

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. I hope you have been enjoying our Indian summer in the winter. The weather has sure been strange this year, but you have got to love 70° temperatures in March. As long as we remember we may still get some more snow yet. After all it is just the beginning of spring. The only bad thing with the way the weather has been changing is the storms. Hopefully we won't have any more tornados.

Since Ted K8AQM didn't get my letter last month, I will touch on some of the things I mentioned. On March 17th, Norm W8TTH and I went to the Marshall Hamfest, The Living History Event in Kalamazoo, and an antique tractor show in Auburn, Indiana. It was certainly a busy day, but we had a great time. We also attended the Toledo Hamfest the next day. Both of the hamfests were good shows and a lot of people attended them both.

There is currently a General Class being held every Tuesday night at Ted's home beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is probably getting very close to testing night, but you will have to check with Ted.

This year is certainly going fast. April is almost over and it will be Dayton Hamvention time again soon. We always have such a good time with all of our friends at all of the shows, but Dayton is the Big Kahuna of Hamfests and if you have never been you definitely need to go at least once in your lifetime. You will never forget it. However, let's hope they don't have any sewage problems this year like they had last year. I really felt sorry for the poor vendors out in the flea market area near the explosion as it was certainly a smelly and disgusting mess. I was glad our spaces were on the other end of the flea market. Hopefully the powers that be will make sure we all have a better event this year.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on the 30th,
Ginny W8TTX

This Month's Program

This month's program will be the presentation of the T32 trip of KG8CO, K8AQM and others. The Powerpoint program will be about an hour.

A View of the Great Lakes Area

How about this for a spiffy view from space? This photo was taken from the space station and

one of the amazing features of this photo is the northern lights that are clearly visible and were visible from Michigan that night.

If you have ever been on the air during a northern lights event you know it plays havoc with the amateur bands. Not only the HF bands but also the VHF bands and many VHF enthusiasts look forward to the event as the bands “open” even though the “audio” of signals can be very distorted. We experienced this phenomenon while in Rogers City last year during the Museum Ships event.



KC8OGW, A Founding Father

The picture below was in the Adrian Telegram this past month. Don is not the only “ham” who is or was involved in the “Bits & Pieces RC Airplane Club” (love that name...Bits and Pieces!). Other amateurs who have or are involved either with RC airplane or the club include Dick K8GX, Dave K8AA, Jim W1SJG and Mark NU8Z.

Many of the operating frequencies for RC control are very close and include frequencies in the six meter band. During the summer month you can hear the planes buzzing through the air at Heritage Park.



Don Garmon of Adrian, the founding father of the Bits & Pieces RC Airplane Club, dusts off a radio-controlled plane March 24 at the club's annual air show at Adrian Mall.

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...K8AQM got ANOTHER bug? That makes twelve now.
 ...T32TR QSLs are beginning to arrive to the deserving?
 ...K8UV is again a regular in the 10m CW nets?
 ...NU8Z is considering some golf tricks and needs a “volunteer” to help him?
 ...N8AMM now has over 100 countries confirmed?
 ...Plans are shaping up for the Museum Ship event? See WE8Z for more info on the Toledo ship.
 ...at the moment we have no one to teach the Tech Class?
 ...K8KIC is excited, he'll be playing euchre again soon? And eating ice cream and cashews!
 ...N8AMM was manning the 15m CW station in the MiQP this year at K8XXX?
...the “Pre Dayton Sale” will be May 5th at the CAP building? Bringing your “to sell at Dayton” items!
 ...rumor has it the Huron lightship will again be active in the Museum Ships Event?
 ...KG8CO has his beverages down from the farmer's fields now?
 ...Larry KD8SF is now Larry W8KKK wow?
 ...KG8CO is having a “nifty” tuned input installed in his MLA-2500 amplifier?
 ...K8AQM has a new-old 2 element HB9CV tribander installed?
 ...it's time to get those antenna upgrades and plans going?
 ...KB8TQB is recovering from another round of surgeries?
 ...K8NP bought the 200 watt TS-480 xcvr?
 ...KG8CO is making plans for his insulated base 160m tower/vertical?
 ...WE8Z and gang are thinking QRO and yagi for the Museum Ships event this year in Toledo?
 ...the Rogers City gang will have two new operators this year, N8RAY and K8JHR?
 ...K8AQM “found seven new runs of coax out to his towers? You can't have too many antennas!
 ...KD8GIY Frank is ready for his general exam? Way to go Frank!

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the Civil Air Patrol building at Lenawee County Airport on 3-26-2012. The meeting was called to order by president Ginny W8TTH at 7:00 PM. The following persons were present Ginny W8TTH, Larry W8LNR, Neil KC8DAR, Dick K8DX, Mark NU8Z, Ted K8AQM, Bob K2IBM, and Bill KA8ARK. The financial report by Mark Nu8Z showed a balance of \$7,327.51. The students in the General Class are meeting at Ted K8AQM's house. Badges are being ordered at \$10.00 each. A recruitment day with Ham club, Civil Air Patrol, and Coast Guard members is to be held on Field day 6-23 at the airport. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Adrian Amateur radio club met at the CAP building on 3-26-2012 with 20 persons present. The 50/50 drawing was won by Blair K8ALR who gratuitously returned his winnings to the repeater fund. A motion by Mark NU8Z to accept the February minutes as published in the Tickler second by Bill KA8ARK passed. The treasurers report by Mark NU8Z showed a balance of \$7,327.51 motion by Bob K2IBM second by Bill KD8WSL passed. A combined recruiting meeting with the Ham Club, Coast Guard, and Civil Air Patrol is planned for Field Day (June 23) at the Lenawee County Airport during the Summer Blast event. Mark NU8Z has been working on a website publicizing special event W8Cedarville June 1&2. The meeting was adjourned.

Ted K8AQM presented a fine DVD on Ham radio in England during World War II.
 Bill KA8ARK secretary.

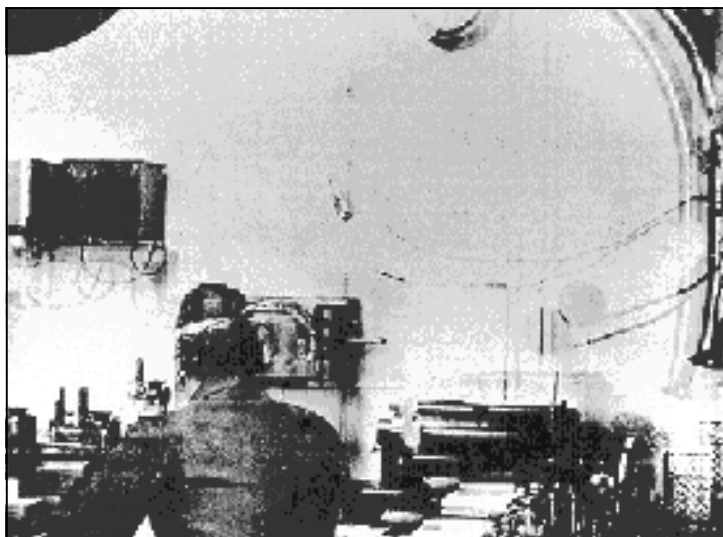
Titanic



The past month has been the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the “unsinkable ship”, RMS Titanic of the White Star Lines. The Titanic sank April 15, 1912 at 0620 GMT after striking an iceberg near three times larger than the ship. 1514 passengers lost their lives in this disaster.

GR100MGY is the call-sign of an Amateur Radio Special Event Station licensed to operate from Tuesday 10th April to Monday 16th April 2012 being 100 years after the ill-fated voyage of RMS Titanic. It is being organized and operated by members of the Wey Valley Amateur Radio Group with help from members of the Guildford & District Radio Society.

Within amateur radio we recognize that this event marked the first time that Morse code saved so many lives at sea. Jack Phillips (1887-1912) was the liner’s Chief Marconi Wireless Operator. He perished only after sending distress signals in Morse right until the ship foundered, thereby saving hundreds of lives. Jack was from Godalming, Surrey, where his heroism is constantly recalled. To the left is the only known photo of the Titanic’s radio room. It is unknown whether the operator in the photo is Jack Phillips.



In addition to **GR100MGY**,

GI100MGY was on the air from Belfast, Northern Ireland. Belfast is where the Titanic was built 1911. Project White Star station **GI100MGY** celebrated the 100th anniversary of the loss of the RMS Titanic. The station made 1031 contacts over the weekend of 14th/15th April 2012 in 52 countries

Finally, a third station also from Northern Ireland, **GI2012MGY** ran from April 12-18 from onboard the SS Nomadic, the last surviving link to the Titanic and the White Star Line. The station operated mere yards from where the Titanic and indeed the Nomadic were built.

The final wireless message sent from the Titanic:

"SOS SOS CQD CQD MGY. We are sinking fast. Passengers are being put into boats. MGY."



MiQP 2012 @ K8XXX

Another multi-multi effort in the Michigan QSO Party from N8CC's station running K8XXX, and a good time was had by all! Here is a collection of the SSB ops in Jeff's main shack. Of course by now you know Jeff has a 200 foot tower with stacked 2 element 40m yagis, stacked 4 element 20m yagis, stacked 5 element 15m yagis, stacked 5 element 10m yagis and an 80m loops at 180 feet. Of course the five stations were all running 1000 watts and this year the computers were all linked and the stations had voice keyers. The voice keyers are and were a bit of an issue and there are "bugs" to be worked out with them for next year. In the top picture are the 80 and 40m stations, with K8MU and N8UUP at the controls. The "young buck" shown is KD and the "old dude" shown before is WA8ICK and W8DF with the big smile. We're not sure who the "stranger" is in the bottom picture because we have never seen him operate before! The picture on the right is N8CC standing with WA8ICK to his left and K8JHR in the foreground.



We didn't think there was the same level of activity this year as in the past and the upper bands were really "long". The "long" is good for DXing and many ZL, VK and JA stations were worked on 15 and 10m meters but that certainly cut down our "domestic" numbers. Even with the "less than desired" conditions we had a great time. There was plenty of food and K8JHR not only made a great pasta dish, he got his wife to make some OUTSTANDING cookies! There was a chili pot and lots of snacks so no one went hungry in the SSB shack.

Here are some numbers comparing the this year to last year.

Band	2011	2012
75m	262	273
40m	620	641
20m	653	532
15m	223	269
10m	0	21
Totals	1758	1736

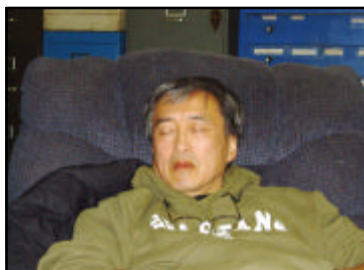
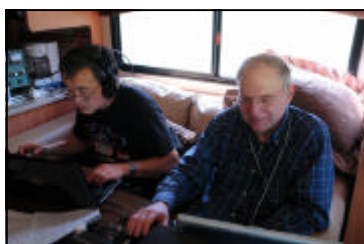
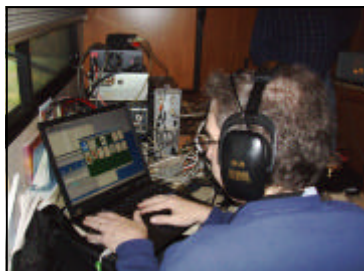
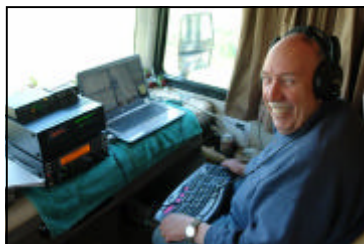


A small drop in numbers; mults are yet to be determined.

And now the cw effort. Much is said about the SSB station; the CW crew operates "field day"



style. We operated from a “new” shack this year. Jeff’s folks “upgraded their winter Arizona travel home to the beautiful coach shown there in the two right hand pictures. Our power is supplied by the PTO driven generator shown in the picture. For antennas this year we improved; two 40 foot towers



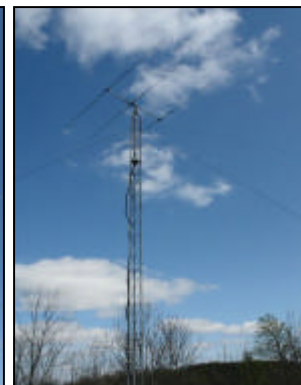
ers supported a two element 20m yagi and a three element 10m yeagi shown in the photos below. On 80m, 40m and 15m we used dipoles. The W8TTH portable 40 foot tower was used to support the center of our 80m dipole; all in all we had very good antennas.

Space was at a premium inside the motor home. On the left N8AMM and K8KS are operating 15m (350 watts) and 40m(KW). NF8J operated 20m from the passenger seat. Paul had a K3 and the new 500 watt Elecraft amp ...very sweet! K2KW operated 80m with a K3 and KW and while running during lulls Kenny managed a good game of solitaire and read the paper! You can see our crowded condi-



tions as K8KQY tries to slide by and get to the 15m position next to K8KS on 40m. I operated 10m and filled in where required.

We caught K8KS “napping” during a break and N8AMM looks totally confused during his run on 15m. Just as the SSB guys had a great time we did too on CW. Here are some numbers and you can see they’re similar to the SSB numbers:



Band	2011	2012
80m	213	184
40m	241	293
20m	210	170
15m	87	51
10m	7	49
Totals	758	747

It was quite a year of changes and we hope to improve next year as we go for the “million point” effort under one call.



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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

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K8ADM has access to Echo Link

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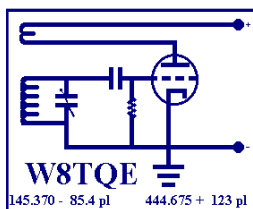
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