

The Ticker

From the Prez.....

Hello everybody. It seems to be getting cooler a little earlier this year. I hope that is not a sign of a long hard winter.

Adrian Amateur Radio Club Hamfest 2003 turned out successful as far as I can tell. Dave (K8AA) is on vacation, so the final financial tally is not in yet. We had more inside and outside vendors than we have had for the last few years. The crowd of hamfesters also seemed to be up from the past. We even had vendors pay ahead for next year, so they must have been happy with the crowd and the club. I know it is an especially tiring event for those of us who stay up all night preparing the building for the hamfest. I can't stress enough to everyone that helped with the hamfest how grateful we are for your support. Without you, there would be no hamfest. It is definitely a team effort and we have a great team. Quite a few of the club members won door prizes. What's up with that? I didn't win anything, but of course Norm (W8TTH) did.

Norm (W8TTH) and I once again went to the Findlay hamfest this year. It also had a great turnout. The crowd stayed steady until afternoon. Some people stayed until around 3 p.m. It was good to see the event go on so long. We were one of the folks that stayed and even though we had bunches of ticket stubs from all of our friends from Adrian and the Fulton County Radio Clubs, not a one of them won a prize. What a bummer.

September was once again trash pickup month for the Adopt-A-Highway program. Our club has the two-mile stretch between Blissfield city limits and Crockett Highway. On September 20th another team effort was made and we accomplished the feat in record time. The team met at Becky's Restaurant in Blissfield at 7 a.m. for a good breakfast and great conversation. Immediately after eating we all dressed in our fashionable orange vests and jumped in Norm's (W8TTH's) truck to be disbursed at strategically planned points along the highway. We emerged on the highway with our gloves, poker sticks, and trash bags to rid the highway of debris. You never know what you will find along the way; it is always a mystery. I am trying to get you interested. Is it working? We normally do this three times a year and we sure could use more help. The more people that help the less distance each person has to pick up. We got out of the first pickup this year. Our local prisoners did a fantastic job with our stretch of highway. I think we should all write to our state reps and commend their efforts in hope of it becoming the prisoners full time responsibility. I would like to thank Neil (KC8DAR) for getting folks lined up for this detail and for joining in on the event. I would also like to thank the following people that showed up to help that morning: Dick (K8GX), Ted (K8AQM), Bill (KA8ARK), Marion (WF8F), Art (KC8GTA), Randy (N4UUJ), Larry (W8LNR), and of course Norm (W8TTH).

The topic for the October program will be single op - two radio contesting. Mark (NU8Z) will be the presenter. It should be a very interesting program. Mark is always well prepared and witty as usual.

We are in need of people to conduct programs for future meetings. Don't be shy. If you have something you would like to share with the club. Please step forward.

Don't forget the October meeting is where you elect your officers and nominate your board members. And remember your dues must be paid up to vote. You can check the club roster on the website (w8tqe.com) to determine if you are current with your dues. If not, see Dave (K8AA) before the meeting and get your dues taken care of.

Hope to see you all on the October 3rd at the meeting,
73,
Ginny W8TTX

2003 SET SIMULATED EMERGENCY TESTS

by:

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IMPORTANT: dates for SET - SIMULATED EMERGENCY TESTS

1. SAT., OCT 4- THIS DATE REQUIRES HF OPERATOR/S TO CHECK IN & TAKE TRAFFIC TO SUPPORT THE REST OF THE STATE.

In the event of a widespread emergency, it is unlikely that NTS nets would operate on an intermittent schedule. Therefore, we have developed the following network schedule for this year's SET:

QMN-0900EDT-1300Z-3663kHz-CW; MITN-1000EDT-1400Z-3952kHz-LSB; MACS-1100EDT-1500Z-3953kHz-LSB; GLETN-1200EDT-1600Z-7232kHz-LSB

QMN-1300EDT-1700Z-7068kHz-CW WSSBN-1400EDT-1800Z-7232kHz-LSB.

Cletus, K8TLT has volunteered, but is unavailable from 1000-1300. The morning stations will need 75/80M & the afternoon stations will need 40M. Although you may volunteer on SET day, it would be helpful if you could let K8YZA know preferred time prior to Oct.22.

Note that this begins at 0900 & ends at 1600+, which will allow more than one station to work various times to prevent one person from being tied up for the whole day. You are to check into the net & take any traffic for Lenawee county.

2. SAT., NOV. 7 - THIS IS THE DATE THAT THE COUNTIES WILL RUN THE LOCAL SET's in District 1, which includes Lenawee, Hillsdale, Jackson, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston, Clinton, Shiawasee, & Gratiot counties. The test will begin at 0900 & terminate at 1600 EST. The scenario will involve a tornado watch, a touchdown in Leslie, and a request for hams from all counties in District 1 to send some help with radio equipment including mobile & portable VHF &/OR UHF FM as well as SSB vhf, packet radio, & 75 M-HF for SSB, (voice, CW, pactor/other digital modes). When the calls for help come, all who would like to help will go to a staging area in or near Leslie & be handed an envelope with instructions to follow. The instructions that you get will be based on the equipment that you have. The stations which stay locally will be on skywarn net & may be given tasks locally by net control. It is hoped that at least 3 hams from each county will report with their equipment to Leslie. We are especially in need of packet, CW, & HF SSB, CW, & digital eqpt/operators. Again, it would be very helpful for stations volunteering (especially those going to Leslie) to let me know prior to OCT 22 your name, call, & equipment that you will take with you.

Following is the reasoning behind this 2-tiered SET. As many of you know, the ARRI arbitrarily changed the date from SEP to first weekend in OCT several years ago. Many people in the state have other interests that conflict with this date, such as archery deer season and some church conferences, among other possibilities. This prevents people from doing both the SET & their other activity when the same weekend is held each year. The ECs of District 1 voted unanimously to change this. On even years(2002,4,6,8) we will take part fully on the first OCT weekend. On the odd-numbered years(2003,5,7,9), we will fully take part on a rotating weekend during SEP, oct, & NOV. However, we will never select on the odd year Labor Day weekend, 1st weekend of Archery deer season(1st weekend of OCT, nor opening day of Rifle deer season(1st weekend of or following NOV 15. This way hams can still enjoy their radio hobby as well as take parts in events that are held on the normal SET date.

NOTICE - THE NEW RACES CLASS IS SUPPOSED TO BE READY SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER. The holdup has been due to waiting for John Ashcroft to approve the new class. For those who have signed up for the class, as well as those who would like to, but haven't signed up, we will have a vote as to whether you prefer a Saturday or Sunday for the class.

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

- ...elections are this month and you need to vote at the meeting?
- ...KG8CO is putting up his third tower and a TH-11 DX antenna at 70 feet?
- ...K8GX has acquired an additional 40 feet of Rohn and is replacing his old suicide tower?
- ...the flyers for next year's hamfest have already been printed?
- ...the Wednesday night theory class has begun again with K8NP directing matters?
- ...WB8DUB is rebuilding his tribander?
- ...it is official, KC8LNR is no longer. It is now W8LNR!
- ...MSU beat Iowa?
- ...we're shooting to redo the club antennas October 18?
- ...K8TLT has a new Icom 706 and says it's great?
- ...K8JWV did a great job directing this year's hamfest?
- ...K8AA will soon begin installing his big Force 12 antenna?
- ...K8KS is having dreams of a six meter DXCC?
- ...Rohn Towers have gone into Chapter 11?

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building Sept. 5, 2003 with the following persons present. Dick K8GX, Neil KC8DAR, Ted K8AQM, Eric K8JWV, Dave K8AA, Andy WA8UWQ, Art KC8GTA and Bill KA8ARK. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Dick K8GX. Agenda for tonight. Officers nomination, and final plans for the Hamfest. Money aprons for parking attendants is missing. Ted K8AQM and Dave K8AA will pickup door prizes, Sept 20 we will meet at Becky's in Blissfield for the Adopt a Highway program. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met on Sept 5, 2003 with 30 persons present beginning at 7:30 pm. Rollcall was by callsign. The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as printed in the Tickler upon a motion by Harold WA8QPS second by Dick WA8SGZ. The treasurer's report by Dave K8AA showed a balance of \$2,038.73 and was accepted upon a motion by Al W8MQN second by Marion WF8F. Old business: Check the club web site and give Andy WA8UWQ a pat on the back for the ine work he does with it. Ted K8AQM needs items for the Tickler. Ted announced there will be an end of month work party to work on antennas. Time and date will be announced later. Amateur radio books have been received and delivered to the library. Dick K8GX mentioned the possibility of having a weekend class for persons interested in becoming Hams. The Hamfest report was given by Eric K8JWV. Volunteers are needed in most areas. The club will donate \$60 for the Mad River plaque upon a motion by Andy WA8UWQ second by Eric K8JWV. Nomination of officers followed, with Jenny W8TTX and Dick K8GX being nominated for President. Since there were no other nominations for president a motion was made to close the nominations by Andy WA8UWQ, second by Jack KC8A. Dave K8AA was nominated for treasurer and Bill KA8ARK was nominated for secretary by Eric K8JWV second by Marion WF8F. Nominations for these two offices was closed upon a motion by Denny WE8Z second by Harold WA8QPS. It was noted during the recent power outage that the batteries for the two meter machine needed replacing. Denny WE8Z is checking prices. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Ken K8KIC second by Harold WA8QPS.

Meet the VP...K8GX!

K8GX, aka Dick Densel, our Vice President has quite a station. Originally licensed as KC8OGX Dick seemed unstoppable as he advanced through the amateur ranks and quickly obtained his Extra Class. After much thought and searching, Dick found the call K8GX available and secured his current call. A trip to Dick's QTH is definitely a pleasure and learning experience. Dick subscribes to the theory, "you



can't have too many antennas." Check out the antennas in the two following photos.

You can see Dick's two main towers with tribanders, his Gap vertical. His dipoles and his many vhf and uhf antennas. Dick even has a home brew six meter yagi...just to work all the neighbors' TVs. The main tower at Dick's is a beauty. The tower is a self supporting tilt over acquired from KB8HW and base built

by W8TTH. No need to worry about it falling, six yards plus of cement hold it secure!

The multi-element vhf antenna antennas provide Dick with an excellent signal to work 22m simplex where he is often found in the wee hours of the morning chatting with locals and those friends in southeast Michigan and northern Ohio. Does all this aluminum work? Just check out



some of Dick's many QSL cards from around the world.

And Dick tells me he doesn't even try that hard to work the DX! I guess when you have antennas in



Inside the shack Dick has a very formidable station. All that aluminum fire power connects to a very impressive collection of gear. Just look at the comfortable station layout Dick has.



For hf Dick has an Icom 751A and an IC-706. There is an Ameritron amp running about 500 watts but Dick says he seldom needs it. All the antennas are switchable to either radio and can pass through a tuner to ensure a low swr. On vhf and uhf Dick has a collection of radios switchable again to any of the antennas he has for those frequencies and modes. You can see Dick even does cw! I see the K8KIC influence with the keyer and plastic covered Bencher! Yes, K8GX has a fine station and enjoys



operating on all the bands in addition to his other hobbies of flying model airplanes and collecting fast cars.

Dick and second op Julie! It's a dog's life!

I think maybe a station map is in order to learn all the switching in this shack!

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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

Local Area DX Packet Clusters

K8XXX 144.910, 441.150 Adrian, Michigan

K8XXX Telnet://12.245.236.250

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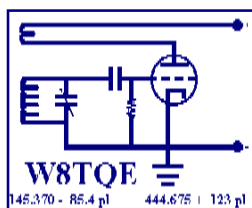
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