

The Ticker

From the Prez.....

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer this year. I know I have. Norm W8TTH and I have gone on a couple of great motorcycle trips this year and went to several hamfests with a couple more to attend yet this year.

As all of you should know our Adrian Amateur Radio Club Hamfest was held this month. I fear the threat of rain scared a lot of people out of coming to the show. Those that didn't attend really missed out. It was a good show and for the first time in several years we had a few larger vendors there. Despite the scarcity of people, Mark NU8Z says we still did okay. We didn't make loads of money, but we didn't lose out either. That is great news. I would like to thank everyone that helped out at our hamfest. Without you the hamfest would not be possible.

The Findlay hamfest was also this month and it started out a little wet, but cleared off shortly after the hamfest started. Norm and I camped out on our hamfest spaces as we have for the past several years. We had a good time and did see a few people from our club there, but not as many as usual.

Upcoming hamfests for the month of October that Norm and I will be attending are the ones in Kalamazoo and Holland, Michigan. They are both usually fairly well attended shows and the folks are all real friendly just like the folks we have in our club. They make you feel very welcome.

Last month's Ice Cream Social Meeting was held at Judy WD8LCH and Ted's K8AQM's home. Everyone had a great time and I would once again like to thank our gracious hosts for their hospitality.

We didn't have any testing available at our hamfest, but we still managed to have one person upgrade through our club. Ron KD8DNV upgraded to General at the club on the Monday night following the hamfest. Congrats Ron.

Don't forget to check out the website at www.w8tqe.com and get any new information and pictures to Bob K2IBM. He is our web master and we need to support him and the club by sharing things through the website. Also, don't forget our newsletter editor, Ted K8AQM. He also needs our support by giving him articles and pictures. They both do a great job for all of us.

The meeting this month will be September 29th, I hope to see you all there.

73s,
Ginny W8TTX

September Program

Forty-five minute video presentation, "ZL9CI Campbell Island Dxpedition January 1999"

New Willis B. Boyer Club Station

Ray W8YFT who works closely with the restoration crew of the Boyer down in Toledo has arranged for the club to have a permanent “club station” on board the Boyer. The station will be in the “dog house” which was formerly the crew’s lounge area in the aft section of the second deck. Last month W8YFT, W8TTH, W8TTX and WE8Z (President of the Willis B Boyer amateur Radio Club, W8WBB) checked out the new location. According to everyone this is going to be an excellent location



with plenty of operating room for three stations and lots of ventilation. Seen here are shots across the new station area looking from left (port) to right (starboard).

Not only will we have station facilities which can be locked but also sleeping areas in the crews’ berthing area. This means running the Museum Ships event 24 hours if we choose to. The sleeping needs work for sure but that’s what restoration is all about. Here are three views of the current crew berthing area.



September 27th is the next “work bee” for the Boyer. I know Ray would like to have you come along and lend a hand with getting the club station area set up. Contact Denny WE8Z, Norm W8TTH or Ray W8YFT if you’d like to join in the setup of the new station.

The Wooden Paddle that “Woodn’t” Work or “Wood” It?

As you know Norm W8TTH is our “metal wizard” but did you know that Gerry KD8IFM is our “wood wizard”? At the ice cream social Gerry brought his latest wood creation, a wooden iambic paddle! Check this beauty out! Jerry worked what would normally be metal pieces out of wood and then wired the contacts and used magnets rather than springs for the lever action. The base was formed using epoxy and sand in half of a MacDonald’s burger box! Gerry used “Lignum Vitae” (translates to wood of life). Lignum Vitae is a wood which was often used for making bearings in clocks. It is extremely hard and has a self lubricating quality. . The wood is heavier than water, so it sinks when you put it in water. K8KIC Ken judged the paddle “first rate” so that makes it official. Yup, Gerry is now our “wood wizard”!



Another interesting cw device showed up from N4LP Emory. I sent Emory a walnut base and he bought a “side swiper” paddle which he mounted on the walnut base. Ask Ken K8KIC what a “side swiper” is if you don’t know the term. It is not the same as a “bug”.



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...KG8EF's lounge chair comes equipped with a hair clip? No kidding, and him bald!
 ...four operators running separate bands at N8CC's station won four separate awards?
 ...KG8CO spent 10 days touring the UP?
 ...the first and last Thursdays of the month are "bug night" on the 10m net? Slower speed cw.
 ...September 27 is the SET? "Simulated Emergency Test"
 ...September 27 is a "work bee" on the Boyer for the new club station?
 ...N8AMM and KG8EF are working a "deal"? Uh oh, that's trouble!
 ...K8NP bought an Ameritron 811 three tube amp at the hamfest?
 ...KC8ITC got his "dot extender" for his bug? We expect nice slow dits from Dave.
 ...K8AA heard nothing of the 10m net while vacationing in Tennessee?
 ...there were lots of "dealers" at the hamfest but few buyers?
 ...KD8DVN Ron upgraded to General? Way to go Ron!
 ...N8AMM has a new 2m-440 rig?
 ...the computer club has started up again?
 ...KD8IFM Gerry is into modeling antennas?
 ...the new K8AQM shack has electricity now?
 ...WE8Z sold his climbing belt? No more climbing for Denny, but N8AMM bought it!
 ...K8KIC has his "dot extender" on his bug?
 ...K8UV uses his bug for the high speed cw net on Tuesdays?
 ...K8AQM got his Sigma V back repaired (\$250 estimate) for FREE?
 ...October program will be the February V63 trip by KG8CO and K8AQM?
 ...the hamfest made a slight profit this year?
 ...KG8EF "shrunk" his 100 ft tower by 30 feet? The rain did it!
 ...K8DD lost his 105 ft tower? Go to: <http://www.k8dd.com/tower> UGH!!!!
 ...K8GX bought a Fender amp for his Gibson guitar??????

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the QTH of Ted K8AQM and Judy WD8LCH on August 25, 2008. The meeting was called to order by president Ginny W8TTH at 7:13 pm with the following persons present. Margie KB8TMM, Larry W8LNR, Mark NU8Z, Bob K2IBM, Norm W8TTX, Neil KC8DAR, Dave K8AA, and Bill KA8ARK. The board discussed the upcoming Hamfest scheduled for Sept. 14, 2008. Tickets and flyers have been received and helpers are needed. Mark NU8Z has volunteered to take care of the trunk sales. Ray W8RAY volunteered to work the gate. Elmer's Hamshack and Ham Threads also called B and B Embroidery have agreed to be here. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the QTH of Ted K8AQM and Judy WD8LCH on August 25, 2008. The meeting was called to order by President Ginny W8TTH with 37 persons present. Ray N8RAY brought us up-to-date on plans for the great lakes freighter "The Boyer". Joe K8YZA reported on the SET scheduled for September 27. The purpose of the SET is to test our equipment, message handling, net procedures as well as our interaction with our service agencies. Chuck KG8EF motioned and Larry W8LNR second to adjourn the meeting to the ice cream bar at 7:50 pm.

Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

2008 Ice Cream Social

Although the weather has been dry, the weather was perfect for this year's ice cream social. Thirty seven members attended and a good time was had by all. Here W8TTX conducts the "business" of the meeting so we can get to the important stuff, the ice cream! Neil KC8DAR always manages to bring the best ice cream and this year's Stroh's vanilla was no exception. Lots of topping were brought and Mark NU8Z treated everyone with his "grilled pineapple in rum sauce" for their ice cream. You can see from these pic-



tures everyone enjoyed themselves between the great ice cream and the great social company. I was a pleasure to have new members Jerry KD8IFM and his wife Anita, and Ron KD8IQO come for the first time.

There were two strange and "unusual" happenings this year which isn't "unusual" for our club really, the first one involved KG8EF and N8AMM. No real surprise KG8EF was involved but when Don N8AMM went to sit in a chair and thanked Chuck, Chuck said his chair was still in the bag and that one was Patty's so Don had better watch out. But when Chuck opened his chair there was a "barrett" on the chair (which K2IBM is pointing out)! Now why does Chuck need a hair barrett! The other "unusual" happening involved Rory N8ROR. Along comes Rory in his open top Jeep with this huge ice cream cone! Rory, no need to "BYO" ice cream at our ice cream social! The cone turned out to be a huge "piggy bank" and Rory presented it to me. I'll keep it as a "prop" for future ice cream socials. I asked Rory if he brought another "piggy bank" next year to bring it full of change... there was no reply, just a sly look!

All in all this year's event was a lot of fun and we're looking forward to next year's already. What "unusual" things will happen then?



Adrian ARC Hamfest 2008



Just a short report for this month, more details next month and more pictures. Thanks to all those who came and helped with the many jobs required to have a successful hamfest. Special thanks to Mark NU8Z for the quick summary of expenses and profits.

2008 HAMFEST REPORT

EXPENSE (including seed money)

Receipts (including seed money)

Item	Amount	Comment	Amount	Comment
Hamfest Fliers Printing	\$44.00			
Hamfest Tickets Printing	\$44.00			
Fairgrounds Rental	\$600.00			
Prizes-Elmer's Hamshack	\$83.74	Cash Donations (Venders)	\$60.00	
Gate Seed Money	\$200.00	Ticket Sales @ Gate	\$1,090.00	including seed money
Food Seed Money	\$300.00	Food Expense	\$247.74	Food receipts \$252.37
incl seed money (\$47.63 loss)				
Trunk Sales Seed Money	\$50.00	Trunk/Ticket Sales Receipts	\$154.00	including seed money
Table/ticket Sales Receipts	\$170.00			

Total Expense

\$1,321.74

Total Receipts

\$1,726.37

2008 AARC Hamfest Profit \$404.63

TO ALL ADRIAN AREA AMATEURS:

Saturday, Sep. 27, is this year's SET (Simulated Emergency Test). Please listen to 145.37MHz at approximately 0800 thru 0900 for instructions. We need as many hams as possible as this will in part be a training exercise.

At the present time, the plan is to meet at Madison Twp. Fire Department to learn how to set up & take down the CBRNE trailer which contains dual-band 2m/70 cm equipment. This will include the assembling of 3-30 foot masts with antennas, connecting cables, operating generators & equipment as well as VHF & 800 MHz police/fire/emergency radios. The idea behind this is to use hams for all communications & free up medical, EMS, & some law-enforcement personnel & fire personnel to put their particular skills in use without being tied to a radio station.

Don't worry about your qualifications, just come & learn & have fun. For those who are RACES &/or ARES qualified, please bring your issued IDs. For others, bring your radio license. Bixby Hospital has also invited us (in small groups at a time) to visit the ham radio station in their Emergency Room area.

We may have somebody there to refresh our knowledge of packet radio. Also, I am going to contact John Waters of District 1 Medical coalition to see if he can put on his program at the Madison Twp. (88) training room. Originally, we planned at the club to have him present a program at a club meeting. However, we cannot operate the generator in the Tech Center building & the ceiling is not high enough to erect the 3-30 foot masts with 8-foot antennas on top of them.

We all need this training & this is a good time for it. We will then have a short SET by establishing stations (mobile or portable) to determine simplex ranges as well as repeater use. For those with mobile repeaters, they can be of use. We will also use the communications equipment in the trailer as well as that at Bixby for a short exercise.

Please attend to this once-a-year activity for emergency preparedness.

Thanks & 73, de Joe W. Pullen, K8YZA, Lenawee County EC/RO.

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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

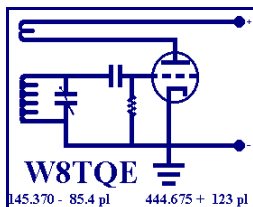
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 14, 2008
Hamfest Chair Ray, W8RAY Marge, KB8TMM

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