

TRAFFIC CALL

Newsletter of the Ben White Memorial Nets
Founded 1938
Hit and bounce CW Traffic Net ~ Hit and Bounce Slow Net
JANUARY 2001



Larry Frazer Award
N9KHD
January ~ March

The Award committee has selected Andy, N9KHD as the next recipient of the Larry Frazer, W4SUS Award. Andy is being selected following the Award criteria: Net participation, traffic handled and operating procedures. Andy is always a ready recipient of traffic. He is a constant and punctual member of the HBN team. It is a pleasure to pass the Larry Frazer, W4SUS memorial paddle along to him. CONGRATULATIONS Andy!!!

HBN MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Sis WD8DIN

HBN attendance and traffic count for December increased with fifty-two different stations bringing QNI 575 listing 518 pieces of traffic, clearing 506 and with an average per session of 34.38 minutes shows that our net control stations run a tight ship with the assistance of the entire crew. Teamwork pays off. Well done, arfers! Let's hope for a better year in 2001.

Top twelve arfers in December with traffic 11 or more: K8LJG 119, KA8WNO 96, WD8DHC 36, N4ABM 35, AB4E 31, WA4DOX 24, WD8DIN 23, KA8VWE 21, KJ4N 21, W2EAG 15, WX4H 13, WA3UNX 11 and AA8PI 11.

Perfect attendance WX4H and KA8WNO; QNI 12 to 30 days: K8LJG 30, W2EAG 28, W0GRW 28, WA3UNX 26, AB4E 24, N4ABM 23, N9KHD 23,

20, WD8DIN 20, W2MTA 20, W3JKX 16, KK3F 15, K8KV 13, N3DE 12, KA5NNG 12, K2BCL 12. Weekenders WA4DOX 10, N3QA 9, WA3JXW 14.

May you have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. 73, ARF

-Sis WD8DIN, Mgr.

HBSN MANAGER'S COMMENTS

C. M. "Sam" Shearer WB5ZJN, Manager
Charles "Chuck" Punzell N3ON, Asst. Manager

December found 31 stations generating a QNI of 400 and a QTC of 49. Jim, WA3DUH had a perfect attendance, and 20% of our members placed in the 25-30 QNI category. These were Don, K2YAI with 30; Ad, NR9K and Chuck, N3ON with 29; Sam, KG2HA and John, VE3DTR with 27; and Andy, N9KHD with 25. In the 20-24 category were Bill, W2MTA; Sam, WB5ZJN; Chuck, WX8B; and Mike, WD8DHC. For the other 21 loyal supporters of HBSN, we thank you for your contribution.

Pre-Net Games Revisited: I received a letter from Mike, KA5NNG, referring to my comments in last month's Traffic Call regarding pre-net games. Mike said, "...and about that "ditting" nonsense that seems to be spreading like some sort of virus...it is not confined to HBSN either. I hear that silliness before some of the section nets I monitor too. One would think those folks would simply QSO one another instead of playing games, and thereby do something useful... It is even more irritating when they continue that stuff into the scheduled time for the net..." It is unfortunate that this is happening, and I am saddened that it seems to be spreading. However, HBSN

members, let's set an example of how a good net should be run. If you want to call one another, great. Have a pre-net QSO. You could send QRL? DE <your call> or CQ ARFERS DE <your call>. I'll bet you'll get a response. Regardless, please stop the "dits and dahs" game. Okay?

Busy December: After my whirlwind of December concerts, my wife and I took off a week and visited family. The visits were great, but, oh brother, the weather made flying a mess. I was in West Texas right in the middle of their ice and snowstorm. And then I was in the Dallas area when it got hit. Seemed like that storm was right on my tale. Boy, was it good to get back home.

What's Up?: What's going out there with you, guys? Remember, this newsletter should have news about you, and I know that you'd like to hear about one another. Send us your "stuff" or you'll have to put up with my fodder.

Happy New Year!

Silent Keys: December brought the regretful news of the passing of three superb operators and veteran traffic handlers who were dedicated to Amateur Radio Public Service and for many years, members of the Hit and Bounce Nets. Condolences to the families of Pete W2WSS, Jim WA1TBY and Darlana N2DB. They will be greatly missed.

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From Jack KA8WNO: I met and talked to Jim, WA1TBY, about 5 or so years ago at a tfc hdlrs picnic in NY, and handled several pcs of tfc with him over the years. Like the others, Jim was a fine guy and fast on the keyer. Talked to Pete, W2WSS, a couple of times in NY at picnics and always had a great feeling for him.

FYI:

Zip code for Ole, N4ABM is 21091.

K2BCL is now in EPA, 26 Oxford Cir., Norristown, PA 19403-2939.

K8KV will be in FL until May. 7A Douglas Dr., Tavares, FL. 32778

Email update:

KG2HA

Sam Scholes: kg2ha@infoblvd.net

DOB 06/05/15

K2YAI

Donald Woodruff: don_k2yai@yahoo.com

The Traffic Handlers' Picnic will be on the weekend of Saturday, July 28, 2001, in Newark Valley NY at this QTH. There will be a Friday night supper at a local restaurant preceding' the picnic. Many new motel facilities are available in the Vestal NY area along the Parkway, Route 434...some 15 miles from this QTH. Other facilities are available in Endicott, Johnson City and Owego.

I note that December 1, 1912, Jack Titterington, W1EOF, last located in R.I., was born. Unfortunately I am quite sure that he joined Silent Keys over a year ago. I have memories of passing traffic with him for many years back into the sixties. -Bill W2MTA

NJ4L AWARD JANUARY



A certificate has been issued to Geb, W0GRW, in recognition of his proficiency in traffic handling and loyal support of HBN. Thank you, Geb. *A donation to the Heart Fund has been made in his name.*

HIT AND BOUNCE NET DECEMBER

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STA</u>	<u>QNI</u>	<u>QTC</u>
N1DHT	GEORGE	VT	22	6
W1KX	BILL	ME	9	
N1OTC	JACK	MA	1	
W1PEX	DAN	NH	22	
KWIU	MARCIA	MA	2	1
K2BCL	GAIL	PA	12	1
WA2CUW	TOM	NJ	3	
W2EAG	MARK	MA	28	15
K2GC	JERRY	NY	1	
W2MTA	BILL	NY	20	
WA2RUE	PHIL	NY	2	
W2WSS	PETE	NY	2	
K2VX	DAVID	NJ	1	1
K2YAI	DON	NY	3	
N3DE	HARRY	MD	12	3
KJ3E	AL	MD	1	1
KK3F	PAT	MD	15	
AA3GV	ERNIE	MD	1	
W3JKX	EARL	PA	16	6
WA3JXW	DUDLEY	PA	14	7
N3QA	CAL	MD	9	2
WA3QNT	BOB	PA	1	1
K3RC	BOB	OH	5	
N3SW	SCOTT	PA	5	
WA3UNX	DON	PA	26	11
WA3YLO	TONY	MD	3	5
N4ABM	OLE	VA	23	35
AA4AT	ART	VA	2	
W4DNE	BILL	NC	8	2
WA4DOX	OBIE	VA	10	24
AB4E	AB	NC	24	31
WX4H	MORT	FL	31	13
K4IX	BUS	VA	1	1
W4KFR	JIM	KY	1	
KJ4N	JAN	FL	4	21
W4VFJ	CHAS	NC	1	
KA5NNG	MIKE	AR	12	1
K5UPN	JOE	TX	1	
KX8B	CHARLES	OH	1	
WD8DHC	MIKE	WV	20	36
WD8DIN	SIS	NC	20	23
KC8GMT	LORA	MI	6	3
K8KV	BEN	MI	13	4
K8LJG	JOHN	MI	30	119
AA8PI	DON	MI	5	11
W8RTN	LEE	MI	9	1

WB8SIW	JIM	MI	2	
KA8VWE	WALLY	OH	21	21
KA8WNO	JACK	WV	31	96
WA8ZGL	TOM	OH	2	
KB8ZYY	RAY	MI	1	1
N9KHD	ANDY	WI	23	1
K9PUI	DICK	IN	1	
W0GRW	GEB	MN	28	3

HIT AND BOUNCE SLOW NET DECEMBER**C. E. "Sam" Shearer WB5ZJN, Manager****QNI-400 QTC-49 Sessions - 31**

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>QNI</u>
K1BTD	KEITH	CT	7
KC1DI	DAVE	ME	2
W1KX	BILL	ME	10
K2BCL	GAIL	PA	10
W2EAG	MARK	MA	2
KG2HA	SAM	NY	27
W2MTA	BILL	NY	21
WA2RUE	PHIL	NJ	2
W2WSS	PETE	NY	2
K2YAI	DON	NY	30
W3BO	TOM	OH	1
N3DE	HARRY	MD	7
VE3DTR	JOHN	ON	27
WA3DUH	JIM	DE	31
W3JKX	EARLE	EPA	18
WA3JXW	DUDLEY	EPA	17
N3ON	CHUCK	WPA	29
WA3QNT	BOB	PA	6
W3QQ	CID	DE	9
K3RC	BOB	OH	1
N3SW	DICK	PA	1
WA3YLO	TONY	MD	2
KA5NNG	MIKE	AR	11
WB5ZJN	SAM	OH	23
KX8B	CHUCK	OH	20
WD8DHC	MIKE	WV	24
WD8DIN	SIS	NC	3
WA8ZGL	TOM	OH	1
NR9K	AD	EPA	29
N9KHD	ANDY	WI	25
K9PUI	DICK	IN	2

YEAR 2000 TOP ARFERS

Some of you arfers had a busy Y2K! With traffic over 200: K8LJG 969; KA8WNO 719; KJ3E 506

and AA8PI 369. Three broke a hundred: N4ABM 180; N3QA 165 and WX4H 165. Nice going, guys!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 12, KK3F; 16, N3ON; 23, KA5NNG; 25 K8KV and AA8PI; 28, W3KOD; 28, W3QQ; 31, K4MTX February 1 WD8DIN; 22 WA3QNT.

Two new stations joined us in December, K2VX, David in NJ, and W4DNE, Bill in NC. Please make them welcome. Following is a brief profile of W4DNE..., which I confiscated from an email that I received from him (with his permission).

PROFILE – W4DNE

I have been brass pounding off and on for the past 44 years starting with KN4KVI in 1956 (when a junior in high school), but I have allowed my license to lapse twice over the years because neither ssb nor 2 m could hold my attention and the cheap and available electronic keyers were not available yet! I was relicensed in 1996 as KF4PTZ (boy, is that an awful CW call!) and began to catch up on what wonderful equipment was out there by that time. I have settled into a "rut" of 40m CW only and have an opportunity now, in retirement since this past April, to ragchew with a few friends around the east coast and meet daily with the WaterWay CW Net each morning on 7050.

The WW net alternates fast and slow on successive days, but really does not pass actual formal traffic. Still it is a fairly strictly controlled net that covers NY - FL - TX - MN and thus requires a lot of qsp and other assistances that make better ops out of us.

I am not sure what the "demands" of the HBN might be on a new Arfer, but will try to assess this in terms of participation in the future. I don't want to be "on the roll" only. If I'm going to be part of the group, I want to be a substantive part. I am also currently the President-Elect for 2001 of the Triode Amateur Radio Club (Murphy/Andrews NC) which has about 40 members in the North GA and Western NC area. This will make some demands on my time, as well.

I believe this activity would be fulfilling to me since

it is substantive as well as having a social aspect.

In closing, I must say that your NCSs seem to run a very efficient operation. I am very impressed with the shortcuts and tacit understandings that transpire on the net. It would appear that to be a NCS you would have to be able to write with one hand and key with the other!! There is too much to keep up with with one hand only doing the major duties!

Editor's note: I believe there is an upcoming arfer here. Thanks for the info, Bill.

Arfers, get your pens and keyboards and send your profile, anything newsworthy- your activities, etc.. oh, yes, slip in a photo also.

OPERATING TIPS

Submitted by Mike KA5NNG

Following material from the 1926 ARRL Handbook.

Pg 120: "Poor sending takes the joy out of operating. There are stations whose operators are not able to send better and those who can send better but do not. The latter class believe that their 'swing' is pretty...."

Pg 122: "Acknowledging messages or conversation: NEVER SEND A SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGE UNTIL the transmission has been SUCCESSFULLY RECEIVED.
'R' means 'All right, OK, I understand completely'.

Pg 125: "Don't tell a fellow his signals are R8 when you can just hear him."
"Don't say QRM or QRN when you mean QRS."
"Don't acknowledge any message until you have received it COMPLETELY."
[Some things never change...Ed.]

Traffic "netiquette": Recently a station was sent off frequency to pick up traffic. The two stations engaged in a qso when finished, and the rx station had to break. Please try to wait until QNF. [I'm guilty of this myself at times, and it is not good practice. -Ed]

CAN ROUTING GUIDE

From Mike KA5NNG

Fifth Region (RN5): Alabama, Arkansas, Florida**, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas

**NOTE: Although Florida is "officially" in the Eastern Area (4RN) it does send liaison stations to RN5 as well as to 4RN.

Ninth Region (9RN): Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin

Tenth Region (TEN): Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Saskatchewan, South Dakota

C A N Alphabetical by State:

Alabama	RN5
Arkansas	RN5
Florida	RN5
Illinois	9RN
Indiana	9RN
Iowa	TEN
Kansas	TEN
Kentucky	9RN
Louisiana	RN5
Manitoba	TEN
Minnesota	TEN
Mississippi	RN5
Missouri	TEN
Nebraska	TEN
N. Dakota	TEN
Oklahoma	RN5
Saskatchewan	TEN
S. Dakota	TEN
Tennessee	RN5
Texas	RN5
Wisconsin	9RN

My apologies for the omission of the Treasurer's report in the December issue. Our treasurer did submit the report and while I was "shuffling" text, I lost it. and did not notice the error until after it was printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT
(Donations not printed in report for November TC):

NOV	W8RTN	10.00
DEC	VE3DTR	10.00

New Balance Forward	\$197.52
Expenditures	112.81
New Balance Forward	84.71
Receipts TC Dec	82.86
Balance	1.85

TREASURER'S REPORT

N4ABM, Treasurer

Balance brought forward Dec 13, 2000 \$1.85

Contributions:

N4ABM	\$10.00	Dec 14/2000
WA3UNX	\$10.00	Dec 16/2000
WA2CUW	\$10.00	Dec 16/2000
Anonymous	\$20.00	Dec 19/2000
WB3CPG	\$10.00	Jan 01/2001
Total Cont. Through Jan 01/2001	\$60.00	
Fund Balance Jan 5/2001	\$61.85	

DEADLINE FOR NEWS VIA USPS 25th of each month, and with the marvels of cyber technology and the "copy and paste" feature, you may submit via email through the 5th of the following month.

Jack, KA8WNO suggests we consider using "QST" when checking in on "short time." A good idea, and a time saver. [And why not revive the signal QWW, meaning "words with.."] Your comments?

GENERATING TRAFFIC

Like to create a few messages, but no one to send them to or nothing to say? It occurred to me that there is an answer to this problem that we seem to ignore. I'm as guilty as most in this respect. Got a couple of msgs a few days ago from Bill, WB2GTG. Here they are with name/call changes:

200 R W1KX 17 MONMOUTH ME DEC UR NR
111 DLVD DEC 2 X PLYMOUTH HAM IS
WW1XYZ AND THANKS YOU FOR MESSAGE
73 BT BILL W1KX

58 R K1FP 13 ROME GA DEC 3
KA8WNO
REF UR NR 705 HOBBS ROSWELL GA
DLVD 2135 DEC 3RD X 73 BT FRANK K1FP

Another msg generating engine I think I mentioned before is the reply you receive when the delivering station couldn't deliver a message, such as:
UNABLE TO DELIVER MSG #228 X
ADDRESSEE MOVED X 73 BT FRANK WX5XYZ

In this case, look at the preamble of msg Frank sent you. You see that he lives in Waco, TX. Reply to him with a message whose text is something like:
THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS FRANK X QTA
AND 73 BT
---Jack KA8WNO, Acting Mayor of
Punkintown, WV.

Bon Voyage, Mark! From January 21 to January 28th, Mark W2EAG will be visiting exotic places... New Orleans, Mexico, and on to Jamaica! Let's wish him a safe and enjoyable trip. Send sunshine, Mark!

TC URL: <http://firststepsite.com/hitandbounce.net/>
Text. This is a new URL. The original site seems to be non-existent at this time.



Photo by K8KFJ

Above: "Acting Mayor" of Punkintown, WV.

Below: When John K8LJG is not on HBN sending traffic, he's probably doing this!



K8LJG

ROOA

Royal Order of Arfers

KJ3E	99/09/07	
WA3QNT	99/08/0	
	W1WCG	93/09
KB5W	99/01/12	
	N6OD	93/09
K3FT	99/01/12	
	N3DRM SK	93/09
AA1KF	99/01/12	
	AB4E	93/09
WB8SIW	98/11/10	
	(then KO4BJ)	
WA4DOX	98/11/10	
	WA2CUW	92/01
W8JWX	98/11/10	
	WX4H	91/12
KB8ZYY	98/11/10	
	WB5ZJN	91/12
K8KV	98/11/10	
	WA1KKP	91/12
KC8GMT	98/01/27	
	VE3GSQ SK	91/12
K8LJG	98/01/27	
	W3KOD	91/07/11
N9KHD	97/11/20	
	KC1DI	91/07
K8KFJ	97/08	
	KA8WNO	91/07
N4ABM	97/07/21	
	KD2WP	91/06
KK3F	97/07/21	
	KB2SRT	91/06
KA8VWE	97/02/04	
	W2DMM	90/11
K2BCL	96/11	
	KB2EPU	90/11
WB2RPW	96/04/25	
	K4MTX	90/05

N3QA	96/04/25	
	NR3Q	90/03
WD8DIN	95/10/13	
	K5UPN	90/03
W8ENX	95/10/13	
	K6HAP	89/09
N3DE	95/10/13	
	W2WSS SK	89/08
AA8PI	95/10/13	
	WT8L	89/07/19
WB8KPE	95/02/10	
	WI2G	89/07/19
KA5NNG	95/02/10	
	KA8BBY	89/07/19
N1OTC	94/07/01	
	W3DP	89/07/08
W7LVB	94/06/02	
	WA3UNX	89/03
KF1L	94/05/12	
	W3JKX	89/03
W4SVG SK	94/04/15	
	W0GRW	89/03
N3COR	94/01/08	
	N4DY	89/03
KK3F	94/01/08	
	N3DRM SK	89/03
W4VFJ	93/12	
	N1DHT	89/03
W0UCE	93/12	
	KD8WX	89/03
AC4DV	93/12	
	K3NNI	89/03
W8SKK	93/09	

The Meeting Places ~ When and Where...
HBSN 3714 Khz 7:30 AM Daily

Sunday	OPEN	
Monday	OPEN	
Tuesday	NR9K	Ad
Wednesday	WB5ZJN	Sam
Thursday	N3ON	Chuck
Friday	WD8DHC	Mike
Saturday	OPEN	

HBN 7042 KHz 8:30 AM Daily
(Alt 7114KHz)

Sunday	W2EAG	Mark
Monday	KA8WNO	Jack
Tuesday	WA3UNX	Don
Wednesday	N4ABM	Ole
Thursday	KC8GMT	Lora
Friday	WD8DIN	Sis
Saturday	WA4DOX	Obie

This is your newsletter, what do you want to see here? More of “this”, less of “that”? Comments and/or advice is welcome. I can use all the help I can get. Hi. We like to hear about your activities, on ham radio or other hobbies (of course, nothing is as much fun as CW and traffic handling), but let us know about **you**.

Until next month and the "war of the word"...73 ARF! -Sis

A bit of Ozark humor from our resident Arkie, Mike KA5NNG: A tourist stopped to chat with Farmer Hobbs, who lives a far piece back in the Ozark hills. Said the visitor: "You say you have lived in this out-of-the-way place for 30 years? Why, I can't see a thing around here that would keep you busy all that time." Hobbs shifted his tobacco from one cheek to the other and said, "Stranger, I can't either. That's why I live here."

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