WEST PARK NETS *

During the Covid crisis we have held extra Friday night 8 p.m. 2m nets. Our Monday and Friday night nets are on the NODXA's repeater at 8 p.m. Listen or check in. Join the fun. We thank the Northern Ohio DX Association for the use of their repeater, W8DXA, 147.36+ (107.2) for those nets.

These substitutes for actual on site meetings are:

Dec   2,5,9,12,16,19,23,26?,30 - 2m NET, 8 p.m.*
Dec 9   - CHRISTMAS Party   5:00 p.m.   *Subject to change
Jan 2,6,9,16,20,23,27,30   - 2m NET,   8 p.m.*
Jan 13*   - MEETING AT TRI-C?*   7:30 p.m.*

But when a meeting site opens up we plan to get back to on-site meetings. Thus the nets and Zoom meetings listed above may suddenly change.

UPCOMING CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES...
        (sourced from WA7BNM and ARRL information)

Dec	3	ARRL 160m Contest
Dec	10	ARRL 10m Contest
Dec	17	Stew Perry Topband Challenge 160m
Dec	23	NCCC RTTY Sprint
Dec	30	NCCC RTTY Sprint
Jan	7	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan	14	North American QSO Party, CW
Jan	21	North American QSO Party, SSB
Jan	21	ARRL January VHF Contest
Jan	28	CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW

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🔴 WEST PARK RADIOPS PROGRAMS FOR '22- 2023*

December 9   Christmas Party*   * Subject to Change
January   13, } Possible Choices*
February 10, {   Linux   Demonstration,
March   10, }   Show and Tell,
April   14 }   QRP Operation
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🔴 MEMBER HAPPENINGS IN 2022...

West Park Radiops ARC members regret the loss of these club members just in 2022.

AB8PG Vesselin Zhelezov
W8PN   Harold "Hal" Braschwitz
WV8P   David Germ
N8CX   Alan Moriarty
K8AES "Jim" Pugsley (listed in club awards web page)
ex-KA8GGZ Ron Leeseberg (at some past date)
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🔴 RAC Renames/Realigns Canadian Sections Effective Jan 1, 2023
From the ARRL Contest Update:

The Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) have announced a realignment of their Field Organization resulting in the addition of a new section and name changes to several others effective January 1, 2023. This will result in the changes to ARRL contests that use ARRL/RAC sections as multipliers, including Field Day, ARRL November Sweepstakes, and 160-Meter contests.

The RAC Field Organization will be reorganized into the following sections effective January 1, 2023:
• Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)
• Nova Scotia (NS)
• Prince Edward Island (PE)
• New Brunswick (NB) - the Maritime Section (MAR) will be abolished.
• Quebec (QC)
• Ontario East (ONE)
• Golden Horseshoe (GH) - currently called Greater Toronto Area (GTA).
• Ontario South (ONS)
• Ontario North (ONN)
• Manitoba (MB)
• Saskatchewan (SK)
• Alberta (AB)
• British Columbia (BC)
• Territories (TER) - Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut will be combined into one section.
Note that this change is forthcoming and will not impact the 2022 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW/SSB) or 160-Meter Contests.
Please direct any questions to Dave Goodwin, VE3KG, Regulatory Affairs Officer, RAC, by email at regulatory@rac.ca.
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Techniques for head copying CW QSOs On the Bands Operating Procedures - G8CPZ Jan '21

I got interested in head copying Morse some months ago and have been working with other local amateurs here in south Cumbria who are also learning to head copy. We're making fair to good progress so far but I would like to hear from SOTA expert head-copiers for their experiences and advice about the effectiveness of different techniques or methods.

My motivation: since I my passed the Morse test about 25 years ago and got my 'A' licence (M0ALC) I've been transcripting everything to paper. I unconsciously write it down and then quickly look back at what I've written. This has limited me to about 20wpm because I can't write faster [not to mention blunting the pencil lead quickly]. As most of my operating is as a SOTA activator, I would like to get to the point where the only info I'm writing in my little notebook at the summit is what I need for my SOTA log.

I've been head copying GB2CW on-air and listening to ARRL's W1AW slow Morse archives, the Ham Morse app plus the 4-way QRS 2m CW QSOs our head-copying group have from time to time.
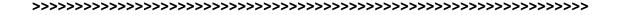
Currently, I'm using two methods:

   Word sound recognition - you recognize the unique sound of the word, e.g. standard abbreviations CQ, 73, DE, RST and common short words. Most or all of us know some words like this and many more are added over time simply by constantly hearing them. 'Blackboard' or 'back of the eyelid' - where you assemble the incoming letters in your mind until you predict the word correctly or have all the letters. For me, most less-common and long words fall into this camp. But I'm finding some have already transferred into the first method. 'Phonic copy' [I am not using this method] - treating the successive letters of a word like a slowly pronounced spoken word. This is described in http://n6ev.com/articles/phonic-method

I'm interested to hear from anyone who has used this method. I can see that it might work with languages like Italian, which [I'm told] is highly phonetic, so in most cases you can predict the pronunciation of the word from the letter sounds. However, with English, we all know, the spelling is a mess, it's a highly unphonetic language, so I can't see how this method would work.

I see no alternative, for those words that you haven't yet memorized as a unique sound [e.g. CQ] than to use method 2.

There may well be other methods. I'm curious to hear from any expert head-copier on how you achieved your skill you now have.

73 Andy

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🏅 HAM RADIO OPERATOR THREATENED BY NEIGHBORS (HOA PROBLEM?)

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🏅 New Mode Helps Hams Look for Lovers

ft88
#hamhijinks

https://hamhijinks.com/

HORSESHOE LAKE, WISCONSIN — Local ham radio operator and self-avowed bachelor Giani Balboa says his latest creation will revolutionize the lonely hearts of the hobby. The prize winning tailor (his garment making took 1st place at the 2004 Cumberland County Fair) has developed a new digital software format designed for the amorous ham.

"I call it FT-88s," says Balboa. "It will whisper your call sign to hams of the opposite gender and you'll be making contacts in no time!"

Designed to run on a home computer, the software comes in both "male" and "female" versions. Transmitting on a 15 second cycle, the male FT-88s client includes several preset messages including:

    HOW YOU DOIN'?
    DO YOU COME HERE OFTEN?
    DO I KNOW YOU FROM SOMEWHERE?
    WHAT'S YOUR (CALL)SIGN?

Female version, preformatted messages include:

    NO COPY; I HAVE OTHER PLANS
    SORRY, I HAVE TO WORK DX LATE
    I'VE SEEN BIGGER SIGNALS

Balboa says the software will exchange the "kissing emoji" with the correct keystrokes. He adds that third-party software will allow you to swipe left for logging to HRD log and swipe right for logging to AC Log. Talking to reporters while exercising at his home gym/hamshack, he says QSOs will be digitally signed automatically and transferred to both NRRL's Logbook of the Globe and www.hothamradiooperators.com.

By WB0RUR, on the scene
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HEADPHONES YOU MIGHT LIKE

The Yamaha CM500 has been a popular option but it might nearly unavailable. Amazon no longer lists a price. They refer you to a third-party seller that still has them for a highly inflated price of $109.95 (they used to sell for about $50).

An excellent alternative could be the Koss SB45. Amazon has them for $30.73

Both are reviewed many times on the eHam.net website pages.
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OLD MEGAWATT
   (from AC6V)
Ham 1 -- Hey I hear Old Megawatt is retiring from Ham Radio.
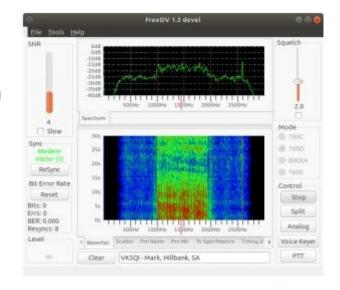Ham 2 -- Yeah I heard him say that before.

Ham 1 -- I know, but this time the FCC said it!
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FREE Digital Voice

courtesy of QRZ.COM
https://freedv.org/

FreeDV is a Digital Voice mode for HF radio. You can run FreeDV using a free GUI application for Windows, Linux and OSX that allows any SSB radio to be used for low-bit-rate digital voice.

Alternatively, you can buy a SM1000 FreeDV adaptor that allows you to run FreeDV (1600 and 700D modes) on any HF radio without a PC or sound card. If you are a hardware or software developer, you can integrate FreeDV into your project using the LGPL-licensed FreeDV API. FreeDV is being developed by an international team of radio amateurs working together on coding, design, user interface and testing. FreeDV is open source software, released under the GNU Lesser Public License version 2.1. The modems and Codec 2 speech codec used in FreeDV are also open source.
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BUSINESS CARD FLASHDRIVES
On the Internet you can find flash drives in the physical format of a business card. You can even get your logo on the card, for money. You can store a 7 minute video on one of these. Go looking.

Lot 10 Usb Flash
Drive Business...

THE DX SCENE...

(Courtesy of the NG3K website)

Call, Start Date,, End Date, DXCC Entity
5W0RS,2022 Nov21,2022 Dec15,Samoa
ZA,2022 Nov24,2022 Dec13,Albania
3D2AG/p ,2022 Nov24,2022 Dec20,Rotuma
5H3FM ,2022 Nov25,2022 Dec13,Tanzania
C5YK ,2022 Nov28,2022 Dec31,Gambia
VK9WX,2022 Nov29,2022 Dec31,Willis Is
T88RC,2022 Nov30,2022 Dec05,Palau
TO9W,2022 Nov30,2022 Dec09,St Martin
YJ0CA,2022 Dec01,2022 Dec09,Vanuatu
3B8,2022 Dec03,2022 Dec14,Mauritius
8Q7BB,2022 Dec04,2022 Dec17,Maldives
ZB2,2022 Dec06,2022 Dec08,Gibraltar
H44SHD,2022 Dec06,2022 Dec20,Solomon Is
EA9,2022 Dec08,2022 Dec12,Ceuta&Mellila
S21DX,2022 Dec10,2022 Dec16,Bangladesh
XW4KV,2022 Dec13,2022 Dec18,Laos
8Q7CA,2022 Dec13,2022 Dec22,Maldives
FT8/c,2022 Dec20,2022 Dec31,Crozet
TI7,2022 Dec23,2023 Jan03,Costa Rica
VK9MTO,2022 Dec29,2023 Jan05,Norfolk Is
TR8CR,2022 Dec29,2023 Mar15,Gabon
VP2MDX,2023 Jan02,2023 Jan31,Montserrat
D44TWO,2023 Jan03,2023 Jan21,Cape Verde Is
TN8K,2023 Jan06,2023 Jan21,Congo
T33,2023 Jan12,2023 Jan24,Banaba Is
T8,2023 Jan13,2023 Jan20,Palau
8P9CB,2023 Jan13,2023 Jan25,Barbados
FM,2023 Jan15,2023 Mar15,Martinique
P4,2023 Jan18,2023 Feb02,Aruba
T8,2023 Jan20,2023 Jan27,Palau
3Y0J,2023 Jan23,2023 Feb28,Bouvet Is
V47JA,2023 Jan24,2023 Feb08,St Kitts&Nevis
9U4WX,2023 Feb04,2023 Feb27,Burundi
J8,2023 Feb15,2023 Feb21,St Vincent
H44MS,2023 Feb15,2023 Apr30,Solomon Is
VK9,2023 Feb17,2023 Feb24,Cocos Keeling
PJ2,2023 Feb20,2023 Mar03,Curacao
3B7M,2023 Feb24,2023 Mar05,Agalega&St Brandon
HK0,2023 Feb28,2023 Mar05,San Andres&Providencia
HC8M,2023 Mar01,2023 Mar11,Galapagos
PJ2,2023 Mar04,2023 Mar22,Curacao
PJ7AA,2023 Mar04,2023 Apr01,St Martin
HI0LT,2023 Mar12,2023 Mar19,Dominican Republic
CY0S,2023 Mar20,2023 Mar29,Sable Is
VP2MEI,2023 Mar23,2023 Apr02,Montserrat
PJ5,2023 Mar28,2023 Apr04,Saba&St Eustatius
FP,2023 Jun27,2023 Jul11,St Pierre&Miquelon

MEETINGS: WEST PARK RADIOPS ARC plans to resume meeting each month at Cuyahoga Community College West Campus in the Public Safety Training Center, 11000 Pleasant Valley Dr. at 7:30 PM sharp.
But our on-site meetings have been suspended during Covid-19 protocols.
Therefore we meet on Zoom on the second Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Dues $15/yr. We welcome anyone interested in amateur radio to our meetings. We operate Monday and Friday night nets on 147.36+ (107.2 Hz) MHz at 8:00 p.m. Eastern.

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