

The Ticker

From the Prez.....

No "Prez Sez" This Month

Since there is no column this month I've included a "sneak preview" of some of the recent V63 Dxpediton pictures.



This Month's Program

This month will be the Kermadec Dxpediton, ZL8R. The program will be about one hour long. Ken K8KIC will also have his "home brew" bug at the meeting for your interest.

Seventy Years of Amateur Radio

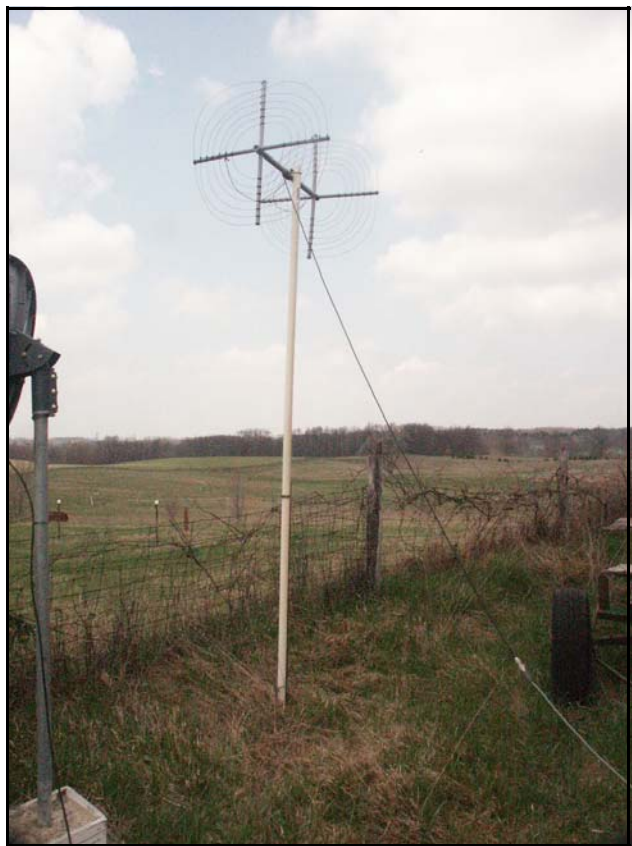
Vince W8ZJE is celebrating 70 years of being an amateur. Next month I'll try to visit Vince and get some information and stories spanning his 70 years of amateur radio. Be sure to congratulate Vince on this wonderful achievement.

Bug Adjustments...wrist vs fingers

Denny WE8Z sent an interesting article about adjusting your "bug" and sending styles. The article came from the FISTS magazine. The main point of interest was the idea that bug senders use their wrists in a side-to-side motion while holding the fingers rigid. With a paddle you use your fingers in a rotating motion. Apparently in Europe the fingers are also used in rotation for sending with a bug. It is uniquely "American style" to use your wrist rather than rotating your fingers.

New "Tak-tenna"

Here is a new HF antenna design on the market. It's a very low profile electrical half wave dipole produced by Tak-tenna LLC. The design theory is not exactly new as Force 12 came out with a similar antenna design several years ago. The antenna shown here is a 40m version and the boom is only 30 inches long. This antenna is at K8UV's place and approximately eight feet in the air. According to their web site (www.taktenna.com) the antenna has the following features:



TAK-tenna 40 Multi-Bander

eHam.net Customer Reports

30 inch boom!

Resonant with direct feed from your rig with 50 ohm coax

If you wish, resonant at your favorite frequency...or...
just plug into your OUTBOARD "antenna tuner"....NOTE: most
INBOARD RIG/BUILT-IN "antenna tuners" do NOT have the
impedance matching range capability to provide multiband operation!!

Power tested - at resonant frequency -
to 1000 CW watts key down for 30 seconds
and 1400 Watts PEP
...no heat sensed on antenna wire or coax feedpoint when touched by
hand after power testing

NO lossy matching components anywhere in system

10 to 14 dB signal increase in transmit with 90 degree rotation

Low SWR across resonant band

Sturdy and well built
Weighs only 5 pounds
Easy assembly - less than 90 minutes

TAK-tenna 40 Multi-Bander using 50 ohm coax at resonant frequency
direct (no tuner) from antenna to rig...

Bandwidth data

SWR HP Network Analyzer

-36 dB Loss Return HP Network Analyzer

This antenna has possibilities as an answer for apartments (attics, patios and garages), Dxpeditions or just plain limited space applications. Visit the web site for full details and the many testimonials given. We'll hear more from Rich as he uses this antenna.

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know...

...Dave KC8ITC is now a member of SKCC? He's number 4312, way to go Dave!
 ...KG8CO just bought a K2?
 ...K8GX now has his straight key mounted on a fine walnut board?
 ...K8AQM will be both LA/K8AQM and LA1HQ in July?
 ...K8AA cut his trip south short due to cold weather...down south?
 ...KG8CO will be QRV in GM (that's Scotland) this fall?
 ...Dayton is less than one month away?
 ...there is now a straight key slow-speed net on Thursdays, 8:00 PM 28050?
 ...the Michigan QSO party is now history and were you there?
 ...K8KIC made a "bug" for sending CW? Remember those?
 ...K8AA's new switcher power supply just blew up?
 ...K8NP came back just in time for the crummy weather we had last month?
 ...WE8Z is reading articles on "cleaning and adjusting your bug"? What does this mean?
 ...the crew at K8XXX made over 2300 QSOs in the Michigan QSO Party?
 ...thought is being given to having a "bug/straight key" net once a month next fall on Thursday's?
 ...you should contact WE8Z to join the crew operating from the Boyer in June?
 ...K8UV is now the County Supervisor in his township? Is there Presidential talk next?
 ...W8TTH loaned his portable tower to the K8XXX gang for the MQP?
 ...K8AQM bout a Daiwa 50 amp switching power supply?
 ...N8JMN talks weekly to N8TIB on Echo Link?
 ...K8TLT is recovering very well from his knee surgery?
 ...Monica, XYL of K8NP is also recovering from her knee replacement surgery?

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club board met at the CAP building on March 31, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Ginny W8TTX at 7:00 pm with the following present, Ginny W8TTX, Margie KB8TMM, Larry W8LNR, Norm W8TTH, Bob K2IBM, Dick K8GX, and Bill KA8ARK. Classes for new Hams will be held 5th and 12 April 2008. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order by President Ginny W8TTX at 7:30 on March 31, 2008 with 21 persons present. The treasurer's report showed a balance \$4,238.18, a motion to accept by Harold WA8QPS second by Dick K8GX, motion passed. The February minutes as published in the Tickler were accepted upon a motion by Bob K2IBM second by Harold WA8QPS, motion passed. We need someone to conduct the classes on April 5th and April 12, 2008. It was reported by Denny WE8Z that club members will be able to operate from the SS Boyer on June 7 & 8. Joe K8YZA reported on The National Weather meeting. Ted K8AQM reported that the Michigan QSO party will be held April 19 beginning at noon to midnight. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Harold WA8QPS second by Ken K8KIC. Ted K8AQM presented the program on the Clipperton Island 2000 DXpedition. Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

2008 Michigan QSO Party

Wow, what an event the 2008 Michigan QSO Party was! The final results aren't in yet but by early accounts a lot of fun was had by many members of the club. At this time here are calls I know of who were heard and worked on the bands.

K8KIC, ken made his strongest effort ever and really made the QSOs, 245 to be exact. KG8CO Brian operated at home along with N8AMM Don and together they had nearly 1300 QSOs! WE8Z Denny, operated from Clare County. Jack KC8A kept Lenawee on for the SSB gang over in Tecumseh while Joe K8YZA operated from over on Devil's Lake (W8WVU was also on from that area but is not a club member) and both Rich K8UV and Dave KC8ITC were strong from Manchester and Bridgewater in Washtenaw. There may be others I don't know of at this time so please let me know and get me your logs as soon as you can. Send them in cabrillo(?) format (electronically) if you can but I'll also take "paper" gladly.

The crew of K8XXX at N8CC's super-station in Barry County were on a mission. We had something to prove and were tired of coming in "second" to K8MQP headed by K8CC. This year the K8MQP gang operated at K8CC's super station so it was going to be a head-to-head battle of the super stations for bragging rights. No matter how the "battle" of giants turned out the Michigan QSO Party would be the winner as we both planned to make large numbers of contacts. So now the smoke has cleared between the two of us, the results are:

	<u>CW QSOs</u>	<u>SSB QSOs</u>	<u>Mults</u>	<u>Score</u>
K8MQP	628	1,463	223	606,337 points
K8XXX	821	1,485	224	700,445 points

If the numbers hold up K8XXX beat K8MQP this year. Each of us had six stations on, two on 80, two on 40 and two on 20m. We had a great crew of operators both phone and cw and several visitors:

SSB

NF8J-Paul life-time ssb captain)
W8DA-Wolf
KK9T-Tim
N8UUP-Bill
WA8ICK-Jack
KR8U-Dennis
KN8W-Roger

CW

N8CC-Jeff (supreme commander)
K8KS- Kaz
ND5S-Ron
K8QKY-Steve
K8AQM-Ted

Visitors

K6BAA-Tito
KD8HTF-Dennis
K8AEM-Walt/XYL
N8UU-Russ
K8GFN-Kent
W8TTH-Norm
Rory Campbell

Here are some pictures of the K8XXX operation. Continued on the next page are pictures of our CW station located away from the SSB gang in main shack.



Some of the food we live on during the QSO Party.



W8DA Wolf and Bill N8UUP taking an SSB break.



N8UU Russ who brings bluegill and deep fries them...YUMMY!



NF8J Paul, SSB Captain 40m



KN8W Roger on 75m



N8UUP Bill on 40m SSB



KK9T Tim on 75m



KR8U Dennis on 20m SSB

CW was operated from a mobile home further out on Jeff's farm to help reduce same-band intermod interference. It was a great idea as we had our own power, food and antennas! Heck, we even had our own bathroom! We stayed connected to the SSB shack via 2m.



You can see our 20m quad, 80m dipole and unseen is our 40m horizontal square. That's a 12 KW generator running on a PTO from Jeff's tractor. You can see Kaz K8KS on 20m (banana in his mouth), Ron ND5S on 80m and Steve



W8QKY running 40m. Each station had a kilowatt. It was great fun and just wait until next year!



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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

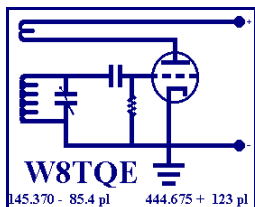
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

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

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