

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hello everyone. The weather has been pretty nice for us lately. Let's hope it stays that way.

There were a couple of hamfests since our last newsletter. There was one in Chelsea on June 4th and one on June 18th at Monroe. Norm (W8TTH) and I didn't attend Chelsea this year, because of prior commitments. We did however attend the Monroe Hamfest and it went quite well. I think the attendance was down from last year and I know we were more crowded. They were only able to use one building this year and crammed all of the people who wanted inside tables into that one building. It was all right for us though, because we were right in front of one the side doors. I was glad too, because it was very hot and muggy and at least we got a breeze through the doors.

Our neighbor, Ron (KD8DNV), also one of our new hams followed us up to Monroe and made his first radio purchase. Norm made sure Ron got around to all of vendors at least a couple of times. The weather stayed good for the hamfest although it was real hot and very windy. I think Ron had a good time checking out his first hamfest and I hope he attends more yet this year.

I would like to remind everyone to help out Ted (K8AQM) by sending him pictures and articles for "The Tickler" and I know Bob (K2IBM) would like to add anything you have to the website as well. These guys do a great job, so keep the info coming.

Once again my congratulations go out to all the 2006 graduates. Your lives have just begun.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on June 26th.
73s,
Ginny W8TTX

Dayton 2006

Wow, what a great Dayton this year was! The weather was FB all three days and although the crowds are smaller the Adrian ARC sure knows how to have a good time! Here are a couple of photos of our flea market sight. We've had this same sight now for nearly ten years! We have had a motor home on sight, the Silver Bullet and lately a very fine motorcycle trailer as our storage area. WE8Z bought an awning many years ago and with several rolls of duct tape we're still using that. You can see the wheeling and dealing going on with W8TTH, W8TTX and WE8Z selling the goodies. Hey, Denny even had a wheelchair and crutches there this year! Nothing stops that guy!



This year we sold just about everyone's "junk", I mean "goodies" and "Norm's Fabrication" had a good quantity of sales too. What was strange though, we usually come home with the trailer loaded to the roof but this year we didn't. One of the best things about our flea market sight is the "gathering" that takes place with the club members and friends. You'll find K8KS there with "big gun" ops from Japan, NU8Z chatting with "big gun" domestic contesters and everyone striking up friendly conversations with strangers who are "lured", I mean "interested" in our "goodies" for sale.

But some of the best times are our nightly meals. Friday night is steak night and we headed for Lone Star. K8AA eats only things with two or four legs, W8LNR and W8TTH can pack away the steak, new ham KC8DOB is challenging TTH and it could be a serious challenge! NU8Z, W8TTX, WE8Z, and KG8CO enjoy their rib eyes. N8CC does chicken and me, AQM, oh, I'm just a petite salad eater. I won't even tell you about the beer because Lone Star is just the start of the evening beer! We continue



back at the motel for additional beverage and of course, some of us, a cigar!

After a hard day of bargaining and buying Saturday night is another feast and for the last couple of years we've hit a Japanese Steak house. Not exactly K8AA's favorite place but K8KS shines here! On page four you'll see the gang at "Sake" steak house. We all seem to enjoy the meal and with Kaz's expert help everyone gets what they want. WE8Z and I hit the sushi real hard and you'd be impressed to see all of us managing our "hashi" (Chop sticks) quite well. There is a special "green paste" called "wasabi" that will light-up your life and clear your sinus issues!

AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that....

- ... K8AA has as many rc airplanes as K8AQM has boat anchor radios?
- ... K8HCL has no idea how many rc planes he has but says, "more than six!"
- ... K8AQM has never "seen" the clear shrink tube material?
- ... W8LNR has his rotor connected to his new antennas but still hasn't put RF to them?
- ... WE8Z has a "new" knee?
- ... KB8NV1 will be joining the "Huron" crew next Museum Ship Event?
- ... KG8EF is ready to re-do the antennas on his tower?
- ... K8KIC and K8NP did the Monroe hamfest and aside from some solder bought nothing?
- ... NU8Z has been so busy he hasn't made Saturday breakfast for a month?
- ... N8CC and K8AQM spent FD testing their Dxpediton equipment?
- ... W8LNR has connected those fine antennas to a radio yet? What are you waiting for?
- ... New hams KC8DOA, KC8DOB and KC8DNV have all been active on the repeater?
- ... Club member N8KR (WD9INF...Ken) is moving to Fort Wayne? Will he change his call?
- ... W8TTH will be taking K8KIC for a motorcycle ride soon? Norm drives though.
- ... there is so much news this month another page had to be added?
- ... N8CC will be involved "big time" in July's IARU Radiosport contest?
- ... K8AQM just bought two Heathkit HR-10B receivers?
- ... KG8CO is rewiring his antennas switches? Now, if we can just get his antennas up this summer!
- ... W8YFT may join KG8CO, K8AQM, and KB8NV1 next year on board the HURON, K8HLM?
- ... WE8Z is thinking of organizing a group to operate next year from the ore boat in Toledo? See WE8Z
- ... work needs to be done on the W8TQE station and antennas? Who's going to help?
- ... N8QEW is moving to a smaller home?
- ... more members read this column than any other column of the paper? Why?

AARC Club Minutes

The Adriam Amateur Radio Club Board met at the CAP building at 7:00 PM on May 24, 2006. Those present were Ginny W8TTX, Norm W8TTH, Larry W8LNR, Neil KC8DAR, Mark NU8Z Bob K2IBM, Margie KB8TMM, Ted K8AQM and Bill KA8ARK. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by president Ginny W8TTX. Topics discussed: Dayton, Field Day (Walmart)??, Class report 9 passed, Bill send card mtg adj 7:30.

The Adrian Amateur Radio met at the CAP building at 7:30 pm. Roll call was by call sign with 30 persons present. There were 27 persons present. The minutes were approved upon a motion by Harold WA8QPS, second by Bob K2IBM. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3339. Motion by Norm W8TTH, second by Allan N8TIB to accept the report. Motion passed. A Dayton report indicated that a great time was had by all. The food was especially great. We are in need a chairman for Field Day if we are to have one. 9 people passed the test for their new license out of ten who took the course. Dues are now due, June to June. Ted has the program tonight. He described the Museum ships event coming up on June 3 and 4. The meeting was Adjourned by Harold WA8QPS second by Norm W8TTH. Secretary Bill KA8ARK.

W8LNR says the stuff isn't hot at all but little beads of sweat on WE8Z and K8AQM said different! Kaz brought his wife Barb and a few friends to make our party even brighter. There were fourteen of us in all and no one left the table hungry.

So maybe you should plan to join us next year as we eat our way through the Dayton weekend?



Oh yes, there is an inside area to Dayton and the picture to the left is one of only four rooms. This is the area where the ticket barrel is and is quite the gathering place for dealers and shoppers. Dayton may be getting smaller due to the internet and the age of the ham population but our fun just keeps on growing. You should come spend the weekend with the gang and add to our fun while having a great time yourself.

Museum Ship Operating Event 2006



As you know if you read the last Tickler, KG8CO and K8AQM operated from the lightship HURON for the 2006 Museum Ship Operating Event up in Port Huron, MI. Brian and I had a great time and quite an adventure. With the excellent help of N8RAY, N8MIC and several other locals our adventure was totally enjoyable even though band conditions weren't the best. We arrived on Friday afternoon and met N8RAY (Ray) to get our antennas

up and ready for the next day. Within 45 minutes Ray had directed us in installing a 40M dipole, a 20M dipole and a mobile antenna for 17M and 30M which we never did use. The museum opens from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM and we could operate from 10:30-4:30 on Saturday and Sunday which we did. We operated from the forward deck of the HURON with beautiful weather and a spectacular view of





St. Clair River, the Blue Water Bridge and Lake Huron. The picture above easily explains why the Port Huron area is also known as "The Blue Water Area".

The photos on this page include many of the local hams in the area who helped Brian and I put together this expedition. That's "Ray" N8RAY in the top photo on the right side with N8LUV Jim in the middle who is a big "boat anchor" collector and is known as "Mr. DX-60". Jim runs the DX-60 AM net. I was trying to show off my "Collins" shirt when Ray caught this group picture with KG8OU, KC8VLV, N8MIC and Brian and I. Of course many of you recognize AC8W Stan who was most recently on FP with me and the other op is W8MNQ the 2nd (Bob's father was W8MNQ the 1st...great story there).

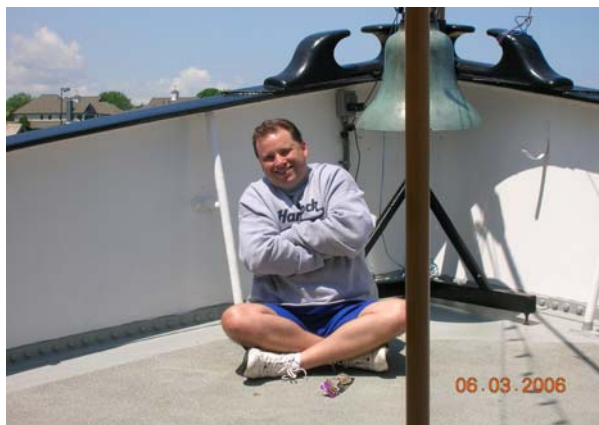
I forgot to mention, although the weather was sunny with blue skies, we had a chilly breeze coming down the lake. Brian found a sun-warmed spot in the bow and sheltered from the wind...not just a pretty face that boy!

The bands were long for 40M and although we took a couple of amps, we never fired them up. With 100 watts and the dipoles Brian and I were kept very busy for the five hour-two day operating we did. Brian ran exclusively 20M and I handled 40M. We got some relief from local operators and it was much appreciated.

When the time was up and we began to tear down the stations on Sunday afternoon we had 426 QSOs in the log with 26 states worked and four countries. Figuring ten hours of operating time that's a pretty good rate for the weekend! The internet was alive with results from other museum ships and here are some of the totals from "the big guns":

USS Missouri 834 QSOs	USS Kidd 414 QSOs
USS Wisconsin 592 QSOs	USS New Jersey 470 QSOs
USS Red Oak 575 QSOs	LS Columbia 185 QSOs
LS Huron 426 QSOs	USS Torsk 85 QSOs
FS Colbert (France) 102 Qs	U3 (Sweden) 124 QSOs

Our operation of 426 Qs looks pretty good and we seemed to keep up there with the "big boys" for our limited operating time



second for next year. N8RAY and the crew at K8HLM have invited us back next year and thoughts are being given to extended operating time with additional bands.

One of the pleasures of this operation was the gaining of a very fine operating certificate for the HURON listing all the operators who helped put the HURON on the air. Below is the certificate received by the Lightship



Huron Amateur Radio Club and N8RAY tells me they plan to display it proudly on the ship and perhaps in the radio room. Next year we'll try to secure the additional certificate offered for working 15 of the museum ships, conditions permitting.

KG8CO is the QSL manager for this operation (Ha!) and Brian says he has already received well over 100 requests for QSLs. Below is a copy of the QSL card we designed for this event and is now being printed for us and to be delivered in 2-3 weeks so Brian can begin his QSL chores. The photo is a picture of the HURON on her last day at station before hauling anchor and closing her long history as the last remaining lightship on the

Great Lakes. By the way, all the other lightships of the Great Lakes had red hulls and only the HURON's was painted black. The back of the QSL explains why she was black rather than red.

Brian and I can't say enough about the kindness with which we were welcomed and treated during our stay in Port Huron. N8RAY and N8MIC along with the other locals seemed to bend-over backwards to help us make this operation possible. What a great bunch of guys they are and what a great time Brian and I had. Thanks to the boys in Port Huron!

But wait! We'll be returning if at all possible next year with bigger and better plans to make K8HLM one of the "big gun" museum ships in the country. WE8Z has been talking about organizing another group from the Adrian ARC and activating the Cleveland Cliff ore carrier "SS Willis B. Boyer" located in Toledo, OH. I smell a rivalry here with the losers buying supper or just plain bragging rights until the next year! Seriously, it would be great fun and an event YOU should become part of. It's not a contest just an operating event so talk to Denny if you're interested.

A full and complete account of our K8HLM experience will be presented as the club activity at this month's meeting. Come hear and see the juicy details of the weekend's operation! Check out the web sight of the Lightship Huron Amateur Radio Club at www.k8hlm.com and take the picture tour of the ship.

See you at the meeting!



Lightship Huron Amateur Radio Club – K8HLM

Lightship #103 WAL-256 was launched May 1, 1920. In 1936 the ship was assigned permanently to the Huron station, marking shoals near the mouth of Lake Huron, where she remained for 34 years until her retirement in 1970. The HURON was the only lightship painted black. The reason is believed to be related to its position in the shipping channel.

- On August 20, 1970 the anchor was raised for the last time as she departed the station signifying the end of the lightship era on the Great Lakes. A lighted buoy replaced the lightship.
- The final voyage of the HURON was assisted by a tug as it was moved to the inside of a special sea wall constructed along the water's edge in Pine Grove Park on August 29, 1972. The sea wall was then completed and the space filled in, giving the HURON a permanent spot along the shore of the St. Clair River, in view of the lake of her last station.
- The lightship was dedicated as a historical monument and exhibit on October 4, 1974. Today, many of the old time lake freighters toot a greeting to the HURON, especially when there are visitors aboard the lightship.

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Confirming QSO	Date	Time	Band	Mode	RST

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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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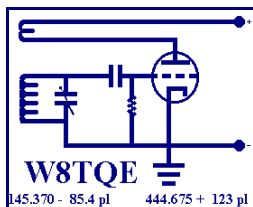
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
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