

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

I think winter will be early this year, but I hope not. I just wish the weather would stay one way or the other. It is playing havoc with my sinuses. Hope it is treating you all better.

As all of you should know our Adrian Amateur Radio Club Hamfest was held this month. We had a pretty good crowd of people attend this year and the weather was just beautiful. Thanks to our Guardian Angel the rain held off until after the show had already broken up and then we didn't get much rain. Thanks to all of you that showed up to help out this year your turnout was awesome. Don't forget we do this every year and we certainly can use any help you are willing to give.

The Findlay hamfest was also this month and it turned out to be a good show for us. Norm and I once again had our table inside and stayed at a local Motel. Our camper is still up in Buckley, Michigan and has no intention of coming home. I guess I like it inside the buildings anyway. Then it doesn't matter what the weather is like outside and you don't have to worry about wind either. We did get to eat supper with the guys that went down on Saturday night and I did see other folks there for the show on Sunday. All in all it was a good time as usual.

Upcoming hamfests for the month of October are both on the 20th and Norm and I will not be able to attend as there is a Car show at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds the same day here in Adrian. The hamfests are in Kalamazoo and Muskegon, Michigan. The one in Muskegon is called the Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest. Hopefully some of you will be able to attend one or both of them.

Last month's Ice Cream Social/meeting was held at Judy WD8LCH and Ted's K8AQM's home. If you didn't attend the event, you missed out on a good time. I hope everyone that attended got a chance to thank our gracious hosts for their hospitality.

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 30th, I hope to see you all there.

73,
Ginny W8TTX

Ice Cream Social 2013



It was a great gathering! The weather was perfect and the mosquitos stayed away until it was time to call it a night. Neil KC8DAR, came through again with some great ice cream, thanks Neil! There was a plethora of great goodies brought by several and I have to admit, my favorite were those white chocolate almond bars brought by Jackie WA8AWZ. I ate four of them and would have eaten more if my wife hadn't been watching and counting...man they were great!

It was great to see Bob and Sally here as they will no doubt head back to Arizona as soon as they feel the need to put on a jacket! Of course that also goes for Neil and Monica and Denny and Beth who will head for Florida all too soon. And who knows where Jackie and Cletus will go this year!



It was especially nice to see Don KD8SKO's two girls here; they were the "official" ice cream inspectors and that's Sophie giving the ice cream cone a good checking over before "wearing"...I mean, "eating" the ice cream cone. I don't have to tell you Don has his hands full with this two cherubs!



Lots of talk both about the hamfest and amateur radio in general took place. Mark NU8Z who was a bit late gave us the low down on what help was needed yet for a successful hamfest. K8UV Rich brought some of the keys from the KC8TQB estate and Don KD8SKO is trying out a Navy Flame Proof these days. Looks like Larry W8LNR and Neil KC8DAR are discussing how Neil can finally get off the "board", he needs a "new" president....ain't gonna happen Neil! Bob and Gretchen look too intense, must be a "pych" thing! That's Don N8AMM talking to friend Roger. Although not a ham (yet), Roger has helped in more antenna projects than most of us in the club. Roger has helped with my antennas, Brian's antennas and Don's antennas. Just check some of the back issues of the Tickler and you'll see Roger's picture and name being listed with antenna projects.



It was a great time and everyone enjoyed their time so maybe next year if you missed the ice cream social you join us for the fun! Thanks to all who made it possible. Lest I forget, Bill KD8TTM and Dave K8AA were hiding in that first picture behind Don and his two cherubs. Bill KA8ARK was also busy taking minutes during the event too!



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...Don KD8SKO, is now on CW and a member of the SKCC? Way to go Don!
 ...Bill KD8TTM, is tearing up the bands working toward his WAS Award?
 ...N8AMM, KG8CO, N8CC and K8AQM “really” enjoyed Findlay?
 ...at the ice cream social Bob K2IBM, stood “amazed” as he copied CW? Join SKCC Bob!
 ...Ken K8KIC, is on a major losing streak in euchre but is still enjoying himself?
 ...Ron W8IQO, has been checking into with the 3976 gang? Good to have you back Ron!
 ...Bill KD8TTM is about to get into the digi modes? Cool!
 ...Jackie WA8AWZ, makes the most “wicked” white chocolate almond bars? Man, they’re great!
 ...if you missed the ice cream social you missed a great time?
 ...KD8TTM “had” a zero gravity chair but the chair went “gravity” and Bill went upside down?
 ...N8AMM has his 17m yagi back up and cooking?
 ...K2IBM solved K8AQM’s “Office” loading problem? Thanks Bob!
 ...KD8TTM made his first psk QSO? Maine, not bad Bill!
 ...the club has new flat screen monitors in the shack? Well, new to us anyway, tnx N8AMM and N8KR!
 ...I’m confused; is it W8IQ “Oh” or is it W8IQ “Zero”? Help us out Ron!
 ...K8KIC says he never makes it to half time during night football games...ZZZZZZZZZZ!
 ...it’s important to be able to “understand” what you copy in cw? KD8SKO Don sure knows that...now!
 ...Bill KD8TTM bought a Ten Tec Triton IV?
 ...WE8Z, KB8HW, WB8VBP and KD8TTM were all at Findlay?
 ...the hamfest was great fun...but a bit chillie!
 ...KB8HW/7 is working on getting a 20m antenna up from his Arizonz home?
 ...KG8CO bought more radial wire? Like taking sand to the desert!
 ...KD8SKO is helping K8AQM with a “key” project? Thanks Don!
 ...K8UV is clearing out the KC8TQB estate?
 ...K8KIC and friend Bob, K8MXC “thoroughly” examined a Collins 75A-1 receiver?
 ...KD8TTM helped K8AQM get his PSK program going? A new frontier for K8AQM!
 ...KD8SKO entered his first cw contest? SKCC Sprint last Tuesday night.
 ...N8AMM bought 600 feet of tag line rope? Is there a 300 ft tower in his future?
 ...KG8CO is busy building his 8 element vertical listening array for 160m?
 ...N8KR has become an appreciator of Collins gear? Becareful Ken, but it’s habit forming!

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio club met August 26 at the QTH of Ted K8AQM and Judy WD8LCH with approximately 28 people present. The club was called to order by president Ginny W8TTX at 7:15 PM The minutes of the were approved as published in the Tickler by a motion from Bill KD8TTM second by Ken K8KIC. The treasurers report showed a balance of \$4,555.01 and was approved by motion from Cletus K8TLT second by Ken K8KIC. Discussion followed about the upcoming hamfest with the following assignments: Ginny W8TTX, Food, Bob K2IBM, Parking, Mark NU8Z, Setup, Larry W8LNR, Tickets, and Ken K8KIC, Talkin. Denny WE8Z will help with the classes. The Technician Class will be held October 12 at 8:00 AM. The meeting was adjourned to the Ice cream table and fellowship. Bill KA8ARK, Secretary.

N8AMM's 17m Antenna

Last month Don N8AMM, took down his 17m antenna that had suffered some “element displacement” from the winter’s winds. The antenna was rebuilt and only needed to be reinstalled. With a bit of help from his friends (KG8CO and K8AQM) Don got the antenna back in place and reports it works “terrific”. Antenna work always takes longer than expected and is of course weather dependent.



Findlay Hamfest 2013

It was a gray day in Findlay but the rain held off and there was a good turn out. From our club were KG8CO, KD8TTM, N8AMM, WE8Z, N8KR, K8UV, K8AQM, N8CC, KB8HW and WB8VBP (Bob and Sally Faye). It was also a very good day for trunk sales at the N8KR and K8AQM table too! N8KR nearly sold everything and I was able to reduce equipment from the KC8TQB estate.

Findlay was also a gathering place for many members of the Straight Key Century Club. Our club was well represented and the picture to the left shows from left to right; Larry

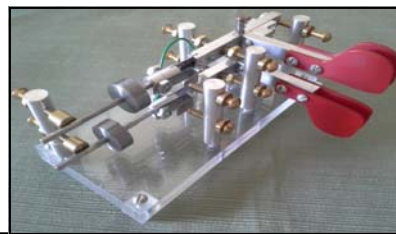
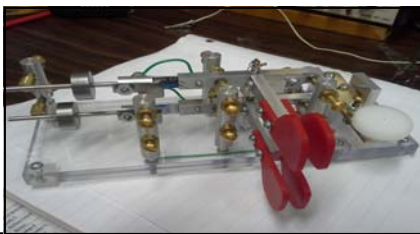
K8TEZ (married a girl from Palmyra and has operated Field Day with our club from Prospect Hill), Ken N8KR, Brian KG8CO, Jeff N8CC and Don N8AMM. Also SKCC members present from our club were WE8Z and K8UV...we missed them for the picture! To the right are Wes AC8JF, and Noz AD7TN, both also SKCC and enjoying our hamfest(Adrian ARC). Wes is a junior/senior high school buddy.

All in all, Findlay was a bit smaller but still great fun.



Talk About Your Home Brew Keys!

Dave N9ZXL, a friend in the SKCC, really enjoys making his own keys. Like W8TTH, Dave has a shop where he uses his skills to turn out great keys and unusual keys. On the left is his “right angle” bug, then his “Dub Bug Plus” (two bugs on one base and a straight key) and finally his “Dub Bug” original design. These are truly an expression of craftsmanship, beautiful!



Adrian Hamfest 2013

Another "FB" hamfest is in the books! Despite weather on the chilly side, it was a great time and pretty well attended event. The flea market seemed bigger than those in the past and although the inside dealers/vendors were a bit scarce, there were plenty of shoppers.



Mark NU8Z again did an excellent job lining up the hamfest and securing plenty of help. Those involved with the "behind the scenes" work included: NU8Z, WE8Z, K8TLT, K8NP, KB8ECG, KG8CO, N8AMM, WB8VBP, K8KIC, KD8TTM, KD8SKO, W8LNR, KE8FX, K8GX, K8UV, W8TTH, W8TTX, both of Ginny's daughter (thanks ladies!) K2IBM, KB8HW and K8AQM. I hope I didn't forget anyone! It was a real team effort and actually a lot of fun!



The snack bar kept up with the demand for hot coffee and doughnuts. Sally WB8VBP, Ginny W8TTX and girls did a great job! No one went away from the hamfest hungry.



Many old friends were present shopping and selling out in the flea market. Al Reid, W8WVU and Herb Reid KA8MSU (plus families), Ken N8KR, Cletus K8TLT, and Rich K8UV all sold during the flea market and felt it was a good hamfest.



Denny WE8Z headed up the testing secession with help from Dick K8GX, Bob KE8FX and Don N8AMM doing the test grading. K8AQM stood by if needed.



Larry W8LNR, Neil K8NP and Dave KB8ECG maned the gate and collected ticket money. It was a cold job and one that started before 6:00 AM!



Bob K2IBM, Mark NU8Z and Brian KG8CO, directed the parking and trunk sales area. It was well arranged.



Ken K8KIC and Bill KD8TTM handled the talk-in. Many others stopped by and added to the talk-in table.

All in all, it was a great hamfest and yes, as the next page will show, profitable too!

Again, thanks to all who help and to Mark NU8Z for directing this motely crew!

Ed....Tnx K2IBM for most of the great pictures here!



Mark NU8Z, keeps great records and supplied this report of our hamfest and its standing as compared to past efforts. As we have all noted, “hamfest ain’t what they use to be.” It’s smaller crowds and older hams; you can say it’s the internet and be right; you can say it’s being older and not needing gear and you can say no ambition to hold/work at having a hamfest...not to mention cost of facilities! But our hamfest has been pretty rock-solid for the past ten years and our efforts this year kept up with our average profit. This is another statement of appreciation to all of the members of our club who work year after year to ensure our continued success.

Thanks Mark for keeping such good accounting and thanks for taking the lead and organizing the hamfest. Without your direction and guidance we wouldn’t be able to “gitter done”!

2013 Hamfest Report					
(9-20-13)					
Expenses			Receipts		
Item	Amount	Comment	Item	Amount	Comment
Hamfest Fliers & Tickets	\$85.86		Ticket Sales Gate	\$1,571.05	\$1371.05 Profit (included Pre-sales)
Fairgrounds rental	\$650.00		Trunk & Table Sales	\$322.00	\$ 272 Profit (included Pre-sales)
Gate seed money	\$200.00		Food	\$431.02	\$131.02 Profit
Trunk Seed money	\$50.00				
Food Seed money	\$300.00				
Table Reimbursement	\$60.00	RF Guy (Canceled)			
Prizes	\$50.00	Amateur Acc.			
Total Expenses	\$1,395.86		Total Receipts	\$2,324.07	
Total Profit \$928.21					

2004 profit was \$1432
2005 profit was \$801

2006 profit was
2007 profit was \$1106
2008 profit was \$404
2009 profit was \$772
2010 profit was \$1014.76

2011 profit was
2012 profit was \$787

2013 profit is (Average income for last 10 years is \$917 per year)

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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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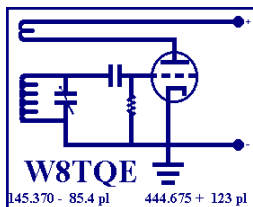
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