



The Tickler

From the Prez.....

I hope everyone's summer is going well. Our year has been great so far. I just wish the economy was doing 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 all of you that showed up to help out this year and I would like to especially thank Bob K2IBM for the great email he put out to get us the help. 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 camped out on our hamfest spaces as we have for the past several years. We had a good time and did see a few people from our club there, but only a few.

Upcoming hamfests for the month of October that Norm W8TTH and I will be attending are Holland and Kalamazoo, Michigan. They are going to be held back to back this year on Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th respectively. They are both usually fairly well attended shows and the folks are all real friendly just like the folks we have in our club.

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 some delicious homemade ice cream. Neil KC8DAR and Norm had fun making it for all of us lucky people. Neil asked me, if I had seen the recipe yet and I hadn't. He said I would see why you don't eat it every day. It is really rich. Everyone had a great time and 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 28th, I hope to see you all there.

73,
Ginny W8TTX

September Program

This month a very special DVD program; "Radio at War, 1944" and "Mission Accomplished". Both are World War II government films and about 20 minutes long each.



Elecraft K3 Scope

Lots of talk these days about the Elecraft K-3 radio. Some say it's the best radio out there for amateurs and some say it's even better than the Flex SDR. However, one of the knocks of this radio has been the lack of a panadapter scope. Not anymore! Elecraft has come out with a matching scope for the K3 and it looks pretty darn nice. This unit was shown at the Valsalia DX convention last April. Rumor is it will be between \$600-700 but nothing is mentioned yet on the Elecraft web site. K8AA has the only K3 in our area, looks like Dave may be shopping for a new toy soon! Thanks to Paul NF8J for the picture.

The Rat Is Gone, Long Live The Rat!

It has happened, the "White Rat" has been moved from its twenty-five year home and will soon be on its way to its new home in Morenci and will be the shack of N8AMM. With the efforts of W8TTH and his big truck the "Rat" was moved through the yard and out to the drive-way ready to be transported.

It was a pleasant surprise to find that the original tires hold air and with the compressor were pumped up and this after sitting for twenty-five years! But the "Rat" didn't go quietly and saved one more surprise for Norm and I. It seems that N8AMM who came and removed the porch over the past week also loosened the lug nuts on the tire thinking we'd have to jack the "Rat" up and replace the tires. This little detail was forgotten as we began to pull the trailer away. I mentioned to Norm that I thought the wheel was leaning but what do I know. Sure enough, just beyond the first picture the wheel fell off! Wow, I thought we'd broken the axle! We managed to find three of the lug nuts and secured the tire back on to complete the trip to the drive. I have found the fourth nut and now the tire is secure for its longer trip.

The process of "cleaning up" the cables is now complete but what a job! Thirty-two hard-line runs were cut off along with eight switch and cable runs! The ends are buried along with the power line that ran from the house and the garage. Two telephone lines were also cut and buried.

N8AMM has the porch with screens, a completely wired shack for 100 amps and plenty of room for operating and working on equipment. The mice also go along with the shack ... free!



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that ...

... NU8Z has done it all and worked them all; Mark is now thinking about satellite work?
 ... K8KIC has "euchre withdrawal"? His partners have all been on vacation!
 ... K8UV and N8ROR got Rich's 30m ZL up and cruising (pixs next month)?
 ... W8TTH has become a regular on the 10m SSB net?
 ... N8AMM has hauled away most of the old "White Rat" to Morenci? *Long may it live!*
 ... Rumor has it NU8Z has redesigned his ham shack?
 ... K2IBM "loves" and misses the smell of old glowing radio tubes?
 ... N8QEW's wife makes great chocolate chip cookies?
 ... Adrian ARC Hamfest was September 20? Did you go?
 ... a 120 ft tower will be erected at the airport and we get antenna space?
 ... K8ADM is "thinking" about tall towers?
 ... K8AQM has his log periodic fixed but it doesn't rotate?
 ... KG8CO now has a tower for his VLF beacon?
 ... There will be a new 120 ft tower at the airport?
 ... K8KIC was honored in the Telegram for his piano restoration?
 ... plans are now secure for operation next June from Whitefish Point for Museum Ships event?
 ... N8CC's wood sided 6m amp gets so hot the pine smells? Donations for "sweet cherry" wood are being taken by the 6m gang (aka.K8KS).
 ... the SKCC Sprint logger program now supports Kenwood, Elecraft, Icom and Yaseu radios?
 ... KB8ECG is looking for additional rtty contest?
 ... NU8Z has his own server in his house?
 ... K8UV is busy building a 17m ZL?

AARC Club Minutes

There were no minutes taken at the ice cream social but here are some facts from our hamfest: We had fifty two (52) of our out-of-state visitors to our swap, including one from AZ. I have that data base done Here are the prize winners:.....de Marjie

Chris, WD8EEP from Jackson
 Charley McKee WB8SAM, from Clarkston
 Mike Board WA8WOQ from Highland
 Steve Bellner, W8TER from Maumee, OH

I have not gone to the bank yet., but I have completed all the counting and expense analysis.
 I will save the exact details for later. But the important thing is the fact we made a profit.

The Total profit was \$772.41
 There were 235 paid attendees. (Gate \$1375 - \$200 seed = \$1175)

I will create a spreadsheet for the next meeting.
 Thanks to the Wiley's for their efforts as co-chairman's and to all others that helped out.

Mark NU8Z
 NU8Z

2009 Ice Cream Social

The weather was great and the ice cream excellent! Temperatures were very mild, mid 70s and the bug count was extremely low. This one was extra special, W8TTH and KC8DAR took the time to make home made ice cream and many others brought extra goodies for everyone to enjoy. It was especially nice to see Pam Faust among the guests along with many other XYLs of the members. Discussions ranged from club issues to just plain chatting and ribbing. Ginny conducted a very short meeting and the rest of the evening was spent enjoying ice cream and socializing. Once again NU8Z hit the grill and served up his highly sought grilled pineapple with rum sauce to the delight of many. Poor Mark now has this position for life .. "Pineapple sauce-griller for life"! W8TTH and KC8DAR had better be careful or... "Ice cream-makers for life" will be their calling.

Tours were given of the new K8AQM shack which is finally finished on the inside. K2IBM was lost in nostalgia of his boyhood in amateur radio as he saw and "sniffed" the old tube gear and the heated tubes.

So went the 2009 Ice Cream Social. It was a good evening and ended about 8:30 as darkness approached. If you missed this one, you missed a great time but not to worry! Next year you'll have the chance to join in on the fun and the great food.

Thanks to all who came and from me, a special thanks to Barb Parsons who makes wonderful chocolate chip cookies!



Fixing That Big Log Periodic

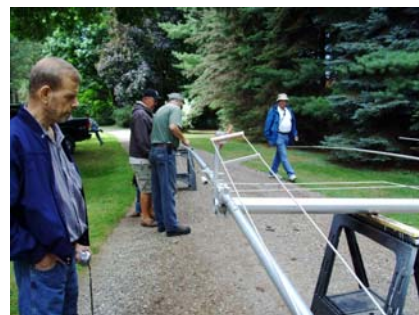
Every ham wishes he had tall towers and big antennas. Well, that's great but the work needed to keep big antennas working turning in the air involves a lot of work let alone large costs. My log periodic is a wonderful antenna and I really like it. 40m through 10m at 105 feet give me a big signal and allow me to hear and work things others can't. My log lost the 40m linear loading on one side and needed repair. After securing the parts for repair a crane was scheduled and a note of "help" was sent out to my friends. I'm really lucky, the friends came and four hours later the antenna was back up in the air and working just great. KG8CO and N8AMM spent hours on the tower detaching and re-attaching the antenna to the mast. They took down additional antennas and installed new digital TV antennas. They did a great job. The ground crew who rebuilt the antenna were super; K8AA, K8ADM headed up the crew with K8UV, K8GX, N8ROR all helping. We couldn't leave N8AMM and KG8CO on the tower as our two hour rebuild took place and they climbed down to lend us "groundies" a hand.

The pictures tell the story of how/where this antenna work took place but it sure doesn't tell the story of all the wonderful help I got from a great bunch of guys. The swr on 40m is 1.2:1 and the antenna is great across the bands. The new mechanical construction should keep the antenna working through the heavy winds and weather around here. Lots of DX will be worked and I can't thank the guys enough for all their help.

Oh yes, incase you're wondering about the "young man" in the picture who is operating the crane, he is 8 years old and the son of the crane operator John Oram. He actually did operate that crane on some of the simpler tasks. Can you imagine the teacher's response when she ask this young man what he did this summer! Operating a 130 foot crane has to be something others in his class didn't do!

73,

Ted K8AQM



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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 28.328 +/-QRM

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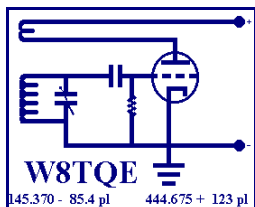
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan
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W8TQE has access to Echo Link

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