

National Parks on the Air

Florida & Missouri Style



Ed - K8DSS on the right along with his Sarasota gang operating NPOTA from the DeSoto Monument near Bradenton, Florida. George Wagner - K5KG is operating the radio below Field Day style with generators and portable antennas.



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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
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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
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

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:	

What's Joe Been Up To: A couple of videos I uploaded to U-Tube, the files were too large to e-mail. One is my 63 Corvette 509 BBC running a quarter mile race at Uibly Dragway, losing in the semi finals on a "red light" foul; the other is a round robin win at Lapeer Dragway in my 92 Camaro 565 BBC running one-eighth mile drags. Note the difference in speed and E.T. between 1/4 and 1/8 mile; 152 MPH vs. 125 MPH. Wind resistance really takes a toll at over 100 MPH. Note: This is handicapped racing, so the slower car gets a head start and the faster car has to catch him at the finish line; the difference is calculated and is reflected when the green light comes on on the "Christmas tree" in each lane. My cars were usually the fastest "door car" (version a "rail dragster") at the track so I had to chase down everyone! Enjoy.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7STi-L_ya4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21nop9o_OwQ



David Thompson, ABØHU (SK)



Pictured above are Rick - WØPC, David - ABØHU, and John - WAØQOD. This was taken at the Winterfest Hamfest in Collinsville, IL in 2013. David made a special trip to come up for some small parts and to meet us. This was a first time I had **to opportunity to meet David face to face. We've talked on the radio for years.** David was a great Net Control and we miss his voice on the 40-meter net. George—KB9VF always remembers David because during the Firebird meeting **in Bowling Green, George got to drive a Corvette and couldn't get out of it** when the drive was over. David had to lift him out. Those back surgeries George had fixed some problems but not the one involving getting out of the Corvette. **That was a very memorable time for George for sure. David's phonetics for his** call always got a chuckle, Alpha Bravo Zero Holy Underwear. It sure was easy to remember. His gravely voice checking into the net or calling the net will be very much missed. May he rest in Peace.

73, Rick

Net Control Schedule

July 2016

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



Bob - KD8RUZ & his wife Lois at Applebee's with Randy and Denny - N8XLS

NPOTA (Continued)



Field Day type setup

The St. Charles Amateur Radio Club using “WØPC” while Activating “The Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail (TRØ9) from the Lewis & Clark Boathouse and Museum in St. Charles, Missouri. The Missouri River is just behind our operating position. The Replica Boats used by Lewis & Clark are on display in the lower level of the boathouse.



Helen - ACØNF Supervising



Rick - WØPC Operating the radio

Net Control Schedule

August 2016

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

On the way to the Orlando Hamcation, Helen and I stopped off and paid a visit to Bob - N8AOF and Carmen Hall. The weather was great. As you can see, they are doing great. They are now back home in Ohio for the summer. I hope we can spend more time when we visit next time. I enjoy going to the Villages for Lunch.

73, Rick



K8MPV - The Voice of Peachtree City



Most of us feel good if we have one nice radio and an amplifier to go with it. Bob's very clean station sports some very nice equipment. It's hard to tell which is the main rig or which one is the backup. They are all first class... just like Bob. When Bob is running the net he kicks on the big Drake L7 amplifier. It's a full power machine that gets his signal out in style. For casual rag chewing, Bob uses the little Ameritron Solid State ALS-600 amplifier. Some folks say that life is too short for QRP... but in Bob's case, well he is a long way down south and can sure use the added power especially with the band conditions we have been experiencing. Which mic do you grab...? They both are good, one is hooked up to the Kenwood TS-570 and the other is to the TS-590. Eenie meenie miney mo, I think I'll choose this one today.

Thanks goes out to both Bob and Janis for such a fun and warm welcome at the end of the day journey. They live in a very beautiful area especially if you like to see the wildlife. We walked in the front door and saw several deer in the backyard woods. I'm not sure what the golf club's greens keepers think of that.

73, Rick



Net Control Schedule

September 2016

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

Traveling South on Highway 75 takes you right through Atlanta. This trip, we took a bypass around and stopped in Peachtree City and visited **K8MPV - Bob and Janis**. We drove through snow and Ice all the way to just north of Atlanta, GA. We went out to dinner at a favorite spot. It sure was fun seeing them once again. 73, Rick





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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)

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

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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