

Off to Alaska With Phil, W9PMA



Back in early 2010 I was asked if I wanted to go on a group cruise and land tour to Alaska for 12 days. That's 1 day going 3 day land tour 7 day cruise and 1 day coming back home. I always wanted to visit Alaska so I said sure why not. There was supposed to be 3 guys and 5 women, all people I knew. Well by the time the trip got near 2 guys and 1 woman had dropped out. That changed it to 4 women and myself. Since I was looking forward to going I sure didn't want to back out.

On Aug. 17th we flew out of Indy to Fairbanks Alaska with a stop in Chicago. Upon arrival we stayed that night and next day in Fairbanks then left for Anchorage on a real nice tour bus. We then took an 8 hour tour through Denali National park seeing lots of wildlife and had a very enjoyable trip. We also stopped along the way to Seward and got a rare glimpse of Mt. McKinley through the clouds getting some good photos of it. From there we went to Seward and the cruise port where we got on the Royal Caribbean Radiance of the Seas cruise ship. During the cruise we went on some tours such as Whale watching seeing several Hump-



back whales. We also got up close and personal to one of the largest glaciers called Hubbard Glacier. While broadside to it and only about a 1/4 mile away it looked huge being 200 feet high and about 6 miles long. The captain blew a long blast on the air horn and a

huge chunk the size of about 3 houses caved off the front causing a nice little wave which rocked the 95,000 ton ship a little.

From there we continued along the inside passage and stops along the way down to Vancouver BC where we caught our flight back to Indy and home.

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**The GM Nets meet
daily Monday through
Saturday on 7.277.5
MHz at 17:00Z and
Tuesdays on 14.277 +/-
QRM at 16:15Z.**

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



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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.

**I can hear you finally ... Cycle 24 is finally waking up!
Join US at 1700Z On 7.277.5 MHz**

Net Control Schedule

May 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Notes: Nets on 7.277.5 MHz, 17:00 Z	2 WD9AIH - Bill	3 DF4IZ (1615z) N8XL5 - Denny	4 KC8JLC - Art	5 WB9YUR - Bill	6 WBBM - Wally	7 K8D55 - Ed
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 N8NPW - George	10 DF4IZ (1615z) K8MPV - Bob	11 W0PC - Rick	12 KB9VF - George	13 KBVW - Verle	14 K1RAY - Ray
15	16 WD9AIH - Bill	17 DF4IZ (1615z) N8XL5 - Denny	18 KC8JLC - Art	19 W9PMA - Phil	20 W0PC - Rick	21 WBBM - Wally
22	23 K8D55 - Ed	24 DF4IZ (1615z) N8NPW - George	25 K8MPV - Bob	26 W0PC - Rick	27 KB9VF - George	28 CQ WW WPX - CW KBVW - Verle
29 CQ WW WPX - CW	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> K1RAY - Ray	31 DF4IZ (1615z) N8XL5 - Denny	Notes: Schedule with DF4IZ (Walter) Tuesday at 16:15Z 14.277 + or - 5 kHz			



Guys, it was a dirty job but somebody had to go and I'm glad it was me.

We had a great time and saw a lot of neat things and lots of really beautiful scenery as well as.



A mother Grizzly and her cub in Denali Park

Some Caribou on a river bed in Denali Park



Hubbard Glacier is about 200 feet high and is about 6 miles wide



No...this Eagle is not in Iowa on the nest. It's in Seward, Alaska. What a beautiful bird!

ALASKA THE BEAUTIFUL



A mother seal and her pup on the ice floes near Hubbard Glacier



There is some caving going on. Chunks of ice the size of 3 houses are falling off the front of the glacier.

June 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: Nets on 7.277.5 MHz, 17:00Z			1 WD9AIH - Bill	2 KC8JLC - Art	3 W9PMA - Phil	4 KB9VF - George
5	6 WB9YUR - Bill	7 DF4IZ (1615z) K8D5S - Ed	8 NBNPW - George	9 K8MPV - Bob	10 W0PC - Rick	11 VHF QSO Party KB9VF - George
12 VHF QSO Party	13 K8VW - Verle	14 <i>Flag Day</i> DF4IZ (1615z) K1RAY - Ray	15 WD9AIH - Bill	16 NBXLS - Denny	17 W9PMA - Phil	18 WB9YUR - Bill
19 <i>Father's Day</i>	20 WB9YUR - Bill	21 <i>First Day of Summer</i> DF4IZ (1615z) WB9YUR - Bill	22 K8D5S - Ed	23 NBNPW - George	24 K8MPV - Bob	25 ARRL - Field Day W0PC - Rick
26 ARRL - Field Day	27 KB9VF - George	28 DF4IZ (1615z) K8VW - Verle	29 K1RAY - Ray	30 NBXLS - Denny	Notes: Schedule with DF4IZ (Walter) Tuesday at 16:15Z 14.277 + or - 5 kHz	



Riding the White Pass train up the mountain



Can I take him home Dad? He doesn't eat very much... Please?

Treworgy's Muscle Car Museum in Punta Gorda, FL Wally & Gordon Renn



I haven't seen any muscle cars that I didn't like. This is almost as good as going to a Ham Radio store... or Dayton! It sure brings back memories of my wild days. 73, WØPC (Rick)

Net Control Schedule

July 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: Nets on 7.277.5 MHz, 17:00Z					1 KC8JLC - Art	2 WD9AIH - Bill
3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> WB9YUR - Bill	5 DF4IZ (1615z) W0PC - Rick	6 WB8M - Wally	7 K8DSS - Ed	8 N8NPW - George	9 IARU HF Worldwide K8MPV - Bob
10 IARU HF Worldwide	11 W0PC - Rick	12 DF4IZ (1615z) KB9VF - George	13 K8VW - Verle	14 N8XLS - Denny	15 K1RAY - Ray	16 CQ WW VHF WD9AIH - Bill
17 CQ WW VHF	18 KC8JLC - Art	19 DF4IZ (1615z) W9PMA - Phil	20 K8VW - Verle	21 WB8M - Wally	22 K8DSS - Ed	23 N8NPW - George
24	25 K8MPV - Bob	26 DF4IZ (1615z) W0PC - Rick	27 KB9VF - George	28 K8VW - Verle	29 K1RAY - Ray	30 WD9AIH - Bill
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Wally, WB8M in the Treworgy's Muscle Car Museum in Punta Gorda, Fla. this spring. The 1958 Chevy was the 50th year Golden anniversary car. They gave one of the gold ones to an employee in our plant Chevrolet Bay City, MI who won the write in contest about Chevrolet.

Murder Mystery (true story)

For those who have served on a jury...this one is something to think about. Just when you think you have heard everything!!

Do you like to read a good murder mystery? Not even Law and Order would attempt to capture this mess. This is an unbelievable twist of fate!!!!

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science, (AAFS) President, Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death.

Here is the story:

On March 23, 1994, the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide.

He left a note to the effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly.

Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned.

The room on the ninth floor, where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun! The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus.

When one intends to kill subject 'A' but kills subject 'B' in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject 'B.' When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant, and both said that they thought the shotgun was not loaded. The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother.

Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't actually pull the trigger. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist....

Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus.

He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window.

The son, Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself. So the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

A true story from Associated Press.

Net Control Schedule

August 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: Nets on 7.277.5 MHz, 17:00Z	1 KC8JLC - Art	2 DF4IZ (1615z) N8XLS - Denny	3 WB9YUR - Bill	4 K1RAY- Ray	5 WB8M - Wally	6 ARRL UHF K8DSS - Ed
7 ARRL UHF	8 N8NPW - George	9 DF4IZ (1615z) K8MPV - Bob	10 W0PC - Rick	11 KB9VF - George	12 K8VW - Verle	13 K1RAY- Ray
14	15 WD9AIH - Bill	16 DF4IZ (1615z) N8XLS - Denny	17 KC8JLC - Art	18 W9PMA - Phil	19 K1RAY- Ray	20 ARRL - 10 GHz WB8M - Wally
21 Rookie Roundup RTTY ARRL - 10 GHz	22 K8DSS - Ed	23 DF4IZ (1615z) N8NPW - George	24 K8MPV - Bob	25 W0PC - Rick	26 KB9VF - George	27 K8VW - Verle
28	29 K1RAY- Ray	30 DF4IZ (1615z) N8XLS - Denny	31 WD9AIH - Bill	Notes: Schedule with DF4IZ (Walter) Tuesday at 16:15Z 14.277 + or - 5 kHz		



Wally Renn (WB8M) Fishers, IN

I took these pictures at Merle's place. The left one at the bottom of the page is Merle operating on Feb 25 2011 with the GM net from his QTH in Bonita Springs FL. He is talking to K8MPV who was net controller that day. I also checked in that day on the radio that Merle is holding in his hand and which is my TS-480S. We were making sure it tested out OK because of the poor connection from my condo QTH. Radio is good but my antenna setup is not. Merle hooked up a temporary 40 meter dipole for the check which I really appreciated. I am sorry I couldn't get the pictures from the Orland hamfest. It happens. 73 Wally



Wally and friends help thin out the Wall-eye population. Looks like they did pretty good job of it too.

Merle Zeek (W4MWZ) Bonita Springs, FL

Here is Merle's shack as captured by Wally this past February during our 40 meter net. Merle was testing Wally's Kenwood TS-480S to make sure it was working ok. Maybe now that Cycle 24 is finally waking up, we can hear Merle a little more frequently.



Nice looking shack Merle

