

# The Tickler

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

Our weather lately has been changing almost every day. First it is cold for a couple days and then gets hotter once again. Unfortunately winter will still be here soon whether we want it or not.

Norm W8TTH and I went to the Holland Hamfest this month. It was very well attended once again this year. We were unable to attend the Kalamazoo Hamfest this year due to conflicting activities. There was an antique car show at the Lenawee County Fair Grounds the same day and we had bought spaces for both shows. Oops! It appears that they will both be the same day again next year, so we will probably not attend Kalamazoo.

The next upcoming hamfest that Norm and I will attend will be in November. The Fort Wayne Hamfest will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be here before we know it. Time flies so fast anymore. Time flies when you are having fun.

Looking at the past newsletters I noticed that we should have had the nominations last month for Officers and didn't. We will have to see how that goes at the meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully we don't have to do the nominations and the election in the same night. I will have to see what Bob K2IBM says as to how the by laws read. We are supposed to have nominations for the Board Members this month and the election for them next month.

Don't forget to check out the website at [www.w8tqe.com](http://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 October 25th, I hope to see you all there.

73,  
Ginny W8TTX

### **Program for October**

This month's program will be a short Power Point presentation on traveling in Japan at the end of the JD1 expedition. As KG8CO and K8AQM traveled to Hiroshima, Kyoto, Tokyo and Osaka, lots of great sights and people were met along the way. The program will be about thirty minutes long.

**Nominations for club officers will be held this month. Start thinking of people to nominate for officers and plan to nominate!**

## 2010 Adrian ARC Hamfest

Another great hamfest is in the books! The weather began a bit on the shakey side but the sun came out about 9:00. Our hamfest success is due to all the hard work from club members. This year Brian KG8CO was our "leader" and Brian did a great job with promoting our hamfest via emails. NU8Z Mark and Gerry KR8W handled the flea market spaces while K8KIC and WE8Z managed the talk in station. Again this year Ginny W8TTH and Marge KB8TMM lead the kitchen crew while Larry W8LNR, Tom N8QEW and Neil K8NP manned the gate. It was a club effort and it paid off this year with a larger crowd and more money for the club.

Dr. Bob K2IBM wanders around and takes great photos so those of you who couldn't make the hamfest can see the good time you missed. Of course Kevin N8JMN lead the VE team for testing and we had several great successes. Below are two of the three "Extra Class" achievers....hey! I think that's one of our own, Don Miles N8AMM upgraded to Extra at our hamfest! Well done Don!

Of course our oldest club member Vince W8ZJE (age 94 I believe) was there at his usual table. You can catch Vince almost every morning on 160 meters at about 1850 KHz. Norm W8TTH, Rich K8UV, Dan K8TI and many more club members were all there. W8WVU, W8YL and KA8MSU were there in the trunk sales representing the "Reid" clan.

Next year Brian KG8CO has stated an interest in doing the PR work rather than be the chairman so we're going to need someone to "step up" for the chairman's position. The Adrian ARC Hamfest is a "family" affair with a real old fashion swap-fest atmosphere.

Lets keep this great event going! See you next year at the ham-fest!



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

...WE8Z can “kill” his internet connection when he uses his new amplifier?  
 ...K8NP and K8KIC got K8KIC’s vertical back running and up?

...N8AMM is planning an 80m delta loop?  
 ...KG8CO has a new inverted L for 160m?  
 ...there are four new DXCC countries in the Caribbean?  
 ...after crops are in N8AMM will tackle W8LNR’s antenna problems?  
 ...KG8CO will soon be QRV as YO/KG8CO (Romania)?  
 ...N8FLC’s vhf/uhf gear sold for \$800.00?  
 ...KB8ECG is working on antenna repairs?  
 ...K8AQM put up “another” tribander (you can’t have too many antennas!)?  
 ...K8KIC’s euchre games have moved from the porch to the house now...brrr?  
 ...K8UV is QRV with his “long random wire” antenna?  
 ...K8AQM’s quad is finally fixed after two years?  
 ...The “Fitzgerald” certificates look great? Tnx NU8Z and KG8CO!  
 ...K8KIC says he can’t play euchre and eat cashews at the same time?  
 ...KG8EF still hasn’t got his antenna going this summer?  
 ...N8QEW now checks in on 20m from Florida?  
 ...K8AQM checked out the Rogers City, Michigan QTH for W8CDB, Museum Ships Event 2011?  
 ...The Tickler is now being produced on a newer version of Publisher? I’ll get the bugs out next month!

## AARC Club Minutes

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club Board met at 7:00 PM on the 27 of September 2010, at the Civil Air Patrol building at the Lenawee county airport. The following persons were present: Ginny W8TTX, Mark NU8Z, Norm W8TTX, Bob K2IBM, Bill KA8ARK, Dick K8GX, Neil KC8DAR. The board was reminded of the October SET. Oct 2 SET. We also discussed the Hamfest and the fact that Bob Ingersol (Silent Key) willed the club \$5,000. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The Adrian Amateur Radio Club met at the Civil Air patrol building at 7:30 PM. on September 27, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Ginny W8TTX, with 24 persons present. Rollcall was by callsign. Norm W8TTH moved and Dick K8GX seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Tickler. The motion passed. The treasurers report submitted by Mark NU8Z was approved upon a motion by Norm seconded by Joe K8YZA. Mark NU8Z reported that the hamfest made \$1004.76. Bob Ingersol (Silent Key) left the club \$5,000, Use of these funds will be decided at future meetings. We were reminded that few persons were checking in on the Sunday night net and it would be good for members to checkin to make sure their equipment is working for any emergencies in the future. Joe K8YZA also reported that there was to be an Simulated Emergency Test on October 2. Hot dogs and Sloppy Joes left over from the Hamfest will be served at the next meeting. A motion by Norm W8TTH seconded by Denny WE8Z to make a \$600 donation to the Civil Air Patrol was passed. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Ted K8AQM seconded by Denny WE8Z at 8:09 PM. The program was put on by Jim Weaver, Program Director for the Great Lakes Division of The ARRL. Secretary Bill KA8ARK



Special Event Station

**KG8EF**Operating June 5th & 6th 2010 from the Edmund Fitzgerald Memorial  
at the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, Michigan

Confirming contact with station

## Fitzgerald Certificates

Mark NU8Z and Brian KG8CO have been working on the certificates for KG8EF operation last Museum Ship Event. Here is the end result and Brian had 250 printed. They look great! This week the certificates and the accompanying QSLs should be sent out.

This should be a certificate operators will be proud to place on the shack wall. Along with the accompanying QSL those who worked the Fitzgerald will have a very fine reminder of the tragedy to the Fitzgerald during "the Witch of November" 1975.

Thanks Brian and Mark!

## What about Bob?

Many of you will recognize the above question as being the title of a very funny 1991 movie starring Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfus. But the above little fact aside, I'm writing this article not to tell you all about a good movie, but instead, I wish to tell you about a long time AARC member that recently passed away. This members name was Robert C. Ingersoll (N8FLC). As some of you may know, the AARC was named a beneficiary in Bob's will. The club received \$5,000 in cash, in addition to few thousand more in the form of Bob's radio equipment and towers. The total value of Bob's gift will not be known until all the equipment is sold. But to say the least, it was a very generous gift!

As the treasurer of the AARC, I recently added Bob's gift to our books and needless to say it made a very significant impact on the radio club's bottom line. At the time, I had a number of typical treasurer type thoughts regarding the how's, whys, what's and how much kind of questions one might have when receiving an unexpected gift like this. This mental exercise ended with the thought in the form of a question: Hey! *What about Bob?* Yea, I wonder what he had in mind when he decided to give this gift to the AARC? My response to that question was, "I have no idea!" In spite of the fact that I have been an active member of the radio club for over 25 years; I had only met Bob Ingersoll one time, and that was 20 years ago. I had stopped by his house and we talked about 20 minutes. He sure seemed like a nice guy.

The seed for my writing this article was planted at the last club meeting. During the treasures report, we, the present membership acknowledged Bob's gift with a big round of applause. I'm sure he heard it!. I followed that with a request of those that knew him to tell us "something about Bob. It seemed appropriate at the time. Some members told of their experiences with, and knowledge of Bob's life. I then spoke up like a dummy and said that it would be nice to have something in the Tickler informing others of our gift and some information about our benefactor. After what seemed like a full minute of dead silence, I recognized my error and volunteered to write something up.

As far as background information goes, I had what I heard at the meeting which I supplemented with more information from Ken (K8KIC) via an email and Phil (K8HCL) via a phone call. I also consulted with my "Uncle Google" who is the smartest guy I know. So, all that being said, here we go. Bob was born in Adrian way back in 1918. He spent most all of his 91 years locally with the exception of his military service and a couple of years working in Illinois. He graduated from Adrian High School in 1937. During World War II (the Big One), Bob served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Army. He was a B-24 pilot and served with the 380<sup>th</sup> Bomber

served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Army. He was a B-24 pilot and served with the 380<sup>th</sup> Bomber group in the Pacific theater. Bob grew up working in the family business, Ingersoll Heating Service. He later worked for a printing company called Sign Press in Adrian. He relocated with the company to Illinois for a few years prior to his retirement in 1985.

Back in the good ole days, Bob's call was WA8EEM. Ken K8KIC recalled the days when Bob was very active on 2 meter AM. He and many other local hams had the old Heath Kit "Benton Harbor Lunch boxes" Ken recalls working with Bob the night of the 1965 Palm Sunday tornado's that did so much damage to the county.

Bob like most all other hams had the "Knack". He was very technically oriented and had desire to learn and stay up with technology coupled with the ability understand and implement what he had learned. He was very involved along with other "knack" enabled hams in the club with getting the first repeater on the air. He also played a key role along with others on the programming and installation of the first RC850 repeater controller. In addition to that, when computers started to become popular, Bob joined with others to become one of the charter members of the Lenawee PC Users Group. Sometime during this process Bob changed his call to N8FLC. When I visited Bob, I'm going to guess it was in the late 80's. I noticed when I went to his house that he had antenna's pointed toward the sky. He was involved in Oscar Amateur satellite communications. I remember he offered to give a demonstration, but unfortunately there were no satellite passes that were scheduled. He did invite me back, but I never made it.

I also found out that Bob was an excellent machinist, and had a working miniature steam train in his backyard. He had a keen interest in steam engines and built a number of working models. To support his train habit he had a CNC machine in his garage along with other needed machines. My uncle "Google" also told me that Bob holds US Patent # D254325 on file in our nation's capital! It was for centrifugal casting machine housing. In spite of the fact that I never recall seeing Bob at any of our meetings, he always supported the club and was a dues paying member for many years. He just kept a low profile with regards to club meetings

So, "What about Bob?" Well, now you all know about as much as I do about him. As to why he left us this money and what he might consider a worthy expenditure? Who knows for sure? That is something that we are now better prepared to discuss someday. In closing, I would like to say that our club has had many great members that are no longer with us. I don't want to start naming names because it would be a long list. All these members gave much to the club and there would be no limit to the ink that could be used to describe their accomplishments. But the difference is that we all knew them, we saw them, and talked to them at the meetings. That was not the case with Bob Ingersoll, people that have joined the club in the last 25 years likely did not know him.

To Bob Ingersoll N8FLC, we all say thank you!

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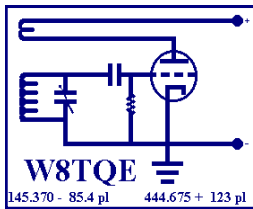
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Sunday 9:00 p.m. The ARES Net on 145.370 - Ken, K8KIC -Net Control  
 Tuesday 10 Meter CW Local Chat at 8:00 p.m. on 28.050 +/- QRM  
 Tuesday and Thursday 10 Meter Local Chat 9:00 p.m. on 28.325 +/-QRM

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W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan  
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