

The Ticker

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. Winter has been kind to us so far this year, but unfortunately I don't think it will stay that way. I hope I am wrong.

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays the December meeting will be held on Monday, January the 7th. Please mark your calendars.

My knee is healing very well and I will have returned to work before I see you all again. Hopefully the cement floors won't give me too much problem. I am still going to Physical Therapy (Pain and Torture), but will be done with that soon as well.

The following were nominated for Board Member positions at the November meeting and we will have the election at the next meeting: Norm W8TTH, Larry W8LNR, Dick K8GX, and Don N8AMM.

Don't forget the Sunday night net at 9 p.m. has started back up and could use your check ins. Joe K8YZA is the net control for the month of December. I will be the net control for the first Sunday in January and then we need a volunteer for the rest of January and all upcoming months. It is not hard to run the net and it could help promote confidence that you would be able to help in any special events or emergencies that may be in our future.

Norm and I hope you all have a great Christmas this year and get to spend time with your families. Christmas is a time for joy and happiness. Also have a great New Year and enjoy yourselves.

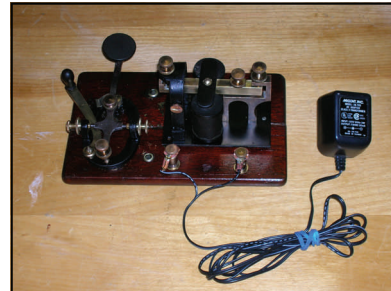
Thanks to Bob K2IBM we have a great website and you can find anything out you want to know or learn about the club from the site. Don't forget to check out the website at www.w8tqe.com. I would also like to thank Ted K8AQM for the great job he does on this newsletter. Make sure you send articles and pictures to both of them.

Sounder Restoration

It is really enjoyable to take something that would really be nothing more than a piece of junk from the late 1800s or early 1900s and restore it to something more appealing to the eye. The sounder on the left was purchased on eBay and as you can see, really in bad shape.



With the right tools and a bit of time everything can be brought back to respectability. The sounder on the left is the "rebuild" of a classic.



Ken, N8KR Has the Gear!

Need anything for the station? Ken, N8KR probably has it or can get it for you! Ken checks various sources and buys used radio gear and offers it again to the ham community. Here Ken displays “some” of his gear at the past Fort Wayne Hamfest. Tuners, rigs, amplifiers, switches, microphones, you



name it, Ken most likely has it (or will look for it for you).

It's great to have a resource like this from someone you can trust who is also a member of our club. So when you “need” or “want” some piece of gear for the shack just



send Ken an email. Krogner @yahoo.com works well.

Tracking SKCC Members

Here is a web application using the reverse beacons that finds club members (SKCC and other clubs) that are on the air. Select the club you want and it finds the members and their numbers!*de NU8Z*

[Http://ham.jit.su/](http://ham.jit.su/)



160m N8KR @ KG8CO

All the hard work at KG8CO for his 160m station seems to have paid off. Ken N8KR (shown operating), Brian KG8CO and Don N8AMM operated the new station for the first time in the ARRL 160m Contest. Whenever a “new” system is used a learning curve takes over and everyone must adjust to the new situation. The guys admit they aren't top cw ops but it's hard to believe when you realize they made 1238 QSOs and worked 32 countries including the US and Canada (line score 283,618 points, 65 sections and 34 DX contacts)...and remember this is at 1.8 MHz, not that far from WABJ at 1.490 MHz!

Operating with only three operators is difficult on the body; to be truly competitive the stations needs to be operated through the entire contest. The guys couldn't do this and missed some operating time due to fatigue. Brian says that next year they'll be more prepared.

The equipment used included Brian's new full size 1/4 wave insulated vertical with 125 1/4 wave radials, 8 beverage listening antennas (shown in the photo), and Alpha 76 amplifier, and Yaesu FT-1000MP.

K8KS operating from the N8CC super station with a multi operator team made 1514 QSOs (line score 362,618 points). These guys make a goal for the KG8CO team to reach and hopefully overcome.



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...KG8CO has 125 130 ft radials around his 160m vertical?
 ...K8AQM put up two more yagis? You can't have too many antennas!
 ...NU8Z has an interest in learning to use a bug?
 ...W8TTX hurts but is recovering? She was told "Johnny Walker Red" helps against the pain!
 ...Straight Key night and the SKCC KY3 event is coming up? See the K3Y article.
 ...N8KR, N8AMM and KG8CO worked over 1200 QSOs on 160m in the ARRL 160 Contest?
 ...K8KS and others worked over 1500 QSOs in the same contest?
 ...K8KIC has begun his "euchre withdrawal symptoms"? Poor Ken!
 ...K8AQM and others worked for W8TQE's "C" in the SKCC club and got it? SKCC # 2944C
 ...KC8TQB has his IC-706 working and is listening on 75m?
 ...K8UV has discovered computer logging? Way to go Rich!
 ...N8AMM has a new job, but he is now on the 2nd shift? Nuts!
 ...N8KR went off on a buying spree of ham gear to Florida?
 ...rumor has it NU8Z is thinking of getting an Elecraft KX1 transceiver?
 ...W8TTH was disappointed ZF2TA (aka K8AQM) will only be on cw?
 ...by the time you read this our "snowbirds will be gone (K8NP, WE8Z, ...etc.)?
 ...KC8ITC keeps waking at 3:30 AM? He can't get away from Farmer Market time!
 ...K8KIC can't seem to get rid of his noise from "unknown" sources?
 ...N8AMM has two yagis to put up on the tower yet this winter?
 ...K8UV is enjoying working DX with his 9 foot vertical (Sigma V.I via N8CC)
 ...KG8CO got real excited, he just bought a new CB rig? It will work well with Brian's antennas!
 ...K8NP will be hunting K3Y stations from Florida?
 ...WE8Z should be hunting K3Y stations from Florida?

AARC Club Minutes

The board of the Adrian Amateur Radio Club met on November 26 at the Civil Air Patrol building, those present were: Ginny W8TTX, Larry W8LNR, Neil KC8DAR, Norm W8TTH, Mark NU8Z, & Bill KA8ARK. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. We discussed the agenda for tonight's meeting, Board Nominations, and Hamfest date September 15, 2013. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met on November 26, 2012 at the Civil Air Patrol building. Eighteen persons were present. Denny WE8Z won the 50/50 drawing. The October Minutes published in the Tickler were approved by a motion made by Dave KC8TQB, Norm seconded motion passed. Mark NU8Z presented the financial statement. Norm W8TTH motioned to accept the report. Larry W8LNR seconded. The motion passed 17 to 1 no vote.

The meeting date for December was changed to January 7, 2013. We Discussed classes for 2013. Neil KC8DAR has agreed to do an assessment on the electrical system in the ham shack. Nominations for board members were as following: Norm W8TTH, Larry W8LNR, Don N8AMM and Dick K8GX. Denny WE8Z moved the nominations be closed. A discussion led by mark NU8Z followed, on activities that members are involved in. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary Bill KA8ARK

K3Y/8 for 2013

"K3Y" is a month-long operating event celebrating the use of hand-formed Morse Code. It starts on January 1st, which is the traditional date of the ARRL Straight Key Night. This also marks the anniversary of the founding of the Straight Key Century Club. SKCC will be seven years old in 2013.

During the course of the celebration tens of thousands of HF radio contacts will be made using traditional mechanical keying devices: namely, straight keys, bugs and sideswipers. The distinctive sound of manually crafted code will be heard on the CW bands daily throughout the month, keyed by dozens of SKCC volunteer operators from around the globe.

K3Y is the special event call sign that has been granted by the FCC for use by SKCC members in the US-administered call areas. The K3Y call may be used by only one station in a given area at a time. Frequently during the event several K3Y stations from various areas will be found operating simultaneously, signing as K3Y/1, K3Y/2, etc. In addition, far flung SKCC stations in Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico may be heard as K3Y/KH6, K3Y/KL7 and K3Y/KP4.

Since the SKCC's first annual celebration in 2007, members and non-members alike have enjoyed the challenge of trying to work K3Y stations in all of these call areas. For those who succeed in completing the "full sweep" a certificate of achievement will be made available on the K3Y website.

Many participants also try to work the various K3Y areas on as many different bands as possible. Others simply attempt contact with as many different K3Y operators as they can. The month-long duration of the event makes all of these goals feasible even for stations of modest capability.

Since SKCC has become an increasingly international organization the K3Y Planning Group has also made provision for our non-US members to participate as special event operators. Even though international members cannot use the K3Y call sign, they are able to serve as K3Y DX special stations. This year we expect once again to schedule operators in each DX continental region: AFRICA; ASIA; EUROPE; NORTH AMERICA (outside of USA); OCEANIA; SOUTH AMERICA. The addition of these six DX continental regions means it will be possible for participants to attain a "grand sweep" consisting of contacts with K3Y stations in all the thirteen US call areas PLUS the six DX continental regions. That task should be enough to keep most of us busy throughout the month!

New for 2013 is a provision to allow one Canadian K3Y station per each province and territory to be on the air at the same time. Normally, only one station per DX country is scheduled to operate at any given time. However, that rule has been relaxed in light of the great geographical expanse of Canada and the increasing interest among SKCC members in working stations in all the Canadian call areas. We can't promise this year to field a full complement of Canadian operators from each province and territory, but we look forward to that possibility in future events.

In December a poll will be held among the SKCC membership to select a graphic design for the 2013 K3Y QSL card. All members are invited to submit card designs for the competition. Anyone who contacts K3Y stations in January is welcome to request a QSL card by submitting a SASE. Members of the SKCC QSL Bureau will receive cards automatically, no request necessary.

We expect the upcoming event to be as popular as ever and we hope all SKCC members will try to add some K3Y contacts to their logbooks in January. We would also like to encourage every SKCC member to consider joining the team of K3Y Operators who make this event go. For further information and details please see the K3Y website at <http://www.skccgroup.com/k3y>

de Drew AF2Z K3Y 2013 Event Coordinator

K3Y/8, W8TQE and More

W8TQE will again operate as K3Y/8 in January from the AQM shack, all are invited to operate or come visit. It is a two day event on a weekend, January 11 and 12. We always have a great time with QSOs, friends and good food. Come play radio with us!

In the past K8KIC and K8UV have operated from their home station as K3Y/8. Ken and Rich have had a great time as K3Y/8, the popularity of this event/station is similar to being a DX station facing a "pileup." You too can be "THE" K3Y/8 station if you wish when you belong to SKCC. SKCC membership is free, just go to the SKCC web site and request a membership number. If you wish to be "THE" K3Y/8 station, just contact the 8th area coordinator (ME, K8AQM) to schedule your operating time(s).

If you don't belong to SKCC you can still chase the K3Y stations and use a "nonelectronic manipulator" (straight key, bug or sideswiper) with your paddle. You'll find the K3Y stations on the air just about 24 hours a day so there are plenty of opportunities to work the various areas. There is even a web page where operators "spot" the K3Y stations and you can even ask for a schedule or ask the K3Y stations to listen for you!

We hope to see and hear you in January!

de K8AQM 8th area Coordinator for the 2013 Operating event



K2IBM & N8DQX

Hurricane Sandy put 70 miles and one month's time between a woman and her cat, but American Red Cross volunteers took only a day to reunite them.

Bob and Gretchen Warwick heard about Sharon Le Coeur's problem through a Red Cross case file. Le Coeur was referred to mental health services because she lost her cat when the hurricane forced both to evacuate their home.



As volunteers in Disaster Mental Health, the Warwicks are familiar with how to ease feelings of emotional distress to those affected by disaster. To the husband and wife team from Michigan, the solution was clear.

"We thought if we could find the cat, it would go a long way to solving the problem," Gretchen Warwick said in a telephone interview as she and Bob traveled to Wildwood where they would reunite the cat, Little Guy, with Le Coeur.

What they didn't know was that Little Guy was trained as a seizure-alert animal. When the Warwicks delivered Le Coeur's pet, she told them

Little Guy was a "very important cat." The Warwicks assumed any owner would say as much, but Le Coeur explained the cat's skills.....Read the entire story at:

<http://newsroom.redcross.org/2012/12/02/story-red-cross-reunites-cat-owner/#more-10488>

BASED ON MICHIGAN SECTION ARPSC PREAMBLE

de K8YZA

This is (YOUR CALL SIGN) Net Control Station for the Lenawee County ARES and ARPSC. This net meets every Sunday evening at 9:00 local time on a frequency of 145.37 MHz.

The purpose of this net is to provide a weekly county-wide, as well as surrounding counties, exchange of information and ideas concerning the Lenawee county ARRL, ARES, NTS, RACES and Skywarn programs. All radio amateurs with a sincere interest in any of these programs are invited and encouraged to take part in this net.

This is an ARRL county level net. Regular participants include your Adrian Amateur Radio Club officials, both ARES and RACES officers and participants, NTS officials, assistants, members, and representatives from all of these groups.

This is (YOUR CALL). My name is (YOUR NAME) and I hold the position of (STATE YOUR POSITION) for (YOUR AREA OF COVERAGE).

Stations for the net, please call now using phonetics for your call and also give your name and location on check-in.

Joe says this is what he would like all net control stations of the 2m net to use....editor

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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

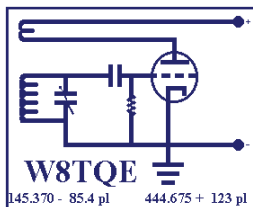
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 37th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 15, 2013
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