

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. I hope the weather has decided to be a little kinder to us. I am sick of all the rain we have been getting. We need some nice summer weather.

I will really miss our club not participating in the Field Day Event this weekend. None of you seemed to show any enthusiasm for the event. Hopefully you will participate with some other group. Field Day is a fun time and it is a necessary part of our hobby to practice setting up stations with alternative power in case there is an emergency where we hams are asked for assistance. Norm W8TTH and I are planning on attending Fulton County's event. They are a good group of folks and we will all camp out in a field at Tedrow and enjoy all the camaraderie and good food. We were members of the FCARC before we moved to Adrian, so they are all our friends.

Norm W8TTH was able to attend the Midland Hamfest on June 20th, but I had to work and wasn't able to go with him. It gave him a good motorcycle trip and the weather was perfect.. Norm and I both attended Chelsea Hamfest and had a good time and had some good sales. We also saw many of you there as well as our friends from other clubs in the area. It is usually a good show, since it held on Father's Day and this is a great way to share the day with your father.

Our hamfest will be here before you know, so start thinking of how you will participate this year. It will be held on September 20th this year. Contact Marjie KB8TMM and Ray W8RAY and let them know where you can help out.

The Museum Ship Weekend Event happened on the weekend of June 6th. This year Norm and I visited the fellows on The Huron. Norm and I had rode our motorcycles up to Buckley, Michigan and went across the state through Port Huron on our way home. It was on our way anyway, right? At any rate the guys were having a lot of fun making contacts, but it sure was cold on the ship. I am not sure I remember everyone that was there, but I will try. There was Don N8AMM, Eric K8JWV, Ted K8AQM, Bruce KB8OXX, and Chuck KG8EF. I am sure the folks that were at the Willis B. Boyer also had a good time as well, but I haven't spoken to anyone to find out who all attended. I know Denny WE8Z was there for sure and I believe Ken K8KIC, Ron W8IQO and Ray W8YFT were also there.

Don't forget to check out the website at www.w8tqe.com and give any information or pictures to Bob K2IBM that you would like to post on the site. He is a great web master and we all should appreciate the way he keeps up the website. Also, this newsletter would not be possible without our editor, Ted K8AQM. He also needs support from you by sending him articles and pictures. Without these two fellows, information about our club and upcoming events would not be readily available to all of us. Thank them both the next time you see or hear them.

The meeting this month will be June 29th. Hope to see you there.

73,s

Ginny W8TTX

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Harold, WA8QPS who is recovering in Toledo Hospital.

There is no planned program this month. Anyone got any ideas?

Museum Ship Willis B. Boyer, W8WBB 2009



Last year the Boyer crew operated in pure luxury. The guys had access to the passenger's lounge forward, leather chairs, carpeting and screen door with breezes! But this year they sang a different tune! They were in "the doghouse"! Yup, the area circled in the photograph is known as the doghouse and now is "officially" the shack for the Willis B. Boyer Amateur Radio Club. However, although the name "doghouse" conjures the idea of trouble, these guys again had it made for operating. Lots of room for antennas, easy access for antennas, great operating tables and cool breezes! Some crews have all the luck!



With two operating positions, 40m and 20m, the crew of WE8Z, W8YFT, K8NP, K8KIC and W8IQO made over 250 Qs during their limited operating time. K8NP logs while K8KIC runs the



band on 20m while W8YFT and WE8Z work 40m. With dipoles and 100 watts the guys make contacts around the country. K8KIC complained they had a pipeline into Manitoba, Canada,

But where was W8IQO? Ron was really "in the doghouse"! That's Ron's van below with his dog and running a generator and his screwdriver antenna trying to work 75m! With a better antenna and attention paid to intermod issues 75m can be a great band for Museum Ships weekend.



The guys are gearing up for next year already, WE8Z and K8NP bought



voice keyers at the Chelsea swap. With good antennas, good equipment and a few more ops, the guys are planning a big score for next year! The shack is great and with some improvements next year they may also have a couple of amps on line.

Now it we can just get them to have a few more pictures for next year they'll have it all and we can share in their good times!

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that ...

...you missed a really good time not operating with the "Boyer Crew"?
 ...K8GX actually made an error in reassembling a "bug" ... but so did K8AQM?
 ...speaking of bugs, N8AMM now has a "working" bug?
 ...you missed a really good time not operating with the "Huron Crew"?
 ...K8GX has earned a certificate in the "Museum Ships" activity?
 ...WA8QPS has given a 15m monobander to K8AQM? More antennas ..yea!
 ...KB8OXX and KG8EF were sleeping at 9:00 PM and couldn't even get up for a "free" beer?
 ...N8AMM and his crew have disassembled the "White Rat" porch and hauled it to Morenci?
 ...K8UV has been chasing and catching lots of great DX on the higher bands, especially 15 and 10m?
 ...K8AA is just as loud in Port Huron on 75m as he is on 10m here in town?
 ...W8IQO operated "portable" with the Boyer call ... W8WBB?
 ...KG8CO is working portable again while camping up north?
 ...K8TLT is working to get a new 440 antenna up for weather net work?
 ...K8KIC and K8NP are still winning in cards against WA8QPS et al?
 ...K8AQM has gotten three Heil headsets repaired? It's a long story!
 ...W8TTH and W8TTX stopped by the Huron operation during Museum Ships weekend?
 ...K8ADM, K8KIC, K8GX, K8AA, KC8ITC and W8IQO all know that a 75m 1/4 wave sloper works well? They all worked the Huron on 75m.
 ...KG8EF, N8AMM, KB8OXX, K8JWV, NU8Z and K8AQM are planning an "Edmond Fitzgerald" operation next year?
 ...N8QEW says he's "practicing" before joining the gang with his bug?
 ...after next June KG8EF will want to change his call?

AARC Club Minutes

Board Meeting

Dick-K8GY, Mark-NU8Z, Ginny-W8TTX, Norm-W8TTH, Larry-W8LNR, Marjie-KB8TMM

Discussed, Museum Ship Special Event, PRB-1, and Dayton Trip, Clean-up Aug. 22.

Meeting

Roll call 22 present.

50/50 Les-N8KBY

Minutes approved on a motion by Norm W8TTH, 2nd by Harold WA8QPS

Treasurer's Report approved on a motion by Norm W8TTH and Harold WA8QPS

Ted and Denny talked about the Museum Ship event

Ted and Don Miles asked why we are no longer listed in repeater directory, Marjie to check on this.

No other business

Program: Ted presented an Antarctica DX-pedition

Museum Ship Huron K8HLM 2009



Another great year operating on the Huron! The picture to the left shows KG8EF, KB8OXX, K8JW, K8AQM and N8AMM but not shown are two VIPs, N8RAY and N8MIC. All combined this year's crew made the second highest run from the Huron; 1123 Qs. We added a 1/4 sloper for 75m to work more locally and it provided us with 197 Qs. K8JW went crazy on 20m and made over 500 Qs. KG8EF just plain went crazy!

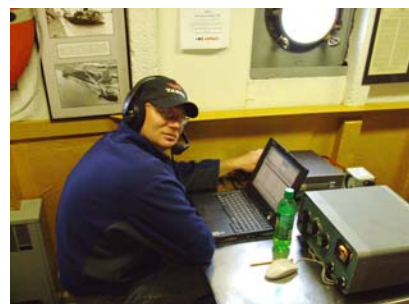
The weather played a role this year as Saturday we nearly froze with temps from wind chill only in the upper 40s! The pictures below

were taken on our only warm day, Friday and after 8:00 PM too! Saturday was a real chiller! You can see Chuck and Bruce dressed warmly trying and running the bands until they started shaking and had to be relieved. We were planning to operate until midnight but knew we had to operate inside because it would be too cold. That's Don operating from the mess with Eric across from him on the other band. 75m was operated



from the radio shack on deck. While all this operating was going on we enjoyed "bs-ing" in the officers mess. That N8RAY (Ray) on the left, KG8EF, KB8OXX and Mike N8MIC standing on the right.

We used a 20m dipole, a 40m "bazooka" and the 75m 1/4 wave sloper along with the club's two TS-570s, K8JW's 570 and three amps; an SB-200, an AL-811 and an ALS-500m. With this good equipment, good antennas and good ops the Q total just kept growing! Oh yes, we have a "secret" weapon. The lower right photo shows KG8EF entering his personal operating position. Chuck spent many hours sitting in that operating position and may have been the reason why we made so many QSOs!!!!



In four years of operating from the Huron we have had great times, lots of laughs and over 4000 QSOs! N8RAY Ray, N8MIC Mike and the many people who run the Huron Museum have been nothing short of amazing. We have been truly blessed with their cooperation and friendship. We're taking a break from Huron operation next year. The crew of KG8EF, KB8OXX, K8JW, KG8CO, N8AMM, NU8Z and K8AQM along with N8RAY and N8MIC will head "north" and activate the Edmond Fitzgerald with "KG8EF" that's "Kilowatt Gulf 8 Edmond Fitzgerald" that should be "killer".



Executive Office

Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the month of June 2009

Amateur Radio Awareness Week

Whereas, Amateur radio provides a bridge between people, societies and countries through the sharing of ideas; and,

Whereas, Throughout its history, amateur radio operators have provided countless hours of community service without compensation; and,

Whereas, There are over 20,000 amateur radio operators in the state of Michigan and approximately 85 amateur radio clubs that have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing, at their own expense, emergency radio communica-

tions; and,

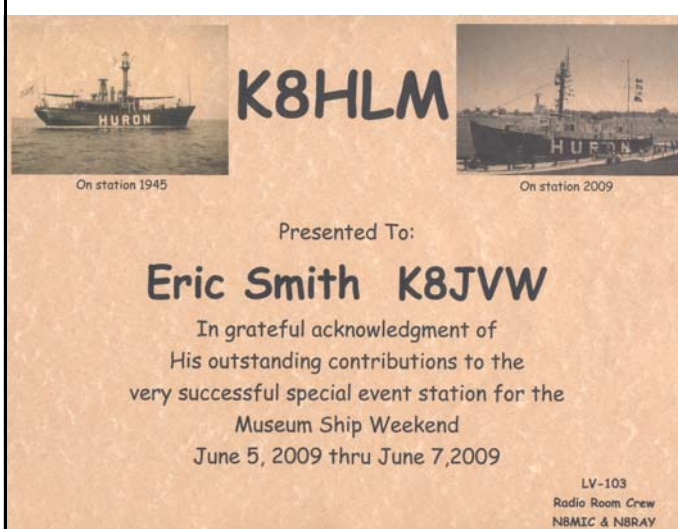
Whereas, Amateur radio operators provide services to many of the state's emergency response organizations, such as FEMA, the Michigan Department of Human Services, and the Office of Emergency Management, and also serve as weather spotters for the Skywarn program, which is a part of the National Weather Service; and,

Whereas, This year's Amateur Radio Field Day will be a 24-hour emergency encampment exercise and demonstration of the skills of amateur radio and readiness to provide communications;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of June 22, 2009, Amateur Radio Awareness Week in Michigan. I encourage the resident of this site to listen up and to turn on their radios in observance of this week and its activities.

signed,

Jennifer M. Granholm,
Governor



2009 Certificate of Appreciation

Not to be outdone by the Governor, the "radio room crew" at the Huron, aka N8MIC and N8RAY, have awarded this certificate of "outstanding contribution" to this year's members of the K8HLM Museum Ships Weekend crew. Here is a picture of K8JWV's award.

N8RAY and N8MIC might have made a mistake, they have also awarded said certificate to Chuck KG8EF. Although Chuck was truly "outstanding" right there by his special operating position shown in the previous article, his contribution there was also "significant".

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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 28.328 +/-QRM

Local Area Repeaters

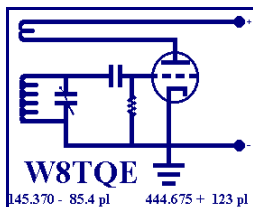
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
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September , 2009
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