United We Stand!

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Ramblings

Needless to say we are all saddened by the events last month in New York City. I can not offer any more words of comfort than have all ready been said by folks a lot smarter than myself. 😊 But I will say that we all share in this, and together we will become a stronger nation.

As a result of the events and a resulting heavy workload, this month’s Bacon Bits is a little sparse. As things settle down a bit I’ll be able to make up for it next month. 😊

On a brighter note, don’t forget the FISTS Fall Sprint from 1700 UTC to 2100 UTC on October 13. I’ll be running the club call from the new shack. If you can stop by and grab the key!

72, oo, God Bless America!
Dan, N8IE

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As Seen On Our Reflector!

I was painting -- gosh I hate painting -- and the doorbell rang. I trotted down the stairs wiping paint all over the banister, of course. I peeped out and saw a long black Limo parked on the street sandwiched between two black Humvee’s with little flags on them ... guys in suits with dark glasses everywhere! I saw a black helicopter hovering, but it made NO noise. I thought, in panic, "Rats! Dan ratted me out!"

The lady, wearing a gray business suit, and carrying a clipboard rang the doorbell again. She was flanked by two of the suit-guys, and backed up by another who was carrying a plain brown box. I opened the door.

She said, "Are you Mr. Steinmeyer?" After a big "gulp", I squeaked, "Yes."

She asked me to sign the form on the clipboard, so I scribbled my signature without looking. She smiled coyly and moved aside. The guy in the rear, stepped forward, placed the box on the porch, and backed away glancing all around. One of the suit guys muttered something into his lapel, and made some kind of signal. I only saw 10 or 12 of them now, but six had Uzi’s. They piled into the vehicles and scooted off down the street. I glanced up at the helicopter, and the guy hanging out the side, kinda waved, but I didn't move. I've made THAT mistake before!

After a full 10 minutes, with sweat dripping off my nose, I leaned down to examine the box. It had all kinds of airline tags, customs stamps, and looked a little well worn. I saw inventory markings from the Smithsonian, Louvre, and ARRL labs. Taped to the box was a plain, yet elegant, stationary envelope with a return addresses to Vatican City. (Thanks for forwarding it from Malaysia, Sly! I owe ya.)

Guess what has made it's way home!!!!

I opened the box carefully and removed some of the packing and extra Diz stuff. My baby, the MP #4 is mounted on a beautiful board, and I couldn't help but pick it up to hold it! As I was looking over the new sidetone circuit, I noticed some lettering on the bottom of the board, so I flipped it over. It says... and I am NOT kidding about this...

"FOR SALE"

I am a happy piggy.

-MAC-
AF4PS
-51
... who now has MP #4 back in his grubby little hands. Ω
First off, thanks guys for taking time out on a fairly busy holiday weekend. I know Saturdays are a tuffy on any band! Well last week I picked on Mac and Randy, and this week I forgot Dans name...probably good the turnout was not real big or I'd a been blibbering, hopping around and oinking all over the shack:-)

Mac AF4PS 559/569 great sig!
Randy WV9N 599, as always. tnx Randy!
Dan W9FCC 559/569,also very nice signal into Columbus, good to see you agn Dan!

Hope I didn't miss any one, if I did yell at me and let me know pse. I know, I know...but I cant help thinking of some kind of Dummy load array. HMMM.. wonder what that would look like on a 75ft tower?? 72-00 guy's and have a great Holiday!!

Rob #186 KC8NYW.

Thank you to whoever prayed to the RF god...band last night was the best I've heard in many weeks!!!

Net ran from 0100Z to 0153Z and every checkin was Q5 copy here in southern Michigan. Tried out my new (new to me) Timewave DSP-59+ box and it worked great great. A few of the normal checkins were missing..but then again with 11 checkins to start out with, I'm not going to whine...LOL

KB5ELV 569 Q5 Buddy
KC5ADF 569 and then Bill was Q5...Two Texans in one net...thanks partners!!!!
KE1LA 599 Joel, this is the loudest I've heard you in sometime
KC8NYW 599 You and Randy are always booming in here
Rob W9FCC 599 Welcome to the FP pen Dan...we (AF4PS and me) tried contacting you about five minutes after the net but some others had already jumped in and started QSOing. Mac would like to work you for the the FP matrix. Good signal and FB fist last night. Hope to hear you on alot if time permits you to do so...
AF4PS 339/569 without and then with DSP assistance..not bad Mac, sure good to copy a complete exchange again.
KB9BVN 599 at checkin...then you QSY to IM...599 there too...LOL
W1QF Terry what happen to you? You were about 579 at checkin but never heard you when I called back for a transmission.
KC4URI 579 Nice job Steve
AJ4AY 579 Hey Jay, your signal this week was much better than last week..nice to hear you all the way through...maybe the bands are finally clearing up enough for this old fart to hear everyone consistently...hahaha
NV4T 449, Q5 Copy Bill...some SSB was starting up as you came on but got you fine!!
WV9N 599 I will send you some of my Ginko if I can remember where I put it...LOL.

Great net folks...the band seems to be settling down some these days so maybe the upcoming nets won't be so hard for everyone to hear me and me hear them. Enjoy Labor gagn ande see everyone on Wednesday nite.

OO's...Mikey

High Y'all
Great net tonite.... got a 10 over nine on W1QF with his ONE WATT... signals were good and we had a bit of qrm on the freq... an't low power great.... I used my qrp+ tonite with 5 watts to my 3 element wire beam up 30ft.... almost went to the corsair at a hundred but the qrm stayed away...hee hee...intimidation... thanks for all the checkins.... everyone was 55 to 59+ tonite...

CHECKINS WED NITE NET , WED SEPT 5, 9PM EASTERN 01
WB9LIF......579
WD4MSM.... BARRY IN INDIANA...579
W8DIZ... PROJECT MINDED DIZ... 589 OR NEAR THAT
KC8NYW... HIS USUAL 57 TO 59... TXN FOR THE QNI....
NV4T... AHA GOTTCHA TONITE....NICE SIGNAL
AF4PS... MAC...55? AND ON FREQ, SHOCK ME MAN! W1QF.. TEN OVER 9 WITH ONE WATT... WHATTA STATION...
WB8ICN... MY HERO AND NCS IDOL, ICON... GUD TO HEAR U...
Thair it bee folk... any corrections? well :-) there's always a first time.. hee hee

ke1la joel in maine
ncs wed nite net

This was more fun than what I had expected. Conditions were on the noisy side..and Ohio and Texas had lightening dancing around their antenna's.

The best part of the net was right at the end, when Phil [WB8ABE] called in and we chatted for about15 minutes. This was a very special QSO for me as this was Phil's first CW contact in nearly 30 years. You couldn't tell it my his fist..it was good..but he did mention his nerves were shot toward The end of our chat. Phil, I hope you won't be a stranger to the FP nets now! It was fantstic to finally work him after all these e-mails and the enjoyable eyeball QSO's we had at FDIM.

Here is the run down of the check-ins:
W8DIZ Diz 339..and I wasn't much better on Diz's end... bad storms
KC5ADF Bill 229 Sorta surprised me Bill when I heard your call...thanks
KE1LA Joel 599 Joel, are you sure your not running a couple of Kilowatts from up there in God's country????
WV9N Randy 579 I always seem to be tuning the opposite way when you call in Randy...thanks for the QNI
KB5ELV Buddy 569 You Texans are becoming an FP Icon for the nets...LOL
WB8ABE Phil 599 Phil, I'm glad I was the NCS tonight..your checkin was a real thrill for me!!

Hope to see everyone tomorrow nite..and hope even more that the band settles down some!!!

Dah-Dit-Dah.... 72’s/73’s es oo’s, Mikey...WB8ICN

9/13

GREAT JOB Bill!!!!! NV4T 599 stepped in and did the FP net. I figured more people would hear him better’n me!!!!! But...I heard almost everyone and Terry W1QF was 559 solid! Steve KC4URI was LOUD tonight also, 569

Steven KB9LIF was 559 but he disappeared before I could work him for the MATRIX!!! RATS!!! Mikey WB8ICN was wimpy to my bad ears 339 but rose up to 569 as I adjusted my headphones! Wayne K9DI was not heard by me, but I did hear him QRL on 7.120 later!!!

W4STX my buddy Bill knocked me outta the chair from Clearwater on his OHR. 599 easy. I copied Tom’s (?) call wrong as WD5MSM I guess it was WB4SM... SR!!111! copied 4w in IN, but QRZ didn’t have WD5SM and WB4SM was in AR? so I’m confused. He was gone after the net...no MATRIX contact AGN!!!

I also caught Bill KC5ADF in time to have to move for W1AW and Buddy, KB5ELV joined us in the QSY to 7.120.. Wayne K9DI was heard there. HOORAY!

shooo missed the Doc!!! KE1LA?!?!?!

See ya Sunday nite guys! (Mon morn. UTC)

-MAC-
AF4PS
-51

9/17

Felt like I was some sort of rare DX stn tonite!!!

17 checkins and I think I may have missed a couple to boot.

W8DIZ 599
KC8NYW 599
KC4URI 589
NV4T (but W4STX came back to me...LOL) 459
WB5EXF xxx, might have been hearing things here...not sure
KC0BOM 599+, very loud in here tonight Rob
KB9BVN 589 at checkin and then lost him all together
WV9N 589, solid as usual Randy...grin
WB5TKA 459, this is the first time we have worked Dan....Thanks!!!
W9FCC 599, booming in Dan
AJ4AY 449, but got most of it Jay
AF4PS 119, sorry Mac..I’m bringing a G5RV down with me later this month for you to use...warn the neighbors
N1ODL 579, Love that G5RV of your’s Aron!!!
KC5ADF forgot the signal report...sri
W4STX (but this time NV4T came back) 459, thanks Bill
KB5ELV sorta lost ya in the nooise but glad you made it in tonite

WB8UOJ 579, haven’t you heard you in awhile Bob, glad to see you on tonite

This has to be the most checkins for me on a CW net. Thanks to all who braved my terrible fist and the noise band. See everyone later this week...I gotta drive for two weeks (SWMBO orders..no flights or else) so will try to get on when I can.

72’s and OO’s to all you wonderful Piggies!!!!!...Mikey

9/20

High Y’all
yes, susan I made the net tonite...:-) Great net...almost all were s9 and on the same freq... wow....I went from my qrp+ @ 5watts to my corsair at 40 watts at the very end of the net when the qrm sat on us.... no respect I’ll tell u... some folks children...... course maybe that sound was someone’s misses .... hee hee. Here are the checkins...

WED NITE NET SEPT. 19, 01..... 9PM EASTERN 7.047.5
NV4T... GREAT SIGNAL TONITE
WD4MSM...... BARRY IN INDIANA.... UR 579
W9FCC...... NICE SIGNAL THANKS FOR STOPPING BY...
WB9LIF.... LOTS OF QRN ON U BUT QRP RVVIALED... TNLX
KC0BOM.... A BOOMING SIGNAL OVER 9 AND 599
N8VAR.... HELLO OHIO U BEE 57 UP HEAH.... THANKS KB5ELV... GLAD U COULD MAKE THE NET UR 55 UP HEAH
KE1LA JOEL IN MAINE NCS  QRP+ @ 5W AND BRIEFLY 40W

WHEN THE QRM SET IN AT THE END... AS U HEARD ... MY STRAIGHT KEY USEAGE IS NUTTIN TO BRAG ON...

9/24

My hat is off to the net check-ins tonight...the QRM and QSB was terrible, but everyone hung in there and did great!!!

KC8NYW Rob 599
WB9LIF Bill 599
KC5ADF Bill 339, Gud copy though
KB5ELV Buddy 569, good signal
KE1LA Joel 599
NV4T Bill 449, Q5 copy...nice job Bill
AF4PS Mac 229 (but heard Mac later on 30 meters and he was 599)
WR5O Dave 459 to 569, HeyDave, super job tonight...you gotta send me a QSL!!!
Thanks to all. If I’m lucky, I will try to check in from Florida this Wednesday evening… gotta go down there and put up a Mac Meister Antenna and harass Paul… grin

Dah-Dit-Dah…. 72’s/73’s es oo’s, Mikey…WB8ICN

9/27
High y’all oh my, what a great net tonight…. got Bryan right at the end and thought I heard wb8icn mike… w1qf checked in with a good 559 half watt signal… w9fcc was at 3 watts…. Heard Mac however I think he had his ant in the cellar… (high tide)…. I used my K2 tonite… at 5 watts … spoke with Bryn using 10 watts… Thanks for checking in Bryn…

WED NITE NET…. SEPT 26… 9PM EASTERN 7.047.5 CW KE1LA JOEL NCS NV4T… NICE SIGNAL AND VERY CLEAR FIRST CHECK IN…. W9FCC… 3 WATTS… AND WAS 55 OR BETTER, WAY TO GEAUX WB4MSM…. BARRY IN INDIANA… PIPELINE KC8DYW…. BEAT OUT THE QRM HE DID…. W1QF…. HALF A WATT AND 55 INTO STRONG MAINE… GREAT SIG…

AF4PS… MAC… i KNOWED IT WAS U, QRM QSB ALMOST BEAT U… THANKS MAC N4VM… BRYN… 599 HE WAS… BLASTING AWAY TO WHO KNEWUX WHARE…. KE1LA …. JOEL …. NCS… K2 @ 5W WITH 3 ELEMENT WIRE BEAM UP 30FT…. OH WB8ICN…. MIC… WAS THAT REALLY YOU… WHAT HAPPENED…

SRI IF WE MISSED ANYONE… JOEL KE1LA JOEL IN MAINE Ω

HAMFEST – AMATEUR RADIO SHOW

WHEN: Saturday, November 10, 2001
WHERE: St. John Lutheran School, 11333 Granger Road, Garfield Heights, OH.
TIME: Vendor Set-up 7 am – Doors Open To The Public 8 am – 1 pm.
WHAT: Amateur Radio Equipment, Amps, Antennas, Tubes, Computers. New/Used/Refurbished (starting at $125.00!), Computer parts, Printers, Think Pad’s, Ink, Music CD’s, Software, Up-Grades, Monitors, Radio Equipment, DVD’s, Nintendo/Gameboy, & MUCH MORE!
We can help & answer ALL your questions!

ADMISSION: $1.00 per person
CONTACT: Laura @ 216-663-3258

Eight-foot table and chair will be provided along with coffee. Tables are $10.00 each. Please call/reserve your table(s) IMMEDIATELY. All reservations include ONE Admission Pass. Reservations are on a first come first served bases. Limited electricity available. Please provide your own extension cords. Admission is $1.00 per person.
Concession stand will be available, along with coffee, pop and a bake sale. Hamfest Vendors/Buyers Welcome as well as Computer Friends. Any and ALL “ELECTRONIC” type sales.

Special Events for October

Randleman, NC: Tri-County ARC, NC4AR, 1400Z to 1900Z Oct 13, for the 13th annual NASCAR Days Festival, 14.278 7.268 145.290. Certificate. NC4AR, PO Box 747, Trinity, NC 27370.


Phoenix, AZ: CADXA Central AZ DX Assn, K7UGA, 0000Z Oct 20 to 0200Z Oct 22, honoring Barry Goldwater, statesman, ham. 21.275 28.475. QSL. Mike Fulcher, KC7V, 6545 E Montgomery Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 85331.


Certificates and QSL cards: To obtain a certificate from any of the special-event stations offering them, send your QSO information along with a 9X12 inch self-addressed, stamped envelope to the address listed in the announcement. To receive a special event QSL card (when offered), be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped business envelope along with your QSL card and QSO information.

QRP Happenings in October

10/13: Pennsylvania QSO Party
Sponsored by the Nittany ARC, 1600Z Oct 13 until 0500Z Oct 14 and 1300Z until 2200Z Oct 14. Send serial number and ARRL/RAC section (PA stations send serial number and county).
More info at: http://www.qsl.net/narc/paqso.htm

10/13: FISTS CW Fall Sprint
sponsored by FISTS International CW Club, 1700Z until 2100Z Oct 13. CW only, QRP and QRO. 80 40 20 15 10 meters.
More info at: http://www.fists.org

10/20: Worked All Germany Contest
sponsored by The Deutscher Amateur Radio Club, 1500Z Oct 20 until 1459Z Oct 21; 80 40 20 15 10 meters; SSB and CW; Single op, all band, single band, QRP, Multi op single transmitter and SWL, Packet spotting allowed for all classes.
More info at: http://www.darc.de/referate/dx

10/27: CQ WW DX Contest, phone
Sponsored by CQ Magazine, 0000Z Oct 27 to 2400Z Oct 28 (CW is 0000Z Nov 24 to 2400Z Nov 25). Exchange RS(T) and CQ zone.
More info at: http://cqww.com/cqww/
Hi Gang,

The attached is a listing of FPqrp, FISTS, & QRP ARCI nets that I know of.

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FPqrp

The Simplified Flying Pig NETS check-in procedure.

I will send: "CQ FP CQ FP CQ FP de WB8ICN K" ... and then listen for check-ins. At this point, you would just send your callsign once or twice. I will acknowledge each check-in by sending their callsign and _AS_.

After all stations are logged, I will go to each station in order of check-in. If you are on short-time, send "ST" after your call, followed by "K". For example: W8DIZ W8DIZ ST K Short-timers will go first to accommodate their time constraints.

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SCHEDULE OF NET DATES TIMES FREQUENCIES and Net Control Operator.

When Freq Control OP

Every Thursday morning at 0100Z that's Wednesday night in the US 7.047.5 KE1LA

Slow Code Net every Sunday morning at 0100Z that's Saturday night in the US 7.137 KC8NYW
Every Monday morning at 0100Z that's Sunday night in the US 7.047.5 WB8ICN

Dah-Dit-Dah, 73's, Mike...WB8ICN

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FISTS

FISTS members can be found on or near any frequency ending in .x58 (.058, .158, .258, etc)

Weekly Nets

Sunday Century Award Net 1500 EST/2000 UTC
1500 EDT/1900 UTC 14.058
Sunday Slow Speed Chat 1700 UTC 21.158
Tuesday Slow Traffic Net 2100 EST/0200 UTC
2100 EDT/0100 UTC 3.682
Thursday Slow Traffic Net 2100 EST/0200 UTC
2100 EDT/0100 UTC 3.682
Saturday Saturday QSO Groups 2000 UTC 14.058
2300 UTC 7.058

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QRP ARCI NET SCHEDULE

NET QRG NCS DAY/HR UTC
NEN 7040-41 NCS-K2QJ SATURDAY 1300 UTC
(Always 8 A.M. on Saturday morning EST/EDT)
WSN 7040 NCS-W6JHQ Mgr SATURDAY 1700 UTC
ANCs-K5QXX, W6SIY, WE6W, NJ7M.
SEN, GLN, GSN, TCN, These Nets have been suspended until further notice.

OTHER QRP NETS

Please reply back to the list with additions or corrections.
Many thanks!

72 es OO
Bill Allen, ex KC5ADF Ω

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Member Spotlight!

This month I would like to honor all the brave men and women of the New York City Fire Department, Police Department, and rescue workers who have given their time, and lives to help rescue and reclaim the victims in New York City and at the Pentagon. Ω
Amateurs among the missing in WTC attack!

The ARRL Letter Vol. 20, No. 37 September 14, 2001

At least four Amateur Radio operators are among the many still missing in the aftermath of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. The attack also destroyed the major TV and radio-transmitting site atop one of the twin towers.

The hams reported missing so far include:

* Steven A. "Steve" Jacobson, N2SJ, 53, of New York City, a transmitter engineer for WPIX TV, and an ARRL member.

* William V. "Bill" Steckman, WA2ACW, of W Hempstead, New York, a transmitter engineer for WNBC TV. He was well known in the NYC area and ran a number of repeaters from the World Trade Center, most notably the 434 MHz ATV repeater.

* Robert D. "Bob" Cirri Sr, KA2OTD, 39, an ARRL member from Nutley, New Jersey and the ARRL District Emergency Coordinator for Hudson County. A Port Authority police officer, Cirri was on the job helping to evacuate workers from the building when it collapsed.

* Michael G. Jacobs, AA1GO, 54, an ARRL member from Danbury, Connecticut. Jacobs worked at Fiduciary Trust Company International, which had offices in the World Trade Center. 

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 spaming 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:
Diz, W8DIZ at w8diz@cinci.rr.com
Rick, WB6JBM at ripowell@mpna.com
Dan, N8IE at shephed@aol.com

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