

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hello everyone.

April 17th was the date we held our Amateur Radio test session. I am pleased to announce that once again it was a very successful event. Eighty percent of the people who attended the test session accomplished what they came to do. We have several new Techs and Generals. It was great to see all the enthusiasm that filled the club that night. I hope they all have as much fun as I have with the hobby.

Mark (NU8Z) and Ted (K8AQM) presented our program last month. They did a splendid job showing us what the Michigan QSO Party was all about. This year's QSO party was on April 19th. I'm not sure how our club did as far as contacts, but I think we did pretty well. Some other operators in the contest made comments that suggested they thought every ham in Lenawee County was on the radio that day. I think they were hoping we weren't all from the same club, but I hope we were. It was the first time I ever got involved with contesting and though I didn't have an enormous amount of contacts, I still had a lot of fun.

Ted (K8AQM) will present the program for the May meeting. He will be discussing the VP8THU Dxpedition. Looking ahead to June the program will be presented by Neil (K8NP). He will explain how the digital processing works on a noise-canceling speaker. Both programs should be interesting; you won't want to miss them.

April 26th was supposed to be our first Adopt a Highway pickup of the year. Usually it is the worst, because of the long time between pickups. However, this year was a cinch. It seems our local prisoners accomplished the task just prior to our pickup date and we didn't have to strain a muscle. I'm sure it broke all of hearts to find out we didn't have to participate this year. However, I'll bet everyone missed the breakfast we normally would have had at Becky's Restaurant in Blissfield just before the pickup.

As most of you know, the Dayton Hamvention we be held on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of May and the vendor tickets the club has ordered have arrived. If you have been waiting on these tickets, bring your money to the meeting and see Dave (K8AA). He will be happy to assist you.

Field Day is quickly coming upon us. The Field Day event will be held the last full weekend in June, so come to the June meeting prepared to help in the final planning. Last year was a lot of fun and I would like to once again thank everyone who participated. Currently we are planning on holding our Field Day event at the club unless someone has a better plan. See Dick (K8GX) if you have any ideas.

Ted (K8AQM) always needs articles and pictures for the Tickler. However, if you are going to put pictures in the newsletter, please make sure they are good copies of copies. Is it only considered plagiarism if you copy text word for word from another publication or do pictures count too? What were you thinking?

I would like to mention that the club station is really looking great. Some new shelves and organizing has helped the place look better and become more functional as a station. Please stop by and check it out at the meeting. Hope to see all of you at the next meeting on May 2nd. I also hope our new hams will come and join in the fun.

73 for now,
Ginny W8TTX

Michigan QSO Party 2003

What a great time! That's the best way to describe this year's Michigan QSO Party. The guys in the club really came out for the fun and activity this year. Here is only a partial list of the stations that were active from Lenawee county and in the logs:

K8AA	K8AQM	KG8CO	KG8EF	N8TIB
N8QZO	W8TQE	W8TTX	KB8OXK	K8TLT
W8TTH	WA8UWQ	WA8AWZ	KC8GWA	N4UUJ
K8GX				

And there were operators too at some of the multi-operator stations: NU8Z, K8JVV, K8KIC and N8CC. This is a super turn-out of our club members. We missed KC8A this year who I understand is in the hospital...next year Jack; we'll be looking for you again. Also heard from Lenawee we W8WVU and W8YL, always there in the QSO Party.

Of course the big question for most of us is, "Did we win the club competition this year?" We won't know the answer to that for awhile yet but early indications are we'll have a very good score and it will really take some effort to beat us. To make the placque appear on our walls you'll need to get you logs to me so I can get them into K8CC. I need about three logs yet from the list. Please bring them to the club meeting Friday. No log is too small! When I have all the numbers I'll put together a QSO Party Sheet and have Andy put it here on the web for everyone to check-out.

There were some interesting moments in this year's Party, after all, that's what makes it so much fun. Enjoy some of the photos from the various stations:



Top left: Several of the guys get a lesson on how to work the QSO Party from K8KIC and K8GX.

Top right: W8TTX and N8UUJ give 20m SSB a whirl

Bottom left: The masters at work. K8KIC on the paddle and K8GX logging. Who said they don't know what they're doing?

THE W8TQE STATION

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that....

- ...K8AQM lost two amplifiers and two transceivers in the Michigan QSO Party?
- ...Dayton tickets are in and can be picked-up from K8AA?
- ...the new 80/40m dipole antennas at the club work really well and are fed with just one feedline?
- ...all the new equipment at the club seems to be working really well?
- ...K8GX worked a cw QSO in the QSO Party...K8AQM!
- ...Dayton is less than three weeks away?
- ...the three ops at K8AQM last weekend ate a four foot sub...themselves!
- ...after the QSO Party at midnight many of the guys went to "Taste Bud's" for a snack?
- ...WA8UWQ has a great FREE Windows logging program, see Andy about it!
- ...K8TLT operate both mobile and fixed during the QSO Party
- ...the club MAY have a chance to purchase a second TS-570 for the shack?
- ...KG8CO operated six hours and made 470 QSOs himself!
- ...Lenawee had at least 17 stations on the air in the Michigan QSO Party?
- ...the Florida guys are all back home for the summer?

AARC Club Minutes

Oh where oh where is Bill? No minutes to give you this month from Bill so I'll throw in some QSO Party pictures.



Here's N8QZO at the controls of his first contest as a new general. Way to go Al!



N8TIB made his first contest effort from his new home and using a "shorty 40" dipole Alan made over 100 QSOs.

More photos from the 2003 QSO Party



Here KB8OXX takes a break from the rig and asks, "Is there a contest on or something?"



KG8EF spins the dial in his station and tries to search for the elusive Lenawee County multiplier. Good hunting Chuck!

And perhaps the best picture of all, from KG8EF



"Can you hear me now?"

Before the contest activity at “The White Rat”. Nobody ate better than we did! Even the “other guys” come over to check what we’re eating!



The inside of the White Rat gets a bit crowded during a contest and the temperature soars to 90 degrees when the amps are running. “One “ operator of our crew was responsible for chemical warfare and a loss of QSOs! Check out the pictures and see why we suffered as we operated. We should be given bonus points for our courageous operation ! I won’t give names....Jeff Benson, N8CC...oops!



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Sunday 9:00 p.m. The ARES Net on 145.370 - Ken, K8KIC-Net Control

Monday 10 Meter Local Chat at 9:00 p.m. on 28.495 +/- 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

N8QZO 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan

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K8XXX 144.910, 441.150 Adrian, Michigan

K8XXX Telnet://12.245.2239.80

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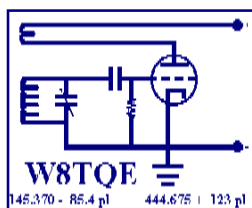
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