

# The Tickler

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

Hello everyone. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer so far. The weather has certainly been unpredictable lately. We really haven't had a lot of nice days this year.

Hope everyone had a great time once again at the Ice Cream Social at the August meeting. The weather stayed good for us all night. We would like to thank Ted (K8AQM) and Judy (WD8LCH) for sharing their home with us.

Don't forget officer nominations will be held next Friday night at the September meeting. If you want to run for an office make sure you get your wishes heard.

Norm and I went to several hamfests in August. We visited Angola, Jackson, and Peotone and had a great time at all of them. The Peotone hamfest was quite large and compared to the Findlay hamfest which is held in September. I believe it is on September 12<sup>th</sup> this year and we will be attending it as we always have in the past.

I hope everyone remembers **SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>** is our hamfest. Once again we will put out plenty of Adrian Hamfest flyers at the Findlay hamfest. If anyone is planning on attending the Findlay Hamfest, please look Norm and I up. I always can use help putting flyers on cars and passing them out to vendors. Since this is just the week before our hamfest it is the best time to get our sales pitch in to the public. I encourage all of you to attend the September meeting to find out where you can help. Whether you help with set up, parking, vendors, food sales, or cleanup - I am sure we have a place for you. See Eric (K8JWV) if you can help out in any way. The hamfest is where we get most of our money to keep our club and station operating. I will once again be in the kitchen slaving away.

Neil (KC8DAR) has once again managed to secure the fairgrounds for our hamfest next year. I hope everyone lets him know how important his quest is for the club's future.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on the 2<sup>rd</sup> and the hamfest on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

73 for now,

Ginny W8TTX

## DL7UX, Horst

Jack, KC8A recently received his annual birthday wish from Horst, DL7UX who lives in Berlin. Horst has visited the Adrian Radio Club and is a regular DX participant with our local contests... Michigan QSO Party, DXpeditions sponsored by our local club members, etc. Horst has been hosted by Bob, KB8HW and Sally, WB8VBP as by Jack, KC8A. Jack visited Horst and his XYL Hannelore many years ago in Berlin.



**HORST, DL7UX**  
Berlin, Germany

For many years Horst DL7UX has been a friend of the Adrian ARC and has had many QSOs with many of us in the past years. It's good to see Horst and his station. Look closely and you'll see Horst is a fan of Icom equipment. Jack and Horst have had both low band QSOs and QSOs via Echo Link on the K8ADM repeater.

TNX Jack for sharing the picture with us.

## BOARD APPROVES REGULATION BY BANDWIDTH

The ARRL Board of Directors approved a proposal to segregate amateur bands based upon bandwidth of transmitted signal. This method of assigning sub-bands would replace the current system that designates where we may operate by our mode of transmission. If adopted, essentially all that would change is the way we refer to sub-bands. For example, where we currently think in terms of frequencies open to SSB, we instead would think in terms of where we could use its approximate bandwidth. This bandwidth is typically considered to be about 2.7-2.8 kHz. SSB sigs would fit very nicely into the 3.5 kHz sub-band that would be available to them. (I pushed for a wider sub-band, but this didn't work out.) Similar situations would relate to CW, the several digital forms, etc.

The big deal about this proposal is that it would enable hams to return to the leading edge of development in communication technology. And, yes, there are provisions for AM, FM, etc. Whenever changes are made in long established practices, confusion often occurs. Not surprisingly, this is true of the Bandwidth regulation proposal. What is the uncertainty? The principal question I've been asked is, How am I supposed to measure the bandwidth of my transmissions? The answer: The Bandwidth proposal would require us to do nothing we are not required to do now. Unless someone is involved in in-depth development of new forms of transmission, we generally don't measure bandwidth, now. We will not need to measure it in the future. Think of it this way. Under existing regulations, we talk in terms of SSB, ATV, SSTV, CW, etc. What actually is going on is that the regs authorize us to use these modes provided the signals we transmit satisfy requirements of good operating practices -- which include proper transmitted bandwidth. Even though we think in terms of mode, we operate in terms of bandwidth. As typical operators we generally rely on the quality of our equipment and its components, as well as on reports of the quality of our signal (that we receive from fellow hams or by monitoring our own transmitted signals) to determine that our SSB, CW, PSK-31 or other emission quality is good and inside designated sub-bands. Nothing about the Bandwidth proposal would change this.

## *AARC Club Gossip! .....*

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

... K8AA spent time with the slot machines last month? Wonder if he won or lost?  
 ... W8TTH has a "beautiful" new Gold Wing?  
 ... WE8Z and Beth are enjoying their new fifth wheel?  
 ... K8AQM got his restored Collins KWS-1 back?  
 ... this month is the Adrian ARC Hamfest and K8JWV needs your help?  
 ... NU8Z was planning to go mobile for the Ohio QSO Party ... alone!  
 ... K8AA got his big antennas switching and working again?  
 ... you missed a great ice cream social last month if you didn't come?  
 ... K8KIC and K8GX still are QRV on Tuesday nights cw at 8:00 PM on 28.050?  
 ... K2IBM supplied those great Ice Cream Social pictures?  
 ... NU8Z is now flying RC airplanes and according to K8AA, Mark is doing quite well?  
 ... W8TTX is healing quite nicely from her motorcycle scrapes?  
 ... it's time to think about nominations for club officers again?  
 ... KG8CO and K8AQM are going to try to get a crane in to their QTH's to raise new antennas?  
 ... W8CFP needs all our best wishes?  
 ... the time to work on antennas is now, the hawk cometh!  
 ... we have no dealers for our hamfest? We need lots of trunk sales!  
 ... the FCC will most likely abolish all CW requirements for amateur radio licensing?  
 ... K8AQM will be heading to the North Atlantic (FP) in late November for the CQWW CW DX 'Test'?  
 ... N8CC got a nice settlement with the insurance company for his lightening damage, TNX K8TLT?  
 ... KC8DAR is off to Tennessee for Labor Day? Will he use the radio?  
 ... K8NP, N8QEW and WE8Z will all be "snow birds" this year?  
 ... W8TTH has ham radio, CB, regular AM/FM and XM satellite radio on his new Gold Wing?  
 ... KC8A is still having regular QSOs with Horst DL7UX in Berlin?  
 ... K8TLT has some very good material on limiting lightening damage to your station? Talk to him.  
 ... the Findlay Hamfest is September 11?  
 ... this could be our last hamfest?

## AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at Ted K8AQM's QTH on August 5, 2005 and was called to order by president Jenny W8TTX at 7:00pm. There were approximately 30 persons present. We discussed the upcoming Hamfest and the need for members to come forth to volunteer to help with setup and other jobs. The treasurer, Dave K8AA reported a balance of \$3,487.13. The club meeting continued with a motion by Bob K2IBM to accept the financial statement, second by Alan N8TIB. The motion passed. The minutes of the July meeting were approved upon a motion by Harold WA8QPS second Ken K8KIC. Under old business we discussed the Hamfest and the need for volunteers for setup and other jobs. The phone bill for the repeater site in the amount of \$41.50 for the month was paid. The meeting was adjourned to the ice cream table upon a motion by Jim W1SJG second by Alan N8TIB. Bill KA8ARK, Secretary.



## Ice Cream Social 2005

For the second year now the annual ice cream social has been held at my QTH (K8AQM). This year the weather cooperated perfectly and there were no mosquitoes until well after dark. KC8DAR brought the ice cream for the club and everyone brought their favorite toppings. K2IBM used his digital camera to record the event while W8TTX and the officers kept the meeting short so we could spend more time eating and socializing. Here are several of Dr. Bob's pictures:



The top two pictures show the gathering of some of the gang during the very short meeting. It was a very relaxed atmosphere with plenty of banter. I even tried to comment when K8KIC came that I was really sorry we were out of ice cream but Ken could "see right through" my joke. Or maybe he was ready for war if it were true? Anyway, the next part of the meeting was the best as everyone hit the ice cream table. Gee, can you guess what flavor K8AA enjoys the most? Easy on the chocolate there Dave! Several of the club members brought addition goodies of caloric delight so there was plenty for all. Ginny even thought to bring sugar free ice cream for those of us for whom sugar is a definite "no-no".

It was a good time and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was the first time W8TTX was able to get out of the house after her bout with cars and motorcycles. My dog Maggie enjoyed herself and found a friend who enjoyed her company. Finally what can I say about the choice of Norm's T-shirt? Count on Norm to point out his right-wing....not Gold Wing... tendencies. Thanks again to K2IBM for



the great pictures. I hope you can make the next ice cream social meeting.



Ginny, you look much better without those bruises!

To the right is "Maggie" who also enjoyed herself at the social. Maggie is the yellow lab just incase you weren't sure! And "no" she didn't eat any ice cream, although she did get extra Milk-bones during the social.



## Hamfest 2005, September 18

It's that time again, "Hamfest 2005" and time for the club to rally around Eric K8JWV and lend a hand. Eric needs volunteers to work the gates of the fair grounds, kitchen help with Ginny and Art, early morning setup of the inside building, talk-in operators and flea market trunk sales workers with Mark NU8Z. This year will be especially important for us to set an example to have people return next year. We have NO VENDORS at this time so the entire hamfest will be local sellers both inside and in trunk sales. If you have something you can sell then by all means, bring it and set up to sell during the fest.

Just something to think about guys; our date now collides with a major two day hamfest over in the Chicago area. The dealers go there as opposed to our little hamfest. If we are to survive as a hamfest then perhaps we need to find another date. Tradition is grand but it doesn't pay the club bills so we had better come up with a "Plan B". Talk to the board if you have any ideas.

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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

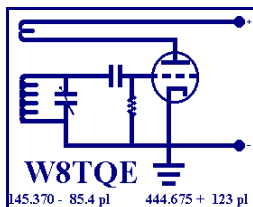
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan  
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan  
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan  
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

### Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 18, 2005  
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