

# The Tickler

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

Hello folks. The weather seems to be kind to us so far this winter. Let's hope it stays that way.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year. Maybe if you were really good this year, Santa will get you some new ham equipment, if not you will just have to wait for a future hamfest. **Maybe we will be lucky enough to see you at the meeting this month. We will be meeting on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> this month since our regular day would have been on Christmas Day.**

I will have a pretty good Christmas this year. I somehow managed to get the week between Christmas and New Year's Day off work. Norm (W8TTH) also has the same time off and hopefully we will spend some time together. Norm managed to get us tickets to one of the Bob Seger concerts up at The Palace during that week. It should be a great show.

We had a great program last month presented by Ted (K8AQM). Those of you that attended I am sure enjoyed it immensely and those of you that didn't attend missed out. Ted showed and told us of his adventures in Somoa. It was great to see folks there that don't usually come to the meetings. We also had a special guest, her name was Racey. She was definitely the shortest one there, but probably the most popular except for Ted of course. We also had some good snacks which we all needed.

Make sure you visit the website. Dr. Bob (K2IBM) has done a great job as our webmaster. In case you forgot the address is w8tqe.com. There is lots of neat stuff on the site. There are pictures of your favorite Officers and Board Members. There are also lots of other great photos of events and folks from the club's past. Bob can always use new things to put on the site. Don't be shy.

Also, make sure you keep articles and pictures going to Ted (K8AQM) for The Tickler. He can also use any gossip or rumors you may have heard about some of our members. If you hear it, it must be true. Just make sure it is not about him. He is the editor you know and he does read what you send him.

That is all for now. Hope to see you at the meeting.

73,  
Ginny W8TTX

**Club presentation: a DVD, "The Voice of Victory". The story of Halli-crafter Corp. during World War II and the development of the BC-610 transmitter used in the front lines by the troops. Filmed in the early 40s, actual material. Show last about 45 minutes. Huge screen, good audio!**

## Good Stuff for Sale!

I have accepted a job with a company in West Virginia, and will be selling my home and antennas and leaving the state fairly soon. If anyone is interested in a great home on one acre with an additional acre available in a great country setting, please inquire.

Antenna system: (antennas and tower are down )

110' Rohn 45: \$825.00

Cushcraft A3 w/40 meter add on: \$100.00

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Hy Gain Explorer 14 tribander: \$100.00

Cushcraft X7 tribander: \$300.00

Tailtwister rotator: \$400.00

Force 12 EF240S 40 meter 2L yagi: \$300.00

WX0B Stackmatch: \$100.00

TH7DX: Down, a few pieces missing \$200.00

Assorted hardware, mast, thrust bearing and guy wires:

\$100.00

Should anyone be interested in the entire antenna system,

am willing to negotiate a fair package price. with

Thanks,

John Millett K8JM

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These three cards come from hams in Tecumseh. WD8KLP is inactive but is a bank manager up in Ann Arbor. His brother was WB8ZFB. The home had two ham shacks, one in the basement and the other at the top of the house!

KC8KQ is an Extra Class operator who liked to work DX and to contest. He was part of the very first FP group which included WB8DSU, WD8CRY, WD9INF and K8AQM. Currently KC8KQ works for "Mr. Turkey" over on the west side of the state. He lived three houses away from N8ABW

KB8SUZ is now AE8E, he is a professional musician and a recent graduate of Western Michigan University. This young operator won the 8th call area operating on 160m SSB from K8AQM's shack. His father is K8KG and his sister is also a ham and student at MSU.

These all came from the days when there were Novice licensees and we a bright spot in our Adrian ARC when we use to meet in the basement of the Red Cross building. It's a shame none of these young hams are still active. Can you give their names without reading the QSLs?

Next month: "three of the same suffix"

## Straight Key Century Club Special Event

During the month of January a special call K1Y will be operating from all ten US districts. K8AQM will operate three nights as K1Y/8. This is to celebrate the first anniversary of the Straight Key Century Club. A special certificate will be offered if you can work all ten districts using K1Y/. You do not have to use a straight key to work the station but K1Y will be using a straight key. This event will be a lot of fun and seems similar to when the "200" stations were on in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Constitution. It's possible that both K8AQM and KG7FS will be operating K1Y/8 so watch for us in January. There will be special QSL cards issued so be sure to work at least on K1Y station. I'll be QRL on January 10, 17, and 24 from 7:00 PM until 11:59 PM most likely switching between 80m and 40m. It's not a contest and we'll be rag chewing a bit.

## *AARC Club Gossip! .....*

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

...both K8AA and NU8Z now own a "flex" radio?  
 ...next month NU8Z will demonstrate the flex at our club meeting?  
 ...W8TTH now holds the call N8TTH as well as W8TTH?  
 ...K8AQM will be running the special call K1Y/8 on Jan 10,17 and s4 from home?  
 ...KG8CO is getting into AM operation?  
 ...KB8ECG says he's becoming a CW operator?  
 ...W8TTH is building a K2?  
 ...December has been great for antenna work...so says K8AQM!  
 ...W8LNR has retired and now will have no time for himself?  
 ...K8NP and WE8Z will soon be heading "south"? Look for them on Sunday mornings, 20m.  
 ...we'll have lots of gear to sell this year at Dayton?  
 ...it's time to think about our "novice" class?  
 ...KG7FS has a new TS-570 and is now "Q5" copy on 10m?  
 ...N8CC has built his own Sigma V antenna? Really cool too!  
 ...K8KIC and K8GX still meet on 10m Tuesday night for CW practice? 28050 at 8:00 PM  
 ...NU8Z has a "dual core" processor in his new computer? FAST!  
 ...K8AQM bought K8AA's FT-1000MP?  
**...FLASH a recent "rumor" has one of our club members dancing with elves ... on stage!!!!!!**

## *AARC Club Minutes*

The Adrian Amateur radio club board met on 11-27-06 at the CAP building at 7:00 pm . The following persons were present. Ginny W8TTX, Marge KB8TMM , Ted K8AQM, Dick K8GX, Norm W8TTH, Neil KC8DAR Mark NU8Z, Larry W8LNR and Bill KA8ARK ed will present the program for December "The Voice of Victory". The Board recommended a \$600 donation to The Civil Air Patrol as thanks for use of their building. The board adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the CAP building with 30 persons. The October minutes were approved, as published in the Tickler, upon a motion by Bob K2IBM second by Don KB8NVL. The Treasurer's report presented by Mark NU8Z showed a balance of \$5,269.79. The report was accepted upon a motion by Marion WF8F second by Randy N4UUJ. Joe K8YZA will contact the national Weather Service to schedule the next Skywarn program. Cletus K8TLT moved to put the PL on the club repeater. Norm W8TTH will check the PL and will put it on if possible. The December meeting will be held on the 26th. The Airport Manager suggested we present a proposal to him regarding a sign advertising the Ham Club. President Ginny appointed Ted K8AQM and Don KB8NVL as a committee to make a suggestion to the board. The Board recommended that the club make a donation of \$600 to the Civil Air Patrol. Norm W8TTH motioned that the club make a \$600 donation to the Civil Air Patrol, Dick K8GX second the motion and the motion passed. Ted K8AQM will present program for December entitled "The voice of Victory". Election for three board members was held and the board members elected were Norm W8TTH, Dick K8GX and Laarry W8LNR. Bob K2IBM motioned to destroy ballots second by Joe K8YZA . Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by Don KB8NVL second by Jack KC8A Motion passed.



## CQWW CW Contest 2006 de K8AQM

The last full weekend in November is always the date for CQ World Wide CW Contest. Last year myself and a great company were in FP land for this contest but this year several of us operated at the shack of N8CC. This is where we do a lot of contesting as K8XXX but this year was to be different. This year we would do single band entries using our own calls.



I decided on 80m so I could sleep during the day and work on my DXCC totals for this band.. Jeff has some awesome beverages for listening on 80M and 160m so that makes a usually static crashing band really enjoyable.



The picture on the left is KT8X (of 5W fame) operating 15m single op and single band. Dennis could only work Friday night and Saturday until late afternoon so 15m was perfect for him. Jeff has 5/5 mono banders on 15m!

That's the famous K8DD (FP fame and many other places) with the silver goatee and Hank wanted 20m which is usually a 48 hour band and extremely demanding. Jeff has 4/4 mono banders on 20m. Both 15 and 20m ran 1500 watts. We all ran 1500 watts.



Below is AC8W (like K8DD, famous in Dxpeditioning) who wanted to sit under Jeff's 4 element 40m yagi at 200 feet. Because this antenna is so awesome 40m, usually a night band became an "all the time" band! Stan also shared the beverages for listening with me. A dipole was also available for 40m but I don't think it was ever used.

At the bottom is K8JM who came in Saturday and ran a little 80m, 10m, and 15m. John will be moving to West Virginia in December. Check out his add in the paper for some great deals on antennas and towers.

The purpose of this effort was to have fun and checkout Jeff's station for inter-mod issues to correct before a major K8XXX effort will be attempted. No inter-mod and we did well:



80m	326 QSOs	96 countries
40m	447 QSOs	124 countries
20m	688 QSOs	131 countries
15m	487 QSOs	100 countries



## Hallicrafters BC 610

The program "The Voice of Victory" is about the development and construction of this radio. Here is W8MNQ Bob, who restored and rebuilt a BC-610. You can see the band changing coils in the lower left picture. On the right lower left is the BC-610 and a Hallicrafters SX-28A also restored by Bob. The transmitter weighs in at nearly 400 pounds and runs about 400 watts. The radio runs AM and CW.

Come enjoy a Hallicrafters/War Dept movie (DVD) on the development and construction of this famous WW II transmitter at our December meeting.

### FCC MODIFIES AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE RULES, ELIMINATING MORSE CODE EXAM REQUIREMENTS AND ADDRESSING ARRL PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Washington, D.C. - Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration (Order) that modifies the rules for the Amateur Radio Service by revising the examination requirements for obtaining a General Class or Amateur Extra Class amateur radio operator license and revising the operating privileges for Technician Class licensees. In addition, the Order resolves a petition filed by the American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL) for partial reconsideration of an FCC Order on amateur service rules released on October 10, 2006. The current amateur service operator license structure contains three classes of amateur radio operator licenses: Technician Class, General Class, and Amateur Extra Class. General Class and Amateur Extra Class

licensees are permitted to operate in Amateur bands below 30 MHz, while the introductory Technician Class licensees are only permitted to operate in bands above 30 MHz. Prior to today's action, the FCC, in accordance with international radio regulations, required applicants for General Class and Amateur Extra Class operator licenses to pass a five words-per-minute Morse code examination. Today's Order eliminates that requirement for General and Amateur Extra licensees. This change reflects revisions to international radio regulations made at the International Telecommunication Union's 2003 World Radio Conference (WRC-03), which authorized each country to determine whether to require that individuals demonstrate Morse code proficiency in order to qualify for an amateur radio license with transmitting privileges on frequencies below 30 MHz. This change eliminates an unnecessary regulatory burden that may discourage current amateur radio operators from advancing their skills and participating more fully in the benefits of amateur radio. Today's Order also revises the operating privileges for Technician Class licensees by eliminating a disparity in the operating privileges for the Technician Class and Technician Plus Class licensees. Technician Class licensees are authorized operating privileges on all amateur frequencies above 30 MHz. The Technician Plus Class license, which is an operator license class that existed prior the FCC's simplification of the amateur license structure in 1999 and was grandfathered after that time, authorized operating privileges on all amateur frequencies above 30 MHz, as well as frequency segments in four HF bands (below 30 MHz) after the successful

completion of a Morse code examination. With today's elimination of the Morse code exam requirements, the FCC concluded that the disparity between the operating privileges of Technician Class licensees and Technician Plus Class licensees should not be retained. Therefore, the FCC, in today's action, afforded Technician and Technician-Plus licensees identical operating privileges. Finally, today's Order resolved a petition filed by the ARRL for partial reconsideration of an FCC Order released on October 10, 2006 (FCC 06-149). In this Order, the FCC authorized amateur stations to transmit voice communications on additional frequencies in certain amateur service bands, including the 75 meter (m) band, which is authorized only for certain wideband voice and image communications. The ARRL argued that the 75 m band should not have been expanded below 3635 kHz, in order to protect automatically controlled digital stations operating in the 3620-3635 kHz portion of the 80 m band. The FCC con-

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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

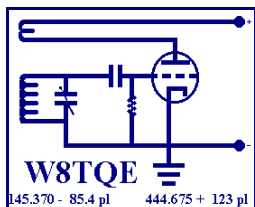
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan  
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan  
K8ADM 443.375 + 107.2 pl Adrian, Michigan  
K8ADM has access to Echo Link

### Adrian ARC 32th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

September 16, 2007  
Hamfest Chair Ray, W8RAY Marge, KB8TMM

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