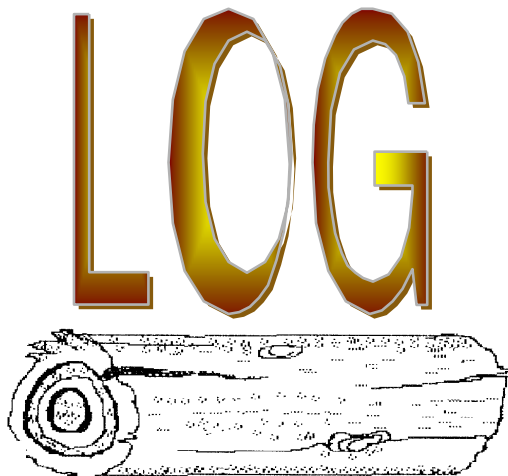




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WEST PARK NEWS *

Monday 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 our use of their repeater, W8DXA, 147.36+ (107.2). Our meeting schedule varies. Pay attention to our opportunities to announce meeting changes.



UPCOMING CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES*...

(sourced from WA7BNM and ARRL information)

Oct 3 K1USN Slow Speed Test
Oct 11 Pennsylvania QSO Party
Oct 18 Stew Perry Topband Challenge
Oct 26 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB
Nov 1 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW
Nov 7 K1USN Slow Speed Test
Nov 15 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB
Nov 22 North American SSB Sprint Contest
Nov 29 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

* Subject to Change,
Including order of events,
locations and times.

LOOK FOR 6M OPENINGS

Thursday Evenings FT4 Contest

*Subject to change



WEST PARK RADIOPS MEETINGS & PROGRAMS FOR 2025*

Oct 14 } Canary's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.*
Nov 11 } Lunch and short business meeting

60 YEARS OF HURRICANE WATCH NET...

(ARRL August 2025 - edited)

On the 2025 Labor Day weekend, the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) celebrated its 60th anniversary of providing critical communications support to the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and communities impacted by hurricanes.

As Hurricane Betsy was pummeling the Caribbean on Labor Day weekend 1965, a ham radio operator started hearing calls for information from operators in the Bahamas. **Jerry Murphy, K8YUW***, sprang into action. He began relaying surface data and storm conditions to help those in the path.

That first net paved the way for what would become the Hurricane Watch Net.

(*Gerald Murphy, K8YUW, SK, former member of West Park Radiops.)

Hal Braschwitz meets first radio astronomer ...



In June 1996 at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Greenbank, WV, Grote Reber, W9GFZ, (SK) and Hal Braschwitz, W8PN, (SK) got an eyeball QSO.

(Wikipedia®)

Grote Reber (December 22, 1911 – December 20, 2002), W9GFZ, was an American pioneer of radio astronomy, which combined his interests in amateur radio and amateur astronomy. He was instrumental in investigating and extending Karl Jansky's pioneering work and conducted the first sky survey in the radio frequencies.

Reber's 1937 radio antenna was the second ever to be used for astronomical purposes and the first parabolic reflecting antenna to be used as a radio telescope. For nearly a decade he was the world's only radio astronomer. This happened in Wheaton, IL, near Chicago.

(Karl Guthe Jansky (October 22, 1905 – February 14, 1950) was an American physicist and radio engineer who in April 1933 first announced his discovery of radio waves emanating from the Milky Way in the constellation Sagittarius. An amateur astronomer, he is considered one of the founding figures of radio astronomy)

OLD STORY – HAM HELPS AMELIA EARHART...

Book: "The Aviator and the Showman", Laurie Gwen Shapiro, Penguin Random House, 2025, pp.295-298

Magazine: National Geographic,
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/adventure/article/140727-amelia-earhart-history-flight-airplanes-adventure-explorer>

During one of Amelia Earhart's earlier flights (before her famous and tragic unsuccessful around the world flight in 1937) she was helped in a flight from Hawaii to California by a ham radio operator. On January 11, 1935 she took off in Honolulu and flew for 18 hours and 15 minutes to Oakland's airport, becoming the first person to ever fly that trip. As she neared Northern CA feeling lost she received used her radio for help from a ham radio operator whom she later thanked in a telegram. Her call sign was KHABQ (sic). She used an End-Fed Zepp antenna rolled out through a hole in the floor.

(For stamp collectors, the flight was commemorated in 350 rare Mexican airmail stamps, 85 of which were used for first day covers.)

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/248542473158510106/>

Details of all of her radio and antenna problems on her last flight in 1937 are detailed in a interesting YouTube video from:

www.getrecall.ai

Search for “The Physics That Doomed Amelia Earhart”.

END-FED ZEPPS IN DETAIL...

by Ward Silver, N0AX

<https://www.onallbands.com/feeding-end-fed-antennas/>

WW II AND HIDING WITH RADIOS...

Book: "Madame Fourcade's Secret War", Lynn Olson, Random House, 2019, pp. 222-223.

Topic: In WW II, German forces in France were looking for clandestine Alliance radio

operators who used various randomly located transmitter sites to confuse the German searchers. Transmitters were only used of a few minutes so as to complicate radio location. Upon finding a suspected signal the Germans would cut the electrical power to an area to see if the transmission stopped when the power when off. If it did, then the Germans knew they were getting close. So then the power would be restored to see if the transmission restarted (after the vacuum tubes warmed up again, of course, and the operator had sat down to continue sending).



SPLIT BOLT CONNECTORS...

These used for field splicing of antenna wires for Beverage Antennas, etc. Obtain from Home Depot and elsewhere.



SPACEMOBILE COMPANY GRANTED USE OF 70cm...

(AMSAT News Service ANS-257 Sept. 14, 2025)

The FCC Space Bureau has granted a license to AST & Science LLC (operating as AST Space Mobile) for using the 430 — 440 MHz amateur radio allocation for TT&C operations for 20 additional satellites.

The FCC Space Bureau commented: “At this time, to address the concerns raised by amateur radio operators and the petitioner, we issue a limited grant to AST to conduct emergency operations in the 430–440 MHz band when no other bands are available for the 20 additional satellites authorized herein for a period not to exceed 24 hours.”

This decision is the result of over 2500 comments to the FCC by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and several International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) member societies, AMSAT, and individual amateur radio operators. The IARU maintains its view that the use of Article 4.4 of the ITU Radio Regulations is inappropriate in this matter, in particular as there are existing allocations in the UHF spectrum for Telemetry, Tracking and Command (TT&C) operations. There are no technical or operational requirements for AST & Science LLC to intrude the 430–440 MHz spectrum which is a primary amateur and amateur satellite service allocation in ITU Region 1 and in several countries in Region 2.

The IARU and its member societies will continue to monitor the further development of this issue. As a sector member of ITU-R, the IARU will contribute towards improving the respective process concerning Article 4.4. The IARU is grateful for the support and contributions from our member-societies.

[ANS thanks IARU for the above information.]

REAL TIME QSO MANAGER...

(Discussion in 'Amateur Radio News' started by KF7WIS)
Introducing RTQM, the Real Time QSO Manager From the QRZ Labs.

QRZ is pleased to announce the public Beta testing phase of the Real-Time QSO Manager, or RTQM for short. What is RTQM? Think of it as a spotting network based on real-time user input. It's a way to call CQ silently, and know exactly when stations are standing by.

With RTQM, users can see who's available on all bands and all modes simultaneously. Rather than searching the bands endlessly for a weak signal, use RTQM to tune directly to the frequency and start listening.

We are pleased to be entering our public Beta testing phase. You can access the feature here:

<https://rtqm.beta.qrz.com/>

Be aware that during the beta test phase, you may encounter a few issues with the software. The purpose of the beta phase is to identify and fix these issues before the general rollout of the service.

Please visit this page for help and information about the use of the tool:

<https://rtqm.beta.qrz.com/help>

There is also a Beta Test Forum where you can post your insights and questions:

<https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?forums/rtqm-beta-test-forum.159/>

PORTING TQSL TO A NEW COMPUTER?...

https://www.arrl.org/files/file/LoTW%20Instructions/TQSL%20_0%202013/Secodary%20operations/Moving%20LoTW%20to%20Another%20Computer.pdf

In The First Computer:

1. Open TQSL
 2. Select File.
 3. Select Backup Station Locations, Certificates and Preferences...
 4. Save the Configuration file [tqslconfig.tbk] to your folder or a memory stick.
- When finished, the Status Log will display the certificates and files that have been saved in the TBK configuration file.

In The Second Computer:

1. Install TQSL software in your computer.
 2. Copy the Configuration file [tqslconfig.tbk] that you saved from the first computer to your folder or connect the memory stick with this file to the second computer.
 3. Open TQSL
 4. Select File.
 5. Select Restore Station Locations, Certificates and Preferences.
 6. Select the Configuration file [tqslconfig.tbk] from your folder or memory stick.
- When finished, the Status Log will display the certificates and files that have been loaded.



THE DX SCENE...

(Courtesy of the NG3K website <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>)

Call, Start Date End Date, DXCC Entity
 VK2,2025 Sep19,2025 Oct03,Christmas Is
 T32K,2025 Sep19,2025 Oct03,East Kiribati
 S79,2025 Sep21,2025 Oct12,Seychelles
 3B8,2025 Sep22,2025 Oct04,Mauritius
 V6D,2025 Sep22,2025 Oct06,Micronesia
 JD1,2025 Sep27,2025 Oct02,Ogasawara
 S79,2025 Sep28,2025 Oct12,Seychelles
 5X2I,2025 Sep29,2025 Oct10,Uganda
 A52G,2025 Oct01,2025 Oct08,Bhutan
 VK9QO,2025 Oct03,2025 Oct07,Christmas Is
 WH0RU,2025 Oct03,2025 Oct12,Mariana Is
 OX3LX,2025 Oct03,2025 Oct28,Greenland
 3V,2025 Oct04,2025 Oct05,Tunisia
 XT2AW,2025 Oct04,2025 Oct27,Burkina Faso
 TG9BBV,2025 Oct05,2025 Oct25,Guatemala
 JW,2025 Oct08,2025 Oct13,Svalbard
 PY0FB,2025 Oct08,2025 Oct15,Fernando de Noronha
 J38,2025 Oct08,2025 Oct15,Grenada
 E51MWA,2025 Oct09,2025 Oct20,North Cook Is
 5H3MB,2025 Oct16,2025 Oct20,Tanzania
 D2A,2025 Oct17,2025 Oct28,Angola
 PJ6Y,2025 Oct17,2025 Oct29,Saba & St Eustatius
 C5,2025 Oct18,2025 Nov12,Gambia
 J79FJ,2025 Oct20,2025 Oct29,Dominica
 FW5K,2025 Oct20,2025 Nov07,Wallis & Futuna Is
 5R8TT,2025 Oct29,2025 Nov12,Madagascar
 9L8MD,2025 Oct30,2025 Nov10,Sierra Leone
 CP7DX,2025 Oct31,2025 Nov10,Bolivia
 9U1RU,2025 Oct31,2025 Nov20,Burundi
 T88HR,2025 Nov01,2025 Nov06,Palau
 VP8THW,2025 Nov01,2025 Nov22,Falkland Is
 ZL7,2025 Nov03,2025 Nov20,Chatham I
 7P8EA,2025 Nov03,2025 Nov27,Lesotho
 5J0EA,2025 Nov20,2025 Nov30,San Andres Is
 PJ4KV,2025 Nov20,2025 Dec03,Bonaire
 V51WH,2025 Nov20,2025 Dec31,Namibia
 YJ0GC,2025 Nov22,2025 Dec05,Vanuatu
 TO9W,2025 Nov30,2025 Dec12,St Martin
 8Q7HT,2025 Dec01,2025 Dec10,Maldives
 TG,2025 Dec07,2026 Jan05,Guatemala
 T88AC,2025 Dec10,2025 Dec17,Palau
 S21DX,2025 Dec21,2025 Dec27,Bangladesh
 PZ5OZ,2025 Dec21,2026 Jan02,Surinam
 KH0,2025 Dec30,2026 Jan03,Mariana Is
 3A,2025 Dec30,2026 Jan03,Monaco
 FG4KH,2026 Jan20,2026 Feb10,Guadeloupe
 PJ2,2026 Jan22,2026 Mar31,Curacao
 V660XGI,2026 Jan22,2026 Jan28,Micronesia
 VP8TM,2026 Feb14,2026 Feb28,Falkland Is
 3Y0K,2026 Feb15,2026 Mar14,Bouvet Is

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