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DAY	TIME	FREQ	NCI
Sun	0100Z	7.137	KC8NYW
Mon	0100Z	7.047	WB8ICN
Thurs	0100Z	7.047	KE1LA

(All days/times listed are UTC)

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1,814 kHz	3,564 kHz
7,044 kHz	10,110 kHz
14,062 kHz	18,100 kHz
21,064 kHz	24,910 kHz
28,064 kHz	

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 from the standard grp frequencies
 except for 20 meters.



**Congrats to Melissa Hall for graduating Navy Basic Training at Great Lakes RTC.
 Melissa is the daughter of Mike Hall, WB8ICN FPgrp #-68**

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Ramblings

We're Marching right into spring this month. Ok sorry about that, I'm just seeing who really reads this column. ☺

Only two more months until FDIM! WIIGII! Hope to meet you there, even if you're not a Flying Pig, swing by the hotel and say hi, or look out for us at the Hamfest and say hi!

72, oo,
Dan, N8IE Ω

Garfield Heights Hamfest/Computer Show

Hello - could you please read this & pass the word on about our show. We are a school, hosting our third hamfest & would appreciate any word of mouth before the show. Perhaps you could list it on your web page and/or put it on your repeater. Hope to see you there! Thank you & God Bless... Laura

HAMFEST
Computer/Electronic Show

WHEN
Saturday, April 13, 2002

WHERE:
St. John Lutheran School 11333 Granger Road Garfield Heights, OH. 44125 (approx. 10 mins. southeast of Cleveland, OH. - 2 hours north of Columbus, OH.) Off of I-480 & I-77. Not far from I-271.

TIME:
Vendor Set-up 7-8 am - Doors Open To The Public 8 am - 1 pm.

WHAT:
All Hamfest equipment, radio's, power supplies, cables & wires, tubes, antenna's, computer's - new/used & accessories, software, books & magazines and MUCH MORE!!!

ADMISSION:
\$1.00 per person

CONTACT:
Laura @ 216-663-3258 email - ln4js@visn.net (a small "L").

Eight-foot table and chair will be provided along with coffee. Tables are \$10.00 each and includes one admission. Reservations are on a first come first served bases. Payment is due as soon as possible. Limited electricity available. If tables are available the day of the show they are \$15.00 each and include one admission. Paid advance tables will be held until 8:30 am then will be sold.

At our winter hamfest we had over 50 vendor tables and 130 customers!!! TABLES GOING FAST - DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Concession stand will be available, along with coffee, pop and a bake sale. To be deleted from our mailing list, please write to Laura @ ln4js@visn.net (it's a small "L" in the email). Thanks.

FP NET

2/4

Well, I survived FYBO and my first full NCS duty in the same weekend- "lives been good to me so far" :-). The condx were good, not much ssb on my end anyway and gud signals for the four that braved the net:

KC8NYW 599 on 1 watt and caught me after the net to wish happy bday. I told him abt the cake at FYBO and Brian's xyl's fine cookin.

W1QF 589 from Detroit on !!!!!!!MP20!!!!!!! nr 6 I think he said Congrats and way to go. I promise to remember ur name next week. Terry

NV4T 569 wid qsb. Bill ur sig was probably better than that. After I learn to relax I probably cud tweak the radio a little and bring you up. I was just trying to think of too many things at one time. Tnx for qni

AJ4AY 599 Jay, I think your sig gets better each time I hear you. I think I thawed out 12:30 this PM :-)

Again thanks to all who checked into the net tonite. Those who chose to watch the football game I can't say that I blame you. Most Super Bowls lately have not been living up to the hype. This one is a good one!

72/oo-randy,wv9n

2/7

Oh my goodness
high y'all and all what a great net tonite.... great signals and good conditions...Randy thanks for the relay... u be official relay station iffin u wants to be... great job...

WED NITE NET FEB. 06, 02 9PM EASTERN.... 7.147.5 CW CHECKINS

NV4T... IT'S HARD TO GET THE V BEFORE THE 4 U KNEAUX

WV9N...NICE SIGNAL AND TNX FOR RELAY, U B LOUD W9FCC... GLAD TO C U TONITE NICE SIGNAL W1QF... THE MASTER OF 599, THANKS TERRY W8DIZ....

WB8ICN... THESE 2 IN CAHOOTS AT DIZ'S PLACE... TNX KC4URL... GOT CHA NICE SIGNAL INTO MAINE

KB9BV.... LOST U.... DID i GET UR CALL RIGHT????

AJ4AY... HIGH NICE TO C U AGAIN... STAY HIGH AND DRY...

WB0WAO... DENNIS AT 2W, 589 INTO MAINE.... QRP HE WAS...

KE1LA ... FEW SHEETS TO THE WIND HUH FELLA?

KE1LA JOEL
IN MAINE
NCS WED NITE NET

2/11

Well, instead of giving a net report I Think I will ask for one myself :-). Had lots of checkins, some qrm, some adjacent qro sig pumping my agc at the end. All of this mixed with my confusion and late night pool shooting last night didn't help either. I think Joel mentioned something about xanax at one time. OK here goes:

NV4T - Bill - having too much fun at Orlando hamfest
 W1QF - Terry - about the only thing I did right is remember your name
 KC8NYW - Rob- running 500mw and heading for beauty sleep after road trip
 KC4URI - Steve- I'm going to polish my keyer and try to make up for working ssb
 KE1LA - Joel - where did you go? You disappeared from my radar like you might have fallen into a sneaux drift
 W5YR - George- nice to have you check in a very good signal here near Cincy. You are welcome to join this madness again.
 N1ODL - Aron - studying hard for that extra. Good luck and get a piggie shirt!
 WA5WCP - Paul - If I have messed this up for give and check in next time to correct me please
 AF4PS - Mac - Thanks for making it this time. Did you copy Joel at the end of the net?
 KD5BAJ - Bob - in Allen, TX. Thanks for checking in and come back next week

That is about all I can make of my notes. Heard a call at the end and NV4T call but I missed copy. I try to use my wider filters on the K2 for most of the net but if I get some qrm I switch to a narrow filter,. If I have used the RIT I can lose you in a heart beat. That's one thing on the K2 I wish you could do is progress back down the filter settings without having to cycle thru them. Maybe with more experience I get this down a little better. BTW - I have the keyer set to 18 wpm. What would you prefer for the net speed keeping in mind that we will always qrs?

72/oo-randy ncs (nutty control station)

2/13

High y'all
 what a net.even had a mystery checkin,, he be a mystery to me anyhow.... the real Mac said he heard him so ah put him on the list... trust u Mac....:-)

WED NITE NET WED. FEB 13, 02 7.047.5 CW 9pm
 EASTERN CHECKINS
 W1QF....59 TERRY
 WV9N.... DEPENDABLE RANDY... 599+
 NV4T... IS THAT BILL? AHM GUESSING , NICE SIGNAL
 W5YR... GEORGE IN TEXAS , GREAT QRP SIGNAL....
 W8DIZ... DIZ ON HIS WAY TO KH6 LAND... ENJOY
 AG4NY.... BRUCE FIRST CHECK IN.... Y'ALL COME BACK NOW...
 AF4PS... MAC TRYING FROM FLORIDA....HEE HEE
 N8RQJ... FIRST TIME CHECK IN.... THANKS AND DO IT AGAIN
 K9DI... OUR MYSTRY CHECK IN.... MAC SAID U DID, O U DID...
 KE1LA ... NCS AND A BIT NUTS IF U ASK ME....

KE1LA JOEL
 IN MAINE
 NCS WED NITE NET

2/17

Well the qrm was at it's best!! Thanks guy's for running interference with the big A.M. Boys:-)

W1QF, Terry. 599+10/5w Great sig Terry and great to yack a while before the net!!Your paddles were doing great!! I remember last year mobile I was banging away on my straight key, which is mounted kinda horizontal/up-side down, and the adjustments on the main pivot let loose...eeeeeeeee. What fun!! Tnx qni Terry!
 WV9N, Randy...The usual 20-30 over s9:-) Great to cu Randy, and Tnx for the check-in. I know speed shifting can be a pain. The slower you go the more brain cells per second you burn!! That can be dangerous!! My xyl tells me anyway!!Agn mni tnx for the check-in Randy.

Anyone I missed I'm very sri. The qrm is bad there and I run very narrow filters. 72/00 to all! De kc8nyw, Rob. #186

2/18

Well, the band was really noisy and my hearing after listening to 40 wpm callsigns during dx test was about shot. It seems like the dx calls with hard combos (like H5, I5, or 6B etc always send the fastest code). I did hear one dx qrp station calling cq during the weekend.

Checkins were:

NV4T Bill with not much to repory
 KC8NYW/AE Rob with new upgrade, congratulations!!!
 WB8ICN Mikey finally home from the road and Melissa graduating from Navy basic shortly
 W8DIZ Diz lets us know he is not exactly thinking about us as he packs :-)
 AF4PS Mac having fun running up those dx totals
 N1ODL/AE Aron with another piggy accomplishment. Congrats!!!
 N8RQJ Harold from Columbus, OH. Stop by again next week.
 WA5PB Bill from TX (sri for missing u last week). With the band condx it was a pretty nice job just hooking up.

That is all for this week. Other than a little qsy at the beginning (I had a brain f**t for a minute) all went as smooth as I can make it. Scary, uh? ^^ keeping it clean for the under 18 age demographic.-----^^.

72/oo, randy,wv9n

2/21

High Y'all
 Great net tonite.... everybody was in here loud and clear... usually over s9.. congrats to N1ODL on the upgrade and thank u for gracing the wed nite net... with ur presence... and great signal...

Didn't think W1AW was gonna stop tonite.... then I grabbed the wrong key after N1ODL sent his great news... was talking to myself, in cw not less...
ok here are the checkins...

WED NITE NET FEB 20 02 9PM EASTERN 7.047.5 CW
CHECKINS...
N1ODL / AE UR A TREASURE FOR NH AND A
PLEASURE ON THE NET
WV9N... THANKS AND GUD STRONG SIGNAL TONITE
W1QF... MR 59 GREAT SIGNAL TERRY
NV4T... WHAT KIND OF POWR WERE U RUNNING?
W9FCC... ENJOY THE MOTORBIKING
AG4NY... NICE SIGNAL, U CLOBBERED THE TUNER
UPPER...
KE1LA UR NAME AGAIN???

KE1LA JOEL
IN MAINE
NCS WED NITE NET

2/25

Fellow Piggies-

Well isn't that wonderful?????

I started to listen about 15 mins. before the net and there was not a peep heard from 7044 to 7048. At about one minute before the net three qso's pop up in the area. I pick a spot to start and immediately have to qsy to the last spot I remember being open. Its like changing lines at a supermarket. Anyway, it turns out that calling a net remotely activates ssb directed at the checkins qth's. Well, thing start to look up, sigs coming good and getting better, my keying is qlf. Had a nice list of checkins with a new one at the end, Tom from Rock Island and thats as far we got when the bowels of the earth opened a spewed forth venomous rf all over the band. I moved up and called and then down and called but could not find any piggies. Went back to freq and the noise had a respite and some poor fellow was calling cq just a the venom was starting to return. Checkins as follows:

NV4T - BILL(still putting away xmas stuff)
KC8NYW-ROB
N10DL-ARON(wid new ant)
AF4PS- MAC
AJ4AY- JAY
WA5PB- BILL
KE1LA- JOEL(I may be needing ur service)
W1QF- TERRY
KG9LZ- TOM (pse qni agn)

Really guys, thanks for checking in. Everyone had pretty decent signals tonite until the demon got us at the end. 72/oo-randy,wv9n

2/28

HIGH Y'ALL
"less someone was messing with me, we had a dx check in to the net tonite
DL9CC... HEIN... QTH JN48ES...BADEN.... GET OTHERS to call him but everyone seemed to have dissappeared so ah

don't kneaux if my leg is being pulled or not... otherwise things seem to be wet and cold around the country... thanks for all the checkins and we gotta get to the bottom of this dl9 thing...sure was nice iffin he was real... got him longpath if ah did got him...

WED NITE NET... FEB 27, 02 7.046 MHZ 9PM EASTERN
TIME...
CHECKINS
WB8ICN... MY HERO MIKEY
W1QF... MY 599 KING OF RST'S
WV9N... WHARE DID U GEAUX????
AJ4AY... HI JAY... NICE SIGNAL INTO MAINE
NV4T... GOING BIKING IN THE SNEAUX U SAY?
W9FCC... SURE IS CLOSE TO DL9CC...:-)
DL9CC... HEIN JN48FS.... BADEN
KE1LA ... GOT U CORN FUSED HUH JOEL... GOOD ...

KE1LA JOEL
IN MAINE
NCS WED NITE NET

QRP Happenings in March

3/10 Wisconsin QSO Party:

Phone and CW, sponsored by the West Allis RAC, 1800Z Mar 10-0100Z Mar 11.

More info at:

www.warac.org/

3/16 Virginia QSO Party:

Phone and CW, sponsored by the Sterling Park ARC, 1800Z Mar 16-0200Z Mar 18.

More info at:

<http://www.qsl.net/sterling>

3/16 Montana QSO Party:

Phone and CW/Digital, sponsored by the Flathead Valley Amateur Radio Club from 2300Z Mar 16-2300Z Mar 17.

More info at:

K7LYY@arll.net

3/22 Oklahoma QSO Party:

Phone and CW/Digital, sponsored by the Oklahoma DX Association (OKDXA) from 2300Z Mar 22-2300Z Mar 24.

More info at:

<http://www.qsl.net/okdxa/>

3/25 Spring QRP Homebrewer Sprint:

CW and PSK31, sponsored by New Jersey QRP Club from 0000Z-0400Z Mar 25.

More info at:

<http://www.njqrp.org/qhbsprint/Fall2001/qrphomebrewersprint.html>

3/30 CQ WW SSB WPX Contest:

SSB, sponsored by CQ Magazine, from 0000Z Mar 30-2400Z Mar 31 (CW is May 26-27).

More info at:

<http://home.woh.rr.com/wpx/>

Special Events for March

Port St Lucie, FL: Port St Lucie Amateur Radio Assn, K4PSL. 1500Z **Mar 1** to 2100Z **Mar 15**. Commemorating the arrival of the NY Mets Baseball team in Port St Lucie for their annual spring and summer training. 28.310 21.350 14.250 14.030. Certificate. Dr Maurice I. Sasson, W2JAJ, 8598 Florence Dr, Port St Lucie, FL 34952.

Daytona Beach, FL: Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Assn, Inc, K4BV. 1800Z **Mar 1** to 1800Z **Mar 10**. 2002 Daytona Beach Bike Week Event. 28.450 21.250 14.265 7.210. Certificate. DBARA/K4BV, PO Box 9852, Daytona Beach, FL 32120-9852. Operation plans include HF phone and PSK31, primarily during daylight hours.

Wasilla, AK: Matanuska Amateur Radio Assn, KL7JFU. 2100Z **Mar 2** to **Mar 23**. Celebrating the 30th running of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Operation will continue through the day after the last sled completes the race. 28.460 21.315 14.246 7.290. QSL and certificate. Len Betts, NL7NF, 3090 Bald Eagle Dr, Wasilla, AK 99654. Will try to operate all bands. For more information, contact lelbak@yahoo.com.

Trenton, NJ: Delaware Valley Radio Assn, Inc, 1200Z to 2200Z **Mar 10**. Six months after September 11, honoring all firefighters, EMS, police, and victims and their families. W2ZQ on 12.240 and 7.235, W6OI on 28.400 (10X International). QSL. Harry F. Hochman, K2IQN, FF/EMT, 22 Daisy Ct, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.

Peanut Whistle II

DWM COM -- What makes our CW QRP transmitter so different from all the others? Our transmitter is FULLY ASSEMBLED! NOT A KIT! In essence, we give you an ASSEMBLED transmitter for LESS MONEY than most QRP kits! No more lost parts, as with kits. No more typo errors in the instructions, as with kits. But wait, there's more! We supply you with information on how you can build your very own "PEANUT WHISTLE TWO" for 30 meters! [Beware of the proper propagation now - Editor]

This unit is complete. So small, you can mount it right on your code keyboard! Just add your battery, dipole antenna, crystal and key! Grab your portable short wave receiver (examples: Radio Shack DX-390, DX-392, DX-398; Grundig YB-400; Sony 2010, 7600; Sangean 818, 818CS, 909, etc.) and you're ready to go "on-the-air" with an impressive portable ham radio station! Operates on 12 to 14 volts DC. Approximately 2 1/2 watts output... plenty of power to work DX! COMPLETE instructions including 30-meter information. We also supply you with information on where to purchase transmitting crystals.

ATTENTION!! By popular request, we have decided to offer transmit crystals for our PEANUT WHISTLE TWO qrp transmitter. The crystals were purchased NEW from JAN CRYSTALS in Fort Meyers, FL and are cut for the internationally recognized QRP calling frequency of 7.040 MHz. We are offering the crystals to you AT OUR COST, with the purchase of our PEANUT WHISTLE TWO.

Sorry... no individual crystal sales. The cost of the PW-2 transmitter WITH crystal is just \$29.95 (plus \$6.95 s&h). The cost of the transmitter without the crystals is \$19.95 (plus \$4.95 s&h). Remember! These transmitters are COMPLETELY ASSEMBLED! NOT A KIT! Yet...they are priced LESS than many kits!

The "PEANUT WHISTLE TWO" is STILL ONLY \$19.95 + \$4.95 USPO:

DWM Communications
1709 N. West Avenue
Jackson, MI 49202

Member Spotlight!

This month were spotlighting:
KB9RVB--Carl--FPQRP #365



Carl is from Bloomington, IN became interested in ham radio in the late 1950's along with high school classmates in suburban Pittsburgh, PA, like Dell Palmer K3AXR, who has been a ham since 1955 but who needs to get into QRP on 40 meters from the DC suburbs so they can renew interests.

But it wasn't until he met Rick (FP#145) KB9NDF 40 years later that he buckled down and passed Technician in December of 1997. An incident with an unbreakable "rubber duck" resulted in a commitment to KB9NDF to pass the code, completed in April of 2000. The code classes with Millard K9DIY and a Flying Pigs forum at the Hoosier Hills Hamfest in Bedford (IN) sparked his interest in QRP enough to result in the General license in March of 2001. He hosted K9DIY's QRP forum at the Owen County (Spencer, IN) Hamfest in the fall of 2001. It was that and the Flying Pigs 2001 forum at Hoosier Hills two weeks later that he was inspired by Diz (FP#1) W8DIZ, Dan (FP#6) N8IE, Brian (FP#57) KB9BVN, and Kent (FP#80) KB9VZS to finally take the plunge into QRP.

He has two QRP-inspired projects now started with the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club, where he is a member of the board of directors: code classes for both new certifications and brushups for those who haven't been using the code since upgrade; and a QRP kit project being led by club president Jay KA9OKT -- seven hams, two Generals, three Extras, and two Technicians will be building the Foxx 3 40-meter kit. "We'll need a good antenna tuner project and an antenna to follow up," he grins.

Carl has been since 1994 the instructional technology coordinator with the Monroe County (IN) schools where he had been an English teacher and wrestling and football assistant for most of 30 years. He and his XYL Linda have two daughters and two grandchildren. He shares his love of photography, model railroading, and bad harmonica with both of them, although the 18-month-old boy is better on the harp while his 6-year-old sister is great with a camera. "I have some hope that amateur radio will strike a cord, since their father is an electrician," he says. "They've got some tower space at the home they are remodeling."

You can visit Carl at <http://www.mccsc.edu/~czager/> or e-mail him at kb9rvb@arrl.net.

Truffle Logs

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The 2nd Revision of Thursdays Truffle Log

WE9K 559 GLENN WI 5W
W5YR 559 GEORGE TX 5W
K4BYF 559 JACK FL 5W
N2GJ 559 GERRY NJ 5W
AF4PS 559 MAC FL 3W
K0EVZ 559 DOC ND 3W
K5JHP 559 BILL TX 5W
AE4Y 559 KENT GA 5W
K5NZ 579 MIKE TX 5W
KG4LDY 559 JIM VA 5W
AA5O 559 VERN LA 5W
N9NE 559 TODD WI 5W
K4FB 559 PAUL FL 5W
W2XN 559 FRED FL 5W
KD5KXF 559 MIKE TX 5W

73,72, OO

FP #41 NJQRP #338 Fists #2360
ARCI #9606 SOC #336 Norcal ARRL
Hamilton, Ohio EM79ri
Tom, K8CZ

2/5

Thanks to all who showed up for my last run this year.
Can't wait until next year!

0131 w5yr 559 tx geo 5w
0132 k4byf 559 fl oh jack 5w
0135 k8cv 559 mi walt 5w
0136 kg4ldy 559 va jim 5w
0137 w9hl 559 il randy 5w
0138 wv9n 559 oh randy 5
0139 k5jhp 559 tx bill 5w
0140 af4ps 559 fl mac 3w
0143 k8fp 559 oh daryl 5w
0144 w8diz 559 oh diz 5w
0145 k5dw 559 tx don 5w
0146 k8mia 559 wv jim 5w
0146 n1tp 559 fl tom 5w
0148 kk5na 559 tx joe 5w
0148 k4fb 559 fl paul 5w
0150 w5usj 559 tx chas 5w
0152 ac5jh 559 ok tom 5w
0152 aj4ay 559 al jay 5w
0153 k8kfj 559 wv gary 5w
0154 wb0wao 559 mi dennis 2w
0157 wr5o 559 tx dave 5w
0158 n9ik 599 il thor 500mw

72, oo

Dan, N8IE

2/9

Only 13 in the log last night...I spent the 25 minutes fighting noise and incredibly loud (at least here) SSB.

Here's the log:

1	0131	7045 W5YR	559 TX GEORGE	5W
2	0132	7045 K0EVZ	559 ND DOC	5W
3	0133	7045 W8DIZ	559 OH DIZ	5W
4	0134	7045 WV9N	559 OH RANDY	5W
5	0136	7045 AC5JH	559 OK TOM	5W
6	0137	7045 N9NE	559 MI TODD	5W
7	0139	7045 N1TP	559 FL TOM	5W
8	0141	7045 K5DW	559 TX DON	5W
9	0142	7045 K5JHP	559 TX BILL	5W
10	0143	7045 AA5O	559 LA VERN	5W
11	0148	7045 AJ4AY	559 AL JAY	5W
12	0151	7045 W0CH	559 MO DAVE	100MW
13	0154	7045 K8DD	559 MI HANK	5W

I'm pretty sure the calls and names are right...Somehow, I doubt W0CH was running 100 mw, but that's what it sounded like, and I hit CFM without thinking it through.

I knew I was in trouble when K0EVZ, who is usually loud, was just barely above the noise. I could hear folks calling but just couldn't get many breaks in the noise.

The last five minutes was nothing but SSB. Next time, I think I'll try for below 7.040.

At any rate, I had to wait almost 90 minutes into the hunt to get W8RU (0322Z) and N4DD (0328Z) so conditions just weren't that great last night in West Texas. Thanks to everyone who took their best shot...I have one more shot at breaking 20 in March. Hope to see you there.

72/73 es oo,
Dave Winfield, WR5O
El Paso, Texas DM61ts

2/13

Hi Gang...

here is the truffle log for tonight...

Oh, and the band went dead about 15 minutes into the hunt I MEAN WEIRD!!! If TX was not there it would have been a BUST!

AF4PS 579 FL Mac 3W
W5YR 559 TX George 5W
K5JHP 559 TX Bill 5W
W5USJ 559 TX Chuck 5W
N1TP 559 FL Tom 5W
WV9N 559 OH Randy 5W
WR5O 559 TX Dave 5W
WA8BXN 599 OH Mike 5W
K4BYN 559 FL Jack 5W
N9NE 579 WI Todd 100mW
K8CV 559 MI Walt 5W
AJ5AY 579 AL Jay 5W

K8MIA 559 WV Jim 5W
W4BQP 579 NC Jim 5W
K8KFJ 559 WV Gary 5W
WE9K 559 WI Glenn 5W
K0CNT 599 CO George ?W
K5SR 559 TX Dale 5W
N9IK 559 IL Thor 500mW
AC5JH 559 OK Tom 5W
WA5PB 449 ?? ?? ??
K5DW 559 TX Don 5W

TNX all for the first 15 minutes... talk about QSB - WOW!!!

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ

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Truffle Log - 02/15/02 01:30Z to 02:00Z

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Your truffle is KB9BVN from central Indiana
Rig: HW-9 at 2 watts, into attic dipole
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Call Time RST State Name
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K8CV 0131 559 MI WALT
K8KFJ 0134 599 WV GARY
W8DIZ 0138 599 OH DIZ
WV9N 0137 599 OH RANDY
N8IE 0139 599 OH DAN
AF4PS 0140 599 FL MAC
AA5O 0141 559 LA VERN
N9NE 0143 599 WI TODD
K8MIA 0144 559 WV JIM
N4ROA 0145 599 VA DAN
K5JHP 0147 559 TX BILL
WA9TZE 0149 599 WI JIM
W9HL 0151 559 IL RANDY
K9UT 0152 599 IN JERRY
W8PIG 0153 559 OH PORKY (FP QRP CLUB)
K4GT 0150 559 GA JIM
W5YR 0158 559 TX GEORGE
W5USJ 0159 559 TX CHUCK

Well, that's 18 in 30 mins. I was hoping for at least 15.

Can't swing a dead cat on 40m without hitting a West By God Virginian these days. Nothing wrong with that. George, I was sure I would get your call on the 16th time I asked for it...but I think it took one more. Heavy SSB was cranking it up here at the end of the truffle hunt.

WV9N was the loudest signal heard. He's right at 90 miles SE of me. He has this old Lincoln Contentional that's just incredible....ask him about it sometime. It was good to work Porky in there, last QSO with him was a year ago.

I did pick up some new states. Diz, change my total to 28 now. Thanks.

Gotta get some sleep now, sinus meds kicking in...hallucinations due any moment now.

72 es OO

2/19

Thanks to all for the good turnout tonight. Didn't hear the first call until 4 minutes into the hunt. I don't know if I have a rig problem, a hearing problem, or both. I had a great time in my three hunts this year (they were my first three ever) and looking forward to next year. Thanks to all who turned out and wish I could have those first four minutes back to hand out more truffle :-).

0134	W5YR	55N	TX	GEORGE	5W
0136	W4BQP	57N	NC	JIM	5W
0137	K8MIA	55N	WV	JIM	5W
0138	WE9K	5NN	WI	GLENN	5W
0140	K4GI	55N	GA	JIM	5W
0141	K5JHP	55N	TX	BILL	5W
0143	KG4LDY	55N	VA	JIM	5W
0144	KC9LC	55N	VA	RANDY	5W
0145	K8CV	55N	MI	WALT	5W
0146	K8KFJ	5NN	WV	GARY	5W
0147	WA8BXN	55N	OH	MIKE	5W
0149	K0EVZ	579	ND	DOC	5W (not sure, can't read my writing)
0150	N3BJ	55N	VA	ALAN	5W
0151	N9NE	58N	WI	TODD	5W
0152	K8DD	55N	MI	HANK	5W
0153	W5USJ	55N	TX	CHUCK	5W
0155	AF4PS	55N	FL	MAC	3W
0156	WR5O	579	TX	DAVE	5W
0157	K5SR	5NN	TX	DALE	5W
0158	N8VAR	55N	OH	RON	5W
0159	K4BYF	55N	FL	JACK	5W
0159	N1ODL	559	NH	ARON	5W
0200	WV9N	-----	TRUFFLE	-----	-----

Again, all my thanks and looking forward to next year-
72/oo,randy,wv9n

UNTOUCHABLE QRP

By Arnold CW Timm

Low power pontiffs suffer for their battery mode. As the sunspots decline, and the employment options offer less means to make big bucks, Flying Pigs fly off the paddle. An uncomfortable gadget is then brought to bare. Not your ordinary thingamajig, but a giant pair of Russian ears! These especially designed hearing aides will definitely enhance your low power experience. Rather than 559 — signal strength will even amaze your computer code reader! And that is saying something. You'll have to assemble your own however. Such a device would be considered an unfair advantage over slope detection, etc. They operate like sound powered phones some say. Hi

Jay WB0L always said that in order for Qrp people to be heard, there needed to be a larger array or beam, aimed at them. This is true during low sunspot cycles. The proper propagation almost demands some kind of a gain or high signal to noise ratio, upon which we are obviously impaled around 14.060. The vertical element whipping in the breeze fights for fade, if not on either coast. And being heard is far better than talking to the walls. Less lead paint on the forehead, soldering station, and/or fist of hands.

Once the new band plan is unleashed, gobs of goofy operators may plug our playground. The learning scale (to get up to speed), could become quite lopsided. Gathering dust in our basements, that cat of nine tails — can snap these beginners into line. Mobile parking lots leaping from the freeway onto 7040. We might have to withdraw farther into the fog bank. Introverts biting the hand that feeds them. Qrp cw need not worry however, modulation itself, corrodes much of the spectrum assigned. Rusty wrists are more prone to microphone once the chips are down.

Eliot Ness and the Chicago organized crime bosses (1930s) fought tooth and nail, to rid our capitalist system of entrepreneur sprits. Gut wrenching monetary gains filled the coffers and pocketbooks, of ordinary Al. Corruption catapulted over livelihoods and gangsters alike. They never got to see the inside of homebrew. Lost the chance to experience each elemental component necessary in assembling apparatus, behavior, or beverage. The price of ignoring: Much of modern day wireless telegraphy is apparently also hidden from mainstream America. Sandwiched into surface mount maiden forms, thrusting not its essential meaning. Strange how we stumble over yesterday in order to achieve tomorrow. Its "too technical" digital data further belittles Qrp cw — an already minimal might. Each operator should show- case his/her plaything. The discipline and patience of Morse code utilization could be additionally shared. Our powers-that-be may reroute spectrum, ridicule anything less than 100 watts, and refuse to understand our insights. Adrian Weiss wrote two books on this subject matter. Attempting to organize thought and reason, as the sunspot cycle dove. Other silent keys shouted from their landmarks. Percentage of patrons pondering Qrp cw rise and fall with the times.

Way back in the 1960s black plastic encapsulated code practice oscillators were sold. All the component parts were sunk into Castalite* compounds. Touchy feelings were prevented by this cover up. Kids and Grandpa played coded communications under such black listed long hand. Of course, if the transistor failed, group CW practice would have to relay in semaphore. That is if Grandpa was Navy trained. Sequestered germanium transistors died of battery polarity mistakes most often. Their death thereafter, meant less merit badges or demerit wails of regret.

There is a caveat herein however. Exposing good fishing spots suddenly swarms rows and rows of agile anglers. Fishing lines and misquote bits blister our catch and release food gathering. Never volunteer your favorite fishing or qrp frequency point. Pileups pervade without much sense of wonder. Like starving grasshoppers, gold diggers, and mobster mentality, they wait until you've done all the hard work; then it's a field day until the meaning is gone. Partake of a kit of parts project. Be it as simple as a regenerative receiver. Find out how a junction field effect transistor performs and judge for yourself, how "simple" a simple circuit really is. When we purchase our HF transceiver already tested and assembled, we may be reducing our chance to discover its enormous potential. And as solar cycles plummet deeper into surrounding ground potentials, D layer ionization's seldom satisfy us with distant locations. Currently a Ramsey Kit HF linear amp kit is handy.

In conclusion then. No matter how well we understand, appreciate, or malign our radio hobbies, their diversion serves forth its solace. Rather than disclosing every facet of the diamond broach or the feminine neck it sensationalizes, we speculate to the point of distraction. Hidden elements of human being fascinated in either object or hormonal disturbance, does more than stripping bare the item. Qrp cw runs in circles of crazy eight. Sine waves circling our sedentary selves. Whether we raise our dipole antennas to a half wave above ground or secretly savor it in stealth – like situations, Qrp cw certainly deserves a pat on the back. And an iambic paddle proudly squeezed to the tune of Forever Yours!

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About the Flying Pigs QRP Club

OUR MISSION:

- 1: Have Fun.
- 2: No rules.
- 3: Have a group of Friendly Hams who enjoy Amateur Radio, and sharing their skills with their fellow Hams.

CLUB EMAIL POLICY:

These are not rules, just common sense.

Club email is not moderated, as we are not a stuffy group. You can send off topic messages about most subjects, but please keep it clean and in good taste. We do like good-natured ribbing and joking with each other, but we will not tolerate flaming other members or spamming the group.

We will remove offenders who abuse our open policy.

CLUB WEB PAGE:

The club web page is our forum for sharing projects, and information about us. You are encouraged to submit your ideas and projects to be added to the web page.

PROBLEM REPORTING:

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We welcome all to join the Flying Pigs QRP Club, and we hope you have fun! Ω