

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone! Hope you have toughed out the winter, because spring is officially here. Would someone please tell Mother Nature to bring it on? I am ready for warmer weather.

It is hard to believe that it is once again April. Every year seems to go by faster and faster. Last month Norm and I went to the Marshall and Toledo hamfests. The crowds were a little down from last year, but not too bad. Dayton Hamvention is going to be here before you know it. I can hardly wait, but it will all be over too soon. Field Day is also coming up, so be prepared to join in and have a good time. It will be a lot of fun.

We will be conducting Amateur Radio testing for new and upgrade licensing beginning at 7 p.m. on April 14th at the C.A.P. building, Lenawee County Airport. Our classes have gone well and our future hams will be ready for the challenge and will succeed. The attendance at the classes have diminished only because some of the students have went to other test sites and have passed their test(s) already. That is great news!!! We also have a few students that have been practicing Morse code with Ken (K8KIC) after the theory part of the class is over.

Once again the topic for the April program will be the Michigan QSO Party as presented by Ted (K8AQM) and Mark (NU8Z). I am sure it will be very interesting coming from these two characters. Ted and Mark are both good speakers and have good senses of humor. At this time I am not sure what the May program will be.

Has anyone seen the Swan SWR wattmeter that belongs to the club? It seems to have run off. We are trying to organize the club station and it would be great if it found its way home. I am sure someone has borrowed it and has just forgotten they have it.

At the Marshall hamfest I spoke with a couple of the Hillsdale Amateur Radio Club members and was glad to find out that their club is getting very active. Their club meeting is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Hillsdale High School at 7 p.m. They also have a breakfast gathering every 2nd Saturday of each month at Sigmunds. A Skywarn net takes place on their frequency the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. They also have their Field Day activity at the Fairgrounds. I hope that some of us can take part in some of these activities and help encourage a relationship between our two clubs.

I hope to see you all at the April club meeting this Friday.

73,
Ginny W8TTX

The Ticker

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORT
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR/RADIO OFFICER REPORT
by Joe W. Pullen, K8YZA, RACES Radio Officer District 1

The recommended standards for ARES/RACES members & organizations by the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division & the Michigan Section of the American Radio Relay League are summarized here. These are minimum standards for preparedness for Radio Emergency programs, members, & organizations within the State of Michigan. These standards are intended to insure that a standard baseline of telecommunications capabilities are present within all ARES/RACES organizations so that interoperability & mutual aid may occur. The development of additional communications capabilities is encouraged, provided it is not at the expense of the minimum requirements. ARES/RACES members shall have a minimum amount of training in order to insure that they can conduct themselves properly on radio networks & in the field. The training minimums for basic ARES/RACES membership includes:

FEMA IS-22 New Emergency Management USA, for which AARC is the test group for the nation.

Hazardous Materials Awareness Level Training

Michigan State Police EMD Introduction to Disaster Telecommunications

Basic Skywarn Training (MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 3 YEARS) ARES/RACES members shall attain the required training within a period of 2 years of having registered with the local program. This training will be necessary before the issuance of a State RACES Card. The State RACES Officer may make the above training available on videotape at his/her discretion.

Additional ARES/RACES training courses will be offered periodically through the Emergency Management Division. Attendance at these courses is encouraged for all ARES/RACES personnel.

Identification & Security are also important because of terrorism possibilities. ARES/RACES members shall be screened through a basic LEIN/NCIC background check. Problems discovered utilizing this method may be utilized as grounds for membership denial at the discretion of the Emergency Management Director.

All members who qualify for RACES status shall be issued the standard Michigan State Police RACES Identification Card. This card permits members to assist in surrounding counties through a universally recognized identification method in addition to allow them to continue to operate during time of war if the President or FCC declares that amateur radio is terminated until the end of the war. RACES cards shall not be issued to individuals who have not been subjected to a background check.

In the event that former criminal history is identified, an interview shall be conducted by a board consisting of the ARRL Emergency Coordinator/RACES Officer, the Emergency Management Director, & a law enforcement representative. The board may take into account past & current history in order to determine, to the best of its ability, the suitability of the individual for membership in the RACES program. Minor violations, such as traffic tickets, shall not be a consideration for membership denial. Credit history & similar financial factors shall not be considered as part of the background investigations. Neither race, ethnicity, nor gender may be taken into account. The search is primarily for a record of felonies.

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know...

... the club station is getting a major make-over? New computers, new desk layout and all ready for this year's MQP? Check it out at the meeting this month.

...K8AQM has his K2 on line now and the first QSO was with A35XM in Tonga on 17 meters...tnx Dave?

...many of the Adrian gang were present at Toledo and Marshall for the hamfests?

...this month's program will be a 'killer'? Mark and Ted promise a great MQP program.

...many of the hf guys recently worked the ST0 stations in The Sudan?

...Dayton will be the topic for next month's meeting? It's really here!

...KG8CO operated from VP5 but couldn't be heard?

...the season is here for those antenna projects, especially at KG8CO's place?

...the Adrian ARC received an award for the second best club in Michigan for the 2002 MQP?

...K8AQM won the 8th district Arrl DX Contest for 80m CW for 2002 and was 3rd in the USA?

...W8CFP might finally be done with cruises for the season...poor Gary!

...Ken K8KIC is planning to activate the club station for the MQP this year? Wanna operate?

...last time Joe K8YZA operated mobile in the MQP he ended up in Indiana? Way to go Joe!

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building on Mar. 7, 2003.

The following persons were present: President Ginny W8TTX called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, also present were Neil KC8DAR, Dick K8GX, Norm W8TTH, Eric K8JWV, Ted K8AQM, Andy WA8UWQ, Art KC8GTA, and Bill KA8ARK. Neil KC8DAR presented the contract for the hamfest for 2003 and 2004 at \$700 per year. Old business: need instructors for the beginner's classes and articles for The Tickler. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,455.59. Board adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the CAP building on March 7, 2003 with 40 persons present. The minutes were approved as posted on the net upon a motion by Andy WA8UWQ, second by Jack KC8A. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3455.59. A motion was made to accept the report by Andy WA8UWQ, second Eric K8JWV. Motion passed. Old business: Joe K8YZA spoke about the RACES program. The club needs instructors for the classes. Testing will be on the 24th of March. The club's new web sight is up on internet at www.W8TQE.com The Tickler is always in need of articles and pictures. Denny WE8Z needs a 1960 or 61 Callbook. Cletus K8TLT reported we need a new 2 meter machine. Norm W8TTH and Cletus K8TLT will check on the repeater. The April program will be by Mark NU8Z and Ted K8AQM on the Michigan QSO Party. Ted K8AQM read a letter from the Mad River Radio Club regarding the MQP. Andy WA8UWQ made a motion to donate \$60 to the Mad River Radio Club for a plaque for the Michigan QSO Party, second Allan N8TIB. Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by Allan N8TIB, second Bob K2IBM. Motion passed. The program was the National Weather Service's Spotter Training presented by Rich Pollman. Secretary Bill KA8ARK

Michigan Adopt-A-Highway Program

With the passing of the Toledo Hamfest Spring can't be far off. Again this year with the arrival of Spring comes our involvement with the Michigan Adopt-a-Highway program. While we have some flexibility with actual pick up dates the proposed dates are Saturday April 26, Saturday July 12, Saturday September 20. Mark these dates on your calendar and we will be reminding at the club meeting before. As in other years we will meet at 7:00 AM at Beckey's Restaurant on US223 on the West side of Blissfield for breakfast before the actual pickup. All of you that have participated in this event in the past know we have a lot of fun. So if you think you would like to get some exercise and yuck it up a little , see Neil (KC8DAR). With a crew of 8 people we are usually done in an hour or less.

And What Is This All About?



As editor I get some strange emails and articles for The Tickler. This has got to be one of the strangest yet! Can anyone explain where this was taken and why? Could this possibly be a photo of our President in a more relaxed moment or is it an alter-ego situation?

To insure the freedom of the press I can not say from where this picture came but I am told there are others out there that could appear from time to time. I know nothing of the content of these "other" pictures but the membership has a right to know under the First Amendment!

The Editor

2003 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY

Attention Michigan Amateurs. Spring is here and it's almost time for the Michigan QSO Party. This is a great opportunity to get on the HF bands, have some fun, and represent the great State of Michigan. The organizers of this event would like to see as many Michigan stations on the air as possible. It is the activity of the Michigan stations that will make this event a success. This event, like other state QSO parties has seen an increase in activity in recent years. With your participation it has the potential to be one of the better QSO parties in the country. As you can see from the rules listed below, this is only a 12 hour event.. Consider getting on the air for the whole thing, or any portion of the 12 hour period. You can operate from home, portable, or mobile. We again, with the support of mobile stations plan on having some activity in all 83 counties. How about making this a club event? You can submit your individual or multi-op scores under the name of the club and maybe bring home the club plaque. Hey, why not challenge another local area club or other groups within your club? Are there others in your club that would consider a mini expedition for a portable operation in one of the Michigan counties with minimal activity?? The name of the game is to have fun and make Michigan "Radio Active" on April 19th. Hope to hear you on the air!

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 19th until 0400Z April 20th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 19).

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, and mobile categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W)

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3850, 7225, 14250, 21300, 28450.

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to:
Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198
or via e-mail to logs@miqp.org **or to K8AQM**

More Information: For complete rules, past results, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see <http://www.miqp.org>. There is also a new mailing list for this years MIQP. The mailing list is used by MiQP participants to post operating plans, share ideas, etc. for MiQP 2003. The list is MiQP-Mail and the e-mail address is MiQP-Mail@miqp.org. Subscribing to MiQP-Mail is easy - just send an e-mail to

MiQP-Mail-request@miqp.org and in the body of the e-mail just put the word "subscribe".The information packet found on the web site may also be emailed.

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73 es cu April 19th, 2003... Mark NU8Z

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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
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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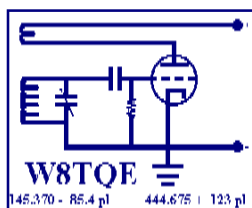
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