FPQR membership is open to all licensed QRP operators who reside within 12,000 nautical miles of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

ARLl 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 ARLl 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 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, Ω

FP NET

11/8

High y’all, well the qrm gave up on it... 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
KC4URI.... NR 98  599 UP HEAH LITTLE PIGGIE
K4FB... K1 NOW BUT FOUR BANDER NEXT WEEK
WV9N...559 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 ke1La
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
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... qrp... 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 GEAUX... 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 SQUIRELIES......

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
WASPB 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

Hi y’all Great conditions tonite... 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..... 7.045.93 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...

WB6JBMT... 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 qrm, 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
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 atmospherics are 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 atmospherics 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

**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

**ARRL 160-Meter Contest**
See November QST, page 105, or www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-160m.html.

**ARRL 10-Meter Contest**

**December 21: AGB Activity Party**
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.

**Special Events for December**


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/

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 'thrift' 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

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.
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 WA8BXXN 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
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?  599 WV Arny? 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

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 W9HL 559 TX George 5W
0142 KG4LDY 559 VA Jim 5W
0144 N8VAR 559 OH Ron 5W
0146 W8PIG 569 MI Mikey 5W
0148 N9DSP 559 V Tom 5W
0149 AA5O 559 MI John 5W
0150 W9SL 1:37 55n Tom 5W
0151 K0EVZ 559 CT Don 5W
0152 AJ4AY 559 AL Jay 5W
0153 WB8ICN 559 MI Mikey 5W
0155 KB9YIG 559 IN Don 5W
0156 N5IB 559 LA Jim 5W
0157 KG4LDY 559 VA Jim 5W
0158 N1QO 559 VT John 5W
0159 K4ADI 559 SC Frank 5W
0200 W6BD 559 CA Paul 5W

Mike, KD5KXF
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 NNSE 559 TX Vern 5w
0154 WA8BXN 559 OH Mike 5w
0155 K8KFJ 559 WV Gary 5w
0159 K74LDY 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-l@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-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@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/moun
73, Gary

http://marina.fortunecity.com/sanpedro/351/mountsherman/mou

http://marina.fortunecity.com/sanpedro/351/mountsherman/mou
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:
Diz, W8DIZ at w8diz@cinci.rr.com
Rick, WB6JBM at ripowell@mpna.com
Dan, N8IE at n8ie@who.rr.com

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