

The Ticker

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. The weather sure has been messed up lately. If you don't like it, just wait a minute and you can have something completely different. Warm, cold, rain, snow, sleet you can have whatever you like or dislike in a matter of minutes. Maybe sometime soon we will have a constant season. I certainly hope so.

We are have another test session before our meeting this month on April 27th. The session will start at 5:30 p.m. If you know of anyone wanting to upgrade or get a new license tell them to be there. I have had a couple of people email me that they will be there to take a test. I need to make sure we have at least three VE's available for the test session, so come early if you are interested in getting counted for the year.

Norm W8TTH and I did not attend any hamfests this month, but will be going to the Dayton Hamvention next month beginning May 15th and going through the 17th. Hopefully it will be well attended this year by vendors and buyers alike. Hope to see you there.

We survived our daughter Robin's wedding and I have also returned back to work. She is now Mrs. Shawn Carter. Everyone had a great time and I am glad it is over. We also have another new son-in-law. Our daughter, Tonya KC8DAP got engaged on April 3rd the day before her sister's wedding and was married on April 16th after they returned home from their visit with us in Michigan. She is now Mrs. Blaise Vallejo. He is in the Air Force and stationed at the Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. When our girls do something they tend to do it all at once. They both gave me a grandchild in 2007 and they were born within 2 months of each other. I must admit they have made it easy for me to remember their wedding dates. One got married on 4-4-09 and the other on 4-16-09. $4 \times 4 = 16$. It can't get much easier than that. Shame on me if I forget.

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.

I didn't think I had much to say this month, but I managed to fill in the blanks.

I hope to see you all at the meeting.

73s,
Ginny W8TTX

JF3MYU and XYL Visits Adrian

When Judy and I lived in Japan we made friends with many very fine people. Kunihiko and Keiko Itaya san became very good friends of ours. Kunihiko, aka “Kirk” and I spent many hours discussing and operating amateur radio. Kirk traveled with several Adrian hams (KG8CO, N8CC and



KB8ECG) to Samoa back in 1996, visited Adrian and met “the gang” again here, and most recently in 2006 again traveled to Samoa with N8CC and myself.

This month Kirk and his lovely wife Keiko, visited Disney World and managed to include a visit here in Adrian with Judy and I. Although only a twenty-four hour visit, we managed to pack it full of good times and laughs. It seemed only right that Judy and I take Kirk and Keiko to one of our favorite eating spots, “Randy’s Ribs.” If you understand Japanese culture and food a bit then you’ll know that Kirk and Keiko were “blown away” with the size and portions of Randy’s great ribs!

The 60~50s environment was a shock to them also but being “much” younger the music wasn’t known except when “Elvis” was in the building!

While Keiko and Judy discussed quilting Kirk and I snuck-off to the shack where Kirk enjoyed using his American call, WE8A and working DX. He especially enjoyed working the “garden variety” of Caribbean DX common to us but very rare and difficult to work in Japan. When not working DX we laid plans for our “next” Dxpedition and will be heading to JD1, Ogasawara Island in March 2010. KG8CO will again be on the trip which is 1000 miles by ship from Tokyo.



Amateur radio is an opportunity to make friends world-wide and certainly this is the case for me. Kirk and Keiko have become our good friends and although we’re thousands of miles apart, we somehow manage to still get together through all the year and miles of separation. Listen for Kirk, Brian and I with JD1 calls in March of 2010, we’ll be listening for you!

73 K8AQM

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

- ...WE8Z and K8NP are back from Florida?
- ...KG8EF gave K8AQM a “huge” load of crap?
- ...K8KIC finished refurbishing a baby grand piano?
- ...KB8TQB upgraded to General? Way to go!
- ...there will be an upgrade testing secession at 5:30 before Monday’s meeting?
- ...the Michigan QSO Party was a great success for Adrian ARC?
- ...W8IQO, KB8TQB, KC8A, K8KIC, KC8ITC, NU8Z, K8UV, WE8Z were QRV for the MiQP?
- ...W8TTH road to N8CC’s for the MiQP?
- ...K8NP built a cool “old” glass insulator light with LEDs?
- ...WA8QPS and WD8DUB are ALWAYS on 2m at 7:15 AM?
- ...WE8Z is getting ready to “radio activate” the Boyer for Museum Ships weekend?
- ...Dayton is less than one month away?
- ...N8KR is becoming an aeronautical mobile guru?
- ...K8JWV “conquered” 40m SSB in the MiQP?
- ...KB8TQB “might” enjoy this contesting thing?
- ...W8LNR “thinks” he’s hot? Ask the waitress at Marios!
- ...K8GX is back to the Tuesday night cw gathering?
- ...KB8ECG is planning a fall RTTY event?
- ...KG8CO has a great K2/100 but has never used it? I have and it is great!

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building at the Lenawee County Airport on March 30, 2009. The meeting was called to order by president Ginny at 0700 pm. The following persons were present: Ginny W8TTX, Marge KB8TTM, Mark NU8Z, Larry K8LNR, Dick K8GX, Neil KC8DAR, Bob K2IBM and Bill KA8ARK. The board approved supporting The Mad River Club plaque for the Mich QSO party again this year. The board discussed the recent Classes that were held. 4 passed and received their license. We discussed Field Day to see if there was any interest in having. The board adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the CAP building at the Lenawee County Airport on March 30, 2009. The meeting was called to order by President Ginny W8TTX at 7:30 pm with 27 persons present. Minutes for February were approved by a motion to pass by Harold WA8QPS second by Ken K8KIC. The Financial report was presented by Mark NU8Z and showed a balance of \$3,466.18. The report was accepted on a motion by Neil KC8DAR second by Norm W8TTH. Joe K8YZA introduced Curtis Parsons the new Lenawee County emergency management Coordinator. Joe K8YZA mentioned that the weather reporting service has requested that Hail under 1" not to be reported any more. Fieldday was discussed to be held 27 & 28 of June if anyone is interested. The meeting adjourned with a program by Ted K8AQM on a DXpedition to Guiana.

Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

N8KR/aeronautical Mobile for MiQP 2009

Wow! I've done some four county corners but nothing like this! Here are some pictures Ken sent and the story in his own words.



Just finished entering the handwritten log into the computer. This was a real learning experience! We departed Smith Field in my Cherokee 160 at 11:35 and hit the MI border at 12:00!! The Alinco dx-70 head was attached to the panel and the rig and tuner were in the back seat. I set the power at 50 watts which fed the vee antenna (19 feet per leg). I had a foot switch and added a heil mic to the airplane headset. I also threw in a J-38. Logging was done on paper on a clipboard on my lap. Jerry, flew the plane and navigated all of the waypoints. We started at 4500 feet, went to 5500 feet, and ended at 3000 after landing in Ionia for a pit stop. We arrived back in Fort Wayne at 5:00, covered 600 miles, 18 MI counties and burned 35 gallons of fuel.

No doubt, I had the most scenic route of all the mobiles! Flying up the Lake Michigan shore was beautiful - or over the vast forests in Osceola - seeing 35 plus miles in all directions! We flew over K8XXX at N8CC's, and worked K8OOK/M while passing directly over head (he said he saw, what he believed was a red tail hawk - actually, I think he saw me as the plane has a red tail). The air was smooth until we turned east out of Lake County. We picked up a 30 knot wind and lots of turbulence. Finding smoother air was impossible so we rode it out, stopped at Ionia for a little rest, and continued at 3000 feet.

I made 92 total contacts: 75 ssb, and 17 cw. (sorry for the rough cw - a straight key with turbulence!) We were above Michigan for 4 hours.

20m ssb: 74 cw: 17

40m ssb 1

Counties worked: 14 States/Prov worked: 15 Countries: 1

Summary

1. My antenna was too directive - mostly to the rear
2. I was told the band was very crowded, yet I didn't hear that many people
3. I had my best rate in the last half hour .
4. I need to go back to some earlier experiments to be able to get on 40 meters.
5. All equipment, including extra GPS and power pack, worked well.
6. Look forward to OHQP



Ken - N8KR

PS

All equipment worked fine. The vibrations kept me tightening the Alinco to the panel. The tuning knob fell off the rig - the set screw vibrated loose!



K8XXX @ N8CC MiQP 2009

Another MiQP from N8CC's great station! Plenty has been said about Jeff's fixed antennas and his main station but when it comes to MiQP time we setup a separate three-station CW operation just like a Field Day. Three stations 80, 40 and 20m all running kilowatts and with their own antennas separate from Jeff's big antennas used for the SSB stations (4 stations running kws on 75, 40, 20 and 15/10m). Thanks to W8TTH we use his 40 ft trailer tower and 2 element quad for 20m. The 40 and 80m stations have their own dipoles. A 12 kw generator and Jeff's parents mobile home provide the station layout.



K8KS at the 40m cw

K8QKY at 20m KT8X at 80m

ND5S at 40m

It's a great setup, although a bit "tight".

The SSB crew has all the "luxury! Aside from the terrific antennas mentioned many times discussing Jeff's station, they have room AND all the food!



N8CC at 20m actually operating!

N8UUP at 20m SSB

W8DA at 75m SSB

WA8ICK at 40m

Here is where the fun is! You can see that Eric K8JVW and Jack WA8ICK really know how to enjoy their break from "hard" (ly) operating! We had lots of visitors as you can see and clearly K8KS



knows how to relax at the CW sight! Oh yeah, how did we do? Here is the "unofficial" totals:

	CW	SSB
80m	291 Qs	423 Qs
40m	325	521
20m	170	795
15m	—	2
Totals	786	1739 = 2525 Qs!

Visit <http://kr8u.blogspot.com/> for U Tube video of the operation
 Not shown in pictures are two of our great "younger" operators, KR8U and KD8GZG. Dennis and Scott are "iron men" at the microphones...our secrete weapons!
 Last year we won with 2265 Qs so I guess we did pretty well this year.

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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

W8TQE has access to Echo Link

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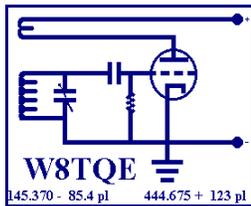
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