

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everybody,

I hope we are all doing well this spring. I think the weather is finally going to straighten up and actually feel like it should for the remainder of spring or at least I hope so.

This year the Technician classes are being held at the CAP Building on Saturday, April 28th and Saturday, May 5th. We are once again having the 2 day video class with the test to be given on May 5th after lunch. Please come to the club and show your support. We can use your help both days. We especially will need VEs on the second day, but that shouldn't be a problem with everyone being there for the hamfest mentioned in the next paragraph.

The AARC's Pre-Dayton hamfest is also being held on May 5th. Bring all your goodies and try to sell them here, so you won't need to get them to Dayton. You may also find something that you have been looking for and won't have to wait until Dayton or another hamfest to get it. Remember one person's trash is another person's treasure. There should be plenty of treasures available.

The Dayton Hamvention is being held on May 18th through May 20th. If you have never been there it is a good time and there is anything imaginable sold at this hamfest and there is lots of stuff to choose from. Everyone needs to attend this hamfest at least once in their life, but once you go you may get addicted and have to go back every year. It happens to the best of us.

The Michigan QSO Party was the weekend of April 21st. Several people worked from this area and many went up to Jeff Benson's (N8CC's) for the event. If you have never been to Jeff's, you should go sometime. He has an awesome radio shack specifically set up for contesting. His antenna system is also superb. I am sure he has the envy of a lot of operators. At the time I wrote this article I hadn't heard the results were of the contesting, but I am sure that this information will be available at the meeting on April 30th. Hopefully, we did well and can keep our 1st Place status.

That is all I have for now. See you all at the meeting. 73,
Ginny W8TTX

This month's program: It'll be our annual Sky Warn program presented by NOAA, Jim Anderson.

Pre-Dayton hamfest at the CAP Saturday May 5 9:00 AM until ??? Free, bring your "goodies" to sell. Repeater donation please.



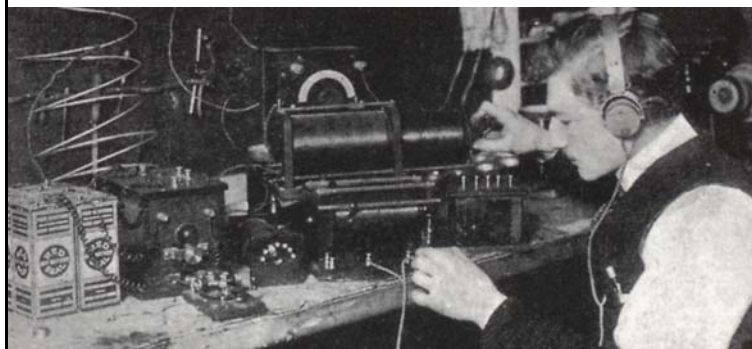
More Old QSLs

Here is the last batch of old QSLs I have...I think. Who was it that went by the call “Dirty Soiled Underwear”? He no longer has this call and lives in Arizona now. You could always find him at hamfests setting up his wares.

The second call belongs to a former club member who now lives in Britton and was one of the first in the area to operate rtty. From the trailer here he use to call around the floor and always managed to get himself caught in the mouse traps. He’s still quite active and can be heard on his way to and from work usually on the K8ADM repeater. The suffix of his call is a standard for many electronic parts stock numbers.

Finally, the last call is very rare today and not one to hear. I’m not sure where “QJF” is today but he use to live in Tecumseh and work in Hudson. He is a former 8th grade student of mine many, many years ago.

SKCC and the Straight Key Sprint



No this isn’t a picture of KG7FS (hmm, might be), but it does have a straight key in the picture and since W8TQE is a Straight Key Century Club and could be an old photo of our club station.

This past month K8KIC, K8GX, KG7FS and K8AQM entered the monthly (every second Wednesday of the month) “Straight Key Sprint”. Boy if that isn’t an “oxymoron”, sprinting with

a straight key? Oh well, maybe it’s a “sprint” because it only goes for two hours, 8:00 PM-10:00PM. It was a lot of fun and we had a great time; K8KIC made a 14 QSOs and worked 10 states. K8AQM worked 37 QSOs and 21 states while K8GX and KG7FS could only put in a cameo appearance this month.

It’s really something to hear all those straight keys and bugs (side swipers too) pounding away at a “blazing” 10-15 words per minute. KG7FS says he sets his bug at 20 wpm so he’s our “speedster”.

This is a “fun” event and you might be “boo-ed” if you send too fast. The exchange is Name, QTH and SKCC number. The “Straight Key Sprint” is only one of many operating event sponsored by this group.

Membership is “free” and if you don’t want to obtain your own SKCC number you could use the club call and its SKCC number. For information on the SKCC

check out: <http://www.skccgroup.com/>.

K8KIC says he’ll be more “aggressive” next month and plans on improving his score. We figure the next members should be WE8Z and KG8EF. Come on guys, join the fun!



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...May 5th is the annual "Pre Dayton Hamfest" at the CAP Building? Bring your stuff to sell!
 ...K8JWV has setup "Writelog" and saved all his old EQF logs?
 ...K8AQM will be driving to West Virginia to pickup an old Collins radio?
 ...WE8Z is beginning to plan the Willis B Boyer museum ship operation? Talk to Denny!
 ...K8NP is back from Florida?
 ...N8QEW has promised an article about his hidden flag pole antenna?
 ...By the time you read this the MQP will be over? Did you get on?
 ...KG7FS is beginning to plan his "antenna farm"?
 ...KC8FOP Roy, got a TA-33 for only \$25.00?!?
 ...K8TI has shown up a couple of times on the 10m SSB net?
 ...KG8CO is chasing down a "Viking Valliant" to add to his boat anchor collection?
 ...The big question of the year...will KG8CO get his antennas up this summer?
 ...Dayton is less than one month away?
 ...this Field Day may take place at the CAP building in support of "The Adrian Fest"?
 ...KG8EF did not operate in the MQP? Come on Chuck!
 ...W8LNR is now using Genlog...he likes it!
...it's possible to strain your arm doing up your pants? Ask W8TTH!
 ...K8AA had to loan the K8XXX crew his K2? Thanks Dave!
 ...W8LNR is still looking for an amplifier?
 ...pictures of MQP K8XXX were supplied by K8JWV and W8DA? Tnx guys!
 ... a video of the K8XXX operation and additional pictures can be seen at:
<http://www.wolphi.com/pictures/main.php/v/Activities/miqp/>

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building at the Lenawee County Airport on March 26, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Ginny at 7:00 pm. The following persons were present, Ginny W8TTX, MargeKB8TTM, Larry W8LNR, Norm W8TTH, Dick K8GX, Mark NU8Z, Dave K8AA, Bob K2IBM and Bill KA8ARK. The Financial report by Mark NU8Z showed a balance of \$3,411.35. Who borrowed the DVD for the Technician class, please return as it is needed for the upcoming class. Mich QSO party April 21. Spaces have been changed at Dayton however we don't know which ones we have yet. Adj at 07:30 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the CAP building at the Lenawee County Airport on March 26, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Ginny W8TTX at 7:30 pm. Roll-call was by call sign with 30 persons present. The Minutes as published in the Tickler were accepted upon a motion by Harold WA8QPS second Marion WF8F Motion passed. The Financial statement presented by Mark NU8Z showed a balance of \$3,411.35 a motion to accept the report was presented by Cletus K8TLT second by Norm W8TTX, The motion passed. The Michigan QSO party will be held on April 21 as reported by Ted K8AQM. The date for the Technician Classes was discussed and it was decided that they would be held April 25 and May 5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm upon a motion by Ted K8AQM second by Rich KG7FS. Secretary Bill KA8ARK. The program was put on by Mark NU8Z discussing Software Defined Radio, Flex Radio.

Michigan QSO Party 2007

Wow, what a year this will be for our club and the MiQP! There was plenty of activity on the bands and just MAYBE the Adrian ARC will again score a club plaque for the “high scoring Michigan club”. At the time of this writing I know K8KIC, K8AA, NU8Z(as K8A), K8GX, WE8Z, W8LNR, KG8CO, KB8NVL, W8TQE(KG7FS), KC8A, K8YZA and the K8XXX gang were all active; there may be even more! Great job guys.



Here's Rich KG7FS, who operated as W8TQE and made 117 QSOs for the club. Way to go Rich! Rich and Roy KC8FOP were going to multi-op but Roy had other arrangements come up so Rich operated alone. Rich made his CW contacts using his straight key, now that is dedication!

Mark NU8Z was able to invest six hours and ended with about 450 QSOs and was using “K8A” for this event. I'll bet it was fun to run that Flex Radio! Battling a sore back and line noise from his QTH Mark

made a great score.

KG8CO Brian and Don KB8NVL traveled to Mackinaw County and set-up shop there. They collected over 500 QSOs; a great effort! I was mobile in Eaton and Barry counties and heard Brian coming pounding in but he couldn't hear my puny mobile signal. Check out KB8NVL's pictures at the bottom. Well done guys.

K8AA sat there and collected 30 Qs for the club while enjoying putting his Flex Radio through its paces. K8KIC had a computer crash but still collected 154 Qs for the Adrian ARC. Genlog threw Ken a curve and nearly caused him to QRT but he managed to save all his collected Qs and enjoyed running a pileup on 80m. W8LNR worked 47 Qs, WE8Z worked 4, K8GX snagged 50 Qs while KC8A reportedly has over 100 Qs.

If everyone turns their logs into me I think Adrian ARC might have a great shot of winning the Michigan Club plaque again this year! Well done guys!



Lenawee Summer Blast

As you know, the “Maple City Fest” held in downtown Adrian will be no more. A new “Lenawee Summer Blast” will replace the former event and it will happen out at the airport. The “Blast” will happen the same weekend as Field Day and will involve “hundreds” of people at the airport with air plane events, race cars and antique cars. Our club has been approached and asked if we would consider having our Field Day at the CAP building and open to the public.

With crowds milling around the airport Adrian ARC would gain great exposure. Since we seldom have Field Day out in the “field” this could be a great way to have our field day and gain lots of exposure. W8YFT Ray Johnson is on the planning committee for the “Fest” and asked our club to think about it....so, think it over and discuss it at the meeting.

K8XXX and the 2007 MQP

As you know, K8XXX is the call-sign we use contesting and especially at the QTH of N8CC, Jeff Benson. Jeff has an outstanding antenna system that is constantly growing and when possible, improving! But what makes the place “special” are those who come to operate. This year’s MQP effort highlights those “special” operators. We have done good things in the past MQP efforts but this year’s effort was our best. Without loading you with details, I’ll just say we made nearly 1800 QSOs and over 534,000 points. That a new MQP record but it only tells part of the story.

Jeff puts hours and hours into antenna work, computer networking, inter-mod filtering, and multi-op station layout but the crew who come to operate make the big difference. Look at the list of people who made this year’s effort happen:

N8CC..Jeff	N8KR..Ken	NF8J..Paul	N8UU..Russ	KK9T..Tim
W8IQ..Kurt	W8DA..Wolf	W8ICK..Jack	KB8OCA..Gerben	K8KS..Kaz
K8JWV..Eric	W8YFT..Ray	KT8X..Dennis	KN8W..Roger	K8AQM..Ted



We use to be a “south eastern” crew operating from N8CC’s but beginning last year some of the Grand Rapids guys began to come over and what a great addition that has proven to be. We’re now “multi-geographical multi-multi” and it’s to K8XXX’s benefit. Lead by Paul NF8J, we’ve gathered W8DA Wolf, KB8OCA Gerben, KK9T Tim and KN8W Roger. These are great ops and fit nicely into the areas where we were lacking.

It’s always fun to have N8KR Ken and W8IQ join us. Everyone gets a kick from “turrets” KT8X. It was great to watch N8KR handle KT8X and to see Ken’s “FU” taped to his cup flash over in response to Dennis’ “comments.”

This was our “close down” crew at midnight.

In addition to our “big score” we again had “big food.” Two four foot subs, two large pizzas, chips, pop and snack food. Jack W8ICK brought his grill and lots of dogs, brats and buns! We ate well! Some of us even had a spaghetti dinner at 1:00AM to celebrate!

With seven stations in operation all with KWs, we made some RF noise! There were no major failures and we were pleased with the operation of two radios on 80, 40, and 20m...thanks to N8CC’s efforts. Enjoy some shots from K8XXX:



N8KR on 40ssb



K8KS on 20m cw



W8IQ, K8AQM and N8KR “relaxing”
KK9T on 75 ssb...
productive all day!



Geez, did K8KS punch N8CC?



KK9T and KC8OCA
ready to step in on 40m



NF8J on 20 ssb ...
our best band!



K8AQM and K8KS do
Enjoy their cigars!

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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

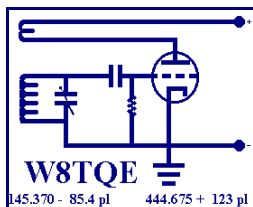
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 16, 2007
Hamfest Chair Ray, W8RAY Marge, KB8TMM

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