

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. It is already late October. This year sure has passed by quick. The leaves are already turning bright red and orange. Too bad they have to fall off and be raked up. More work for everyone. The temperature has been pretty good so far. Let's hope it stays that way.

Once again, I would like to thank the club members for my re-election. We have a new Vice President. Marge (KB8TMM) has been chosen to help me make it through the year. We welcome Mark (NU8Z) as our new Treasurer and console Bill (KA8ARK), as he remains our Secretary.

I would like to thank Dave (K8AA) for the fine job he has done as Treasurer for the past several years and Dick (K8GX) for his fine job as Vice President. It takes people like you to make the club successful.

Thanks goes out to Ted (K8AQM) and Bob (K2IBM) for the great jobs they do with the Tickler and the website. Once again please send any pictures or articles to Ted, so he can get them in the newsletter. Also, send Bob anything that you would like to post on our website. The website is www.w8tqe.com. Please check it out.

We need 3 people for the board and the nominees are Art (KC8GTA), Caleb (KC8ZAW), Dick (K8GX), Larry (W8LNR), and Norm (W8TTH). Please come to the November meeting on the 4th and cast your votes.

Norm and I visited two hamfests in the month of October. They were ones located in Goshen, Indiana and Holland, Michigan. November brings the Fort Wayne Hamfest to be held this year on November 19th and 20th. I know the 15th is the first day of gun season, so you will have a whole four days to hunt before the hamfest weekend. I would like to say you could rest during the hamfest, but we know that is impossible if you want to get those bargains.

See you at the meeting this coming Friday.

73,
Ginny W8TTX

PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN FOR RACES & ARES CARDS from Joe W. Pullen, K8YZA, DEC<EC, &RO.

The new RACES cards have arrived at the Office of Emergency Management. Jim Anderson will be available at the December AARC meeting to digitally photograph all members of both RACES & ARES. If you took the IS-22 test & had the background check, you are a RACES member. If you help out with emergencies & drills you are a member of ARES. Most of you are members of both.

If you can't be present at the December meeting, arrangements can be made with Jim Anderson AFTER that date to have you go to his office for a picture.

St. Pierre Trip for CQWW CW 2005

A group of cw testers are off to St. Pierre (prefix is FP) for the November CQWW CW con-

test. We'll be leaving November 20 and returning November 30.

Ah yes, St Pierre, sounds exotic doesn't it? Palm trees, sunny skies, warm lapping waves along the shore... well bubba it ain't! St. Pierre is off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada and in case your geography fails you, that's near the coast of Greenland which isn't "green" and especially at the end of November!

KG8CO and N8CC were there in Late October a few years ago and were nearly blown away...literally! Brian, Jeff and several others operate there for the

CQWW SSB contest and know what we're going to be facing. One of the islands in the St. Pierre group is Miquelon and that's where we'll be. The photo here shows Miquelon as shot by KG8CO. It's rock,

cold, wet and only very sparsely populated. So why go? Because it's rare, because it's a contest and because we're not the sharpest knives in the drawer, but it'll be an adventure and we'll have fun, that's why we go. Look for us during the contest as FP/K8DD and I'll be signing FP/K8AQM or FP/K8XXX before and after the contest both on SSB and CW. Let me know if you want a schedule.

Tnx to KG8CO for Miquelon picture.



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that:

...NU8Z is deep into becoming an RC pilot?
 ...W8TTH with the help of several members now has 80 feet of free-standing tower?
 ...W8LNR is well on his way to joining the "big time" Dxers?
 ...K8AA says he's going to finish his 160-80M antenna yet this fall/winter?
 ...KG8CO "might" be raising his big 4 element 40M yagi yet this fall?
 ...K8AQM is working hard on his new/old shack?
 ...K2IBM has supplied the Tecumseh Public Schools with some "valuable" 100 meg plus hard drives?
 ...WE8Z is really enjoying his retirement and has installed his radios in his 5th wheel?
 ...N8CC is recovering from his 5-way bypass surgery and is doing very well?
 ...K8YZA needs your photo for RACES and ARES ID cards?
 ...K8AQM will be putting up his log periodic antenna via a crane this Saturday?
 ...K8KIC and K8GX are still QRV on 10M cw on Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM ?
 ...K8KIC and K8AA are QRV on 10M ssb on Tuesday nights at 9:00 PM?
 ...KG8EF and Goodwill Industries are recycle YOUR old computers and monitors?
 ...WA8UWQ's tower and antennas are down now?
 ...the "gang" meets yet on Monday nights at the CAP building?

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building on October 7, 2005. The following persons were present: Ginny W8TTX, Dick K8GX, Ted K8AQM, Norm W8TTH, Dave K8AA, Art KC8GTA, Bob K2IBM and Bill KA8ARK. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5,486.92. We discussed the Hamfest, Highway pickup, and Nomination for board members. Upcoming hamfest in Kalamazoo this Sunday, adjourned at 7:22 PM. So mote it be.

The Adrian Amateur Radio club met at the CAP building on October 7, 2005. President Ginny W8TTX called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 17 persons present. The September Minutes as published in the Tickler, were accepted upon a motion by Marge KB8TMM second by Denny WE8Z Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was given by Dave K8AA and showed a balance of \$5,486.92, a motion by Neil K8NP second by Denny WE8Z. Motion passed. It was noted that the club now has 44 members in club with 7 life members and 3 family members. Under old business president Ginny thanked those who participated the hamfest. Trash pickup was done two times this year as the prisoners did it one time. The Kalamazoo hamfest is to be this Sunday. Upcoming is one at Holland and Ft. Wayne. Nominations for president: W8ttx ginny, Marge kb8TMM, and Reed WB8VBO. A vote was taken and the winner was Ginny W8TTX as president with Marge KB8TMM as vice president. Motion Bob K2IBM second by Ted K8AQM to destroy ballots. Motion passed. Nomination for board members were Norm W8TTH, Dick K8GX, Larry W8LNR, Art KC8GTA, Caleb KC8ZAW Motion to close nominations by Denny WE8Z Ken K8KIC second. Motion to adjourn meeting by Bob K2IBM second by Ken K8KIC. Motion passed.

W8LNR's New Antenna Farm

It's been a long time coming but W8LNR has finally gotten into his antenna project. Larry bought the sixty feet of Rohn 20 and TH-6 DXX tribander that use to belong to WE8S, Tom Pryor about one year ago and along with an additional 20 feet of tower Larry is building quite an antenna farm at his QTH. With advice and help from Norm W8TTH, Larry assembled the needed equipment of guy wire, turnbuckles, anchors and cement needed for a first class installation. This past Sunday saw a gathering to help Larry begin his tower (note I did not say help with his erection!).



Here's Larry with a pile of aluminum that will be assembled into the TH-6DXX this week. The plan is for Larry to have the antenna ready for raising next Sunday along with his 5 element 6M yagi and 2M vertical. Hmm, Larry looks a bit befuddled by all the pieces of tubing.

Larry got great advice from Norm as to how to assemble the torque bar assemblies and the use of compression clamps on the guys wires. If you want it done right and have the system stay up and trouble free, Norm is the guys to listen to.

Larry's three sons (nice big strong young brutes, made for hoisting tower sections) were on the scene to help "Dad" with the muscle work to get the tower sections up in the air. The work began at 9:00 AM on a beautiful fall morning. After a cup of coffee and some doughnut fuel the work began. Larry had the first fifty feet of tower com-



pletely re-galvanized and the next thirty feet all cold zinc painted. Norm had the torque arms and hardware ready to go so it didn't take too long to get

the tower started. Here you can see the 60 feet of tower erected. All this was done by 12 noon when I had to leave and they were planning a feast provided by Larry's wife. We'll finish it up next Sunday. Wanna help? Nice erection Larry!



Getting A Really Big Antenna UP!

By K8AQM

I have a new antenna going up at my place and it's really big! The boom is 30 feet long and that's almost as big as many towers sporting yagis! The antenna is called a "log periodic" and covers all fre-



quencies 10 MHz through 30 MHz plus a 150 KHz section of 7 MHz-7.3 MHz. It's commercial antenna made by M2 Antennas and effectively gives me a 2 element yagi on 30M, 20M, 17M, 15M and 10M with a rotatable dipole of 40M (all on one feedline). At 105 feet it should really play well! The antenna will go at the top of my tower and replace the existing Hygain 204 four element 20M monobander. In order to get the old antenna down and the new antenna up a crane will be on sight Saturday morning and it will do the heavy work. The crane

will remove the 204 and raise the log periodic (weighing 100 pounds) to the 105 mark. Here's what the log periodic looks like assembled on the saw horses and ready to go up. It's a brute! But this isn't the only log periodic in the area, KG8CO has had one up in the air at 100 feet for several years! Brian does very well with his antenna and it has been through several of our harsh winters. I've had the opportunity to hear Brian's signal while Dxing out in the Pacific and Brian is always one of the louder signals from this area of the country.



The existing 204 antenna can be seen at the top of the tower now. Along with the new log periodic, the tower will also have two TH-6DXX triband yagis phased and fixed on Europe along with a two element 40M W8JK antenna fixed east and west and a Cushcraft A-3s side mounted and will rotate 270 degrees.

Quite a project and should be interesting to see it all go up next Saturday weather permitting (like, "no wind"). You're welcome to come and watch, the fun begins at 9:00 AM. I'll have coffee and doughnuts on sight.

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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

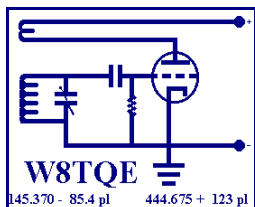
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
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K8ADM has access to Echo Link

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