

# Bacon Bits

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



*Happy Holidays from W8PIG!*

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## Ramblings

Hello everyone!

I hope that each and every one of you has the very best holiday and Christmas this year. Please stop and take a few extra minutes to enjoy friends and family, and keep them just a bit closer to you this year. ☺

Don't forget Straight Key Night on New Years Eve, plug in the old hand pump and get on the air.

Also, to all my fellow Piggies, and friends I send my personal Happy Holidays to you and your families.

72, oo,

Dan, N8IE Ω

## ARRL Straight Key Night

From the ARRL WebPages:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/skn.html>

When was the last time you cleared a bit of the rust off your fist and tried some code the good old-fashioned way--via the straight key? In this era of digital communication, keyboarding, FM and electronic keys, once a year many excellent operators bring the past to the present and participate in the annual **ARRL Straight Key Night**. If but for a brief 24-hour period, it is a trip to a nostalgic time, much the same way an old soldier tries on his old uniform. For others, it is an excellent opportunity to try their hand much as their Elmers did in the past.

The object of this friendly event is to enjoy some good, old-fashioned QSO fun, using straight keys. The emphasis is on rag-chewing rather than on fast contest-type exchanges. SKN 2002 begins at 7 PM EST December 31 and runs for 24 hours through 7 PM EST January 1 (**0000-2400 UTC January 1, 2002**).

When participating in SKN 2002, instead of sending RST before sending the signal report, send the letters SKN, to indicate your participation and to clue in passersby who may be listening that SKN is going strong. Following SKN, send the Contest Branch a list of stations worked, plus your vote for the best fist you heard (it doesn't have to be one you worked). Also, include your vote for the most interesting QSO you had or monitored, as well as any interesting comments you have for the Feedback section of the SKN 2002 write-up. Entries may be e-mailed to the Contest Branch at [StraightKey@arrl.org](mailto:StraightKey@arrl.org) or may be sent via regular mail to SKN, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

Entries for SKN 2002 must be received by January 31, 2002. Votes for "Best Fist" and "Most Interesting QSO" will be tabulated and included in the April 2002 issue of *QST*. If you have questions about SKN, please visit the Contest Branch Web Page at <http://www.arrl.org/contests> or contact [contests@arrl.org](mailto:contests@arrl.org). Ω

## FP NET

**11/8**

High y'all, well the qrm gave up tonite.... yea.... had a great net...even room for more... so u be thair next time, ok?  
Wed Nite Net Wed Nov 7, 01 9PM Eastern 7.047.5

Check ins

N1ODL...55 FROM NH

W1QF... JERRY 2W 59

NV4T... OH OH,,,,, DID i MISS U??? SRY... OH MY...

N8VAR... 599 OHIO

AA9YH... SRI U WAS GONE WHEN I CAME BACK... SRI

KC4URL... NR 98 599 UP HEAH LITTLE PIGGIE

K4FB... K1 NOW BUT FOUR BANDER NEXT WEEK

WV9N...599 WID 700MW...YEA MW

KE1LA ... 59 AS EXPECTED HEE HEE .... AH IS NCS.....:-)

Thanks for all the checkins piggies... great signals tonite... c u next week...

joel kella

strong, maine

usa

**11/12**

I got home late 0206 and heard N4VT in QSO with WA5PB on the net freq... there were immediately QRMed by some speedy ops..but I yelled at them anyway to find out where the NET was!

N4VT Bill was 599 back to his ol' self with my new wire.

WA5PB Bill was solid 579 QRM was 599 +S10

I told them I needed to go eat - Lori was yelling up the stairs....

Then Randy WV9N called me thru the din... he was 579

SOLID. Most of the QRM now was Lori...it's getting cold!!

Then Jay AJ4AY called me to tell me I was solid into LA (lower Alabama) and... WA5PB Bill called me too!

I sent back that Jay was 589 and Bill was 569 and that they needed to let me go EAT!!!!

When I got back upstairs the QRMers were still sending away both 599 and the Digital machine had cranked up, so we reverted to IM to complain and chew fat.

So, there is a NON-NET report for this evening, from a non-NC...

oo

-MAC-

AF4PS

FP-51

**11/15**

HIGH Y'ALL

HOW BOUT THEM band contitions tonite... them what didn't checkin missed a quiet band... was great...and them what did checkin had nice signals even with one watt.. hmmm  
 qrp...qrpp.... hmmm

WED NITE NET NOV. 14, 01..... 7.047.5 9PM EASTERN...  
 CHECK INS...

W8DIZ... DX-PEDITION MAN.... NICE 599 UP HEAH  
 NV4T... 55 SIGNAL AND THANKS FOR CHECKING IN  
 W1QF....599 AT 1 WATT... WAY TO GEAX... TNX  
 W9FCC... FINE SIGNAL FROM MN...STAY WARM UP  
 THAIR  
 NV4M... 569 FROM TN... LOVE THAT TN MUSIC...  
 AND ONE ALMOST CHECKIN AT 5 WPM FROM AN  
 UNKNOWN PERSON AND STATION...  
 HEY, WE'RE WITH YOU CHECK ON IN...  
 KE1LA... USUAL 59 SIGNAL UP HEAH...NOT BAD FOR A  
 YOUNG CAJUN LAD.

tHANKS PIGGIES APRECIATE U TOLERATING ALL MY  
 SURRELIES.....  
 JOEL

KE1LA JOEL  
 IN MAINE

**11/19**

Not bad tonight...good signals and fists by all who checked in...  
 Heard Joel just before the net but never got him after the net  
 started.

W8DIZ 599  
 W9FCC 599  
 WV9N 579  
 WA5PB 569, good fist  
 W1QF 599  
 AF4PS 559, and he said his antenna had fallen down (hahaha)

Sorry for being absent..been sick for nearly three weeks and just  
 now feeling better. I will be in San Jose the first two Sundays of  
 Dec so need a volunteer for those Senday evening nets. Thaks  
 to all who checked in tonight!!! Dah-Dit-Dah.... 72's/73's es  
 oo's, Mikey...WB8ICN.

**11/22**

High Y'all well gosh and be darned... some folk was on the net  
 freq... so ah dropped down a bit and u kneaux some fp folk  
 found me... had a nice net... got to talk to a truffle and  
 everything.... thanks guys....

WED NITE NET NOV. 21. 01 9PM EASTERN 7.046.93 CW  
 CHECKINS  
 W1QF.... A GOOD 5X8 WITH 2 WATTS GREAT SIGNAL  
 WB8ICN... A BOOMING 5 WATT 59 SIGNAL  
 N8IE.... LOOKING TO FREEZE SUMTHIN AND 59 HEAH  
 IN MAINE  
 WV9N... THE NEW TRUFFLE... GREAT TO HAVE U ON  
 THE NET...

WB6JBM... WAS 55 THEN QSB AND LOUD QRM  
 BLASTED U AWAY.. INTO NETHER NETHER LAND...  
 THANKS FOR CHECKING IN...  
 KE1LA ... USUAL 59 SIGNAL FROM STRONG MAINE @5  
 WATTS

AND THAT BEES THE NET FELLOW PIGGIES BAND  
 WAS QUIET AND I'M STARTING TO HAVE FUN WITH  
 THIS NCS THINGIE... OO 72 JOEL KE1LA JOEL IN  
 MAINE FREEZIN AT 20\* F

**11/26**

Good net tonight, though many were QRU due to too much  
 turkey leftovers,,hahaha

AF4PS 579  
 WV9N 589  
 KC8NYW 589 at checkin then disappeared  
 KB9BVN 579 then 339, then 579 then QRT..don't know what  
 was up with that  
 KC4URI 579, good to hear Steve back on the air again, he is  
 recovering nicely with only one more surgery to go...everyone  
 send money and flowers..hahaha

Thanks to all who made it. Joel will be covering for me the next  
 couple of weeks as I go to San Jose and get some training done.  
 OO's..Mikey

Ps.

Woops...I discovered this morning that I did the  
 entire Sunday evening net on the wrong antenna...my 20  
 thru 10 meter beam. No wonder no one could hear  
 me..sorry!!!

OO's...Mikey

**11/29**

Hi y'all Great conditions tonite... only one station singing solow  
 tonite... sry I couldn't pull u out... and qrn, qrm was not bad  
 heah...fine signals 3 watts on up.. yes Martha, I was only using  
 5 watts tonite....

WED NITE NET NOV 28, 01..... 7.047.5 OR SO.... CW 9PM  
 EASTERN

W8DIZ... NICE SIG, GOOD LUCK ON PORTABLE  
 W1QF... TERRY NICE 589 AT 3 W  
 NV4T.... OVAH IN TENN...TNX AND GUD SIG UP HEAH  
 KC4URI... ROB? SRI i HAD THE RIT OFF FREQ AT  
 FIRST... 599

DON'T BE BASHFUL OR SHY ... STOP ON BY NEXT  
 WED.... AND KEEP THEM CARDS AND LETTERS  
 COMING IN FOLK....  
 KE1LA JOEL IN MAINE NCS.... SORTA FP SHRINK POET  
 LOW RATE

**KAF2 audio filters for the K2 w/ spectrograph.**

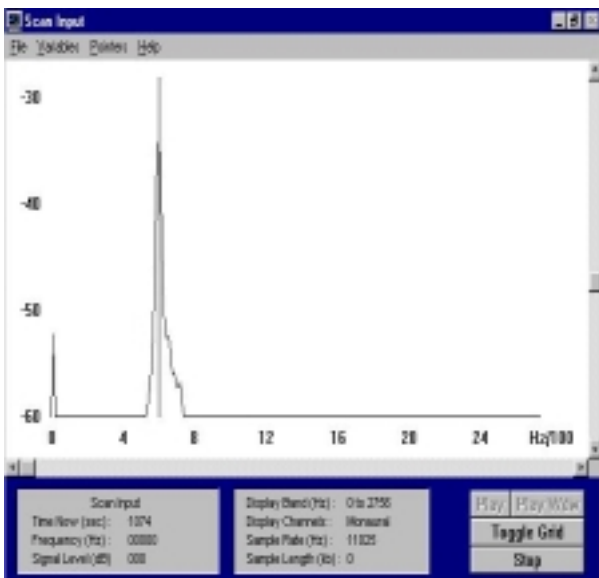
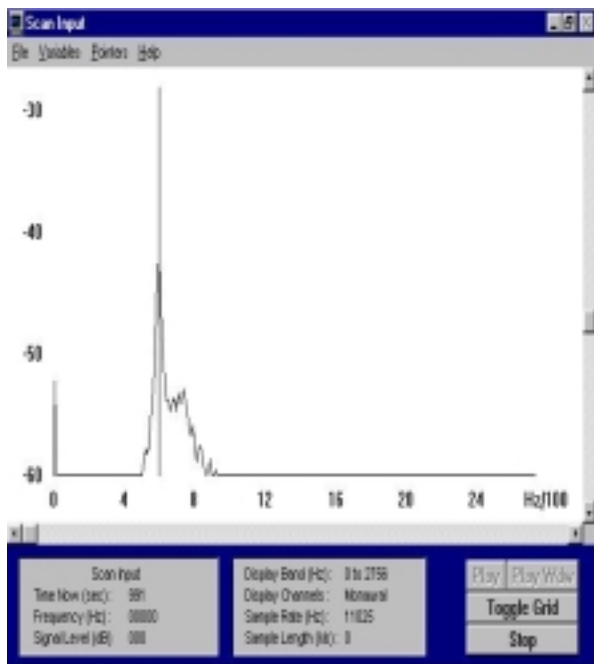
By Bill, WA5PB

Hey Gang,

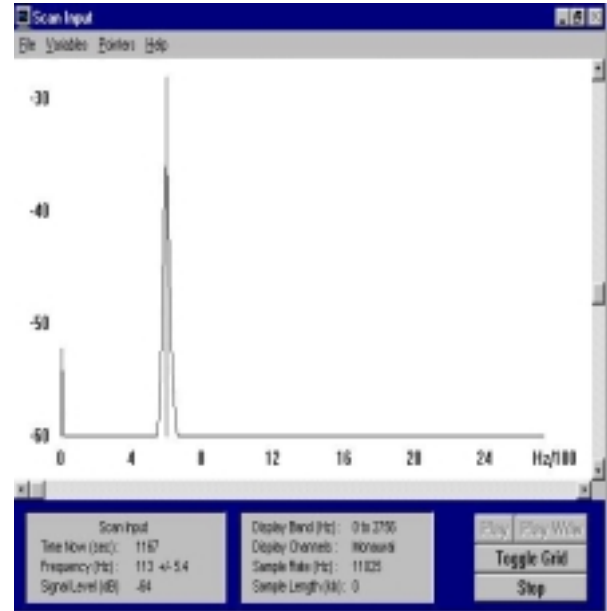
The KAF2 is a real winner! I am really amazed at the job it does in cleaning up and emphasizing a well spotted CW signal. So much of the atmospheric is completely gone, the hiss is GONE, and to top it off the audio gain is improved. I love it!

I am including some attached Spectrogram shots of the effects of the KAF2 on a 600Hz spotted CW signal on 40m while running the a wide filter. You can imagine the even further enhancements if running a tighter filter, but I intentionally wanted to be able to capture some noise with the signal so the effect the KAF2 can be seen.

This shows the signal with the KAF2 off,



While the above one shows the same signal with AF1 on, finally this one shows the same signal with AF2 on. Notice the atmospheric disappearing!



I have only played with it a little bit with SSB, but will relate what I found on that front as well. On SSB, AF1 seems useful, testing it on 80m now, but AF2 makes the signal too muddy - the band pass is just too tight there I guess. However on AF1, SSB is clearly brought out from the strong atmospheric static and such and will be useful. In fact, AF1 with a FL @ 1.80 sounds really nice on SSB! Yes, the audio is down this way compared to using OPT1, but the static is many magnitudes down from the audio itself so the overall audio does not have to be nearly as loud to understand the SSB signal.

However, on CW the KAF2 really shines! I am finding that I am not having to use the preamp nearly as much. I would recommend to any new K2 builder that they get this one of their first add-ons after the initial kit is built, especially if they are going to be working CW. It REALLY helps! :-))

Now, I need to try this thing on PSK31... :-))

72 es OO

Bill Allen, WA5PB Ω

## QRP Happenings in December

### December 1-2: TOPS Activity Contest

3.5 MHz, CW, sponsored by TOPS, 1800Z Dec 1 through 1800Z Dec 2 on 3515-3560 kHz. SO, MO and SO-QRP categories; no time limit. Exchange RST and serial number (plus TOPS number if a member).

More info at:

[helmut.klein@siemens.at](mailto:helmut.klein@siemens.at)

### December 2: Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint

Sponsored by the QRP ARCI, 2000Z through 2400Z Dec 2. Frequencies--1810, 3560, 3710, 7040, 7110, 14060, 21060, 21110, 28060, 28110 kHz.

More info at:

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

### December 5: Top Band Sprint

160-meter CW/SSB, sponsored by QRP ARCI; 2000 local time through 2400 local Dec 5 (note local time, not Z). SO-CW, SO-SSB, SO Mixed-Mode categories; no time limit. Exchange RST, SPC and Pwr or QRP ARCI number; work stations once per mode.

More info at:

[rfoltz@turbonet.com](mailto:rfoltz@turbonet.com)

### ARRL 160-Meter Contest

See November *QST*, page 105, or

[www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-160m.html](http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-160m.html).

### ARRL 10-Meter Contest

See November 2001 *QST*, page 104, or

[www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-10m.html](http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-10m.html).

### December 21: AGB Activity Party

CW/phone, sponsored by Activity Group Belarus, 2100Z-2300Z Dec 21. SO-QRP and HP-CW, -SSB, -Mixed, MS Mixed Mode, SWL categories.

More info:

<http://www.qsl.net/eu1eu/>

### December 29: RAC Winter Contest

CW/Phone, sponsored by the Radio Amateurs of Canada, 0000Z-2359Z Dec 29. Frequencies: CW--25 kHz up from the band edge (check on the half hour); Phone--1850, 3775, 7075, 7225, 14175, 21250, 28500, 50 and 144 MHz for both modes.

More info at:

<http://www.rac.ca/CANWIN.htm>

### December 29-30: Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge

CW, sponsored by the Boring Amateur Radio Club, 1500Z Dec 29 to 1500Z Dec 30. SO and MO categories with a power multiplier. Operate for a maximum of 14 hours. Exchange grid square only.

More info at:

<http://www.jzap.com/k7rat/stew.html>

### December 29-30: Original QRP Contest

CW, sponsored by the QRP Contest Community, 1500Z Dec 29 to 1500Z Dec 30. SOAB -VLP (<1 W), -QRP (<5 W), or -MP (<20 W) categories. Operate for a maximum of 15 hours with

up to 2 off periods on the 3.5, 7 and 14 MHz bands. Exchange RST, serial number and category. QSO Points: 4 pts if log is submitted; 1 pt otherwise. Multipliers: 2 pts for DXCC entities from submitted logs; 1 pt otherwise. Score is computed by the log checkers. Logs must be postmarked by Jan 31 to Dr Hartmut Weber, DJ7ST, Schlesierweg 13, D-38228, Salzgitter, Germany.

### ARRL Straight Key Night

See the announcement in this month's *QST* or

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/skn.html>. Ω

## Special Events for December

**Disneyland, CA:** Disney Emergency Amateur Radio Service, WD6MM. 1800Z **Dec 5** to 0600 **Dec 6**. Celebrating 100 Years of Magic--Walt Disney's 100th Birthday. 28.475 21.375 14.275 146.940. Certificate. Disney Emergency Amateur Radio Service, Attn: Will Michael, Crisis Mgmt, 800 Sonora Ave, Glendale, CA 91201.

**Baton Rouge, LA:** USS *Kidd* Amateur Radio Club/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1500Z to 2300Z **Dec 7**. Pearl Harbor Day--the anniversary of the death of Rear Admiral Isaac Campbell Kidd, Sr. 28.440 21.340 14.240 10.060. QSL. W5KID, 305 River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

**Martinsburg, WV:** W8M. 1200Z **Dec 9** to 2400Z **Dec 15**. Honoring the 100th Anniversary of Marconi's Achievement. 28.350 21.350 14.280. QSL. Ron Westberg, WRØN, 101 Fulks Terr, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

**New Cumberland, PA:** York County ARC, K1M. 0000Z **Dec 11** to 2359Z **Dec 25**. 100th Anniversary of the Marconi Transatlantic Transmission. 28.500 21.250 14.250 3.895. QSL. Pietro deVolpi, K3PD, 408 Hillside Ave, New Cumberland, PA 17070-3036. Info will also be available on <http://www.qrz.com/>.

**Bethlehem-Nazareth, PA:** Christmas City ARC and Delaware-Lehigh ARC, WX3MAS. 1200Z **Dec 15** to 2400Z **Dec 16**. Celebrating the Annual Season Greetings from the Twin Christmas Cities. 28.465 21.365 14.265 7.270 3.970. Certificate. CCARC/DLARC WX3MAS, Greystone Bldg, Gracedale Complex, RR 8, Nazareth, PA 18064-9211.

**Atkinson, NH:** Atkinson Amateur Radio Club, K1D. 0500Z **Dec 22** to 0500Z **Jan 6**. K1MOM and W1DAD Present Kid's Day Amateur Radio Awareness. 28.370 21.370 14.270 3.895. QSL. Peter Schipelliti, 7 Dearborn Ridge Road, Atkinson, NH 03811.

## THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARCONI'S HISTORIC TRANS-ATLANTIC RADIO TRANSMISSION

December 11 - 16, 2001

The Marconi Radio Club, W1AA and The Falmouth Amateur Radio Association Amateur Radio operators are making plans to celebrate a Marconi world historical event. December 12, 2001 will mark the 100th anniversary of the first Trans-Atlantic radio transmission by Guglielmo Marconi. That signal was a series of " S S S " transmitted on CW across the Atlantic from Poldhu, Cornwall England to St John's, Newfoundland.

The Marconi Radio Club will be using the call sign W1AA/CC and will be operating from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, U.S.A. the location of Marconi's 1903 Trans-Atlantic radio station. Marconi's 1903 call sign was " C C "

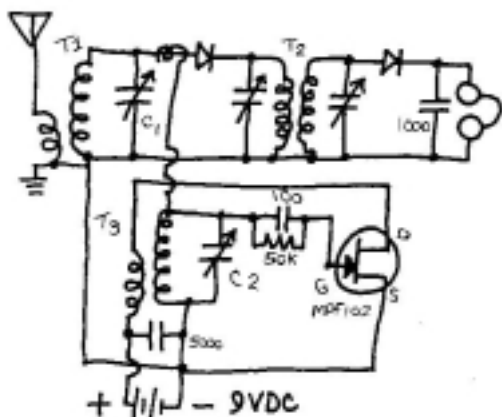
See this link for times, frequencies and modes of operation for W1AA/CC. <http://www.qrz.com/database?callsign=w1aa>

Bob Doherty K1VV  
Pres. Marconi Radio Club W1AA  
<http://personal.tmlp.com/k1vv/w1aa/> Ω

### ONE JFET SUPERHET

By CF Rockey

Here is something to whet the fancy of the crystal set crowd. Believe it or not, it will work despite what the smart alias say. [Very few remain in plug + play circles?]



Go to your local 'thrif' store (Salvation Army, Goodwill etc) and buy a used 'tube-type' broadcast receiver. It doesn't have to be one which works, so you should be able to buy it cheaply. Carefully 'cannibalize' this unit and remove the antenna tuning coil (T1 in the diagram); the oscillator coil (T3), one of the intermediate frequency transformers (T2), and the gang tuning capacitor; (you could wind equivalent coils yourself, but the suggested experiment saves time and trouble).

Then obtain two Germanium RF [1N34A] diodes (the silicon ones are less effective) and a JFET from your friendly Radio Shack store; as well as a 100pF, a 1000pF, and a 5000pF

ceramic disk capacitor. (These are not critical, any reasonable equivalent should work alright.) [We are tuning 'sharply' in a passive persuasion remember --- Editor]

The parts layout of the set is not critical - just use your common sense here. Connect the large (most plates) variable capacitor section across the secondary of T1, the smaller section across T3. Use a good, long, preferably 'outside' antenna and a sensitive pair of magnetic (2K ohm) headphones. (As you'd use with any other crystal detector, when serious results are wanted.) If, when the set is finished and does not work, reverse the 'drain coils' connections of T3, as (perhaps), the oscillator is not working. (Although, if all parts are 'good' and correctly connected, there is no reason why this receiver should not detect immediately). Note: the 'gimmick' is a small capacitor made by winding from 5 to 10 turns of insulated wire around the lead to the first diode. [Something we learned in the war -- before printed circuits Hi.]

Adjusting the caps inside of T2 and the trimmers upon the tuning capacitor may improve the performance. The signals received from the AM broadcast stations should be as loud as that received upon any other good crystal detector, but the tuning should be much sharper and 'hearing several stations at the same time' should be reduced.

Assembling and using this project can teach any young radio student a great deal about the principles and operation of any super heterodyne receiver. [Try it on 80m also.]

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KA0TPZ Ω

### Member Spotlight!

This month were spotlighting:  
Santa, SA7NTA FP #+2

My QTH is located at the North Pole. When not busy keeping the Elves busy, and making sure the next Christmas goes as planned, I can be found running QRP CW on 40 meters. Sometimes I even run aeronautical mobile from the sleigh.

I work as a toy maker and run my own delivery company, despite only having one delivery vehicle I employ over 300 workers and maintain production year round.

My interests in Ham Radio are mostly CW and PSK31. I do plan to run GPRS from the sleigh this year in conjunction with the tracking system of NORAD. Check out this web page for more detail: <http://www.noradsanta.org/>  
Also, my homepage can be found at: <http://www.claus.com/village.php>

I'm happy to be a member of the Flying Pigs QRP Club, but please don't ask me to replace my Reindeer with flying pigs. ☺

So you better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why. I'm coming to town!

72, and Ho Ho Ho!  
Santa, SA7NTA. Ω

## Truffle Logs

### 10/31

That was my oddest outing yet! I threw up a G5RV Jr. to see if that would help, and it did some... but... Thanks for all who tried... the TUNER took out Bryn...sorry man.

0130 W8DIZ 559 OH DIZ 5W  
 0138 N8VAR 559 OH RON 5W  
 0140 NM5M 559 TX ERIC 5W  
 0142 WB8ICN/M 559 MIKE 5W  
 0144 CM8ABG 599 SANTIAGO, CUBA ALE 100W

This was funny.

0146 N2EST/4 599 GA JIM 100W wanted to chat! Is this a contest?

0154 WV9N 559 OH RANDY 5W

0156 WR5O 559 TX DAVE 5W

---- N4VM --- -- Bryn -- The tunerupper took you out.

Was it Bryn?

0210 N1TP 599 FL TOM/FOX 5W

72, Mac AF4PS

### 11/2

And now for something completely different...

Results of last nights truffle

0130 W5YR 559 TX George 5W  
 0131 N7TX 579 TX Steve 5W  
 0132 N1TP 559 FL Tom 5W  
 0134 W8DIZ 559 OH Diz 5W  
 0136 N5IB 559 LA Jim 2W  
 0138 NM5M 559 TX ? 5W  
 0139 KB9YIG 559 IN Tony 5W  
 0140 N5TU 559 TX ? 5W  
 0143 W5YW 559 LA Mike 5W  
 0145 AJ4AY 579 AL Jay 5W  
 0146 AC5JS 559 OK Tom 5W  
 0147 K4BYF 559 FL Jack 5W  
 0149 K8CG 559 OH Tom 5W  
 0151 VE5RC 559 SK Bruce 5W  
 0153 AA5O 559 LA ? 5W  
 0154 N8VAR 559 OH Ron 5W  
 0155 WD5CMA 559 LA Gloria 5W  
 0157 VA6RF 559 ON Earl 5W  
 0158 VE6JAZ 559 ? Rob 1W  
 0200 WA8BXN 559 OH Mike 5W

Thanks for the fun, sorry I didn't do too many fills. Tried a couple times and just got creamed by the fungus hunters LOL Rig here is a K2 with a inverted V at 30 feet. Logging by Crayola and Big Chief. This represents a huge improvement over my first Cub Fox (tm) outing... I didn't work this many in 2 hours during the summer hunts.  
 Mike, KD5KXF.

### 11/7

FINAL Truffle Hunt Log

HUNT: 11-07-01 (UTC)

All QSO's at 7.140 KHz

Time	Call	Name	State	Rec'd	Pwr
0130	AF4PS	Mac	FL	599	5W
0131	K1EPJ	Dave	NH	559	5W
0132	K5DW	Don	TX	559	5W
0134	WR5O	Dave	TX	559	5W
0136	K8KFJ	Garie	WV	559	5W
0137	W5YR	George	TX	559	5W
0138	W2XN	Fred	FL	599	5W
0139	W9HL	Randy	IL	559	5W
0141	AJ4AY	Jay	AL	579	5W
0143	W0CH	Dave	MO	559	5W
0144	W4BQP	Jim	NC	559	5W
0146	WV9N	Randy	OH	559	5W
0147	K4NK	Les	SC	559	5W
0149	KB9YIG	Tony	IN	559	5W
0150	N5IB	Jim	LA	559	2W
0151	KD4JEZ	David	FL	599	5W
0154	K5DI	Karl	NM	559	5W
0156	N7TX	Steve	TX	559	5W
0157	N0TU	Steve	CO	559	5W
0158	N8VAR	Ron	OH	559	5W

Tom, N1TP

Naples, Florida

### 11/9

Well in spite of my nerves and shaky fist, the Yaesu FT757 at 5 watts and the Butternut Vert did a fair to middlin` in tonight`s hunt. Here are my results. QSL for anyone who needs a two way QRP for OH. Current callbook address is ok.

AF4PS	559 FL	MAC	5W
K4ADI	559 SC	FRANK	5W
KB5KXF	559 TX	MIKE	5W
WV9N	559 OH	RANDY	5W
N1TP	559 FL	TOM	5W
WA8BXN	559 OH	MIKE	5W
W5USJ	559 TX	CHUCK	5W
AJ4AY	559 AL	JAY	5W
W0CH	559 MO	DAVE	5W
K0EVZ	559 ND	DOC	2W
N1ODL	579 MA	ARON	5W
W2XN	559 FL	ED	5W
K3NG	55N PA	GOODY	5W

Great going guys.

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73,72, OO

FP #41 Fists #2360 ARCI #9606

Norcal ARRL

Hamilton, Ohio

EM79ri

Tom, K8CZ

**11/14**

Hi All,

Here are the results for tonight's Truffle Hunt.  
Just can't get away from the SSB

K4BYF 559 FL Jack 5W  
W5YR 559 TX George 5W  
KB9YIG 559 IN Tony 5W  
WB0WAO 559 MI Dennis 2W  
K8IQY 599 MI Jim 2W  
WA8BXN 599 OH Mike 5W  
W9HL 559 IL Randy 5W  
K4ADI 599 SC Frank 5W  
WB4OFT 589 NC John 5W  
AF4PS 579 FL Mac 5W  
WV9N 559 OH Randy 5W  
K8CFJ? 559 WV Army? 5W  
W0CH 599 MO Dave 5W  
AJ4AY 559 AL Jay 5W  
W5USJ 559 TX Chuck 5W  
KG4LDY 559 VA Jim 5W  
WA7LNW 559 UT Jack 5W  
N4VM 559 TN Bryn 5W  
N5IB 559 LA Jim 5W  
WD5CMA 559 LA Gloria 1W

TNX all for another fun Truffle Hunt.

Anybody want to be a truffle, just email me and I'll set it up;  
ITS FUN!!!

-72, Diz, W8DIZ

**11/21**

The results might not be very impressive but this is about the most radio fun I've had in awhile. I was somewhat nervous at first and had called a few times before the first call came back and caught me like a deer in headlights. Sorry if I didn't hear you. I'm already thinking of how to improve reception for next time. I highly recommend this activity for anyone. Every op was very courteous and has my thanks. Here is the list:

0133 W5USJ 559 TX Chuck 5W  
0135 W9HL 559 IL Randy 5W  
0138 W8DIZ 559 OH Diz 5W  
0139 WB8ICN 569 MI Mike 5W  
0140 W5YR 559 TX George 5W  
0142 KG4LDY 559 VA Jim 5W  
0144 N8VAR 599 OH Ron 5W  
0146 W8PIG 569 MI Mikey 1W - tnx for the club call!!  
0151 W0CH 579 MO Dave 900mw - vry fine sig  
0154 KD5KXF 559 TX Mike 5W  
0155 N4ROA 599 VA Dan 500mw- another vry fb sig  
0157 KJ0C 559 MO Jim 5W  
0158 N0TK 559 CO Dan 5W  
0200 WV9N 72, Randy wv9n

**11/23**

Wow, conditions were pretty noisy here! Thanks for the fun!!! I have pig prints on my face... HIHI

0130 N7TX 579 TX STEVE 5W  
0131 WV9n 559 OH RANDY 5W  
0133 K0EVZ 559 ND DOC 5W  
0134 W2XN 559 FL FRED 5w  
0136 K5JHB 559 TX BILL 5W  
0138 N1TP 559 FL TOM 5W  
0140 K4BYF 559 FL JACK 5W  
0142 AF4PS 559 FL MAC 3W all your \_\_\_\_\_ are belong...  
0144 W5USJ 559 TX CHUCK 5W  
0145 W0CH 579 MO DAVE 5W  
0146 K8KFJ 559 WV GARIE 5W  
0148 N9DSP 559 CO TOM 5W  
0149 AA5O 559 LA ? 5W  
0150 W9HL 559 IL RANDY 5W  
0152 AJ4AY 559 AL JAY 5W  
0153 WB8ICN 559 MI MIKEY 5W  
0155 KB9YIG 559 IN ? 5W  
0156 N5IB 559 LA JIM 5W  
0158 WU9F 559 WI TERRY 5W  
0159 K4ADI 559 SC FRANK 5W  
0200 W6BD 559 CA PAUL 5W

Mike, KD5KXF

**11/28**

Here are my results. While it was a relaxed eve there was some problems with some qrm. There was some SSB and someone sending a string of dits continuously on 7.053. I decided to move at the end to get away from the dits. I hoped I sent FP enough while I was changing freqs. I didn't go far and there were several who were able to follow me. Thanks to all who came out and joined me! 72 de Ron, N8VAR, Truffle for Tuesday Nov 27.

Call Time RST ST Name Pwr  
w1qf 1:31 56n mi terry 1w  
w5yr 1:34 55n tx george 5w  
n1tp 1:36 55n fl tom 5w  
w9sl 1:37 55n il randy 5w  
kg4ldy 1:38 55n v ajim 5w  
w5usj 1:39 55n tx chuck 5w  
k1nnp 1:41 55n ct don 5w  
aj4ay 1:46 55n al jay 5w  
k0evz 1:48 55n nd doc 2w  
ka3wmj 1:50 55n pa ken 3w  
k4byf 1:52 55n vw jack 5w  
n1qo 1:53 55n vt john 5w  
k4adi 1:54 55n sc frank 5w  
af4ps 1:55 55n fl mac 3w



11/30

My thanks to all that persevered through my nerves tonight. Conditions weren't too bad considering we had bad weather all afternoon. This is my "first attempt" at a list of contacts for tonight's flying pigs truffle hunt. Please let me know of any errors. I know that I missed a letter in my last contact of the evening. Heaven only knows what else might be wrong. Time

Call RST SPC Name Power  
 0132 AF4PS 599 FL Mac 3w  
 0134 W5YR 559 TX George 5w  
 0135 N1TP 559 FL Tom 5w  
 0136 W0CH 559 OK Dave 900mw  
 0138 WR5O 449 TX Dave 5W  
 0140 N7TX 559 TX Steve 5w  
 0141 K4BYF 559 FL Jack 5w  
 0142 KD5KXF 559 TX Mike 5w  
 0143 W5USJ 559 TX Chuck 5w  
 0144 K0EVZ 559 ND Doc 2w  
 0145 WV9N 559 OH Randy 5w  
 0146 K5DW 559 TX Don 5w  
 0148 K5JHP 559 TX Bill 5w  
 0149 W9HL 559 IL Randy 5w  
 0150 K4ADI 559 SC Frank 5w  
 0152 NN5E 559 TX Vern 5w  
 0154 WA8BXN 559 OH Mike 5w  
 0155 K8KFJ 559 WV Gary 5w  
 0159 K?4LDY 559 VA Jim 5w  
 0200 AJ4AY AL Jay 5w truffle

I got a little scared at first as there was no one heard for the first couple of minutes. I figured I had the wrong day or time for a while. Then there's my neighbor and fellow oinkster, Mac AF4PS. After that, things got pretty steady. It was nice to hear Doc K0EVZ from ND. If I copied right, he was running 2 watts and I had a very nice copy. The TX folks really turned out big time. Lowest power was Dave W0CH at 900mw in OK. Logging was by pencil and paper and keying by multi-functional fat fingers. Lesson learned: WRITE the call down before you answer. My brain can only hold so much and trying to remember a call after the exchange did cause a problem a time or two. :-) My best to everyone and OO ya'll!  
 Jay AJ4AY  
 Mobile, AL Ω

## As Seen On Our Reflector! ®

Subj: [fpqrp] Portable Vertical Ant  
 Date: Tue, 8 May 2001 4:26:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
 From: "Charles Mabbott" <crmabbott@mediaone.net>  
 To: "Fpqrp Groups" <fpqrp-1@mpna.com>

This is a web site and antenna set up worthy of honorable mention at the Pig Pen!!!

73 oo

Chuck AA8VS FP-113

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of

Gary Slagel

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2001 11:33 AM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: Re: Portable Vertical Ant

Ken -

I did something similar last summer using a hustler vertical. I needed something that was self supporting and easy to set up so I could set it up on top of mountains, above the treeline, where its too hard to drive stakes. Also needed to be easy to carry so I could get to the TOP of the mountain :-).

My ant is a 6' piece of pvc, the hustler vertical and 3 pieces of redi-bolt that form a tripod to hold the thing up. I attach 3 wire radials using alligator clips. The hustler and redi-bolt fit inside the pvc for carrying. Have used it 5/6 times and works like a champ. Its amazing how well it works when ur on top of a mountain with the drop off all around.

The first time I used it I took some pics and put them on my web page with a little description of the antenna (plus some nice pics of the mountain, one of Colorado's 14ers). If anyone's interested here it is:

<http://marina.fortunecity.com/sanpedro/351/mountsherman/mount-sherman.html>

73, Gary

- > A couple weekends ago I cobbled together a portable
- > 20 meter antenna using a
- > 'hamstick' type of antenna sitting over three
- > resonant radials. The base of
- > the antenna (and the radial connection point) was
- > raised about six feet off
- > the ground using a chunk of PVC pipe.

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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:**

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

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Rick, WB6JBM at [ripowell@mpna.com](mailto:ripowell@mpna.com)

Dan, N8IE at [n8ie@who.rr.com](mailto:n8ie@who.rr.com)

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