

Michigan QRP Club 2015 Picnic

The Michigan QRP Club annual picnic was held on July 11, 2015. As in past years, it was held at Bear Creek Park in Oakland Township. This facility is well cared for and clean. The play area is nice for the smaller kids and was enjoyed by the grand children in attendance.

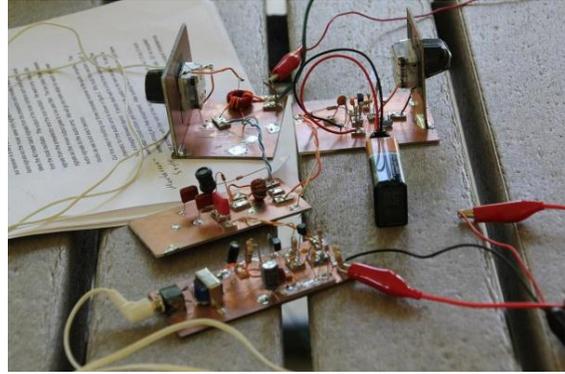


Several tables were filled with swap items and the MI QRP candy store was available to buy wares and renew memberships. A few items actually changed hands. Most in attendance were interested in what was available to eat instead of purchasing.

The TenTec Rebel was one of the highlights of the day. Many took the opportunity to give it a go on the air. But no contacts were made because the IARU contest was in progress. That is the excuse that was given anyway.

The down side of the location is that there are a lot of trees that surround the pavilion. Although it is great for hanging antennas, most of the RF just gets absorbed in the building and surrounding trees.





Ed Kwik, AB8DF brought the developing MI QRP Club receiver project to demonstrate the progress he is making. As pictured, Ed seems to be in thought about something. Maybe he is head copying a station on the receiver? Anyway check out the receiver write up on our Web Page.



Ric, KD8QNZ is checking out the food at a distance while Jim, KB8TVZ, Ned KD8FCB and Tim, K8NWD are not wasting any time sampling the chicken, chunky cut fried potatoes, and coleslaw. There were no complaints about the food! Everything was very delicious!



After the meal it was time for the drawing of door prizes! Everyone had high expectations of receiving that special item. Ernie, W8WX distributed the prizes as our President Jim, KB8TXZ drew the names/numbers. The common prize for a lot of the winners was the Chinese Pixie.

Everyone watched as Stan, AC8W received his Pixie. We were seeking a commitment from him to build it! Thanks Ned for the donation of the Chinese Pixies!!!



Observe the tummies! Most of us could have passed on seconds. But so as not to offend Ernie and Ed we all over ate! With much thanks and appreciation for those who helped make this another successful picnic we got together to say "thank you" by having a group picture taken for a remembrance of the event.

Front Row: Ned--KD8FCB Ric--KD8QNZ Pete--WK8S

Middle Row: Ed--AB8DF Ernie--W8XW Bill--KU8H Rich--K8MEG Helene--W8MEG

Back Row: Noz--AD7TN Jim--KB8TXZ Kathy--KB8VMZ Greg--KB8QNW Trish--K8AAMX

Stan--AC8W Tim--K8NWD

Not pictured: Pete's wife and grandchildren and Carolyn--wife of KU8H