

# The Tickler

## *From the Prez.....*

Hi everyone. The weather hasn't been too bad this winter and hopefully we have seen the worst it will be.

The big news this month is that the meeting day has changed. The time will stay the same. I hope you didn't go to the club on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, because we were not there. THE NEW DAY IS THE LAST MONDAY OF EVERYMONTH STARTING WITH MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>. Please make note, if a holiday falls on the last Monday of the month the meeting will be changed to the following Monday night.

This year's Technician classes will be held this Saturday, April 22nd and next Saturday, April 29th. Once again we will be using the video format. It worked well last year. Don (KC8OGW) has once again graciously offered to get the information out to the public. I believe the cost for the test is the same this year, but I haven't spoken with Kevin (N8JMN) yet. Remember to tell your friends that they can take the Technician, Morse Code, General, and Extra class tests all on that night as long as they keep passing. What a deal.

Norm and I once again went to the Mansfield Hamfest in Mansfield, Ohio in February. And as always there were a lot of people and they seemed to be spending this year. This is really a good hamfest and since it is one of the first of the year a lot of people do attend whether they be vendors or shoppers. Up coming hamfests include the Marshall hamfest on March 18<sup>th</sup> and TMRA (Toledo Mobile Radio Association) Hamfest on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Once again I would like to invite everyone to the Adrian Amateur Radio club's new website. It is w8tqe.com and Bob (K2IBM) is the webmaster. Let Bob know if you would like to see something added to the site. Also, get your news articles and pictures to Ted (K8AQM), so he can publish them in The Tickler.

Marge (KC8TMM) and Ray (W8RAY) have decided to co-chair the hamfest for this year. Please give them the support we have shown in the past and then some.

One of our club members, Ray Miles (WD8LCC), became a silent key in February. Our condolences go out to his family and especially his son Don (KB8NVL) who is also a member of our club.

Goodbye for now. See you on March 27<sup>th</sup> for the meeting.

73,  
Ginny W8TTX

## **ATTENTION ALL SE MICHIGAN HAMS, S CENTRAL MI HAMS, NW OH HAMS, & NE IN HAMS:**

ALL LENAWEE COUNTY HAMS, WITH 2 EXCEPTIONS WHO TOOK TRAINING LAST YEAR IN CLINTON, ALL SKYWARN QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE REQUALIFIED THIS YEAR. THE SKYWARN QUALIFICATION IS FOR 3 YEARS. THE FIRST DATE IS 27 MAR 06 AT 1800 HRS. AT ADRIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY. FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND, THERE WILL BE A SECOND CLASS OFFERED IN ADDISON, TIME & DATE TBA.

73 DE JOE, K8YZA  
District 1 ARRL EC & RACES Radio Officer  
Lenawee County ARRL EC  
RACES Radio Officer

### **MiQP For First-Timers** **By Dave Pruett, K8CC** **[k8cc@comcast.net](mailto:k8cc@comcast.net)**

The Michigan QSO Party (MiQP) is an operating event held annually with Michigan as the center of attention. This article is a quick overview for those new to MiQP, to explain what it is and to offer encouragement to jump in and participate.

First of all, what is a “QSO party”? Over the years, this term has come to define an on-the-air operating event focusing on a particular geographic area. Amateurs inside the target area (in this case Michigan) earn points towards their QSO party score for making contacts with other amateurs located anywhere, while amateurs outside of the target area get QSO party points only for contacting amateurs inside the target area.

Perhaps the next question is: “Is the MiQP a contest?” Yes it is – the entrants are participating against one other and plaques/certificates are awarded after it is over. But don’t let that scare you off - the MiQP is a lot less intense than other contests you might be familiar with, such as Sweepstakes, DX contests, or even Field Day. The bands are not as crowded as during those other events, and the operating style is a lot more relaxed. It’s a great venue for a first-timer to get their feet wet.

Why might you want to participate in the MiQP? First of all, it’s a great opportunity to hone your HF operating skills or work the bugs out of your HF station. MiQP can provide a concentrated dose of operating that will crack the rust off your CW ability or brush up on your phone operating techniques, skills that you can use in other on-the-air activities.

The fun thing about MiQP for Michigan amateurs is that we are the center of attention. When a Michigan station calls “CQ MIQP” there will usually be several replies. Many MiQP participants make several hundred contacts during the event, even with modest stations such as barefoot transceivers and dipoles. For many, there is a tangible feeling of camaraderie as you work fellow Michiganders, some located in sparsely populated counties with exotic names like Chippewa, Missaukee, or Presque Isle.

What does it take to participate in the MiQP? All it takes is to get on the air during the MiQP period and make contacts with other participants. When it’s over, mail in your log if you like so that it can be checked and your score included in the results; you may even win a certificate or plaque. If you include your radio club’s name in your entry, then your score will be tabulated along with other member’s scores in a separate sub-competition to determine the top Michigan club in the MiQP that year.

## *AARC Club Gossip! .....*

### *Did you know that...*

...K8AA is building a state-of-the-art transceiver? Maybe called "AA-2006"  
 ...N8CC and the K8XXX crew are looking for ops for MiQP?  
 ...K8GX sold his truck and bought a "station wagon"....ugh!  
 ...Dayton will soon be here?  
 ...Next month's Tickler will show KG8CO's "ancient AM station"  
 ...W8TTH makes fun of "boat anchor" gear but has a "boat anchor" lathe machine...1937!  
 ...K8HCL has joined the Mario's crowd for lunch?  
 ...WE8Z will soon be heading "north" to Adrian?  
 ...K8KS, N8CC and NU8Z worked the heck out of the 3Y0X group (results later)?  
 ...K8AQM is making good on "a cw QSO per day all year" ( haven't missed a day yet)?  
 ...N8CC is building super bandpass filters for his station?  
 ...NU8Z will "roast" ham radio at the next meeting?  
 ...a FIST and SKCC presentation will be made at next month's meeting?  
 ...W8LNR may soon get his antenna up on his tower? Finally!  
 ...K8ADM is going to be installing a new 440 repeater at the site?  
 ...KB8ECG was working the bands both ssb and cw this past month?  
 ...entry classes for ham radio will be April 22 and 29 at the CAP? Spread the word!  
 ...KD8SF is about to enter the computer logging world? Go Larry!  
 ...we need to rebuild/build some wire antennas at the club station and for the CAP?  
 ...a volunteer is needed if we're going to have Field Day activities with the Adrian ARC?  
 ...K8AQM's log periodic works very well?  
 ...KG8EF will have no excuses to make meetings now that the night has changed?

## AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building on Feb 3, 2006. Those in attendance were Ginny W8TTX, Margie KB8TMM, Larry W8LNR, Mark NU8Z, Norm W8TTH, Kevin N8JMN, Dick K8GX, Bob K2IBM, Neil KC8DAR, Bill KA8ARK. We discussed the Hamfest, Financial report balance \$4,850.69, Dates for Ham classes April 22 and 29 with testing on the 29th, need to get flyers for the classes and Change meeting date?? The board adjourned at 7:22 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order by President Ginny W8TTX at 7:30 pm at the CAP building on Feb 3, 2006. Rollcall was by callsign with 29 persons present. The minutes were approved as published in the Tickler upon a motion by Bob K2IBM second by Alan N8TIB, motion passed. The Treasurers report by Mark NU8Z showed a balance of \$4,850.69. Motion to accept the report by Kevin N8JMN second Norm W8TTH, motion passed. A motion by Cletus K8TLT second by Joe K8YZA to change the regular monthly meeting date to the last Monday of the month beginning March 27 2006 passed 22 for, 2 against. A report from Mark NU8Z regarding his recent letters outlining benefits of club membership showed that 14 have responded and will be paying their dues. He suggested that the club send a postcard reminding delinquent members to pay their dues. Interest was shown in taking tickets at MIS as a fund raiser. Mark NU8Z will call to see what dates are available. The club needs a chairman for the next Hamfest. Kevin N8JMN reported that the 440 repeater will now be in the directory. Classes for new hams will be April 22 and 29 with testing on the 29th. Classes will start at 8:00 am till 5:00pm. The highway trash pickup will start in April reported by Neil KC8DAR. Mark will be doing a mystry program in March. Phil K8HCL will do the program tonight. Neil KC8DAR motioned to adjourn second Harold WA8QPS

Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

## 2006 Michigan QSO Party

Attention Michigan Hams. Do the low sunspot numbers and worsening HF conditions have you feeling down? Do you find it difficult to conjure up the energy needed to get on the air and have some fun like in the old days? Do you shy away from participating in ham radio related group activities? If you have any one of, or all of the above symptoms, you may be suffering from Amateur Radio Dysfunction Syndrome, also know as "ARDS".

Fear not! "ARDS" is a condition that can be treated with proper corrective actions. It is a fact that 9 out of 10 doctors agree that the best treatment for "ARDS" is a good dose of "Radio Activity". Doctors also agree that the most efficient delivery method for "ARDS" treatment comes in the form of participation in the **2006 Michigan QSO Party**. The number of ARDS patients seeking treatment in the MiQP has been growing every year. Remember, this is a yearly condition, and yearly treatments may be needed. Treatment may be administered in single exposure doses taken in the comfort of your home (Single Op), or when you travel in your car (Mobile). If you are apprehensive about taking the treatment when you are alone, you may be treated within a group session (Multi-op), or as single treatment member of a larger support group like your radio club. Your treatment support group can compete against other ARDS support groups.

Warning! Dosages should not exceed time periods of over 12 hour. Exposure times of less than 12 hours may be appropriate depending on the severity of your condition. Remember, even short exposures to MiQP ARDS treatment will be of benefit to you. If at any time during the MiQP treatment period you experience excessively high "fun" levels, you should consider terminating or reducing the level of treatment. In rare cases excessively high "Fun" levels have been known to last for days after the treatment. If these high levels should persist, see your family doctor.

The Michigan QSO Party ARDS treatment should only be taken as prescribed below.

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 15th until 0400Z April 16th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 15<sup>th</sup>)

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. MI to MI QSO's are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province.

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

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

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](mailto:logs@miqp.org)

More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see <http://www.miqp.org>

All kidding aside, the MiQP is a ton of fun. It has been growing in size every year. We expect this year to be even better! There will be stations on from all 83 counties. Consider making it a club event. This is a great way to get folks on the air. I also ask that you all help spread the word about the 2006 MiQP. Let's all make Michigan "Radio Active" on April 15<sup>th</sup>!!

## Ned Newlin, Elecraft Award Winner

The following was forwarded by K8AA. Seems we have a celebrity in our area. Many of you know Ned as he is a former member of our club.

Fellow Elecrafters,

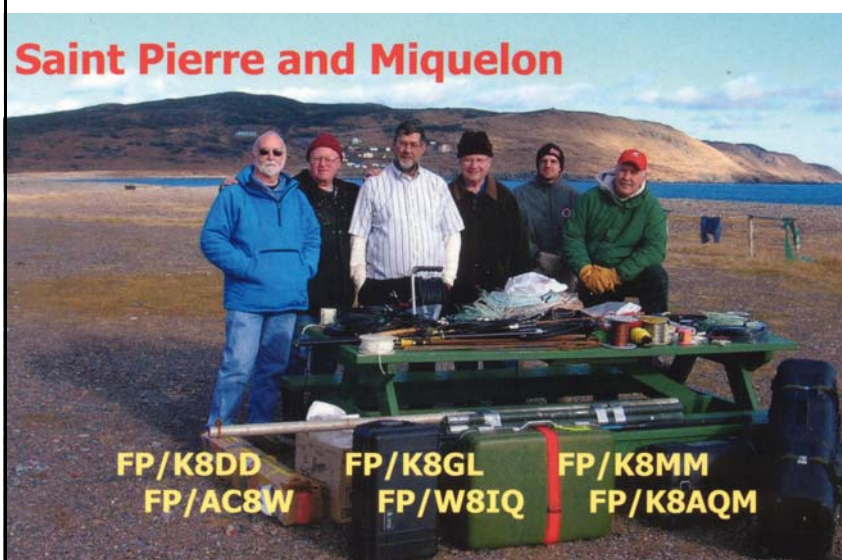
A tip of the cap and a tap on the key to Ned Newlin W8FVM. Ned is only the 19th recipient of the much coveted Elecraft Century Club award. Ned used K2 sn 3163 to accomplish this feat.

Ned has been mailed a certificate and has had his callsign plastered to the Elecraft Award Winner's Hall of Fame.

73 de Larry W2LJ

## FP Dxpediton 2005 QSLs Ready for Distribution

Our cards are back from the printer now and ready to be mailed. If you worked the group the QSL route for FP/K8DD is via K8NA while QSL the rest of the calls to the home call of each station.



This picture was taken our last day as we were packing up to leave. This was our coldest day out in the north Atlantic area, 36 F. We had great weather and you had snow and ice for Thanksgiving! I think we were extremely lucky and this weather is not normal for the location at this time of year.

Next expedition will be to the south Pacific in Samoa (5W) and will see N8CC and K8AQM from the club going with KT8X and JF3MYU. See you on the bands in late July and early August...the dead of winter in Samoa with a bone chilling 82 degrees!

## 3Y0X Dxpediton Results Locally

N8CC		NU8Z		K8KS		K8AA		K8AQM		K8XXX		W8IQ	
Band	Mode	Band	Mode	Band	Mode	Band	Mode	Band	Mode	Band	Mode	Band	Mode
20m	CW	15m	cw	40m	cw	17m	ssb	15m	ssb	20m	ssb	17m	ssb
20m	SSB	17m	rtty	20m	ssb	17m	cw	15m	cw	15m	ssb	17m	cw
40m	CW	17m	ssb	160m	cw	20m	cw	30m	cw	40m	cw	20m	ssb
160m	CW	17m	cw	20m	cw	15m	ssb	40m	cw	80m	ssb	15m	cw
80m	CW	20m	cw	17m	cw	12m	cw	20m	cw	20m	rtty	12m	cw
40m	SSB	12m	cw	15m	ssb	15m	rtty	17m	cw			20m	cw
15m	SSB	15m	ssb	15m	cw							30m	cw
80m	SSB	15m	rtty	17m	ssb								
30m	CW	20m	rtty	30m	cw								
17m	SSB	20m	ssb	80m	cw								
17m	CW	40m	ssb	12m	cw								
10m	SSB	30m	cw	12m	ssb								
12m	SSB	30m	rtty	20m	rtty								
10m	CW			40m	ssb								
30m	RTTY												



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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

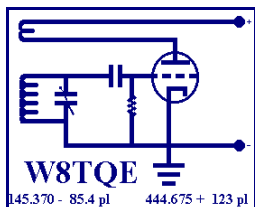
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan  
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan  
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan  
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

### Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September , 2006  
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