

# CQ Chatter

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### ***Foxhunt Fun***

The annual foxhunt was held after the September breakfast meeting on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Two foxhounds were officially involved and one unofficial. The fox, N1RB, was discovered in Haskins town park, first by Hoot-WB8VUL and then by Phil-W8PSK. Chuck-WD8ICP also inadvertently participated because he had been at work in Haskins and heard the very strong signal of the fox. Congratulations to all participants. Everybody had a good time as well as honing their direction finding skills. ■

### **WC8VOA Celebrates 70 Years at Bethany, OH**

*from ARNewsline*

Ohio's West Chester Amateur Radio Association will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the decommissioned Voice of America Bethany Relay site on Saturday, September 20th.

The club makes its home in the VOA building and operates station WC8VOA which is the call they will use for the commemorative event.

This location is also the home of the Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting. More about the museum can be found on the web at [www.voamuseum.org](http://www.voamuseum.org). The Club's website is at [www.wc8voa.org](http://www.wc8voa.org). ■

### ***TEXAS MAN ACCUSED OF ASSAULT AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO HAM RADIO OPERATOR***

*from ARNewsline*

An Austin, Texas, man is facing assault charges after police say he tossed a drone aircraft and an amateur radio transceiver over the fence because he was tired of his neighbor getting in his head.

According to the arrest affidavit filed by Austin Police, Steven Anthony Garza stormed into Matthew Hammons' yard while Hammons was using his amateur radio equipment to talk with his father. Hammons, who holds the call KE5WRU, told po-

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## Net Check Ins

**Sep 2 Traffic: 0**

**WB8NQW (NCS)**  
**W8PSK**  
**KD8RNO**  
**KD8VWU**  
**K8OVO**  
**KD8NJW(6)**

**Sep 9 Traffic: 0**

**KD8NJW (NCS)**  
**KA3JJU**  
**KD8RNO**  
**KD8WZK**  
**N8VNT**  
**W8PSK**  
**WD8JWJ**  
**WD8PIC**  
**K3RC**  
**WB8NQW**  
**KD8VWU**  
**K8OVO**  
**N1RB**  
**WD8LEI**  
**WD8ICP**  
**NK8J**  
**KD8DWO (17)**

**Sep 16 Traffic: 0**

**KD8VWU (NCS)**  
**KD8WZK**  
**KD8NJW**  
**WD8LEI**  
**WD8JWJ**  
**WB8NQW**  
**K8OVO**  
**N1RB**  
**W8MSW**  
**KD8RNO (10)**

## BRAIN TEASERS

1. Which of the following types of stations may normally transmit only one-way communications?
  - a.) repeaters
  - b.) beacons
  - c.) hf stations
  - d.) vhf stations
2. During a disaster in the US, which of the following emission modes must be used to obtain assistance?
  - a.) only SSB
  - b.) only SSB and CW
  - c.) any mode
  - d.) only CW
3. What is the output PEP of an unmodulated carrier transmitter if an average-reading wattmeter connected to the transmitter output indicates 1060 W?
  - a.) 530 W
  - b.) 1060 W
  - c.) 1500 W
  - d.) 2120 W

# October Contests

The contest lineup for the month of October is given below. Please note that the WARC bands (60, 30, 17 and 12 m) are never open to contesting.

<b>Oct 4-5</b>	<i>0800 to 0800 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>Oceania Phone DX `test</b>		<b>SSB</b>
<b>Oct 4-5</b>	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	20 m to 10 m
<b>Worked All Britain `test</b>		<b>SSB</b>
<b>Oct 4-5</b>	<i>1200 to 2359; 1000 to 1600 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
<b>New Jersey QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Oct 4-5</b>	<i>1600 to 2200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>California QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Oct 11-12</b>	<i>0800 to 0800 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>Oceania CW DX `test</b>		<b>CW</b>
<b>Oct 11-12</b>	<i>1600 to 0600; 1400 to 2359 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>Arizona QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Oct 11-12</b>	<i>1600 to 0500; 1300 to 2200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>Pennsylvania QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Oct 18-19</b>	<i>1400 to 2300 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>Iowa QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Oct 18-19</b>	<i>1400 to 0200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>New York QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Oct 18-19</b>	<i>1600 to 2359 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>W/VE Islands QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Oct 18-19</b>	<i>1800 to 1800 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>South Dakota QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>

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## **TMRA to Host 2 m Simplex 'test**

The TMRA, in association with the Lucas County ARES, is sponsoring a 2 meter simplex sprint to be held on Saturday, September 27th, from 7 to 9 pm EDST. For more information, consult the TMRA flyer at: [http://www.tmrahamradio.org/20140927\\_simplex\\_contest.pdf](http://www.tmrahamradio.org/20140927_simplex_contest.pdf). The contest will use eight different 2 meter simplex frequencies and involve seeing how many contacts and zip codes hams can work. It sounds like a lot of fun. ■

## ***Revised Vanity Call Sign Fee***

*from ARRL Letter*

The FCC has adjusted very slightly downward -- to \$21.40 -- its proposed Amateur Service vanity call sign regulatory fee for Fiscal Year 2014. In a June Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), the Commission said it intended to hike the current \$16.10 vanity fee to \$21.60 for the 10-year license term.

The FCC released a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule-making (R&O) in the proceeding on August 29, in which it recalculated the fee to \$21.40 for the 10-year license term. The \$5.30 increase still represents the largest vanity fee hike in many years.

The new \$21.40 fee does not go into effect until 30 days after the R&O is published in The Federal Register. In the R&O, the FCC said it considered eliminating the regulatory fee for Amateur Radio vanity call sign applications and for other services but decided not to do so "at this time," because it lacks "adequate support to determine whether the cost of recovery and burden on small entities outweighs the collected revenue; or whether eliminating the fee would adversely affect the licensing process." The Commission said it would re-evaluate this issue in the future to determine if it should eliminate other fee categories.

The FCC's Office of Managing Director sets the actual vanity call sign fee, based on Wireless Telecommunications Bureau projections of new applications and renewals, taking into consideration existing Commission licensee databases, such as the Universal Licensing System (ULS) database.

The FCC reported there were 11,500 "payment units" in FY 2014. The Commission said the vanity program generated an estimated \$230,230 in FY 2013 revenue, and it estimated that it would collect nearly \$246,100 in FY 2014.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable when applying for a new vanity call sign or when renewing any vanity call sign designated as "HV" in the FCC's ULS database. ■

## WCARC Weekly Net

Tuesdays at

2100 EDST/EST

147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL

Net Control Roster

Sep 30	K80VO
Oct 7	WB8NQW
Oct 14	KD8NJW
Oct 21	KD8VWU
Oct 28	N1RB
Nov 4	W8PSK

NEXT MEETING

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Monday, Oct. 13

TIME: 7:30 pm/7:00 EB

PLACE:

Sheriff's Training Room

E. Gypsy Lane Rd. & S.

Dunbridge Rd.

Bowling Green, OH

**DON'T FORGET!**

10 meter informal net meets Sunday  
@ 2030 EST/EDST on 28.335 MHz

## October Hamfests

**Oct 18 Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Assn.** Annual hamfest. United Food and Commercial Workers Hall, Madison Hts., MI. Contact Rosemary, WB8YAB, (586) 382-0831.

e-mail: [rosemary@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary@gmail.com)

web: <http://www.usecaarc.com>

**Nov 2 Massillon ARC.** Annual hamfest. Massillon Boys and Girls Club, Massillon, OH. Contact Terry, N8ATZ, (330) 837-3091.

e-mail: [truss@sssnet.com](mailto:truss@sssnet.com)

web: <http://www.w8np.org>

# Net Check Ins

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**Sep 23 Traffic: 1**

- W8PSK (NCS)**
- WD8ICP**
- K8OVO**
- KD8WZK**
- K8BBK**
- KD8BOI**
- KD8VWU**
- N1RB**
- WB8NQW**
- KD8UOX-Brian (10)**



*A different kind of mobiling...AA6JR recently discovered the fun of operating from a cruise ship. However, some advance planning and paperwork are required.*

*from CQ Magazine*

Brain Teaser answers: (G) 1-b, 2-c, 3-b

## October Contests - continued

<b>Oct 19-20</b>	<i>1700 to 0100 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>Illinois QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Oct 25-26</b>	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
<b>CQ WW SSB 'test</b>		<b>SSB</b>

### **K6H Hollywood Celebrates Ham Radio**

*from ARNewsline*

As previously announced, the Southern California based Papa Repeater System in association with Broadcast Employees Amateur Radio Society and the Disney Emergency Amateur Radio Service will be hosting the second K6H "Hollywood Celebrates Ham Radio" on the air. The event will again originate from legendary Stage 9 of the CBS Studio Center on Sunday, September 28th,

from 7 AM to 3 PM Pacific time. Stage 9, best known as the Seinfeld Stage, is currently the home of the hit ABC Situation Comedy, Last Man Standing, in which amateur radio is an ongoing part of the plot line.

Operations of K6H will be on 10, 20 and 40 meters along with D-STAR on reflector 12A. The event will also use the facilities of Disney Amateur Radio Interconnect to link the WB6AJE repeater in Los Angeles to Disney/ABC employee-sponsored

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lice Garza charged him while making gestures indicating he was looking to fight.

Hammons then told officers Garza first broke his radio's antenna and then head butted him. At this point, KE5WRU went inside his home from where he watched as Garza allegedly threw Hammons' Yaesu transceiver and a personal DJ- Phantom drone over the fence causing an estimated \$4,000 in damage.

Garza claimed to the officers Hammons was using the equipment to spy on him and using triangulation to speak to him in his head. Garza was taken into custody and booked into the Travis County Jail on charges of assault, causing bodily injury and criminal mischief. At last report he was still being held in lieu of \$10,000 bond. ■

## Revive Two Meters

*the following is a comment from eham.net bulletin board--included as food for thought--Ed.*

As I have traveled around the country from state to state in our RV, I, like so many others, noticed how the repeaters are for the most part useless.

So why not use simplex? Many times I noticed a VHF antenna on a car traveling down the road, but not knowing how to contact the person, there goes a lost contact and maybe a life long friend-to-be. So here is my solution: why not go back to the

### K6H---from p. 6

repeaters in Manhattan, New York, Bristol, Connecticut, Washington, DC and Orlando, Florida. Various IRLP and Echolink nodes will also be on-line. Those who make contact with K6H will receive a special limited edition QSL card.

And as the day moves along, Tom Medlin, W5KUB, will be live from the event and will be streaming the highlights along with interviews of those who happen to drop by to operate K6H. As if this were not enough, the Papa website at papasys.org will also stream video directly from each of the operating stations, so that you just may be able to see yourself actually making contact with K6H. ■

beginning like we used to do and monitor 146.52?

If we had a manufacturer design a small voice interface between the mic and the rig that would announce every few seconds or so my call "K7PE listening on 52", then when you reply to a call, the mic would shut the device off to continue the QSO. After the QSO, a double click on the mic would reset the device.

There may be something out there although I'm not aware of it. What do you folks think? Thank you for reading,  
73 Bob Hopkins, K7PE

*If you wish to join in the conversation, the web site is: [www.eham.net](http://www.eham.net)* ■

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