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THE KEY KLIX QRP IS / WAS DESIGNED TO BE A MINI-KEY KLIX WITH THE INTENT OF KEEPING EVERYONE INFORMED AND ENTERTAINED DURING THESE TROUBLING TIMES. TRYING TO KEEP IT "MINI" IS PROVING TO BE A DAUNTING TASK.....

IN MEMORIUM

Our condolences go out to Bob Biancur WB1GYZ on the recent loss of his mother Irma Biancur ...she was 97 at the time of her passing and had been a resident of the Quinnipiac Valley Health Center in Wallingford..

Our condolences go out to the family of Paul Ciecznak K1SEZ who passed recently, his obit is below...Paul was a past member and officer of MARC. He was very active in the club and in the Amateur Radio community. Paul was a volunteer at the ARRL and very enthusiastic in displaying Ham Radio to youth at either Field day or at special events like at the SCOW, Wlfd Public Library or at schools. Paul's brother-in law is Fred W1NHS also a MARC member. Paul will be missed....



Paul Cieczniak, 80, of Wallingford, CT passed away on April 13, 2020 at Regency House, Wallingford with his family by his side after a brief battle with cancer. He was the loving husband of 54 years to Geri (Preneta) Cieczniak. Paul was born in Scranton, PA on October 7, 1939 to the late Walter and Mary (Gursky) Cieczniak and was predeceased by his sister Patricia Ring. He worked for Proliance Industries, New Haven, as HD Products Manager for many years until his retirement in 2008. He was an avid reader and a ham radio operator (K1SEZ). In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Karen Iannone of Woonsocket, RI; Jennifer Hollenbeck (Cliff) of Wallingford; and Susan Cieczniak also of Wallingford; his seven grandchildren who lovingly called him "Bubba": Jessica and Joshua Cieczniak; Alyssa and Breanna Iannone; Justin Boucher; Clifford and Olivia Hollenbeck. He is also survived by his

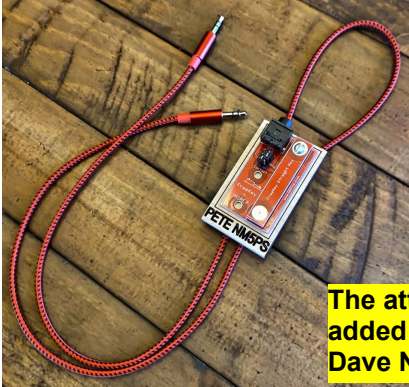
brother-in-law Fred Ring (W1NHS) of Orange, CT, his brother-in-law Richard Preneta of Wallingford and several nieces, nephews and cousins. A private graveside service will be held at Mt Saint Peter's Cemetery, Derby, CT at the convenience of the family and a public memorial mass will be held at the Church of the Resurrection, Wallingford, at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the American Radio Relay League, Newington, CT or the Wallingford Public Library. The B.C. Bailey Funeral Home of Wallingford has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.BaileyCares.com.

FOR SALE

Raw toilet paper for sale \$20



Some assembly required



The attached photo is a Bolo Tie that is also a working code practice oscillator. As an added bonus, the tips appear to be 1/8" phone plugs. What more needs to be said? Dave NZ1J

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME...

An anti-electricity cartoon from the 1900s. This is how some of y'all look talking about 5G.



FOR ALL NON-SP-TYPES (POLISH)..
BABCIA=GRANDMA
(ALTHOUGH TRUE FOR ALL)

GOING TO
BABCIA

LEAVING
BABCIA'S HOUSE



AND JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT THE FCC WAS GETTING LAX WITH AMATEUR RADIO

FCC Fines Louisiana Ham \$18,000 for Interference

Jerry Materne, KC5CSG, fined for allegedly causing interference on a local repeater and failing to properly identify his station.

FROM N1API: BORED AT HOME?? LIFE COMES TO YOU!!!

At 5 PM a car took down a pole two houses down the road and took our power out until the power company got it back on about 11:45. The neighbor down the street said that he saw it and the car was doing, (as he estimated it) about 80 MPH. This is on a curve in the street. He said that he had hit another car down the street and was weaving badly before he took the pole down. This is a highly residential street with many young kids from preschool to high school age. Also many walkers, people waking their dogs or just walking especially now with everyone staying home. All in all I counted 9 Eversource, (power company trucks) that came to work on getting the pole up. Plus they need to clean the rubble from the accident and repair. What a mess.

Interestingly enough the first picture just happens to be the pole that got taken out because the power company hired a tree company to take out all the trees on the linear trail that would fall on their feed. Most of the trees in the back yard next door are coming down. They have been doing this for about two weeks and started up by the high school where the trail starts. I was taking some "skyline" photos early in the day and just happened to snap the pole that the guy hit.

BTW they had the driver isit in the car till the power company said the power was off, (It was the feed snapped further up the line, but they had to verify this before they took him out of the car). Not sure if the police took him in or just cited him, but they took the car away on a flat bed. Some of the neighbors said they think he was on drugs. The police impounded the car.

I guess even "stay at home" can be exciting!

-73- AI - N1API

POLE BEFORE

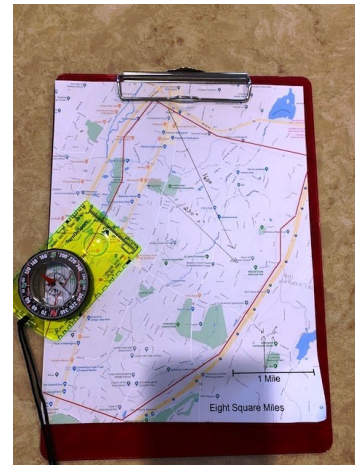


POLE AFTER





A Tale of the Non-Sanctioned Fox Hunts



The foxhunt on Saturday, 11 April 2020, was another welcome diversion for us all. Although Dave, NZ1J, (aka the fox) tried to go easy on us, it proved to be just as challenging as ever. With all of the hills and buildings blocking and reflecting signals it can take longer than expected to get a good bearing to follow. Another side effect of foxhunting is drawing attention while we each stand around holding various antenna configurations over our heads. I managed to draw the attention of a security guard while taking a bearing from a sports field adjacent to Choate Rosemary School. He accepted my explanation about foxhunting so I didn't have any trouble. Despite the usual false leads, we managed to find the fox, most of us within the one hour time frame. A few of the group posed for a photo op. I especially liked the antenna that John, K1LYP, used, although rather than build it I think he may have salvaged it from a crashed UFO! I wonder if it glows in the dark?

Ted KC1DOY

Though not intended to be difficult, today did turn out to be the most difficult hunt to date. I was parked at the corner of Long Hill Road and Southview Drive, which is at an elevation of about 260 feet. Nine hounds found me. KB1JL, who we already know is a Jedi, took only six minutes to locate me. Some other hounds encountered various difficulties during the hunt. I think we all would have appreciated less wind and milder temperatures. As I had written on the Facebook Group, Wallingford has more hills than most of us would suspect. Those hills obscure and reflect radio signals. Last week, I found a spot more than 300 feet above sea level to try to minimize difficulties created by terrain. Today, at 260 feet, the terrain was an issue. This week's Activity Meeting will be about Fox Hunting. That makes this week a good time to brainstorm ideas to keep the hunts fun, improve our equipment, and build Fox Hunting skills. Please comment here on the reflector, as well as during the Activity Meeting, with ideas and insights.

DAVE NZ1J

ANSWER TO APRILS "WHOSE THIS??"



IT'S A VERY YOUNG JEFF N1AKN, HOME FROM THE AIR FORCE.... TAKEN AT HIS GRANDFATHERS HOUSE ON GLEN HILLS DRIVE, AND IT WAS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT THAT WAS AL N1API'S WHITE BARRACUDA IN THE BACKGROUND BUT IT WAS NOT.....

A BLAST FROM THE PAST: A YOUNGER K1RCT COACHING BASEBALL ...QUESTION IS— DID JB SCOTCH SPONSOR THE TEAM??



FROM APRIL 2000 COURTESY OF AL N1API

FROM TOM K1KI NEQP MAY2/3

I'd appreciate your help in publicizing the upcoming New England QSO Party on May 2nd and 3rd. Please mention it at your next club meeting and in your newsletter. Hope you've had good success in using virtual meetings! The NEQP is a great time to check out antenna systems and offers a moderately paced opportunity to work new states and countries. You'll find a wide variety of participants, from newcomers to experienced contesters, all interested in making contacts with New England stations. With travel restrictions we do not expect to have activity from mobile stations but hope we can generate a big increase in home station activity. Our goal is to get every one of the 67 counties in New England on the air so we hope you will encourage your members to join in the fun! Even if you can join the fun for a couple of hours, we'd appreciate it! Will you be QRV? Let us know with a message to info@neqp.org The New England QSO Party is 20 hours long overall, in two sections with a civilized break for sleep on Saturday night. It runs from 4pm Saturday until 1am Sunday, then 9am Sunday until 8pm Sunday. Operate on CW, SSB and/or digital modes on 80-40-20-15-10 meters. For each QSO you'll give your callsign, a signal report and your county/state. Top scorers can earn a plaque and everyone who sends in a log will get a certificate. The goal is to work stations anywhere in the world - and their goal is to work New England stations, so you'll be very popular! Last year we had logs from almost 200 New England stations and 450 more from around the country and world. The full rules are here -> <http://www.neqp.org/rules.html> The 2019 results were posted last weekend -> <http://www.neqp.org/results.html> It's just three weeks until the 2020 NEQP. Please make some QSOs even if you don't want to send in a log! Thanks!
73 Tom/K1KI

The Club's Facebook Group, which was created in February, is continuing to grow. There are now 41 members in the group. If you use Facebook and haven't joined the group yet, take a look. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/205532110841133/>

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Members 41

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INVITE MEMBERS

MARC CLUB NETS —THEY JUST KEEP GROWING—

CLUB NETS

6 MTR NET MONDAYS 8PM 50.175MHZ N1ZN JIM

2 METER NET TUESDAYS 7:30PM 147.36 /RPT /NO PL K1TDO TODD

10 METER NET TUESDAYS 8PM 28.375MHZ K1VDF JOHN
(10/10 CASTLE CRAIG CHAPTER CONCURRENTLY WITH CLUB NET—N1API AL)

2 METER TECH NET WEDNESDAYS 7:30PM 147.360+, no PL
WEEKLY NET MODERATED BY VARIOUS AMATEURS WITH DIFFERENT
TECHNICAL TOPICS AND Q&A SESSION

2 METER COFFEE CUP NET SATURDAY 0900Z THAT'S 9:00 **AM** W1YSM ED
147.36 W1KKF REPEATER
(THIS HAS ALSO SPURNED A SIMULTANEOUS SECONDARY NET OF SORTS THROUGH
THE VIDEO TELECONFERENCING W1NRG JITSI SITE)

Eds initial coffee cup net was a success. In addition to NCS W1YSM, i counted 21 checkins with 9 of us on the jitsi room. There may have been a 10th but they didnt activate their mike or camera and only identified as W1NRG.

I like the idea of a controlled net with everyone getting a shot on the first round, and free for all after that round is completed. Its a good way to keep the club together and active.

Theo fox hunt was also a success, with WB1GYZ first arrival and at least 7 or 8 participating "teams" (one is a team). RR Bob, Dave, and Nancy took lots of pix for Key Chirps. We all kept our distance and behaved.

--Eric KB1JL

HOPEFULLY WE WILL RETURN TO NORMAL SOON AND THE SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB NET WILL ONCE AGAIN CONVENE AT THE OEM FOR AUTHENTIC EYEBALL QSO'S

AND FROM THE EDITOR, A PARTING SOCIAL COMMENTARY

The social distancing finally took it's toll on my wife today. I saw her just standing at our front window, blankly staring and simply sobbing uncontrollably. It broke my heart to see her this way. I said nothing and just watched her for a little while.

I felt so bad for her, that I almost let her in. But rules are rules.

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CLUB DUES STRUCTURE (JAN-DEC)
 UP TO 64 YRS OF AGE--\$20/YR
 SENIOR DISCOUNT 65 & UP--\$15
 ANY LICENSED HAM, 18 &
 UNDER WILL BE GIVEN FREE
 DUES

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 or go to website and follow links

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CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R
 147.36MHZ +600 OFFSET
 NO PL TONE (OPEN REPEATER)



AB1DQ	James Surprenant	22	KC1HFO	John Stoidis	20	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk	20
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	20	KC1IHK	Scott Mowerson	20	W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeaniak	L
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	20	KC1IIL	Matt Mowerson	20Y	W1KPS	Kevin Shields	20
K1IIG	Steve Tripp	20	KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson	20	W1LV	Steve Morley	20
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	20	KC1KQH	John Kasinskas	20	W1NHS	Fred Ring	20
K1LHO	Mike Ash	20	KC1MBG	Robert Luby	20	W1NNZ	William Kosche III	20
K1LYP	John Yusza	20	KC1SA	Stephen Allen	21	W1POP	Fred Liedke	21
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	20	KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	20	W1ST	Stephen Stimpson	20
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	20	KE1AV	Dave Sanford	20	W1UFO	Mike Cei	20
K1STM	Anne West	20	KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	20	W1XK	Stan Kugler	19
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	20	KR1U	Bob Eslinger	20	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	22
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K1VDF	John Blevins	20	N1API	Al Kaiser	20	WA1JKR	John Rogus	21
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	20	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	21	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	20
KB1CIW	Bob Stephens	20	N1BRL	Bart Toftness	20	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	20	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	20	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	20
KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	20	N1GY	Geoff Haines	21	WB1GGP	Jerry Shepard	20
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	20	N1KGY	Chuck Ayers	20	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	20
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	20	N1MOB	Dan David	20	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	20
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	20	N1NAN	Helen Spokes	20	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	20
KB1MFU	John Ramadei	21	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	20	W9OTW	Debbie Foss	20
KB1SIT	Teresa Stephens	20	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	20		Ron Rogers	20
KB1SSN	Alex Dills	20	N1QYB	William Wilecki Jr.	20			
KB1TJD	Gainne Jenkins	20	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena	20			
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena	20	N1ZN	James Savage	20			
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	20	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	22			
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	20	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer	20			
KC1GMD	Ralph Ring	20	W1DQ	John Elengo	20			