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ALL MEETINGS ARE NORMALLY AT THE EOC HOPE HILL FIREHOUSE
143 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD HOWEVER THEY ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

August Business meeting on ZOOM Thursday August 13th 7:30pm....

The ZOOM format appears to be working much better than the Jitsi and it appears from this point on we are "Zoomers" instead of Jitsi-folk. It requires loading software that is free, from Zoom but it is a monthly cost of about \$15 to reserve a Host Room. This will only be necessary until the covid-19 is over, but watching the news in other parts of the country does not give us much hope. Use the masks and stay safe...

August Activity meeting on ZOOM Thursday August 27th 7:30pm....
TO BE DETERMINED

Tech Net Wednesday is now Tech Net Thursdays (on non meeting weeks)

We Have decided to conduct the Tech Net on Thursday evenings during non-meetings weeks. At 7:30pm on the 147.36 W1KKF repeater... James AB1DQ has accepted the challenge of being the Tech Net Coordinator and is going to take it into the end zone with his enthusiasm.... We will just leave it there to peak your curiosity.

FIELD DAY / STAY AT HOME QTH DAY 2020

1D was the exchange for the MARC 2020 FD as we operated from our home QTH's and the ARRL allowed us to provide affiliation towards a MARC aggregate score. At this point, there were approximately 21 entries for the MARC. A full report in the next Key Klix KW.

Condolences to Paul Stasieluk W1EDX on the recent loss of his sister due to the Covid Virus, and speedy recovery wishes to Ted KC1DOY's brother in Nevada who is ailing from the Covid Virus as well.

WE WISH A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO ANNE K1STM OUR SECRETARY AS SHE HAS TAKEN ILL.



Tales of the Non-Sanctioned Fox Hunts FROM THE NON-SANCTIONED CHAIR, DAVE NZ1J



Editors Note: Kudo's to Dave NZ1J for providing some much needed ham activity, still covert, but he has accomplished a great deal in a short amount of time. From those Saturday mornings, constructing all types of hand held antennas to building those fox-mitters (mini transmitters) that we look forward to hunt each weekend. Thanks to Ted KC1DOY, Dave NZ1J & Nancy KC1NS and Steve KC1SA & XYL Ruth for taking great pix (even Ruth's 40 mb pixs).... My apologies if I missed someone... Even Jeff KC1HDB brought his drone for some great overhead shots









































THE FOX WAS AT NZ1J'S QTH





FOR \$1200 WE'LL COME TO YOUR
HOUSE DRESSED AS COVID-19
RESCUE TEAM AND TAKE YOU
FROM YOUR WIFE FOR A 14 DAY
DXPEDITION AND RETURN YOU



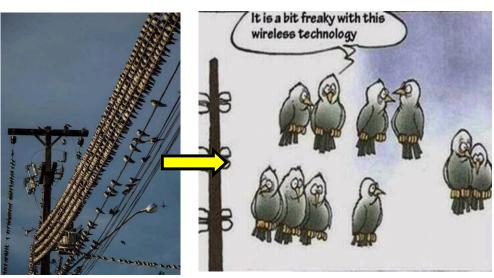
"OK, LAST NIGHT YOU WASHED DISHES TODAY YOU ARE FOLDING LAUNDRY. What did you buy at the hamfest and how much did it cost??

WE WOULD LIKE TO CREDIT JEFF N1AKN ON MANY OF THE CARTOONS AND DIDDYS THAT APPEAR IN THE KEY KLIX.. "K1WJL'S TWIN"

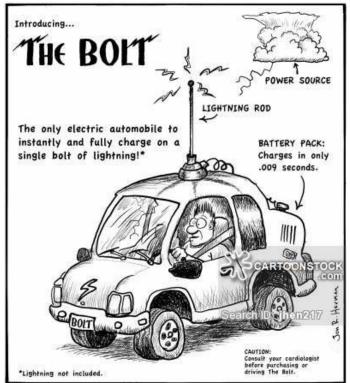
THIS IS FOR ENGLISH MAJORS IN THE CLUB....

DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?

- 1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
- 2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
- The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
- 4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
- 5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
- 6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
- 7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
- 8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
- The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
- 10. Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
- 11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
- 12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called vocables.
- 13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
- 14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
- 15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.
- 16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.
- 17. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
- 18. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called tittle.
- 19. That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
 - 20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called Bannock device.
 - HOW MANY OF THE ABOVE DID YOU ALREADY KNOW?









WANT TO GUESS WHAT CLUB MEMBER THIS IS?? CLUE.... ALWAYS BUYS ONE DAIRY QUEEN





AL N1API PASSES THIS HOPEFUL TIDBIT ON...

Newer Solar Cycle 25 Forecast Runs Counter to Consensus

Scientists associated with the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the University of Maryland, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and other institutions are offering a "bold prediction" on how Solar Cycle 25 will play out. In a paper, "Overlapping Magnetic Activity Cycles and the Sunspot Number: Forecasting Sunspot Cycle 25 Amplitude," they assert that the next sunspot cycle will be of major proportions. The forecast stands in stark contrast to the consensus of forecasters who predict that the magnitude of the nascent Cycle 25 may not be much different from the current unremarkable solar cycle, which appears to have reach its low point.

"From the dawn of modern observational astronomy, sunspots have presented a challenge to understanding -- their quasi-periodic variation in number, first noted 160 years ago, stimulates community-wide interest to this day," the abstract points out. "A large number of techniques are able to explain the temporal landmarks, (geometric) shape, and amplitude of sunspot 'cycles,' however, forecasting these features accurately in advance remains elusive."

The paper notes that recent studies have illustrated a relationship between the sun's 22-year Hale magnetic cycle and the production of sunspot cycle landmarks and patterns, but not the amplitude of the cycle. "Using discrete Hilbert transforms on 270 years of monthly sunspot numbers to robustly identify the so-called 'termination' events -- landmarks marking the start and end of sunspot and magnetic activity cycles --we extract a relationship between the temporal spacing of terminators and the magnitude of sunspot cycles," the abstract explains. "Given this relationship and our prediction of a terminator event in 2020, we deduce that Sunspot Cycle 25 will have a magnitude that rivals the top few since records began. This outcome would be in stark contrast to the community consensus estimate of Sunspot Cycle 25 magnitude." According to the paper, low-amplitude solar cycles appear to correspond with widely separated terminators, while larger-amplitude cycles correspond to more narrowly separated terminators.

"[O]ur best estimate for the [sunspot number] amplitude of Solar Cycle 25 is 233 spots, with a 68% confidence that the amplitude will fall between 204 and 254 spots," the paper posits. "We predict with 95% confidence that the Cycle 25 amplitude will fall between 153 and 305 spots."

The researchers concede that their forecast is outside of the scientific consensus, based on different paradigms. "Over the coming months, as [Solar Cycle] 25 matures, it will become evident which of these paradigms is most relevant," the paper says. "Very early indications of the spot pattern are appearing at higher-than-average latitudes (~40°). Historically, high-latitude spot emergence has been associated with the development of large amplitude sunspot cycles -- only time will tell."

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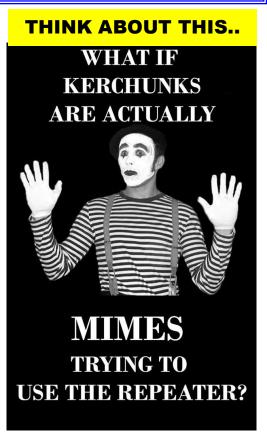


WHAT IS THIS??

ANSWER ON FOLLOWING PAGES, PROVIDING I DON'T FORGET??

Apparently Mac supports Windows





How To Talk on the Telephone

When You Answer the Telephone

soy "Yes, Mr. Wright, [II call him." Then you lay the town beside the base of the telephone. Don't put in the cradie. Next, you go find your Daddy and that Mr. Wright wants him on the telephone. Don't lose to the telephone and yell "Daddy!" That would Wright's ear.

When You Call Someone on the Telephone

sure you are calling the right number.
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tello, Mrs. Wright. This is Howard Allen. May I
please!"

If Mrs. Wright says "I'm sorry, Howard. Bill isn't in," don't "Oh" and hang up. Say "Thank you, Mrs. Wright. I'll call in. Goodby,"











ANSWER TO "WHAT IS THIS?" **JEFF N1AKN SAYS**

Attenuator: 20 to 1000mhz, -30 to 100db

Got it on Ebay for \$10. No need to buy expensive products, there are multitudes of attenuators of all types out there.

SO THE QUESTION OF THE DAY IS...... IF IT IS A -30DB ATTENUATOR, DOES THAT MAKE IT AN AMPLIFIER??

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6 MTR NET 50.175MHZ **MONDAYS 8PM N1ZN JIM**

2 METER NET TUESDAYS 7:30PM 147.36 /RPT NO PL

K1TDO TODD

10 METER NET 28.375MHZ

TUESDAYS 8PM K1VDF JOHN

10/10 CASTLE CRAIG CHAPTER (CONCURRENTLY WQITH CLUB NET) 28.375MHZ TUESDAYS 8PM N1API AL

2 METER TECH NET Thursdays 7:30PM 147.360+, no PL(on non-MARC meeting nites) **WEEKLY NET MODERATED BY VARIOUS AMATEURS WITH DIFFERENT TECHNICAL TOPICS AND Q&A SESSION**

2 METER COFFEE CUP NET SAT 9AM 147.36+ NO PL W1YSM ED (THIS HAS ALSO A SIMULTANEOUS SECONDARY NET OF SORTS THROUGH THE VIDEO TELECONFERENCING W1NRG JITSI SITE)

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER					
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K1IIG	Steve Tripp	20	N1GY	Geoff Haines	21
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	20	N1HCA	Susan South	20
K1LHO	Mike Ash	20	N1KGY	Chuck Ayers	20
K1LYP	John Yusza	20	N1LES	Joe Murray	21
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	20	N1MOB	Dan David	20
K1MVM	Mike Macri	20	N1NAN	Helen Spokes	20
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	20	N10KF	Bob Parisi	20
K1SCI	Stuart Isaac	20	N10KR	Frank Ciccone	20
K1STM	Anne West	20	N1POP	Greg Ploski	24
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	20	N1QYB	William Wilecki Jr.	20
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K1VDF	John Blevins	20	N1ZN	James Savage	20
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KB1CIW	Bob Stephens	20	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer	20
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KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	20	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk	20
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	20	W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak	L
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	20	W1KPS	Kevin Shields	20
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	20	W1LV	Steve Morley	20
KB1MFU	John Ramadei	21	W1NHS	Fred Ring	20
KB1SIT	Teresa Stephens	20	W1NNZ	William Kosche III	20
KB1SSN	Alex Dills	20	W1POP	Fred Liedke	21
KB1TJD	Gainne Jenkins	20	W1ST	Stephen Stimpson	20
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena	20	W1UFO	Mike Cei	20
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	20	W1XK	Stan Kugler	19
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	20	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	22
KC1GMD	Ralph Ring	20	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	20
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KC1HFO	John Stoidis	20	WA1SFH I	Douglas Sharafanov	vich 20
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KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson	20	WB1GGP	Jerry Shepard	20
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas	20	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	20
KC1MBG	Robert Luby	20	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	20
KC1PU	Bob Woodtke Jr.	21	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	20
KC1SA	Stephen Allen	21	W9OTW	Debbie Foss	20
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