

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone!

We are having a great summer so far this year. It is a little dryer than usual, but summer is finally here.

There were a couple of hamfest this month that Norm W8TTH and I attended and I am sure others participated as well. The Chelsea Hamfest was this month, but it was a little wet. There seemed to be quite a few people at the show. The Monroe Hamfest was also this month and there was a threat of rain, but we never got more than a few sprinkles. There were also quite a few people present at that show.

On June 9th and 10th some of our members were operating from the Willis B. Boyer Museum Ship located in Toledo. Ted K8AQM will be doing a presentation on the details of the event for our June meeting program. I am sure there will lots of interesting stories to be heard.

On June 23rd, I hope to see some of you help us out at our Field Day/ Lenawee Community Summer Blast booth. We are going to set up in an area right outside of the CAP Building and make contacts for the Field Day operation and also to try and generate an interest in our hobby. The Lenawee Community Summer Blast event runs from 10 am to 5pm and Field Day doesn't officially start until around 2 pm and continues on into Sunday. Even though we probably won't run the station all night, we can still show off our equipment and make some contacts for any observers that may be present for the big event at the airport. Who knows maybe we can even get some new hams out of the event. Please come over and help support your club.

Once again, I would like to remind everyone that Ted (K8AQM) always needs good articles and pictures to put into The Tickler and I know Bob (K2IBM) would like to add anything you would like to the website. These guys both do a fantastic job for all of us and I hope you all enjoy and appreciate them for their efforts.

I am sure I have forgotten to mention something, but maybe I will remember by the meeting. See you all at the meeting on June 25th.

73s,
Ginny W8TTX

This month's program will be a presentation of the Museum Ships operating event from W8WBB and K8HLM; about 45 minutes in length.

The Old Ham

De K8UV

An old ham had a wife who nagged him unmercifully. From morning till night (and sometimes later), she was always complaining about something. The only time he got any relief was when he was out in his shack with his old tube gear and Homebrew Amp working a rag chew on CW.

One day, when he was out in the shack, his wife brought him lunch. He put aside his key, and began to eat his lunch. Immediately, his wife began haranguing him again. Complain, nag, nag; it just went on and on.

All of a sudden, she slammed her hand down on the table top and hit the key and a bolt of RF from the home brew amp surged through her body. . Killed her dead on the spot.

At the funeral several days later, the minister noticed something rather odd. When a woman mourner would approach the old ham, he would listen for a minute, then nod his head in agreement; but when a man mourner approached him, he would listen for a minute, then shake his head in disagreement.

This was so consistent, the minister decided to ask the old ham about it. So after the funeral, the minister spoke to the old ham, and asked him why he nodded his head and agreed with the women, but always shook his head and disagreed with all the men.

The old ham said: "Well, the women would come up and say something about how nice my wife looked, or how pretty her dress was, so I'd nod my head in agreement." "And what about the men?" the minister asked. "They all wanted to know if the Homebrew Amp was for sale".

Restrict 7 Mc. Now!

By: R. Wade Caywood W9KGX
Kansas City, MO

Editor, QST

This is just another letter yelping for a restricted 7 mc. Band.

But-this letter contains the yelps of delegates to the Missouri convention that was held last week. I am enclosing a petition which has been signed by a number of fellows at the convention.

At the C.W. round table 90 percent of the fellows were in favor of a restricted forty-meter band. Nearly everyone thought that an examination should be passed by all operators on the 7-mc. Band.

A minimum of twenty words per minute would be the code requirement, and such technical questions as would lead toward better operating would be asked. The band should be open for DX and message handling. Let the lids use 3.5 and 1.7 mc. Let them use 14 mc. And higher frequencies if they can make a transmitter work there. Can't the League work with the Federal Communications Commission to get something done? Missouri is for it.

Editor's note: The petition bears 34 names. Another similar petition is said to be in existence, but has not been received at A.R.R.L. headquarters.

Oh yeah, this is from the November, 1934 QST magazine. Had you going for a minute didn't I? In 1934 there was no "0" call district. Missouri was in the 9th district. You can learn something new every day.

73, Rich, K8UV

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...Don KB8NVL has changed his call to N8AMM? Don says better on cw!
 ...Denny WE8Z is now a member of SKCC (Straight Key Century Club)?
 ...Larry W8LNR bought K8GX's AL-811A amplifier?
 ...Jeff N8CC took so much of his Omni VI radio apart it took him over a day to put it back together?
 ...K8KIC operated in the June Straight Key Sprint?
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 ...K8UV and K8AQM operated as K9SKC (SKCC Club call) in the June Straight Key Sprint?
 ...KB8NVL, KG8CO and K8AQM received a certificate of merit from USCG Huron lightship?
 ...WE8Z and the "Boyer crew" made 479 QSOs?
 ...the "Boyer crew" worked 3 1/2 CW QSOs?
 ...K8NP acquired some really great and cheap test equipment this month?
 ...KG8CO is looking for an Ameritron AL-811 amplifier?
 ...KB8OXK has a real hard-luck story? Read page five for laughs (sorry Bruce, it is funny)!
 ...a tree...big tree...fell on K8AQM's tower guys wires? Saved the tower, but it was close!
 ...KG8CO has hired a crane to install his big 40 four element yagi and big 20/40m yagi?
 ...Field Day operation this year was at the Lenawee County airport?
 ..."critters" ate K8AA's antenna switch-box cables? Dave "patched" the cables back up.
 ...K8NP, KG8CO, K8KIC, K8UV, KB8ECG, NU8Z, W8YFT, K8HCL, WE8Z, W8TTX, W8TTH
 were all at the Monroe Hamfest?

AARC Club Minutes

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The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building on May 29, 2007. President Ginny, W8TTX, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present: Mark NU8Z, Larry W8LNR, and Dick K8GX. Our Secretary and Vice President were absent.

Ray Johnson W8YFT was a visitor at the board meeting to discuss the Lenawee Community Blast and our possible participation. Other discussion determined what old and new business needed to be presented at the club meeting. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

AARC Meeting Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the CAP building on May 29, 2007 with 22 people present. Our Secretary and Vice President were absent.

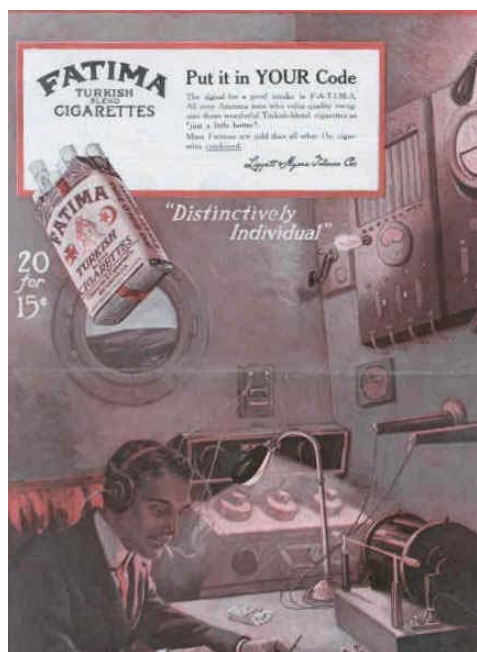
The treasurer's report was read by Mark NU8Z and was approved on a motion by Harold WA8QPS and a second by Joe K8YZA.

Discussion was brought up about the upcoming Lenawee Community Summer Blast and to be held on June 23rd from 10am until 5 pm. This is the same weekend as Field Day. It was decided that we set up a covered area outside of the CAP building on that morning and set up a couple of stations. This will hopefully draw some spectators and may get some new people into our hobby. It was mentioned that the beam needed fixed prior to the event and the Monday night group was to check it out. Several people said they would be available to help out on the day of the event.

The Dayton Hamvention was mentioned and everyone that went had a great time.

It was also mentioned that the Dues are due once again.

Substitute secretary, Ginny W8TTX



An Interesting AD

via K8UV

Here's an interesting add sent from K8UV. Could this ad have been developed for the general public or specifically for naval radio men and amateur operators(in QST)? Twenty cents for fifteen cigarettes seems like a deal with today's prices and the radio equipment in this picture is a hoot! Gee, it seems to me that to be a radio operator in those days (circa early 20s) you must smoke "Fatima" cigarettes and wear a suit and tie while copying CW. Notice there is no microphone at this operator's post and that's quite a tuning control on his receiver!

Thanks Rich for passing along this "ad from the past". It's always a blast to check out magazines from the past and see how far we have come in our hobby. I suspect someday as "hams" are sitting in space stations and on other planets they'll chuckle over our "ancient" Yaseu, Icom, Kenwood and Flex radios. What goes around, come around.

Museum Ships Event 2007

So much to tell! The Adrian ARC had two crews involved in this operating event as radiomen and several club members were active from their home stations. This will be just a brief description as



the club presentation this month will be a Power Point presentation on the two operations.

Denny WE8Z headed a crew up on the "SS Willis B. Boyer" in Toledo, OH with K8KIC, W8YFT and NU8Z. Visiting the "Boyer" operation was Dave KC8TQB and his XYL Marg W8MAG. N8QEW and W8LNR helped WE8Z with antenna setup before the event. The USCG ship "Huron" in Port Huron, MI saw K8AQM, KG8CO and KB8NVL activating the lightship. Both crews did an outstanding job representing their ships in the event and had a great time over the weekend.

K8UV Rich, formerly KG7FS worked 23 ships and will receive a certificate from the event sponsors. K8AA also worked 17 ships and will receive a certificate. K8GX was worked during the event. Wonder of wonders, KG8EF was also worked during the event! Now that is indeed rare DX. The "Huron" crew also worked Jan K1ND, a very good friend of many of us.

Come to this month's meeting and share the stories from both these operations. The presentation will last about 45 minutes following the meeting.

Saga of the Museum Ship Disaster!

(or how not to plan ahead!)

By KB8OXX

I knew that the museum ship radio day was going on Saturday but I had to set up my 5th wheel camper at Lake Hudson for the US Coast Guard and do vessel inspections all day with our Flotilla. I arrived at the park around 8:00 AM and got the trailer jockeyed into place at the boat ramp. Our Flotilla members started showing up around 0900 so we had coffee and doughnuts. I got them started doing inspections and thought that I would set up my Kenwood TS-450 and see how many ships I could contact. I thought it would be good to have the set up outside so the public could see what we were doing. I unhooked everything inside the trailer; radio, power supply, tuner and took them outside to a small table. Then I dug out my hustler 40 meter antenna mast and climbed onto the roof of the camper where the mount is fastened to the luggage rack. I screwed the mast to the mount and came down and hooked up the PL-259 to the tuner. Now for power!!

I went to the front of the trailer and opened the side door where the 3700 watt generator is. I moved several items out of the storage bay that were in the way and pulled the generator to the door. The frame came through but the wheels and axles would not fit through the door. I tried everything including turning the generator on its side but to no avail. The only way to get it out was to put the blocks under the legs of the fifth wheel and unhook the truck so I could access the large front door under the goose neck. By now I had worked up a pretty good sweat so I had to get a soda and take a break wondering if the end result would be worth the effort. It was now about 11 :00 AM and I had not accomplished any inspections nor had I even fired the radio up yet. Finishing my soda I lowered the jacks on the trailer and unhooked the hitch and pulled the truck forward 10 feet or so.

I opened the large door on the front of the trailer and dragged the generator out and over to the lake side where I plugged in the cord from the trailer. Sensing success I started the “genny” and went around to the radio where I closed my eyes as I flipped the switch powering up the power supply. It worked so I turned on the radio. It worked and I could hear traffic!

I spent the next hour looking for the microphone and/or adapter cord for my Heil headset with no success. I even accused Chuck (KG8EF) of making off with them but he denied any wrong doing. So there I sat with a pretty good receiver but no way to talk! Frustrated I shut off the generator and spent the next hour putting all the equipment back in the trailer and made ready to go home. Tough day! Later I found my microphone at home in my drawer but have no idea how it got there.

Bruce Van Wieren KB8OXX

A Rotor Tip

via K8UV

From “Norms Rotors” located in Birmingham, Alabama since 1961, known for their first class repair of all makes of Ham rotors, comes this handy tip that might save you some grief down the road.

What type of grease should I use in my rotor?

We recommend either a white lithium or green emerald. Under no circumstances should wheel bearing grease or any other grease with fibrous material content be used.

I would imagine the same could be said of Thrust Bearings? What works for one cannot be bad for the other.

We hope this tip has arrived in time so you don’t make an expensive mistake.

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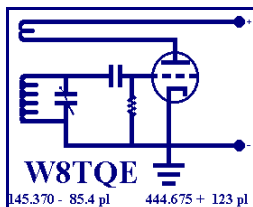
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
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K8ADM has access to Echo Link

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September 16, 2007
Hamfest Chair Ray, W8RAY Marge, KB8TMM

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