

Bob & Carmen Hall, N8AOF Winters in Florida Summers in Loudonville, OH... Oh what a life!

Introducing:

Bob and Carmen Hall (N8AOF).

It was great visiting Florida this past February.

Last August when it was hotter than blue blazes, Helen and I planned a trip



south to visit Helen's brother in his new house in Florida. While we were there, we took the opportunity to visit Bob and Carmen as well as take in the Orlando Hamfest. When we planned this trip, our thoughts were winter was supposed to be cold, snowy and miserable. Being retired and not having to stay home, Why not go south! Old mother nature sure fooled us.

Bob and Carmen's winter home is just north of "The Villages." I've seen advertisements for a fabulous retirement community and seen videos of their fancy golf carts on TV. Well, it's true. Bob gave us a guided tour after lunch during our visit there. Of course, the weather was perfect. I'm already looking forward to next year trip. It was great seeing both of them. Bob, have a safe trip back to the northern home. 73, Rick

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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?
Contact our Net Manager
George, KB9VF
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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 1700Z On 7.277.5 MHz**

Net Control Schedule

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ABØHU - David	3 WD9IQV - Charlie, DF4IZ - Walter	4 WA8IHI - Chuck	5 WØPC- Rick	6 KB9VF - Geo	7 WD9AIH - Bill
8	9 K8MPV - Bob	10 K8VW - Verle, DF4IZ Walter	11 WB9YUR - Bill	12 N8NPW - Geo	13 W9PMA - Phil	14 N8XLS - Denny
15	16 ABØHU - David	17 WD9IQV - Charlie, DF4IZ - Walter	18 WA8IHI - Chuck	19 WØPC- Rick	20 KB9VF - Geo	21 WD9AIH - Bill
22	23 K8MPV - Bob	24 K8VW - Verle, DF4IZ Walter	25 WB9YUR - Bill	26 N8NPW - Geo	27 W9PMA - Phil	28 N8XLS - Denny
29	30 ABØHU - David	Notes: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;"> DX Net 14.277 +/- QRM Walter, DF4IZ Net Control 16:15Z Tuesdays </div>				

Net News: .

Charlie, WD9IQV, Summitville, IN.

We have to congratulate Charlie on his retirement April 1st (no joke). He is taking advantage of the special retirements that GM is offering. This was especially good offer for him because Charlie was planning on retiring anyway. Welcome to the 40-Meter net regulars Charlie. 73, Rick

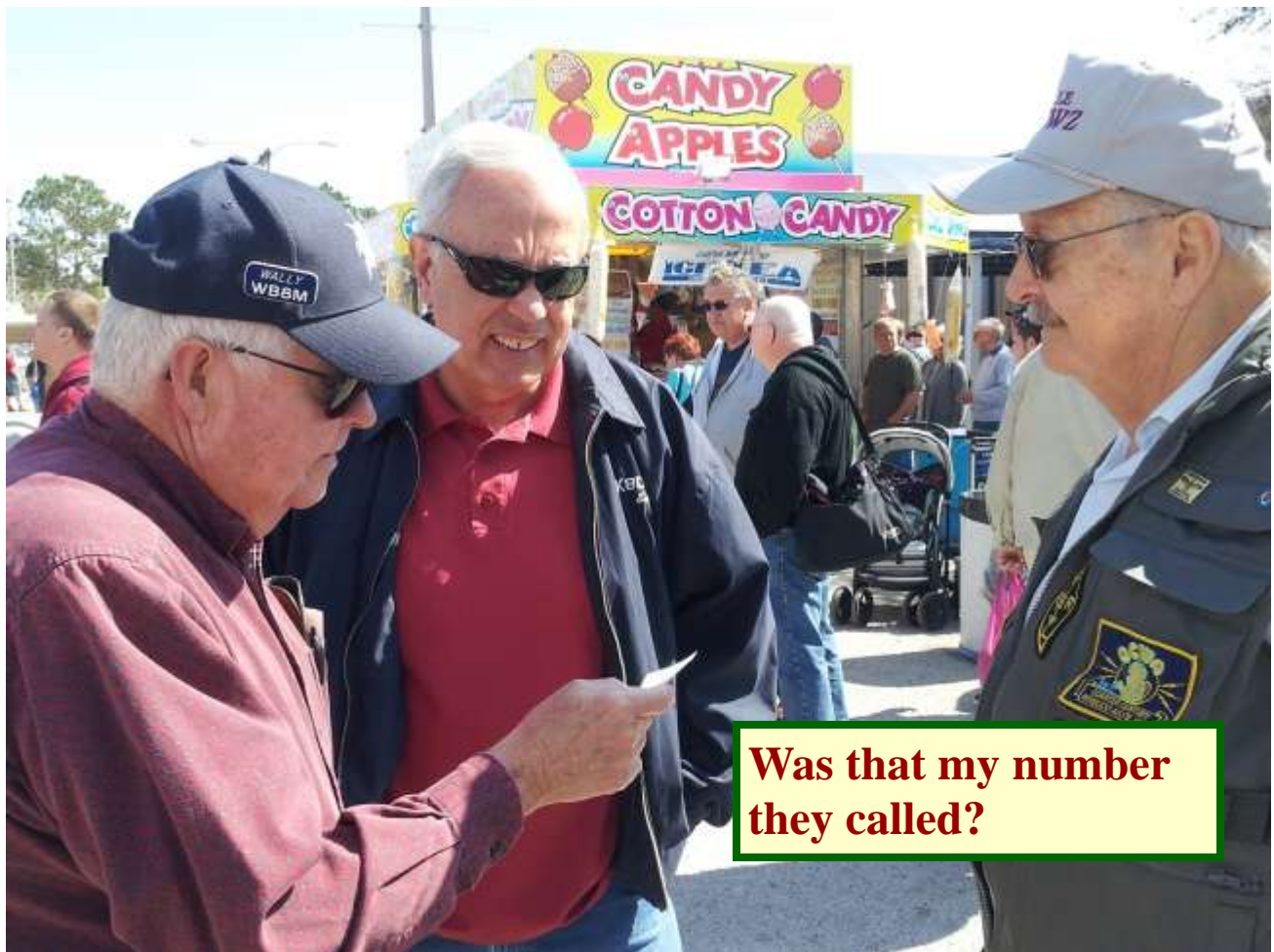


Orlando Hamcation 2012

Central Florida Fairgrounds



The Gang gets together at the Orlando Hamfest February 11th. Pictured left to right: Ed K8DSS, Wally WB8M, Merle W4MWZ, Rick WØPC.



**Was that my number
they called?**





HOW TO MEDICATE A PET



A. How To Give a CAT a Pill:

1. Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm, as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from floor, get cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw soggy pill away.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl, and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse in from the garden.
6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand, while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.
7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail. Get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.
8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil, and blow down drinking straw.
9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans, and drink one beer to take taste away. Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm, and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.
10. Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard, and close door onto neck, but leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.
11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink. Apply cold compress to cheek, and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect. Toss back another shot. Throw tee-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.
12. Call fire department to retrieve the cat from the top of the tree across the road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.
13. Using heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed, tie the little front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Push pill into mouth, followed by large piece of filet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash pill down.
14. Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm, and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.
15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect mutant cat from hell and call local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

B. How To Give a DOG a Pill:

1. Wrap it in bacon.
2. Toss it in the air. Done!



Ray Tompkins, K1RAY

Wonder what the other guys looks like...or was it the CAT?

Take it easy Ray...

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April 2012

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Some of us get pushed into a corner of the basement and others get their very own shack all to themselves. Bob's "Man Cave" is where he keeps all his toys with his fishing boat just outside the door gassed up and ready to go. Nearly everything is within reach. Bob can stay out of Carmen's hair and play outside all day.

Ft. Myers Hamfest, January 2012



Wally (WB8M) & Merle (W4MWZ) Ft Myers, FL



Pictured:

Top Left
Wally, WB8M
Ed Armstrong,
ND8R and
Merle,
W4MWZ

At left is Merle
in front of the
QCWA Booth

At Right is Ed
Armstrong,
ND8R

Thanks Wally
for the photos



Net Control Schedule

June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 K8MPV - Bob	5 K8VW - Verle	6 WB9YUR - Bill	7 N8NPW - Geo	8 W9PMA - Phil	9 N8XLS - Denny
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The Villages
Golf Carts everywhere

60-Meters Anyone?

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Hambands_color.pdf

The new 60-Meter Band rule is now in place. We can run a full 100 watts into a dipole. That's a 3dB increase in power level. Not only did the power go up but we also got a new channel that replaces the one that's always busy. I'm an HF'er at heart and don't really like anything that is limited to channels (fixed frequencies). Not all radios can operate on the newest ham band. Older rigs that have been opened up for MARS usually will also work on 60-meters. Newer rigs like the Yaesu FT-857D, FT-450D and fancier models come already programmed with the 5 frequencies. My Icom IC-756Pro III also came programmed with the frequencies. If you have a rig that has pre-programmed frequencies make sure the memories are updated. Remember one frequency went away and was replaced by another one. The 60-Meter band falls between 40 and 80 meters giving it pretty good characteristics. 73 de WØPC (Rick)

	Center Freq.	Dial Freq.
Channel 1:	5332.0 kHz	5330.5 kHz
Channel 2:	5348.0 kHz	5346.5 kHz
Channel 3:	5358.5 kHz	5357.0 kHz
Channel 4:	5373.0 kHz	5371.5 kHz
Channel 5:	5405.0 kHz	5403.5 kHz



When using 60-Meter SSB, remember it's **ONLY UPPER SSB**. Normally, any frequency below 20-Meters uses LSB. If you use the program memories, you won't forget which one is correct. Also, when using SSB, tune your dial to the "Dial Frequency" and keep your mic gain down. We are allowed to use PSK-31 too. Unlike 20-Meters, there can be only one station transmitting at a time. You can't move down the audio spectrum and find a clear spot. We can **only** have one station transmitting on the waterfall at a time. Make sure you use **1500 Hz audio frequency** on the waterfall display. If someone else is using the frequency, you must standby. Our only option is to QSY to one of the other 4 channels. That sounds like a real drag. Over the past week of listening, I find very little use most of the time. In the evening during prime time, there often are 3 QSOs going on leaving 2 channels open. If your rig is capable of tuning the 60-Meter band take a listen and see what you hear. My only hope is that we will get more frequencies and convert it like the rest of the ham band with an upper and lower limit... even if the power levels were kept down. The band has some nice characteristics. Wikipedia has a good article about the band. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/60-meter_band 73, Rick

Ham Radio Deluxe is changing: At the Orlando Hamfest, we had the opportunity to meet Rick Ruhl W4PC. He and some friends bought the rights to HRD from Simon Brown, HB9DRV. Rick said there would not be very many more FREE releases of the software and by the Dayton Hamvention, it would cost around \$60.00 to purchase. The new web site is <http://www.hrdsoftwarellc.com/>. You can still download the latest version 5.11a at no charge. I use the program to run my remote base and it's outstanding to say the least. There are lots of guys that say the DM-780 Digital portion is the BEST digital program on the market. If you tune around you sure hear lots of people running it. I prefer FLdigi because of other features that tie to Emergency Communications and Forms. Better Hurry if you still want to download the HRD for free. 73, Rick