

GM Net News

Space Weather

<http://www.spaceweather.com/>

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NEW SUNSPOT: New sunspot 1130 is rapidly developing near the center of the sun's disk and "it is crackling with activity," reports Michael Borman of Evansville, Indiana. Using a backyard solar telescope, he took [this picture](#) of a B-class explosion from the active region on Nov. 28th. So far, the flares have been relatively minor, but if the sunspot's growth continues apace, geo-effective blasts could be in the offing.

WEEKEND AURORAS: A gust of solar wind hit Earth's magnetic field on Saturday, Nov. 27th, sparking a brief but intense geomagnetic storm around the Arctic Circle. Onlookers described "[an explosion](#) of Northern Lights" and a "[huge outburst](#) of auroras" that turned the heavens vivid green. One day later, the sky was still glowing, as shown in this Sunday night snapshot from Kvaløya, an island near Tromsø, Norway:



"We had some clouds," says photographer Frank Olsen, "but I could still see some nice auroras. It was another wonderful night in northern Norway." The solar wind is subsiding now, and the auroras are fading. NOAA forecasters estimate only a 10% chance of geomagnetic activity during the next 24 hours.

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The GM Nets meet daily Monday through Saturday on 7.277.5 MHz at 18:00Z and Tuesdays on 14.277 +/- QRM at 16:15Z.

Would you like to help out
with Net Control Duties?
Contact our Net Manager
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Net Preamble & Closing



Net Control Stations:

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Rick, WØPC
Ray, K1RAY
Verle, K8VW
Chuck, WA8IHI
Bill, WB9YUR
Art, KC8JLC
Denny, N8XLS
Bill, WD9AIH
Phil, W9MPA
Ed, K8DSS
Bob, K8MPV
George, N8NPW

Net Preamble

This is (your call), today's net control. This net is composed of employees and retirees of the General Motors Corporation .

This net meets daily on this frequency for the purpose of getting better acquainted, expanding our knowledge, and improving our operating techniques. We promote friendship among participants in many locations who have many talents and have or have had a variety of work assignments. The General Motors nets are international in scope on some bands, and visitors are always welcome to check in. Please stay carefully tuned to net control at all times. This is (your call) (working for or retired from) (your) Division in (your city), (state). My home QTH is (where you live). My name is (your name) and we will now take check-ins, one at a time, please.

Net Closing

Are there any late check-ins for the net? (pause for late check-ins). Is there any further business for the net? (pause for any further business) Having no further business, we will close the net at this time. This net is composed of General Motors employees, retirees, and visitors. We meet each day, Monday through Saturday, on or about this frequency, at (1700z or **1800z**). Thank you for your participation and please return often. This is (your call) now closing the net. 73 and Good Afternoon.

The Bands are Finally ... Waking Up!
Join US at 1800Z On 7.277.5 MHz

Net Control Schedule

December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: Nets on 7.277.5 MHz, 18:00 Z			1 WD9AIH	2 N8XLS	3 KC8JLC	4 WB9YUR
5	6 WY8I	7 W8IHI	8 WØPC	9 KB9VF	10 K8VW	11 K1RAY
12	13 WD9AIH	14 N8XLS	15 KC8JLC	16 WB9YUR	17 WY8I	18 W8IHI
19	20 WØPC	21 K8VW	22 KB9VF	23 K1RAY	24 WD9AIH	25 KC8JLC
26	27 WB9YUR	28 WY8I	29 W8IHI	30 N8XLS	31 WØPC	Notes: Schedule with DF4IZ (Walter), every Tuesday at 1615z

Starting in 2011 Net Calendar, you will see a slightly different format. I'm including the weekend ham radio contest for those of you who want to dabble with them... like I do. Also, the major holidays are listed. I've also tried to show net times and changes due to daylight savings time changes (17:00 & 18:00 UTC). If you don't have a station clock that is set to UTC, it can be confusing. We are looking for more guys to take a turn at the net. Presently, we have WØPC - Rick, WD9AIH - Bill, K8VW - Verle, KB9VF - George, K1RAY - Ray, K8MPV - Bob, N8NPW - George, N8XLS - Denny, KC8JLC - Art, W9PMA - Phil, and WB9YUR - Bill for year round Net Controls. We also have several seasonal Net Controls: WB8M -Wally & K8DSS - Ed for summer & warm WX and WA8IHI - Chuck for winter & cold WX when he can't find the golf ball in the snow or ice. We also have our DX Net with DF4IZ - Walter on Tuesdays on 20 meters. I thank all the guys for volunteering to help when they can. There are times when we have to miss our turn at the Net Control schedule due to vacations or illness. Someone else always manages to step in. Next issue I may rotate the calendars sideways to make them larger and easier to read. The current net controls will get an email with the complete schedule.

73, de WØPC

Net Schedule

January 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Straight Key Night WØPC - Rick
2	3 KBVW- VERLE	4 DF4IZ - WALTER (1615z) KB9VF- GEORGE	5 K1RAY - RAY	6 N8XLS - DENNY	7 W9PMA - PHIL	8 RTTY Roundup KCBILC - ART
9 RTTY Roundup	10 WB9YUR - BILL	11 DF4IZ - WALTER (1615z) W8BIH - CHUCK	12 N8NPW - GEORGE	13 N8MPV - BOB	14 WØSAIH - BILL	15 KB9VF - GEORGE
16	17 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</i> KBVW- VERLE	18 DF4IZ - WALTER (1615z) K1RAY - RAY	19 WØSAIH - BILL	20 N8XLS - DENNY	21 KCBILC - ART	22 VHF Sweepstakes WB9YUR - BILL
23 VHF Sweepstakes	24 W8BIH - CHUCK	25 DF4IZ - WALTER (1615z) N8NPW - GEORGE	26 K8MPV - BOB	27 KB9VF-GEORGE	28 WØPC - RICK	29 CQ WW 160 - CW KBVW - VERLE
30 CQ WW 160 - CW	31 K1RAY - RAY					

February 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 DF4IZ (1615z) N8XLS	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> WØSAIH	3 KCBILC	4 W9PMA	5 W8BIH
6	7 N8NPW	8 DF4IZ (1615z) K8MPV	9 WØPC	10 KB9VF	11 KBVW	12 CQ WW WPX - RTTY K1RAY
13 CQ WW WPX - RTTY	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> School Club Roundup WØSAIH	15 School Club Roundup DF4IZ (1615z) N8XLS	16 School Club Roundup W9PMA	17 School Club Roundup WB9YUR	18 School Club Roundup W8BIH	19 ARRL DX Contest - CW N8NPW
20 ARRL DX Contest - CW	21 <i>Presidents' Day</i> K8MPV	22 DF4IZ (1615z) WØPC	23 KB9VF	24 KBVW	25 K1RAY	26 CQ WW 160 - PH WØSAIH
27 CQ WW 160 - PH	28 KCBILC					

W9PMA - Phil Adrianson

If you have to do antenna work, having a friend with a bucket truck sure is nice. This picture was taken a few weeks ago when Phil was changing the top antenna. Phil writes: "The antennas on the tower from top to bottom are a Diamond tri-band vertical for 2, 6, and 440, under that is an 11 element Cushcraft for 2 meters, under that is another Cushcraft 11 element beam for 220 Mhz. Then the 3 element Mosley for 10, 15 and 20 meters. Off the side is my Windom for 6 through 160. Off the opposite is a dipole for my scanner."

73 de Phil W9PMA



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpf3s_uNpE0



Phil's QRZ.Com web site says "As you can see I like to fly. My craft is called a ppc or Powered Parachute. I have been doing this for 15 years and enjoy it very much."

WD9AIH - Bill



The race car is '47 Chevy Coup. Both front and back fenders are fiberglass. The rest of the body is steel. The engine is a 383 stroker 350 V8 block bored 30 over with a 400 cubic inch steel crank. The heads are Brodex aluminum race heads. The Cam is a high lift Comp Cam. The pistons are Wesco race pistons. The intake is a Weiand aluminum with a 750 Holley double pumper. The transmission is a Coen Race Glide with a 8" high stall converter. The rear end is a 9" Ford, 456 gears and a spool to lock axles together. The car's best 1/4 mile E.T. was 10.9 seconds at 123 miles per hour. The top right picture was taken in 1999 at Norwalk OH. at the bracket finals when I was racing on the Muncie Dragway team in the Pro class. Later, I added lights and started to put interior in and other changes to make it street legal including a new red paint job. 73, Bill (WD9AIH)





Here's Bill's 1961 entry for the GM Net Corvette Club.

GM has been good to us by all the nice cars and things we have acquired over the years.

I wonder how many of us own Corvettes? Send me pictures. (w0pc@aol.com)

"I added lights and started to put interior in and other changes to make it street legal including a new red paint job."



WD8CRQ - Armin Tata

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Armin is a GM Corp retiree with +38yrs as an engineer, for GM Service Parts from the Flint, MI area. Born Sept 41 now 69 yrs old. Outdoor person (from skiing to hunting & fishing) and I like cars, and finally have a Corvette (and that picture on the top right is Mt Hood in the background from our out West Corvette trip this year 2010)! But I really enjoy our Ham hobby – I'm trying to get back into CW (am I ever sorry I let it lapse over the years). If you worked me CW, tnx for your patience, it's appreciated. I'm also getting interested in some QRP work. Overall I like meeting and conversing on CW, SSB-HF, VHF, UHF, Digital Modes, and work some Satellites at times (Amsat's done a great job – but I'm losing enthusiasm with just LOS's). Member of ARRL, AmSat, "FISTS" CW CLUB #14387 (as of 4/13/2009) <http://www.fists.org/> and also our local Ogemaw-Arenac Amateur Radio Society (OAARS www.k8oar.com). Being quite myopic (near sighted) when I was young, my folks and a local optometrist encouraged me with this hobby. At about the age of 12, I started wearing contacts, so I finally got rid of those coke bottle glasses. In the 50s, I believe Scouting really nurtured my desires for the outdoors and radio. Just as I began high school, I made the rank of Eagle. During High School I started with a station call sign of KN8LLD. After high school I left the hobby and came back in the 70s. I'm still a General, but someday when I get the time, I'll try for the Extra. I've been very fortunate that my eyesight has held, and I had an enjoyable career with GM. In the past I was a competitive bicyclist who got a chance to go to the US National Finals. Though I only jog and sometimes mountain bike for exercise, I still boat, fish (bass, walleye, ice-fish etc), hunt (rifle & bow), snow ski (downhill & Xcountry), and still take part in sports car events (since we have two Corvettes, one we Autocross [73] in NCCC & SCCC events, and the other is our summer cruising & vacation car [06]).

I'm also the webmaster for the Flint Corvette Club www.flintcorvetteclub.com. My wife and I now have those wonderful grandchildren and some are driving – boy are we getting old!!!. We moved North to our fishing & hunting cottage. Years ago there wasn't a traffic light or McDonalds - but we have them now! And the wife told me - this isn't going to be fish and hunt camp anymore - it goes along with saying "I do". So its been really upgraded – hi. We currently belong to the Lions, I'm the commodore/president of our housing association, and we do other community activities. The wife is a quilter, and gardener so she also belongs to those type of clubs up here. Overall we now fit in and are very comfortable with our surroundings. But recently I had a slight bump in the road – I came down with Melanoma Skin Cancer. So I've joined the ranks of folks with cancer. Luckily enough we believe we caught it in time – so I'm very fortunate for now! But guess who's now using LOTS of sunscreen – hi. Since it is quite genetic and I am blond and light skinned – I guess I was destine for it, due to my activities and disregard for liberal sun protection. Hopefully my children and grandchildren learn from my oversights. If you go to the Grid Satellite view, you can see where we live. I am in Grid "EN84da", but if I walk across the street - I go to EN83dx, 73s....



MY RESUME:

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, tried being a Chef--figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it... couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
15. SO, I TRIED Retirement AND FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

Note from the Editor: I love seeing articles and stories to share with our group. Keep them coming in. Send me and email to w0pc@aol.com. 73, Rick