

# The Tickler

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

Hi everyone. I hope everyone is doing well. Maybe summer will arrive soon and the weather will start staying a little more consistent.

**The meeting this month will be one week earlier due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Therefore the meeting will be held on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Norm W8TTH and I went to the Dayton Hamvention which was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. Several of our club members attended. It is always a good time to visit with everyone. And of course it was a good time every evening to be with friends. It was fairly well attended this year by vendors and buyers alike. Norm and I had good sales again this year. It is always good to see people specifically looking for our tower hardware.

Our Technician class and test session was held in April. We gained 2 new Technicians out of the class. My son-in-law, Blaise Vallejo earned his license and his call is KD8NWI. Also Phillip Valencich of Adrian got his ticket and his call is KD8NWH. My congratulations go out to them both. I hope they both continue studying and move on to General soon. I want to encourage all members to show up during the classes and test sessions in the future. It helps to show our students our enthusiasm for our hobby.

Don't forget to check out the website at [www.w8tqe.com](http://www.w8tqe.com). Once again thanks to Bob K2IBM for maintaining the site. He does a fantastic job.

I would like to thank Ted K8AQM for producing and editing this newsletter. Don't forget to send him any articles you may want published. He also likes pictures. Just remember he can edit the pictures as well as the text.

Don't forget the Monroe Hamfest is next month on Father's Day. It is always a pretty good show to attend.

I hope to see you all at the meeting.

73s,  
Ginny W8TTX



### K8UV'S New Rig

Rich K8UV has a new/old radio and what a beauty! If you're a cw man like Rich, then a Ten Tec is one of the best radios you can get. Ten Tec is famous for their very smooth full breakin and excellent cw selectivity/sensitivity. Rich plans to purchase a K3 soon and until he does the Corsair will give him many hours of operating enjoyment.

Rich changes radios like I change T-shirts! If you want to know about an older rig just ask Rich, he is a wealth of information on many different rigs.

### Congratulations to Two New Techs!

Blaise Vallejo is KD8NWI (and son-in-law of W8TTX and W8TTH)

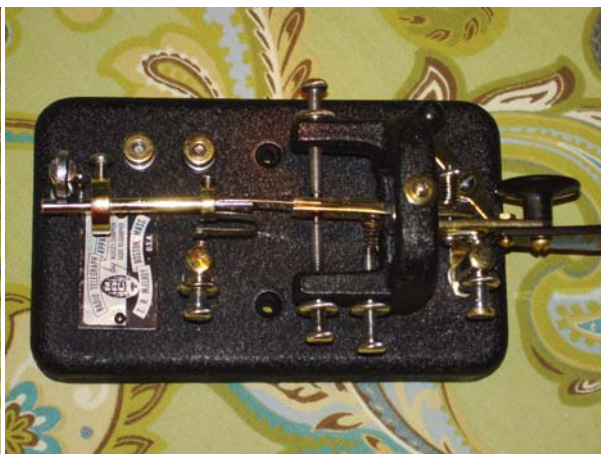
Philip Valencich is KD8NWH

### McElroy P-500 Bug

T R McElroy (see <http://www.telegraph-office.com/pages/mcelroy.html>) holds the world record for cw copy-ing...American Morse, for Continental Code his record of 77 wpm is barely challenged and he holds the record for copying Kanji Code also! He developed several models of "bugs" and the pictures here are his P-500 model.



I was lucky enough to find one on ebay but it was in very rough shape with a missing spring, paddle and several rusty old second-hand bolts in place. What you see here is the restoration of the P-500 that I have completed. The base was repainted, all the parts polished (via Corky's Buffing) and brass or stainless steel bolts used to replace the old rusty steel bolts. A message of "help" was sent out on the cw bug reflector and thanks to Pete W5PEH, an original spring for a P-500 was obtained. A set of paddles was purchased through ebay and the result as you can see is a very fine restored P-500 bug.



The P-500 along with the J-36 WW II bugs all are restored and give me choices to use on the "last Thursday of the month bug night. Now to get WE8Z going with his left hand bug!

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

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

...KC8A, N8AMM, KB8ECG and K8KIC (NU8Z?) were active in the MQP?  
 ...W8LNR says his TH-6 is "free wheeling"?  
 ...K8GX has a 2m rig now installed in his car? Finally!  
 ...K8KIC worked 202 stations in the MiQP? 200 CW and 2 SSB stations.  
 ...W8TTH took a motorcycle trip to Tennessee?  
 ...K8ADM is working to repair the Echo Link connection to the 2m repeater?  
 ...KG8CO and K8AQM are still suffering from "jet lag"?  
 ...K8UV has a new/older rig? A Ten Tec Corsair...it's a beauty!  
 ...K8KIC has a new "talking" 2m/440 radio? Soon the radio will take-over the net control job!  
 ...N8AMM worked the CQ WPX SSB Contest and made over 400 QSOs  
 ...K8ADM also worked the CQ WPX SSB Contest and worked over 200 QSOs  
 ...KD8NWI Blaise a new Tech and son-in-law of W8TTX/W8TTH, is already active on 2m?  
 ...K8AA is beginning to "whisper"? Ugh, that's WSPR!  
 ...Logs for 2010 MiQP were sent in for K8KIC, KC8A, N8AMM and KB8ECG?  
 ...KR8W is now on 2m?  
 ...NU8Z and K8AA bought a 2m HT at Dayton?  
 ...Nearly all the gear at the club sight was sound the first day?  
 ...KG8CO bought a Stepper Vertical at Dayton?  
 ...Lots of "sushi" was eaten at Dayton?  
 ...Way too much beer was consumed at Dayton?  
 ...N8AMM fixed K8AQM's "spinning" log periodic?  
 ...Lots of interest is developing over 6m in the club?  
 ...K8GX got a 30 year old pair of headphones rebuilt for free...from the manufacturer?

## **AARC Club Minutes**

Dick-K8GY, Mark-NU8A, Ginny-W8TTX, Norm-W8TTH, Larry-W8LNR, and Bob-K2IBM were present. Bill KA8ARK was absent.

We discussed – Technician Class results, Dayton Hamvention, Pre-Dayton Hamfest date, and Changing May's meeting date due to Memorial Day falling on the normal day

### **Meeting**

Roll call 25 were present.

50/50 was donated back to the club.

Minutes were approved on a motion by Joe K8YZA with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norm W8TTH

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Bob K2IBM with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich K8UV

No other business

Program: Joe presented a "Cold Water Survival" video  
Submitted by Ginny W8TTX



## Pre Dayton 2010 Bash!



Several years ago we realized that often we were taking items to Dayton that were bought by locals and we really didn't need to take the items to Dayton to sell them; thus was born the "Pre-Dayton Sale". Now in about the fifth year, the 2010 sale was held this past month, and it was a very good sale. Unfortunately there were too many pieces of equipment that were "silent key" sales. But if there is one thing amateurs know how to do it's shop and enjoy themselves at a swap. Marjie KB8TMM was there with W8RAY's gear and Denny WE8Z had WA8QPS's station equipment. K8AA, NU8Z, W8TTH, K8UV and K8KIC all brought equipment for sale.

Lots of "wheeling and dealing" took place and there were many happy shoppers. KR8W Gerry came away with K8KIC's rig which Ken just replaced with a new and improved talking 2m/440 radio. Of course the "master of rigs" K8UV came away with a WE8Z "wrong-handed" bug (according to Denny), but who is that "pretender" CW op looking on....why it's none other than the "wannabe" CW op K2IBM! WE8Z purchased an Icom IC-706 MK II. I have yet to be at a swap where Brian KG8CO goes home without buying something. Brian did not disappoint at this swap, a "new" chrome Bencher and swr/watt meter will grace the KG8CO shack. K2IBM went home with a 2m rig like the one at home but with good finals...ha! W8TTH, KR8W and K8UV all picked up on some smaller items they "absolutely" had to have. There were several others hopping and I might have missed their purchases but I know that KG8EF, K8JWV, W8LNR, W8TTX, KD8NWI and several others were all there too.

The remainder of the equipment not sold was loaded into the Dayton trailer and will be on the table down at Dayton.

The "Pre-Dayton Swap" is a lot of fun, if you missed this year's event then plan on making it next year. Congratulations to Don N8AMM who made sure it was going to happen this year. Thanks to all the shoppers and sellers who made this a grand event.





## JD1 Adventure!

Talk about an adventure! I've been to some great places and operated from some good DX places but really nothing to compare to the trip to JD1 and traveling around Japan. The picture on right shows the four of us on Ogasawara at the inn where we stayed and with the owner Endo san ("san" means "Mr." in Japanese. In the back is Steve K8QKY, beside me is Stan AC8W and of course Brian next to "Mr." Endo.

Traveling, eating and "talking" in Japan is like no experience most people will ever encounter. Don't get us wrong, the food was excellent, just ask "The Hashi Master" (chopsticks, Brian). We ate well and still lost 10-15 pounds! The weight loss was from eating the "proper" foods and maybe had some-



thing to do with the quarter mile walk between the inn and our ham shack. "Going" was mainly uphill and the first few days the calves were screaming!



The "shack" was just that, a shack, but very comfortable. It had only a 30 amp circuit for everything and that did present a problem for us trying to run four stations. You can see Brian over on the left with the two TS-480 HX stations between he and Stan. Stan JD1BNK got to run the big Yaesu gear as he was running a lot of SSB. We had a great collection of antennas and although we were on the wrong side of the mountain, if we had had any propagation we would have done very well. With what we had we worked about 8,000 stations and had strong signals on all the bands.

There are many pictures and many stories of this trip. As time goes on more will be presented here in The Tickler and a Power Point presentation will be made for a club program.

73,  
Ted K8AQM/JD1BNM



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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

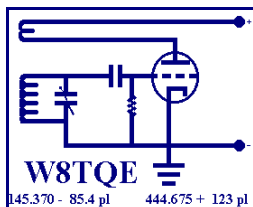
W8TQE 145.370 - 85.4 pl Adrian, Michigan  
W8TQE 444.675 + 123 pl Adrian, Michigan  
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