

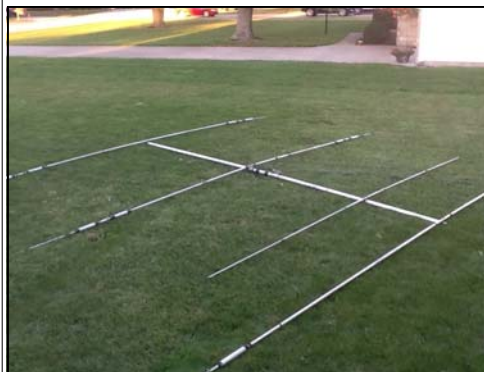
From the Prez.....

No Prez Sez this month

Must be Prez is busy.

The Tickler

New Antenna At N8KR



N8KR Ken, lives in Defiance, Ohio now and has begun to get a station back on the air with some “umph!” You may remember the great station Ken had while living in Toledo. Ken was a strong force on 160m and also on the other bands as he and friend KN8R often were high score in Sweepstakes multi operator. Today Ken is very interested in Straight Key Century Club events and although he lives in a much smaller lot than in Toledo he wants a competitive station for domestic contacts. In addition to the 80m and 40m dipoles Ken with the help of friends has just put up a forty foot tower with a Cushcraft A-4s antenna (tribander).



You can see the A-4 on the ground assembled and ready to be raised. With Ken on the tower and friend Roger on the ground the antenna was raised in place. That’s Ken placing the rotor and Roger as part of the ground crew. The finished project looks great when viewed from the street!

Check out the collection of Heathkit gear Ken recently purchased! What a collection; a “complete station with transceiver, amp, station console and speaker cabinet. There is an swr bridgesand station scope along with a digital readout frequency counter! Ken is reconditioning this gear and will have it for sale. Anyone need some classic Heathkit gear?



KD8TTM’s Shack

Bill KD8TTM, one of our new hams, is tearing up the bands! Bill is a General and is enjoying both SSB and PSK. He has a multiband dipole and a Kenwood TS-530 and TenTec Triton IV. You also note he uses an “Apple” computer for his digi work and logging.

I see a “regular” chair there in the shack, guess that “anti-gravity” chair that dumped Bill last month has been replaced.

Truly Bill has made great accomplishments with his station and plans are to add more antennas, bands and QSOs to his station. Well done Bill!



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...K8KIC enjoys french fries almost as much as cashews?
 ...KD8TTM now has his TenTec Triton IV running on psk?
 ...N8KR's first QSO on his "new" yagi was ON4UN?
 ...K8AQM has a second SKCC pump key at the station?
 ...N8AMM has 300 feet of tagline? K8AQM too!
 ...KG8CO and K8AQM have their tickets to Figi and Tonga for August 2014?
 ...KD8SKO is closing in on his SKCC Centurian Award?
 ...W8IQO is installing low band radio in his mobile?
 ...K8KIC is "still" working on his accordion project?
 ...FLASH! Don KD8SKO has achieved his Centurian Award from SKCC!
 ...this is only the second time "no Prez Sez?"
 ...K2IBM has regained contact with two of his high school ham buddies?

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport on September 30, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ginny W8TTX with the following persons present: Ginny W8TTX, Larry W8LNR, Dick K8GX, Mark NU8Z, Bob K2IBM, Ted K8AQM, Bill KA8ARK, Norm W8TTH, and Neil KC8DAR.

The annual class for new hams will be held at 8:00 AM on October 12, 2013. Helpers are needed. The Adrian Hamfest was discussed. Ted K8AQM has a source for 2 meter and 440 repeaters identical to the ones we are now using with an excellent price. He was requested to discuss the details at the following club meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order by President Ginny W8TTX, at 7:30 PM on September 30, 2013 at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport with 21 persons present. Ted K8AQM won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings back to the club repeater fund. The August club minutes were approved by a motion from Bob KB8HW second by Norm W8TTH with a voice vote. The treasurer's report presented by Mark NU8Z showed a balance of \$6,718.21, and a profit of \$928.21 for the hamfest and was approved by a motion from Bruce KB8OXX second by Norm W8TTH and a voice vote. Mark NU8Z also discussed ways to increase the hamfest profit for next year. He also volunteered to chair the 2014 hamfest in view of the excellent support which was received from the club membership this year. Mark NU8Z agreed to teach the upcoming Novice class. Ted K8AQM discussed purchasing 2 new repeaters (one 2 meter and one 440) for backup from Dan Baker and was authorized to purchase them for \$250 each by a motion from Ken K8KIC second by Joe K8YZA and voice vote. Joe K8YZA announced that there would be a simulated emergency test on October 5, 2013 from 8:00 AM to Noon. Nominations for club officers were made as follows: Ginny W8TTX for President, Mark NU8Z for treasurer, Bill KA8ARK for secretary. Bruce KB8OXX made a motion to close the nominations second by Ted K8AQM. Next month will be nominations for board members. Ted K8AQM reported that the club station is up and running. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

Club Station Rebuild

The club station is now complete and ready for users! Both stations are operational now and have access to an amplifier. The station on the left is marked and uses only the tribander(20m, 15m and 10m) and the station on the right has our 40 and 80m wire antenna. The station was recently used during the Pennsylvania QSO Party and most stations were worked on the first call.



To make the stations complete headphones and bandpass filters are needed. Even with the rigs barefoot intermod is present and makes operation difficult for both stations to be used at the same time.

K2IBM is working on "speeding up" the computers but both work and have logging programs for operators to use; they also are internet connected.

In the future it is hoped the WARC bands will be added if there is a need.



One Day Technition Class

The club's "One Day Technition Class" brought only one person to the class but it was a complete success. Jeremy Downard passed his Technition exam easily! You can see Jeremy with his CS&S certificate and now is waiting for his license to be processed. Mark NU8Z, headed the class with W8TTX, W8TTH, KE8FX, WE8Z, and K8GX all there for support. The testing secession also brought another ham from Monroe who upgraded to General.

This one day approach worked very well and if more effort is made to get others to attend we can build our ranks with new hams.

Thanks to Mark and all those who helped.





What A Hat!

Oh man! What a hat! Brian KG8CO was at a church rumage sale and ran across this QLF hat! As a cw person we know that “QLF” means “Are you sending with your left foot”. It is not a flattering statement to be asked “QLF” in a cw QSO! Of course this QLF as you can see, stands for “Quality Liquid Feeds”. Hmm, guess that’s farm lingo and not ham radio lingo!

It is amazing what one can do with Photo Shop and Publisher! This was fun and too good an opportunity to pass up! I decided Brian’s hat should be personalized! The lower pictures is the personalized KG8CO QLF hat! There is a joke behind behind Brian and the QLF but I’ll leave the telling to Brian.

At \$0.25 the QLF hat was a real bargain and a lot of milage can be had with the QLF hat. Just as a “heads-up,” the QLF joke does not pertain to Brian’s paddle and cw copying...the straight key however, is a totally different story!



Building a Repeater CW ID

Every ten minutes our repeater will identify its self with a burst of CW saying “W8TQE.” This is not someone’s cw fist recorded, it is computer generated and although it sounds like K8KIC’s perfect fist it is the computer!

I am currently working on securing a 440 repeater for some Japanese hams in Kyto. K8TI is programming the frequency, time-out mechanics and output power. The repeater does not include a cw ID so I had to order a kit and build the unit up.

At least this unit was loaded with surface mount technology and was able to be constructed quite easily. It took about two three-hour periods to construct and will be installed by K8TI into the repeater unit. Upon final check-out the repeater will be boxed and shipped to Japan. Ironically the repeater is made by Kenwood but not available in Japan...go figure!



KD8SKO’s First Straight Key Contest!

Don KD8SKO, is fairly new to amateur radio. Don is General class licensed and did not have to learn/pass cw. But Don wanted to learn CW so he taught himself CW, joined the Straight Key Century Club and last month took part in the monthly two hour “Straight Key Sprint” event. The idea is to work as many SKCC members, exchange numbers and state in a two hour period.

Don came to the K8AQM shack to give this event a try. Using a computer for logging and with K8AQM as a back-up for copying Don completed his first Sprint. He did very well and worked over 30 stations while pounding a straight key.

Don often joins us on the 10m Thursday night gathering and all the regulars agree Don has an easy fist to copy. Expect to hear Don rolling out the cw contacts on the bands!



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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

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W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan

W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan

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K8ADM has access to Echo Link

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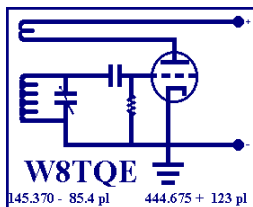
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