

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everybody. Hope you are enjoying your summer.

There were a three hamfests this month. Those were the Fulton County Hamfest and the Chelsea Hamfest, and the Monroe Hamfest. I visited the Fulton County Hamfest, but neither Norm W8TTH nor I made it to Chelsea. Norm was out of town and I had other obligations and wasn't able to attend. We both attended the Monroe Hamfest which was held on Father's Day as usual. It was nice to see a lot of our members present and as usual we all had a good time and spent lots of money.

Norm participated in the Museum Ship Radio Event that was held the first weekend of June. We had two groups up in Rogers City working the Carl D. Bradley and the David J. Morrell up there and we also had a group up at Whitefish Point working the Edmund Fitzgerald. I am sure there is an article with lots of details inside this newsletter.

Field Day was the weekend of June 22nd. We had not planned anything with our club, so I managed to visit with the Fulton County Amateur Radio Club members in the woodlot at Tedrow, OH. There were lots of their members camped out for the weekend and as always a good time was had by all.

Everyone needs to start thinking about our upcoming hamfest. September 15th will be here before we know it. Help is always appreciated and there is always room for suggestions on how to make it a better event. Please contact Mark NU8Z to see where you can help out.

Don't forget to check out the website at www.w8tqe.com and give any information or pictures to Bob K2IBM that you would like to post on the site. He is a great web master and we all should appreciate the way he keeps up the website. Also, this newsletter would not be possible without our editor, Ted K8AQM. He also needs support from you by sending him articles and pictures. Without these two fellows, information about our club and upcoming events would not be readily available to all of us. Thank them both the next time you see or hear them.

The meeting this month will be June 24th. I hope to see you all there.

73,
Ginny W8TTX

June Program...November's Fury Operation

This month's program will be a power point presentation of the three stations K8B, K8F and K8M. This will be the more detailed Power Point presentation of the event and some of the "misadventures" of the three groups. Presentation will be 30-45 minutes.

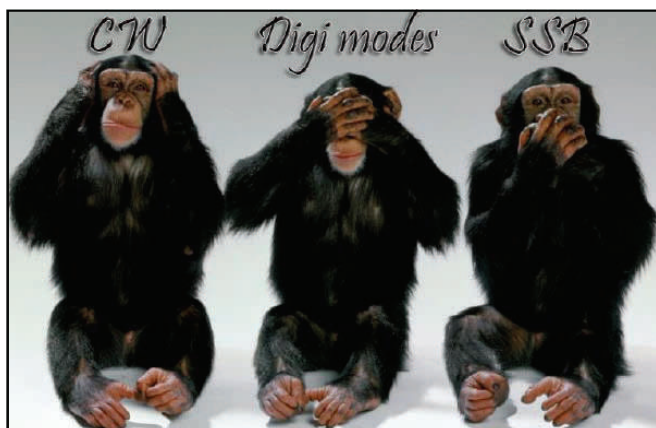
It's Alive...!



Here is a picture of the new amp at KG8CO. Brian bought an Elecraft KPA-500 which comes in a semi-kit form. You need to only mount the parts with included screws and then to connect wires between boards. By doing this yourself you save \$200 rather than having Elecraft do the assembly.

Brian says it took him about five hours to assemble the amp. When completed Brian threw the switch and the amp came to life. Brian used it for a week or two and took the amp to run at K8M in Rogers City, MI. The amp ran flawlessly for the entire event.

Well done Brian! Now if I can only find the time to put mine together!



A New Twist on an Old Topic

Got this neat photo from Larry K8TEZ who use to work with us on Prospect Hill for our Field Days. Larry lives in Ohio but his wife was from Palmyra and they came to visit often in the Adrian area.

It might be neat to say “hear no CW, see no digital and speak no SSB” but what would be left for us? Where does “FM” fall in this group?

Thanks Larry for the laugh!



Boat Anchors!

Collecting boat anchors has become very popular; Brian KG8CO, Ted K8AQM, and Rich K8UV are among the serious collectors in our club.

Rich K8UV, while searching the internet, found this fine example of a B&W transmitter and a Hammarlund receiver. That's a B&W sideband adapter above the oscilloscope and an old Elmac transmitter (made in Michigan by the way) on the very top.

Clearly this operator has a very fine station and no doubt has no trouble “working” OMs on the band. Perhaps the call sign “XE0YL” also helps in the pileups (along with the op's name).

Many thanks to Rich for searching out this fine picture of boat anchor gear and passing it along to the club members. Good hunting Rich and we hope you find other examples of boat anchor gear!

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...K8KIC says it takes 10 kw to work those museum ships?
 ...Bill KD8TTM, worked all three museum ships with his 100 watts and random wire?
 ...K8AQM is looking for another Kenwood TS-570 transceiver? Anyone got an extra?
 ...K8B, K8M and K8F worked over 4000 QSOs?
 ...Bill WB8NPI, was our first QSOs from K8F?
 ...Rich K8UV, and Bill KD8TTM, both have Kenwood TS-820s?
 ...Phillip KD8NWH, just bought a Ten Tec Argonaut V and will be QRV for Field Day on 10m?
 ...After 50 years K8KIC is still recovering from his brother's wedding reception?
 ...K8AQM has a new operating position in his shack, Collins 75A-1 and 32V?
 ...Don KD8SKO "almost" bought a Swan (Swine)?
 ...WE8Z and KD8TTM each worked K8B, K8F and K8M but K8KIC couldn't break the pileups?
 ...N8AMM Don, says this is the summer he will build his super station?
 ...K8KIC says he needs a 10 KW amp, anyone got one for Ken?
 ...K8UV Rich, seems to have a "10m K8KIC" filter on his rig?
 ...K8KIC Ken, seems to have a "10m K8UV" filter on his rig?
 ...K8AA Dave and K8TI Dan, road their motor cycles to the Monroe Hamfest?
 ...K2IBM Dr. Bob, was called into service recently with the Red Cross here in Adrian?
 ...K8TLT Cletus, loves his 20 watt SSB rig? Works well getting into the Michigan emergency nets.
 ...K8AQM still hasn't found the time to assemble his new KPA-500 amplifier?
 ...KD8SKO Don, bought a Yaesu FT-840, power supply, 2m antenna and antenna tuner at Monroe?
 ...KG8CO bought a Kenwood TS-590s at Monroe?
 ...W8TTH Norm, bought a Yaesu FT-840 AND FT-890 at Monroe
 ...KD8TTM Bill, bought a Headset/mic, footswitch and code practice oscillator at Monroe?

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club board met on May 28, 2013 at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport. The following persons were present: Ginny W8TTX, Larry W8LNR, Dick K8GX, Norm W8TTH, Bill KD8TTM, Bill KA8ARK. Items discussed were Dayton Hamvention, antenna for the Emergency Operation Center, and Field Day. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met on May 28, 2013 at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport. The meeting was called to order by President Ginny W8TTX at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Norm W8TTH to accept the minutes of the April 29 meeting as published in the Tickler, second by Dick K8GX, passed. The financial statement was presented by President Ginny and showed a balance of \$5,189.11. The report was accepted by a motion by Dick K8GX second by Norm, W8TTH. Motion passed. Other items discussed were the Dayton Hamvention, antenna for the Emergency Operation Center. We also discussed Field Day and since no one volunteered to run the exercise it appears there will be no Field Day this year.

Secretary Bill KA8ARK

The Gales of November!

The sailors all know the Great Lakes are no place to be sailing when the gales of November strike. History is replete with lost ships on all the Great Lakes when “the witch of November comes blowing.” During the later-half of the twentieth century three large ships were tragically lost with a great loss of life; the Carl D. Bradley, November 18, 1958, the Daniel J. Morrell, November 29, 1966 and the



Edmund Fitzgerald, November 10, 1975.

The Museum Ships Operating Event (sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Club, NJ2BB) takes place the first weekend in June and honors those ships and sailors who bravely challenge the



seas; and also including the Great Lakes.

For the past several years members of the Adrian ARC have operated from various ships around the Great lakes honoring the ships and their brave crews. This year was “special”; resources were divided to operate three ships simultaneously; the Bradley, the Fitzgerald and the Morrell. Special calls were issued; K8B the Bradley, K8F the Fitzgerald and K8M the Morrell. A certificate for working any of these ships was offered as a “downloadable” PDF file with the famous painting by Mr. Steve Witucki and entitled, “November’s Fury” from our web site, www.novemberfury.com (NU8Z webmaster). The paintings below capture each of the ships as they must have struggled in vain during those terrible November gales. On the left is the “Bradley” as perceived lying on the bottom (Witucki painting), the “Fitzgerald” in the lower left and the “Morrell” in the lower right. The “Bradley” sank in Lake Michigan, the “Fitzgerald” in Lake Superior and the “Morrell” in Lake Huron.



We strongly urge you to visit The Great Lakes Lore Museum in Rogers City, Michigan and The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, Michigan. Both museum are excellent sources of Great Lakes lore and pride.

73,

Members of the Adrian ARC and Ships ARC



K8B...Carl D. Bradley...40 Mile Point Lighthouse

Station K8B operated from 40 Mile Lighthouse Park and was headed-up by Pete Gladysz from Troy, MI. Pete had AB8JR Jim Richards from West Bloomfield, MI and K8ED Mark Shaw also from West Bloomfield, MI manning the K8B station. Both K8PGJ Pete and K8ED had operated from Rogers City last year at the W8C (SS Cedarville, sunk in the straits of Mackinac May 7, 1965, 10 sailors lost) station and know how to setup a special event station.

The operation was from the picnic building on site and a very short distance from the Lake Huron shore. The building and the operating positions can be seen from the photos below. Lots of operating room and station separation made operating easy and enjoyable. K8B had a collection of dipoles and verticals to cover bands 80 thru 15m. Rigs included an Icom, a Yaesu and an Elecraft K3 and the Elecraft KPA500 amplifier. All logging was done with networked computer support using the N3FJP logging software. Intermod between the station was eliminated with the use of bandpass filters.

Pictures below from left-to-right show K8ED Mark (one of the cw operators from the K8B, K8F and

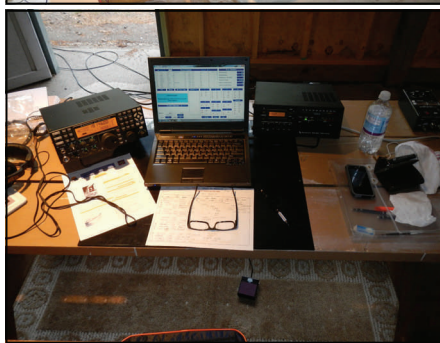
K8M stations), K8PGJ Pete, and newcomer to Museum Ships Operating Event AB8JR Jim. They also had two inches of rain

water flow through their operating site (that's inside the building!)

Using only one amplifier, K8B did an especially great job collecting 1,171 Qs on the following bands:

	CW	SSB
75m		12
40m		475
20m	98	242
17m		250
15m		94

A great job, K8B made many stations eligible for the November Fury certificate. Well done Pete, Mark and Jim!



K8F...Edmund Fitzgerald...Whitefish Point, MI

Station K8F represented the Edmund Fitzgerald and operated from Whitefish Point, MI. The lighthouse establishment is also home to the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. The brown building shown is the “maintenance” building for the grounds and where K8F was operating. Operators included Ted K8AQM, Chuck Senatore Jr (he used “Joe” because it was easier phonetically!) from Hallandale Beach, FL, and N8KR Ken Rogner from Defiance, OH.

Before the operation began we were visited by Dennis Hale, the lone survivor of the sinking of the “Daniel J. Morrell.” It was an honor

to meet Mr. Hale (shown in the middle) in the picture below.

Mr. Hale had also visited the K8M station in Rogers City before coming to autograph his books here on his survival from the Morrell sinking.

Our K8F operation included 2 Elecraft K2 radios and a Kenwood TS-570 radio. Antennas were a 40m dipole, a two element wire beam for 20m and a dipole for 17m. Amplifiers were an Alpha 374, and SB-220 and a Tokyo Hypower 1.2 KW. Bandpass filters were used to eliminate station intermod. Logging was done with computer support using the “Writelog” logging program.

To the left are N8KR and KN8R manning the 20m and 40m stations and below K8AQM and KN8R while N8KR “looks” on 17m for additional stations. We had terrific noise on 40m due to a geomagnetic storm and local thunder storms. You can see from the bottom picture our 40m noise was a “constant s8 to s9! The weather was cold (mid 40s) but check out KN8R’s operating! Not only no shoes but also no socks...brrr!

Here are the band breakdowns for K8F: 1723 total Qs

	<u>SSB</u>
40m	549
20m	1058
17m	116

Although conditions could have been much better, we had a great time and were treated with great kindness from the staff at Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. It was our great pleasure to represent the crew and

the ship, “Edmund Fitzgerald.” Thank you to all who stood-by as we tried to pull you through the QRN and QRM.

73,

Ted K8AQM
Chuck KN8R
Ken N8KR



K8M..Daniel J Morrell...Rogers City, MI

The K8M station operated from our usual location in Rogers City with the help from The Great Lakes Lore Museum, and Mr. David Erikson. Operators at this station included KG8CO Brian, N8AMM Don, W8TTH Norm, AC8W Stan (from Marysville, MI), N5ASU Bruce Filbeck (from Lexington, MI), N8LJ Lee Dziekan (from Metamora, MI and CW op), and K8WMW Bob Herbert (from



Port Huron, MI) and. Weather conditions were poor but the operating position was excellent as shown in the pictures. Three stations were in operation with antennas covering 80-10m. Gear included two Kenwood TS-570 transceivers, a K2/100, a KPA-500 amp, a 1.2 KW Tokyo Hy-power amp, an Ameritron AL-811H and computers for logging. Ops at K8M did very well with 1226 Qs in the log and a band break-down of:

	<u>CW</u>	<u>SSB</u>
80m	7	36
40m	3	560
30m	59	
20m	55	405
17m	13	38
15m	3	45
10m	1	1



Arranged by Mr. David Erikson of The Great Lakes Lore Museum, the guys got a tour of the limestone quarry where the “Bradley” and others load their cargos. They had a visit from Mr. Dennis Hale, lone survivor of the “Daniel J. Morrell” (station K8M). These lucky guys also had an exclusive dinner at the restaurant the owner of the building where they operated owned!



The photo to left is their triband “dipole” for 20, 15 and 10m (someone forgot to include the rest of the tribander in loading the trailer!). You can see the excellent room used for operating and the station layout; that’s AC8W manning the lone operating position. At the bottom left KG8CO is running the pileups while K8WMW and AC8W are shown at the other two operating positions.



It was a major effort to organize the three special event stations but worth every minute. This “trifecta” of stations netted over 4000 QSOs in this event and made many people aware of the dangers and hazards sailors on the Great Lakes incur sailing (especially during the very dangerous month of November). It was an honor to acknowledge the sacrifice of those who sail the Great Lakes.

This event could not have happened without the tremendous support from The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, MI, the Great Lakes Lore Museum in Rogers City, MI and the support of the many residence in Rogers City.



As operators of amateur radio, we had a great time and are already making plans for our next Museum Ship Operating Event from here in the Great Lakes. See you next June!

73, Adrian ARC & Ships ARC

Monroe Hamfest 2013!

What a great day for a hamfest! After the heavy showers at 5:00 AM it was questionable whether the wx would turnout right; it did! Blue skies and lots of sunshine for most of the hamfest. There were lots of trunk sales (truly the measure of a good hamfest after all, that's where the bargains are).

By the turnout of the Adrian ARC club members you might have thought this was our hamfest rather than Monroe's! Of course W8TTH Norm and W8TTX Ginny were there and aside from great company, Ginny provides those of us with a sweet tooth plenty of baby Tootsie Rolls! If you haven't seen Norm before in his "hillbilly hat" then you'll particularly enjoy this photo. The jury is



still out whether this is "Ozark Norm" or an escapee from an Amish community! And talk about your "special ops" or "hit squad", here is an especially dangerous gathering of "odd fellows". That's left to right, K8AA Dave, K8TI Dan, K8KIC Ken (the leader of the pack), K8NP Neil and the always dangerous WE8Z Denny. It is believed they were attempting to empty Ginny's Tootsie Roll bowl! Rich K8UV and Gerry KR8W perusing the flea market for that elusive "great deal."



The flea market held some great gems and had over three aisles to wander. The inside had several aisles including dealers and personal sales. Speaking of deals; KD8SKO Don found plenty. Don bought his first



hf rig, a "mint" Yaseu FT-840 and other items such as a power supply, antenna tuner and a new 2m antenna that brought his 2m signal in Sunday night's net (where was Cletus???) to full quieting. W8TTH Norm also made a n incredible buy; both a Yaseu FT-840 and a Yaseu FT-890. One of the rigs even had a cw filter...Norm, I can explain to you what that is. Norm even surprised me when he showed me this nice chrome Vibroplex keyer. I wonder what Norm plans to do with that, could he be planning to "use it"? No way! KG8CO Brian, bought himself a Kenwood TS-590s for the Museum



Ships trips and as a "backup" to his other radios.

Yup, all in all, it was a great hamfest and you should have been there with the gang!

73,

Ted K8AQM

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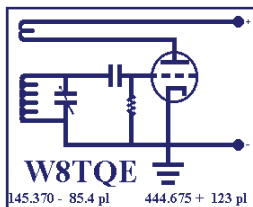
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