

## Orlando HamCation 2016 The ARRL National Convention



Pictured above left to right is Wally - WB8M, Ed - K8DSS and Rick - WØPC. The photo was taken at the Florida Contest Group Banquet Dinner. It sure felt good to sit down after a long day walking the aisles of the new equipment dealers inside the buildings and the vast fields of tail gate for used equipment. The forums were good too. We all got a pretty good workout. The photo was by Helen, ACØNF.



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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 Control Stations:

George, KB9VF  
Rick, WØPC  
Verle, K8VW  
Bill, WB9YUR  
Denny, N8XLS  
Phil, W9MPA  
Bob, K8MPV  
Charlie, WD9IQV  
Fred, WD8ADG  
Chuck, WA8IHI  
Wally, WB8M  
Walter, DF4IZ  
Ed, K8DSS (Alternate)

### 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.

When running the net, pause after about 4 to 5 station during the roundtable and ask for check-ins to allow folks to get on the list.

### 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.

**Turn on the radio and tune us in. We are on 40-meters  
Join us on or about 7.277.5 MHz at 17:00Z**

# Net Control Schedule

## April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: <b>DX Net, 1615Z, 14.277 +/- QRM: Walter, DF4IZ Net Control</b>					1	2
		Note: Walter will not be on the 20-meter net 1st 3 weeks in April. KB9VW wil try and keep the frequency in use with a domestic net. Check in with George if you can. 16:15Z			K8VW - Verle	WB9YUR - Bill
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	W9PMA - Phil	N8XLS - Denny  <u>Geo-KB9VF</u>	WD9IQV - Charlie	WD8ADG - Fred	WA8IHI - Chuck	WØPC- Rick
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	KB9VF - Geo	K8MPV - Bob,  <u>Geo-KB9VF</u>	K8VW - Verle	WB9YUR - Bill	W9PMA - Phil	N8XLS - Denny
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	WD9IQV - Charlie	WD8ADG - Fred,  <u>Geo-KB9VF</u>	WB8M - Wally	WØPC- Rick	KB9VF - Geo	K8MPV - Bob
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	K8VW - Verle	WB9YUR - Bill, DF4IZ - Walter	W9PMA - Phil	N8XLS - Denny	WD9IQV - Charlie	WD8ADG - Fred

**Remember** the Tuesday **GM DX Net** at 16:15Z with Walter DF4IZ as net control. The dates are marked on the net schedule within this newsletter. CU on 14.277 MHz +/- QRM



**CQ GM Net DF4IZ**



# Net Control Schedule

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	WB8M - Wally	WØPC- Rick, DF4IZ - Walter	KB9VF - Geo	K8MPV - Bob	K8VW - Verle	WB9YUR - Bill
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	W9PMA - Phil	N8XLS - Denny, DF4IZ - Walter	WD9IQV - Charlie	WD8ADG - Fred	WA8IHI - Chuck	WØPC- Rick
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	KB9VF - Geo	K8MPV - Bob, DF4IZ - Walter	K8VW - Verle	WB9YUR - Bill	W9PMA - Phil	N8XLS - Denny
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	WD9IQV - Charlie	WD8ADG - Fred, DF4IZ - Walter	WB8M - Wally	WØPC- Rick	KB9VF - Geo	K8MPV - Bob
29	30	31	Notes:			
	K8VW - Verle	WB9YUR - Bill, DF4IZ - Walter	DX Net, 1615Z, 14.277 +/- QRM: Walter, DF4IZ Net Control			

**Ed - K8DSS** set this 1 meter diameter, mag loop antenna on a tripod about five feet above the driveway. I made a few nice Q's on 17 and 15M this afternoon, using the KX3 on my bench in the garage, running 5 watts. One QSO with W8SJ in MI went on for about 20 mins. He is a retired Detroit cop, worried about his pension since the city went bankrupt. Dick gave me a true 589 report, so I was pleased. Just proves once again that HF operation can take place anywhere, even using QRP! 73, Ed



## Ellen White - W1YL



**During the ARRL's National Convention at the Orlando HamCation**, the Florida Contest Group held their annual dinner. This year, a huge plaque was presented to the White family "Ellen, W1YL, Bob, W1CW (sk) and their son Jim, K4OJ (sk) for their lifetime contribution to ham radio and for their roll as The First Family of the Florida Contest Group with induction to the Florida Contest Group's Hall of Fame."

You may have seen this photo in the April 2016 QST magazine. Ellen is a remarkable lady. She is 83 years old and has been a ham for 70 years. She used to work for the ARRL in Newington, Ct and was the person who hired Dave Sumner, K1ZZ. Dave is the outgoing CEO for the league. Most of the ARRL's leadership was present to cheer for White's Family Honors. There couldn't be a more disserving family than Ellen's.

Ellen White stayed at the same hotel that we (Rick/Helen, Wally, and Ed) did so we had a good chance to really chat with here outside of the festivities of the dinner or hamfest. She is a wonderful and gracious person.

# Net Control Schedule

April 2016

June 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:			1 W9PMA - Phil	2 N8XLS - Denny	3 WD9IQV - Charlie	4 WD8ADG - Fred
5	6 WB8M - Wally	7 WØPC- Rick	8 KB9VF - Geo	9 K8MPV - Bob	10 K8VW - Verle	11 WB9YUR - Bill
12	13 W9PMA - Phil	14 N8XLS - Denny	15 WD9IQV - Charlie	16 WD8ADG - Fred	17 WB8M - Wally	18 WØPC- Rick
19	20 KB9VF - Geo	21 K8MPV - Bob	22 K8VW - Verle	23 WB9YUR - Bill	24 W9PMA - Phil	25 N8XLS - Denny
26	27 WD9IQV - Charlie	28 WD8ADG - Fred	29 WB8M - Wally	30 WØPC- Rick	Notes:  DX Net, 1615Z, 14.277 +/- QRM: Walter, DF4IZ Net Control	

**Four photos of my Hawaii trip:** 1st one looking into Kilauea volcano from 500 feet. 2nd Hilo Hawaii from the Helicopter. 3rd Rainbow falls in the Rain Forest near Hilo. 4th My favorite place to go every morning with my coffee near where we stayed in Kona Hawaii. 73, Phil (W9PMA)



## Easter at Charlie's (WD9IQV)



**Charlie and family** decided to go out for Easter dinner and when they got back home, the ground was white. It looked like the Easter Bunny went crazy and spread Easter eggs all over the yard. Fortunately it wasn't eggs. Boy that would be a real mess. The down side was a little damage to the 5th wheel's A/C cover and Charlie's wind sock on his runway for the powered parachute. As you can see, the grandkids had fun playing with the hail stones the size of golf balls.



# Net Control Schedule

July 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					KB9VF - Geo	K8MPV - Bob
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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## **"Termite Mutation Threatens Aircrafts & Ham Antennas"**

Recently-declassified government documents and photos reveal the rumors of aluminum eating termites (aka almites) are true. The aluminum termite is a mutation of a common termite seen all around the world. Bacteria in the digestive tract of the almite live off of aluminum oxides and secrete enzymes and nutrients essential to the almites survival.

Almites were first discovered in the 1920's as aircraft manufacturers were changing from the venerable 4130 chromoly tubing to the 20 series aluminum. Quick to discover the problem, scientists at the NACA and industry quickly developed coated aluminum (Alclad) that was resistant to almite attack. The development of alclad would prove essential to the Allied success in WWII.

During WW II, Germany was working on a Large Strategic Bomber (LSB) similar in size to the B-29. British commandos, working with the French Resistance, were able to place almites in the tails of the two LSB prototypes. The resulting unexplained crashes caused Hitler to kill the program (along with the company's chief engineer). Almites were also placed on several HE-111's, to devastatingly good effect.

In the US, fears that the almites would mutate further and attack alclad caused the military to consider the development of a large transport to be made completely out of wood. Contrary to popular belief, the Spruce Goose was not built because of a lack of aluminum, but because of the fear of contaminated aluminum. Only Howard Hughes and a small number of chief engineers were fully aware of the REAL reason behind the HK-1 project.

Almites appear to have a sinister side in industrial espionage. Some of the US servicemen that worked with the British were rumored to be working for Boeing at the time that the two early Comets crashed. Rather than admit to the existence of the almites, the British agreed to drop the issue in exchange for US propulsion technologies. April Fools!



# Amateur Radio Club

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## GM Amateur Radio Club Membership Application

*Membership in the GM Amateur Radio Club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio*

New Member [  ]      Renewal [  ]      Heritage [  ]

Present Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL member yes/ no \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be called \_\_\_\_\_ (This will be used for the First Name on your ID Badge)

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

If you are/were a GM employee - Work location \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly dues are: January 1 -- December 31

[  ] \$20.00 Individual [  ] \$30.00 Family [  ] Heritage \$10 (first year free)

Please make checks payable to: **GM Amateur Radio Club or GMARC**

**Note: Please enclose a passport photo (for your membership id)**

Mail to: **GMARC**  
**Bobby Corr - N8CY**  
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Shelby Township, MI 48317-5054

**Note from the Editor:** Many of our old Firebird ARC have also joined the GMARC as "Heritage" members. Nets are on WW8GM/R (443.075 MHz) linked to Echolink via WW8GM-R Monday's @ 8 PM EST or 0:00 Z