



Great time at the Fort Wayne Hamfest. It's good to see the smiling faces of our GM Net gang. I just wish I could have been there in person. Thanks to all the folks who sent me pictures to share with the net. Sometimes we formulate a mental picture of the person we are talking to... so it's nice to put a face on the voice over the radio.



Front row left to right: Ken (KG9O), Darrel (WD8ANZ), Back row: Minnie (KD8PAZ), George (N8NPW), Charlie (WD9IQV), George (KB9VF), Joe (K8JMM), Bill (WD9AIH). Not pictured is Phil (W9PMA).

Merry Christmas: We have had a great year with lots of good band conditions on 40-meters. The better conditions, have brought several more regular check-ins daily to our nets. Reminder, Walter is starting up the DX net on Tuesdays at 1615Z around 14.277 MHz +/- QRM.

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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 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 Control Stations:

George, KB9VF

Rick, WØPC

Verle, K8VW

Bill, WB9YUR

Denny, N8XLS

Bill, WD9AIH

Phil, W9MPA

Bob, K8MPV

George, N8NPW

David, ABØHU

Charlie, WD9IQV

Ed, K8DSS

Chuck, WA8IHI

Wally, WB8M

Walter, DF4IZ

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 Wide Awake!
Join US at 1800Z On 7.277.5 MHz**

Net Control Schedule

January 2012

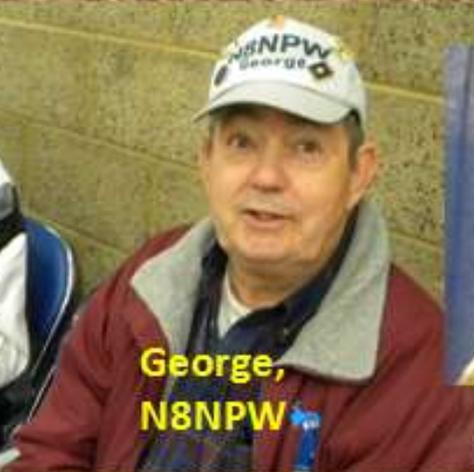
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Happy New Year!	2 WØPC- Rick	3 KB9VF - Geo, DF4IZ - Walter	4 WD9AIH - Bill	5 K8MPV - Bob	6 K8VW - Verle	7 WB9YUR - Bill	
8	9 N8NPW - Geo	10 W9PMA - Phil, DF4IZ - Walter	11 N8XLS - Denny	12 ABØHU - David	13 WA8IHI - Chuck	14 KB9VF - Geo	
15	16 WD9AIH - Bill	17 K8MPV - Bob, DF4IZ - Walter	18 K8VW - Verle	19 WB9YUR - Bill	20 N8NPW - Geo	21 W9PMA - Phil	
22	23 N8XLS - Denny	24 ABØHU - David, DF4IZ - Walter	25 WA8IHI - Chuck	26 WØPC- Rick	27 KB9VF - Geo	28 WD9AIH - Bill	
29	30 K8MPV - Bob	31 K8VW - Verle, DF4IZ - Walter	Notes:				

**DX Net Tuesdays with
Walter, DF4IZ (16:15 Z)**

Net News: This coming year (2012) we have a couple of new net controls joining the regulars. The first is David, ABØHU from Williamsville, MO. David is retired from Corvette and has been active with us once again with a big signal. Next is Charlie, WD9IQV, in Summitville, IN. We have to congratulate Charlie on his planned retirement. He is taking advantage of the special retirements that GM is offering. This was especially good offer because Charlie was planning on retiring anyway. I'm glad someone is getting a good deal! The Net Schedule can be a bit hard to read. Just hit the + sign and increase the document size. For 2012, I've found a new format that is much easier to read and modify/update. George, KB9VF will be sending the new net schedules out very soon. There are times when we can't make our schedule. Not to worry, someone else will always pick up the net for you. 73, Rick



Minnie,
KD8PAZ



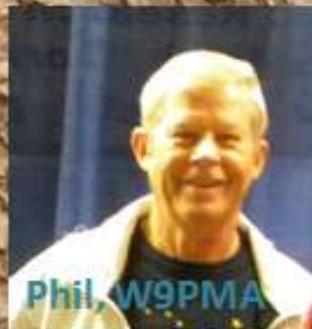
George,
N8NPW



Joe, K8JMM



Bill,
WD9AIH 11.18.2011



Phil, W9PMA



Charlie, WD9IQV



Ft. Wayne Hamfest



Ken, KG9O



Darrel, WD8ANZ



George, KB9VF



"REPEAT AFTER ME: AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES...
AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES... AT LEAST...."

Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken fence at the White House. One is from Chicago, another is from Tennessee, and the third is from Minnesota. All three go with a White House official to examine the fence. The Minnesota contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900: \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew and \$100 profit for me." The Tennessee contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$700: \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me." The Chicago contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers, "\$2,700." The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?" The Chicago contractor whispers back, "\$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Tennessee to fix the fence." "Done!" replies the government official. And that, my friends, is how these stimulus plans work...

Chain Saw Clipper Caper

Station Vandalized (Investigative Reporter: Johnny, W4XKE)

Investigators were brought out once again to a home in Sandusky to inspect the latest in a rash of vandalism that has been plaguing an individual homeowner who has been unable to explain why his antenna and amateur radio equipment has been targeted. Denny, N8XLS, a local FCC licensed radio station operator, reported yet another attack that has caused him considerable work, expense and has rendered his radio station compromised.

Denny's Shotgun: 6 ft. Barrel & 1.5" bore custom built for Squirrels. Denny commented that he might need his grandson's help to carry it around.



When neighbors were asked about the incidents, one allegedly told us, "I know he's been having a lot of trouble over there. We've seen him climbing up trees with traps, pulling on ropes and lately he's been patrolling around his house with a huge shotgun. The first time my husband saw him out with the gun, he mistook him for Elmer Fudd, but I told him that Elmer's hat is different and has 2 bills. Other than that, I could see how he could easily be mistaken." Attempts to capture the vandal with traps have only been successful in catching other innocent residents in the area. The last of these

was a rather abrasive raccoon who didn't appreciate being confined and expressed his dissatisfaction accordingly.

Remote cameras have been set up and investigators now have an image of the vandal, taken on subsequent events during the recent crime spree. Based upon the photos taken, the culprit has been nicknamed "The Chainsaw Vandal" It has been suggested that XLS may have indirectly been responsible for much of his own anguish since it is well known around the ham community that he often partakes of generous amounts of coffee and has a particular addiction to confectionary delights. These are known to leave a sweet, sticky residue on all of the work that he performs which may be an attractant to the vandal.

Coaxial cables, Dacron support lines and pneumatic switches have been bitten, chewed and perforated in recent months and all were found to have traces of the vandal's DNA as well as particles from a doughnut, 2 flavors of bismarks and a Danish roll.



Net Control Schedule

December 2011

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:			1 WB9YUR - Bill	2 N8NPW - Geo	3 W9PMA - Phil	4 N8XLS - Denny
5	6 WØPC- Rick	7 WA8IHI - Chuck, DF4IZ - Walter	8 WD9IQV - Charlie	9 ABØHU - David	10 KB9VF - Geo	11 WD9AIH - Bill
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Additionally, there have been DNA samples taken from other locations around the area but were declared inadmissible due to the trace amounts of sugar and XLS's own DNA that contaminated the samples. A K-9 unit from Special Services has been dispatched upon numerous occasions but the agent, who has extensive training in DNA identification, was unable to ascertain if the samples matched any of the suspects that were investigated. XLS was heard cautioning the K-9 agent, "You have to be vewwy, vewwy, quiet to capture this wascal!"

In the meantime, the perpetrator remains at large in spite of all efforts to apprehend him. It is hoped that he might become a victim of one of his own acts of vandalism by biting into the wrong cable or wire. XLS has threatened to rub a 220-volt wire with a doughnut.



USS Indianapolis (CA-35)

This past summer, Wally (WB8M) and gang visited the replica of the radio room of the USS Indianapolis. It's housed at the Indiana War Memorial building in Indy. Local hams collected gear from miles around to put on the display of receiving and transmitting equipment the Navy used. The club station call sign at the museum is WW2IND.



Net Control Schedule

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Notes:	DX Net Tuesdays with Walter, DF4IZ (16:15 Z)				1 N8NPW - Geo	2 W9PMA - Phil	3 N8XLS - Denny
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What to take to bed with you: contributed by Lee, WB8COG

No, this is not one of those dirty stories. It's really a pretty neat idea.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr's office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

I am sending this to everyone I know because I think it is fantastic. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

