

The Ticker

From the Prez.....

Hi everybody!

I was ready the letter I wrote for last June and the weather last year at this time was pretty similar. A couple nice days here and there and then a lot of chillier rainy days mixed in for the heck of it.

May once again brought the Dayton Hamvention and once again the event ended too soon. I think everyone that went from our club had a great time. I know Norm and I did. A lot of good deals took place and I think everyone came home with something they had been hoping for. I was looking for another colored monitor not anything in particular, but Norm ended up buying me a 17" flat screen. It is wonderful and I don't know how I ever did without it before. Once again I helped with one of the VE test sessions. It is an experience, because there are so many different people there to help from all different clubs. Every club does there test sessions a little different and it is a real challenge to all work together without any prior instructions. Anyway once again I survived to yet probably punish myself once again next year. We had a good turn out for the session and a very good success rate once again this year. I am always happy to see people get into our hobby or get an upgrade. We had real great weather on Friday, but of course we had rain all day on Saturday. What would Dayton be without some rain? It still didn't stop many of the deals from happening. Now we have a whole year to prepare ourselves for the next Dayton Hamvention. I can hardly wait.

Neil (K8NP) will present our program for the June meeting. He will explain how the digital processing works on a noise-canceling speaker. June is the month for Field Day, so please come to the meeting prepared to join in on a discussion about the event. There is a lot of time and manpower that goes into the preparation for Field Day. Field Day will be held at the clubhouse this year for lack of another site. I hope to see a lot of the new hams participate this year and please bring your non-ham friends to the event. It is a good chance to get them interested in the hobby.

I hope some of our new hams will have a chance to get to one of the upcoming hamfests in the area: Chelsea's is on June 1st, Fulton County's is on June 8th, and the Monroe hamfest is on June 15th. We will be attending all of these except the one at Chelsea only because we are going to check out the Breeze Shooters Hamfest in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania the same day. One must have a sense of adventure once in a while.

Since we have some new hams, I will be taking names and money for badges at this month's meeting.

Monroe hamfest tickets will be available at the club meeting for those who wish to purchase them early.

See you at the meeting June 6th,
Ginny W8TTX

The Lost Minutes from the April Meeting Have Been Recovered!

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building on April 4, 2003. The following were present: President Ginny W8TTX called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, also present were Art KC8GTA, Andy WA8UWQ, Dick K8GX, Norm W8TTH, Ted K8AQM, Eric K8JWV, and Neil KC8DAR. Our Treasurer and Secretary were absent.

Discussion determined what old and new business needed to be presented at the club meeting. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the CAP building on April 4, 2003 with 32 people present. Our Treasurer and Secretary were absent.

After a correction to the minutes changing the wording that Cletus K8TLT reported we need a new 2-meter machine to the wording that Cletus K8TLT reported we need to work on the 2-meter machine. The corrected minutes were approved on a motion by Alan N8TIB, second by Ken K8KIC. There was no Treasurer's report.

Old business

Mention of the test session on April 14th, our new website w8tqe.com, the need of articles for the Tickler, and the missing Swan SWR wattmeter from the club.

New business

It was determined that there is a need for an antenna raising party at the club. It was determined to meet at 6:00 pm on April 9th prior to the building class Alan N8TIB to be the climber.

Adopt a Highway planned for April 26th - see Ted K8AQM to sign up.

The club will be open on April 19th for the Michigan QSO Party.

The increased activity of the Hillsdale Amateur Radio Club was mentioned as well as the times and days of their club activities.

A suggestion from the Chelsea Club to have our club join with theirs for Field Day was also mentioned. It was also mentioned that Dave K8AA was in Bixby Hospital.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Alan N8TIB and second by Andy WA8UWQ. Motion passed.

Substitute secretary, Ginny W8TTX

It's my fault. I had the minutes in my email from Ginny but never saw them.....ed. K8AQM

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know hat...

...W8CFP and KC8DAR came to KK8AQM's rescue when his truck broke down and Ted got his first ...and last ride on a Harley?

...W8TQE has twin TS-570 rigs in the station now?

...K8AA bought a new HT at Dayton?

...WE8Z has a new super lap top from Dayton?

...the "Prez" has a new LCD monitor for her computer ...ala Dayton?

...K8XXX will soon have a 6m port on the cluster? Antenna via Dayton.

...K8AA bought the latest DSP mod for his K2?

...the Dayton crew cleaned Damon's out of prime rib the first night there?

...all the logs have been submitted to Mad River for the MQP?

...K8JWV has a new 2 element wire beam for 17m ready to go up?

...all the Dayton guys are pleased with the new Heil Headphone covers...cheap too!

AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club board met at the CAP building at Lenawee County Airport on May 2, 2003. The following persons were present. President Ginny W8TTX, Dick K8GX, Norm W8TTH, Ted K8AQM, Mark NU8Z, Dave K8AA, Andy WA8UWQ, Eric K8JWV, and Bill KA8ARK. It was reported that the club has a new Website. Ken K8KIC recommended that the club purchase, George KC8UJV's Radio. The board will recommend to the club members that we purchase the radio for \$700. The club will sell to the highest bidder the clubs 751 with a minimum bid of \$350 to any member, other items the club wishes to sell with minimum bids include a speaker for \$25, a tuner for \$75, a Grandmaster keyer for \$35. The board adjourned at 7:28 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the CAP building on May 2, 2003 beginning at 7:45 pm. The meeting was called to order by president Ginny with approximately 34 persons present. Rollcall was by call sign. The Treasurer's report presented by Dave K8AA for March showed a balance of \$3,351.00. The April report showed a balance of \$3557.89. Andy WA8UWQ motioned that the two reports be accepted as presented. Second by Eric K8JWV and passed by a majority of the members. Kevin N8JMN reported that 8 passed recent tests given to students of the beginners' class. The club has a new web site at w8tqe.com. Club members were shocked and saddened at the sudden passing of George KC8UJV. George's 570 is for sale for \$700. Ken K8KIC moved with second by Harold WA8QPS that the club purchase the radio from his estate. Motion passed. The club decided to sell the club's 751 to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$350. Other items for sale are with minimum bids are as follows, a speaker for \$25, a tuner for \$75, a Grandmaster keyer for \$35. If interested get your bid in to Dave K8AA by the 13 of May. Ted K8AQM reported that the Adrian club has accumulated approximately 645,000 points so far in the recent Michigan QSO party. Please get your log in to Ted as soon as possible. On its 50th anniversary, the Silver bullet is ready to go to Dayton. If you have items to sell please get them to Ted with your asking price as soon as possible. Neil K8NP will have the program next month. Joe K8YZA reported that the Races classes are not scheduled yet. He also reported that the Michigan State Police wants us to establish multi-county teams to help provide communications. Joe has a list of what is needed. See him to volunteer. Paul KB8NVK motioned, Bob K2IBM seconded to purchase new Technician books for the Adrian and the County libraries. Motion passed. A motion to adjourn was by Joe K8YZA, second by Larry KA8ZMZ. Motion passed. The program was by Ted K8AQM on VP8THU's de-expedition to the South Sandwich Islands in 2002. Bill KA8ARK

Why the Scores for N8TIB, N8QZO,KG8EF and KB8OXX Were Low for the MQP!

KG8EF Chuck, has a super station and can really score big “if” the guys there choose too. The QSO Party saw the guys working on a different pileup during the contest hours and it appears they made some mistakes! After working hard to get the rebuilt engine ready for Chuck’s “yacht” the guys thought there was something strange about installing this engine as an “outboard” on the yacht.



Here N8QZO is trying to feed the starter wires through a “hole” and up to the bridge. Are there suppose to be “holes” in ships like this? The rest of the crew looks on and seems to be aware that something just isn’t quite right about this installation. However, Admiral Hanneman assured the crew this was the way the engine was to be installed. Where is the Admiral anyway? Do you see the propeller? I think it’s on the bottom and this is the latest in “hovercraft” technology!

Maybe you got it wrong guys, maybe it needs to go inside the ship!

Here they retry the installation and decide to lift it over the stern and then “drop” it into place.

What happened to the yacht? It appears to be missing here.



Fortunately the yacht was just “slightly rolling down” Chuck’s drive and was fetched by one of the gallant crew....was that Gilligan? Hang on to the ship mate and we’ll “drop” the engine right in place. Hey! We dropped in but where did it go?! Tune in again for further adventures of “A Yachting We Will Go With Admiral



Dayton Fun 2003!



Ah yes, the grand Silver Bullet and the crew. We're setup to sell and sell we did this year. All our junk...I mean "good stuff" found new homes and we "reloaded" with new "stuff" for ourselves. Is that "Admiral Chuck"? Did he sail his yacht down the Mad River to Dayton?



Would you buy a used car from this group? I think not, but other did and lots too!

Dayton was truly great this year as it is every year. Once again the weather wasn't perfect but one out of three days isn't too bad. Friday was excellent but Saturday it rained and Sunday it threatened to rain. No matter what the weather, if you miss Dayton then you really miss the fun. The flea market is great, the inside vendors have all the latest and what could be better than enjoying the day and all this with your friends? Actually it does get better; the evenings of eating, laughing, lying and just generally BSing give the actual Hamvention a run for it's money. Unfortunately like our hobby, Dayton is getting smaller every year as our number decline and our ages increase. If you haven't made it to Dayton yet you'd better plan on it soon before we're all too old to go with you and teach you the rope! Ask Dick Kk8GX, this was his first Dayton and after the first day Dick was heard to exclaim, "I believe I'll have to come again next year!"... and this was after just the first day!

Thanks to Ginny W8TTX for these great pictures! See you at Dayton next year!

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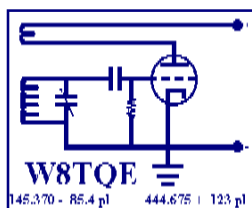
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