. Maybe the local convicts will pick up the road again before the actual time comes like they did the last time. We couldn't be so lucky twice in a row.

We held our Field Day event at the club this year and had a good time with the folks that showed up. Dinner was at 6:00 p.m. and I'm sure none of us left hungry. There was plenty for all and we had lots of variety as well. Thanks to Andy (WA8UWQ) the Tickler will probably be filled with a lot of discriminating pictures this month. Some of them will be good, but the camera should have broken when he took my picture.

I would like to remind everyone that Ted (K8AQM) needs articles and pictures for the Tickler. He does a great job putting everything all together for us each month. You can give anything you have to him directly, by email, or snail mail. He will take it any way you can get it to him. Thank you Ted.

Don't forget the July club meeting will be this Friday. The program will be presented by Ted (K8AQM) and will be part II of Dxepediton footage. Hope to see you there. The August meeting will be held at Andy's (WA8UWQ's) and it will be an ice cream social, so bring your favorite toppings, bowls, and utensils. More details will appear in the August issue of the Tickler.

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Ginny W8TTX

## **AARC MEMBERS PRESENT AT LENAWEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING**

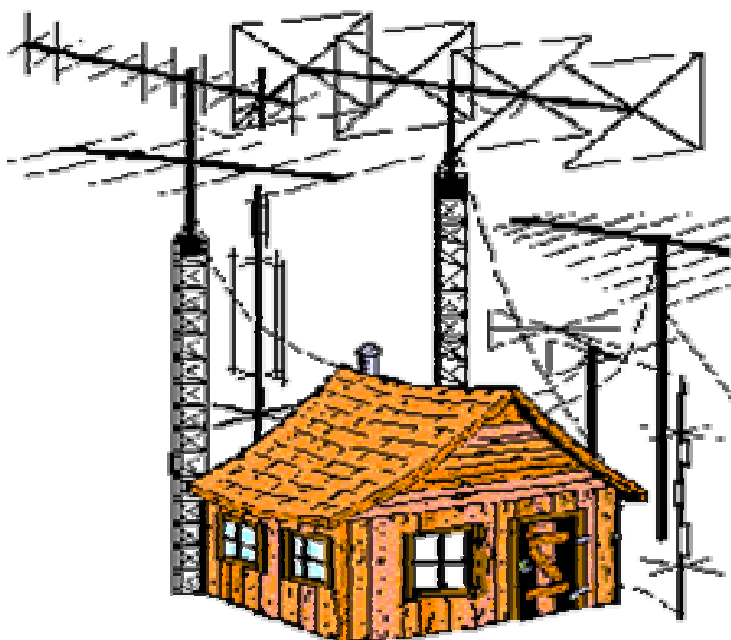
by

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Key county and state government officials met on Wednesday, June 18, at the Lenawee County Court House to present their role in any emergencies which may involve Lenawee county or surrounding counties. Jim Anderson informed them of the importance of amateur radio. The agencies then reported their needs for communications.

Representing the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps were Joe, K8YZA, EC/RO; Cletus Brooks, K8TLT, Asst. Emergency Coordinator in charge of SKYWARN; Detective Ken Biggle, N8EWS and Ted Rachwal, K8AQM, District 1 Amateur Response Team CW Traffic Handler. Ted was surprised that his 25wpm code speed has jumped to 55-60wpm. I must have confused Ted with Vince, W8ZJE, who was in charge of the U.S. Navy station at Panama during WW2 & could receive at 60 wpm & send at 55wpm. To me, they (W8ZJE & K8AQM) Cletus presented a summary of the Skywarn activity & modification while Joe presented an overview of the ARPSC, ARES, and RACES. He also pointed out to the agencies that all non-tactical messages being sent by amateur radio must be in writing and signed by the originator with his title.

ARPSC is the umbrella group for emergency operation which includes ARES and RACES. ARES is the ARRL group which stands for Amateur Radio Emergency Services. RACES is the government sanctioned amateur radio group known officially as Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service. This group can only be activated by government request whereas the ARES group can be activated by any amateur radio operator when it can be justified by that operator. All hams are strongly encouraged to be members of both groups. To be RACES qualified, you must take the government civil defense (FEMA) test, which we are still waiting for the first release. The Adrian Amateur Radio Club will be the first location where this class is being taught & tested. As soon as this is available, it will be announced.



### **K8GX's Antenna Farm**

Field Day Saturday saw W8TTH, WE8Z and K8AQM at the QTH of K8GX, Dick. It has been awhile since I've been to Dick's place and I was slack-jawed to see the number of different antennas in the air. If you want to see a serious ham's antenna farm then invite yourself over to Dick's and check it out.

In the left of the picture next to the tower is an antenna similar to the GAP antenna we helped Dick take down for repairs. I must be doing something wrong with my antennas though because Dick seemed to show us it is necessary to give blood to make the antennas work correctly!

## More Field Day Photos



Some of the gathering before dinner.



WE8Z wondering if he should make that call on 20m!

## AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club board met at the CAP building on June 6, 2003 at 1900 hours with the following persons present. President Ginny W8TTX, Dick K8GX, Norm W8TTH, Neil KC8DAR, Ted K8AQM, Mark NU8Z, Eric K8JWV, Andy WA8UWQ, Dave K8AA, and Bill KA8ARK. Field day will be held at the CAP building on 6-21, 2003. The Dinner will be a potluck with the club providing the Sloppy Joes and drinks and will be held at 6:00 pm. Hamfest tickets and flyers are in and available from Eric K8JWV, for distribution. The August program will be the ice cream social at Andy WA8UWQ's QTH. The July program, "DXpedition part 2" by Ted K8AQM. The September program will be a demonstration by The Civil Air Patrol on direction Finding techniques in ELT searches. The meeting was adjourned at 1922.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the CAP building at 7:35 on June 6, 2003. The meeting was called to order by president Ginny W8TTX with 36 persons present. Roll call was by Callsign. The minutes for the April and May meeting were approved upon a motion by Harold WA8QPS second by Jack WD8BKG. Motion passed. The financial statement showed a balance of \$2,478.32. The report was approved upon a motion by Andy WA8UWQ second by Marion WF8F. Articles are needed for the Tickler. Field day will be held here at the CAP building. The dinner will be held at 6:00 with the club providing, sloppy joes and pop. Under new business. The building class will be starting again in September. We will be ordering textbooks early this year for classes and the libraries. The July program will be on "DXpedition part 2" by Ted K8AQM. The August meeting will be held at Andy WA8UWQ's QTH for ice cream. Bob K2IBM motioned and Jack WD8BKG second to adjourn. Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

## Field Day 2003



This year's Field Day took place at our CAP meeting building. It was a small Field Day in comparison to others we've had but those who could attend and did attend had a great time. WA8UWQ took the following pictures and it should give you a flavor of the day's happenings.

The guys put the welcome sign out for all before the contest and an interesting feature of our banner was discovered. There are only three eye-lets in the banner, it is missing an eye-let for the bottom left-hand corner.



With K8KIC wailing away on cw and K8GX at the logging computer Ken and Dick started off the show for us on 40m cw. Ken commented that it was very unusual for him to make more than one call answering stations on 40m cw. Later Ken and Dick commanded a frequency and ran calling cq. Without a doubt the clubs 40/80 antenna and TS-570 are a winning combination at that operating position. Dick was logging using Gen Log which performed flawlessly...better than Dick!



K8AQM and KC8A started at the 20m position and ran a few ssb QSOs. Neither Ted nor Jack had operated the TS-570 before and after wondering why everyone sounded so poorly, WA8UWQ Andy, came to the rescue and showed us the DSP was improperly adjusted. At least the signals sounded much better! Although the antenna had a good swr, we just couldn't seem to get stations to come back to us. It is the opinion of the three of us there is little rf from the rig reaching the antenna and it is time to install the new runs of coax we had planned to upgrade to. On 20m cw we were able to work stations but with cw you

really don't need the power you do for ssb.

The best part of Field Day for me was to get Justion KC8TUM to sit down at the station and do his first Field Day operation. If you have never really operated hf contest style then it's not just a walk in the park and as easy as you think. Field Day is to establish our emergency procedure skills and that includes both equipment and operating skills. It didn't take Justin long to figure out the pattern of operations and he was soon working and logging the QSOs. The next pages shows Justin getting advise



Jack KC8A. Jack walked Justin through contesting basics and when Justin finally did leave he stated he spent much longer here than he thought he would because it was so much fun.



Here Justin and Jack work 20m ssb.



Justin takes over 40m from Ken and Dick to run ssb.



Justin also showed us his technical skills with his recently home-brew 440 ground plane which works great from the floor of his living room. Andy reported him solid 100% into the 40 repeater. Looks like a well rounded ham to me!

But what would an Adrian ARC Field Day be without the great supper at 6:00? Ginny put together the sloppy joe mix and everyone brought a dish to pass.



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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

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### Local Area Repeaters

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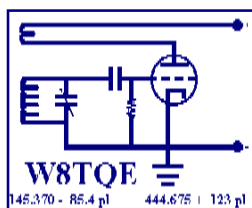
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