

The Ticker

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. The weather seems to be changing already. The year sure has gone by fast. I would like it to stay warm all year, but I guess I would have to move out of Michigan and that will probably never happen.

I hope everyone had a great time at the Ice Cream Social at last month's meeting. We had rain for the event this year, but thanks to Ted (K8AQM) and Judy (WD8LCH) we had a great time. We all stayed dry and had all the ice cream we could eat.

Don't forget that officer nominations will be held at the September meeting. If you want to run for an office make sure you get your wishes heard.

Norm and I went to the Findlay hamfest this month and it turned out quite well. The attendance and the amount of vendors were down from last year, but the event carried on quite late. I saw several there from our club and they seemed to be enjoying themselves as usual.

Once again our Adrian Hamfest has come and gone. The crowd was down from last year, but we seemed to have a lot of trunk sales. We will find out from Mark (NU8Z) just how well the hamfest turned out for us this year. I would like to thank all of you who helped with the hamfest. Without you the event would not be able to take place. There are a lot of things that need to be done and we count on your support to get everything accomplished. Once again thanks for a great day.

I hope to see you all at the September meeting on the 25th.
73 for now,
Ginny W8TTX

It's Never Too Late to Learn



K2IBM caught KG8CO at the hamfest explaining to NU8Z and W8TTH just how to work those elusive DX stations. Is Brian showing how big his antenna is or how wide the pileups were?

And What is the Meaning of This!



I received this photo in the mail with no explanation. Obviously this is some sort of “special” ham shack. If you enlarge the pdf page to about 200% you’ll see the sign says “K8HCL”. I was wondering if perhaps Phil might be able to explain his operation from this shack and just exactly what he was working. The fact the photo is black and white leads me to believe this is an older shack of Phil’s. You have to admit though, it looks comfortable and Phil must have the coax lead-ins all buried because I see no coax in the photo. Bet this shack was “rf” proof and very little leaked out!

So Phil, I think there may be a few questions at the meeting for you to answer as to the “when, where and how” for this shack. You might also be thinking of a good answer to “why” while you’re at it!

Thanks to the “unknown” ham who sent this to me! I’ll pass the photo to Dr. Bob for the web!

Ugh, What a QSL to Receive!

I received this QSL in the mail direct! It is sent to 5W1TR for a QSO but my call was 5W0TR. I “think” (KNOW) I know who made this “bogus” QSO and I designed a “special “dead ham” QSL for the manager of 5W1TR to use. We actually had a “dead” sow float by our bungalow one morning! That’s a “real” dead ham floating in the ocean and seemed like the perfect QSL for this contact. Now I’m not exactly saying “who” made this QSO on 11m but there is one “ham” (not dead...yet!) who has been known to operate in the “free band” area just for fun. You might get a clue by blowing up and reading the back of the QSL card I made....hint!

KKB2481

CITIZENS BAND RADIO

Hello SW1TR Confirming QSO of Aug 1 2006

Xmtr Cobra II + Amp Rcvr Cobra

Ant 7 elements beam Rec. Sig very strong

Rmrx Thanks for the contact on the radio

Frank Cook Laingsburg, MI
Route 20-Dyer Rd Laingsburg MI 4884

What can I say?
“Those who live by the sword, die by the sword!”

73....

Congratulations!

You have managed to work the impossible!

Since no operation by “5W1TR” ever occurred, “the Kaz-man” is happy to send you this “dead ham” QSL. It was a real feat to work this station and soon you’ll receive an additional mailing to confirm your purchase of the Brooklyn Bridge! Once again, good DX and thanks for the QSL.

Confirming QSO	Date	Time	Band	Mode	RST
KKB 2481	Aug 1, 2006	2473	FB	SSB	weak

Also work the following stations for which “the Kaz-man” is QSL manager:

SL1M, G0MER, SH1T, UF00L, GH0ST, 5U4GB and other impossible calls.



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...there were 213 tickets in the hamfest barrel this year?
 ...there were 247 tickets in the hamfest barrel last year?
 ...W8TTH now works at Delphi?
 ...K8AA just returned from vacation out west?
 ...K8GX is having an "oil change", sort of, his eyeball fluid will be changed. UGH!
 ...K8AQM is on vacation to the UP without a radio?
 ...KB8NVL bought another AL-811 amp?
 ...KB8NVL bought a yagi (CL-36) and tower..hmm, big station?
 ...KG8CO finally bought a keyer for his DX-60?
 ...KG7FS has become a regular on the CW and SSB 10M nets?
 ...N8CC bought an 8877 amplifier...2KW?
 ...K8AQM just bought a TS-520SE...from KB8NVL?
 ...N8QEW discovered there may be an interesting ultra high speed packet system in our area?
 ...W1SJG is designing an antenna farm?
 ...K8KS has become the QSL manager for 5W1TR (who is that?)?
 ...K8AQM got a "CB" card for a QSO from 5W...which he didn't work?
 ...we have way too much ice cream left from the ice cream social?

AARC Club Minutes

AARC MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

There was no formal Board Meeting.

There were twenty nine members and guests present for the Annual Ice Cream Social.

There was no formal meeting, just announcements about the Swap on September 17. Neil to find out when we can get into the building to set up. All will be notified so that you can come and help with the only Fund Raiser we have. Please come and donate an hour of your time selling tickets at the gate or help in cleaning up after the swap.

Up coming Programs follow.

September: N8TIB on APRS

October: NU8Z "surprise"

November: K8AQM travelogue on Samoa

December: K8AQM movie "The Voice of Victory"

Marjie Willey, Acting Secretary

Ice Cream Social 2006



Somehow an ice cream social held in a garage doesn't quite seem like the best place for such an event. But when mother nature decides to bring on the rains then it's into whatever shelter is available at the time. This year we had to hold the event in the garage but everyone still had a good time. Ginny and the officers held court and the meeting was very short but the ham-fest was discussed. KC8DAR brought the chocolate and vanilla ice cream and everyone brought their dishes, toppings and chairs. Coffee was available and everyone slipped into the gossip and BS mode that we

hams are experts at. If you didn't come then rest assured you were talked about! As you can see in the pictures the event was well attended despite the rain. We had Cletus guard the ice cream table with all the wonderful extras people brought. I got to chat with everyone and it was a real pleasure to have so many wives there. Pam, Beth, Gretchen, Jackie, Karen, Marge, Judy and Monica brightened up the evening along with our five month old silky terrier "Grace." No one seemed to mind the rain and the conversation just flowed from topic to topic... and not too much in the way of radio either! We missed many of the club regulars and hopefully



next year with better weather we'll see everyone back out to the Ice Cream Social of 2007. Judy and I wish to thank you all for coming under such poor weather conditions and we certainly enjoyed your company.

It is somewhat of a sad statement about our times when KC8DAR buys 10 gallons of ice cream and there remains almost eight gallons left! Must be we're all too health conscious!

I encourage you all to attend next year's event and enjoy yourselves.

2006 Adrian Hamfest Was Great!

If you weren't at this year's hamfest you missed a good one. The weather was excellent despite some beginning fog. What with hamfest shrinking everywhere and competition from other hamfest, our hamfest was as big as last years and with even more trunk sales than last year. Check out some of the photos K2IBM snapped.



Hamfest in the fog



Hamfest in the sun



W8ZJE Vince ready to sell



K8KIC and WE8Z at the talk-in station



Art KC8GTA either directing traffic or pointing to the best deals



N8JMN testing the upgraders

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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

Local Area Repeaters

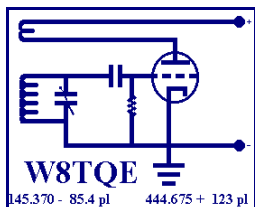
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 17, 2006
Hamfest Chair Ray, W8RAY Marge, KB8TMM

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