

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. Can you please turn off of the heat? First we get rain everyday for a week and then the heat and humidity goes up and we are all roasting. Let's hope things get a little more normal soon as far as the weather goes. I hope you are all doing well.

Norm W8TTH has been going up north to Buckley at the Old Engine Show grounds where he has been helping prepare for the upcoming show which is held from August 14th through the 18th. I will be going up to work during that week in the sound booth making announcements as they are needed. I like that job and of course I would. I like to meet and talk to people and there are lots of them up there. It takes all types. I try to convert some of them to the world of ham radio, but that hasn't happened as of yet.

Norm visited the Van Wert Hamfest this year, but of course I couldn't go due to my family reunion being on the same day. The heat did go down some, at least it was nice at the lake. We have the reunion up at Baw Beese Lake in Hillsdale. I hope some of you made it to Van Wert this year.

Don't forget our Hamfest is coming up soon. September 15th will be here before we know it. Please contact Mark NU8Z to see where you can help out. I can always use help in the kitchen and I know others do as well. Help is always appreciated and there is always room for suggestions on how to make things better.

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 to keep up the website. Also, don't forget our newsletter editor, Ted K8AQM. He also needs our support. Get him articles and pictures. We don't need him making up a bunch of stuff to put in the paper. Without these two we wouldn't know what was going on with the club. They do a great job.

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

73,,
Ginny W8TTX

Field Day...sorta

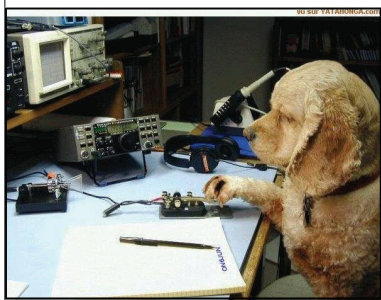
Although there was no club Field Day, that doesn't mean club members were not on during Field Day. Ken K8KIC, worked 200 stations from home, Ted K8AQM made about 50 cw Qs during the event and Don KD8SKO and Bill KD8TTM worked stations from home and made a few "extra" QSOs at the K8AQM shack when they came visiting. These two are "newbies" but handled the Field Day activities very well. KD8SKO worked 20m while KD8TTM ran stations on 15m.

It seems to me these two will be a great asset to the club and should make WE8Z a couple very good operators for next year's Museum Ship Operating Event on the Schoonmaker. Look for many more QSOs from these two!



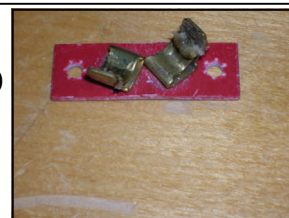
Dog-gone Hard to Copy!

Rich K8UV sent along this picture and never made it clear if this was a picture of his favorite pet stealing time at Rich's shack and "bogarting" his call (maybe using his own...K9DOG?) as well. Could be Rich's cw has gone to the dogs or maybe he's just plain dog-gone hard to copy? Rich, you have to enlighten us! Are you saying cw has "gone to the dogs" and you're switching to SSB....say it ain't so Rich!



It's Alive...#2!

Last month Brian KG8CO submitted a picture of his new Elecraft KPA 500 and showed it was alive. As you may know K8AQM had "issues" with the KPA 500 I put together. In fairness it was a part failure and not a kit building error that caused the problem. The top right photo shows the failed part and the lower right the new part KG8CO supplied. The replacement was easy and K8AQM's KPA 500 is up and running (on 6m too as shown in the photo)! TNX KG8CO for the help!



5 Elements on 6 Meters

At Dayton KG8CO purchased a 5 element 6m yagi. With a KPA 500 operating on 6m and the activity these days on the band, Brian wanted a strong presence. He now has that strong presence and is rapidly working states and several DX stations on 6m. The antenna is at about 40 feet and Brian enjoys using his IC-7000 on "the deck" working stations while enjoying a cigar! Life is good at DX Central in Clinton!



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...KC8ITC makes great pretzels?
 ...W8TTH was heard on 75m SSB up in Buckley, MI?
 ...KG8CO "thumped" the top of his FT-1000MP as a cure for no output...and it worked?!?
 ...KD8TTM worked 11 of the 13 colonies in the 4th of July celebration?
 ...K8AQM has added three new antennas to his arsenal? "You can't have too many antennas!"
 ...KD8TTM has a new three band dipole (40, 20 and 10m)?
 ...NU8Z is on the DXCC Honor Roll both mixed mode and cw (probably ssb too)?
 ...K2IBM had one of those "no good, very bad days? He timed out the repeater, 1st time in 20 years!
 ...K8AQM and KG8CO have been working some 6 meters lately?
 ...N8AMM is rebuilding his 17m yagi?
 ...K8KIC bought another accordion? Some restoration is taking place.
 ...KG8CO loves his new Kenwood TS-590?
 ...the "junk" in the club station will be tossed next month? If you want it, come and get it at the meeting.
 ...K8KIC discovered Bill WB8NPI, has a couple of accordions? Bill is in deep trouble now!
 ...K8AQM now has an "all mode" 2m transceiver? Now to build an appropriate antenna!
 ...KD8TTM's son Clinton is a computer wizard?
 ...N8KR bought a Kenwood TS-520, MC-50 mic and a hand mic all for \$50.00? What deal!

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club board met at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport on 6-24-2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ginny W8TTX with the following persons present: President Ginny W8TTX, Larry W8LNR, Norm W8TTH, Dick K8GX, Bob K2IBM and Bill KA8ARK. The following items were discussed: Rotation for the Sunday net controller. The Antenna for the County Emergency Center, The annual Ice Cream Social, and Hamfest. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee County Airport on June 24, 2013 with 21 persons present and was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Ginny W8TTX. A motion was made by Don N8AMM to accept the May minutes as published in the Tickler, second by bill KD8TTM. Motion passed. Treasurer Mark NU8Z presented the treasurer' report which showed a balance of \$4,739.21, a motion was made by Norm W8TTH to accept the report, second by Dick K8GX. Motion passed. Cletus K8TLT reported that the Antenna is up at the County Emergency Center. Mark NU8Z recommends for review or test preparation go to KB6NU.com. Classes for new hams will be held here Oct 12 and 19th. Sunday Net controllers are scheduled as follows: Ted K8AQM 1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday Ken K8KIC, 3rd Sunday Cletus K8TLT, Mark NU8Z 4th Sunday and Ginny 5th Sunday. The Adrian Hamfest will be held September 15 with Mark NU8Z as chairman. The annual Ice cream social will be held this year on 26 August at 7:00 PM at Ted K8AQM's QTH. The board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM. The club meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM. with a fine program on "Storms on the Great Lakes" by Ted K8AQM.

Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

GM0UOU Colin, Visits Adrian ARC

Colin GM0UOU (from Scotland) contacted the Adrian ARC while visiting his son and daughter-in-law in Royal Oak. "Googling" radio clubs, he ran across ours and shortly arrangements were made for him to pay us a visit. Mark NU8Z and Ginny W8TTX arranged a dinner get together at "JR's Pub and Grill" here in Adrian. You can see from the picture below it was quite a gathering; left to right, Norm W8TTH, Colin GM0UOU, Mark NU8Z, Rich K8UV, Brian KG8CO, Ted K8AQM, Don N8AMM, Bill KD8TTM and Ginny W8TTX. Aside from a very fine meal, the conversation never stopped. Collin had a small 2m/440 radio he was showing Mark. Of course it took Norm only seconds to show everyone how



it worked and Collin was especially pleased to have Norm show him how to insert frequencies, splits and PLs.

After the meal everyone adjourned to the K8AQM shack where Collin's son and his wife joined us for a further "gab" session.



That's Graham



and his wife Andrea there in the picture to the right. In addition to those at the dinner, Bob K2IBM, Ken K8KIC and Neil K8NP joined us in the shack. Needless to say the laughs were aplenty and the joking and stories never stopped. It came to light that it might be just possible that Dr. Bob and Collin "might" be related distantly. I also found out that Graham lived in Japan about the same time I did and his wife's family is from Japan. It was amazing what we learned about Grandfathers and some of their humor we "suffered" growing up!

Collin is a very young seventy-five and is still working. He is on "holiday" visiting his son and by the time you read this he will be in Boise, Idaho visiting his daughter. It was a great time and we all were very pleased to meet Collin and his family. He has a standing invitation to visit whenever he ventures to the States while visiting his family.



Road Trip!

One of the great things about being retired are the “road trips” centered around amateur radio.



Rogers City, Port Huron, Cleveland, the Sault and Whitefish Point have all been great. Traveling with Brian KG8CO, my friend Roger and Ken N8KR has been great fun. But maybe this last trip with Ken N8KR, has brought a new area and meaning to my road trips! As you have read in “The Tickler” N8KR is into gathering equipment, refurbishing it and re-selling the gear. Sorta’ like an on-going flea market! He may have bested himself on this last adventure. Ken called and said he needed a truck with a cap for foul weather protection and would I be interested in a trip to the southwest area of Chicago. It took me all of five seconds to say “sure, sounds like fun.” And boy, was it ever!

We left at 6:00 AM and headed west. With the use of a GPS it was an easy matter to find our destination but boy, what a surprise when we got there. It’s a good thing I drive a full size “TRUCK” rather than a “truck”, we needed every inch of space both in the bed and in the area behind the front seats! You can see from the first two pictures just how loaded we were. And it’s a good thing I have a cap on my truck; we hit some really heavy rain on the turnpike coming back, like so heavy, cars and semi trucks were pulling off to the side of the road! We kept “truckin’ along” and made it back to Ken’s house where we started to unload all the “goodies” in his garage. Just checkout the four rows of gear we put in his garage. There are Collins, Kenwood, Icom, Drake, Ten Tec, KDM and Yaesu HF/VHF/UHF rigs across the front. Boxes and boxes of computer parts, radio parts, wire, coax, connectors, repeater cavities, old military receivers and power supplies, tubes, amplifiers, again HF and VHF, stereo gear and test equipment were everywhere! Even after a week Ken still hasn’t made it through all the boxes. Now if you’re looking for “something”, it might be worthwhile to ask Ken if he “has one”....most likely he does!

Oh yes, ever had a “Chicago hot dog”? Ken treated me to lunch at a place that specialized in “Chicago style” hot dogs. I won’t tell you what it contains in that bun but if you have one, a cigar won’t cover it up, better have some Roloids/Tums handy!

Now I’m spoiled, where and when do we go next Ken? You just can’t overstate the fun of such a road trip that covers four of your most favorite things; amateur radio, good company, cigars and great food!

August Meeting and Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars, August 26 is the ice cream social and meeting. This year’s event will be at K8AQM’s home. Bring your bowl, spoon, favorite topping and lawn chair; ice cream will be provided by the club. Of course wives and children are welcome. Fun begins at 7:00 PM and the board meets at 6:30. Meeting is important as it’s our “before the hamfest” meeting.

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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

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K8ADM has access to Echo Link

Adrian ARC 37th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 15, 2013

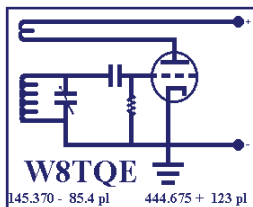
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