

The Tickler

From the Prez.....

Hi everyone. Our weather sure has been different this year, but I think it is finally going to settle in and be nice.

The meeting this month will be on Tuesday, May 26th due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday. At least we did decide on the date at the April meeting thanks to Mark NU8Z reminding us.

Once again another Dayton Hamvention has come and gone. It was held from May 15th through the 17th. It was fairly well attended this year by vendors and buyers alike. The weather cooperated fairly decent with only a little trouble with rain and wind on Saturday. Once again Norm and I had a lot of business this year. I love it when people are looking for us and our tower hardware. It was nice to see some of our club members attend. Those of us that stayed in Dayton visited the local restaurants every night for dinner and had a great time. I hear KAZ had something happen in his room, but I don't know what is up with that.

We had another test session just before our meeting last month. Maggie a friend of Norm W8TTH and myself from Toledo came over and passed her Technician Exam her call is KD8KYN. We also had a few folks upgrade. Bruce Neal KD8KQR upgraded to General. Ray Willey W8RAY and Blair West K8LAR both upgraded to Extras. I would like once again congratulate them all on their achievements.

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.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on May 26th.

73s,
Ginny W8TTX

Phil Smith K8HCL is recovering from a stroke suffered recently and Wayne Woods KS8I is now home from the hospital recovering from surgery. We wish them both a speedy and total recovery.

The Paddle With the Golden Feet!

K8GX bought WF8F's Vibroplex single lever paddle for his CW work. After adjusting everything and cleaning the paddle up Dick decided he needed new feet for the paddle. Dick jokingly said he wanted "solid gold" feet for his paddle and asked K8AQM to purchase him new feet from Vibroplex

down at Dayton. Much to Dick's surprise, three "Golden" feet were presented to him last Monday night at the club gathering. Much more to Dick's surprise was the \$75.00 bill presented to Dick!

Actually Dick got his three new "rubber" feet from Vibroplex but it sure was fun to take some old rubber feet and spray paint them gold as a joke! Here Dick is closely examining his "gold plated rubber feet". I guess the moral of this story is be careful what you wish for!

Dick will soon have that old paddle of Marian's shining better than new AND with new rubber feet!



K8AQM's Shack Is Done!

Last May 5th the building permit was issued for the new K8AQM shack. The shack is now complete and the old "White Rat" is empty ... except for the resident mice! With the help of a lot of friends the work is complete and now only cables and connectors are needed to have the stations in full operation. Here are the pictures of the completed shack including the famous "Brick Sh-t House".



AARC Club Gossip!

Did you know that...

...KC8TQB now has a TA-33? Great little tribander!
 ...W8RAY now has a Mosely TA-36, with 40m add on? TA-33's big brother.
 ...KG8EF now has a 2m rigs? Listen in, better than the comedy channel!
 ...KR8W is checking out the Flex 5000 SDR?
 ...every morning you can catch WA8QPS and WB8DUB greet the day on 2m? About 7:15 AM.
 ...N8QEW brought a beautiful Vibroplex bug back from Florida?
 ...WE8Z can use his MM-3 keyer as a "left-handed bug?"
 ...K8GX has a new single lever paddle and "GOLD" feet on the paddle? Ask him!
 ...W8IQO has a new screwdriver antenna for his van? How does a Drake Line work mobile?
 ...WE8Z is looking for Sunday operators at the Boyer? See Denny.
 ...K8KIC has his "gambling parlor" set up for the summer on his porch? Players beware!
 ...K8UV is working on a 30m ZL Special antenna? It'll be a killer!
 ...K8KS got "taped" to his chair at Dayton?
 ...N8AMM got a new bug at Dayton?
 ...W8TTH BOUGHT A BUG at Dayton? Why???
 ...KG8CO bought a four square box for 160m? Wow!

AARC Club Minutes

Board Minutes

Called to order at 7:05. Present: Ginny W8TTX, Marjie KB8TMM, Larry, W8LNR, Dick K8GX, Neal KC8DAR, Mark NU8Z, Bob, K2IBM

Items for Discussion: Fulton CO (OH) has requested the use of our class materials. They also asked if we would be willing to share the costs of the new class materials. The Board decided to work with the Fulton Co. club. They will pay \$25.00 for the present materials/ Kevin to make a copy of tape, Gin will provide book. After the new materials come out we will share in order to save \$. Ted will be asked to report on MiQP. Field Day? Report on Testing session.

Minutes of Club Meeting

Roll called: 53 present. 50/50 Rich Jones winner, donated half of winnings back to the repeater fund. Testing Session Four out of the five who took test passed. Ray W8RAY has upgraded to Extra and **Neil** upgraded to General. Ron Prater W8IQO is our new Tech member. Minutes were approved on motion by Harold WW8QPS, with a 2nd by Ken K8KIC. Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Bruce KB8OXK with 2nd by Ron W8IQO.

Ted reported on MI QSO still counting, but so far more than 3000 contacts 800,000+ points to date. Anyone having contact should contact Ted with numbers. Denny advised that June 6 & 7 are going to be Museum Ship days for contacts all over the world. He and other members will be on the Boyer, Ted, Chuck, Bruce and Eric will be up on the Huron. Ted announced that he had items from Marion Lange, he had notices for the group, if interested let Ted know. Items to be at the Monday night get-together on May 11. Also that evening set aside for Pre-Dayton Swap. Bruce announced that the Bean Creek clean up will be Aug 22. Need radio operators and workers, let him know if interested.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 26

Meeting adjourned by Harold WA8QPS and Jack KC8A
 Respectfully submitted: Marjie KB8TMM, Fill in Sec.

Dayton 2009

Another “Dayton” is over ... and what a great Dayton it was!. From a reliable source this year’s crowd was 10% larger than last year’s crowd. And by the sales and the size of the flea market I believe it.

Neil KC8DAR was once again kind enough to loan the club his trailer and of course without WE8Z’s tarp we’d all be fried or soaked at the end of the weekend. Thanks to W8TTH and W8TTX the three club sites were setup and ready for the “business” of fun.



In a very rare moment of “no shoppers” I was able to catch a picture of our site. That’s Norm and Ginny of course and Brian KG8CO, Don N8AMM and Ken N8KR in the background. You can see the shoppers pouring over the antenna parts Norm produces and the “dot extenders” were a big hit for everyone to try on the bugs.



Back at the hotel we hooked up with Wayne VK2KWM from “down under”. It was Wayne’s first trip to Dayton and the poor guy got initiated with us all weekend. What a great guy and he fit right in with our activities both at the

‘fest” and our nightly “craziness” Good on ya Wayne!

Here is a “little happening”, Kaz K8KS, fell asleep at the site and Jeff N8CC taped his shirt to the chair and his feet to the ground! W8TTH put the tape across Kaz’s mouth and fortunately you couldn’t hear Kaz’s foul language directed at us as he quickly woke up! That N8KR, N8CC K8KS, Paul NF8J and Mick W1JJ Kaz’s good friend from RI. Mick asked that the entire series of “Kaz pictures” be forwarded to him to publish to all of Kaz’s six meter friends! You just never know what might happen to you when you hang around this bunch!



And here is a photo that really needs an explanation! K8KS is coming from his room with “wrist ropes” and “ankle ropes”! You’ll have to ask Kaz about these as this is a “family safe” paper and not my place to explain Kaz’s idiosyncrasies.

As much fun as we have at the hamfest and “socializing” back at the motel rooms, eating during the weekend is also part of the plan. Thursday night we went to Outback Steak House as you can see below. KG8CO enjoys these trips because he doesn’t have to eat chicken (???). On Friday night is was “Lone Star Texas Steak House”; sorry, we were all too busy enjoying the meal to take any pictures. Be sure to ask Larry W8LNR why he got two steaks while the rest of us only got one!



Saturday night it’s the Japanese restaurant “Sake”. And that’s when the fun begins! Not everyone has taste for sushi and sashimi nor the familiarity of “hashi (chopsticks). Japanese food is very healthy and delicious. You can see everyone “pecking” away with their “hashi” including our VK2 friend Wayne. It was great to see Larry W8LNR there with his grandson enjoying both the hamfest and the

Japanese food. Check out that plate of sushi Norm ordered! Wow, now that’s good eating!

Yes, Dayton 2009 was great, why don’t you join us next year? We can promise you good food and good company!



May Program

The May program will be a DVD of the 2006 Peter I Island Dxpediton in Antartica. The program will last about one hour.

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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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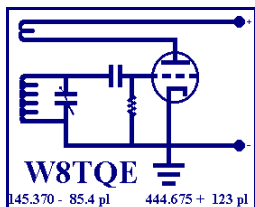
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan
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