



Merry Christmas

This seems to be the Christmas and Year of the 7300



So many of our GM Net Group have just received their Christmas present early or have one on back order. They're priced very competitively and with the sale ending Dec. 31st...the 7300's are going like hot cakes.

Court, W8CPS retired his Icom 756ProIII, Ed, K8DSS retired his Elecraft K3, Charley, WD9IQV is moving the Collins to the back shelf, Roy, W8MRW has one on order, George, KB9VF is retiring his Kenwood TS-870, and several others have upgraded already. Mike, K8DET and Scott, W1BIC have been using theirs for some time and love them. I know there are a lot more that I don't know about.

This pandemic has kept us cooped up in our hamshacks looking at those older rigs and reading about that fantastic little Icom, This is the "Year of the 7300."

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The GM Nets meet daily Monday through Saturday on 7.277.5 MHz at 18:00Z beginning Nov. 1

Would you like to help out
with Net Control Duties?
Contact our Net Manager
George, KB9VF
kb9vf9@gmail.com

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
Bill, WB9YUR
Denny, N8XLS
Phil, W9MPA
Bob, K8MPV
Charlie, WD9IQV
Wally, WB8M
Scott, W1BIC
Roy, W8MRW

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 on the “K3FEF.com” SDR Receiver
Cycle 25 is finally starting to show sun spots!**

Net Control Schedule

January 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:					1 K8MPV - Bob	2 W1BIC - Scott
3	4 WB9YUR - Bill	5 W8MRW - Roy	6 WØPC- Rick	7 KB9VF - Geo	8 K8MPV - Bob	9 W1BIC - Scott
10	11 W9PMA - Phil	12 N8XLS - Denny	13 WD9IQV - Charlie	14 WB9YUR - Bill	15 W8MRW - Roy	16 WØPC- Rick
17	18 KB9VF - Geo	19 K8MPV - Bob	20 W1BIC - Scott	21 W9PMA - Phil	22 N8XLS - Denny	23 WD9IQV - Charlie
24	25 WB9YUR - Bill	26 W8MRW - Roy	27 WØPC- Rick	28 KB9VF - Geo	29 K8MPV - Bob	30 W1BIC - Scott
31 0	Notes:					

WALLY'S DUCK HUNT NEWS:

My son Gordy and I spent 2 days hunting on the pond you see on his 100 acre hunting ground near Ripon WI. WX. was great for napping and duck hunting was slow but we got 4 one day.



Simplex Radio Company

<https://sanduskyhistory.blogspot.com/2017/01/simplex-radio-company.html>

After having been connected with the Maibohm Motor Company in Sandusky, Harry C. Maibohm started the Simplex Radio Company in 1924 at the corner of King and West Monroe Streets in Sandusky, Ohio. The advertisement above appeared in a 1932 Erie County Directory. The ad featured a Model P Simplex Radio which sold for \$29.95 and a Model R Simplex Radio, which sold for \$19.95. The Model P radio brought in radio stations from far distances, but the Model R was used primarily for local reception. In the 1930s, Simplex radios relied on RCA vacuum tubes for operation. The radio dial was illuminated, and interior chassis parts were rust-proofed. Most likely many Sandusky residents listened to President Franklin Roosevelt's "Fireside Chats" from a broadcast brought into their home through a Simplex radio.

When Jackson Junior High School opened in 1928, a Simplex system provided the ability to broadcast a radio program or phonograph record throughout a public address system, so that every student and teacher in the school could hear the broadcast at the same time. An article in the February 26, 1928 issue of the Sandusky Register reported that, "Through the imagination and foresight of F.J. Prout, superintendent of schools, Sandusky now claims the distinction of having what is believed to be the world's first radio-equipped school."



This page from a patent issued to Harry C. Maibohm in 1932 describes a combined radio receiver, phonograph and public address system. The entire patent document is viewable through Google Patents.

Simplex Long and Short Wave

Favorite for Its Five Tunes

Model P with New Glass \$29.95

Model R with New Glass \$19.95

Outstanding Features — Both Models

LICENSED BY RCA and AFFILIATED COMPANIES

The Simplex Radio Company

SANDUSKY, OHIO

As years went by, the Simplex radio became more streamlined, as seen in this picture of a 1937 Simplex radio, now at the Follett House Museum.

In 1937 Philco, a large radio manufacturing company, bought a controlling interest in the Simplex Company. The company relocated to the site of the former Maibohm automobile factory at 3130 West Monroe Street. By 1948 the local company adopted the Philco name. During war years, the factory worked on communications equipment for the U.S. Government. In the early 1950s, Philco made radios and television sets. In 1961 Philco moved its operations to Pennsylvania, and used the Sandusky plant as a warehouse. The Air Reduction Company purchased the warehouse building in 1964.

Net Control Schedule

February 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:	1 W9PMA - Phil	2 N8XLS - Denny	3 WD9IQV - Charlie	4 WB9YUR - Bill	5 W8MRW - Roy	6 WØPC- Rick
7	8 KB9VF - Geo	9 K8MPV - Bob	10 W1BIC - Scott	11 W9PMA - Phil	12 N8XLS - Denny	13 WD9IQV - Charlie
14	15 WB9YUR - Bill	16 W8MRW - Roy	17 WØPC- Rick	18 KB9VF - Geo	19 K8MPV - Bob	20 W1BIC - Scott
21	22 W9PMA - Phil	23 N8XLS - Denny	24 WD9IQV - Charlie	25 WB9YUR - Bill	26 W8MRW - Roy	27 WØPC- Rick
28	Notes:					

The Simplex and Philco Companies provided jobs for hundreds of local men and women. The Sandusky Library Archives Research Center is fortunate to have a series of newsletters from Simplex and Philco in its business collections. Visit the Sandusky Library to view these interesting publications, which range in date from 1948-1962



Bikefest at Lake Ozark

From the sky, bikers could be seen coming from every direction to the **2020 Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest**. It was estimated that 125,000 motorcycles and 155,000 people were in attendance for the [five-day] rally !!!



Reporters wore their masks while the TV cameras were on then took them off to drink beer and join in the festivities. The newspaper photographers weren't so kind and snapped their pictures. The only local exposed to the virus was the bar maid.

Net Control Schedule

December 2020

March 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:	1 KB9VF - Geo	2 K8MPV - Bob	3 W1BIC - Scott	4 W9PMA - Phil	5 N8XLS - Denny	6 WD9IQV - Charlie
7	8 WB9YUR - Bill	9 W8MRW - Roy	10 WØPC- Rick	11 KB9VF - Geo	12 K8MPV - Bob	13 W1BIC - Scott
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28	29 WB9YUR - Bill	30 W8MRW - Roy	31 WØPC- Rick	Notes:		

Virus Update from Johnny, W4XKE:

I wasn't allowed to say anything until today, but it's now done, so....

I volunteered for the test phase of COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer.



This vaccine is the one that has been developed in Russia.

It is in 6 different stages and I received my last dose at 6:20 AM, and I wanted to let you all know that it is safe and I'm ok, with no side effects whatsoever, and that I feelshki я чувю себя немного стрно и я думю, что вытл осные уши. чувствую себя немго страо. **Желаю вам счастливого Рождества и счастливого Нового года!** Comrades...

Ideas from our 7300 Engineer (K8DSS)

- There are a lot of YouTube videos on the Icom 7300, but I found this "A to Z" series to be the most thorough and easiest to understand. He limits each one to around 15 minutes or less, so even though it is a deep dive, it is tolerable!
<https://youtu.be/m48WLp76ue0>
- A small hint to get going on SSB with the excellent, supplied hand mic: set the Mic Gain at 3 or 4, the Compressor at 3, the TBW (transmit bandwidth) at Wide, the TX Treble at +2 and the TX Bass at -2. Output power at 100% (100 watts).
- the "Radio Today Guide for the IC-7300" today on Amazon -\$14.99. Great reviews! Much better than the Japanese, translated to English, Icom manuals.
- Wire Bale Desk Stand is designed for the 7610 and 7300. I ordered mine from Amazon. Really nice adjustment for viewing angle and very stable.



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

April 2021

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



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145.210 MHz - 123 Hz PL
EchoLink® Node # 99846



WW8GM

443.075 MHz + 123 Hz PL
145.210 MHz - 123 Hz PL

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Atop GM World HQ
300 Renaissance Center
Detroit, MI 48265-0001

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Michigan / Wayne County - Grid: EN82



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**
Bobby Corr - N8CY
45601 Fox Ln w apt 106
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