

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everybody. Hope you are enjoying your summer even though it has been a little wet thus far. Hope none of you experienced any damage from the storms we have been having.

Rich K8UV is out of the hospital and is doing better. If you would like to send cards, you can find his address on our website under the membership list in PDF format. I am sure he would love to hear from you.

I visited a couple of hamfests this month. Those were the Fulton County Hamfest and the Chelsea Hamfest, but I didn't set up and sell tower stuff at either one. Norm W8TTH was out of town and wasn't able to attend either of the hamfests. We both will be attending the Monroe Hamfest which will be held on Father's Day and probably will have taken place already by the time you get this newsletter.

Norm participated in the Museum Ship Radio Event that was held the weekend of June 5th. He and some of our club members went up to Whitefish Point and operated the Edmond Fitzgerald station. We also had folks at the Willis B. Boyer located in Toledo, Ohio for the weekend. I am almost positive there are going to be articles from both of the groups in this paper, so I will not need to go into details. I am sure however that a good time was had by all that attended either station.

Field Day is the weekend of June 26th. We haven't planned anything with our club, so Norm and I will be attending the event with the Fulton County Amateur Radio club members in the woodlot at Tedrow, OH. There are usually several members staying the weekend in campers and a good time is always had by all.

Everyone needs to start thinking about our upcoming hamfest. September 19th will be here before we know it. Help is always appreciated and there is always room for suggestions on how to make it a better event. Please contact Brian KG8CO to see where you can help out.

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 28th. I hope to see you all there.

73,s

Ginny W8TTX

No program scheduled this month. Next month the program will be the activity at the Boyer and the Fitzgerald.

ADRIAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, ARES, & RACES TRAINING AT MADISON FIRE DEPARTMENT

by Joe Pullen, K8YZA

Five members of the Adrian Amateur Radio club attended Communications Equipment training on Sunday, April 25, from 2 to 6 pm. The participants included Bob Warwick, K2IBM, Randy Sweeney, N4UUJ, Caleb Squires, KK1G, Ted Rachwal, K8AQM, Peter Ossman, KD8IJC, and Joe Pullen, K8YZA. The trainer was John Waters, KD8CCR, of the District 1 Medical Coalition based at Livingston County Dispatch. The program was hosted by Fire Chief Don Palpant, Station 88.

This course was intended to provide uniform training to participants within District 1 who will utilize communications equipment supplied with Mobile Medical CBRNE Support Units (MMCSU). Training on equipment requiring an FCC license was limited to equipment set up and power supply. Select equipment included instruction of set up, power supply, operation and problem solving.

Upon completion of the course, the participants will be able to:

1. Describe the state and national disaster communication frequencies and their purposes.
2. Program and operate MMCSU radios.
3. Establish radio interoperability and operate the Smart MSG function of Codespear.
4. Track patients and communicate through the use of electronic patient tracking system (EPTS).

Unfortunately, due to some equipment failures and missing equipment, some of the above were not able to be completed.

COMMENTS ON APRIL MEETING

by Joe W. Pullen, K8YZA, Lenawee County EC/RO

At the last club meeting, it was suggested that ARES Training be offered 30 minutes prior to each meeting. Although a majority of those persons interested in training liked the idea, there were some objections and modifications offered. Unfortunately, I did not ask those club members who will not take part in the training what they thought of the idea.

Some objections included the loss of social connections as well as the fact that many people find it difficult enough to get to the meeting by 7:30 due to work schedules and mealtime. Modifications added included reduction of the training time to 15 minutes on alternate meeting nights. This would give training before club meetings a total of 90 minutes per year, which is totally inadequate.

Because of the inadequate time allotted and the lack of consulting the club members who do not wish to participate in this training, more will probably be accomplished by having essential training at times that do not infringe on all club members.

I recognize that the meetings are for the total membership of the Adrian Amateur Radio Club and definitely do not wish to impinge on the membership ARES & RACES training if the majority do not wish to participate. Meanwhile I fully appreciate those who do want to take part; we will still conduct training at other times. Thanks for reading this.

K8UV

K8UV is home from the hospital recovery from some very serious by-pass surgery. Drop Rich a note if you can. It'll be awhile before Rich can return to the ham shack and the 10m nets.

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...K8GX didn't work the Fitzgerald nor the Boyer?
 ...The Boyer gang included Caleb KK1G and he did a great job operating?
 ...W8LNR didn't work the Fitzgerald nor the Boyer
 ...K8KIC worked the Fitzgerald on CW!
 ...WE8Z worked the Fitzgerald on CW and with his left-handed bug...woo whooo!
 ...The KG8EF web page is great? Check it out... kg8ef.com
 ...Plans are in the works for next year's Museum Ships Operating event already?
 ...K8AA worked the Fitzgerald on all three bands (75, 40 and 20m)?
 ...K8UV is home from the hospital recovering from by-pass surgery? Drop him a note.
 ...Where was K2IBM during the Museum Ships Operating event?
 ...It's time to seriously start thinking about our September hamfest?
 ...K8KIC has become known as "Leather Lungs"?
 ...NU8Z says flying a helicopter upside down is NOT a good idea?
 ...K8NP could not break the 40m pileup to work the Fitzgerald?
 ...N8AMM has reached the "Tribune" level in the Straight Key Century Club?
 ...K8KIC is getting a new antenna? Alpha Delta DXCC 80-10m
 ...K8NP is thinking of climbing Ken's pine tree (60 ft)?
 ...WE8Z and K8NP know how to play "Funny Bunny"? No joke!
 ...KB8ECG has a new short G5RV antenna thanks to N8AMM?
 ...All the direct mail JD1 QSLs are done but then the KG8EF QSLing starts?
 ...K8AQM has a "coffin bug"?
 ...WE8Z got an antenna analyzer at Monroe?
 ...KG8CO, NU8Z and K8AQM are thinking seriously about getting on 6m?

AARC Club Minutes

Board Minutes

Dick-K8GY, Mark-NU8A, Ginny-W8TTX, Norm-W8TTH, Larry-W8LNR, Marjie-KB8TMM, Neil-KC8DAR, Bob-K2IBM Discussed, Museum Ship Special Event and Dayton Trip expenses

Meeting

Roll call 33 present. 50/50 was donated back to the club.
 Minutes approved on a motion by Bruce KB8OXK, 2nd by Chuck KG8EF
 Treasurer's Report approved on a motion by Norm W8TTH and Alan N8TIB
 Items discussed included the Museum Ship event, the Dayton Trip, and a Mystery box of goodies to bid on that was supplied by Marjie KB8TMM
 Rich Jones K8UV is in room 725 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 East Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, MI for those that wish to send cards or visit.
 No other business. Program: Ted presented a power point presentation on his and Brian's JDI adventure.

Submitted by Ginny W8TTX

Willis B. Boyer

The 2010 Museum Ships Operating Event is over but the excitement is still strong! The “Boyer gang” had a great time this year and are already talking about “next year”. The shack up in the dog house is really a comfortable operating environment and this year with the use of two Ameritron AL-811 amplifiers, 575 QSOs were amassed.

The five man team of Ray W8YFT, Neil K8NP, Ken K8KIC, Denny WE8Z and Caleb KK1G operated for about 12 hours and enjoyed the event. The station operated on 40 and 20m meters using dipoles, an Icom 706 Mark II and a Kenwood TS-480 with the amplifiers. Computers using “Gen Log” were used to record all QSOs. K8NP built two voice keyers which the gang really enjoyed using. As you can see in



treated to a pizza lunch! What a deal!

This was Caleb's first “contest/event” style operation and word has it he enjoyed his time in the chair. The gang hopes this will be the first of many years participation for Caleb in this event.

2011 will be the last year for the “Willis B. Boyer” to be on the air. But the ship will still be active but with it's original name, a new coat of paint and most likely a new QTH further down the river toward Lake Erie. The guys even have a new call sign for when the ship is re-named.

You can see from the pictures they not only have very fine stations but also a great time; check out those



smiles on WE8Z! They can always use more operators and want to invite you to join them for the weekend, the day or even just a few hours if you can.

Denny is still working on the logs and checking the state totals. The results will be presented in next month's club program which will be a Power Point presentation of the Boyer and the Fitzgerald operation.

Talk to Denny WE8Z about the joining the crew for the finally operation of the Boyer in 2011.

Edmund Fitzgerald



The “traveling” gang for the Museum Ships Operating Event put the Edmund Fitzgerald memorial museum at Whitefish Point on the air. Three stations with amplifiers were in operation over the weekend and although conditions were poor, 1,920 QSOs were put into the log. The weather was cool and beautiful during our setup and tear-down but rainy and windy conditions were prevalent during the operation. KG8CO who did most of the 75 meter work saw noise at S-9 or 10 over during the evening hours of operation.

The pictures here are from the web page at www.kg8ef.com and the excellent page done by Mark NU8Z. Get the full scoop from the web page on the operation. Mark has done a stellar job with not only pictures but with great statistics from the log.



I will say that in short we had a great time. KG8EF may never be able to operate again without domestic stations thinking it's the Fitzgerald memorial station. We ate like kings and consumed steak and whitefish during the weekend along with a “few” beers and cigars. It was difficult to keep KG8EF from starting marsh-mellow wars but I'll let him explain that!

All QSL requests are sent directly to Chuck and rumor has it his mail carrier wants some “words” with Chuck! Last report was over half a garbage bag of QSLs has arrived. The bottom picture is the QSL card that is now being printed while NU8Z is designing special certificates to be awarded to those requesting a certificate.

Plans are afoot at this time for next year's museum event and word has it it may be a “DX” operation in another country! KG8CO is working on the operating site now.

Next month a full presentation of the Boyer and Fitzgerald will be presented (July meeting).



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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

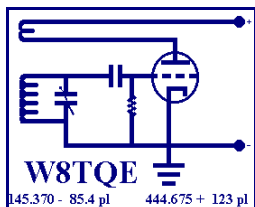
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
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K8ADM has access to Echo Link

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