

# Newsletter of the Ben White W4PL Net



## TRAFFIC CALL NO. 310 SPRING - SUMMER 2013

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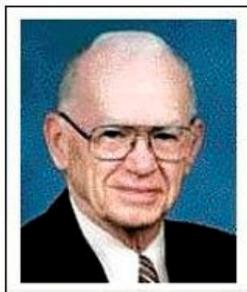
### TRAFFIC CALL MANAGERS COMMENTS SPRING OF 2013



W1NJM George  
1914-2013



KA8WNO Jack  
1920-2013



W8RTN Lee  
1918-2012

I hope that all of you had a good Holiday season. After some very unusual weather, Spring has finally appeared. Now is the time to get out and do all those wonderful things outside. For some, taking down the antenna and inspecting it, or perhaps putting up a new one. I sincerely hope that everyone who went to the Dayton Hamvention this year, still has some money! Ahhh, all those goodies to attract the eye and whet the appetite.

Since our last issue, two very important and honored Amateurs have passed and become Silent Keys. They are Jack Davis, KA8WNO and George Hart, W1NJM. I don't know too many people who love Amateur Radio more than Jack did. He was a dedicated traffic handler, and performed at every level, from the Section to TCC. As you know, he was a mainstay on HBN, always there to help and was an NCS for many years. He also was one of the biggest contributors to Traffic Call. He is deeply missed by all who knew him, myself being one of them.

George Hart, who was one of the inventors of the National Traffic System, passed just before the holidays. George was a very kind and knowledgeable man. We are all reading about his life's history in Traffic Call, so I will not be redundant. I will say that there are not many more people who have done so much for Amateur Radio.

We have had a very nice influx of either new or returning stations checking into the net. I have sent out Welcome letters to most of them. On the list are: VE3ROY, ROY; W8OLO, BOB,; VE3XFF, MARK; WB4ZDU, K4AUK, WS4P, AL; W4AGL, WA4VCT, AA9K, W4SU, JERRY; WAIRWO, DAVE. Many of these calls have been checking into the HBSN net. Thank you all, and I am glad to see some interest from our friends and neighbors to the north in Canada. *Continued page 2...*

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<b>HBSN DEC</b>	
QNI	328
QTC	93
QSP	87
QND	907
Sess	31
<b>HBSN JAN</b>	
QNI	352
QTC	71
QSP	70
QND	897
Sess	31
<b>HBSN FEB</b>	
QNI	323
QTC	72
QSP	63
QND	730
Sess	28
<b>HBSN MAR</b>	
QNI	394
QTC	105
QSP	103
QND	960
Sess	31
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QNI	374
QTC	119
QSP	115
QND	918
Sess	30
<b>HBSN MAY</b>	
QNI	359
QTC	120
QSP	116
QND	1029
Sess	31

**Manager cont....**

Please note a change in the NCS roster. VE3GNA is now doing Thursdays and W1KX is doing Friday duties. Thank you and all of the NCS staff. While I am at it, Milt, K4OSO, took a stab at ncs and did a very admirable job at it under very poor band conditions. Thanks Milt, hope we can count on you as a Alternate sometime.

I spoke to Jack, W0UCE, not long ago on the phone. He and some associates have come up with an invention called "The Ham Shack Switch." You can Google that name and watch the video interview with him that tells all about it. We wish Jack and friends all the best of luck on this endeavor.

Lee Tippett, W8RTN, was another mainstay on HBN. I got a radiogram to relay, coming from his son, who has now taken over his Dads call. His name is Douglas. How nice is that?

N4DY, Des, reported to me that WX4H is doing well. Unfortunately he has let his license go and no longer will be on the air. We sure do miss him and all he did for Traffic Handling.

Lastly, I want to commend everyone, especially our NCS staff, for hanging in there with these terrible band conditions that we have been experiencing the past few weeks. Let us not get discouraged, and keep checking into the nets. This too shall pass, and your station is needed.

**TRAFFIC TOPICS**

Following are a few tips that I would like to remind you of. If you would like to add to these, then please send them to me for the next Traffic Call. These are in no particular order.

If you have information to tell net control, give your callsign and WAIT for the NCS to acknowledge you before transmitting your info.

Keep your message as brief as possible.

When returning to net frequency, give only the suffix of your call, nothing else, unless you did not meet your counterpart. Then add NG, (no good) or ND,(no dice). If the NCS is doubtful about the pairing, he will ask you if successful.

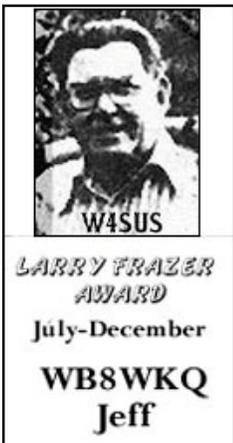
The NCS decides what frequency to call the net on.

It is perfectly okay for a station to let him know before the net that the "assigned" frequency is QRL. He may hear something the NCS does not.

It is up to the rest of us to find and ZEROBEAT, as close as possible, on the NCS. I know with some of the older equipment that zero beating is more difficult. Please try to listen to the tone of NCS signal, and if necessary, go off frequency to echo your signal to his and then get back to net frequency.

Remember, 7.114 is not just our frequency. It is everyone's, and if busy, we move. When listing traffic that is book traffic, let the NCS know. He may be able to save time by sending several stations with you to copy the common parts etc..

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## RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD HAM

Geo continues his newest duties at Headquarters.

A journalistic history of the life and times in the Amateur Radio world of W1NJM

- by George Hart, W1NJM

### CHAPTER 36A - GEORGE GOT GREETING

The salutation was not plural, as usually depicted, but singular. I remember it well for, being something of a grammarian and etymologist; it struck me with its unusualness. I received it in the early part of 1943 while at my full stature and preoccupation as ARRL's acting communication manager. I was at last classified 1-A in the draft, meaning I was subject to immediate call to serve in the armed forces. It also explained my rights, one of which was to appeal the classification on basis of being employed by an essential industry or other occupation essential to the war effort.

Up to this point my classification had been 3-A, as a married man with dependants. When the draft boards had run out of physically fit young unmarried men they started reclassifying married men without children from 3-A to 1-A, starting with the youngest, in order to fill the their quotas. I had known this was coming but not quite so soon. Nevertheless, I accepted it calmly and soothed Louise's fears by saying I was sure I could be deferred.

I took the notice to my boss, KB Warner, who promised to make an immediate appeal. He did so and the two of us appeared before the draft board, I to answer to any questions regarding my type of employment, and KB to explain why I was essential. It was a tough encounter, KB waxing eloquently on the subject, using arguments I never would have thought of. The board was unable, at the first, to understand why an employee of a hobby membership organization was more essential to the war effort than military service. KB patiently but forcefully explained the unusual nature of the job, the importance of WERS to civilian defense communication and near impossibility of finding a replacement with the required qualifications. I was much impressed with his presentation, to the extent that I began to think of myself as much more important than I had realized. The board was finally convinced of the importance of the job, but not that I was irreplaceable. They agreed to defer me for three months, by which time a replacement should be found so I could serve in the military. KB demurred, but the case was summarily dismissed. I was free for another three months. KB assured me it would be six months to a year before they got around to reclassifying me again, and he was so sure of this that he made no effort to replace me. Six months later, almost to the day, I received another greeting letter and KB again appealed. He was full of confidence, assured me he knew how to handle them now and he could get me as many deferments as I needed until the war was over. It was in the Fall of 1943 that we went down for the second

appeal, KB was again masterful. He succeeded in getting me another three-month deferment. This time it seemed easier than before and I began to think he was right and that I would not have to serve.

However, the prospect seemed less joyful when, as we were leaving, one of the board members said to me, with a sneer, "You just don't want to serve, do you?" It shook me. It was right then that I determined this would be my last appeal. The man was right. I didn't want to leave Louise and my new job with good prospects for the future, to serve as a buck private in the Army and maybe get killed. If the war ended before my deferment was up, I would be considered a "draft dodger," a "slacker." If the war was still going strong and I went into service, my serene life style would be disrupted and I might killed. Talk about mixed emotions!

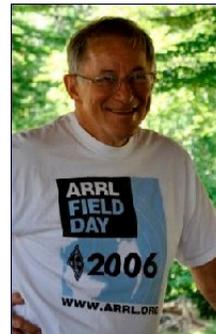
### *In Next Chapter 38B - More Greeting to Geo*

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### " The "Almost" Lost Art of Zero-Beating"

Henry Koenig WD8Q

On the many CW traffic nets I'm on each day, I've come to the conclusion that ZERO BEATING has become a lost art. I know, modern rigs don't have to be zero beat; however, there are still a lot of hams who are using older rigs that have analog dials and don't have the accuracy that modern rigs have.



ZERO BEATING is adjusting your radio receiver (and transmitter) to EXACTLY the NCS frequency.

On my Ten-Tec Jupiter, pushing and holding the SPOT button generates a "side-tone", enabling the operator to adjust their frequency till both the side-tone and the received tone are the same frequency, thus "Zero-Beating".

Your rig might be different. Read your manual to see if ZERO-BEATING is covered.

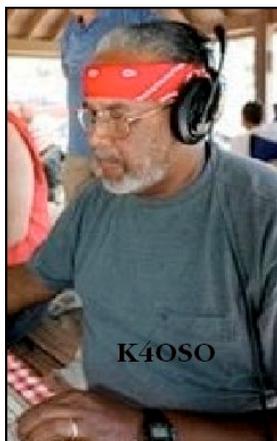
Remember, the NCS is "always on frequency". Net frequency isn't cast in stone. Therefore it is the net QNI's responsibility to "ZERO-BEAT" to the NCS frequency. There might be a reason NCS isn't on net frequency. Don't question it, just ZERO-BEAT to the NCS frequency.

*Next article: Why traffic handlers should get familiar with, and use QSK*

At this writing, Henry is in the hospital in Mansfield awaiting open heart surgery Tuesday, July 16. Best wishes, Henry. God be with you. Cards to Henry Koenig, 1858 Leiter Rd, Lucas, OH 44843-9543



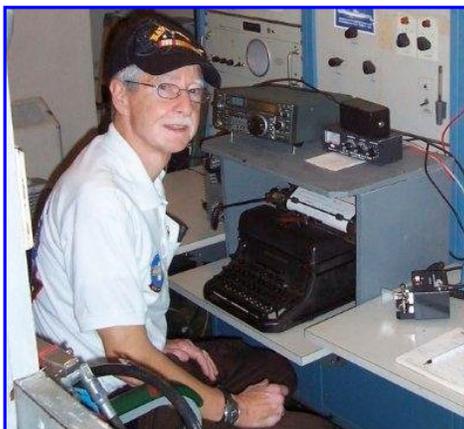
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WA4BAM	27	W1WCG			26
W2EAG	26	W2EAG			23
K8KV	26	WB8WKQ			23
W4SU	25	WD4DNC			16
W1WCG	24	K8KV			14
KK3F	24	WD8Q			11
N4DY	23	W1KX			10
W8IM	23	WA4BAM			10
KX8B	22	N3SW			6
WB8KPE	21	K1EIR			6
KB2ETO	20	W8IM			5
K4OSO	19	K2TV			4
KW1U	17	W2MTA			3
K2TV	17	K4YMB			2
N4ABM	16	KX8B			2
WD8Q	16	N4ABM			2
NØSPY	14	K3IN			2
N1OTC	14	KT2D			2
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AB1AV	5	K4OSO			0
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WD4DNC	5	N1BHH			0
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VE3GNA	3	AB1AV			0
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K4IWW	3	WB4FDT			0
WD8DHC	3	K4IWW			0
WD8PNL	3	WD8PNL			0
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K3MIY	1	K3MIY			0
K3RC	1	K3RC			0
K4BG	1	K4BG			0
W8MAL	1	W8MAL			0



<b>HBN DEC</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>T</b>
QNI	507	500	595	552	610	O
QTC	491	588	597	807	732	T
QSP	468	580	593	791	697	A
QND	867	963	1058	1065	1115	L
Sess	31	31	31	31	31	S
<b>HBN JAN</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
QNI	566	616	590	593	557	631
QTC	268	416	612	693	578	976
QSP	260	395	587	681	538	908
QND	878	959	1117	1091	1083	1239
Sess	31	31	31	31	31	31
<b>HBN FEB</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
QNI	587	570	533	494	566	568
QTC	376	502	577	520	791	924
QSP	365	495	565	510	778	877
QND	822	941	952	859	1103	1211
Sess	28	29	28	28	28	29
<b>HBN MAR</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
QNI	582	588	567	576	568	617
QTC	511	632	530	669	750	744
QSP	501	614	515	643	721	635
QND	899	1108	982	1042	1049	1128
Sess	31	31	31	31	31	31
<b>HBN APR</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
QNI	507	532	549	515	501	565
QTC	465	544	536	544	570	695
QSP	469	537	529	518	548	620
QND	915	1027	994	988	1043	1024
Sess	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HBN MAY</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
QNI	548	546	516	456	520	551
QTC	448	608	538	463	527	777
QSP	434	584	524	457	506	712
QND	1082	1149	1076	868	968	1131
Sess	31	31	31	31	31	31
<b>HBN JUN</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
QNI	516	513	501	498	502	451
QTC	509	472	487	738	640	554
QSP	499	461	459	722	598	523
QND	905	997	996	1074	934	898
Sess	30	30	30	30	30	30

<b>HBN</b>	<b>NCS</b>	<b>ROSTE</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
Monday	W2WCG	Van
Tuesday	W2EAG	Mark
Wednesda	KW1U	Marcia
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>VE3GNA</b>	<b>Glenn</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>W1KX</b>	<b>Bill</b>
Saturday	WB8WK	Jeff
<b>HBSN</b>	<b>NCS</b>	<b>ROSTE</b>
Sunday	WA3JXW	Dudley
Monday	WD8Q	Henry
Tuesday	VE3GNA	Glenn
Wednesda	K2TV	Bob
Thursday	KK3F	Pat
<b>Friday</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
Saturday	KT2D	Bob

HBN	FEB'	QNI		QTC	HBN	MAR'	QNI	QTC	HBN	APR'	QNI	QTC
W2MTA	28		N1OTC	82	W2MTA	31	K8LJG	121	W2EAG	29	VE3GNA	130
W2EAG	27	KW1U		54	W4SU	31	W1WCG	91	W2MTA	29	K8LJG	92
N4DY	27	W1WCG		49	W2EAG	30	N1OTC	51	N4DY	27	N1OTC	38
K4IWW	26	VE3GNA		38	N4DY	29	KW1U	49	W4SU	27	W2EAG	34
W4SU	26	WB8WKQ		26	K4IWW	29	VE3GNA	44	W1WCG	26	W1WCG	32
K8LJG	25	W2EAG		18	W1KX	27	W2EAG	33	K4IWW	25	WD8Q	26
W1KX	24	W1KX		14	WA4BAM	27	W2MTA	17	KK3F	24	KW1U	21
W1WCG	24	N3SW		14	K8KV	27	K2TV	13	W8IM	24	KK3F	18
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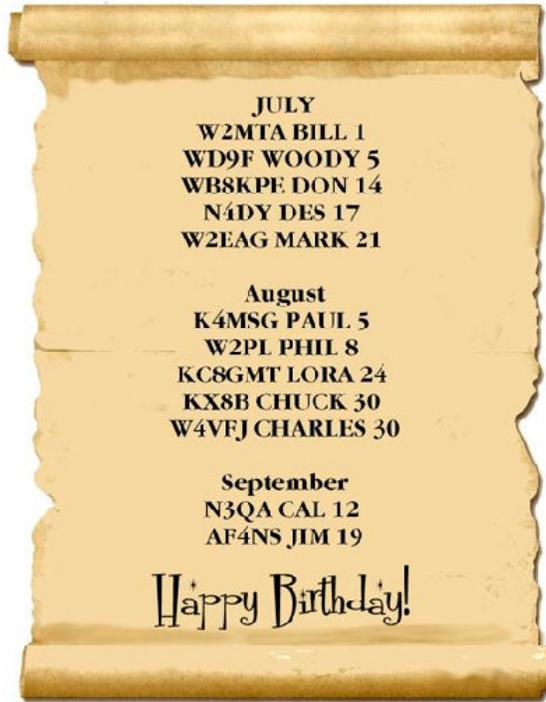


### New QTH

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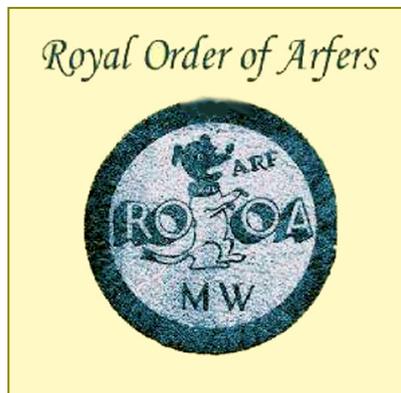
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## TRAFFIC CALL

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JULY hath 31 days.		[1913
		
<p>So drugged with sleep and dreams, that you Expect to see her gliding by,— Hummed round of bees, through blossoms spilling dew,— The Spirit of July.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MADISON CAWEIN.</p>		
D.M.	D.W.	Aspects, Holidays, Events, Weather, Etc.
		<b>Farmer's Calendar.</b>
1	Tu.	♄ ♃ ♄.
2	W.	♄ runs high. 3 <sup>d</sup> . Med. tides.
3	Th.	♄ in Aphelion. ♀ gr. elong. W.
4	Fr.	INDEPENDENCE DAY. ♄ ♄ ♄. About
5	Sa.	♄ ♃ ♄. this time,
6	E	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.
7	M.	♄ gr. elong. E. 6 <sup>th</sup> . ♄ in Perigee.
8	Tu.	6 <sup>th</sup> . ♀ in ♄. expect showers.
9	W.	10 <sup>th</sup> . Battle of Northampton, Eng. "War of Roses," 1460.
10	Th.	8 <sup>th</sup> . Medium to High tides.
11	Fr.	A few hot days.
12	Sa.	12 <sup>th</sup> . Joseph Bonaparte enters Madrid, 1808.
13	E	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.
14	M.	Signs of rain.
15	Tu.	St. Swithin. ♄ runs low.
16	W.	♀ in Aphelion. ♄ ♃ ♄.
17	Th.	16 <sup>th</sup> . ♀ gr. hel. lat. S.
18	Fr.	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♄ ♄.
19	Sa.	20 <sup>th</sup> . ♀ stationary. Warm
20	E	9 <sup>th</sup> Sun. aft. Trin. St. Margaret.
21	M.	♄ ♀ ♃. again.
22	Tu.	St. Mary Magdalene. ♄ in Apogee.
23	W.	Cool for the season
24	Th.	Low tides, with north to
25	Fr.	St. James, east winds.
26	Sa.	St. Anne. { 25 <sup>th</sup> . DOG DAYS BEGINS.
27	E	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.
28	M.	♄ ♄ ♄. { 25 <sup>th</sup> . Battle of Lundy's Lane, 1814.
29	Tu.	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ♃ ♄. Some
30	W.	♄ ♀ ♄. ♄ runs high.
31	Th.	Medium tides. rain.

A well made garden will now be yielding an abundance of fresh vegetables and fruits for the table. The proverbial bounty of the farmer's board should be exemplified on every hand.

Field work is strenuous in these hot summer days, but for men of good health is always enjoyable. Every day work in the field and garden, and a great deal of it, is essential to a knowledge of agriculture, no matter how well one may have been instructed in it as a science. If this great factor of actual experience comes to be ignored, there is danger that some one will write a book entitled, "How to Practise Agriculture though a Farmer."

Well-selected flocks of poultry are much superior to mixed lots of scrubs.

After a hard day's work in a dusty field nothing is more valuable than a bath. Perhaps there is a good swimming hole handy by, which should be patronized by all hands. But in these days every farm house ought to have at least one good sized bath tub with a plentiful supply of water.

Pasturage for bees begins to run short toward the end of this month. If there are several hives from which a good return is expected, it is wise to have a field of buckwheat now coming into blossom; also a later sowing for August, and even for September.