

# The Ticker

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

Hello everybody. The weather seems to be holding out fairly well for us this fall, not too hot or too cold.

Adrian Amateur Radio Club Hamfest 2005 turned out successful as far as I can tell. Dave (K8AA) will have the final financial tally for us by the club meeting. We had a lot fewer vendors than we have had in previous years. Let's hope that this is not a trend for us. The crowd of hamfesters seemed to be about average to the past. I can't stress enough to **everyone** that helped with the hamfest how grateful we are for your support. Without you, there would be no hamfest. It is definitely a team effort and we have a great team.

Norm (W8TTH) and I once again went to the Findlay hamfest this year. It had a great turnout. The crowd stayed steady until afternoon. We stayed until around 2 p.m. It was good to see the event go on so long. Even though we had bunches of ticket stubs from all of our friends from Adrian Club, not a one of them won a prize. What a bummer.

September was once again trash pickup month for the Adopt-A-Highway program. Our club has the two-mile stretch between Blissfield city limits and Crockett Highway. On September 10<sup>th</sup>, another team effort was made and I am sure the event took place in record time. The team met at Becky's Restaurant in Blissfield at 7 a.m. for a good breakfast and great conversation. Norm and I did not attend, since we had already left for Findlay the day before. Maybe we can help again next year.

Do not forget to come to the club meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be officer election night and nomination night for the board members.

73,  
Ginny W8TTX

**It is with sadness we have to announce the loss of K8HCL Phil Smith's wife this past month and club member W8CFP, Gary Bishop. Our deepest sympathies and wishes go to the surviving members of their families.**

**Members of the Adrian Amateur Radio Club**

## Silent Key, W8CFP

On September 10, Gary Bishop (W8CFP) lost his battle with cancer. Gary is survived by his wife Jeannette, 2 sons, 2 daughters and several grandchildren. Gary had a zeal for life that compelled him to sample all the world has to offer. He was very involved in his church, a world traveler, enjoyed hunting & fishing, golf, motorcycle riding, sports and among other interest, amateur radio. Gary was a hands on member of AARC always willing to help with projects. Whether Adopt-a-Highway program or bringing Jeannette to the CAP Building on a snowy Saturday morning to help prepare breakfast for one of our early social Saturday events. Many times Gary & I went to Dayton in the spring and looked forward to Findlay after Labor Day. There is no way of knowing how many breakfasts I've bought for him on these trips after losing the flip as he frequently enjoyed! Each trip Gary might introduce us to a wide range of characters he portrayed which might include Inspector Clouseau or Whinnie the Poo's Eeyore or even John from Banner Mattress! By trip's end everyone was having a mattress sale! Gary was one of the early people helping set up at our own Hamfest at the Lenawee Fairgrounds. Will any involved ever forget the summer of the tower parties? Gary always brought his humor when helping on a project, even on a hot Saturday many feet in the air. Always fascinated with gadgets,



Gary enjoyed the technical age we live in always eager to try a new device. On many return trips from Dayton the Silver Bullet carried his latest treasures back to Adrian, even a folding ladder being demonstrated at Dayton he couldn't resist or a knife sharpening tool sold by a fast talking salesman with all the charismatic spiel of a side show barker. His newest cell phone with all it's bells & whistles is only to be understood by

the manufacturer! His Harley is equipped with satellite radio and GPS. This is the guy who proudly displayed his electric socks in deer hunting camp. His most lasting accomplishment was his devotion to family. Many Saturday mornings I chuckled as I heard Gary on the 440 machine calling for his son Brian (KG8CO). Gary & Brian worked together all week yet Gary was still interested in what Brian might be doing on Saturday morning. How ironic a person such as Gary who devoted his entire career to helping people plan for the future had his life cut short leaving a loving wife & family behind. You will be greatly missed W8CFP by all! May you continue to win your breakfast until we meet again and I once more lose the flip!

Neil KC8DAR

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

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

...W8LNR is **finally** beginning to get his TH6 and tower up?  
 ...N8QEW will soon be heading south for the winter and building a flagpole vertical?  
 ...WE8Z will be heading south this winter too?  
 ...Monday night's gathering saw both KS8I and WF8F out to the CAP? Good to see those guys!  
 ...K2IBM has become the "official" club photographer?  
 ...you can find the guys on 10M SSB Tuesday night at 9:00 PM 28325 KHZ?  
 ...you can find K8GX and K8KIC on CW Tuesday night at 8:00 PM 28050 KHZ?  
 ...N8CC will under go bypass surgery Oct. 5?  
 ...KG8CO plans to get his 40M antennas up this fall?

## **AARC Club Minutes**

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The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building on September 2, 2005. President Ginny, W8TTX, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present: Art KC8GTA, Dave K8AA, Dick K8GX, Norm W8TTH, Larry W8LNR, and Neil KC8DAR. Our Secretary was absent.

Discussion determined what old and new business needed to be presented at the club meeting. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the CAP building on September 2, 2003 with 22 people present. Our Secretary was absent.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved on a motion by Harold WA8QPS and a second by Mark NU8Z.

The treasurer's report was read by Ginny W8TTX and was approved on a motion by Norm W8TTH and a second by Denny WE8Z.

#### **Old business**

Discussion was brought up about the Adrian Hamfest coming up on September 18<sup>th</sup> and the need for people to help in all areas. Several that normally are in town to help will be gone for the event. We had several people volunteer to help with the gate, kitchen, parking, and set up detail. Set up people were to report anytime after 3 am for clean up if needed from a reception the night before.

#### **New business**

Nominations of the following people were made for the office of President: Ginny W8TTX, Marge KB8TMM, and Reed WB8VBO.

Mark NU8Z was nominated for the office of Treasurer.

Bill Groover KA8ARK was nominated for the office of Secretary.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Harold WA8QPS and second by Norm W8TTH. Motion passed.

Substitute secretary, Ginny W8TTX



## Preliminary Hamfest Report for 2005

By W8TTX

The hamfest has once again come and gone. Fun was had by all that attended. A special thanks goes out to all that helped with setting up, talk in, prize giveaways, gate, parking, trunk sales, and in the kitchen. Without you we could not have a hamfest.

Attendance of vendors was once again down this year. Inside sales were very limited and Mark NU8Z reports that trunk sales were down by approximately 40%. Overall we did make money, so that is a good thing. I hope that things pick up next year. Maybe gas prices will be back to normal by then and that will promote more attendance of both vendors and shoppers.

Bob K2IBM has supplied some terrific pictures. Some comments are supplied but maybe you have some better comments?



And just exactly where is this hamfest?



Would you buy a used rig from these characters?



Ah Dick? Why is the pavement wet around you?



Hmm, these guys represent our club?



Here are more great photos from K2IBM Dr. Bob. More photos on the next page.

## New Wallpaper

By K8AQM



Last August an operating event known as “Museum Ships on the air” took place. Various ships around the world designated as “museum ships” operated to offer QSOs from these famous ships. The operating event was sponsored this year by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Club. If you worked ten or more of these ships, submitted your log and an SASE a commemorative certificate would be issued. Here is my certificate and a beauty it is. Also qualifying for this certificate were K8AA, K8GX and KG8CO.

Not all the ships on the air were WW II battleships, I even worked a Confederate States of America museum ship.

## More Great Hamfest Pictures from K2IBM!



Ok Randy, just pick one!



N8TIB Alan say, “I didn’t do it! You can’t prove it!”



Now W8WVU and W8YL know how to relax!



K8GX says, “Ok Ken, we can talk this guy down. He doesn’t know beans about prices!”



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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

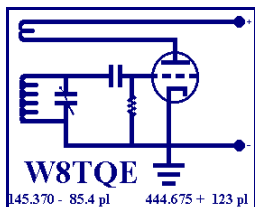
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan  
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan  
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan  
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

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

September , 2006  
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