

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi folks. Winter hasn't treated us to awfully bad so far. We did have a pretty good scare last week with the winter storm warnings and a possibility of 10+ inches. Thank goodness we didn't get all of that and the snow became heavy and wasn't able to blow around as was predicted. It certainly made the snowmobilers happy though.

Norm W8TTH and I usually attend the Mansfield, Ohio Hamfest, but we did not go again this year due to conflicting interests. It is usually a good hamfest, but I haven't heard how it was this year. Next month we have a couple of fairly local hamfests. They are the Marshall Hamfest and the TMRA Hamfest. These two share the same weekend. The first is on Saturday, March 20th and the other on the next day. The TMRA Hamfest has been moved to a new location this year. It will be held at the Owens Community College in Perrysburg, OH. They are usually both pretty nice and well attended.

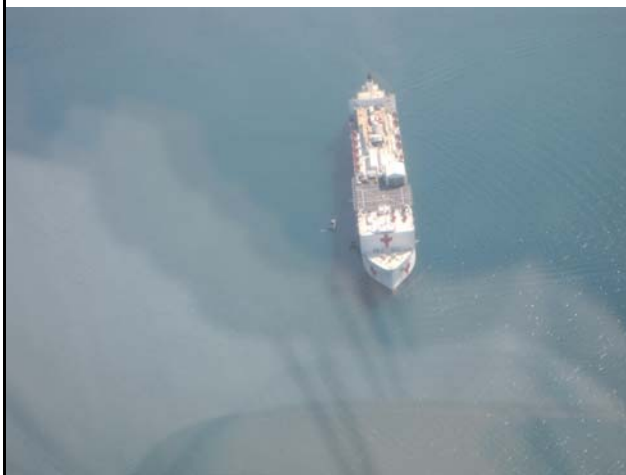
Kaz, K8KS, will be giving a presentation this month at our meeting. It is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. He and his surgical team just recently went to Haiti to help with the earthquake victims. He will be showing a video and giving us lots of information regarding his trip. As always the public is welcome, so please invite your friends to join us and listen to Kaz's presentation. I am sure everyone will find his presentation very interesting. There will be a short meeting after the presentation.

Don't forget to check out the website at www.w8tqe.com. Please send any new information and/or pictures to Bob K2IBM. He is our web master and we need to support him and the club by sharing things through the website. Also, don't forget our newsletter editor, Ted K8AQM. He also needs your support. They both do a great job for all of us.

I don't have a whole lot more to say this month other than I hope to see you all at the meeting on February 22, 2010.

73s,
Ginny W8TTX

Dr. "Kaz", K8KS in Haiti



We all know "Kaz" is a great eye surgeon, super cw operator and all-around great guy. In support of this labeling Kaz found himself deeply involved with the recent Haiti disaster. He will be presenting a program to the club this month about his recent trip to Haiti.



Not to steal anything from Kaz's presentation, here are some pictures Kaz sent about his trip. These are some "up-beat" photos and Kaz will tell you the details of the more tragic nature of this disaster and his part in the efforts to help in this affair.



Be sure not to miss this informative program at the meeting this month. Bring the XYL and anyone interested in hearing the inside story from Kaz of this terrible disaster. Program begins at 7:30; meeting to follow the presentation.

Dear Adrian ARC,

I will be honored to give a 45-minute powerpoint presentation about my experience at the field hospital and the inner city in Port-au-Prince 2 weeks ago at the next AARC meeting on Feb. 22, 7PM. It was a sheer war zone. Lots of pics and videos and a commentary (analysis of what's coming in the future to that country). Some of the pics may be a bit hard to take. I promise to keep you all at the edge of your seats. I've been giving these talks at the universities, C and Cs, relief organizations, and fund raisers. Due to personally emotional content of the subject, I still get totally drained after each talk.

Would we be able to invite more than just the usual hams to the talk? Wives, friends, and any others possibly interested from the Adrian community? I'd like to share it with as many folks as practical.

Kaz K8KS

AARC Club Gossip!

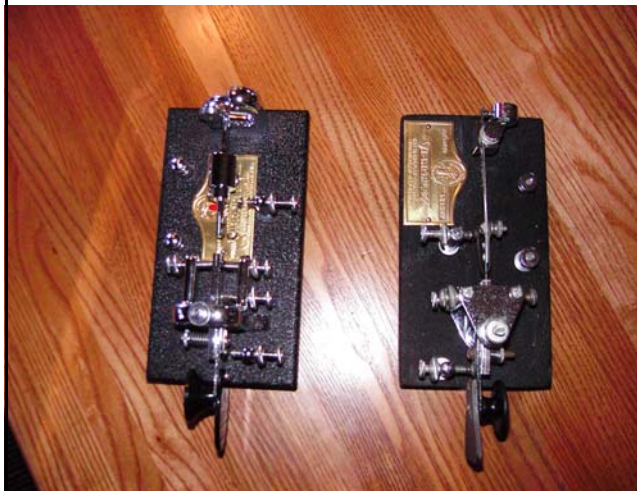
Did you know that...

...K8KIC has two TS-480 rigs in his shack?
 ...N8AMM needs only Arkansas for his WAS?
 ...KG8CO is chasing WAS with a small tube transmitter setup?
 ...There are five generations of Dan Baker's (K8TI) family?
 ...K8TLT managed to leave for Florida just in time to drive through snow and ice in Tennessee?
 ...K8NP, WE8Z and N8QEW were finally heard on 20m from Florida?
 ...K8GX and W8TTH are becoming quite the vinyl record collectors?
 ...N8AMM's yagi is "stuck" to the southwest? Tough to work Adrian on 10m that way!
 ...W8LNR is making progress on rebuilding his radio room?
 ...K8GX has made no progress on rebuilding his radio room?
 ...KC8A was in QSO on 2m the other day? Good to hear Jack on the air, been a while!
 ...K8KS is safely back from Haiti?
 ...K8AQM has restored a Hallicrafters S-76 and Viking II? Part of the NN8H estate to be sold.
 ...Only one month before KG8CO and K8AQM head for Ogasawara Island (JD1) for Dxing?
 ...K8ADM is seriously into cutting wood these days?
 ...Gene N8IXC is examining K8KIC's TS-480? Transistor final troubles?
 ...KC8ITC "usually" listens to the 10m cw net and "sometimes" checks in?
 ...NU8Z works "whisper" QSOs?
 ...KG8CO checked in to the Florida net with K8TLT, K8NP, WE8Z, N8QEW and K8KIC?
 ...N8AMM has achieved "Centurion" level in the SKCC?
 ...12m has been really open this past week?
 ...KG8CO has a new amp and a Johnson Viking?
 ...WE8Z bought a "left handed" bug at the Orlando Hamfest?

AARC Club Minutes

No club minutes of last month's meeting were received this month for publication....ed

WE8Z is Bugged!



The last Thursday of the month is "bug night" on 10m. We regulars have been trying to get WE8Z to give the "bug" a try. We must have "bugged" Denny enough, to the left are pictures of his TWO bugs; a right- hander and a "wrong hander" (left handed bug). Here is the comment sent by Denny with the picture.

"The one on the left is a new left handed Model. The one on the right is a "Champion " built in 1953. It was quite dirty when I got it, but thanks to Dick K8GX who gave advice on cleaning , it looks better. I will be installing a new set of contacts."

KG8CO's Shack(s)



Visiting the KG8CO station is a real treat. If you haven't seen the antenna farm in Clinton with the 4 element 40 at 125 ft, the log periodic at 100 ft nor the TH-11 at 80 ft and the numerous wires for 160/80/40 then you're really missing something!



But then there are the stations inside. To the left here is Brian's main station with FT-1000 MP and Alpha amplifier complete with computer logging and control. Brian's can work everything he hears and he does hear most everything!



Brian's interests have carried him into radio gear older than he is. Gathering a collection of gear from the golden age amateur radio (1950~1970), Brian has assembled two more stations shown in the photos. He has a "muscle" station with a Heathkit Warrior amplifier, Viking Ranger and Viking II and a Hammerlund HQ-110C. These days Brian is concentrating his efforts with his smaller Heathkit station running about 50 watts output in his DX-60 and chasing a cw WAS. Recently Brian has worked KH6 and many continental states toward his was goal. He comments that working with a separate rx and tx is a bit more "tricky" when it comes to zero beating another station's frequency. Working with his tube checker Brian is making sure "all things are right" in his collection of tube gear.



Brian's next step may be to work WAS on AM phone. Of course with his antenna system, if the stations are there he will work them! You can also find Brian on 160m these days talking with former club member Mike KG8CW on their morning schedules.



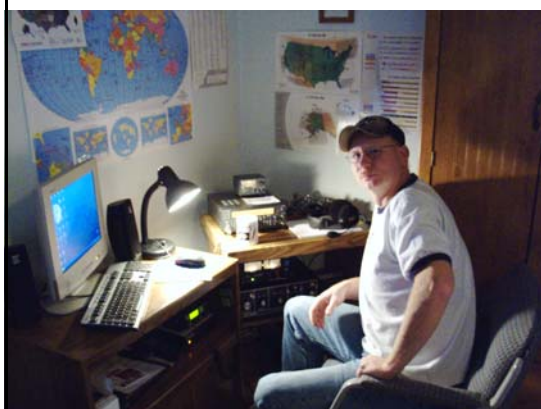
If you have the time and interest I'm sure Brian will be happy to work you with his tube gear and to help you get started with older gear.

Thanks Brian for the great pictures and story of interest.

N8AMM and K3Y/8

The month of January is a very busy month for the local members of the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC). We celebrate the club's birthday all month by running K3Y/n stations.

This year Don N8AMM ran as K3Y/8 from his "neat" station in Morenci, MI. Don has a TS-570,



AL-811H with a G5RV, a tribander, 160m vertical and 40m ZL special for radiating his fine signal. Pounding out QSOs with a straight key and bug is what the SKCC is all about. Don has worked all states except Arkansas during the past month and will soon have his WAS complete. Don was also a major player in this year's W8TQE K3Y/8 run from K8AQM's shack.

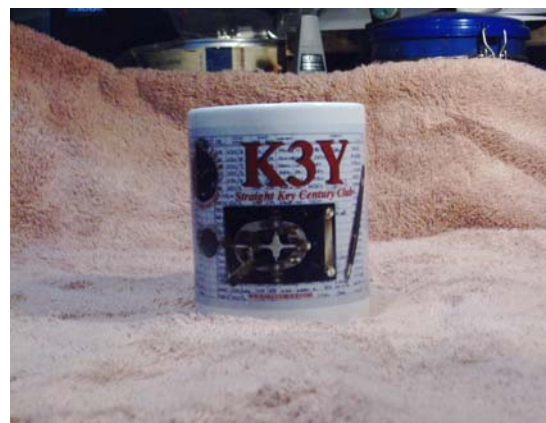
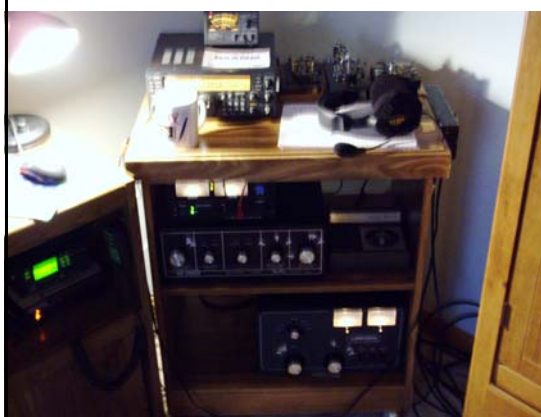
If you want to improve your cw skills Don will tell you, "get on the air and make contacts!" Don admits the past month has pushed him and really improved his cw ability. In addition to all the QSOs Don made as K3Y/8 (58, not including the large number he made with QTE as K3Y/8)), he worked 89 K3Y/n stations using his own call and that means over 147 cw Qs for the month of January! That's more than 5 per day, no wonder his cw has improved!

In honor of his efforts as a K3Y/8 operator and his many QSOs in the event Don received a 2010 K3Y coffee cup. Check out the fine cup below. Each year of the event the club sponsors a new cup and the various designs are submitted for membership voting. This year's cup features a J-38 key and in the background a paper log of QSOs. By the way, Don doesn't use a straight key very often, most of his work is done with a bug, and he's darn smooth with it too!

K3Y/n made 14,362 QSOs this year and K3Y/8 made 1617 QSOs (more than any other district). The 8th district had 17 different Stations operating as K3Y/8 (more than any other district!). From our club W8TQE K3Y/8 made 162 QSOs (K8AQM, K8KIC, K8KS, K8UV, KR8W and N8AMM), K8AQM K3Y/8 158 Qs, K8KIC 141 Qs, N8AMM K3Y/8 58 Qs and K8UV K3Y/8 4 Qs.

Next year January will again see K3Y/n on the air and N8AMM may

lead the pack with even bigger QSO numbers. Come join the fun! Other SKCC members within our club include K8NP, K8KIC, WE8Z, KG8CO, KG8EF and K8TI. There are a total of 6,470 SKCC members around the world. W8TQE is also a member. Membership is free and information may be found at www.skccgroup.com/. There will be another W8TQE K3Y/8 operation next January, come join the fun!



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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

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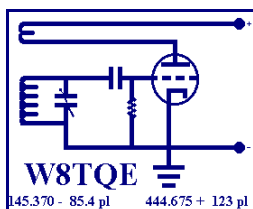
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
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