

# The Ticker

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

Hi everyone. I hope everyone is doing well. The year sure is going fast as the saying goes, "Time flies when you are having fun." It has been a good year so far.

Once again another Dayton Hamvention has come and gone. I can't wait for the time to get here and then it goes so fast and it is over for another year. I got to pull the trailer down to the event this year and my bike got to ride in the back of the truck, but I did ride to the show on Friday and Saturday before the bike had to get put back into the truck for its ride back home. With the F350 truck that Norm W8TTH and I just acquired, I never felt the trailer behind me. It pulled so smooth and I love using the stick shift. It took me almost all this week to quit thinking I had to shift my van. I reached for the stick several times and by golly it just isn't there.

The Hamvention was held from May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended this year by vendors and buyers alike. Although on Sunday the flea market was pretty bare. Most everyone must have either sold all of their stuff or spent all of their money and went home. The weather cooperated for the most part this year with only a little rain on Saturday. Once again Norm and I had a lot of business this year as we sold almost everything we took. The other fellows did well also selling all of their items. It is always a good time for all us as our group always visits the local restaurants and of course we all eat and drink a little too much, but Dayton only comes once a year. Like I said earlier time goes so fast and soon we will start planning for Dayton 2014. I can't wait.

**The meeting this month will be held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday. Thanks for Mark NU8Z reminding me once again this year about the date it was decided at last month's meeting.**

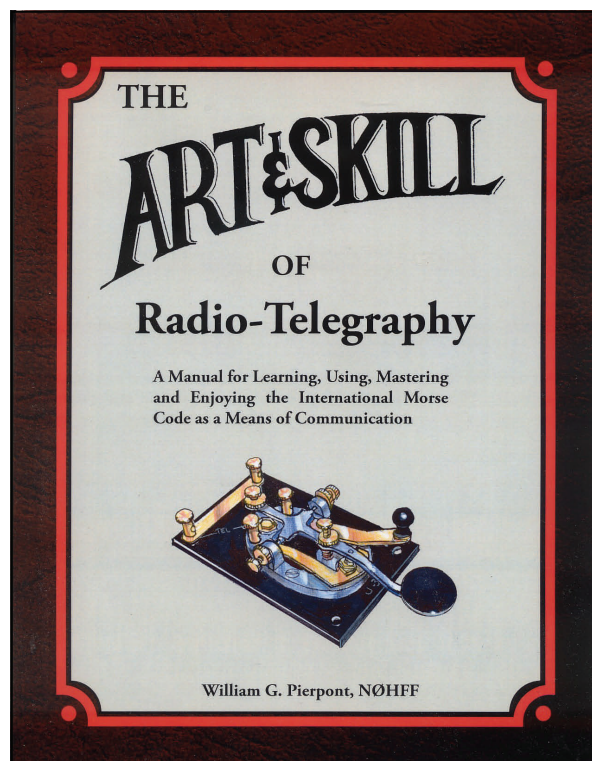
Don't forget to check out the website at [www.w8tqe.com](http://www.w8tqe.com) and get any new information and pictures to Bob K2IBM. He is our web master and we need to support him and the club by sharing things through the website. Also, don't forget our newsletter editor,

I hope to see you all at the meeting on May 28th.

73,  
Ginny W8TTX

### **KC8TQB**

We are sorry to report Dave Goodrich KC8TQB passed away this past month. Dave has been a long time member of the Adrian ARC and a good friend. Dave could always be counted upon to show up at our club projects and lend a helping hand as well as some very good advice. Dave will be greatly missed and especially by those of us who knew him well.



## An Excellent Reference Book

Here is a book worth reading. Offered by the *K9YA Telegraph* staff and Published by the Robert F. Heytow Memorial Radio Club, K9YA, can be purchased at; <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/K9YA> . Authored by William Pierpont, NØHF (SK).

The Art and Skill of Radio-Telegraphy guides readers through all facets, technical and psychological, of first learning the International Morse code and then using time-proven techniques to improve operator speed and accuracy.

Pierpont discusses the Koch, Candler and Farnsworth techniques for acquiring the code. He also offers an overview of many of the mechanical learning devices used through the years to achieve proficiency. Telegraph keys and their proper use are described in detail.

Other chapters cover amateur licensing and military training, banana boat and other “swings,” speed contests, abbreviations, the Phillips code and Marshall Ensor’s, W9BSP, on-the-air code and theory course. To avoid pitfalls on the path to code a chapter on methods not recommended is included. For those wishing to broaden their code knowledge, one chapter is devoted to jump-start learning the American Morse (landline) code using what they already know.

## Czech Telegraph Key

At Dayton this year Karen W4KRN, was selling Czech military keys out in the flea market. These keys are “new old stock” and came via EU of course with the fall of the Soviet Bloc.

W4KRN is a member of the SKCC gang and offered these keys at the very good price of \$30 and \$40. Thirty dollars if the key had any imperfections (slightly rusty) and \$40.00 for “mint condition” keys.

The keys are very sturdy and easy to adjust. The adjustments are under the flip top as shown in the picture. The connecting cord is cloth-covered with a two-jack plug on the end. Two chassis mounting jacks are included with the purchase of the key.

The key in the picture here belongs to Mark NU8Z (yes, our Mark...no misprint). K8AQM and N8KR also bought a key and this past Straight Key Sprint N8KR used his in the two hour event.

The keys are still available but postage from Georgia would now be charged. If you are interested contact N8KR or K8AQM for information on ordering.



## AARC Club Gossip! .....

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

...K8KIC has his porch setup for summer euchre already?  
 ...N8AMM is working all kinds of 12m DX?  
 ...KG8CO is planning an eight element vertical rx antenna for 160m?  
 ...unbelievably K8KIC and K8HCL lost 7 out of 7 euchre games?  
 ...both KG8CO and K8AQM have purchased Elecraft KPA 500 amplifiers?  
 ...N8KR has a new 40 foot Rohn 25 tower ready to go up?  
 ...W8TTH has photo evidence of K8AQM's inability to visually copy CW?  
 ...Bill, KD8TTM worked his first DX station via his 10 watt mobile 10m station, Brazil?  
 ...K8AQM has sold several of his "boat anchor" rigs, proving they are still sought after?  
 ...K8AA's shoulder is getting better and Dave is riding his Gold Wing again?  
 ...K8AQM lost his DX log when his hard drive crashed?  
 ...neither WE8Z nor K8NP went to Dayton this year?  
 ...it is now fact, KC8JMC will not operate this year in the Museum Ships Operating Event? Darn!  
 ...you need to get ready for working K8B, K8F and K8M June 1st and 2nd for a great certificate?  
 ...KD8TTM bought a TS-820S?  
 ...the paper has become "heavy" radio telegraphy? That's because the editor gets very little (if any) input from others.  
 ...N8KR used his new Czech key in the last straight key sprint?  
 ...Randy N4UUJ, will soon be moving from our area? Best wishes and good luck Randy!  
 ...it's hard to say whether W8TTH is "Amish" or hillbilly? Check out his hat on page 5!!!!  
 ...K8AQM is remodeling his shack? More room for boat anchors!  
 ...W8TTX just loves her "sake"?

## AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club board meeting was called to order by Ginny W8TTX at 7:10 pm on April 29, 2013 at the Civil Air Patrol building at Lenewee County Airport. The following persons were present: Ginny W8TTX, Mark NU8Z, Larry W8LNR, Neil KC8DAR, Bill KA8ARK. Mark NU8Z reported that he has-n't received the tickets for the Dayton Hamfest, however they have received our reservations as they are shown on their website. We discussed the upcoming classes for new Hams. Dues are due next month. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club meeting was called order by President Ginny at 7:40 PM on April 29, at the Civil Air Patrol building at Lenawee County Airport. Bill KD8TTM won the 50-50 drawing. There were twenty-two members present. The May Minutes were approved as published in the Tickler upon motion by Don N8AMM second by Aleck K8ADM. The Treasurers report by Mark NU8Z showed a balance of \$5,189.11. A motion by Kevin N8JMN second by Ken K8KIC to accept the report was accepted by voice vote of the membership. Mark discussed a program published by KB6NU for possible use in the beginning Ham class. Joe K8YZA discussed Emergency communications between the Red Cross, State police, and Ham radio clubs. The Dayton HAMFEST is scheduled for May 17, 18 and 19 and our club has been assigned Sites numbers 3060, 3061, and 3062. The next regular club meeting, scheduled for May twenty seven was re-scheduled for May 28, upon a motion Cletus K8TLT second by Bill KB8TTM. The motion passed by voice vote. Mark NU8Z has established his own website and invites all to join him at NU8Z.Net. A statewide drill is scheduled for 10:00 AM to 4:00 pm May 4, 2013. Bob KE8FX motioned to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Bill KA8ARK secretary



## Dayton 2013

Dayton 2013 is in the books now and it was indeed, “a very good year”. The crowds were great with nearly 25,000 in attendance however, there was a smaller than usual Adrian ARC crew at the show. It was strange not to have Denny WE8Z as our sight organizer and Larry W8LNR was missing with his “words of wisdom” for all occasions! The early morning set-up crew was basically a four-some with Norm W8TTH, Ginny W8TTX, Ken N8KR and Ted K8AQM as the anchors. On the bright side it was great to add Bill KD8TTM present and helping out when needed.



Thanks to Bill KD8TTM you get to see the opening conditions of the hamfest Friday, lots of fog! Bill's picture says it all. In the beginning the crowds were pretty slim as many of the “locals” and “early attenders” seemed to stay away hoping to wait for clearer skies. Fortunately by about 10:30 the fog had mostly burned off. One interesting side effect of the low pressure was the arena area filling inside with barbecue smoke! It made for an interesting sight to look up from the floor into the stands and not see clearly into the seats, not to mention the smell!

The flea market area this year was “alive” with sales. Modern gear and many, many boat anchor sales were offered. At the club site we had of course Norm and Ginny's

tower gear which always draws a crowd of not just the serious low banders putting up big towers but vhf/uhf operators adding side arms to their existing small towers. Ken N8KR had a table full of great offerings as did K8AQM. You can see from the picture on the lower left the N8KR and K8AQM selections. On the right side lower photo you can see some of the gear from Dave KC8TQB's estate. If needed something then most likely our site had what you needed! After the first day Ken and I were totally amazed at how much we sold! More surprising was how very little we had left after the second day and the few items that were returning with us! It was a great Dayton for selling and buying! Most of the equipment from the KC8TQB estate was also gone.

During the two days we had many of our old friends stop by for visits and to rest in the comfort of the awning and enjoy the chairs. Mark NU8Z, Brian, KG8CO, Al K8ADM, Kaz K8KS, Jeff N8CC all Stopped by during the weekend as well as others.



K8AQM and N8KR spent part of the hamfest working at the SKCC booth. We signed in visiting members and introduced many of the curious to the Straight Key Century Club and its benefits. We had a straight key and bug connected to a code practice oscillator and many people had fun “remembering” their straight key skills and experimenting trying to use the bug.

But what Dayton is REALLY about is the after-the-day events taking place at night. For most of us it's the getting together for dinner and the after dinner activity where we have our fun. Just check out that marvelous hat Norm brought to the hamfest! Is he going Amish, is he hillbilly or mountain man? Only time will tell! Wes AC8JF is sitting there in the chair and brought along a new friend from his work Noz AD7TN/7K4VQV. Noz is friends with Saito san JA1BVA who regularly goes to JD1 where Brian and I have operated from. It was great to meet Noz and to talk DX and operating. It's always good to see my junior high/high school classmate Wes, who also operates down here at the AQM shack occasionally.



We all drink a beer ...or three, and tell each other of our ridiculous adventures both in life and amateur radio.

Noz has now met the only four Americans (AC8W, K8AQM, K8QKY and KG8CO) to have ever operated from the main JD1 QTH in Chichi Jima on Ogasawara Island. He wanted to have his picture taken with Brian and I. Of course being the “hams” we are, how could we resist!

Yes, it was a good Dayton, a very good Dayton and hopefully next year you will join us for another very good Dayton!





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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

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K8ADM has access to Echo Link

### Adrian ARC 37th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 2013

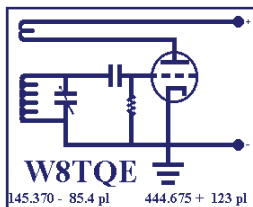
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