

# Hamfesting We Go

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From left to right in picture: WB9IQV - Charlie, W9PMA - Phil, W1BIC - Scott and WØPC - Rick. Pictured below: K8DSS - Ed, WB8M - Wally and W8CPS - Court (ex K2JOI). While in the Dayton area for the Great Hamvention, a few of us met for dinner on Friday evening. It was truly great to see Court, Wally and Ed there. Both Ed and Wally were only at the Hamfest on Friday. Ed had to fly out early Saturday morning to St. Louis for his grandson's High School Graduation. Susan was already there. I know we missed seeing a bunch of friends at Xenia. Lets try again next year.



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**The GM Nets meet daily Monday through Saturday on 7.277.5 MHz 17:00Z (Daylight Time) 18:00Z (Standard Time)**

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  
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 17:00Z**

# Net Control Schedule

June 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:						1 KB9VF - Geo
2	3 K8VW - Verle	4 K8MPV - Bob	5 W1BIC - Scott	6 W9PMA - Phil	7 N8XLS - Denny	8 WD9IQV - Charlie
9	10 WB9YUR - Bill	11 W8MRW - Roy	12 WB8M - Wally	13 WØPC- Rick	14 KB9VF - Geo	15 K8VW - Verle
16	17 K8MPV - Bob	18 W1BIC - Scott	19 W9PMA - Phil	20 N8XLS - Denny	21 WD9IQV - Charlie	22 WB9YUR - Bill
23	24 W8MRW - Roy	25 WB8M - Wally	26 WØPC- Rick	27 KB9VF - Geo	28 K8VW - Verle	29 W1BIC - Scott
30	Notes:					

**Rick, WØPC’s Digital Forum at Xenia on “Integrating New Hams into a Digital World”**

It was an honor to be asked to speak at the Xenia Hamvention this year. Being my first time, I got a 3:30 - 5:00 PM timeslot Saturday. Maybe in future years, I can get a better one.

**Dayton  
Hamvention  
Xenia, Ohio  
2019**



## Family Fish Stories from Port Clinton, Ohio



Our family fishing trip to Port Clinton, Ohio included my 2 sons, a son-in-law, and grandson. Pictured is one of our days catch. We limited out both days of fishing. Lake Erie was up a foot from all the rain we had. The water was lapping over dock by my truck. The first day it rained on us. The second day was just overcast. The fish were biting so we had a great time.

Wally, WB8M

# Net Control Schedule

July 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:	1 K8MPV - Bob	2 W9PMA - Phil	3 N8XLS - Denny	4 WD9IQV - Charlie	5 WB9YUR - Bill	6 W8MRW - Roy
7	8 WB8M - Wally	9 WØPC- Rick	10 KB9VF - Geo	11 K8VW - Verle	12 K8MPV - Bob	13 W1BIC - Scott
14	15 W9PMA - Phil	16 N8XLS - Denny	17 WD9IQV - Charlie	18 WB9YUR - Bill	19 W8MRW - Roy	20 WB8M - Wally
21	22 WØPC- Rick	23 KB9VF - Geo	24 K8VW - Verle	25 K8MPV - Bob	26 W1BIC - Scott	27 W9PMA - Phil
28	29 N8XLS - Denny	30 WD9IQV - Charlie	31 WB9YUR - Bill	Notes:		



## The Silver Bullet 1000 Vertical 30 Meter Antenna

In between almost constant rain showers today, I converted the vertical on the deck to 30 meters for awhile. 30M seems pretty active day and evening, even with K=1 and A=13, no sunspot conditions. The telescoping whip is 9 1/2 feet, so do not need much inductance to achieve 1/4 wave resonance (23ft) on 30M. I forgot how many radials I have, but think it is around 8 or 10. Probably would do better with a few more. SWR is 1.2:1 with impedance about 40 ohms - not bad.

Reverse Beacon Network shows decent reports with the 10 watts from the KX2, so I'll play with it for the next week or so and see what I can do.



**The GM Amateur Radio Club meets the third Tuesday of the month  
(except July & August) at 7:00 PM, at the  
Packard Proving Grounds**

49965 Van Dyke Avenue  
Shelby Township, MI 48317  
[Between 22 Mile & 23 Mile Roads]



Meetings are also Streamed Live on Facebook - search for GM Amateur Radio

# Net Control Schedule

August 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:				1	2	3
				W8MRW - Roy	WB8M - Wally	WØPC- Rick
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	KB9VF - Geo	K8VW - Verle	W1BIC - Scott	K8MPV - Bob	W9PMA - Phil	N8XLS - Denny
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	WD9IQV - Charlie	W8MRW - Roy	WB9YUR - Bill	WB8M - Wally	WØPC- Rick	KB9VF - Geo
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	K8VW - Verle	K8MPV - Bob	W1BIC - Scott	W9PMA - Phil	N8XLS - Denny	WD9IQV - Charlie
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	WB9YUR - Bill	W8MRW - Roy	WB8M - Wally	WØPC- Rick	KB9VF - Geo	K8VW - Verle
Notes:						

**W1BIC, Scott has a real sleeper '51 Chevy truck.** We will have to get him to tell us all about it. I understand it has a Chevy 350 V8 and a new full frame and updated suspension underneath it. It sure looks good to me. I love hot rods and custom cars. As you can see in the picture, Scott is goofing off at the Casino talking on the GM Net with his portable ham shack in front of him. Remotehams is very cool!



# Family Fish Stories from Port Clinton, Ohio





# Net Control Schedule

September 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	K8MPV - Bob	W1BIC - Scott	W9PMA - Phil	N8XLS - Denny	WD9IQV - Charlie	WB9YUR - Bill
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	W8MRW - Roy	WB8M - Wally	WØPC- Rick	KB9VF - Geo	K8VW - Verle	W1BIC - Scott
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	K8MPV - Bob	W9PMA - Phil	N8XLS - Denny	WD9IQV - Charlie	WB9YUR - Bill	W8MRW - Roy
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	WB8M - Wally	WØPC- Rick	KB9VF - Geo	K8VW - Verle	K8MPV - Bob	W1BIC - Scott
29	30	Notes:				
	W9PMA - Phil					



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# Amateur Radio Club

[www.gmarc.org](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
Scott Bicknell  
3720 Crestwood Drive  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-4306

**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