



The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi folks. I hope everyone is doing well so far this year. Our weather is getting better and better with a few hiccups here and there, but soon we will complain about the heat.

I hope some of you participated in the Michigan QSO Party on the weekend of April 16th and 17th. As you know, last year we took 1st place. Hopefully we did well this year.

Norm W8TTH and I went once again went to several hamfests this month. We went to one over at Madison, Ohio that ended up being a bust. There was a snowstorm the night before and morning of the hamfest and it was not very well attended by vendors or patrons. We also went up to the Milford Hamfest and over to the Cuyahoga Falls Hamfest on the weekend of the QSO Party. Both hamfests were pretty good swaps and the weather was excellent too.

The Races Class was held on April 23rd at our clubhouse. Jim Anderson let the class showing us a power point presentation while Joe K8YZA pointed out the answers to all the questions on the test. We were then instructed to go home, get on the Internet, and take the final exam. It was an interesting day and everything was all over a little after noon.

Dayton Hamvention is once again in our near future. The event is scheduled to take place May 20th-22nd. Dave K8AA wasn't able to get as many vendor tickets this year and I believe they have all been purchased. If you need tickets, you will either have to send for them or get them at the door. The pre-Dayton Adrian Hamfest will be held at our clubhouse on May 7th. Just like last year all donations will go for the repeater fund. I hope you all get a chance to attend.

73 for now,
Ginny W8TTX

IS-22 CLASS by Joe, K8YZA

Last Saturday morning and early afternoon, Jim Anderson, Lenawee County Emergency Manager, & Joe Pulen, K8YZA, taught 15 club members the new IS-22 class at the CAP building. The local hams that took the class included Jerry Rice, K8YCA, Eric Smith, K8JVV, Cletus Brooks, K8TLT, Kevin Brooks, N8JMN, Alan Back, N8TIB, Alec Miller, N8QZO, Walter Sweeney, N4UUJ, Stan Bydalek, KC8ZDH, Virginia Schutte, W8TTX, Norm Schutte, W8TTH, Art Wheeler, KC8GT A, Larry Lacy, W8LNR, Ray Willey, W8RAY, and Marjorie Willey, KB8TMM. Ray and Marjorie are not new to RACES as they have served as net control stations at the Monroe County EOC for years until they moved to Lenawee. Many of us who have monitored the Monroe repeater during skywarn events have heard them in action. However, Lenawee County wants all persons in the RACES to have taken the current IS-22 course and the Lenawee County background & security clearances to assist in our county. The background & clearances are NOT required for ARES, amateur radio emergency services, which is what most of our operation is. The checks are required for RACES because that will most likely be enacted by the Federal government during war or terrorism events. Sometimes RACES persons are needed at an emergency operations center and everybody is more comfortable during times of terror with persons who have been checked.

For those of you who would like to become certified, you can take this class on line as well as your test. The test is a 50 question multiple-choice and true-false test, which is primarily a common sense test covering information which most hams are already familiar. After downloading the written materials to read (or reading them on line) you should print the test, then circle the correct answers, then take the test on line. The on-line form resembles a fill-in bubble sheet, but you click the space for your choice of answer. If you do NOT have internet, I can give you a When you receive your certificate in the mail, make a copy of it & place the following info on the back of your copy: CALL, NAME, BIRTHDATE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, DRIVER'S LICENSE & STATE IF NOT MI, PHONE(S), ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE. Bring this info to me & I will deliver it to Jim Anderson who will deliver it to Captain Walsh of the Lenawee County Sheriff Dept. for the background checks. I know that many of you have already received your certificates in the mail.

If you do NOT have internet, I can give you a copy of the test to circle the answers, then give me the test plus name, birthdate, etc (see above paragraph), & I will fill in the blanks for you on the internet. The website is <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is22.asp>

THANKS TO KEN FILTER, K8KIC BY K8YZA

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank K8KIC, Ken Filter, for all of his past work as Net Manager and Net control station for the Lenawee County ARES net on Sundays as well as his outstanding participation in a number of emergency test & skywarn events. The second set of thanks are for his reconsidering his decision thinking that he wasn't certified if he did not become RACES qualified. His absence in the net & emergency scene would be a disaster for Lenawee county. And the final thanks is for Ken's decision to continue his responsibilities in the future. Carry on, Ken.

For all, remember that most of our activities will be ARES related. All Adrian Amateur Radio Club members who have filled out the listing of your equipment in the past are ARES members. All hams are eligible for that membership and responsibility that goes along with it. That responsibility is to be ready and serve with your radio skills and equipment when you can be of help. However, it would be helpful for as many of you who wish to join RACES to take the test on line and get your background check for the 2% probability of a terrorist type of incident here. Also, it keeps you on the air during wartime.

THANKS TO DR. BOB, K2IBM

If you haven't checked out the W8TQE.COM website lately, you are in for a surprise. Dr. Bob has made a tab to open a page for ARES/RACES/Emergency Comms. Thanks again Bob, well done!

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...eight club members showed up for Adopt a Highway last Saturday?
 ...W8LNR says this is the time for his tower/antenna project to begin?
 ...K8YZA and K8KIC both submitted logs already for the 2005 MiQP? How about you?
 ...this Saturday is the second annual Pre-Dayton Hamfest at the CAP? You going?
 ...W8TTH blew a piston and with three days rebuilt his truck engine...and it works too?
 ...WE8Z spent the MiQP weekend camping in his new fifth wheel?
 ...the Tuesday after our club meeting the trailer will be parked at K8AQM's for loading Dayton goodies?
 ...last month NU8Z "forgot" there was a club meeting and he was the presentation?
 ...K8AQM got a new "new" Collins KWS-1 and it was damaged in shipping? Boo FedEx!
 ...three different articles were submitted this month by club members? TNX!

ARES AND RACES...K8KIC

Since May of 2000 it has been my privilege and pleasure to be NCS for the ARES net. When we were informed two years ago that we would need RACES certification to handle communications in an emergency I chose not to participate in the certification process. I was left the impression that to handle any emergency communications it would be necessary to be RACES certified. When at the last club meeting a date was set for RACES training, I made the decision to step aside as NCS in favor of someone who would be both ARES and RACES certified.

On Sunday April 3, I e-mailed Joe and also made the announcement on the net of this Decision. As it turns out, my decision was based on a misunderstanding of the importance of RACES. As I now understand it, a RACES emergency would only be declared in the event of a terrorist attack in this area. so, with virtually all of our emergency work covered under the ARES umbrella, I plan to continue as NCS for the ARES net.

Ken Filter, K8KIC

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building April 1, 2005. The meeting was called to order by president Ginny W8TTX at 7:00 pm with the following persons present. Ginny W8TTX, Dick K8GX, Norm W8TTH, Dave K8AA, Bill KA8ARK, Larry K8LNR, Art KC8GTA, Neil KC8DAR. The treasurers report by Dave K8AA showed a balance of \$3,788.07. The first meeting of highway pickup group will be April 23. at Beckey's in Blissfield at 7:00 am. April 1 did not go by unnoticed. Meeting adjourned 7:17 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio club met at the CAP building April 1, 2005 with 25 persons present. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by president Ginny W8TTX. Roll call was by Callsign. Minutes were approved as printed in the Tickler upon a motion Jack KC8A 2nd by Harold WA8QPS. The treasurers report by Dave K8AA showed a balance of \$3,788.07 and was approved on a motion Phil K8HCL second by Bob K2IBM. There was no old business. It was suggested that we check out the club web site which is being administered by Bob K2IBM, the club gave Bob a round of applause for his work. The first meeting of the Adopt a highway program will be April 23. We meet at Beckey's restaurant in Blissfield at 7:00 am. The Michigan QSO party will be the weekend of April 15. The pre-Dayton hamfest will be held at the CAP building May 7. It was announced that Bill KE4ZAK, one of the Sunday net participants passed away recently. Harold WA8QPS motioned to adjourn second by Nick KC8ONZ, motion passed.

Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

K8XXX and the 2005 MiQP

What a contest and what fun! The 2005 MiQP saw K8XXX running from the shack of N8CC in Barry county north of Battle Creek. The plan was to run as many stations as possible with some new operators and some of the best operators in a learning/winning combination. Adrian ARC member N8CC has lots of room for antennas and a wonderful operating environment in a very large pole barn all air conditioned and set-up for multi-op transmitters and operators. Right now Jeff (N8CC) is in the antenna and tower building stage so with three towers up and only a pair of 5 element 10 meter beams in operation a bunch of wire antennas were made to fill the gaps. Here's the station equipment we used:

Band	Antennas	Rig and amp
80M cw	loop at 90 feet	Icom 761 and Alpha 374
75M ssb	loop at 180 feet	Icom 725 and Alpha 374A
40M cw	dipole at 30 feet	Ten Tec Omni V and Heathkit SB-220
40M ssb	dipole at 30 feet	Ten Tec Omni VI and Dention MLA-2500
20M cw	dipole at 60 feet	Alinco DX-70 and Alpha 76
20M ssb	dipole at 120 feet	Kenwood TS-830S and Alpha 76A
15M ssb	dipole at 30 feet	Icom 761 and Alpha 374 (same station as 80M cw)
10M ssb	5/5 at 30 and 60 feet	Icom 725 and Alpha 374A(same station as 75M ssb)

The best part was the ops and here we had both those new to contesting and some of the best around: K8AQM, K8DD, K8JM, K8MV, KT8X, KN8W, N8CC, W8IQ, W8MC, WD8SDW



What a great crew and what a great time! Jeff is an excellent host and provided food a-plenty! The beverages flowed, the laughs roared and the score climbed! Check out the food spread here! K8MV Marty, K8JN John and N8CC Jeff at the 4 foot sandwich. And this was only for snacks! We later ordered 4 huge XXL pizzas for our evening meal! No one left this place hungry or thirsty!

Below and left are KT8X Dennis running 40M ssb and K8DD Hank, running 40M cw with W8IQ Kurt, in the background on 20M cw. The lower right picture shows KN8W Roger, on 75M ssb and N8CC Jeff, in the





Top left, W8IQ Kurt, on 20M cw with K8DD Hank and KT8X Dennis both on 40M. Top right, K8MV Marty mans 40M cw with KT8X on ssb 40M and KN8W Roger on the right on 15M. That's WD8SDW Scott taking a break from 20M ssb here in the middle photo and K8JM John crashing at the end of the QSO Party.

We did VERY WELL as the line score below shows:

Band	CW	SSB	Mults
80	209	149	41
40	283	644	119
20	137	159	41
15	-	9	-
10	-	3	1

Totals 629 964 202 = **448,844 points!**



But the best score was our extreme level of fun and laughs. It was my first real get together with K8MV Marty and what a deadly trio when K8MV, K8DD and K8JM get together. Almost 12 hours of laughs and jokes from those three. I don't know if we'll ever do something like this again but I can't say enough about the excellent crew we had in all sense of the word; operating skills, friendship

and teaching. KN8W and WD8SDW will be back with us again and are firmly committed to contesting with whatever N8CC crew operates. Thanks to N8CC for hosting this operation and adding to the "fame" (ha!) of the K8XXX contest call.

Editors note: Because only Jeff and I are AARC members we decided it wouldn't be fair to enter our score as an Adrian Club score.

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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
Tuesday 10 Meter CW Local Chat at 8:00 p.m. on 28.050 +/- QRM
Tuesday and Thursday 10 Meter Local Chat 9:00 p.m. on 28.325 +/-QRM

Local Area Repeaters

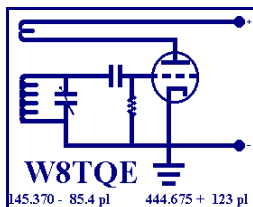
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
N8QZO 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
N8QZO has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 18, 2005
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