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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)

CLUB FREQS.

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	

ALL FPgrp frequencies are UP 4 kHz
 from the standard qrp frequencies
 except for 20 meters.

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Ramblings

First off a BIG CONGRATULATIONS goes to Matt Powell, K8KLP for his upgrade to Technician Plus! Keep up the great work Matt.

A new change for the BB! When the size of the BB reaches a certain size (over 250kb), I'll be adding for download, a text only version of the BB. This is by numerous requests due to the size of the newsletter.

72, oo

Dan, N8IE Ω

Indy Hamfest Report

By Brian, KB9BVN

Date July 7th, 2001 - Indianapolis IN

The hamfest started out like any other hamfest, it was raining.

W8DIZ, WB6JBM, K8KLP, WB8ICN, KB6TI, WB9LPU, KB9NDF, KB9BVN, KB9RRG, WV9N, KD8HT, and I think that was it....made it to the fest. In the homebrew contest there were about 25 entries, members of the Flying Pigs QRP Club International contributed the following projects:

WB6JBM - Rick, DC to DC Converter for powering logging laptops off SLA's
WB8ICN - Mike, His version of the W8DIZ Multipig Rig
WB9LPU - Rich, his gorgeous handmade paddles and bugs
KB6TI - Harold, his beautiful, dual VFO 40m scratch rig. Looks awesome!

I am happy to say the Flying Pig WB9LPU won FIRST PLACE and WB8ICN won 2ND PLACE!!! They both took home fabulous prizes worth literally millions (Millions in the sense of Turkish Lire).

No one took any pictures though. We ran into Harold Smith (KB6TI) at the Thomson Consumer Electronics ARC booth and he made us an AWESOME deal on about (and I am not lying) 20,000 feet of insulated 22 gauge solid wire. Diz bought it all....he said something about kiting up mobile Rhombics for the club. All in all it was a great day.

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

Matt Powell, K9KLP is now a Technician PLUS. He passed the CW test with flying colors. So to allow him and other Tech Plus piggies to participate in the Pig Nets, a survey was taken and it was established that the Sunday Night net hosted by WB8ICN be moved FROM 7047 to 7137 kHz +/- QRM. The net on Sunday Night will be moving. PLEASE make a note of it.

72

KB9BVN Ω

As seen on our reflector!

"Did you know..."

I was sitting in on a forum yesterday at the Indy Hamfest. The forum was called "Having fun with HF" and was aimed at all the new HF enabled licenses. The speaker is a very nice ham, good Elmer, and knows a lot about ham radio....but when he said this, I just had to chuckle.

In response to what kind of station to buy....

"Well, with as little as 100 watts and a dipole, you can talk to foreign countries." I raised my hand and mentioned that with my attic dipole (cost maybe \$10) and my Norcal 40A Transceiver (Maybe \$160 with keyer) and 1.8 watts, I worked all states in about 14 months, including foreign countries like Mexico, Aruba, Belize, Canada, and the Bahamas. I then also had to tell him about working Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean on 30m with about 4 watts and the same attic dipole.

It didn't impress anyone. <gulp>

72 es OO

Brian, KB9BVN Ω

Prefix/Country Lookup Software

By Bryn, N4VM

Hello everyone. I was doing some cleaning up on the computer and came across some software I wrote for looking up prefixes and countries they correspond with. I thought some of you might have a use for this program so have put it at the following page. It was written for Windows:
<http://www.pcpractice.com/Radio/>



It is a 15k-zip file and has two files inside. Place together and it should work, if not drop me a line and I will help. Also if you do down load, drop me a note letting me now you did so. Also any comments good or bad would be appreciated.

Best Regards

Bryn

N4VM FP#200 Ω

Editors Note:

The program is very cool, and Bryn did a great job. You will need the MS file vb40032.dll to execute the program, you can down load it at:

<http://support.microsoft.com/support/KB/articles/Q196/2/86.ASP>

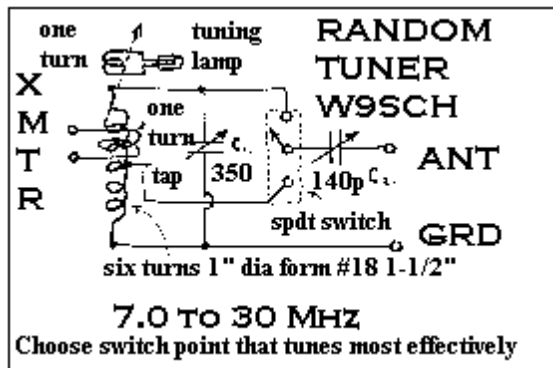
A UNIVERSAL RANDOM ANTENNA TUNER

By CF Rockey W9SCH

How often recently, have you heard someone rather-raucously exclaim: "You can't work any distance without a beam!" Or inflammatory words to this same effect? Every time I hear this sort of guff, it raises my hackles; not only because it sounds so [obviously] "commercial", but more so because this is not [always] true.

In opposition to this sort of thought, and out of "just plain pizen-orneryness", I suppose; I have recently [what cycle?] been making an informal "study" of the simple "sub-normal" antenna for amateur operations. The result of these has not been nearly as discouraging as one might possibly surmise. Can one really make fairly consistent amateur radio contacts with the sort of "lash up" which most hams would hardly consider as an "antenna" at all? And, if so, what kind of practical ham results can one expect therefrom?

To attempt an empirical answer to this question, of course, I needed an amateur tuner -- one which would tune almost any sort of insulated, electrically conducting "object" to resonance at the operating frequency and "match it" to my transceiver. Out of this need thus arose this "Universal Random antenna tuner"..... (See accompanying diagram for specific details of this device.)



At W9SCH, this device was built from parts that happened to be lying about the shack. The maximum capacitance of the two variable caps used (air-dielectric of course) is not critical, except that the parallel-one (C1) must be large enough to easily cover the desired frequency range of seven to thirty Megahertz. Least 350pF is required. The series cap (C2) may be anything larger than about 100pF max, sufficient to provide sufficiently close coupling to the device being tuned. The coil was wound upon a one-inch diameter, plastic pill bottle.

Some people are satisfied by simply tuning their antenna to proper resonance with their vswr-meter. But I am not happy with that. So I suggest a simple "soup-loop", coupled to the tuner-coil adequately. The glow of the little bulb first graphically indicates that the system is correctly tuned to resonance and, secondly, indicates positively that "the soup is up the stack", as it should be. ("Tune for the greatest smoke!" As my old Navy chief used to say.)

The W9SCH tuner is built upon a scrap plywood panel and baseboard; simple, cheap, and adequate to the job. "Pretty is that pretty DOES!" Why do I call this gadget "universal"? Simply because I've not found anything even distantly resembling an ("unbalanced") antenna, that it will not resonate - - and effectively match to a normal transceivers' "fifty ohm" output. Indeed, I'll (almost) say that I'll "eat the antenna that this thing won't tune!" [Careful Rock, metal is tough.]

Among the impromptu antennas tuned and tested in this crazy project were a number of "random wires", between 10 and 70' long; metal window-screens, metal bookcase-supports, isolated sections of metal heating-pipe, and a metal pie-rack. In each case, a number of solid amateur CW contacts were completed over distances greater than 500 miles in most instances. In some cases, a number of European and South American contacts, also, were made upon the 10,15 & 20m amateur bands, while these contacts were not as easily made as with a regular, reasonably efficient amateur antenna, most were "solid" and interesting. DX can be worked without a beam! [If the conditions are near optimum or more]

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Skeeter Troubles?

By Arnold, KA0TPZ

Earl Savage K4SDS relayed a mosquito repeller circuit. Another reader, Steve Thomas of Sawyer AFB MI, came up with some very interesting information.

Steve scratched his head (and other bitten points) until he found that the range just above human hearing will repel both male (non-biting) & female (biting) mosquitoes. Frequencies around 20 kHz this entails we presume? Hi

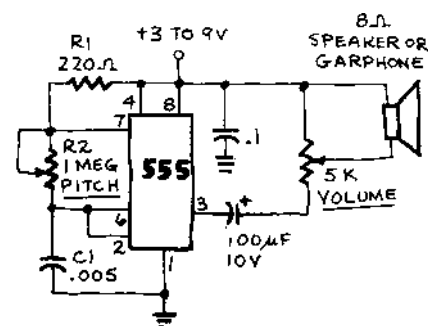


FIG. 1

Steve's answer to the mosquito problem is the 555 oscillator in fig.1. Output frequencies above 62 kHz and below 200 Hz will perform by adjusting R2. To produce good quality frequencies, around 20 kHz, a quality speaker is mandatory. Perhaps attach it to the sidetone section; thus barking repellent as you key? Hi

This square wave generator shouts hundreds of harmonics. Steve said it should be effective near any of the suggested frequencies. Tune it higher until you can no longer hear it. If stray dogs suddenly appear at your field day site, you'll know the device is squeaking electronic repellent toward the hoards of pesky mosquitoes.

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FP Net

7/2

What a hoot...forgot to turn up the power on the K2 (was at 100mw) and had a couple of QNIs before I realized my mistake.

Here is the run down for this evening's net:

KC8NYW Rob 599 Good ears Rob..you caught me on 100 mw

WV9N Randy 599 He too got me at 100mw

WB6JBM Rick, aka Spandex Kid and McGiver Piggie 599

Rick was working matrix stuff into the net tonight...next time though I need to say QSY 3Khz down and not 1 Khz..hahaha

KE1LA Sir/Dr./Mr. Joel 599 ...and 599 when his is 1Khz down too..hehehe, great signal Joel

NV4T Bill 569, but copiable S9 noise here and Bill was still getting through

KQOI Mark 579 Don't know why Mark, but I keep forgetting your name every time...sri

N8VAR Ron 599 Pleasure to have Ron check into the net..great fist and good signal..hope to hear you again! Do I owe you a QSL card???

AJ4AY Jay, the travelling Piggie 559 at check-in but lost him after that..sorry Jay...noise keep getting worse up here.

AF4PS Mac and his IAD 579 Mac was on a couple of watts working stns for the last time on the IAD before the big move...Thanks Mac for a great evening of fun!!!

K4FB Paul xxx Had Paul 599 on IM but couldn't hear him on 40 meters..hahaha

K2JQ Dick xxx Same as Paul...think the band was about give out at this point.

Today was the really first good day I have had in two months (Melissa is getting better and better) and the fun with the IAD Q's and the net really topped off a super weekend. All of you piggie are the best therapy for an old fart like me!!!

See everyone on Wednesday night with the legendary KE1LA as NCS!!!

OO's and Happy 4th to all....Mikey

7/5

The frequency was 7047, give or take a Hz or two. I patiently waited for a NCS to show up, not knowing that Joel has destroyed his hamshack in search of that perfect trout lure...

At about 01:05Z (That's NCS Lingo for the uninitiated) I grabbed the reins and spurred the net into existence. It was

brutal. I was on my Norcal 40A, which at this time is turned down to about 900 mW into the attic dipole. Maybe since Mac has killed his IAD, perhaps my IAD has absorbed some of the secret magic powers!!

The checkins were fast and furious, I was freaking out, people were yelling at me, the phone was ringing, and a kid selling hubcaps to work his way through medical school was beating on my door. I took a long draught of Diet Pepsi and steeled my nerves against the onslaught.

First in was Rob from Columbus OHIO, a solid 599 KC8NYW was pounding my dipole with massive amounts of QRP energy. I was lucky to still be able to hear when the next check in appeared, it was Mikey in Michigan and HE was 599 WB8ICN with his QCWA hearing aid turned all the way up, then could it be...could it possibly be...YES, I recognize that Alabama drawl, it was JAY from Mobile AJ4AY and I could HEAR him and even understand his CW a solid 559 into central Indiana, we even QSO's after the net and it was just great to hear him. I thought we were done, I called CQ FP NET a couple more times and then all of a sudden I was DEAFENED by the multi watt signal of Randy WV9N from Harrison Ohio...he was his usual 599 Plus 140db. I can hear Randy with my radio off. Then that was it. No more checkins, I had a blast...now I can go to bed.

On another note....Matt Powell, Piggie #-69, will be taking his General Exam at the Indy Hamfest on Saturday. Wish him luck!

Thanks guys, we'll have to do it again soon.
Brian, KB9BVN

7/9

My ears are still ringing from static crashes!!!

Ten checkins to include the newest..Matt, K8KLP.

AJ4AY 449 surprised I heard Jay first

KB9BVN 589 at checkin Brian had to bail due to the

Lightening Gods threatening his attic dipole

KC0I 569 Good signal strength and copy between crashes

KC4URI 449 got about 50% of it Steve

K8KLP 589 Congrats Matt..next week, make it a longer transmission...good to hear you on!!!

WB6JBM 589 I bet Rick had a smile a mile wide tonight!!!!

N8IE 599 Mr. Spandex here was asleep at the key (again..hahaha)...Dan's headphones became unplugged and he could figure out why the band suddenly got quiet. What was louder Dan, the static you're the snoring???

WV9N 599 Randy, I was way off freq when you called the first time...thanks for the repeat and fine signal

N4VM 339 to 569 Bryn was being polite and didn't want to step on anyone else...what a guy!!! Thanks for the QNI Bryn

KD8HT 229 Hey dude, the portable antenna was working...less QRN here and you would have been Q5 copy

Starting next Saturday nite, we will have a FP net on 7137..then on Sunday nite, we will have the usually 7047 gathering. Both nets will be at 9:00pm EDT (0100 Zulu).

Thanks to all who made it out tonight and see ya on Wednesday nite with Doctor Joel.

Anyone want to take Saturday nite's net while Rob is out of town..if not, then I will do it....I need the practice!!!!

OO's....Mikey

EDITORS NOTE:

This is a follow up message from Matt about his very first check in to the net:

From: Matt Powell <petaqq@yahoo.com>
To: 'Flyin Piggies' <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>
Date: Monday, July 09, 2001 11:44 AM
Subject: Re: [fpqrp] Net Results for 7/8/01

>well, i gotta say that was a painfull experience (much like the first umm,wait, nevermind that)

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>hrmm, i, well, umm, was only able to maybe copy about, umm, 30% of what mikey sent. couple things

>i found that i need to adjust to:

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>1) the first half of each character sent is about 3 times louder then the second half

>2) lightening noise sucks

>3) i think it was a lil' fast fer me hehe

>4) writing down what im gonna say before i send it is good

>5) wear socks or something in the basement (ouch, that floor is cold)

>

>hearin it on tapes is a LOT difernt then on the air!

>/matt

7/12

High Y'all wow what qrn tonite....steady s9 and over at times... sry my copy was light... I will try to do better-er next weak... :-)

Check ins

WB8ICN MY hero Mike, a little light, but still a magic signal... :-)

W8DIZ DIZ got u when u first checked in...u were s9 right on top of the static...

NV4T KEPT wanting to call u kv4 sri... the doctors are working on me... :-)

KC8NYW loud, ten ovah nine steady.... was so nice to be able to hear u... thanks...

KB9BVN sry it took so long for me to get to u... and u was gone... next weeK?

KC4URI great signal however two fellas stomped u into the mud, serious qrm... sri...

AF4PS/M had u 5x5 till the qrm jumped in... sri ur signal was there...next week?

Thanks to all who checked in or tried to check in... conditions were really bad on this end... qrn big time... don't kneaux who jumped on me at the end but they over rhode all my filters in the k2... sry guys... was time to crawfish outta thair... oo 72 joel

kella joel

wed nite net july 11, 01 9pm eastern 7.047.5 cw

7/15

The first Saturday night slow code net only provide for one check-in...but hopefully we will have more as time goes on.

Saturday's net had KQ0I, Mark as the sole brave checkin...hehehe, good signal and fun ragchew time

OO's...Mikey

7/16

Sundays Net had nine checkins:

KC8NYW 589 Rob...sri it took me three times to get your call...some bonehead 1 Khz below us couldn't take the hint that we had a net going on...at least at first he didn't :-)

KC4URI 579 Steve...forgot that I can use my tribander for receive and that provided for good copy on all after I remembered it Steve...good fist and copy

W8DIZ 589 Diz...thanks for the assist in getting Mac and Aron checked in...remind us about the Bumble Bee contest as we draw closer to it..more than three days and we all forget about it...hahaha

WB8OUJ 579 Bob...good to have you on board

Bob...think this is the first time I have worked you on the net!!! My notes are a mess but was it you that was in WBGVA (West By God Virginia)?

NV4T 569 Bill...QRN and QRM started getting ruff here but Bill came thru in flying colors

WV9N Loud Randy...how much power are you using and what is the antenna???

Your always 599+ here in Michigan

AJ4AY 569 Jay...I laughed when you mentioned the ARCI HB contest and Mac all in the same breath..hahaha

AF4PS 559 Mac..oh man, I miss your loop..hope it will be us soon! Thanks for hanging in there Mac

N1ODL 229 Aron...QRM and QRN was pretty bad by the time you checked in Aron...how is the ankle and the family doing?

WB8ICN Could hear me very, very good...nice fist too <LOL>....your friendly Sunday NCS

Thanks to all who made it and hope to hear everyone on Wednesday nite, same freq and and time!!!

OO's...Mikey

7/19

High Y'all

wow what a net... had twenty folks calling at one and the same time... thought I was dx thair for a minute...signals were soft tonite, lots of qrn... however I heard everyone I heard.... (now an't that wisdom)... Thanks for checking in piggies and Mike

we understand ur distaste for the wed nite net and that's ok.... ur welcome to check in any time... ok?... hee hee...

(Mike was outta town and couldn't check in)

Checkins

KC8NYW

NE4O

WB8UOJ/8

KC4URI

N1ODL, THANKS AND GREAT TO HEAR ALL IS FINE...

KD6KXF IN tX NEAR Dallas... welcome aboard

WB6JBM whard u geaux sri it took so long to get to u...
AF4PS aNYONE kneaux who this might be.... :-)

thanks for checking in and see u swine next week.. joel ke1la
ke1la joel
in maine
4.8 watt with k2

7/22

First off thanks guy's for trying in less than favorable condx...s-
9 qrn...then I heard the Barnum and Baily circus:-) Zippy the
chimp calling cq at a gazillion wpm, WOW. Sri Mark you just
plain got stomped by zippy! I heard a 5 stn I just cud not pull
out early on then it just got worse...another try was made and I
just cud not get it...Really sri. Next time I'll do a Mikey thing
and receive on my 20m beam. Its a little more sensitive.

N8IE, Dan 559. Gud cpy but zippy was starting!:-)
KQOI, Mark. 449 100% qmed. that guy's bandwidth was
amazing. We'll get it yet!
WV9N Randy. 599 What can I say..Great sig as usual.
AB8IT Tom. 599. Not qrp but wanted to know abt the FP net.

There were a couple more trys and agn I apologize, but just cud
not dig you 2 out of the noise..Maybe next time we'll have
better condx! 72/00 Rob,
KC8NYW..

7/23

Thanks to all who braved the rotten noise and digital
BRAAAPPPPPP signals tonite!!!
All Signal Reports are as heard off the back side of my 20
meter beam....
W8DIZ Diz 599
KC8NYW Rob 599
NV4T Bill 579
NE4O Dennis in AR 579..good signal
KC4URI Steve 569
WV9N Randy LOUD and LOUDER
AF4PS Mac 569..Mac has some help from upstairs in
making these antennas he uses to what they do!!!
KE1LA Doc Joel 599...I think Joel has his wire beam back
up..loud tonite into Michigan
WB5TKA Dan 559..what a hoot, almost missed you due to
QRN..thanks for the checkin from way down there!!!
WB9LPU Richard, the superb Keyer Man 589
WB8UOJ Bob 589..but he wasn't in WV tonite..but he has
the power supply working now..hahaha
N1ODL Aron, or was that Turner??? 559...glad you made it
Aron!!!!

Don't forget the Wednesday night net with Doctor Joel..I will be
in Las Vegas (yes its business) so keep Joel in line!!!
Again, thanks to all and see ya'll next Saturday nite on the slow
CW net and then again on Sunday nite on the noisy net ☺

Dah-Dit-Dah.... 72's/73's es oo's, Mike...WB8ICN

7/29

Wow, nice turn out guy's, although I didn't hear
Randy??,Which made me wonder where i was!:-)The qrn was

a bear and I was suffering from paint inhalation, but other than
that was pretty gud copy. For some reason Dan, and Mac were
plagued with a little qsb too. great to see all you piggies though!

KA2HJL Edward 579-599 Hit me hard on my first call and just
dusted Rick, and Bill:-)
WB6JBM Rick 599 with increasing static crashes.
NV4T Bill 559 Great to finally meet you. I heard you from the
start but was changing antennas. Nice sig frm FL!
AF4PS Mac 559 Great to see you agn Mac. Buy the time I got
to you the qsb had increased, so sorry if I missed anything. Was
on the Heathkit with NO FRILLS. Tnx Mac for the check-in!
N8IE Dan 559 I just cud not for the life of me get you dialed in
good Dan, but copied 90% The noise ws amazing at the
end...Then just dropped off..I thought my dipole fell outa the
maple tree!!

Agn tnx guy's and see you tonight on 7047.572/00 rob.ke8nyw..

7/30

Gotta admit that you Piggies got good ears!!! Lots of static
here from a passing storm but good turn out for the net in any
case.
Ten checkins and lots of fun...
W8DIZ Pappa Diz 579, I think Diz is a Master Bumble
Bee now <grin>
KC8NYW Rob 589, good signal as usually Rob
N8IE Spandex Man 559, Dan is selling everyones
shorts and whatever else he can steal..watch this piggie closely
WB6JBM Rick 559, you ought to offer a certificate for
"Worked From Most Campgrounds"...glad the trip went well
K8PZ Steve 589, good to hear you on Steve...only three
months to the hamming cruise!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
KC4URI Steve 339, the static had you good tonight
Steve..maybe better next weekend
NV4T Bill 449, glad we had the help of Mac tonight..he
makes a great relay for the southern stations
AF4PS Relay Meister <Mac> 229, Mac has saved my butt
more times than I can count when I can't hear a stn calling
in..thanks Mac!!!!!!!!!!
AJ4AY Jay 339, youi always seem to come thru even in the
worst of condx...thanks and super job tonight!!!
KB5ELV Buddy in Dallas 339, not a piggie yet..hope he
joins the gang.

My thanks to all who braved the condx and my deaf ears!!!

Dah-Dit-Dah.... 72's/73's es oo's, Mike...WB8ICN Ω

IAD, Silent Key!

By Mac, AF4PS

Thanks to all who tried to work my IAD Sorta Special Event. I logged over 20 of you with the QRN really bad. I made the mistake of letting sentimentality talk me into using the NC40a and I missed the K2 filters with the S20+ QRN. You guys have phenomenal ears to copy my 1.5 watts with the IAD. I, on the other hand, am gettin' deaf. Here's who I have logged, with two more partials email me if it was you and I just messed up. You will want to display this certificate proudly in the bottom of a drawer or birdcage.

W2XN 559 Fred FL
 W4STX 579 Bill FL
 AJ4AY 599 Jay AL
 KB9BVN 559 Brian IN
 KB9BVN/QRPP 539 Brian IN
 NF4X 549 Steve NJ
 KU4QO 549 Mike FL
 WA1HSZ 579 Bob FL
 WB6JBM 579 Rick OH
 NV4T 599 Bill FL
 N5IB 579 Jim LA
 WB8ICN 569 Mike MI
 KJ0C 559 Jim MO
 KC4TRJ 559 Bill FL
 WB8UOJ 539 Bob
 K4BYF 599 Jack FL
 ?
 KT3A 579 Cam? PA
 K4FB 579 Paul FL
 ?
 KC1LA 579 Joel ME (Sorry for the... well Doc, I'll email you.)
 AC4MY 559 Bud FL
 K4LAW 559 Biff FL
 KF4DFZ 559 Mark FL
 K2JQ 559 Dick NY (in the net)

Not-so-fancy certificates and QSLs will be mailed to QRZ address.

-MAC-
 AF4PS
 Odessa, FL

... No longer the home of the Infamous Attic Dipole! Ω

Member Spotlight!

This month were spotlighting:
 Jo, K5HOY FP #-325



I've been a ham for 40 years but dropped out about 15 years ago and have been playing catch up the past couple of months. I have a FT-817 and two 2 mtr. HTs. All 5 watts so I am a true QRPer ;-). I haven't tried any nets yet. I live in a steep valley up the side of the Sandia Mountains in New Mexico and reception is pretty sorry...but I'll be watching and waiting for a bounce!

Jo, K5HOY
 FP #-325 and SOC #439 Ω

QRP Happenings in August

7/4: North American QSO Party, CW.

Sponsored by the *National Contest Journal*, from 1800Z Aug 4 until 0600Z Aug 5 (phone is 1800Z Aug 18 until 0600Z Aug 19).

More info at:

<http://www.ncjweb.com/>

7/5: QRP ARCI Summer Daze SSB Sprint.

Sponsored by QRP ARCI, 2000Z to 2400Z Aug 5.

More info at:

<http://www.personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/arcitst.htm>

7/11: Maryland-DC QSO Party.

Sponsored by Antietam Radio Association, 1600Z Aug 11 to 0400Z Aug 12 and 1600Z Aug 12 to 2359Z Aug 12, phone and CW (CW in subband/no cross mode QSOs).

More info at:

<http://www.qsl.net/w3cwc/rules.htm>

7/25: Ohio QSO Party.

Sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z Aug 25 until 0400Z Aug 26.

More info at:

<http://www.qsl.net/mrrc/oqp.html>

OQP 2001

Passed along by Ton, K8CZ

The 2001 Ohio QSO Party will be held on August 25, 2001 (the last Saturday of August). Operators, both fixed and mobile will be activating all 88 of Ohio's counties in this late summer, lowband-operating event.

The contest runs from noon until midnight, Ohio time, and will take place on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters, both SSB and CW. The purpose of the contest is to generate fast but friendly interstate and intrastate QSOs for Ohio operators. County hunters (from all over the world) will be looking to add to their Ohio county totals. It's more than just a county hunting event though, as many certificates and plaques are available to be won.

For complete details, including rules, FREE LOGGING SOFTWARE, a county map and previous contest results, checkout <http://www.qsl.net/mrrc/oqp.html>, the official OQP website.

The Ohio QSO Party is sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, and supported by clubs statewide.

73 de Gary, AF8A
af8a@arrl.net Ω

QRP-Iville!

By Paul, W8KC

Worked on this while mowing the lawn yesterday - enjoy...

The QRP-L (sung to Margaritaville) with apologies to Jimmy Buffett

Tuning 'cross 40

With a dipole too short he
heard him some weak ones down in the noise
Slapping his paddle
gets him so mad he'll
get on the PC and mess with the boys

Deleting flames again on the QRP-L
Wishing all these OTs would halt
Some people say the band's are open today
If they're not
It's the sun's damn fault

I don't know the reason
For Summer FOX Season
Workin' them all on my brand new K2
Hey it's a real beauty
I run it full duty
If you don't agree then I'll have to flame you

Deleting flames again on the QRP-L
Wishing all these OTs would halt
Some people say the band's are open today
I don't know
And it might be my fault

I blew out my finals
With a shorted dipole
I'll get on the net and whine that I'm cursed
But there's my 49er
A constant reminder
That running QRP could surely be worse!

Deleting flames again on the QRP-L
Wishing all these OTs would halt
Some people say the band's are open today
I don't know
And it might be my fault

Yes some people say that the band's are open today
But I don't
And it's my owned damned fault

73! =paul= W8KC
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W8PIG/BB

Bumblebee report by Rick, WB6JBM

Oki doki boyz and girlz,
W8PIG went flying with the bumbleebeeleez and made 36 contacts, and one dupe.....

Ok, I know, what did spandex ham do during that big time with no contacts????

Well, some young'n probably 17 or 18 years old, male, on a bicycle came by, looked interested, and started asking the 1000 questions, so I took some time out to give ham radio a bit of a sales job on the kid. Gave him the ARRL, FPqrp, and QCEN websites, and my email addy, so we will have to see what happens from there...

Anyway, operation was from VOA park, Bethany Ohio, (on the sacred ground), 15M was dead... nill, /dev/null, nada, nuthin... 20 rocked! 40 suxed.

My keyer battery died 0.5min into the contest, so I had to use straight key... 20M rig was MFJ-9020 40M was sw40+ 15 was hw8 had crossed inverted vee's (2 antenna's on one pole) one for 40/15 and one for 20 worked great! Was in the shade most of the time, only got visited by 2 large black fat dogs, and a bunch of funny looking bugs... used up 3 battery packs (c-cell nicad's)

Log:

200107291702z 20M KC5WX 599 CO BB85
200107291706Z 20M KA2SSX 599 NJ 100W
200107291708Z 20M W3IRZ 599 GA 1W
200107291710Z 20M K5HWT 559 TX BB13
200107291712Z 20M K4MF 559 FL BB64

200107291713Z 20M K2UD 559 NY BB10
200107291714Z 20M WY1W 559 CT 2W
200107291720Z 20M N0TK 559 CO 3W
200107291722Z 20M WA8NTA 559 CO 5W
200107291724Z 20M N0IBT 559 CO 5W

200107291726Z 20M AA7EQ 559 AZ 5W
200107291730Z 20M NO5BL 559 NY BB102
200107291731Z 20M N4BP 599 FL BB26
200107291734Z 20M N2CQ 559 NJ BB74
200107291735Z 20M N0RC 559 CO 5W

200107291737Z 20M K4KJP 559 FL 5W
200107291738Z 20M WA9TZE 559 WI BB69
200107291742Z 20M N7SR 579 MN BB14
200107291745Z 20M WK8S 549 MI 5W
200107291751Z 20M AA1MY 559 ME BB23

200107291752Z 20M W0CH 559 MO BB03
200107291803Z 20M AK7Y 559 AZ BB39
200107291805Z 20M K0EVZ 559 ND BB27
200107291807Z 20M WD0DDU 579 MO BB60
200107291813Z 40M K2UD 559 NY BB10

200107291815Z 40M N3AO 449 PA 5W
200107291821Z 40M VE3JC 559 ON BB15

200107291824Z 40M KC8MOC 559 IN 100W
200107291830Z 40M NC8N 489 MI 5W
200107291832Z 40M KA1DDB 559 MI 5W

200107291833Z 40M WA9NPZ 559 IN BB71
200107291835Z 40M N8NLE 599 OH 4W
200107291845Z 20M AA5B 579 NM BB19
200107291856Z 20M W9SUL 559 MN BB22
200107292007Z 20M AA5B 579 NM BB19 DUPE, DOOH.

200107292009Z 20M N0SXX 569 CO BB03
200107292013Z 40M N9MZP 579 IL 5W

72 & oo's
/rick Ω

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:

If you are having problems with email, the web page, or a fellow club member, please report this to either:

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