

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. I hope you are enjoying your summer. It has been pretty hot though. We could use a little less heat. It is even hot while riding the motorcycles. I knew I should never have bought a black bike. The bike and my black helmet draw the heat right to me. It is okay while riding, but when you stop for lights and to get off. Watch out.

Once again I can't stress enough to everyone that our Hamfest is coming up soon. September 19th will be here before we know it. Please contact Brian KG8CO to find out where you are needed. Help is always appreciated and there is always room for suggestions on how to make things better.

It has been a really busy summer so far for Norm W8TTH and me. Our youngest daughter, Robin, and our two year old grandson, Wesley, are staying with us for a while. She is also expecting our granddaughter very very soon. Therefore next month should be even more interesting. Norm seems to be coping with the situation pretty well so far, but I am sure it is not easy on him.

My 35th Sand Creek Class Reunion was the day before the Van Wert Hamfest and our family reunion was the same day. That was a real busy weekend for me as well, but it was a lot of fun. Needless to say I didn't make it there, but I hope they had a good show.

Don't forget to check out the website at www.w8tqe.com and get any new information and pictures to Bob K2IBM. He is our web master and we need to support him and the club by sharing he keeps up the website. Also, don't forget our newsletter editor, Ted K8AQM. He also needs our support. Get him articles and pictures. Without these two we wouldn't know what was going on with the club. They do a great job.

The meeting this month will be July 26th. Don't be strangers, come join us! I hope to see you all there.

73,s

July Program

This month's program will be a Powerpoint of the Boyer and Fitzgerald operations during the 2010 Museum Ships Operating Event.

The New K8KIC Antenna

Photos by K8GX and K8AA from their phones!



Maybe a quote modified from Winston Churchill would fit the K8KIC antenna party, "Never have so many done so little." But we should add, "and had so much fun doing it."

Ken bought an Alpha Delta DX antenna and with the help of K8AA, K8GX, W8LNR, WE8Z, K8NP and K8AQM (see, seven of us!), Ken's non-functioning vertical was taken down along with his "functioning" 75m dipole and the new Alpha Delta installed.

That's K8AQM and K8NP on the roof taking down the vertical while WE8Z, K8GX, K8AA and K8KIC "watch". It took the four of them to make sure Neil and I got the antenna down correctly. Don't even ask about what K8NP is holding nor why! K8GX supplied the "brains" as we tried to figure if K8KIC had put the Alpha Delta together correctly. WE8Z and W8LNR were our PL-259 soldering experts for the new coax on the Alpha Delta.

Ken's new antenna is about 15 feet higher than his old 75m antenna in the middle. The picture of the pine tree actually is of K8NP up there "somewhere" near the top! He really is in there somewhere!

Ken's old vertical is down and K8AA examined the matching network inside and all Dave found that "might" be an issue is several dead bugs. Hmm, guess he got the "bugs" out of Ken's vertical!

Ken is very pleased with his new antenna and worked nearly 300 Qs on Field Day to test it. His 10m signal is now really great!

All will be well if he can get his TS-480 going again!



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

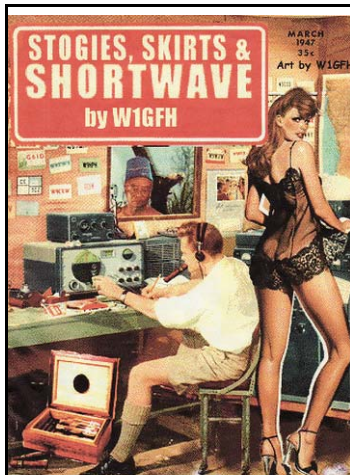
...K8KIC can now operate on 10m without blowing finals?
 ...N8AMM is not impressed with QRP operating...but made 49 QSOs in a QRP contest?
 ...Nothing has been heard from WE8Z's left-handed bug since working the Fitzgerald?
 ..."Edmond" is not how to spell "Edmund"? Anyone need a 1000 coasters?
 ...K8AQM has a new 2 element 40m yagi? You can't have too many antennas!
 ...K8NP still is a boy at heart? Neil climbs pine trees!
 ...WE8Z is the master PL-259 solder-er?
 ...N8AMM has a new 2 element 40m yagi?
 ...KC8A has a "working" Swan watt meter?
 ...KC8ITC is a Sherlock Holmes fan?
 ...K8LAR Bud, has a stealth antenna coming through his porch deck?
 ...N8CC has two new 2 element 40m yagis?
 ...KC8OGW Don, is in Australia?
 ...KK1G Caleb, has an APR repeater in operation in Onstead?
 ...KD8KQR still hasn't put his TS-570 on 10 meters?
 ...K8AQM actually traced down a problem in his HT-37 and fixed it? Wow!
 ...K8TI has a TA-33 ready to install?
 ...W8LNR's favorite pass time is picking on K8AQM?
 ...K8KS has been putting in 6m spots for Europe?
 ...K8GX is looking for a new vertical?
 ...KG8EF has a Ringo to install?
 ...K8UV is getting better and better?
 ...KG8CO is on the hamfest organization and looking for volunteers?

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building on June 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM. The following persons were, present Ginny W8TTH, Bob K2IBM, Larry W8LNR, Margie KB8TMM, Bill KA8ARK, Norm W8TTX and Dick K8GX. The Hamfest scheduled for Sept. 19 was discussed. The Board Adjourned at 7:24 PM.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the CAP building at the Lenawee county airport on June 26, 2010 at 7:30 PM. There were 22 persons present. The Minutes of the May meeting were approved upon a motion by Bob K2IBM second by Norm W8TTX. There was no treasurer's report as the treasurer was absent. It was noted that Dick did work the Boyer and the Fitzgerald ????. How'd he do dat. Rich is doing better. The Hamfest is scheduled for September 19 and volunteers are needed. Club members discussed radar weather coverage for the county. A small amplifier was approved for purchase to use on the Boyer. Bruce KB8OXK motioned to adjourn the meeting second by Cletus K8TLT at 8:05 PM.

Secretary Bill KA8ARK



It's a demonstration of the RF skin effect.

.....Thanks to W1GFH for his research into this fascinating subject. Somewhere in the attached photo, there are supposed to be a couple of Hallicrafters radios but I haven't found them yet.

I must be doing something wrong. I have two Hallicrafters in my shack and I have NEVER seen "RF skin effect" like this! Maybe I have too much filtering? But on the bright side, I do have "stogies" in the shack...duh!

de K8AQM

Good Afternoon Everyone,

For anyone that uses APRS (Automatic Packet Positioning System). I now have a APRS Beacon station setup at my house here in Onsted. APRS is used to solely for tracking purposes. But it also can be used to track Radio Operators during EOC (emergency) Operations, Field Day Events, Skywarn Nets (if need be), and just the average hike or drive :-)

APRS Trackers are usually fixed or mobile and can be tracked on the Internet. There are APRS websites that use Google Maps and other media to see where an individual is. I mostly use either Google Maps APRS or FindU.com Just punch in the Call sign with SSID, and your good to go, see websites below:

<http://www.aprs.fi>

<http://www.findu.com>

OVERVIEW: The Automatic Packet Reporting System was designed to support rapid, reliable exchange of information for local, tactical real-time information, events or nets. Since the primary objective is consistent exchange of information between everyone, APRS established standard formats not only for the transmission of POSITION, STATUS, MESSAGES, and QUERIES, it also establishes guidelines for display so that users of different systems will still see the same consistent information displayed in a consistent manner (independent of the particular display or mapping system in use).

For more info on APRS go to www.aprs.org

My Digi-peater (iGate) is KK1G-10

Mobile tracker is KK1G-11

Happy Tracking :-)

Caleb Squires, KK1G

Vintage Gear 1st QSO

I finally got around to repair one of my HT-37 transmitters and getting it connected to a Drake 2B and 40m dipole. The HT-37 puts out about 75 watts and I was using my Japanese BK-100 bug. There was one signal on the band calling CQ and it was W1AW! I was able to work W1AW on my first call after "zero beating" the HT-37 with the 2B. What a great first QSO with old vintage gear!... *de K8AQM*

Field Day 2010 With KB8ECG

With W8TQE not having Field Day operations, several members have struck out on their own. Dave KB8ECG, sent these pictures and article about his operation with daughter Emma. I think the caption for the last picture should be: "Dad, what's so hard about this ham radio stuff?!"

"I operated about 6 hours total. I used Don's (N8AMM) G5RV hanging from my silo. I was short on coax so I had to drop it down to about 45 ft so I could connect it to the rig in the van.

I miss the club's Field Days but this was better than nothing. Emma hung out with me for almost half of the time and actually helped a couple times. I would miss a letter or two and she was able to tell me what it was. She got a hoot out of me talking to Quebec. At night she brought a pillow, a blanket and the dogs in the back of the van.

Well here is the summary for my conservative Field Day:

189 Q's
10M - 131
20M - 20
40 - 38
73, Devo KB8ECG"



Nice job Dave, maybe we'll have a young ham in the club soon? She's be a DX pileup breaker for sure!

Brian KG8CO, Ken K8KIC and Phil KD8NWH are known to have their own Field Day activities.

de K8AQM



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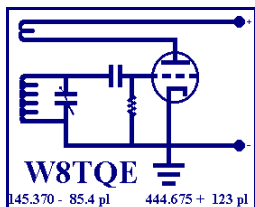
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 37th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

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