

# Key Klix March 2026

The Monthly Q-S-T of the  
**MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB & WALLINGFORD AMATEUR RADIO GROUP**

## MARC 2026 MISSION STATEMENT

**To create** an engaging space for members to explore the science and enjoyment of amateur radio, to support the community's emergency needs (Town OEM) and to provide hands on training for members and prospective radio amateurs.



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*"'Tis the Radio News that's fun to use"*

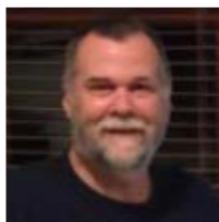
## YOUR 2026 OFFICERS

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**DAVE TIPPING**  
 NZ1J

*Vice President*



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 NR1B

*Treasurer*



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 AC1SK

*Secretary*



**JULES LORUSSO**  
 KC1STF

*Station Manager*



**ROB CICHON**  
 K1RCT



# Are We Ready for Field Day?

## *The Vice President's Post, by Bill, NR1B*

First, let me offer my special thanks to our president, Dave, NZ1J, for allowing me the opportunity to post for this month.

As winter moves inexorably towards spring, we all start thinking about the warmer weather that will soon be upon us. Thoughts like when to apply the pre-emergent lawn fertilizer, remove the winter tires, find my favorite shorts, and wonder if I will still be able to squeeze into them, come to mind. As a ham its also the right time now to ask, "Are we ready for Field Day?"

Field Day is the most popular event in amateur radio every year. Since 1933, any ham that can will operate during the summer Field Day.

Every ham radio club will plan a way to get as many members as possible to commit some time in this 24-hour marathon on the last weekend in June. As I start thinking about this year's plan, I can't stop myself from drawing on some past Field Day experiences, and even though there have been so many changes in our hobby over the past century, surprisingly, many of the previous Field Day challenges are still there today. So what worked? A good Field Day plan, which has always been the key to a successful and fun Field Day, still holds true today.

The time is spring, 1969. The place is the Westbrook Police Station basement, home to the recently founded Shoreline Amateur Radio Club, W1BCG. The newly elected VP (me, I know what were they thinking?) has decided we are going to do our first Field Day. First obstacle, power. No LiPO2 batteries. There are two WW2 era 5kw generators in another room in the basement. The chief gives the ok "provided we can get them running and figure out how to get them upstairs and outside". Personally, I'm sure he thought we would never do either.

Next, how to transport them to the field. I'm not old enough to drive, but one of the older men in the club has a service van and "volunteers". Good thing too. He just happens to know gas engines, which proves to be an invaluable asset.

Now the rigs. We want to continuously operate 2 stations, one SSB, one CW. The operating plan is decided to be 2 teams of 4. Each team will operate 6 hr on 6 hr off shift. Each station will have 2 members, one operating and one logging. No N1MM. Paper logs.

No lightweight xcvs here. We're talking boat anchors. Receivers are 70 lbs of problematic vacuum tubes that don't like being moved, and transmitters are 50 lbs of similar tech. To get them up and running, ops have to be familiar with their operation. Transmitters had to be manually tuned. Change the frequency and tune again. Receivers had to be manually synced to the transmitter's frequency and manually adjusted for band conditions, no DSP, no pantographs or waterfalls.

## Are We Ready for Field Day? *by* NR1B



**W1BCG Club Members preparing for field day 1969.**



The location was found by me, hopping on the back of another member's motorcycle and cruising the surrounding rural areas. On Route 148 in Killingworth, we found a large hayfield next to a farm owned by the Hatches. At the front door of the farmhouse, I explained our situation to Mrs. Hatch, who kindly said, "Let me ask my husband if it's ok to use the field". She went into the house, and I thought I heard a loud NO. She returned and said it's ours to use for the weekend.

Above, on the left, is the camp setup in the farmer's field. The tent was where we operated from, and under the tarp were the two generators. A second tent was set up for sleeping, but we really didn't do much of that. Every member brought an antenna; my contribution was the 20m aluminum dipole, on the right, which actually used a tv rotator. Many members helped drag everything in and set up, and most operated during the day, but it was just the young members who did the night shift.

## Are We Ready for Field Day? *by* NR1B



**ABOVE: Here I am at the end of field day 1969.  
Final tally of logbooks exceeded 1400 QSOs - not too bad for a first attempt!**

So, are we ready for field day?  
The time is now to start planning for a successful and fun field day 2026.

~73, Bill NR1B

### **MARC VE Sessions**

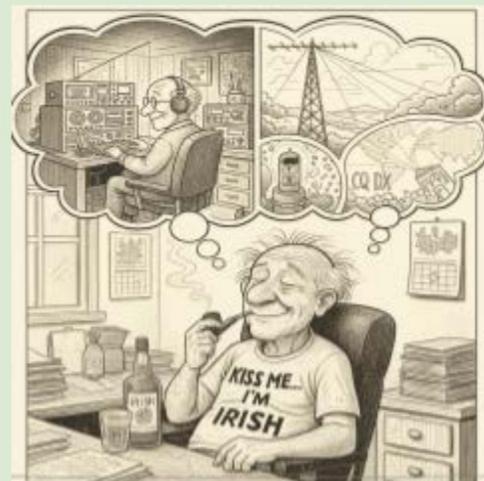
MARC holds a VE Session on the second Saturday of the month at 9 AM at 143 Hope Hill Road, in Wallingford.

Exams are paperless and require a PIN from [www.hamstudy.org/](http://www.hamstudy.org/) prior to the exam date.

For more info, contact  
Jim at [N1ZN@arrl.net](mailto:N1ZN@arrl.net), or  
Bill at [zz71818@hotmail.com](mailto:zz71818@hotmail.com).



### *Hey Old Man...The weekend is coming!*



**Do you know which contests will be on the air?  
See page 35 for our list  
of March Contests & Special Event Stations!**

# Minutes of the February Business Meeting

The following minutes of the February 07, 2026, MARC Business Meeting will be moved for approval at the March 12 meeting.

Meriden Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2026

7:00 - 7:50 PM EST via Zoom

Submitted by KC1STF, Julian LoRusso, MARC Secretary

**Quorum:** Our club secretary, KC1STF Jules LoRusso, confirmed a quorum:  
Membership per 11/2025 Roster: 212  
Minimum required for Quorum 21 members +2 officers, one being the President or Vice President  
In attendance: 23 members +5 officers

## In Attendance:

### Officers

NZ1J David Tipping (President)  
NR1B Bill Huggins (Vice President)  
AC1SK George Bucci (Treasurer)  
K1RCT Rob Cichon (Station Activities Manager)  
KC1STF Jules LoRusso (Secretary)

### Members

AB1DQ	Jimmy Surprenant	KC10YN	Rick Becker	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk
AA1MH	Robert Hurlbut	KC1SA	Steve Allen	WB1GFI	Stan Hiriak
K1LHO	Mike Ash	KC1TSM	Ellen Cosgrove	WA1K	Jack Chapman
K1LYP	John Yusza	KC1TSX	Mike Barile	WB1DQT	Bill Bacon
K1VDF	John Blevins	KC1YUY	Joe Symcak	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur
KA1YZC	Paul Patnoad	KE1AU	Bob Kaczor	WJ1B	Harold Kramer
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	N1API	Al Kaiser	W1BRY	Don Chepurn
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	N1ZN	Jim Savage		

## Reports

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. EST by NZ1J, President Dave Tipping.
- Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was delivered by KC1STF, Jules LoRusso
  - o January 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes
    - o Motion to accept January 8, 2026, meeting minutes as published in recent email by Dave Tipping on 2/10/26:
      - o Discussion: none
      - o Motion: accepted
  - o Motion was passed to accept two new members, Joseph Symcak, KC1YUY (Technician) from North Stonington, CT, and Lovji Hakim, N2CKD (Amateur Extra) from Prospect, CT
    - o KC1YUY, Joseph Symcak was First Licensed 2026. Joe resides in North Stonington, CT. He is interested in CW, FM, HF, UHF, Satellite, Building, Field Day. Other clubs Joe belongs to are the Sprague Rod & Gub Club, Submarine Veterans (SUBVETS), and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He also enjoys other hobbies such as Scale Model Building, Motorcycle Riding, Target Shooting, Skeet Shooting and Ammo Reloading. Joe found out about MARC through Ham Study.org, and by taking the VE exam for his Tech license at Mark (sic), he was impressed by the club members present and how helpful they were. He is presently preparing to take the VE exam for his General license. Welcome Kevin!

- o N2CKD, Lovji Hakim, was first licensed in 1975, and resides in Prospect CT. Lovji is a member of ARRL. He also enjoys other hobbies like Electronics, kit building, antenna building, and DIY (sic) home projects. He heard about MARC during the 2m and 10m contests and was a participant. Welcome Lovji!

- o Correspondence: None
- o Questions to the Secretary: None

**Treasurer's Report:** The January 2026 treasurer's report was delivered by AC1SK, George Bucci (2026 MARC Treasurer)

- o Please refer to the report submitted by AC1SK, George and published in email by Dave Tipping on 02/10/26
- o George thanked Dan, KC1TSY, for his donation to the Veteran License Manual Fund
  - o George made a motion to accept the January 2026 report; 2nd'd, passed by membership

3. **Station Manager's Report** - The January 2026 station manager's report was delivered by K1RCT Rob Cichon (Station Activities Manager)

- o Please refer to the report submitted by Rob and published in email by Dave Tipping on 2/10/25
  - Rob updated the OS and logging software @ OEM and configured the OEM Trailer PC for OOBE (Out Of Box Experience or new PC).
  - Provided this PC to Lenny for Wallingford IT department firewall installation
  - Activated W1NRG during Winter Field Day
  - N1API activated W1NRG during the Ten-Ten QSOP on Feb. 7.
  - The CSRR will be temporarily out of service during replacement of the computers. This will continue until the project is complete.
  - See the complete report for more details.

#### Old Business:

1. Winter Field Day (comments from Dave NZ1J and Rob K1RCT)

- o Winter Field Day was a great success, 126 QSOs, 21 multipliers, 2158 total points.
- o 3 Club members on one radio was a good idea, one operator, two assisted in logging
  - Particularly useful for Scott W1HLP on CW required 1 operator and 2 loggers to keep up W1HLP's QSOs.
  - Provides being a back-up logger provides opportunity to gain experience from more seasoned contest operators.

2. 10/10 Contest - Leader, Al Kaiser N1API reported out on the recent 10-10 contest results held on Saturday 02/07/2026.

- o CONTEST Details:
  - 10-10 Winter Phone
  - CALLSIGN: W1NRG
  - TEN-TEN-NUMBER: 29650
  - CATEGORY: Club
  - CLAIMED SCORE: 259
  - QSOs WITH 10-10 NUMBERS: 91
  - QSOs WITHOUT 10-10 NUMBERS: 77
  - OPERATORS: N1API
  - CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT: Castle Craig
- o Thank you, Al N1API, for coordinating the QSOs for the club, and all club members at the OEM who contacted Al at his home base station.

## New Business:

1. Simplifying MARC business – Discussion leader Dave Tipping NZ1J
  - As a goal for 2026, Dave NZ1J would like our club to consider streamlining our business operations so we can have more time for what we are here for to experience the various forums for amateur radio operation.
  - Areas for discussion:
    - Marc Facebook page:
      - There are eleven moderators and administrators on the club Facebook Group. Fewer may work better.
      - There is a Facebook profile named 'Meriden Amateur Radio Club'. Several club members use that profile anonymously to post on behalf of the club. Anonymous posts may be a bad idea.
    - The welcome guide is 13 pages long and is difficult to keep up to date.
    - MARC funds are set aside for balloon launches, Technician Study Guides, a W1KKF memorial, and a Good and Welfare fund. It may not always be clear how those funds can be used.
    - Given that MARC now maintains a smaller footprint at the OEM, some club equipment should be evaluated to determine if it is still needed.
    - The bylaws may be due for another update:
      - Section 3 of the bylaws states that Activity Meetings shall be held on the 4th Thursday. Saturdays work well.
      - Section 7 of the bylaws states that the Repeater committee shall be comprised of five MARC members.
      - Section 7 of the bylaws calls for a Scholarship Plan of Operation.
      - Section 8 of the bylaws calls for a Repeater Plan of Operation.
      - A December business meeting was never required before the 2023 update of the bylaws. It could be made optional.
      - The president is an ex officio member of all committees. This seems to be often overlooked.
      - Some reformatting may make the bylaws more readable.
      - Bylaws were updated in 2018 and 2023. A look at some other bylaws may reveal some best practices.
    - Discussion: Welcome Guide (comments by George AC1SK and Bill NR1B and others)
      - Welcome guide should be on website w/references (hot links) to other documents
      - Welcome guide should be digital and short, like a welcome paragraph on website. Everyone is used to going to websites, not a paper document from a file cabinet. This is consistent with how we are now conducting VE exams, all digital.
      - Could be a video, someone suggested (actually think a couple videos would be helpful, like one on Field Day showing how we make contacts, another on POTA, there could be a pointer to some “how to videos” if we want to post them on our website, just another after-thought idea)
      - So let’s get a small committee together and make this happen! Anyone interested contact one of the club officers.
    - Discussion: Bylaws (comments by Ted KC1DOY, Steve Allen KC1SA, and others)
      - The problem with the Bylaws is the definition of terms
      - Number of members of the Repeater committee, why 5 members vs. 3, 4 or 7 (5 to break tie in a vote). Could have each committee have some autonomy on how many members should be on the committee.
      - Would be nice to have a mission statement for the repeater committee as to what they are supposed to do, also a plan of operation which should be documented
    - Discussion: Facebook Page (comments by Steve Allen KC1SA, Eric Olson KB1JL, and others)
      - Facebook page started simple with 4 administrators and somehow grew into what is now with 11 administrators.
      - Needs to get streamlined with 2-3 administrators with handoffs to new club members after elections
      - Small group should be formed to define the problem and provide solutions that can be implemented to make our Facebook page a more useful tool for the club.
      - Other problems with our Facebook page, when responding to a question, the post got lost. (probably an answer to a question on Facebook should be posted on Groups.io – Jules KC1STF afterthought)

- Blocking messages were done to prevent non-club members posting info that had nothing to do with Ham radio, or political comments of any nature.
- Need small committee to fix the Facebook page, and to define if this is just a forum to post pictures and event information vs. our other forums like our website, Groups.io, etc.
- Discussion: Radio equipment in storage (comments by Eric KB1JL, Steve Allen KC1SA and others)
  - Station activity manager should loan out un-used equipment to new members
  - When Steve joined the club in 2013, we had plenty of radios we could lend out for new Hams.
  - Contact Rob K1RCT if you're interested in developing a proposal for extra radio equipment and if that equipment should be loaned out to club members. This would involve a proposal that would require a vote by our membership, and maybe some guidelines in our bylaws.

2. Summer Field day, comments by Dave NZJ

- Dave NZ1J provided a kick-off to Summer Field Day so we can begin planning this important event for the club.
- Last year in 2025, members operated from home, at the OEM, and in a farmer's field like Bill NR1B did last year. In the farmer's field, the cows even came over to see Bill on how he was making his QSO's (I want to do that this year!). In 2025, we operated SSB, CW and FT8.
- From our Winter Field day lessons learned, it helped to have 1 operator and two loggers, when Scott W1HLP was the CW operator.
- Need volunteers to cook, in 2025 this went very well. John Bee N1GNV/SK was our former head chef for Summer Field day. I think many members will remember his "road kill stew".
- Field day is also a motivator to get on the radio more often, and to introduce new members, particularly new hams to our more experienced club members to answer questions on equipment setup, and othe issues.
- Any ideas for Summer Field Day, please send to any of the club officers so we can consolidate for discussion in the March Business meeting.

3. Other important topics from Dave's NZ1J meeting announcement (not discussed in meeting):

- VE Exam: The February VE Session is Saturday, February 14 at 9 am. Please avoid being in the main room during testing in order to give the applicants the quiet they deserve.
- A Look Ahead:
  - Monthly SKCC Weekend Sprintathon <https://www.skccgroup.com/>
  - CQ World Wide RTTY Contest <https://cqwpxrtty.com/rules.htm>
- February's Activity Meeting will be in person at the OEM on February 21st. The topic will be Radio Teletype (RTTY). RTTY is one of the easiest modes for contesting. It's worth a look.
- February 28th is the start of the North American RTTY QSO Party  
See: <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>  
We're planning to operate from the OEM, beginning at 1 pm local time. And, we're planning to have pizza (optional) at noon and at a cost of \$10.
- MARC TECHNICIAN CLASS - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Spread the word!!  
REGISTER: Our Spring 2026 Tech License Exam Review Class will start on March 3 and run for 12 weeks on Tuesday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the OEM. Prospective students can now register at the Wallingford Adult Ed website:  
<https://enrichment.wallingfordadulthood.org/CourseCatalog/ScheduleView.asp?ScheduleId=5738>  
VOLUNTEER: We need members willing to help out as volunteer teachers. Email Jimmy at james@ab1dq.com for more information or to volunteer.

4. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM





# THE W1NRG NEWSLINE

*“Providing Continuous Waves of Useful Club Information.”*

## MARC 10-10 International 2100 BAR Awarded

*Ten-Ten International Net, Inc.*  
Monitoring 28.350/28.800 Mhz — Daily Except Sunday

W1NRG Operator		BAR AWARD PROGRAM BARS EARNED						#29650 10-10 number
100 9/15/2008	600 8/29/2009	1100 11/19/2011 #1204	1600 11/28/2014 #742	2100 02/11/2026 #526	2600	3100	3600	
200 9/17/2008	700 8/14/2010	1200 2/19/2012 #1070	1700 4/23/2015 #671	2200	2700	3200	3700	
300 10/2/2008	800 8/16/2011	1300 10/26/2012 #993	1800 8/29/2015 #641	2300	2800	3300	3800	
400 10/4/2008	900 8/16/2011	1400 8/12/2013 #877	1900 8/8/2016 #606	2400	2900	3400	3900	
500 8/29/2009 VP#3325	1000 10/11/2011 #1567	1500 2/5/2014 #815	2000 8/24/2023 #573	2500	3000	3500	4000	

The Meriden Amateur Radio Club has been awarded the Ten-Ten International 2100-level BARS Award, number 526, dated February 11, 2026.

The 10-10 International BARS award program encourages activity on the 10-meter amateur radio band by awarding certificates for contacting other 10-10 members.

A "BAR" is earned for every 100 verified member contacts, with special recognition (International 500 Club) at 500 contacts, and further awards for 1000, 2500, and subsequent 2500-contact milestones.

The purpose of the BAR Award program, a cornerstone of 10-10 International, is to keep the 10-meter band active and encourage camaraderie among hams.

Several members of MARC are members of 10-10 International, and the club itself holds 10-10 member number 29650. BARS are awarded for contacting other 10-10 members in 100 contact increments.

MARC member **Al Kaiser, N1API**, serves as the Chapter Head/Chapter Manager of the Castle Craig Chapter and submitted the application for the 2100-level BAR, based primarily on the contacts he has made on the air on behalf of MARC. The club's application was reviewed by the 1000+ BARS program manager, Rob Cromer, Sr, KE0MIZ, who awarded BAR 2100 number 526 to MARC.

MARC remains number six in the international 10-10 Top 10 Club Listing. Our club's previous BAR award for 2,000 qualifying contacts was awarded in August 2023.

Learn more about Castle-Craig on the [website](#) or by writing Al at [n1api@cox.net](mailto:n1api@cox.net).

**And remember ...**

**YOU HAVE TO MAKE CONTACTS TO GET RESULTS**

## CURRENT MARC 10-10 MEMBER ROSTER



AB1DQ Jimmy Surprenant	N1BRL Bart Toftness
K1LHO Mike Ash	N1GNV John Bartscherer
K1RCT Rob Cichon	N1JEO Joel Curneal
K1TDO Todd Olsen	N1LES Joe Murray
K1TGX Jerry Molaver	N1XXU Andy Purchia
K1VDF John Blevins	N1YLN Edward O'Lena
K1WJL Dave Swedock	N1ZN`Jim Savage
KC1SA Steve Allen	WA1CCQ`Norman Bliss
KE1AU Bob Kaczor	WA1TRY`Rich Aubin
KE1AV Dave Sanford	WV2LKM`Steve Waldmann
N1API Al Kaiser	

## W1NRG 10-10 Contest Results *by Al Kaiser, N1API*



Below are the results from the 10-10 Winter Phone QSO Party. I have to say that I was pleased with the results. 10 Meters was in good shape. Noisy at times, but I was mostly able to put stations through, especially on Saturday.

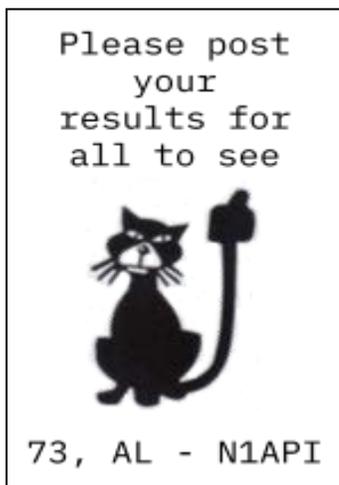
There were some surprises. I worked several DX stations in Europe on Sunday. My usual German Neanderthal and Hanse chapter net got me 15 German stations. I also got a UA2 and an S51 after the net.

The big surprises were backscatter into Maine on Saturday and also Vermont on Sunday. I also had several Canadian Stations call me and two Alaska stations on Sunday.

I had a good run Sunday afternoon. I was able to pick up several new numbers for my next bar. I also finished W1NRG's 2100 bar and will be working on that later in the week. I picked up new counties for both myself and the club. I'm anxious to see where we will come out in the final standings, and also where the Castle Craig Chapter will show.

**PLEASE** send in your logs for Castle Craig Chapter. In fact, I would suggest even if you are NOT paid up or even a 10-10 member, send your logs in as a CHECKLOG. 10-10 needs to see that there is interest in their QSO parties after canceling all but the parties.

Here are the results



START-OF-LOG: 3.0  
CREATED-BY: Win1010 - Version 3.6  
LOCATION: W1  
CONTEST: 10-10 Winter Phone  
CALLSIGN: N1API  
TEN-TEN-NUMBER: 25468  
CATEGORY: Low Power  
CLAIMED-SCORE: 259  
QSOs WITH 10-10 NUMBERS: 91  
QSOs WITHOUT 10-10 NUMBERS: 77  
OPERATORS: N1API  
CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT: Castle Craig  
NAME: AL  
ADDRESS:  
ADDRESS-CITY: Meriden  
ADDRESS-STATE: CT  
ADDRESS-POSTALCODE: 06451  
ADDRESS-COUNTRY: USA  
EMAIL ADDRESS:

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OPERATORS: N1API  
CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT: Castle Craig  
NAME: Castle Craig Chapter  
ADDRESS:  
ADDRESS-CITY: Meriden  
ADDRESS-STATE: CT  
ADDRESS-POSTALCODE:  
ADDRESS-COUNTRY: USA  
EMAIL ADDRESS:

# MARC SKCC News *by Jimmy Surprenant, AB1DQ*



**Congratulations** to MARC Veep **Bill Huggins, NR1B**, who, first on February 7th, earned the Centurian Award by submitting a log documenting 100 unique QSOs with other SKCC members, and then Bill quickly earned the Tribune Award just a few days later on February 14 by documenting an additional 50 unique contacts with other SKCC Centurians, Tribunes, or Senators.

Yours truly, **Jimmy, AB1DDQ**, joined Bill in the ranks of Tribune later in February, logging the last 3 contacts he needed to complete the 'nifty fifty' during the February SKS sprint on February 25. Who will be next to reach the next SKCC award? Stay tuned...it just may be you!

The February **Weekend Sprint-a-Thon (WES)** was held on February 14 & 15. Here is a summary of MARC participants...

Rank	Call	Name	SKCC #	SPC	QSOs	SPCs	S/T/C	Bonus	Score
087	AB1DQ	J.Surprenant	14595T	CT	21	16	14/5/0	0	596
118	K1LHO	M.Ash	15842	CT	06	05	01/1/0	0	155

**Were you aware?** of the **SKCC SLOW SPEED SAUNTER?** It's another great monthly SKCC on-air event, aimed particularly at those new to code, providing a welcoming opportunity to get on the air and make contacts, regardless of speed or ability.

The SSS starts at 0000 UTC on the first day of every month and ends at 2359 UTC on the same day. The Slow Speed Saunter is open to all licensed amateurs, and operators who are new to CW are encouraged to get on the air and make their first contacts. You will find SKCC operators will work at your speed and are very forgiving of mistakes.

Suggested frequencies are on or around the SKCC calling frequencies: 1.813.5, 3.550, 7.038, 7.055, 7.114, 14.050, 21.050 and 21.114, 28.050 and 28.114, and 50.090 Mhz. The WARC bands (60,30, 17, and 12) may not be used. The club's sked page or other spotting tools are permitted for this event

The exchange must include RST, SPC, op name, and SKCC number (or "none" if you are not a member), and participating operators are encouraged to report the number of their completed SSS contacts using the [Report QSOs](#) link on the [SSS web page](#). Uploading a log file is not required, but participants are highly encouraged to add comments to the soapbox and include a photo.

SSS questions or suggestions for improvement to the SSS Manager at [sss-manager@skccgroup.com](mailto:sss-manager@skccgroup.com).

## **New Entry Category for WES submissions**

The SKCC Board has approved a "Multi Operator" category for submission entries to the WES scoring submission web form. The "Multi Operator" category can be found as a selection in the result box called "Power Level" which has QRPP - 1W or Less, QRP - 5W or Less, QRO - 100W or Less, QRO+ - Over 100W, and now Multi-Operator.

The new category will allow the club/contest station members of the SKCC to see their results separately from all the other WES submissions. MARC is SKCC No. 20945, can now easily participate in SKCC events as a club.

# 2025 CQWW SSB Results

by Jimmy Surprenant, AB1DQ



Congratulations to the 10 MARC members who participated in the CQWW SSB Contest held in October 2025 and kudos to **Al Kaiser, N1API**, who tops the list, ranking as number 5 overall in the W1 call district, number 17 in North America, and number 85 worldwide.

Full results for the contest are available at <https://cqww.com/results/>.

Here are the MARC members who participated, ranked by their overall score from highest to lowest:

OPERATOR	CALL	ZONE	CATEGORY *	SCORE	QSOs	ZN	CTY	HOURS
Al Kaiser	N1API	05	SO LOW ALL	718,908	627	86	331	24.1
Andy Purchia	N1XXU	05	SA LOW ALL	100,101	222	49	134	08.9
Ross Lambert	W2TT	05	SA HIGH 20M	71,788	209	27	104	12.2
Roland Hamel	WA1INC	05	SO LOW 10M (C)	33,810	112	24	91	14.4
Steve Goodgame	K5ATA	05	SO LOW ALL (C)	17,010	76	25	65	8.0
Eric Knight	KB1EHE	05	SO LOW 20M (C)	12,495	96	10	39	5.3
Mike Ash	K1LHO	05	SO LOW ALL	5,9640	50	26	45	5.4
Steve Allen	KC1SA	05	SO LOW ALL	5,5000	37	20	35	4.6
Donald Chepurna	W1BRY	05	SO LOW ALL (R)	1,5580	26	14	24	5.1
Reed Hansen	KC1NHE	05	SO LOW ALL	30	3	2	3	0.3

## \* CATEGORY KEY

SO	SINGLE OP	Single operator, no assistance per definition below.
SA	SINGLE ASSISTED	The use of any technology or other source that provides callsign or multiplier identification of a signal to the operator. This includes, but is not limited to, use of a CW decoder, DX cluster, DX spotting websites, local or remote call sign, and frequency decoding technology, or operating arrangements involving other individuals.
LOW	LOW POWER	Must not exceed 100 watts PEP
HIGH	HIGH POWER	Must not exceed 1500 watts PEP
ALL	ALL BANDS	Log contains contest contacts made on multiple bands.
10M	10 METERS ONLY	Single band, 10-meter band only.
20M	20 METERS ONLY	Single band, 20-meter band only.
(C)	CLASSIC	Single op, no assistance, 1 radio, max 24 hours.
(R)	ROOKIE	Licensed for less than 3 years



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# CW Contests for Everyone

*by Steve Ford, WB8IMY*

I'm not a CW speed demon. With my single-lever paddle, I manage to send about 25 words per minute (WPM) on a particularly good day. My copying ability is about the same, or less, on a similarly good day.

When it comes to most CW contests, I'm forced to rely on listening to a station's exchange repeatedly until I'm sure I have copied his/her call sign correctly, along with whatever else is necessary for a valid contact. Then, and only then, do I finally toss out my call sign at the best speed I can manage.

The other station, of course, answers at lightning speed, typically in the neighborhood of 30 WPM or faster. I send my response with my paddles or let my computer generate the reply if I really need to match his velocity. I already know what he is going to send, and I can recognize my own call sign even at eye-watering speeds. If I hear the dreaded dit-dit-dah-dah-dit-dit (the question mark), I usually have no idea what he is asking. I just re-send my entire exchange!

I understand the need for speed. If you hope to place in the top-tier results, you need to make as many contacts as possible in a given amount of time. In contesting terms, this is known as your "rate."

But what about the rest of us? What about the so-called "little pistols" who struggle just to keep up with the speed demons who seem to dominate every CW contest?

The answer is to adopt a coping technique such as the one I've just described or find a CW contest that doesn't place an emphasis on speed. Does such a thing exist?

It does!

The K1USN Radio Club sponsors twice-a-week CW competitions known as the Slow Speed Tests, or SSTs. These are one-hour contests that take place on Friday afternoons from 20:00 to 21:00 UTC, and on Monday mornings (Sunday evenings in North America) from 00:00 to 01:00 UTC. As its name suggests, this contest has a speed limit; participants are forbidden from making contacts at speeds greater than 20 WPM.

With each contact, you exchange only your first name and an abbreviation for your state. Let's say I hear a station calling "CQ SST." I respond with my call sign, and the other operator will reply with his name and state or province (DX stations send only their names). I reply with "STEVE CT," and that's it.

The contests take place on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Considering the times and propagation conditions, I find 20 meters to be most popular for the Friday afternoon competitions during the winter months; the Sunday evening contests will see activity on 20 meters if the band is still open, although at the moment 40 meters seems to be most active. Of course, this will change as the days become longer. In late spring and into summer, 20 and 15 meters will likely become the hot bands for both contests.

The complete SST rules are available online at [www.k1usn.com/sst\\_rules.html](http://www.k1usn.com/sst_rules.html).

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## CW Contests for Everyone *by* WB8IMY

You are not required to submit a log. Instead, you calculate your score according to the rules and then fill out the form online at 3830 Scores at [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com). Look at the column on the left-hand side of the page and click on the K1USN Slow Speed Test for the date in question. You'll be presented with a form to fill out, along with your number of contacts and multipliers per band, and your calculated score. If you want to be included in the results, you must submit a form within 48 hours after the end of a contest.

In the form, you'll see a drop-down menu where you can select a club. At the time of this writing, the Meriden Amateur Radio Club did not appear in the menu. I just click "Other," and then fill in our club's name.

The K1USN Slow Speed Tests are excellent opportunities to improve your CW skills in relaxed settings. No one is going to be sending at blazing speeds (unless you consider "blazing" to be WPM speeds in the upper teens), and no one expects you to have sharply honed skills. I make errors with surprising frequency, but no one seems to care. Just turn on your radio and listen for "CQ SST," or start blasting out "CQ SST" yourself!

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**Submittal Forms** **K1USN Slow Speed Test - Feb 2**

**Current Contests**

ICWC Medium Speed Test - 1300Z Feb 2 Use this form to submit your K1USN Slow Speed Test - Feb 2 score in a standardized format to the 3830scores.com database that allows the results to be automatically summarized.

ICWC Medium Speed Test - 1900Z Feb 2 Items in **red** and marked with a \* are required. Separate multiple operator call signs with a comma or space.

ICWC Medium Speed Test - 0300Z Feb 3 Please remember that submitting this form does not take the place of submitting your log to the contest sponsor.

K1USN Slow Speed Test - Feb 2  New Submission  Correct Previous Submission

NA Sprint SSB Contest - February Submitter's E-mail Address\*   Send copy to this e-mail address.

UBA DX Contest, SSB Call Used\*  Operator(s) Call(s)  Station Call

**Recent Contests** Class\*  Power\*  Check all that apply:  SO2R  2BSIQ  Remote operation

A1CLUB AWT - Jan 28 Op Time (hrs)  QTH  Club  Club not on list

ARRL January VHF Contest

BARTG RTTY Sprint

CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW

CWops Test (CWT) - 1300Z Jan 28

CWops Test (CWT) - 1900Z Jan 28

CWops Test (CWT) - 0300Z Jan 29

CWops Test (CWT) - 0700Z Jan 29

Hungarian DX Contest

ICWC Medium Speed Test - 1300Z Jan 26

Submit logs by: February 4, 2026  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Mail to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>  
Log/rules info courtesy of WA7BNM Contest Calendar.

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Total Score\*

Comments: (unlimited length, copy and paste from your log summary sheet if you wish)  
**Note:** Do not include your log in the comments field

ABOVE: The K1USN SST entry page at [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com).

## At the Clubhouse *with Ted, KC1DOY*



**Valentine's Day 2026** at the OEM gave us all another opportunity to show our love for ham radio in many ways. The day started with a VE session. Several people had a chance to become new hams or to upgrade their existing classification. This has also been a source of new members to the club.

Morse code practice sessions are a regular part of club activity and have allowed many members to learn code and improve their skills at sending and receiving. Dave NZ1J and Bob WB1GYZ have led the way in promoting CW proficiency for MARC members.

Jason W1IHS demonstrated the capabilities of his Hamcube Mini Morse code trainer. It can decode CW signals, works as both a code practice oscillator and code key, has a port for earphones or an external speaker, and charges via USB-C port/data transfer port. Base magnets hold the device steady on any steel surface. It comes in both Hamcube Mini and Hamcube Pro versions for additional capabilities.

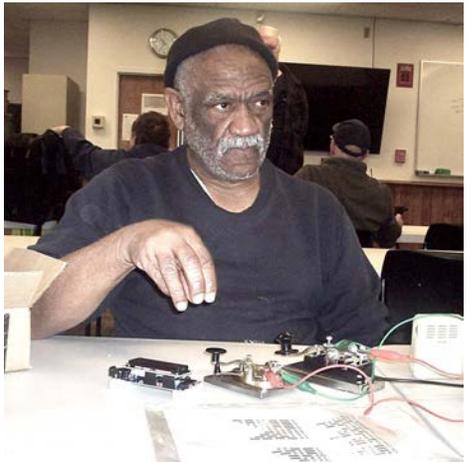
Jason also displayed a B.O.W. wireless keyboard with Bluetooth connectivity. The device folds up for easy storage. For anyone who is tired of trying to type on a cell phone screen, with or without a stylus, this is a great option. It has a 60-key format and works with iOS, Android, and Windows devices such as phones, tablets, laptops, and desktops. It can also switch between up to 3 connected devices at a time. The keyboard layout is Windows, so if you're used to iOS, take note.

On another note, the groundhog said that we're in for six more weeks of Winter but the visitors to my yard (front and back) seem to think that it's time to come out and be active once again. Maybe Phil should get out more often.

Ted / KC1DOY



**ABOVE:** The February 14th VE Session at OEM.  
**LEFT:** A herd of turkeys out front & a flock of tasty venisons in the backyard at La Casa de KC1DOY.  
**NEXT PAGE:** W1IHS's B.O.W. wireless keyboard with Bluetooth connectivity and Hamcube Mini Morse Trainer made for fine show & tell whilst many MARC members practiced their code on Valentine's Day .



The Saturday Activity Meeting for **21 Feb 2026** was well attended, as can be seen in the photos. The day started with a code practice session in the main hall and radio contacts in the radio room.

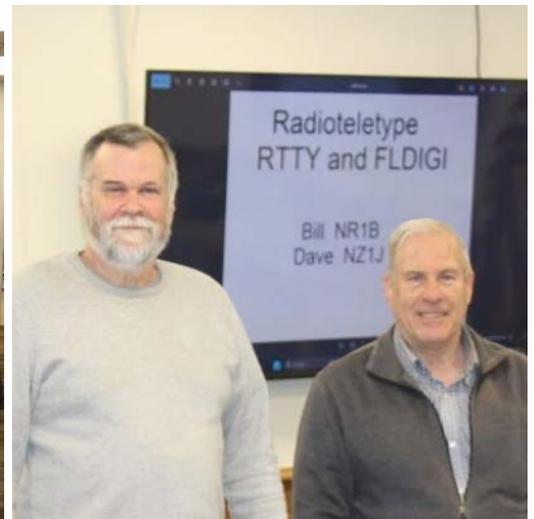
The activity session was about RTTY and covered some history of the mode and what it shared with other modes. **Dave NZ1J** went on to advise the attendees on how to set up their radios to work RTTY, as well as any software needed. A shout-out goes to **Al N1API** for his information about contest logging for RTTY, as well as additional setup equipment needed to use older radios that may not have RTTY capability built in.

In-person Saturday Activity Meetings appear to be very popular among the members as opposed to Zoom sessions. The level of interest, in addition to the ease of asking questions, was notable.

While RTTY may not be as widespread in use as other modes such as SSB and FT8, I can see it gaining some popularity within MARC.

Check out these photos from this day's OEM happenings, and Dave's presentation slides follow, in case you missed the Activity meeting. Want help setting up your station for RTTY? Give Dave or Bill a shout!

Ted / KC1DOY



**ABOVE: Our leadership team, NZ1J & NR1B 'played to a full house' on 02/21 with the RTTY activity meeting. RIGHT: Code practice continues to be a big draw every Saturday at our club open house. Here's Dave NR1B, Jules, KC1STF, Bob WB1GYZ, and Bart N1BRL, (back from India!) giving the CPOs a proper workout before the RTTY session.**



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The Activity Meeting for **Saturday, 28 Feb 2026**, took place on the last day of meteorological Winter, and it drew a very good turnout of club members. The topic was RTTY, and the good weather helped a lot, or maybe it was the pizza.

January was SKCC's 'Straight Key Month, and February turned out to be a big month for RTTY. February 14 was the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest, and the 28th was the North American RTTY QSO Party. On Feb. 21, our Activity Meeting also focused on RTTY. Several club members have their home stations set up for RTTY. A few more had the capability in the past and got it back on the air this month. And, several others got RTTY working for the first time this month.

**Jules, KC1STF**, and **Dave, NZ1J**, brought their POTA stations to the OEM on **February 28th**, and along with the club's Icom 7300, three on-air RTTY stations were operating at the OEM. This allowed some club members to try operating RTTY in a casual environment. Later in the afternoon, during the NAQP, several club members gained more confidence and learned a few more tricks of the trade.

Other club activities weren't neglected. On the CW front, **Bob, WB1GYZ**, is still teaching and encouraging members as they delve into Morse Code. Bob's class meets most evenings on Zoom and on the air. They also meet in person at the OEM on Saturdays. It seems the Saturday CW group has been growing a bit lately. For anyone interested, there's always room for one more.

**Reed KC1NHE** and **Bill NR1B** set up two Winlink stations and got them up and running while **Jeff N1AKN** examined a Hallicrafters SX-42 receiver that **Joe KC1WMJ** brought in for testing. The SX-42 was in sad shape, but Jeff got it powered up after replacing the badly worn and unsafe power cord. The tuning system was freed up after a lot of Deoxit and contact cleaner was applied. The case and internal area will need a considerable amount of cleaning but we hope that Joe will let us know how it turns out.

You never know what you might bring home from the OEM. A Yaesu FT-221R 2-meter transceiver owned by **KB1GL Bill** was brought in for anyone who wanted to give it a new home. **Reed KC1NHE** decided to give it a go and have some fun working with a piece of vintage technology. One interesting observation was that even though the radio can accept PL tones, they must be set up by adjusting the settings internally. Fortunately, the radio came with the original manual and schematic. Have fun, Reed!

Perhaps saving the best for last, we got a visit from **Laurie Mallette**, one of the club's newest members (no call yet), who is studying for her Technician license. Dave welcomed her, answered her questions about the exam, and explained a lot about ham radio in general. Even though Dave was busy coordinating many of the activities of the day (RTTY, code practice, pizza lunch, etc), he had no trouble helping a new member looking for a little Elmering. Good luck on your test, Laurie, and we hope to see you here at MARC again soon.

~ Ted KC1DOY



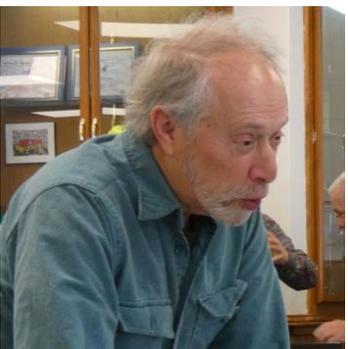
**ABOVE (L) Dave, NZ1J welcomes new member and prospective ham Laurie and answers her questions about the hobby. (C) Jeff N1AKN at his workbench diagnosing a hard luck Hallicrafters. (R) Jules KC1STF & Dave at Jule's POTA set up configured for RTTY for the contest.**

***Farewell, February...a bonus photo folio by WA1MAC, Paul Clark***

Many MARC members also enjoy the hobby of photography, including **Paul Clark, WA1MAC**, who broke in his new Lumix camera on February 28 and shares some of his phabulous photos of a busy final day of the month at OEM. Enjoy!



**WA1MAC, Paul Clark gallery, continued...**



## Contesting with Steve, KC1SA

# A Few Tips from this Month's ARRL CW Contest



February 21 st and 22 nd were just another New England winter weekend, sitting in the shack sipping my morning coffee and wondering what the bands are like on Saturday morning.

In the back of my mind, I knew there was a contest or two going on this weekend. I looked at eHAM spotter Friday night, and it didn't look too promising for contesting, but I took another swig of the brew Saturday morning and turned on the shack to see what was happening. Twenty meters was the good band, so I started at the low end of 20 to see what I could hear.

This contest, the ARRL International CW contest, is a fairly easy contest to operate with the exchange being your signal RPT and your State for us here in the US. The caveat for us is we can only work DX stations. Soon after turning on the gear I begin to filter out all the non-DX call signs and listen for Europe. Working twenty meters, I turned my hex beam to 40 degrees and began the attack, and within a few short minutes, 16 QSOs were under my belt. Typically, I do not 'Run' in CW contests but operate as 'S&P' since it takes me two tries to get the other party's call sign correct.



I took a short break from the contest to jot my thoughts down on what works for me with CW contests like this. The exchange to listen for is very simple, with most European stations sending 5nn k or 5nn kw.

After a while, the exchange just happens in your head without too much thought. I still have to have my cut number sheet with me. Although 'N' has been drilled into my grey matter as '9', the occasional 'A', 'E', or 'T' sends my brain into the weeds for a second or two.

Keeping my trusty Cut Number decoder handy is helpful for me. N1MM+ is my contesting software choice, which I got ready on Friday afternoon. Getting ready means downloading the latest updates, adding the contest to my log settings, assuring my CWT key is working, and that my antennas are functioning. The CWT, CW Touch keyer, is a cap-sensitive paddle, but I do keep the J38 around as a backup.



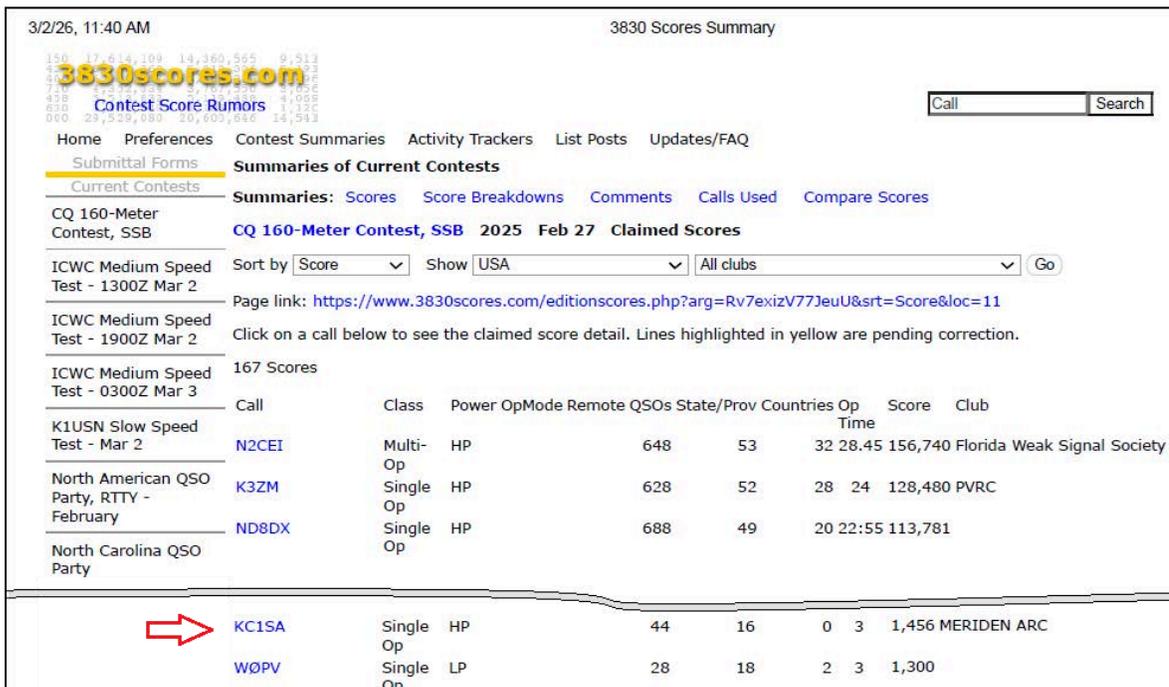
## Contesting with Steve, KC1SA, continued...

There was a bit of everything the last weekend of February on the contesting stage. The NCJ NA RTTY contest, a short 12-hour RTTY contest, was happening. The CQ 160-meter SSB contest was happening allweekend but really only nighttime contacts could be made. And the UBA DX CW contest was happening. So, how did you fare? For me I worked the 160-meter contest and did a QSO with N1ZN, nice to hear a fellow MARC member working 160 meters. This is a tough band, especially with my limited-length end-fed antenna, but I worked all of New England, as far south as Delaware and west to Ohio. Once I cleared the 160-meter band I hopped up to 15 and 10 meters and worked the USB DX CW contest to keep myself occupied. All fun stuff on a winter night.

I encourage testers to let their fellow MARC members know of their participation and scores by posting them on the 3830scores.com site. Additionally, use the MARC website Forums area (currently not widely used, but every MARC member has access).

**Don't forget** - ARRL DX SSB Contest: March 7-8, 2026. Hope to hear you on the air!

73 de KC1SA



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N2CEI	Multi-Op	HP			648	53	32	28.45	156,740	Florida Weak Signal Society
K3ZM	Single Op	HP			628	52	28	24	128,480	PVRC
ND8DX	Single Op	HP			688	49	20	22:55	113,781	
KC1SA	Single Op	HP			44	16	0	3	1,456	MERIDEN ARC
W0PV	Single Op	LP			28	18	2	3	1,300	
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*The more you know...*

## Bill & Dave's RTTY Slide Deck

Did you miss the RTTY Activity Meeting on February 21? **KeyKlix** presents Bill & Ted's slide deck here as a bonus section.

Do you need help configuring your station for RTTY or have more questions? Drop Dave an email at [davidtip100@gmail.com](mailto:davidtip100@gmail.com), or Bill at: [davidtip100@gmail.com](mailto:davidtip100@gmail.com).

### Radioteletype RTTY and FLDIGI

Bill NR1B  
Dave NZ1J

Digital signals use discrete levels. In some digital system, the signal might only be allowed to be some number of tenths of a volt. In this example, 0.1V, 0.2V, and 0.3V would be allowable values.

If electrical noise made those voltages 0.12V, 0.19V, and 0.305V, the receiver would correct them to the nearest allowed voltage. The result is no error in the received signal.

RTTY is one of the earliest digital modes.

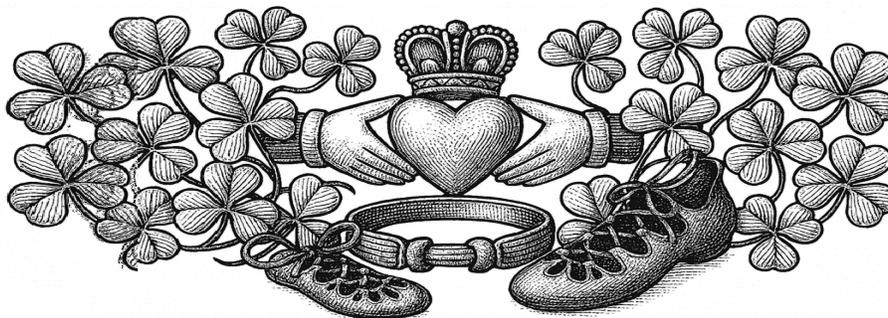
Its roots go back about 100 years. Though it is a simple mode, we will need to dive into digital communication and Frequency Shift Keying (FSK) a bit.

FSK is the basis for more modern modes, such as FT8, as well.



Mode	Approx Min SNR (dB)
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SSB	+6 to +10
RTTY	-10 to -5
PSK31	-14 to -10
CW	-15 to -10
FT4	-20 to -16
FT8	-24 to -20
JT65	-28 to -25



Voltages can be sent over wires, but radio makes use of other methods. Most analog radio communication is some form of AM or FM. SSB is a type of AM.

Generally, FM produces a clearer signal than AM.

FSK is the digital equivalent of FM. In FM, the carrier frequency is modulated and can be any frequency, such as 146.52001 MHz or 146.52003 MHz. Though FM is more immune to noise than AM, an analog FM signal is still degraded by noise.

FSK only allows discrete carrier frequencies. In the case of RTTY, there are only two allowed carrier frequencies. The frequencies are 170 Hz apart.

### RTTY Signals on a Waterfall



Each pair of vertical lines is a RTTY signal. The lines are 170 Hz apart.

FSK can use any number of frequencies. FT8 uses eight frequencies. WSPR uses four.

RTTY is a simple system that uses two frequencies. Those frequencies are named Mark and Space. They correspond to binary levels.

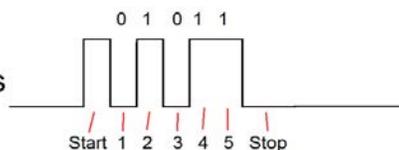
One 'bit', or binary digit, can only be one of two possible conditions. Those can be called Zero and One, or Mark and Space.

RTTY uses five of these bits to make a letter.

RTTY sends each letter as a series of five bits. For synchronization, a 'start' bit precedes the data and a 'stop' bit follows it. A total of seven bits are needed to send one letter.

Though there are variations, 45 bits per second are usually sent. That works out to 60 words per minute.

This is one letter.  
01011 = eleven  
In RTTY, eleven is the letter K



No des caractères	Rangée des lettres	Rangée des chiffres	No des impulsions				
			1	2	3	4	5
1	A	—	○	○	○	○	○
2	B	?	○	○	○	○	○
3	C	.	○	○	○	○	○
4	D	9	○	○	○	○	○
5	E	3	○	○	○	○	○
6	F	7	○	○	○	○	○
7	G	4	○	○	○	○	○
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12	L	)	○	○	○	○	○
13	M	.	○	○	○	○	○
14	N	.	○	○	○	○	○
15	O	9	○	○	○	○	○
16	P	0	○	○	○	○	○
17	Q	1	○	○	○	○	○
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19	S	'	○	○	○	○	○
20	T	5	○	○	○	○	○
21	U	7	○	○	○	○	○
22	V	=	○	○	○	○	○
23	W	2	○	○	○	○	○
24	X	1	○	○	○	○	○
25	Y	6	○	○	○	○	○
26	Z	+	○	○	○	○	○
27	Retour du chariot		○	○	○	○	○
28	Changement de ligne		○	○	○	○	○
29	Lettres		○	○	○	○	○
30	Chiffres		○	○	○	○	○
31	Espace		○	○	○	○	○
32	Pas employé		○	○	○	○	○

### Error Correction at 60 WPM

With voice and CW, we get an idea whether or not we got the message clearly. With text, we do not. Repetition is a good tool to deal with errors. If something, like a call sign, is sent twice and the two copies are the same, it's very likely that we got the message.

RTTY's 60 words per minute is actually faster than voice or CW. Repeats can be used often.



Any digital interface will need Audio In and Audio Out and control of PTT.

FT8 can work without Rig Control. For RTTY, Rig Control is more important.

For FT8, the radio is often set to one frequency, such as 14.074 MHz  
RTTY signals will be spread across a lot of frequencies.

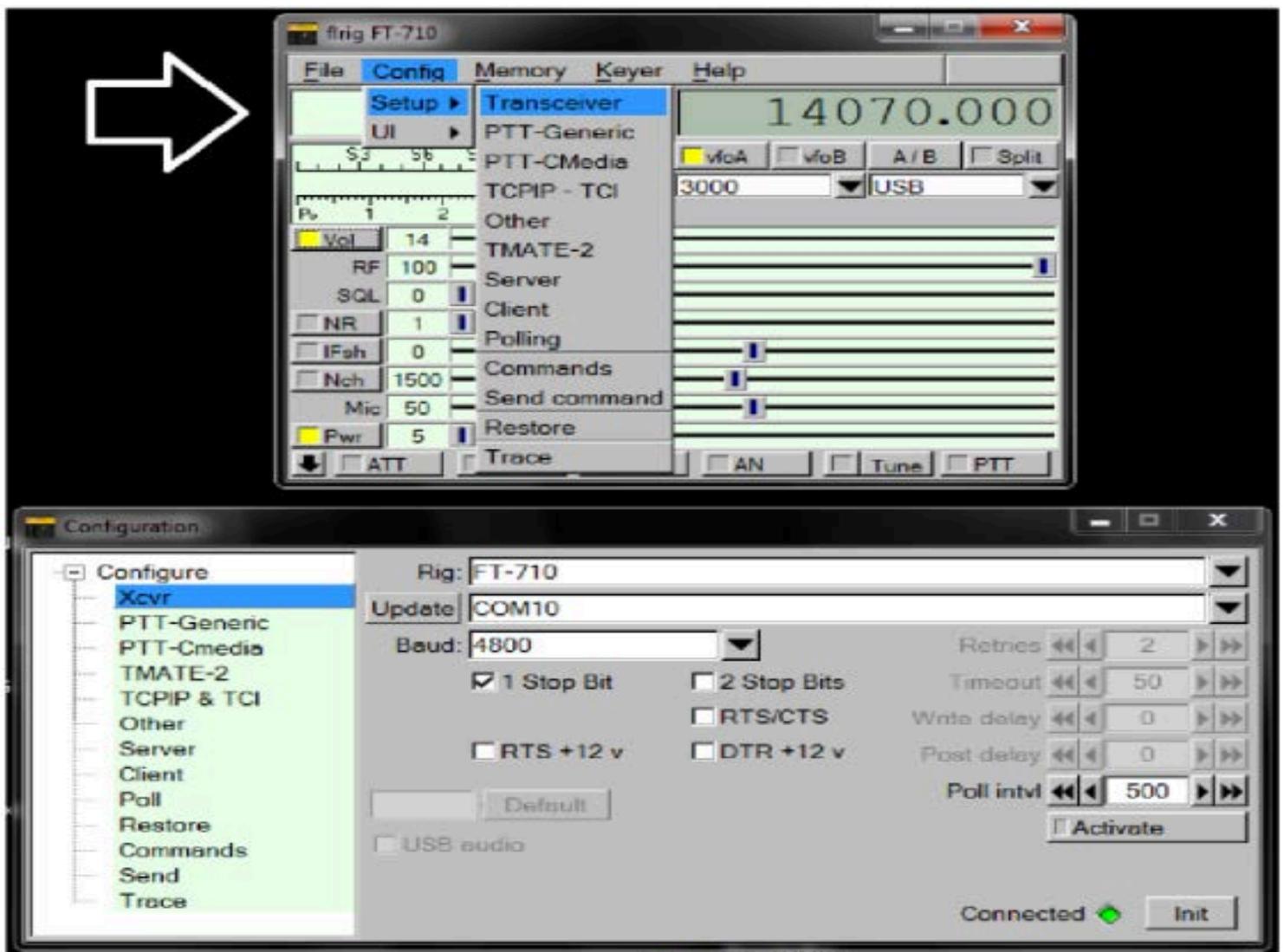
Like FT8, RTTY is generally USB.

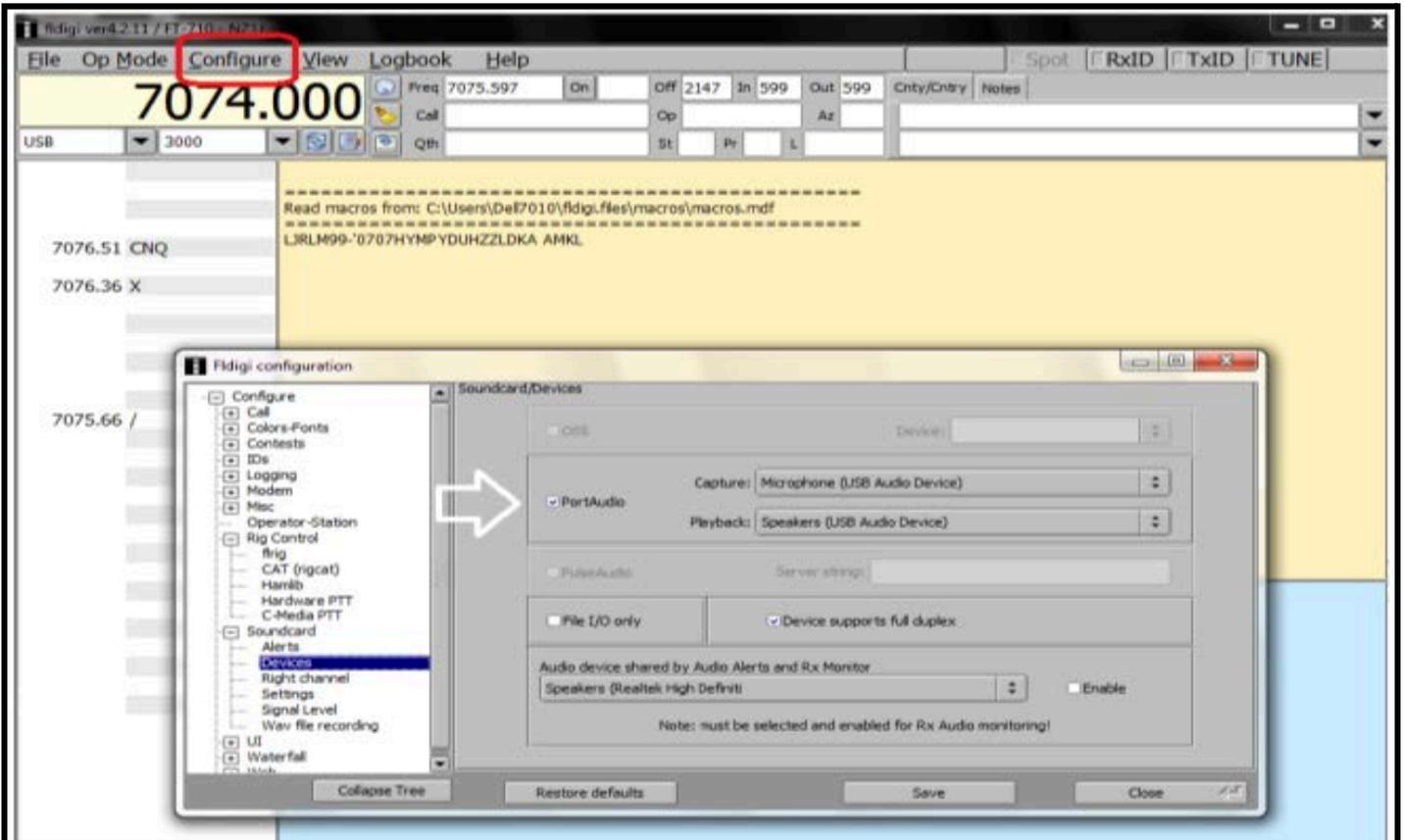
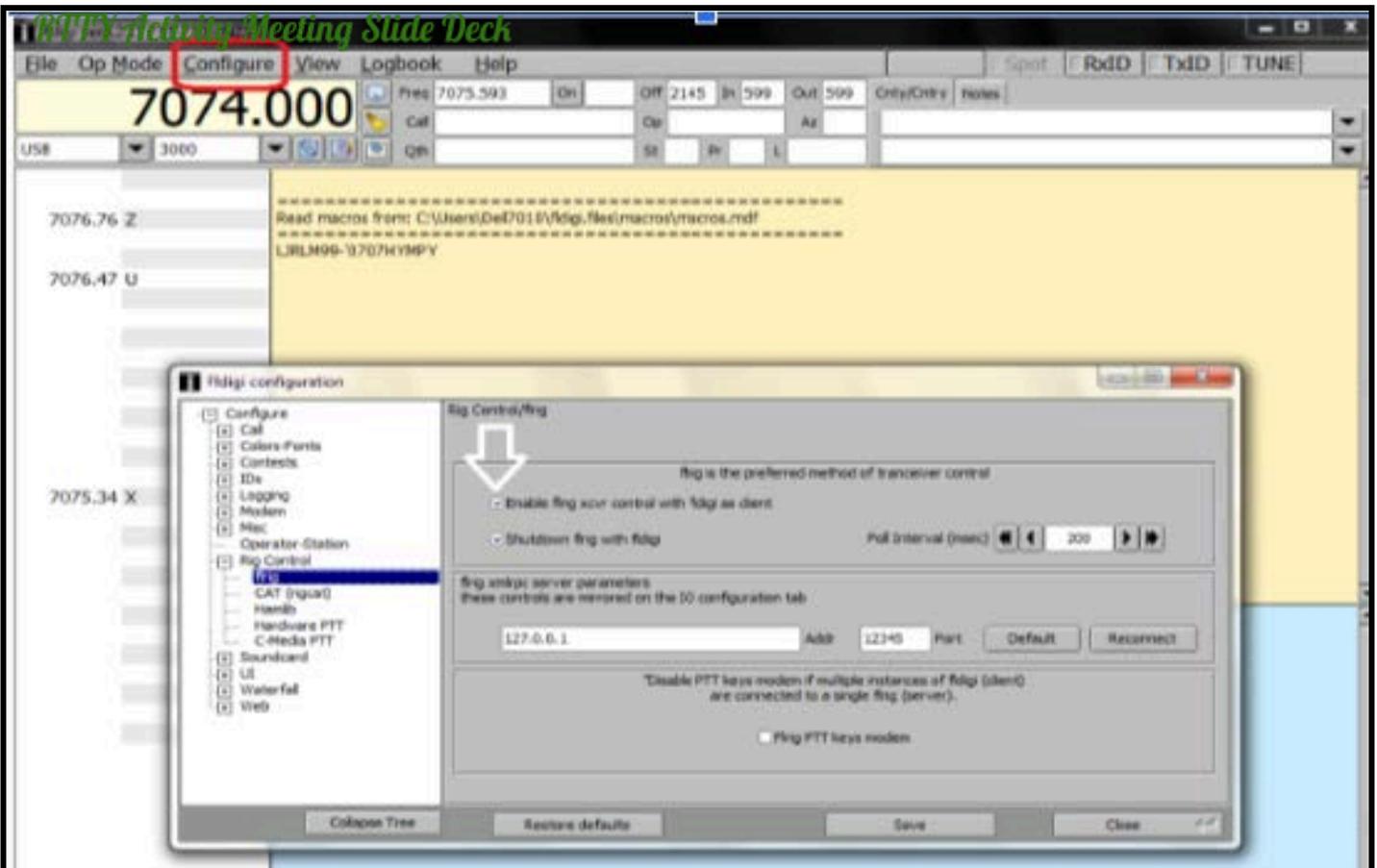
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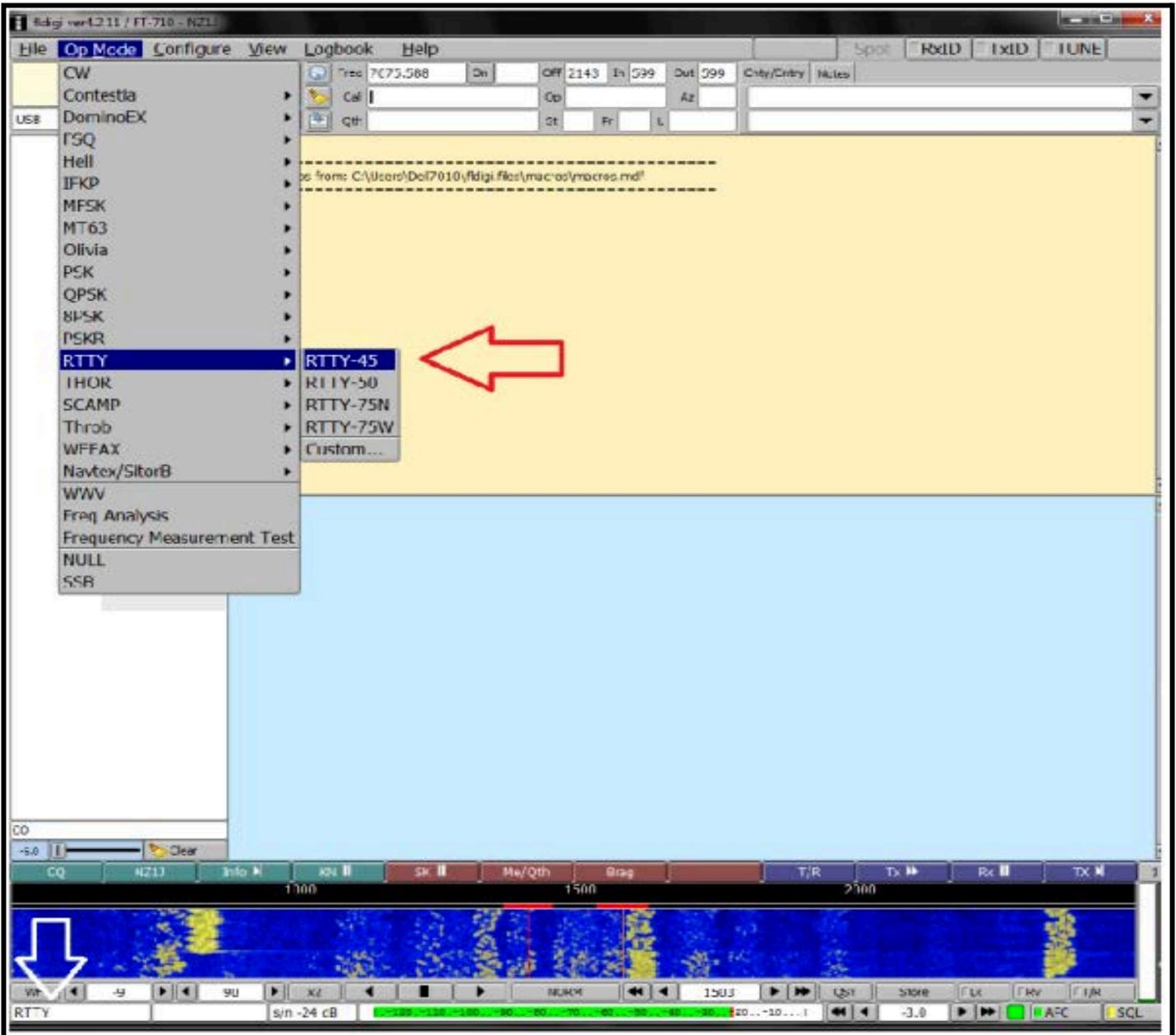
The same interface is good for most digital modes. If you use FT8, your interface is good.

Many modern radios, such as IC-7300, FT-991A, and FT-710, just need a USB cable. The FT-891 also needs an audio connection. Older radios likely need an interface, such as Signalink or Digirig.

Setting up the interface can be a challenge. But, it only needs to be done once.





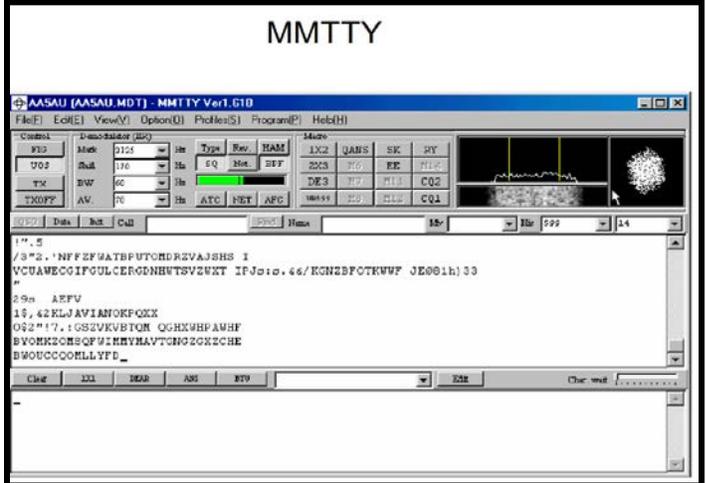


In most contests, you have a choice of 'Running' or 'Search and Pounce'. Running is remaining on one frequency and calling CQ. S & P is answering CQ's.

To get started, S & P is easier. For many RTTY contests, you'll only need two preset messages.

The first message is your call sign, sent twice.

The second message depends on the contest, but may be 599 599 CT CT call sign



Quiz Time...

It's the WHO'S DAT? Edition!



Can you name the MARC member above in the blue shirt?  
Hint: In the photo he's 14 and has just upgraded to General.  
The OM at the controls is his Old Man, W1OYN/SK. No waging and no digging out those musty call books to cheat!  
Answer appears elsewhere in this issue.



🍀 An English Lawyer Meets an Irish Guard 🍀

An English lawyer was driving through the Irish countryside on holiday one day, when he rolled through a stop sign—slowing down, looking both ways, but never quite coming to a full stop.

A Garda observed this, and pulled the British lawyer over..

**Guard:** "Good afternoon, sir. You didn't stop at that sign."

**Lawyer:** "Ah, but I *nearly* stopped. I slowed right down. No one was coming. Surely that's close enough?"

**Guard:** "No, not really, sir. The sign clearly says *stop*."

The lawyer, miffed at the Garda's technical intolerance, and feeling clever, smiled and made a proposition...

**Lawyer:** "I tell you what—if you can demonstrate the difference between **stopping** and **continuing**, I'll gladly pay the fine."

The Guard nodded, and accepted the challenge. Suddenly, he yanked open the lawyer's car door, yanked him from his vehicle and commenced beating him mercilessly with his billy club.

Then, with perfect Irish calm, he paused and asked...

**Guard:** "Now then... tell me, sir, would you prefer I **stop**... or shall I **continue**?"

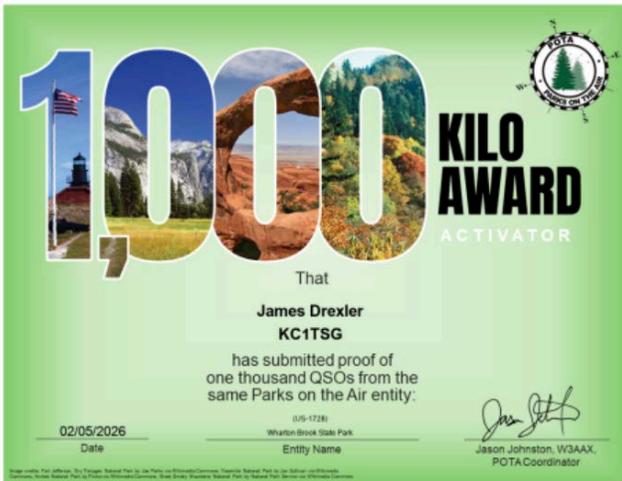
The bloodied lawyer paid the fine.





# MARC in the Parks

## Highlighting member POTA activations in February



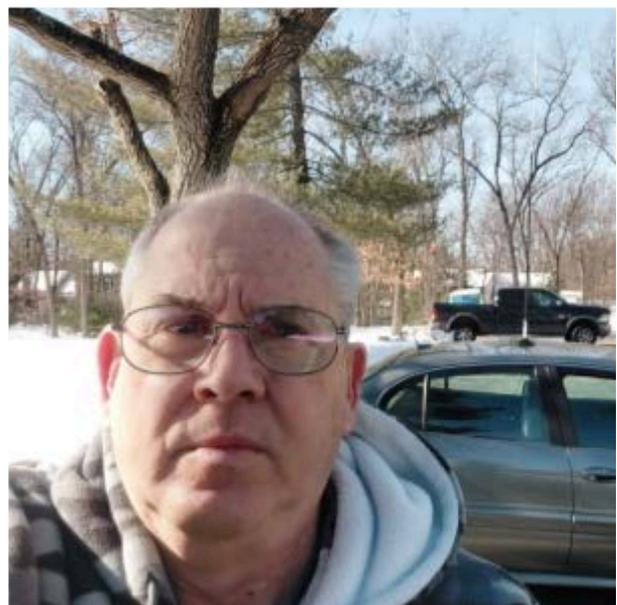
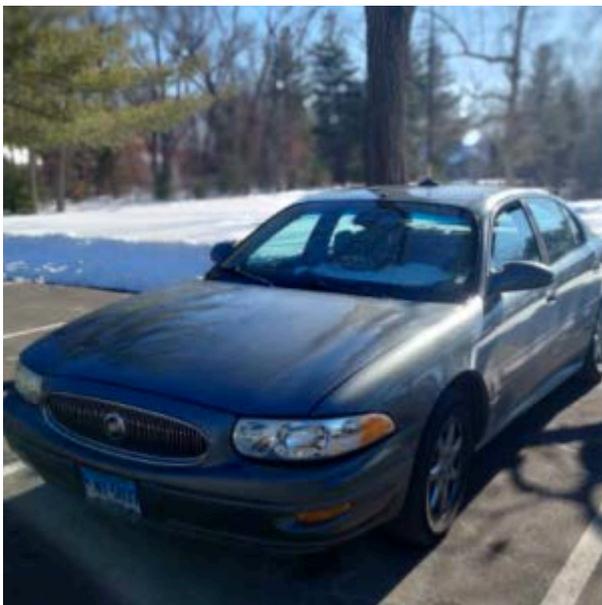
**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jim Drexler KC1TSG**, who completed his Kilo Award by making 1,000 QSOs from Wharton Brook on February 5th. Fine business!

After recovering from a seasonal cold the previous week that inhibited his ability to complete the achievement sooner, Jim was back at Wharton Brook on February 3, making 58 QSOs - phone & digital, and then had another 47 on the 5th, putting him over the top.

He was motivated to finish the Kilo, observing that single-digit temps were forecasted to return.

Jim also reported that he earned the 12 Days of QRZ Award, which celebrates the winter holiday season and is awarded to any QRZ user who has at least one confirmed QSO on each of 12 different days during the winter season, defined as December, January, and February in his logbook.

What's next for Jim now that the Wharton Brook Kilo has been achieved? He posted on Facebook that perhaps he will be 'taking up residence at Sleeping Giant next.'



**LEFT: Jim's mighty Buick that serves as his winter POTA shack, complete with hamstick antenna on the roof at Wharton Brook on February 5.**  
**RIGHT: A KC1TSG selfie memorializing the completion of his first Kilo.**

## **MARC in the Parks, continued...**

The shortest and coldest month didn't keep MARC members away from the parks in February. Jim wasn't the only member operating in the low temperatures that went down into the single digits last month.

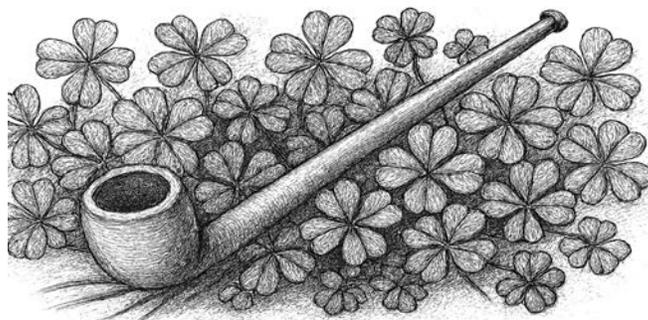
**Paul, WA1MAC**, put his Diesel heater to good use operating US-1716 Silver Sands on February 2nd, and then joined **Dave, NZ1J, Bill, NR1B, Harold, WJ1B, and Jim, KC1TSG**, the next day at US-1728 Wharton Brook.

Dave remarked on their February 3rd outing, "When the temperature is near zero for more than a week, a 30-degree day brings out the POTA activators."

They met up with **James, NV1U** from the Plainfield area, who had beaten them all to Wharton Brook that morning. The park had plowed the open field they often use, and while Paul was very comfortable with his diesel heater, the others managed to stay cozy during the 30-degree heat wave.'



**LEFT, WA1MAC's van with outboard diesel heater at Silver Sands on February 2.**  
**RIGHT: The gang gathering at Wharton Brook on February 3.**



## MARC in the Parks, continued...

From **Paul Clark, WA1MAC**, "With the weather a little warmer, I tried a different antenna setup today at Wharton Brook and West Rock Ridge. With the \$40 AliExpress 17' telescopic whip and their \$20 40 meter loading coil, a DIY 3/8 fine thread to 10mm adapter I used a 3 puck mag mount and stuck it on the van roof, worked great on 40 (with the loading coil, 30 (with the coil and the G90 internal tuner) and on 20, sans loading coil no tuner needed.

I found putting a cheap thin plastic cutting board cover sheet between the magnets and the roof made it easy to move the base around on the roof, and easier to remove the 3 puck base when finished operating.



While many of us (yours truly among them) have taken to operating POTA from inside our vehicles during the winter months, not so **Scott Martin, W1HLP**, who was at US-1705, Osborndale State Park on Valentine's Day, operating CW from the tailgate of his truck.

Clearly, a hearty ham, Scott did allow that his fingers were a bit cold by the end of his activation.

Scott reported some SWR issues early on, but got them straightened out.

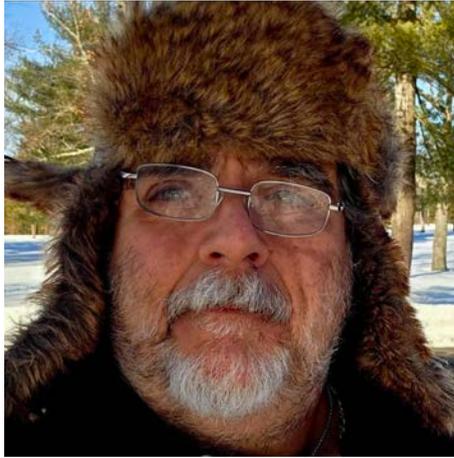
Among his QSOs were some fine DX - OH1MM, Pasi in Finland, YU9CF, Zoran, in Serbia, and SM5ATP, Conny in Sweden.

Well done, Scott!

## MARC in the Parks, continued...

Congratulations to **Andy Purchia, N1XXU**, who completed his 300th POTA activation on February 9th while at Sleeping Giant and then Wharton Brook. Among his contacts, Andy worked fellow MARC member **Paul Stasieluk, W1EDX**, on 17 meters.

According to the POTA website, as of the date of my writing, Andy has activated 119 parks to date, making 20,355 QSOs - WOW!



Inspired by **WA1MAC** and **KC1TSG's** recent winter activations with mag-mounted antennas on the roofs of their vehicles, **Jimmy Surprenant, AB1DQ** (yours truly), grabbed a hamstick and mag mount and activated US-2881 in Woonsocket, RI, on February 9 in icy cold and snowy conditions. He noted that the JPC12 antenna he typically uses for POTA performs MUCH better than this hamstick on the roof setup.

Because Jimmy's MINI has a glass sunroof over the front and rear seats, it's not possible to place the mag-mount in the center of the car roof. The biggest hassle of the day was having to repeatedly move the car from one side of the parking area to the other to accommodate an overzealous snowplow. In the end, it was fun, and AB1DQ has now activated all six New England States (There shoulda oughta be an award for that! Don'tcha think?)



# RADIO ACTIVITY

## *A look at what our members have been up to in February*

**Constantino Tobio, KA1BMF**, shared a photo of an antenna loading coil he constructed on the club Facebook page. Constantino says he is hoping to use this with my POTAPeformer setup.

According to the instructions, it should provide enough inductance for a 17' whip to get into 80M, but he didn't know if that's going to be the case. Constantino set it up with a single elevated radial 32' long, and at 28 microHenries - the max it will do - he couldn't get the SWR down enough to be even tunable. 30 lm and 40M were easily attainable but he plans to keep playing around with it. Most calculators were telling him he needed something in the realm of 52 microHenries to do the trick.

For 80M he has a linked dipole he built, but Constanino feels it would still be nice to have a vertical. **GOOD LUCK AND KEEP US POSTED!**



**Scott Martin, W1HLP**, shared the following...

Some people have a POTA go box, others have a go bag!

Trying to figure out the easiest way to get my station to the park pavilion in the rain and 32-degree weather 😊

Let's see how this goes 🙏 W1HLP

## Radio Activity, continued...

From Jack Chapman, WA1K...

Taking advantage of the CQ WPX RTTY contest to get some more RTTY experience.

This is my second attempt at the mode and the first using F1Digi. It's a fun mode to contest with.

When I have time, I need to improve my macros for smoother operations.

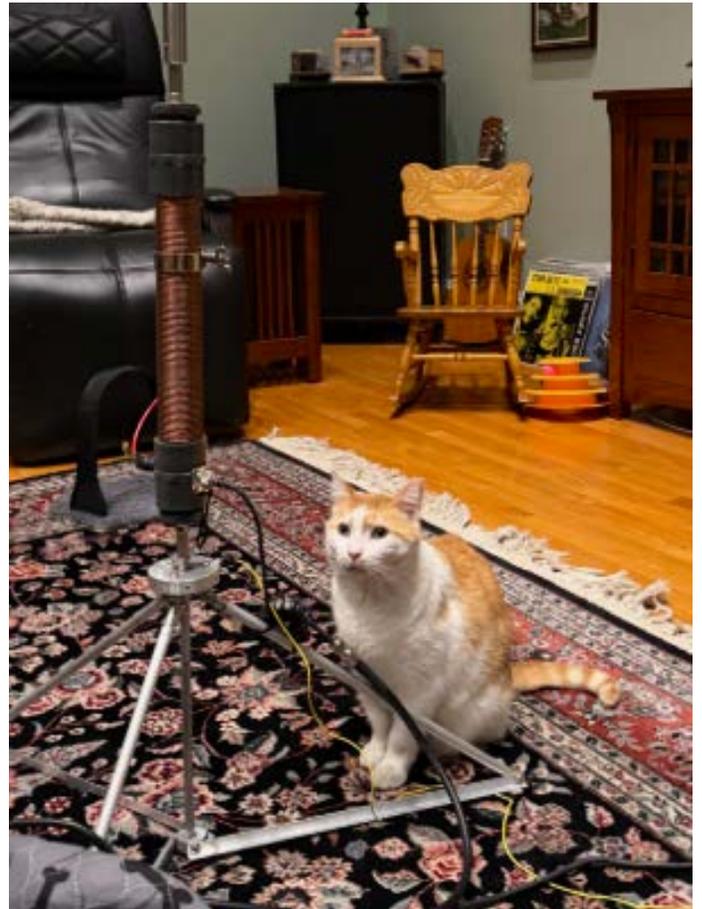
Nice, shack, Jack!



WHO'S DAT ANSWER: Bill Huggins, NR1B

## Cats + Radios = What more do you need?

RTTY Digital mode became operational in the **Jules LoRusso KC1STF** living room with future amateur radio operator Sven. Do you have a shack cat? Send their photo to [keyklix@w1nrg.com](mailto:keyklix@w1nrg.com), and we'll publish it for all to see!



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## **CONTESTS:** *Click on hyperlink for more info...*

<a href="#">ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB</a>	0000Z, Mar 7 to 2359Z, Mar 8
<a href="#">Novice Rig Roundup</a>	0000Z, Mar 7 to 2359Z, Mar 15
<a href="#">Wake-Up! QRP Sprint</a>	0600Z-0800Z, Mar 7
<a href="#">Open Ukraine RTTY Championship</a>	1800Z, Mar 7 to 1359Z, Mar 8
<a href="#">4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint</a>	0000Z-0200Z, Mar 9
<a href="#">YB DX RTTY Contest</a>	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 14
<a href="#">Commonwealth (BERU) Contest</a>	1000Z, Mar 14 to 1000Z, Mar 15
<a href="#">EA PSK63 Contest</a>	1200Z, Mar 14 to 1200Z, Mar 15
<a href="#">SKCC Weekend Sprintathon</a>	1200Z, Mar 14 to 2359Z, Mar 15
<a href="#">DIG QSO Party, SSB</a>	1200Z, Mar 14 to 1100Z, Mar 15
<a href="#">South America 10 Meter Contest</a>	1200Z, Mar 14 to 1200Z, Mar 15
<a href="#">AGCW QRP Contest</a>	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 14
<a href="#">Stew Perry Topband Challenge</a>	1500Z, Mar 14 to 1500Z, Mar 15
<a href="#">North American Sprint, RTTY</a>	0000Z-0359Z, Mar 15
<a href="#">Run for the Bacon QRP Contest</a>	2300Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16
<a href="#">Bucharest Digital Contest</a>	1800Z-2059Z, Mar 16
<a href="#">NTC QSO Party</a>	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 19
<a href="#">PODXS 070 Club St Patrick's Day Contest</a>	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 21
<a href="#">BARTG HF RTTY Contest</a>	0200Z, Mar 21 to 0159Z, Mar 23
<a href="#">Russian DX Contest</a>	1200Z, Mar 21 to 1200Z, Mar 22
<a href="#">SKCC Sprint</a>	0000Z-0200Z, Mar 25
<a href="#">CO WW WPX Contest, SSB</a>	0000Z, Mar 28 to 2359Z, Mar 29
<a href="#">SARL 80m QSO Party</a>	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 2
<a href="#">EA RTTY Contest</a>	1200Z, Apr 4 to 1159Z, Apr 5
<a href="#">SP DX Contest</a>	1500Z, Apr 4 to 1500Z, Apr 5
<a href="#">ARS Spartan Sprint</a>	0100Z-0300Z, Apr 7

## **STATE QSO PARTIES:**

<a href="#">Oklahoma QSO Party</a>	1500Z, Mar 14 to 2200Z, Mar 15
<a href="#">Idaho QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Mar 14 to 0200Z, Mar 16
<a href="#">Wisconsin QSO Party</a>	1800Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16
<a href="#">Virginia QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Mar 21 to 2359Z, Mar 22
<a href="#">Louisiana QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr

## **SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS:**

<a href="#">N3ARB YL POTA Party - Erie Canalway</a>	1300Z-2359Z Mar 7
Spencerport, NY. Upstate New York POTA	14.320 7.230 MHz
QSL: Angela Brown	
123 North Dr, Buffalo, NY 14226	
<a href="#">N2RE David Sarnoff Radio Club PI Day</a>	1800Z-0100Z Mar 14-15
Mount Laurel NJ David Sarnoff Radio Club	14.031 14.314 7.227 7.031 MHz
QSL: Don Corrington	
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**SUN 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM**

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**MON 7:00 pm W1NRG/R 147.360PL 162.2Hz**

**6 METER SSB NET**

**MON 8:00 pm 50.175 MHZ USB**

**Tuesday:**

**2 M FM NET**

**TUE 7:00 pm W1NRG/R 147.360PL 162.2Hz**

**10 M 10-10 CASTLE CRAIG NET**

**TUE 8:00 pm 28.375 MHZ USB**

**Wednesday:**

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**WED 7:00 pm W1NRG/R 147.360PL 162.2Hz**

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May the **wind** be gentle on your dipole,  
and the **rain** stay off your feed,  
May every **CQ** you send

bring the contact that you need.

And until we rag-chew again,  
may the **good Lord of Propagation**  
keep you **five-nine** and steady,  
with **no QRM** in your nation.



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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## *Letters to the Editor*

**RE: A Frugal Ham's Tech Tip - Saving money with XT90 DC connectors**

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I always solder my Powerpoles rather than crimp them. No expensive crimp tool needed. That said, I admit to already owning one of those, but I usually use it to crimp PL-259s instead. I also build multi-port Powerpole junctions using 1/8" copper-clad welding rod and brass strip. Very easy to make, the insulation is by a larger heat shrink.

73 from a member in Florida,  
Geoff Haines, N1GY  
Website: [www.n1gy.com](http://www.n1gy.com)

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<b>K4AVM</b>	Andrew Olsson	26	<b>KC1OGL</b>	Paul Randazzo	25	<b>KC1TYO</b>	Ken Williams	26
<b>K5ATA</b>	Steve Goodgame	25	<b>KC1OWD</b>	Kevin Van Keuron	26	<b>KC1UJQ</b>	Mark Kirschner	26
<b>K5CYN</b>	Cyndi Goodgame	25	<b>KC1OYN</b>	Rick Becker	26	<b>KC1UJT</b>	Michael Carfi	25
<b>KA1BED</b>	Bill Green	27	<b>KC1OYR</b>	Brent Moyer	25	<b>KC1VCU</b>	John Mandeville	26

<b>KC1VJS</b>	Anthony Lockery	25	<b>N1HCA</b>	Susan South	27	<b>W1PRK</b>	James Procaccini	27
<b>KC1VQY</b>	Michael Granoth	26	<b>N1IBE</b>	Wade Martell	25	<b>W1RCI</b>	Ron Isaac Jr.	25
<b>KC1VRG</b>	Robert Shemo	26	<b>N1JEO</b>	Joel Curneal	25	<b>W1RWW</b>	Bob Woodtke Jr.	25
<b>KC1VSO</b>	Patricia Lentz	25	<b>N1JMX</b>	Jeff Martin	28	<b>W1TK</b>	Ron Wakefield	26
<b>KC1VUM</b>	Matthew Erff	26	<b>N1LES</b>	Joe Murray	26	<b>W1UFO</b>	Mike Cei	26
<b>KC1VVC</b>	Joel Helfer	26	<b>N1MOB</b>	Dan David	26	<b>W1UKX</b>	Greg Gherardi	25
<b>KC1VZI</b>	Joe DePaolo	25	<b>N1NGV</b>	Kevin Gallagher	25	<b>W1YSM</b>	Ed Snyder	26
<b>KC1WEX</b>	Len Guercia	25	<b>N1NIS</b>	Noah Ludecke	25	<b>W2OFR</b>	Mark Dickson	25
<b>KC1WFB</b>	Lloyd Saberski	26	<b>N1OKF</b>	Bob Parisi	25	<b>W2TT</b>	Ross Lambert	25
<b>KC1WHD</b>	Craig Scully-Clemmons	25	<b>N1OKR</b>	Frank Ciccone	27	<b>W3APC</b>	James Cook	27
<b>KC1WNJ</b>	Joe Capuano	26	<b>N1OQC</b>	Mike Johnson	27	<b>W4FMM</b>	Bob Munro	26
<b>KC1YPA</b>	Carl Gross	26	<b>N1PHI</b>	Trish Nitschke	26	<b>W9OTW</b>	Deborah Foss	26
<b>KC1YSF</b>	Kevin Murphy	26	<b>N1PQQ</b>	Greg Cartier	26	<b>WA1BAR</b>	Michael Barr	25
<b>KC1YUY</b>	Joe Symcak	26	<b>N1QYB</b>	Bill Witecki, Jr.	26	<b>WA1CCQ</b>	Norman Bliss	25
<b>KC1ZAO</b>	Wayne Brooks	26	<b>N1WCL</b>	David Blasko	25	<b>WA1FFT</b>	Ray Irwin	26
<b>KC2MLH</b>	Adam Castracane	26	<b>N1XXU</b>	Andy Purchia	26	<b>WA1INC</b>	Roland Hamel	26
<b>KC3UKG</b>	Storm Murrell	25	<b>N1YLN</b>	Edward O'Lena	25	<b>WA1JKR</b>	John Rogus	29
<b>KD0BMW</b>	Marty Crandall-Grela	25	<b>N1ZN</b>	Jim Savage	26	<b>WA1K</b>	Jack Chapman	26
<b>KD2TLD</b>	Patrick Lacombe	26	<b>N2CKD</b>	Lovji Hakim	26	<b>WA1MAC</b>	Paul Clark	27
<b>KE1AU</b>	Bob Kaczor	26	<b>N2TAG</b>	Dave Taglianetti	25	<b>WA1SFH</b>	Douglas Sharafanowich	26
<b>KE1AV</b>	Dave Sanford	25	<b>N2YCH</b>	Conrad Trautmann	26	<b>WA1TRY</b>	Rich Aubin	L
<b>KE2ECC</b>	Phillip Gallanti	26	<b>N7VGA</b>	Dennis Hanlon	26	<b>WA1ZVY</b>	Jim Martin	28
<b>KF6LU</b>	Andrew Buza	26	<b>NA1L</b>	Dale Clift	26	<b>WB1DMK</b>	William D'Agostino	25
<b>KK7NLS</b>	John Condon Jr	25	<b>NA2AA</b>	David Minster	25	<b>WB1DQT</b>	Bill Bacon	26
<b>K01J</b>	Randy Whitehouse	25	<b>NR1B</b>	Bill Huggins	26	<b>WB1GFI</b>	Stan Hiriak	26
<b>K04EEL</b>	Tom Williams	25	<b>NZ1J</b>	Dave Tipping	26	<b>WB1GYZ</b>	Bob Biancur	27
<b>KR1U</b>	Bob Eslinger	27	<b>UT3UY</b>	Anatoly Kirilenko	26	<b>WB8IMY</b>	Steve Ford	26
<b>KS1WK</b>	Seth Kolasinski	25	<b>W1AJK</b>	Andrew Kazimer	26	<b>WJ1B</b>	Harold Kramer	27
<b>KX1USA</b>	Rob Messercola	26	<b>W1BJG</b>	Judy Wilkins	25	<b>WV2LKM</b>	Steve Waldmann	26
<b>N0HIO</b>	David Koerner	25	<b>W1BRY</b>	Donald Chepurna	27	<b>WX1W</b>	Mary Duval	25
<b>N1AKN</b>	Jeff Dwyer	27	<b>W1EDX</b>	Paul Stasieluk	26	<b>WY1U</b>	Tim Mik	25
<b>N1API</b>	Al Kaiser	30	<b>W1HLP</b>	Scott Martin	26	-	Laurie Mallette	26
<b>N1BRI</b>	Brian Beegan	26	<b>W1IHS</b>	Jason Polaski	26	-	Lucas Molloy	Y
<b>N1FNE</b>	Rod Lane	27	<b>W1IKW</b>	Iain K White	29	-	Eran Netkin	26
<b>N1GNV</b>	John Bartscherer	25	<b>W1LV</b>	Steve Morley	26	-	Spencer Rygiel	Y
<b>N1GY</b>	Geoff Haines	27	<b>W1NDT</b>	Robert Lombardo	25			

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 - = No license/call      **BLUE** = New member



**““Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy.””**

*~William Butler Yeats*