



The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone,

The weather has been treating us pretty good lately. It feels nice to have some summer weather for a change. I just hope it doesn't get blistering hot.

We need to thank Ted (K8AQM) for the fantastic job he is doing on the Tickler and Bob (K2IBM) for the equally fantastic job on the website. Please help support them by sending lots of articles and pictures. It gives them something else to do as if they need more things in their lives. Of course Ted has retired now, but I am sure his days are still full.

The Chelsea and Monroe hamfests were last month and they were both pretty good. Vendor attendance seemed a little down from the past year, but there were still plenty of patrons. The weather was great for both of the hamfests with sunshine for everyone. There is an upcoming hamfest at VanWert on July 17th and you can check the ARRL website for others in July.

At the May meeting it was decided once again that no one wanted to participate in the Field Day again this year. I still wish we had some interest in the event, but it is up to all of you if we participate. Some folks will still be contesting that weekend up in Battle Creek at Jeff Benson's (N8CC's) station. If you have never been to Jeff's, I have heard he has a fantastic setup. The guys going will have a great time. Maybe next year we can have Field Day as a club.

See you all on July 1st at the meeting. 73,
Ginny W8TTX

What the Heck Is an Affiliated Club Coordinator?

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, Michigan Section Affiliated Club Coordinator

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There are many positions within the ARRL Field Organization, and generally people are unaware of them. Some of us may have gotten a notice from an Official Observer (OO), or know the Emergency Coordinator because they are part of an ARES or RACES group. Many, however, are not familiar with the Affiliated Club Coordinator, or ACC.

According to the ARRL, the ACC is the primary contact and resource person for Amateur Radio clubs in a section. The ACC is appointed by, and reports to, the Section Manager, and must be a full member of the ARRL. The ARRL's official job description includes the following:

1. Get to know the Amateur Radio clubs' members and officers in his or her section. Learn their needs, strengths and interests and work with them to make clubs effective resources in their communities and more enjoyable for their members.
 2. Help clubs get started and encourage new clubs to become ARRL affiliated.
 3. Encourage clubs in the section to become more active and, if the club is already healthy and effective, to apply for Special Service Club (SSC) status.
 4. Approve SSC application forms and pass them to the SM.
 5. Work with other section leadership officials (Section Emergency Coordinator, Public Information Coordinator, Technical Coordinator, State Government Liaison, etc.) to ensure that clubs are involved in the mainstream of ARRL Field Organization activities.
 6. Ensure that clubs file annual reports (updates officers, liaison mailing addresses etc.) and keep their information up to date.
- Basically, my job is to do whatever I can to make clubs stronger in our state.

I got interested in becoming ACC about four years ago. At that time, ARROW Communications Association (www.w8pgw.org), our club here in Ann Arbor was going through some tough times. Aside from running a repeater—and that was really the job of a single person—ARROW was nearly inactive. In fact, we didn't really know how many members we had because the guy who was treasurer at the time wasn't processing membership applications and cashing membership checks!

To be honest, I don't know how ARROW stayed in business.

Fortunately, we somehow attracted some new blood into the club. I became the treasurer, and I convinced my bicycling buddy, Mark, W8FSA, to join the club. He became the first elected president in many years. Sam, KC8QCZ, became our activities coordinator. We joined Tim, KT8K, the club trustee, and Tom, N8AMX, the technical coordinator, and were able to breathe some new life into ARROW. We began sponsoring interesting meetings and activities and attracted a bunch of new members. My experience with ARROW led me to believe that I could also help other clubs in Michigan.

I believe that clubs are a very important part of amateur radio. Clubs are where the action is. Good clubs bring people into the hobby and turn them into active amateur radio operators. Bad clubs turn people away from amateur radio and foster bad stereotypes about amateur radio and amateur radio operators.

I also think that the amateur radio community must provide better support for clubs. For example, one program I am working on is a seminar on leadership training for club officers. The model for this seminar is the training that the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) makes to its section officers. Since it's nearly summertime already, I'm shooting to hold this seminar sometime in the fall.

Another thing I'm working on is collecting information that will make it easier for a club to obtain 501c3 status, should they decide to do so. Here in Ann Arbor, there is an organization called Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW). They publish a manual that includes all the forms an organization needs to file for 501c3 status. My idea is to loan this manual to interested clubs and then help them fill out and file them.

A third program that we've started to discuss is a website specifically for clubs in the Michigan section. There are a number of things we could do with such a website, including posting PDFs of club newsletters, list club events all around the state, and share information among clubs in our section. If any of you might be interested in working on this website, please feel free to call me or e-mail me.

Finally, here's a partly-baked idea that we've been tossing around—establishing District Club Coordinators (DCCs) in the same way that we have District Emergency Coordinators. Michigan is a big state, and it's really impossible for me to cover it by myself. The idea would then be to have DCCs that would do many of the same things that I do, but specifically for their district. I'd like to hear what you think about this idea, especially if you'd be interested in becoming a DCC.

Well, that's my story. I hope this article has given you some insight into what an Affiliated Club Coordinator is supposed to do, and specifically what I'm doing here in Michigan. Comments, compliments, questions, and complaints are always welcome.

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

- ...the AARC had no Field Day activity?
- ...K8KIC made it through the Monroe Hamfest with little or no purchases?
- ...August is our meeting for the "Ice Cream Social"?
- ...K8JWV, W8TTH, K8KS and K8AQM operated Field Day from N8CC's shack?
- ...W8LNR has a new 5 element 6M yagi?
- ...K8AQM has another tribander...why?
- ...K8AA will have another tribander added to his antenna farm this week?
- ...N8CC's 4 element 40M yagi at 200 feet is a killer?
- ...this month WE8Z retires from the gas company?
- ...K8KIC and K8GX still meet on Tuesday night (8:00 PM) for cw on 28050?
- ...K8GX is a new grandfather? Congratulations Dick!
- ...W8TTH has an hf station now in his shop?
- ...the Chelsea hamfest was well attended by the AARC?
- ...Monday night at the CAP is still going strong?
- ...K8ADM (N8QZO) recently had neck surgery?
- ...NU8Z's oldest son just got married?

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amature Radio Club board met at the CAP building at 7:00 pm on June 3, 2005. The following persons were present. Ginny W8TTX, Norm W8TTH, Art KC8GTA, Bob K2IBM, Larry W8LNR, Bill KA8ARK. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,727.77. The board adjourned at 7:25 pm. The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport on June 3, 2005 with 23 persons present. Roll call was taken by callsign. The treasurer's report showed a balance \$3,727.77. Motion Harold WA8QPS second Jim W1SJG. Motion passed. The Minutes of the May 2005 meeting were approved as published in the Tickler upon a motion by Denny WE8Z, second by Harold WA8QPS. There was no old bus. The members recognized Bob K2IBM & Ted K8AQM for the work they do on the Website and The Tickler respectively. Dayton has come and gone and everyone had a good time and of course came home with many good bargains. The club has become aware that we are going to be charged for the telephone line to the repeater site at the rate of \$40 per month. Since we have not received a bill and non payment of such a bill may jeopardize the location of our repeater antenna, a decision was tabled, waiting a board recommendation, till next meeting. Meeting adjourned upon a motion by Harold WA8QPS, second Denny WE8Z. Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

Field Day Thoughts, 2005

by
K8AQM/K8XXX

This year our club decided not to become specifically involved with Field Day. Field Day is one of amateur radio's oldest traditions and has been a way for amateurs to prepare for emergency operations in times of need and to make the public aware that we can be of vital service during such emergencies. The extra benefits are the chance for social interaction among our club members, opportunities for the "old" to teach the "new" (not the young) operating techniques, and to check out new equipment or antennas.

But the times are changing. In this day of "everyone has a cell phone" and a generator at home, one has to question the old idea of "going out into the field" to prepare and practice for emergency communications. Tents, portable generators and "bugs" may not be as relevant today as they might have been years ago. To be sure, amateur radio is still "relevant" for emergency communications but its delivery may change. We have the addition of repeaters and packet radio as forms of our communication abilities. In the spirit of "fun" and practice several club members met at N8CC's to apply themselves to Field Day operating. "WE" decided to operate using commercial power and existing station equipment with the intent to provide the best signal possible and to "communicate" with as many amateur's as possible while maintaining an attitude of fun and camaraderie. We operated in an air conditioned environment with six stations all running near-kilowatts, with fabulous antennas, and computer support. Our goal was to really communicate. And we did! On Sunday when we decided to quit we 2,673 QSOs covering all 50 states and about 20 countries. We operated cw, ssb and covered 80M through 6M. Large amounts of food were consumed, pop, water and even a small keg of beer! The operators were:

N8CC (AARC member)	K8KS (AARC member)	W8MC
W8TTH (AARC member)	K8AQM (AARC member)	W8IQ
K8JVV (AARC member)		

We had several visiting hams in the shack and even visiting non hams were present. Enjoy some of the "shots" of our operation. Thanks to K8JVV for all the photos.

On the left K8JVV is running 20M SSB. That's W8MC on 40M SSB.

Kaz, K8KS runs a major pileup on 20M cw.

Here on the right is "Iron





And this folks is the 6M shack and the ops who “manned” the position! Ooh, scary!

But remember, fun, food and laughs! The “mess tent” area for “Bs-ing.” Notice the layers of food and the hard working folks around the food.



The learning took place at the radios as well as in N8CC's shop where Norm fired-up Jeff's lathe to machine a part for a local ham and then took a break with K8AQM to have a cigar and enjoy the fruits of a very successful Field Day.



Norm brought his pneumatic tower and it provided the sky hook for our 6M yagi and a tri-bander we used on 15M. The rest of the shots are of

Jeff's 200 foot tower and some antennas greatly admired by K8JWV. Finally, our station layout.



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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

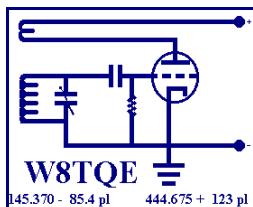
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 18, 2005
Hamfest Chair Eric, K8JVVW k8jvw@arrrl.net

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