

# The Tickler

## From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. Hope you are surviving our changing weather. I am sure glad we haven't gotten all the snow that has been predicted so far this year. I like the precipitation in rain a lot more than I do as snow.

There was no program last month, but Mark (NU8Z) will present a program this month entitled "Beacon Dxing". Once again I want to remind everyone that Mark is an excellent speaker and well worth your time to come and hear his program.

This year's Technician classes will be held this Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and next Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Once again we will be using the video format. It worked well last year. I have had quite a few people respond to the article in The Telegram and/or the flyers that Don (KC8OGW) has so graciously got out to the public. I believe the cost for the test is the same this year, but I haven't spoken with Kevin (N8JMN) yet. Remember to tell your friends that they can take the Technician, Morse Code, General, and Extra class tests all on that night as long as they keep passing. Where can you get a better bargain than that?

Norm and I once again went to the Mansfield Hamfest in Mansfield, Ohio in February. And once again there were a lot of people and they seemed to be spending this year. Also, don't forget March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Marshall hamfest and March 20<sup>th</sup> is the TMRA (Toledo Mobile Radio Association) Hamfest. Once again I would like to invite everyone to the Adrian Amateur Radio club's new website. It is w8tqe.com and Bob (K2IBM) is the webmaster. Let Bob know if you would like to see something added to the site.

I would like to mention that Muriel Etter (KC8DAT) once again made the news. A couple of months ago for her marriage and now she was nominated for Citizen of the Year. What an inspiration she should be to us all. There was a very nice article in The Telegram on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> about her. Keep those pictures and articles going to Ted (K8AQM) our Tickler Editor. He is doing a fabulous job.

Goodbye for now. See you on March 7<sup>th</sup> for the meeting.

73,

Ginny W8TTX

Bud Rohda, KA8ATI, joined his wife with the Lord and became a silent key on February 8, 2005. His wife Marilyn, WD8LXL, passed away a year and a half ago. Bud was a very active ham mainly on phone and CW, but also dabbled a little with ATV (Amateur Television). Bud was the controller of the KA8ATI repeater coordinated on 145.10, which was located in Ridgville Corners, Ohio. Bud was a member of the Fulton County Amateur Radio Club and a friend of many of our AARC members. Several of our members were pallbearers at his funeral.

Most of our members met Bud through the Midnight Madness Net, which Bud ran every Monday through Friday night on the Fulton County repeater 147.195 starting at 11 p.m. In his honor, the net is still going with a slight revision to the name. It is now called Bud's Midnight Madness Net. Other members met him at the hamfests, which he enjoyed so much. Others met him through Friday night Fish and Chicken dinner at West Unity where we all met quite frequently.

We met Bud and Marilyn shortly after Norm, W8TTH, and I became hams. They came into our lives at a time when my daughters and I needed support. I had recently lost my father and then a grandfather. Bud and Marilyn became their adoptive grandparents and became two of our closest friends over the last 13 years. When Norm and I were married, Bud and Marilyn went with us and were our witnesses. At hamfests we were always together. We would usually drive to their place and then split up. Norm would go with Bud and I with Marilyn and we would stop for breakfast before the hamfest and lunch afterwards. Bud loved the hamfests, not because he needed to buy any equipment, but because he wanted to be with his friends. Bud always attended the AARC Hamfest and we will miss him this year.

Those of us who knew Bud will never forget him. He had a unique disposition and personality. It was hard to get Bud upset with you, because it wasn't in his nature to get mad. The guys all liked to pick on him and he enjoyed it as much as they did.

73s,

Ginny W8TTX

## “HISTORY OF ALL FOOLS DAY”

**By: Marjie KB8TMM**

Please bear with me, OK? This of course has nothing to do with amateur radio, but sometimes we need to diversify at some point. Also, I know of some “hams” that love to play practical jokes, so here goes.....

**Noted humorist, Mark Twain once said, “The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364(5) days if the year.”**

Hmm...at first this seems a very profound statement for such a frivolous. Fun-loving day but let us look further. It would seem this is **the** day we play jokes on our family, friends and co-workers all in the name of “**good fun**.” “Look your shoe lace is untied”, or “Look! A flock of geese is flying over.” Of course many of us fall for that and look only to be laughingly mocked with “**April Food** ☺” Or maybe you are into more elaborate schemes like putting salt in the sugar bowl, or setting clocks ahead or behind an hour. YIKES! I don’t want a friend like that....LOL. Generally speaking April Fool jokes are meant in good fun and not meant to harm. The best April Fool joke is when everyone laughs including the victim.

**There is nevertheless**, a history to this humorous day. In the sixteenth century France, the start of the New Year, was on April 1. Celebrated much the same as we celebrate New Years Eve. But alas, in 1562 Pope Gregory introduced a **new calendar**, for the Christian world. However, news didn’t travel as fast as in today’s world, and many people were still celebrating the April 1 day as they always had. These people became known as **April Fools**, for not knowing or believing the calendar had indeed, been changed. And the rest, we shall say is history. Incidentally the British are the ones credited with bringing this holiday with them to the USA.

*Ed note: Thanks to Marjie Willey, KB8TMM for this fine article. Please submit articles and ideas and help the editor!*

## April Fools!

**Or**

## “To Dream the Impossible Dream”

W8TTX resigns as Club President.

KB8OWG receives his 30 wpm CW certificate.

W8TTH cleans his ham shack.

KC8GTA is removed from a club meeting for talking too much.

KG8CO shows up for a club meeting.

NU8Z no longer works DX, becomes a “net control station.”

K8AA resigns as club treasurer.

KC8DAR is no longer on the board.

WA8QPS can’t be heard on 2M in the morning.

K8KIC becomes a Democratic Candidate for the Michigan Senate.

KG8EF grows hair!

WE8Z grows hair!

K8AQM leans to keep his foot out of his mouth!

## AARC Club Gossip! .....

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

...NU8Z is thinking about one of Ten Tec's super rigs, the Orion?  
 ...K8KS is also thinking about an Orion?  
 ...N8CC has built a single band 1500 watt amps? 160M of course!  
 ...K8KIC and K8GX are still rag chewing on 10M Tuesday evening?  
 ...W8TTH has entered the broadband age?  
 ...K8AQM has a new laptops...sweet!  
 ...Michigan QSO Party is coming up in April?  
 ...it's time to start thinking about antenna work?  
 ...KB8TMM has contributed to this month's Tickler with a fine article?  
 ...the club station is gathering a FB collection of wallpaper (certificates and plaques)?  
 ...W8EZ will have his new fifth wheel by the next club meeting (April)?  
 ...the Monday night gang is still gathering at the CAP?  
 ...W8LNR went eyeball to eyeball with K8KS,,in surgery?  
 ...W8LNR is starting to think about his "spring time" erection again?  
 ...no one has heard from K8JWV in ages?  
 ...rumor has it the "silver bullet" may not make it to Dayton? Say it ain't so!  
 ...K8AA is taking money for Dayton tickets? Now!  
 ...since you're reading this K2IBM is back from Florida?  
 ...W8CFP(in Florida) and KG8CO talk daily via "Echo Link"? Cool!  
 ...you should be thinking about gear for the annual "Pre Dayton Swap" at the CAP on May 7?  
 ...Saturday morning still sees the gang gather for breakfast at Treat and 223? Join us!

## AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board meeting was held February 4, 2005 at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport, beginning at 7:00 pm. Those present were President Ginny W8TTX, Mark NU8Z, Art KC8GTA, Dave K8AA, Norm W8TTH, Dick K8GX, Larry W8LNR and Bill KA8ARK. The financial statement presented by Dave K8AA showed a balance of \$4,850.69. The meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at 7:30 pm at the Civil air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport with 20 persons present, roll call was by call sign. The financial report was presented by Dave K8AA and showed a balance of \$4,850.69. A motion was presented by Harold WA8QPS second by Don KC8OGW. Motion passed. The Minutes as printed in the Tickler were approved upon a motion (with Dick K8GX's call sign being corrected) by Ken K8KIC, Norm W8TTH second. Motion passed. Old business The club Website has been approved as W8TQE.com. Cletus K8TLT will be traveling and will be communicating on 14,338 Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. He also announced that he has a Web cam up 30 feet. Dave K8AA is collecting \$20 each for Dayton Hamvention tickets. Liability Insurance is up for renewal. Norm motioned with Phil K8HCL second to pay the \$500 bill. Skywarn classes will be held April 19 at 7:00 pm at Clinton High School. New Ham classes are tentatively planned for March 5 & 12 at the CAP building beginning at 8:00 AM. Phil announced a meeting of the computer club at the county library the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00pm with the topic being on micro programmer interface controllers. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Harold WA8QPS second by Don KC8OGW. Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

## KH6BB Calling...

### Operating from “The Mighty MO” Battleship

On our way to operating from Samoa(5W) last summer, Dave and I spent a few days in Honolulu and especially at Pearl Harbor. In this picture you can see the famed Arizona Memorial and the Battleship Missouri secured off Ford Island in the middle of Pearl Harbor.



Brian KG8CO had earlier operated from this ship and since Dave and I would be in KH6 for a few days awaiting our southern flight, we decided to contact The Battleship Missouri Amateur Radio Club and see if we could also operate from this unique shack. Our contact was through the President of the club, Ned KH7JJ and we were certainly welcome to come operate the station. Of course operating was our first interest and what caught our eye were the antennas we would use. The two antenna used for operating the club station are shown below.

The antenna on the left is the discone antenna located at the bow of the ship. This is a multi-wired antenna and can tune through the 1.8-30 MHz range. Used for HF communications, this antenna is the main antenna

used by the club station,

KH6BB. K8AA used this antenna for 20M and 17M as he operated rtty and psk with his K2/100 transceiver. The antenna(s) on the right are quite interesting. They are a pair of 27 ft. high whips with an unknown separation and located on the flying bridge. What's really interesting is the fact they will tune anywhere between 3.0-30 MHz with a 1:1 swr! Hmm, neat trick but I'd hate to think what the efficiency of this antenna system is.

I used this antenna operating cw on 30M, 20M and 17M with my K2/100. Despite my doubts about how much rf was radiated, I managed to work about 75 stations during my operating.







From this unique shack. Dave worked rtty and psk while I concentrated on cw. Conditions were not great but all in all it was a great way to pass the days until our flight southward.

Ned KH7JJ was a great host and offered many insights and history of the Missouri. Here Ned is explaining the communications gear used for rtty and showing me the rtty gear used on the ship. Ned explained the Missouri had 19 HF receivers all with independent sidebands and had a bank of 10 2.5 kilowatt HF transmitters. Even with this great array of HF gear, the Missouri, in her latter days, used VHF and UHF gear for most of her communications. Today the goal of the club is to try and restore and acquire all the equipment used by the Missouri before she was de-commissioned.



If you're lucky enough to work "The Mighty Mo" this is the QSL sent by the club. And in addition to the Missouri there are other ship/clubs with QSLs and in fact, there is even a weekend when all battleships are put on the air and what fun that would be chasing those!

Thanks to K8AA for the great pictures and a special thanks to Ned KH7JJ and the great guys of the Battle Ship Missouri Amateur Radio Club for our opportunity to operate from this truly unique station.

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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

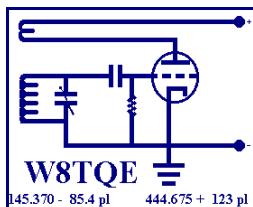
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan  
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan  
N8QZO 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan  
N8QZO has access to Echo Link

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

September 18, 2005  
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