

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. I will be glad when the frost is out of the ground and we get rid of all the mud. We are definitely on a temperature rising trend. Spring has sprung or has it? We still had sleet the other night. I have had enough already and I am sure you all have too.

Norm W8TTH and I went to the Marshall Hamfest on the 15th and the TMRA Hamfest on the 16th of this month. We had a good time at both of these events. Marshall seemed to be a little less attended than last year, but it was a good show. There seemed to be a lot less vendors in Toledo and we once again this year we didn't set up to sell anything either, but I did manage to walk away with an extra \$100. I won the first drawing at the show. I think that is the first time I have ever won anything at a hamfest. I always fill out both of our tickets, but Norm is usually the lucky one. I saw lots of folks from our club there and everyone was having a good time.

I would like to apologize for missing the meeting again last month, but I took my daughter, Tonya KC8DAP and my granddaughter Shyanne Lynn to Florida where they will be living. I was supposed to leave the morning after the meeting, but we had a Winter Storm Watch in effect for the night of the meeting and I wanted to get out of the state before it started. We still got into a lot of the bad weather and the snow didn't stop until we were already well into Tennessee. I had to pull a trailer behind my van and it was heavily loaded, so I guess you know I had a lot of fun. What could go wrong pretty much did, but we did make it there with everything and I managed to make it back home. I don't want to pull a trailer ever again, if possible.

Thanks to Bob K2IBM we have a great website and you can find anything out you want to know or learn about the club from the site. Send anything you would like to see posted on the site. Don't forget to check out the website at www.w8tqe.com.

I would also like to thank Ted K8AQM for the great job he does on this newsletter. Make sure you also keep articles and pictures going to him.

Don't forget the meeting next Monday, March 31st.

73s,
Ginny W8TTX

This month's program: TX5C was on the air from Clipperton Island, several club members worked this Dxpedition. This month's program will be the :

FO0AAA Clipperton Island 2000 Dxpedition

The program will last approximately 60 minutes

It's That Time Again!

2008 Michigan QSO Party

What? Michigan QSO Party

When? April 19th, 2008
16:00z (19th) to 04:00z (20th)

Where? 10 thru 80 Meters (CW & SSB)

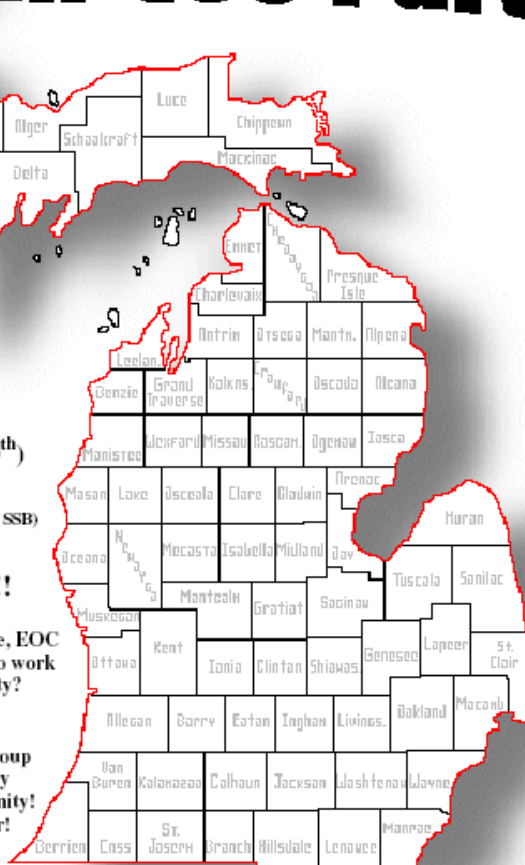
Why? Just Have Some Fun!!!!

- Chance to get on the air
 - Single Op, Multi Op, Mobile, EOC
 - Be the station others want to work
 - Maybe activate a rare county?
- Excellent Club Activity
 - Reason to get together as group
 - New "EOC" station category
 - Excellent Training opportunity!
 - Get new members on the air!
 - Friendly Competition

Let's all help make Michigan "radio-active" on the 19th of April!!!

Rules & More Info: <http://www.miqp.org/>

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Well, here it is, Michigan QSO Party time again. Although we didn't win as a club last year (nuts!), those that were on had a good time. This year plans to be an even bigger event as our own N8CC and his station take on the legendary power house in Ypsilanti, K8CC. K8XXX will battle it out again for honors as the top multi-multi station in Michigan. It should be a real slug-fest with QSOs everywhere by both stations.

In the past Mark NU8Z has fired everyone up for an effort and it's paid dividends with a plaque and several certificates. Let's go for another plaque this year! All it takes is a bit of time on the air both working all the stations you hear and of course since everyone wants to work Michigan stations just find a clear frequency and start calling "CQ"!

The world will come to your door! It would be great if each entry could collect 100 QSOs, not a hard task to do. Lets see, of just the stations I know that could easily gather a 100 QSO total there would be:

K8KIC K8UV K8AA WA8QPS KC8A K8TLT N8JMN K2IBM KG8CO N4UUJ KC8DAR
W8LNR WE8Z KG8EF K8YZA W8RAY KC8GTA KC8TQB KC8ITC

That would be 1900 Qs if everyone just made 100 QSOs. I'm sure KG8CO, K8KIC and KG8EF will make many more than the 100 Qs. Please consider joining the effort, most of the action will be on 40m during the day and 80m at night with 20m good all the time for those state multipliers. I'm sure Mark will give us details if needed at the next meeting and I'll have log sheets if needed. Join the fun!

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...NU8Z has hooked a straight key to his "Flex" radio? What could this mean?
 ...K8AQM thought he "trashed" his K2 on the V63 trip? It was just his fat fingers and a button pushed
 ...KG8CO's Tokyo HY-Power amp was damaged in transit to V63?
 ...K8UV has a new-old bug? It's a J-36.
 ...9514 QSOs were made on the V63 trip?
 ...K8GX had to fix his antenna in the snow to get back on 10m?
 ...K8AA sold his Flex radio and bought a TS-480?
 ...KG8CO worked the TX5C (Clipperton Island) expedition on 80-10m?
 ...KC8ITC also got the TX5C group on 20m ssb?
 ...N8AMM is buying a house and has big antenna plans?
 ...K8AA installed a QSK unit in K8AQM's travel amp (ALS-500)
 ...KG8CO bought K8AA's 80m four square switch? Uh-oh!
 ...K8TLT is recovering nicely from his leg surgery?
 ...W8TTH did "body work" on K8AQM's THP amp? Damaged in shipping!
 ...K8KIC misses too many Thursday night nets because his Lazy Boy chair holds him captive?
 ...K8UV has his bug adjusted to sound just like his keyer cw now?
 ...W8LNR still hasn't connected his AL-811 amplifier to his rig?
 ...As soon as the frost is out of the ground K8AQM's new shack project will begin?
 ...N8TIB can be found on K8ADM's echo link each week?
 ...NU8Z will miss the MQP this year to attend another "party"?
 ...NU8Z, N8CC, K8KS and K8AQM worked TX5C on 160m? Cool!
 ...You will have gotten two Ticklers this month? What a deal!
 ...KC8DAR discovered 100 year old cigars in his house? Mmm, yummy!
 ...Maybe we can see the Boyer presentation on Power Point this summer?

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club board met at the Civil Air Patrol building on 2-25-08 beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Margie KB8TMM. The following persons were present: Margie KB8TMM, LARRY W8LNR, NORM WHTH, MARK NU8Z, BOB k2IBM, NEIL KC8DAR, BILL KA8ARK and DAVE K8AA. We had no minutes as the minutes were corrupted on the internet. The board will try to set classes for persons interested in becoming ham radio operators on the 5th and 12th of April. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Adrian Amature Radio Club met at the CAP building at the Lenawee County Airport on 2-25-08 with 17 persons present and was called to order by Margie KB8TMM. Rollcall was by callsign. The financial report was presented by treasurer Mark NU8Z and showed a balance of \$4,187.98 Joe K8YZA motioned to accept the treasurers report, second by Harold WA8QPS. Volunteers were requested to teach classes for persons who want to become ham radio operators. Kevin N8JMN will be contacted to see if he is available to act as VE for the testing of the students. The meeting was adjourned and the program was presented by Ray Johnson on the restoration of the Great Lakes cargo ship the Willis B. Boyer.

Bill KA8ARK, Secretary.

Taming the “Clanking” Relay



is shown below before removal and the modification. Dave soldered up the pc board and had the unit



ready for installation. The old relay was removed and 8 wires attached. The new board mounted atop the old relay base and bingo! A quiet QSK relay is now installed and works great! Thanks to K8AA that is.



K8UV's Keys and J-36

Here's Rich K8UV with his new/old Ten Tec Omni station and his very fine collection of keys. Rich recently acquired a World War II J-36. That's the “bug” shown in the lower left photo. There is a wonderful story about this old bug as it came directly from its original veteran owner with whom Rich is friends and has carried on QSOs with. The J-36 is similar to a Vibroplex Lightning Bug and was made by “Lionel”, yes, the train people. Rich also has a bug made in Japan (on the right). Rich's collection includes a J-38 America Radio Hardware), J-37 Bencher and the two bugs.

A Lionel J-38



Sneak Preview of Last Month's V63 Trip

Here are some pictures from the recent V63 trip and the front of our QSL card. Ah, this was how Brian KG8CO and I spent three weeks in February while you enjoyed the wonderful Michigan winter! It was a great trip and there will be a Powerpoint presentation this summer. The three of us, KG8CO,

K5ZM and K8AQM made 9,515 QSOs during our stay. Conditions were very poor back to Michigan and we weren't able to keep many schedules with everyone back here.

This is the island of Pohnpei in Micronesia which is north of the eastern end of Australia and just north (7 degrees) of the equator. The temperature was between 88-92 everyday, how was the weather here!

73 es gud DX,
K8AQM



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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

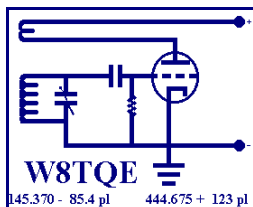
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

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

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