

# Bacon Bits

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### NETS:

DAY	TIME	FREQ	NCI
Sun	0100Z	7.137	KC8NYW
Mon	0100Z	7.047	WV9N
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 FPqrp frequencies are UP 4 kHz  
 from the standard qrp frequencies  
 except for 20 meters.

(Left) Dick K2JQ and Mike W2AG with Flying Pig Yard Sign



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## Ramblings

Hi gang, this is my first regular issue of the Bacon Bits, once again I am in awe of the job that Dan has done on the past issues. I didn't realize how much work and planning ends up going in to an issue. Sure makes the month go fast.

This issue may seem to be a little sparse, I can only print what YOU send in. Remember it doesn't have to be Flying Pig event related, if you have a cookout and someone fires up a rig, tell us about it! I think we all enjoy reading about the amateur radio activities that are going on out there, no matter how big or how small.

In basic, I'm looking for technical articles, event articles, first hand accountings of the goings on at hamfests, anything amateur radio related.

DE KB9BVN – Brian Murrey

## FP NET

This feature has been with the BB for along time, but frankly I have been too busy lately to keep track of the QNI's and net comments. I would like to ask the Net Control Ops to please send me a emailed report of each of their nets with a bit of their own commentary included.

One thing I have noticed is we seldom see FP's from the west in the net. Do the nets start too early? Should we have two nets? (East/West)? What about a once a month international FP net on 15 or 20?

## What I did instead of FDIM – AA8VS

American Archives Amateur Radio - KC8KGA

So let me see what did I do on FDIM weekend? Let me start by saying approximately 75 years ago Charles Lindberg flew between Roosevelt Field in NY City and Le Bouget Field in Paris France for a distance of 3,610 miles in 33.5 hours on May 20, 1927.

In commemoration of this activity I took part in a special event station [KC8KGA] honoring this event at the Missouri History Museum. This is a shot of the front of the museum as you approach the building in Forest Park, MO.



This is a great location within Forest Park and here is a view standing on the front porch of the museum and looking back toward the main street. While this has nothing to do with the station or setup I thought the shot was good. I am kind of thinking long par five with a water hazard right out in front of the tee.



The amateur operators taking part in this activity were Jesse KC0FQO, Jim KA3EVD, Dave KB8RAP, Robert N8RGF, Rod WA9GQT, and Chuck AA8VS. The preparations for this event station started about a year ago in order to get the support from the museum we did. The event ran Saturday and Sunday. The setup was two rigs, dipole and a G5RV running in the lobby behind the main entry. One thing to keep in mind is special event stations and setup take a lot of planning and I have to say Dave [KB8RAP] did a fantastic job.



As the event got underway Saturday morning I was not able to get into where they were at until 10:00 AM. The rest of the guys setup and tested the evening before and had I had a radio or to contact them, security told me to wait until the doors opened. But by the time I got in they had already made a contact in the UK. The band conditions on 40 were not that great but contacts were made. This is a view from back of museum looking in the general direction of the operating station to front lobby.



One of the attractions to the museum is a room that has a lot of donated items by the Lindbergh family and there is a small admission charge to see the items. There is the Spirit of St. Louis [II] made by Ryan aircraft company to be used in the movie starring Jimmy Stewart and is hanging in the hall in right above the operating station. The original plane is at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. This was neat because if an operator asked us about the plane or our location we could tell them we had the plane in sight.



We had a lot of folks stopping by to find out, what we were doing, listening in on the SSB contacts being made, and generally getting some information about ham radio at the same time finding out about some of the details they may not have known about the Lindbergh flight. We were able to point them to the static displays within the museum and get a chance to see the personal items of the family.

Here we see Rod and Robert busily making contacts on 40 meters. Unfortunately the pins marking the contacts do not show up real well in this shot. But as contacts were being made we would be placing push pins in the map to show passers by what the capabilities of Amateur Radio is all about.



In conclusion, I really enjoyed taking part in this event and it was a great opportunity. In addition, I was also able to have dinner the evening before with some friends I went to school with the evening before. So all in all it was a great trip and a lot of fun. So that is how I spent my FDIM weekend.

73 oo

Chuck AA8VS

### QRP Contests in Sept – TNX to NJQRP

#### Michigan QRP Labor Day Sprint (CW)

\*\*\* QRP CONTEST! \*\*\*

Sep 02 - 2300z to Sep 03 - 0300z

Rules: <http://www.qsl.net/miqrpclub/rules01.htm>

"Extra Points for Homebrew & kit stations"

#### Adventure Radio Spartan Sprint (CW)

\*\*\* QRP CONTEST! \*\*\*

Sep 03 - 0100z to 0300z (Monday Evening in US/Canada)

Rules:

[http://www.natworld.com/ars/pages/spartan\\_sprints/ss\\_rules.html](http://www.natworld.com/ars/pages/spartan_sprints/ss_rules.html)

"Testing of lightweight radio gear for outdoor QRP expeditions"

#### IARU Region 1 Fieldday (SSB)

QRP Category

Sep 07 - 1300z to Sep 08 - 1300z

Rules: <http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/iaru1fd.htm>

"Logs for NA hams to RAC or ARRL"

#### AGCW Straight Key Party (CW - 40 Meters)

QRP Category

Sep 7 - 1300z to 1600z

Rules: <http://www.agcw.de/>

"Mostly EU Participation but work anyone"

#### NA Sprint (CW)... QRP Category

Sep 08 - 0000z to 0400z

Rules: <http://www.ncjweb.com/sprinrules.php>

"Short, intense competitions that challenge the best"

#### ARRL September VHF QSO Party (All) Low Power Category

Sep 14 - 1800z to Sep 16 - 0300z

Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2002/VHFQSO.pdf>

"Work the most Grids"

**Second Class Operator Club Marathon (CW)****\*\*\* QRP Contest \*\*\***

Sep 14 - 1800z to 2400z

Rules: <http://www.qsl.net/soc/020914.htm>

"Left-foot keying not required for event"

**NA Sprint (SSB)... QRP Category**

Sep 15 - 0000z to 0400z

Rules: Rules: <http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php>

"Short, intense competitions that challenge the best"

**Tennessee QSO Party**

Sep 15 - 1800z to Sep 16 - 0100z

Rules: <http://www.k4ro.net/tcg/tqp.html>

"/QRP entries so listed"

**Scandinavian Activity Contest (CW)****QRP Category**

Sep 21 - 1200z to Sep 22 - 1200z

Rules: <http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/text/sacnsc.txt>

"Work as many Scandinavian stations as possible"

**QRP Afield (All)****\*\*\* QRP Contest \*\*\***

Sep 21 - 1500z to Sep 22 - 0300z (Enter best 6 hours)

Rules: <http://www.qsl.net/wq1rp/qrpaf02r.htm>

"Granddaddy' of the outdoor QRP events"

**Washington State Salmon Run (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category**

Sep 21 - 1600z to Sep 22 - 0700z

Sep 22 - 1600z to Sep 22 - 2400z

Rules: <http://www.wdxc.org/salmonrun/rules.htm>

"Work WA stations. Plaques, Trophies, and Packages of Smoked Salmon"

**Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint (CW/PSK31)****\*\*\*QRP CONTEST\*\*\***

Sep 23 - 0000z to 0400z (Sunday evening in US/Canada)

Rules: <http://www.njqr.org/data/qrp-homebrewers-sprint.htm>

"Prizes for the winner(s) and special certificates for all"

**Tesla Cup ... QRP Category**

Sep 28 - 0000z to 2400z (SSB)

Sep 29 - 0000z to 2400z (CW)

Rules: <http://members.aol.com/k3bu/TeslaCup.htm>

"Promote international good will, competition, sportsmanship, technical excellence &amp; operating skills"

**Texas QSO Party (All) ... QRP Category**

Sep 28 - 1400z to Sep 29 - 0200z

Sep 29 - 1400z to Sep 29 - 2000z

Rules: <http://www.k5vuu.com/tqp/>

"Contact as many different Texas counties as possible"

**Louisiana QSO Party (CW/PH) ... QRP Category**

Sep 28 - 1400z to Sep 29 - 0200z

Sep 29 - 1400z to Sep 29 - 2000z

Rules: <http://www.tchams.org/users/contest/laqp>

"Work as many Louisiana stations as possible"

**Alabama QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category**

Sept 28 - 1800z to 2400z

Rules: <http://web.dbtech.net/~dxcc/rules1.htm>

"Work Alabama Counties"

Thanks to K3WWP, LA9HW, SM3CER, WA7BNM, ARRL and others for assistance in compiling this calendar.

**Putnam County NY – Invaded! – W2AG**

Here are some photos of the Putnam County (NY) FPedition to the Flying Pig Farm Market Cafe, Mount Kisco, which has been mentioned a few times on the reflector. Photos by Frank W2IX and Dick K2JQ.

This is the century-old Mount Kisco Station on the Harlem Division. The ticket office by the south door is the last vestige of railroading, the rest of the building being pig-related.



A salute to local farmers, set in the floor.



Keep your hat on -- pigs are zipping around in the rafters.



**Member Spotlight! – W2IX**

This month I will be picking on Frank, W2IX, who just happens to be the photographer of the Putnam County NY Pictures.



SAAAAAAAAAAAAA-Loot!!! To Mr. Flying Pig #267!

**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