

# The Ticker

## *From the Prez.....*

Hi everybody. Hope you are enjoying your summer even though it has been very hot.

Norm and I attended the Monroe Hamfest and once again it was a good show as always. I also went to the Fulton County Hamfest this month and had a good time visiting with all the good folks from that club.

Norm participated in the Museum Ship Radio Event that was held the weekend of June 2nd. He and some of our club members went up to Rogers City and operated the Cedarville station. We also had folks at the James M. Schoonmaker 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.

The Field Day/JA event at the Lenawee County Airport will be happening this weekend. Please plan on helping out at the event. On Saturday, the JA folks will be holding their Grand Prix even and we are setting displays out for the public. We are hoping to get some new members or at least get folks interested in our hobby. The Civil Air Patrol, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Bits and Pieces Radio Flyer folks are also setting up displays behind and in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Of course this being Field Day weekend our station will be operational and everyone is welcome to come and participate in that event all weekend. I am sure there will be other articles in the paper about this weekend as well.

Everyone needs to start thinking about our upcoming hamfest. September 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Don't forget to check out the website at [www.w8tqe.com](http://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 25<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you all there.

73,  
Ginny W8TTX



## Contesting in BY(China)

While living in Japan I became good friends with Shozo Yamamoto san JH3TXR (KF8TW). Shozo has been on many DXpeditions around the Pacific and when KG8CO and I were in Japan after our JD1 adventure Shozo and family gave us a great tour of Kyoto and a dinner party at his family home.

Shozo works for Omron Industries who make ATMs and other electronic devices. He is currently stationed in China and has been active DXing and contesting from BY5CD in Shanghai. In the background is OH7WV Esa, also part of the CQ WPX contest effort from BY5CD.

## W8TQE J-37 Keys

W8TQE has two J-37 keys for our two TS-570 radios. They “were” in pretty rough shape and needed a bit of “TLC”. I was surprised to find out there were so many little parts to these simple keys. The clean-up took a couple of days with “Simple Green and a Dremo

wire brush wheel but the results are worth it. Each metal base was cleaned, painted and mounted on walnut boards. The paint was “hammered” and gives a nice effect. Ops at W8TQE will be pleased with these refurbished keys.



## W8TQE Station



Work has been done at the club station. Thanks to the efforts of WE8Z Denny and K8GX Dick, the TA-33 is up and leveled. Three elements have been added to the TA-33 for 6m and all SWR readings are fine. This antenna will go to one station while the Alpha Delta 80/40 wire will go to the second station. Both stations sport a computer for logging and have access to the internet. The awards are back on the wall and the station is nearly ready for the end of the month open house during Field Day and the Maple Fest. By the time you read this everything should be complete thanks to the efforts of the volunteers.

## AARC Club Gossip! .....

### *Did you know that...*

- ...the club "tribander" now also has 6m added?
- ...many club members worked KC8JMS and W8C in the museum ship event?
- ...KC8ITC worked W8C on three different bands?
- ...K8LAR worked W8C?
- ...club station is operational?
- ...Monroe hamfest was well attended by Adrian ARC?
- ...K8KIC gave up Tuesday night cw to play euchre?
- ...Club straight keys now sport "Navy Knobs"?
- ...KG8CO will be operating RTTY at Field Day?
- ...N8KR has a new amp?
- ...K8AQM has "finally" put the station back together after the Rogers City trip?
- ...K2IBM has shaved his "new" beard off?
- ...NU8Z will miss Field Day?
- ...K8AQM is building an "Alpha Delta" type antenna for 40, 20, 15 and 17m? (You can't have too many antennas!)
- ...WE8Z is organizing a "pot luck" for June 29?
- ...the club station has two computers on the internet?
- ...W8TTH is busy filling antenna parts orders from Dayton?
- ...K8AQM is now working on restoring "another" telegraph sounder? K8KIC is the official voltage tester
- ...K8GX can't remember to check into the 10m cw net?
- ...anyone looking to but a good amp, Henry 3KD 160-10? See K8AQM

## AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport on May 29, 2012. The following people were present: President Ginny W8TTX, Larry W8LNR, Norm W8TTH, Mark NU8Z, Bob K2IBM, Dick K8GX, Denny WE8Z, Neil KC8DAR, Bill KD8WSL and Bill KA8ARK. The board discussed the upcoming Summer Blast event being held at the Lenawee County Airport on June 23, and the Field day and recruiting programs the following organizations will be presenting. The organizations participating are, The Civil Air Patrol, The Adrian Amateur Radio Club, The Coast Guard Auxiliary, and The Bits and Pieces RC Club. Each organization will have displays in and around the flight line and the Civil Air Patrol building. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on May 29, 2012 with 25 persons present. A motion was made by Norm to accept the April minutes as published in the Tickler, second by Dick K8GX. The motion passed. The treasurer's report was presented by Mark NU8Z and showed a balance of \$7,345.24. A motion was made by Bill KD8WSL, second by Bruce KB8OXX to accept the report. The motion passed with one negative vote. The recent Museum Ship weekend was discussed. The club also discussed the upcoming Summer Blast event being held at the Airport by the Junior Achievement organization. Mark NU8Z, Bill KD8WSL and Denny WE8Z will be coordinating the field day activities. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Secretary Bill KA8ARK.



## W8C in Rogers City, MI



Another great time was had by the “Ships ARC” and the “Adrian ARC”. Ten ops were in Rogers City, MI to put “W8C” on the air representing the sunken straight decker SS Cedarville. The ops were the usual suspects, KG8CO, NU8Z, N8AMM, W8TTH, AC8JF and K8AQM. This year N8RAY from Port Huron, K8JHR from Grand Rapids, K8ED and K8PGJ from the Detroit metro area joined the crew. Four stations were setup; 40m, 20m, 17m and a 15/75m station. It was a great time although the weather was abominable with rain and high winds all day Friday, Saturday and until noon on Sunday when we began our tear-down. A brief history of the Cedarville is shown below:

### S.S. Cedarville

Built 1927 by Great Lakes Engineering, River Rouge, MI  
Ship was struck by the Norwegian Freighter Toppdalsfjord,  
in the Straits of Mackinac, on May 7th, 1965.  
10 sailors lost their lives

Once again we received tremendous support from the Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum and Mr. David Erikson (one of the survivors of the Cedarville sinking). It is a pleasure to operate and an honor to represent the SS Cedarville.



Wes AC8JF on 15m



Pete K8PGJ on 15m



Mark K8ED on 20m pileups



James K8JHR on 17m



Don N8AMM on 40m



Mark NU8Z on 17m

Mark IS NOT sleeping, he is concentrating on pulling a weak one out of the noise. 20m and 40m were the big bands but all the bands produced great numbers, checkout the breakdown and numbers on the next page. For complete data breakdown and more details visit <http://www.w8cedarville.com>



Band Breakdown of QSOs: 75m    40m    20m    17m    15m  
 57 Qs   749 Qs   1141 Qs   307 Qs   139 Qs  
**Totals = 2393 Qs**

The operating shack at the museum:



**Pictures that just had to be shown:**



Ray N8RAY talking with Mr. David Erickson, a survivor from the SS Cedarville and director of the Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum.



## W8WBB is now KC8JMS

Members of our club activated for the first time "Col James M Schoonmaker" lake freighter and formerly known as the "Willis B Boyer" lake freighter. W8YFT, WE8Z, K8KIC and K8NP were able to put in a few hours of operation in the Museum Ships operating event. With just the four operators over 600 QSOs were made! The picture below is the front of their new QSL card soon to be delivered to WE8Z. The antennas were simple dipoles



with K8KIC and K8NP holding down 20m for over 400 QSOs and W8YFT and WE8Z handling over 200 QSOs on 40m. Each station was running about 300 watts. The bottom two pictures show their antennas; the antenna next to the stack is the 20m dipole with the 40 shown in the clear in the other photo.

Toledo is not that far away and the boys could certainly use some additional operators. This event is gaining in popularity and it's a real chance for fun as well as the opportunity to sharpen operating skills that would be used in emergencies and other operating events. You don't have to be an "Extra", you don't have to be a contester nor DXer; it's an operating "event" a "rag chew" and a lot of fun. Why not make a promise to yourself to join the guys next year at the "Schoonmaker" and treat yourself to some real amateur radio away from repeaters and enjoy the hf bands we are privileged to have.

Here is a short history of the "Schoonmaker":



The steamship *Willis B Boyer* began life on July 1, 1911 in Detroit as the *SS Col James Schoonmaker*. At the time of her launch she took the title of Queen of the Lakes which is given to the biggest ship on the Great Lakes. She became the flagship of the Shenango Furnace Company. She broke many cargo records for iron ore, grain and coal in her first year. She was powered by a triple expansion steam engine which was later replaced by a steam turbine in 1955. She sailed as part of the Shenango's fleet until 1969 when she was sold to the Interlake Steamship Co who chartered the Schoonmaker to the Republic Steel Corporation.

After a three year charter to that company Interlake decided to sell her to the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co. They operated the laker for 7 years in the iron trade until she was laid up in 1980 due to a downturn in the steel industry which she served. After sitting unwanted for 7 years the city of Toledo, Ohio decided to

purchase her for use as a museum.



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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 16, 2012

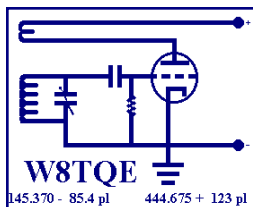
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