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Merry Christmas



December 2017



Fort Wayne Hamfest

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The Gang made it to Ft. Wayne and met at the GM Club table. Can you pick out our guys from all the masses?
KD8PAZ, WB8R, N8XKS, KD8RUZ, W9PMA, KB9VF, WD9IQV

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The GM Nets meet daily Monday through Saturday on 7.277.5 MHz at 18:00Z

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
Scott, W1BIC
Wally, WB8M
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. Visitors are always welcome to check in and join our daily net. 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 18:00Z**

Net Control Schedule

| December 2017 | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Notes: | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | W1BIC - Scott | W9PMA - Phil |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | N8XLS - Denny | WD9IQV - Charlie | WB9YUR - Bill | WØPC- Rick | KB9VF - Geo | K8VW - Verle |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | K8MPV - Bob | W1BIC - Scott | W9PMA - Phil | N8XLS - Denny | WD9IQV - Charlie | WB9YUR - Bill |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | WØPC- Rick | K8VW - Verle | KB9VF - Geo | K8MPV - Bob | W1BIC - Scott | W9PMA - Phil |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 0 | N8XLS - Denny | WD9IQV - Charlie | WB9YUR - Bill | WØPC- Rick | KB9VF - Geo | K8VW - Verle |
| 31 | Notes: | | | | | |

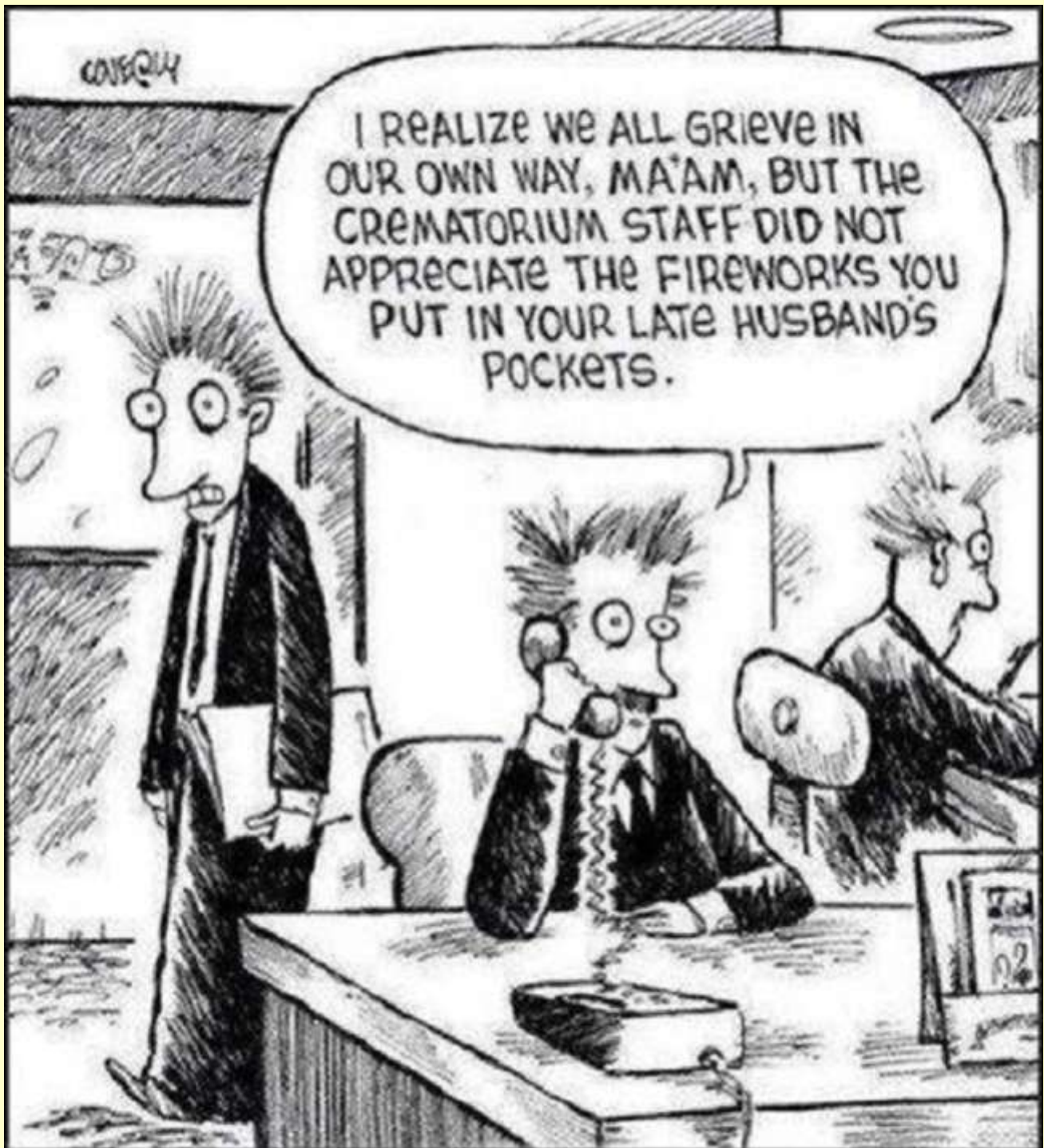
Pacificon October 2017, San Ramon, CA



Ed, K8DSS and Rick, WØPC attended the Pacific Division Convention in San Ramon, CA. The forums are fantastic starting with the antenna forum. Below is a photo of the Bob Heil Forum to a packed room.



Grieving



Net Control Schedule

January 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Notes: | 1 K8MPV - Bob | 2 W1BIC - Scott | 3 W9PMA - Phil | 4 N8XLS - Denny | 5 WD9IQV - Charlie | 6 WB9YUR - Bill |
| 7 | 8 KB9VF - Geo | 9 K8VW - Verle | 10 K8MPV - Bob | 11 W1BIC - Scott | 12 W9PMA - Phil | 13 N8XLS - Denny |
| 14 | 15 WD9IQV - Charlie | 16 WB9YUR - Bill | 17 KB9VF - Geo | 18 K8VW - Verle | 19 K8MPV - Bob | 20 W1BIC - Scott |
| 21 | 22 W9PMA - Phil | 23 N8XLS - Denny | 24 WD9IQV - Charlie | 25 WB9YUR - Bill | 26 WØPC- Rick | 27 KB9VF - Geo |
| 28 | 29 K8VW - Verle | 30 K8MPV - Bob | 31 W1BIC - Scott | Notes: | | |

Ft. Wayne Hamfest

Minnie, KD8PAZ says:
 “Emily is the one next to me and Olivia is behind me. They are my granddaughters. Jennifer is behind me. She is my daughter.”



Merry Christmas

October 2017 Goose Hunt

Below are Wally's Gang.

Wally, Gordy, Bryant, Trent and Noah. 73 Wally, WB8M



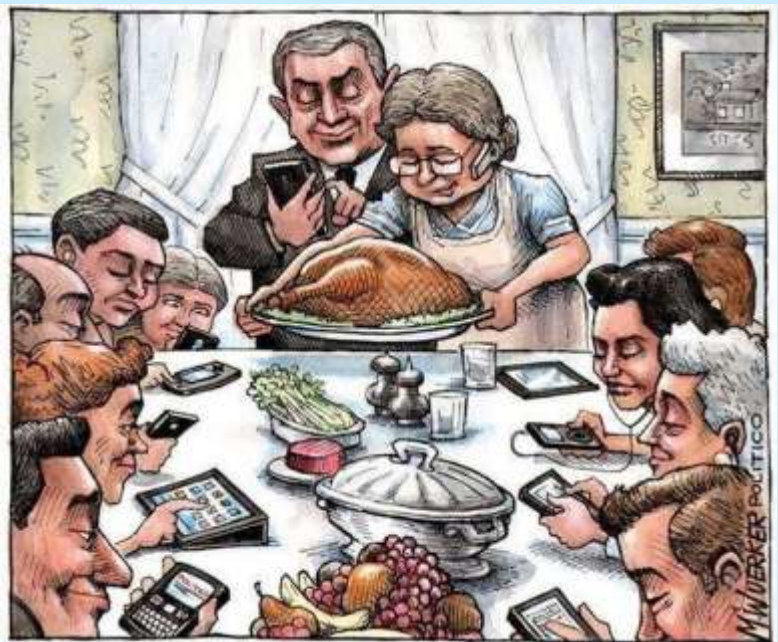
Net Control Schedule

February 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Notes: | | | | 1 W9PMA - Phil | 2 N8XLS - Denny | 3 WD9IQV - Charlie |
| 4 | 5 WB9YUR - Bill | 6 WØPC- Rick | 7 KB9VF - Geo | 8 K8VW - Verle | 9 K8MPV - Bob | 10 W1BIC - Scott |
| 11 | 12 W9PMA - Phil | 13 N8XLS - Denny | 14 WD9IQV - Charlie | 15 WB9YUR - Bill | 16 WØPC- Rick | 17 KB9VF - Geo |
| 18 | 19 K8VW - Verle | 20 K8MPV - Bob | 21 W1BIC - Scott | 22 W9PMA - Phil | 23 N8XLS - Denny | 24 WD9IQV - Charlie |
| 25 | 26 WB9YUR - Bill | 27 WØPC- Rick | 28 KB9VF - Geo | Notes: | | |

Modern Family Gathering.

What happened to conversation. Unfortunately, even our ham bands and the digital modes are going to sending macros.



Irma Tested New Sarasota EOC & 911 Center

Ed, K8DSS is the ARES/ACS Emergency Coordinator for Sarasota County. Hurricane Irma tested the plans and physical equipment on the new building and tower. There are more than 12 antennas on the tower. That's some serious wind loading.



Two of the five amateur radio antennas on the new tower. These are at 210 ft. Level. They are fed with 1 5/8" Heliax. That's some pretty expensive stuff.



No, That's not Ed climbing the tower



With today's price of concrete, can you imagine how much of our taxpayer money is in the hole in the ground to support such a huge antenna.... In 200 MPH winds? It held up to Irma!

Net Control Schedule

| March 2018 | | | | | | |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Notes: | | | | 1 K8VW - Verle | 2 K8MPV - Bob | 3 W1BIC - Scott |
| 4 | 5 W9PMA - Phil | 6 N8XLS - Denny | 7 WD9IQV - Charlie | 8 WB9YUR - Bill | 9 WØPC- Rick | 10 KB9VF - Geo |
| 11 | 12 K8VW - Verle | 13 K8MPV - Bob | 14 W1BIC - Scott | 15 W9PMA - Phil | 16 N8XLS - Denny | 17 WD9IQV - Charlie |
| 18 | 19 WB9YUR - Bill | 20 WØPC- Rick | 21 KB9VF - Geo | 22 K8VW - Verle | 23 K8MPV - Bob | 24 W1BIC - Scott |
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Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.



Amateur Radio Club

www.gmarc.org

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**
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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