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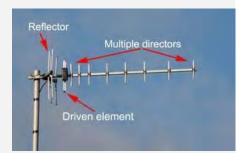
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## **20 Questions of Ham Radio Trivia:** How Many Serious (or Silly) Facts Do You Know?

mateur radio is full of interesting facts, whether scientific, historic or fairly meaningless fun. Back by popular demand, we've compiled another round of trivia questions to ponder while you sit by the fire these cold winter evenings. We threw a few repeats in there that we thought were worth hearing again. See how many you can answer without the assistance of the internet. Answers are on page 16. Our thanks to ARRL's Ward Silver NOAX and funtrivia.com for being great resources.

- 1. Operating your radio "barefoot" means to operate it how?
- 2. Where would you tune for a signal that has the same numeric value of frequency in MHz and wavelength in meters?



- 3. What is "Yagi" short for?
- 4. Which two metals were used to make the first battery?
- In ham lingo, an unmarried female ham is known as a "YL" which stands for "young lady". Once she becomes married, what is she called?
- **6.** Amateur radio operators are credited with the first documented observations of which unusual phenomenon?
- This late actor held the call sign KE6PZH and once used his Oscar as a doorstop. Who is it?
- S. What do the Amateur Radio Stations NA1SS and RS0ISS have in common?
- What type of pre-amplifier, invented by hams, does not include a transistor, tube or other active amplifying device?
- 10. Her call-sign is K5PSG, her name is Peggy Sue, and her then-boyfriend wrote a song about her. Who was this famous early rock and roller?

### ARAC Board Meeting - December 7, 2021

#### **DRESIDENT**



## NØVRM Gene Ellefsen 371Ø Chambersburg Ave Duluth, MN 55811 218-39Ø-3272 Ispitech@mail.com

#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

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#### **1ST YEAR BOARD**

Photo Coming Soon! **AAØAW** Doug Nelson

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#### Present:

2021 Board Members

Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM, Mike Lovold-N0PDG, Robin Davis, Dave Davis-AA0AC, Randy Johnson-AA0ME, Gary Minter-KD9ABS

<<<2022 Board Members voted in at Dec. Club Mtg Listed at Left

**Board Advisors (Non-Board Members)** 

Doug Nelson-AA0AW, David Pyrlik-K0DJP, Randy Wabik-KR0B, Kim Waller-KE0NQS, Steve Waller-KE0NQT

Guests Del Minter-KE0CLI, Melinda Nelson-KF0GJW, Rochelle Nelson

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Gene-N0VRM

#### Minutes:

Posted on the web page and in the newsletter. Moved to approve by Mike-N0PDG, seconded by Dave-AA0AC, motion passed

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

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Checking	2,590.59
Savings	
Repeater	
Subtotal Cash	
Winter CD	4 704 07
Winter CD	
Summer CD	0.00
Subtotal CD	
Assets Subtotal:	\$8,189.13
Outstanding Checks:	
Mahtowa Repeater	-1 100 00
Bob Boyd-KD0LYN Memorial .	
Repeater Fund	
Reserved Funds	\$4,190.00
Grand Total	¢2 000 12
Granu Total	ps,999.13

New Account – Repeater Fund

Motion to accept by Gary-KD9ABS, seconded Randy-AA0ME, motion passed

Another hurdle crossed to receive \$800.00 from Senovis (former Husky Refinery). Gene-N0VRM received an email on Thanksgiving Day from Senovis, suspicious but sent from Canada. Thanksgiving is not a holiday in Canada but is an American Holiday. Funds should be available via Direct Deposit before the end of the year

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### ARAC Board Meeting - December 7, 2021 continued

Grants received for the Repeater Upgrade:

 Grandma's Marathon
 \$1,500.00

 Enbridge
 \$800.00

 Lake County
 \$200.00

Halvor Lines ...... \$275.00 – coming soon

Gene-N0VRM completed and then filed the application for the 501C3 - fee of \$275.00 paid with the application. Used the E-Z form and it was mailed in November. It is a slow process so we will have to exercise some patience. Can take up to ninety (90) days. We are on hold until they review the application

#### **Christmas Party:**

Today, Gene-N0VRM received a phone call from the church as they found out we were having a meal. That is a no-no, straight from the Bishop. We will be allowed to meet but without food including coffee and donuts. The \$350.00 allocated for food for the Christmas Party with discussion held to leave in the bank. Spend the \$100.00 on the gifts as previously moved and approved

#### **Donation:**

The Club's normal donation to the Coppertop Church is made in December each year. Should Bruce-KN0NUL pay it? Consensus is to pay the normal donation. Recorded in the minutes, everything above board

#### Repeater:

Randy-KR0B gave an update on Repeater Project. Completed the paperwork for Yaesu \$700.00 for the Repeater, done and in process. Up to fourteen (14) weeks for the Repeater to get here. They will not charge the credit card until the Repeater ships. We did not order the Wires X option because we don't have internet access up there. Did not order the controller or amplifier yet in case it doesn't match. Has a basic built-in controller. John Kruk-N9UPC from Yaesu went through it all with Randy-KR0B. We can put a power divider on the receive side. We could use it to hear Mahtowa. Warranty? No idea. Next step, David-K0DJP has equipment to check out our equipment and feed line, using David's equipment. Working on the assumption that we will want to upgrade it. 3Db increase, double the saturation, switching from 1/2" to 7/8". Wind loading? Probably want to know who is working on the stuff. Valid tower crew, bonded. Spend money to do it right the first time. Doing it right means it should last for thirty (30) years or so. Look at the antenna and the line because we can. We are at 550'1-5/8 is running about \$20.00 per foot. Output out of the cans is probably 70. Randy-KR0B is looking at TE Systems and TPL. Both quality and we only want to do this once. 100-125 out of the duplexes. Leaves some play room in the amp. Saturate with our handheld radios, locally. Well on our way to a real, kick ass system. Analog or digital input but only send out analog. Digital is the way to go and it has a smaller footprint. Digital is almost double analog. Mixed mode is on the receive side only. Any use on the fusion repeater? None. This is the Club's Repeater and we will be ready for digital. Digital is more efficient. We are saving a couple hundred dollars. Looking at amplifiers with built in power supplies and ones with external power supply. This would be a nice addition to Mahtowa. It will run full duty cycle at 50 watts. Only two sites - Mahtowa and the 94 site. The others are all just receive sites. Gene-NoVRM will try to touch base with Randy-NoBZZ and if he can't reach him, Randy-KR0B will try to reach him

Mahtowa Repeater Site – Gene-NoVRM turned the heaters on inside. Mr. Haglin (Randy Haglin-NoBZZ) has been there working on the system

#### Testing:

Tested out a new place for testing at the Moose Lodge in Proctor. Next one as close as possible when the Technician class is over. Two (2) individuals tested - one out of the class got General and a young lady named Molly, studied on her own and got her Technician. Doug-AAOAW will set up a test session if requested

#### **Salvation Army:**

Last Friday did Bell Ringing at the Miller Mall Super One. Kettle Report, \$944.57 in our kettle. One lady donated a \$100.00 because of the festive dress of the bell ringers. Thank you to everyone who rang the bells

Motion to adjourn by Dave-AA0AC, seconded by Mike-N0PDG, motion passed at 7:21 pm



### **ARAC** Club Meeting Minutes

#### **December 9, 2021**

#### **Present:**

President Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM
Vice President Mike Lovold-N0PDG
Treasurer / Membership Bruce Carlson-KN0NUL
Secretary Robin Davis
Second Year Board Gary Minter-KD9ABS
Third Year Board Randy Johnson-AA0ME
Special Events – Open / Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM acting
Ham Fest / Education Bob Schultz-KC0NFB
Property / Picnic Scott Ahlgren-N0VYU
Repeater Randy Wabik-KR0B
Repeater David Pyrlik-K0DJP
Testing Doug Nelson-AA0AW

#### Absent:

First Year Board Dave Davis-AA0AC
Parliamentarian Grant Forsyth-KC0WUP
Chaplain (Visiting) Rolland Bockbrader-KB0CK
Newsletter / Historian Kim Waller-KE0NQS
Newsletter Steve Waller-KE0NQT
Repeater Randy Wabik-KR0B
Repeater Derek McCorison-W0DNF
Repeater Randy Haglin-N0BZZ
Web Site Thomas Dorr-KE0RHA

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by President Gene-N0VRM. He is thankful for all the members that came out tonight

#### **Election of Officers:**

White ballot for offices.

Bob-KC0NFB made a motion for a white ballot, seconded by Mike-N0PDG

Question - what does that mean? No ballots as there was no opposition, only one (1) person nominated for each office Call for the vote. Motion passed

#### **Thomas J Reibold Award W9IBM Memorial Award:**

This award is given to someone who has supported the Club and also promoted the hobby of Amateur Radio. This year's recipient has been very active in St Louis County, Douglas County, with the marathons and stepped up to help teach the Technician test. The award this year is presented to Paul Dallavia-KC0WDQ. Congratulations, Paul-KC0WDQ

#### Minutes:

Posted on the web page and in the newsletter. Moved to approve by Jon Nelson-, seconded by Dennis Anderson-W0DIO, motion passed

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

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Checking2,59	0.59
Savings2,17	
Repeater1,70	
Subtotal Cash\$6,46	4.76
Winter CD1,72	4.37
Summer CD	0.00
Subtotal CD\$1,72	4.37
Assets Subtotal:\$8,18	9.13
Outstanding Checks:	
Mahtowa Repeater1,10	0.00
Bob Boyd-KD0LYN Memorial1,39	
Repeater Fund1,70	
Reserved Funds\$4,19	
Grand Total\$3.99	9.13

Motion to accept as presented by Bob-KC0NFB, seconded by Mke-N0PDG, motion passed



### **ARAC** Club Meeting Minutes

Question - The Bob Boyd-KD0LYN Memorial is part of the Repeater Fund? Yes. When he passed, his brother said that Bob-KD0LYN considered the Club as part of his family. They decided to leave all his radio gear to the Club and Mike-N0PDG has handled selling the parts. The money received was put into the Repeater Fund as a Memorial to Bob-KD0LYN

#### Repeater Fund:

Grants (donations) received for the Repeater Upgrade:

Grandma's Marathon	\$1,500.00
Enbridge	\$800.00
Lake County	\$200.00
Halvor Lines	\$275.00 – coming soo

We will be replacing the 94 Repeater, following the lead of Randy-KR0B. He has been in contact with Yaezu (John Kruk-N9UPC sitting in a boat somewhere on a lake), fourteen (14) week delay for arrival of ordered products

Spoke with Randy Haglin-N0BZZ and he will get down to Mahtowa to finish the upgrade there. He is driving from Aitkin, MN

#### **Education:**

There is no scheduled classes until the fall. There has been some interest in Technician, General or Extra. Class will end in January

#### Testing:

Doug-AA0AW held a testing session last week, using a new location, Moose 1302 Lodge in Proctor. Two (2) candidates with 100% - Nothing to General, Nothing to Technician. Contact Doug <u>AA0AW@ARRL.net</u>. If you are ready to test, email Doug-AA0AW and they will test individually. Happy to set something up. There will be a test session in January. Former site House of Refuge has had successful prayer sessions seven (7) nights a week and is not available for the testing any longer

#### **Christmas Party:**

Gene-N0VRM received a call from the Coppertop Church on Tuesday, as they found out we were having food and that is a nono. The rules are set by the Bishop of MN. We are thankful to have this room. We are following the rules so no food, no coffee and no doughnuts or cookies for now

Food will be brought to the Salvation Army Food Shelf

Salvation Army bell ringing. Gene called and the receptionist was compiling number. We did really good \$944.57. Thank you to the bell ringers who raised those funds. We'll do it again next year

Ham Fest will be applied for through the ARRL. First Saturday in May as normal and we can start looking forward to that. St Cloud is holding a Ham Fest as well, back at the armory this year. Brainerd is also holding a Ham Fest. This are things to look forward to for the New Year

#### Any new Hams?

KF0JGW General
Jon Palachek Technician to General. KD9DZB
Paul KF0GEX Technician

Door Prize was won by Bob-KC0NFB

We are collecting dues for the year and they are \$20.00 for a single and \$25.00 for family

ARAC is a Non-Profit registered with the State of MN. Gene-N0VRM applied for 501C3 designation for the Club. The wait could be up to ninety (90) days before we get a response from the Federal Government

Gift giveaways based on attendance to the monthly meetings (tickets for the drawings). Congratulations to the winners!





### Prez Sez...

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Out with the old and in with the new will be happening at A.R.A.C. this year!

First, there will be some new faces on the A.R.A.C. Board !!

**KØDJP** Vice President David Pyrlik Secretary Melinda Nelson KFØGJW 1st Year Board Doug Nelson **AAØAW** 

Second, there will be a new repeater for the WØGKP 146.94. This hopefully will take place in the first Quarter of 2022. We have secured funding from a number of donors, so the project is moving forward. Stay tuned for further announcements about this.

Also, it is that time of year for Club Dues. Please pay Club Treasurer Bruce Carlson KNØNUL at a meeting or by mail. \$20 single, \$25 Family

Bruce Carlson 906 Anderson RD **Duluth. MN 55811** 

A.R.A.C. P.O. BOX 7164 Duluth. MN 55807-7164

Thank You.

Gene Ellefsen NØVRM President

### The 2021 Thomas J Reibold Award



#### The Thomas J Reibold Award honors outstanding service to the Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club and to the hobby of Ham Radio

The 2021 Thomas J Reibold Award is hereby awarded to

Paul Dallavia - KCØWDQ





#### U.S. AIR FORCE MILITARY AUXILIARY RADIO SYSTEM

Minnesota State MARS Director Reginald B. Cass / AFS5MN

Gene Ellefsen NØVRM

Thank you for your time and interest.

Air Force MARS membership could be for you. We do hope that it is.

If you have the following interests, and capabilities, we are interested in recruiting you to become an Air Force MARS member. Completion of the following on line training is mandatory: Personally, Identifiable Information (PII) <a href="https://iatraining.disa.mil/eta/piiv2/launchPage.htm">https://iatraining.disa.mil/eta/disa</a> cac2018/launchPage.htm

If you have completed: <u>Incident Command System</u> (ICS) -100, 200, 700, and 800 training, and have obtained certification for Air Force MARS or are willing to obtain this training, again, Air Force MARS could be for you.

You must be interested in joining a group of individuals that are dedicated to amateur radio, emergency communications, and willingness to learn and used military communications procedures for voice and digital communications.

You must have equipment that will meet the minimum requirements for voice and digital operation. The equipment will be: transmitter, receiver, (transceiver) modified to operate out of amateur radio bands, computer, modem, and antenna's that are designed to operate on military assigned frequencies. (The best antennas will be a dipole cut to the operational frequency. NVIS antennas work best. You will not need a linear amplifier, however if you have one that will operate on out of amateur radio bands that will be a plus)

You must go through and complete training. You are allowed up to 180 days to do so.

Air Force MARS operation's and procedures are based upon "MARS Operating Instruction", (MOI). The MOI manual uses as its basis for instruction a series of Allied Communications Publications (ACP's), Department of Defense Directives, Department of Defense Instructions, and Department of Defense Manual.

If you already belong to a MARS program and would like to consider Air Force MARS, please contact one of the recruiting team members.

Our recruitment team is as follows:

AFA5XK Dave, WB7DRU wb7dru@gmail.com
AFA5ZV Randy, KRØB afa5zv@gmail.com
AFA5JY Reg, KAØRJY reg cass@msn.com

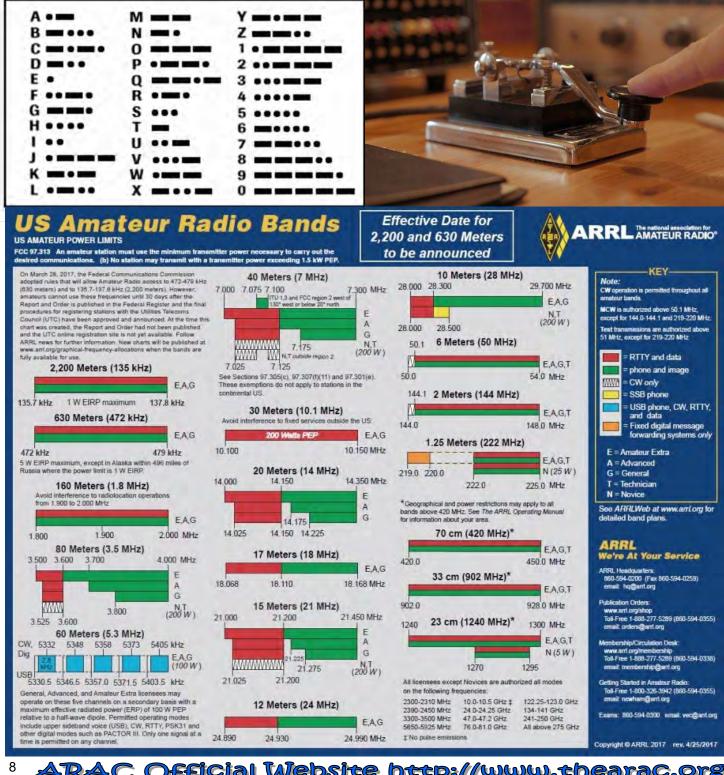
### **CW** Abbreviations

AS Pse QRX SK End of Contact AR End of Message BK Back to You

TU Thank You **PSE Please** K Invite to Transmit

**QST** Calling all Amateurs QRL Are You Buzy? QRU Have anything for me

QRV Are You Ready? **QRX** Standby **QRS Transit Slower** 



### NETS

Have a favorite HF/6m/2m/1.25m/7Øcm net that you check into or listen in on? Also, please send corrections and we will add it to the list below - Kim KEØNQS at my email KEØNQS.mn@gmail.com.

- Northland Weather Group Net: Mondays 2ØØØ on the ARAC repeater (146.940 MHz with a tone of 103.5 and standard offset).
- Minnesota D-Star Net: Sundays at 19:3Ø on Reflector 53A
- Minnesota Section Net 12ØØ and 173Ø on 3.86Ø [Net Manager: NØYR] http://www.mn-section.org/dept\_stm.html
- The non-non-net: Evenings 2ØØØ 144.2ØØ USB except for Sunday evenings.
- Badger WX Net: Ø5ØØ-Ø715 on 3.985. Give 24 hour high/low/current temperature, precipitation and snowfall.
- PICONET: 3.925 from Ø9ØØ-11ØØ CT Mon-Sat and 16ØØ-17ØØ CT Mon-Fri. Info at: http://www.piconet3925.com
- Michigan Upper Peninsula Net: 16ØØ (CST) on 3.921 MHz Sun-Sat and 12ØØ Sun. Info: http://www.michupnet.com
- Great Lakes Marine/Maritime Mobile Net: Morning Ø7:3Ø 3.932; Ø8:15 7.261 MHz and evening 18:3Ø 3.173Ø927; 19:15 7.268 MHz. Weekend extra net: 1Ø:ØØ 7.261/7.268 MHz. All CST, LSB and +/- QRM. See: http://www.sailblogs.com/member/glmmnet/
- MIDCARS: Ø7:3Ø-13:ØØ 7.258 MHz. See: http://www.midcars.net
- Iowa snowbird net on 14.257MHz, M-W-F at 1Ø:ØØ am Local Time. This is an open net.
- Spider Web Net (Marco Island FL) on 14.347 every morning at Ø73Ø CST/CDT: http://www.spiderwebnet.net
- Maritime Mobile Service Network: Daily at 11ØØ—21ØØ Central on 14.3ØØ. http://mmsn.org and http://www.143ØØ.net
- RV Radio Network: Every day at 19ØØ Central on 7.265 MHz. Web site: http://www.rvradionetwork.com
- Upper Midwest Ten Meter Net: Every Thursday Evening @ 8 PM 28.48Ø MHz USB
- Wisconsin Sideband Net: Daily @ 5:15 PM 3985 [or 3982.5] KHz LSB
- Upper Midwest Ten Meter Net: Every Thursday Evening @ 8 PM 28.48Ø MHz USB
- Hobby Helpers Net Tuesday @ 8 PM 28.33Ø MHz USB (Isanti MN) LSB [Net Manager: WOØA].
- Northstar Trader Net: 3.9Ø8 +/- at Ø83Ø CST Sundays
- WARFA: 3.9Ø8 +/- Sun/Tue/Thu nights at 22ØØ CST, http://warfa.org/
- Youth Net: 14.32Ø-1433Ø Sundays 18ØØ-19ØØ UTC, Net Control: AC8PI
- YACHT: Saturdays 19ØØ CST on EchoLink #481872, http://yachthams.webstarts.com
- Northwestern Ontario ARES Net: Evenings at 2Ø:15 (Central) on +/- 3.75ØMhz
- The Iron Range Net: Saturdays at Ø8ØØ Central time on or near 3.919 Mhz. Look them up on Facebook!
- FORX Net: Mondays at 19ØØ Central at 3.941 Mhz +/- QRM. WAØJXT Grand Forks, North Dakota
- HF CW: Fridays Ø8:ØØ CST, 7.112 MHz. Informal slow speed CW Net. W8IRT NCS. Email: w8irt@aol.com
- Minnesota ARES Digital Net: Thursdays at 2ØØØ CST, 3.5835 MHz USB +/- QRM, Mode: Olivia 8/5ØØ.
- SARA Digital Net: Sundays at 19ØØ Local, 3.582.15Ø MHz USB +/- QRM, Mode: BPSK31/BPSK63
- Spider Web Net (Marco Island FL): 14.347 every morning at Ø73Ø CST/CDT: http://www.spiderwebnet.net
- Broadcaster Net: 7.231 or 3.855 M/W/F @ 15ØØ UTC. 14.255 M-F @ 213Ø UTC. http://www.cbsretirees.com/ham.htm
- Old Military Radio Net: 7.268 +/- nightly at Ø2ØØz. Other times/Frequencies too. See: http://www.mrca.ar88.net/
- Rag Chew Crew/Tailgaters/Freewheelers Nets: 3.916 +/- nightly at 19ØØ CST, http://www.tailgatersnet.com
- North South Net: 7.214.6 +/- at Ø7ØØ CST, Monday-Saturday



## Next ARAC Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2Ø22 @ 6:30 p.m.

Sammy's Pizza

### **Next ARAC Club Meeting**

Thursday, January 13th 7 p.m.

**Coppertop Church!** 

#### **January 13th Presentation:**

Randy Wabik KR0B
Discussion of the
Repeater Project

Interested in providing a program, or have an idea for one?

Contact us at ke0nqs.mn@gmail.com



New Location for Amateur Radio License Testing Sessions!

Moose Lodge 415 3rd Ave. Proctor, MN

Questions on next available Testing Session date? Please contact Doug Nelson AA0AW at aa0aw@arrl.net



# to our Newly Licensed or Upgraded Hams!

- KF0JGW, General
- Jon Palachek KD9DZB, Technician to General
- Paul Gilsdorf KF0GEX, Technician

Know of a newly-licensed Ham not listed here? Let us know for next month's newsletter at

ke0nqs.mn@gmail.com

### Duluth Area Repeaters



#### ARAC System WØGKP

Freq. OffsetTone Location 146.940 minus 103.5 Duluth

146.940 minus 107.2 Lakeside (recv)

146.940 minus151.4 Two Harbors (recv) 146.940 minus100.0 Gary-New Duluth (recv)

146.940 minus123.0 Solway (recv) 146.940 minus110.9 Cloquet (recv) 147.000 minus103.5 Mahtowa

444.100 plus 103.5 Duluth UHF Link

#### N9MMU/N9QWH System (WI)

145.310	minus	110.9	Duluth
145.490	minus	110.9	Solon Springs
147.255	plus	110.9	Hayward
145.110	minus	110.9	Rice Lake
147.345	minus	136.5	Holcombe
145.230	minus	110.9	Eau Claire

#### WECOMM - WI Statewide Linked System WE9COM

147.075 plus 110.9 Meteor Hill (closest repeater to Duluth)

#### LSAC System #1

147.330 147.330 147.330	plus plus plus	151.4 103.5 156.7	Proctor Duluth (recv for Proctor) Duluth (North) (Fish Lake)
147.270	plus	114.8	Two Harbors
147.270	plus	103.5	Wales
147.090	plus	114.8	Silver Bay
145.410	minus	114.8	Finland
147.300	plus	114.8	Isabella
145.150	minus	103.5	Washburn, WI
146.700	minus	103.5	Bayfield, WI
443.850	+5.00	none	Bayfield, WI
147.165	plus	110.9	Hurley, WI
146.640	minus	151.4	Ely
443.500	+5.00	141.3	Gilbert
147.060	plus	103.5	Virginia
147.360	plus	162.2	Cook
147.165	plus	114.8	Coleraine
443.925	+5.00	110.9	Brainerd
443.200	+5.00	114.8	Tamarack
147.360	plus	203.5	Aitkin
146.865	minus	146.2	Giese
147.570	simplex	146.2	Hinckley
444.575	+5.00	146.2	Hinckley
443.325	+5.00	146.2	Isanti

#### NARC System NAØRC

145.45Ø	minus	1Ø3.5	Solway Twp
145.45Ø	minus	114.8	Park Point (rcv)
147.135	plus	114.8	Park Point (rcv)
147.135	plus	1Ø3.5	Knife River `

#### **Stand Alone Repeaters**

145.21Ø	minus	11Ø.9	Clam Lake, WI
146.88Ø	minus	123.Ø	Grand Rapids
146.91Ø	minus	146.2	Duxbury, MN

#### **Fusion and D Star**

Fusion (Analog has tone and C4FM digital with no tone)

147.15Ø plus 151.4 NTØB Gilbert Fusion Rptr 145.17Ø minus 11Ø.9 WA9KLM Superior – Douglas County RACES/ARES Fusion Repeater 443.1ØØ +5.ØØ 1Ø3.5 KBØYHX Cloquet –

Carlton County RACES/ARES Fusion Repeater

444.3ØØ +5.ØØ 1Ø3.5 NØEO Spirit Valley Amateurs Fusion Repeater WIRES-X NØEO (Analog only) Fusion Room 40494

 147.375
 plus
 NØEO
 D Star

 442.2ØØ
 plus
 NØEO
 D Star

Repeater list compiled by Dr. Frequency—KCØWDQ

#### ST. Louis County Department of Emergency Services Net Control Roster

Scott Swanson **N9DMG NØVRM** Gene Ellefsen **AAØAW Doug Nelson KCØWDQ** Paul Dallavia **WØNWO Dave Miller WØDIO Dennis Anderson KØDSL Diane Saunders** AAØME **Randy Johnson** 

Sunday Nights at 2100 on the ARAC System (See Calendar for net control schedule)

#### **Ten Meter SSB Net Control Roster**

AAØAW Doug Nelson NUØW Gary Hanson WØDIO Dennis Anderson AAØME Randy Johnson Sunday Nights at 2ØØØ on 28.45Ø MHz USB

#### Ten Meter CW Net Control Roster

AAØAW Doug Nelson NØPDG Mike Lovold Sunday Nights at 193Ø on 28.125 MHz

#### Northland Weather Group Net Control Roster

KCØMKS Jeff Nast

Monday Nights at 2000 on the ARAC System

#### **Douglas County Net**

Tuesday Nights at 2000 on 145.490 (N9QWH System)

#### **Central Carlton County Net**

Tuesday Nights at 2Ø3Ø on the ARAC System

#### **Lake County RACES/ARES Net**

2nd & 4th Wednesday Nights at 19ØØ on the LSAC 1 System

### **FImers**

#### El-mer / ɛl-mər/ [el-mer]

- 1. a male given name: from Old English words meaning "noble" and "famous."
- 2. an adhesive used to bond like or unlike materials
- 3. An experienced ham radio operator who mentors new and prospective hams.

Name Call **Expertise** Jeff Nast KCØMKS APRS, EchoLink, WinLink, Fusion, Contesting Contesting Bob Schulz **KCØNFB** NØJWA Jim Anderson QsoNet Doug Nelson **AAØAW** HF, VHF/UHF, Contesting,

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**SUNDAY NIGHT NETS** 

193Ø - CW - 28.125 MHz USB-CW 2ØØØ -USB 28.45Ø MHz

21ØØ - Southern St. Louis County **Emergency Services Net MONDAY NIGHT NETS** 

2ØØØ- Northland WX Net - ARAC Repeater



#### **CLUB EVENTS**

**TUESDAY NIGHT NETS** 

2ØØØ -Douglas Cty 145.49Ø MHz 2Ø3Ø - Central Carlton County **WEDNESDAY NIGHT NÉTS** 

19ØØ -Lake County - LSAC1 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 21ØØ -**BWAR** 

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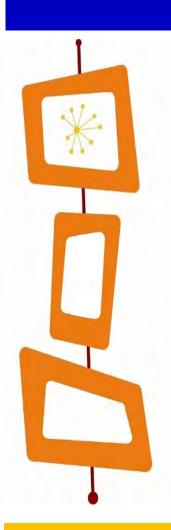
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- 2. Radio shack htx 242, 2 meter mobile 50.00
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- 4. Icom 2100 2 meter mobile 65.00
- 5. Kenwood ts-480 hf 200 watt radio 550.00
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- 7. mirage 35 watt 2 meter mobile amp FM only 30.00
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- 20. Yaesu hf 757 gx Radio 200.00

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#### 20 QUESTIONS OF HAM TRIVIA, continued from page 1



- 11. What amateur-invented AM mode is often heard around 14.230 MHz?
- 12. What is a "lid" in ham radio lingo?
- 13. In Hawaii, KH6, to which of the continents does the antenna always point, no matter what the rotator control box says?
- f 14 Ham radio operator Bob Heil, K9EID is a pioneer in what way?
- 10. What is Dr. Owen K. Garriott W5LFL famous for?
- 16. VHF enthusiasts discovered and documented what unusual propagation mode?
- 17. His call-sign was K2ORS and he wrote and narrated a classic film that had everyone saying "you'll shoot your eye out". Who is it?
- 18. Gerson Strassberg WA2JXX invented this item, which for a long time, no self-respecting geek would have been without. What is it?
- 19. Bob Dennison, W0DX, led the "Gone Waki" team in the first example of what popular activity?
- **20.** What is the ARISS program?

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. Without an amplifier. Generally, barefoot operating means using 10 watts to 100 watts. An amplifier would typically boost that to approximately 1000W.
- 2. 17.320508 MHz = 17.320508 meters
- 3. "Yagi" is the shortened name for a "Yagi-Uda Antenna". In 1926, Shintaro Uda, (at Tohoku University located in Sendai, Japan), with the collaboration of Hidetsugu Yagi developed the antenna. Mr. Yagi published the first English-language article about it in 1928 so his name got associated with it, though he was always quick to credit Mr. Uda.
- 4. Alessandro Volta used zinc and copper
- 5. XYL "Ex Young Lady"
- 6. Long-delayed echoes. LDEs are spooky phenomena that are not completely understood, even today.
- 7. Marlon Brando
- 8. They are both located on the International Space Station
- 9. Parametric. Parametric amplifiers use the nonlinearity of diode junctions to amplify.
- 10. Singer Buddy Holly wrote a classic 50's song "Peggy Sue" about his Texan girlfriend, which peaked at number 3 on the Billboard singles chart. Tragically, he was killed in an airplane crash in lowa on February 3rd, 1959 enroute to Fargo, ND. With him were famous performers The Big Bopper and Richie Valens, who also lost their lives. Just days before, on January 31st, Holly performed at the Duluth Armory. A young Bob Dylan attended that performance, which he cited as an inspiration at the 1998 Grammy Awards when he received Album of the Year for Time Out of Mind.
- 11. Slow-scan TV. Invented by Copthorne Macdonald VE1BFL in the early 1960s, SSTV is even incorporated in some handheld VHF radios
- 12. A poor operator. No one can really say from where the term originated but to be called a lid is generally the ultimate insult. An unlicensed operator is called a variety of things pirate, bootlegger, slim, but he may operate respectfully otherwise so not qualify as a true "lid".
- 13. Africa, in which lies the antipode to KH6.
- 14. Heil pioneered live-in-concert sound for various rock and roll groups. Bob Heil is responsible for taking the world of live rock and roll from a fairly puny sound from the band's amps, to the booming wall to wall of volume we enjoy today during concerts. He worked with The Who, The Grateful Dead, Jeff Beck, Joe Walsh and many other early performers. The "talking guitar" that artist Peter Frampton played in the 1970's was another one of Bob's creations. Today he manufactures high quality microphones that are used in music and communications.
- **15.** He was the first amateur radio operator to operate from space. Dr. Owen Garriott, PhD has flown on Skylab-3, spending 60 days (a record at the time, doubling the previous record) in space in 1973. His next space mission was aboard Spacelab-1 for 10 days in 1983. During this mission (STS-9) Dr. Garriott, a ham for over 40 years, was the first astronaut to take a ham radio into space.
- 16. Trans-equatorial skip. TE was not considered possible at VHF until hams found it.
- 17. Jean Shepherd was a writer and radio-television personality who narrated the classic holiday film 'A Christmas Story'. The 1983 family comedy was based on his writing.
- **18.** The Plastic Pocket Protector. It was designed to slip into your shirt pocket and hold your ink pens. Geek fashion dictated that you not only have a plastic pocket protector, but also have *multiple* pens tucked into it.
- 19. DXpeditions. Bob's 1948 "Gon-Waki" operation as VP7NG (Bahamas) was the first modern DXpedition.
- 20. Amateur Radio on the International Space Station. ARISS is a program that enables astronauts on the space station to communicate with groups such as school students. Volunteer ham operators set up their equipment in classrooms and the students can chat with the astronauts and ask questions. Even though they are in space, the astronauts still have to have a valid amateur radio license to communicate back to hams on earth; that's why most of the members of the astronaut corps are licensed hams.



+ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest

### Contest Calendar - January 2022

+ AGB New Year Snowball Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1

+ SARTG New Year RTTY Contest 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1

+ AGCW Happy New Year Contest 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1

<u>+ WW PMC Contest</u> 1200Z, Jan 1 to 1200Z, Jan 2

1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144) and

1700Z-1800Z, Jan 1 (432)

+ Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Jan 1 to 1500Z, Jan 2

+ ARRL Kids Day 1800Z-2359Z, Jan 1

+ K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 3

+ OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 3

+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 0100Z-0159Z, Jan 4

+ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 4

+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 4

<u>+ QRP Fox Hunt</u> 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 5

+ Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 5

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 5

<u>+ Mini-Test 40</u> 1700Z-1759Z, Jan 5

+ VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Jan 5

<u>+ Mini-Test 80</u> 1800Z-1859Z, Jan 5

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 5

<u>+ UKEICC 80m Contest</u> 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 5

0000Z-0100Z, Jan 6 and + Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest

0200Z-0300Z, Jan 7

<u>+ CWops Mini-CWT Test</u> 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 6

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 0700Z-0800Z, Jan 6

+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 6

+ NRAU 10m Activity Contest

1800Z-1900Z, Jan 6 (CW) and

1900Z-2000Z, Jan 6 (SSB) and

2000Z-2100Z, Jan 6 (FM) and

2100Z-2200Z, Jan 6 (Dig)



<u>+ EACW Meeting</u> 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 6

+ SKCC Sprint Europe 2000Z-2200Z, Jan 6

+ NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 7

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<u>+ YB DX Contest</u> 0000Z-2359Z, Jan 8

<u>+ PODXS 070 Club PSKFest</u> 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 8

+ Old New Year Contest 0500Z-0900Z, Jan 8

<u>+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon</u> 1200Z, Jan 8 to 2400Z, Jan 9

+ RSGB AFS Contest, CW 1300Z-1700Z, Jan 8

+ ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 8 to 2400Z, Jan 9

2000Z-2300Z, Jan 8 and

<u>+ EUCW 160m Contest</u> 0400Z-0700Z, Jan 9

+ NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB 0630Z-0830Z, Jan 9

<u>+ DARC 10-Meter Contest</u> 0900Z-1059Z, Jan 9

+ NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW 0900Z-1100Z, Jan 9

<u>+ Midwinter Contest</u> 1000Z-1400Z, Jan 9

+ K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 10

+ 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Jan 10

<u>+ OK1WC Memorial</u> 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 10

+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 0100Z-0159Z, Jan 11

+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 11

<u>+ QRP Fox Hunt</u> 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 12

<u>+ Phone Weekly Test - Fray</u> 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 12

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 12

<u>+ Mini-Test 40</u> 1700Z-1759Z, Jan 12

+ VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Jan 12

<u>+ Mini-Test 80</u> 1800Z-1859Z, Jan 12



+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 12

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 13

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 0700Z-0800Z, Jan 13

+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 13

<u>+ EACW Meeting</u> 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 13

+ NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 14

<u>+ QRP Fox Hunt</u> 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 14

<u>+ NCCC Sprint</u> 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 14

+ K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 14

+ Malaysia DX Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jan 15

+ UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest 1200Z, Jan 15 to 1200Z, Jan 16

+ Hungarian DX Contest 1200Z, Jan 15 to 1159Z, Jan 16

<u>+ PRO Digi Contest</u> 1200Z, Jan 15 to 1159Z, Jan 16

<u>+ North American QSO Party, CW</u> 1800Z, Jan 15 to 0559Z, Jan 16

<u>+ WAB 1.8 MHz Phone</u> 1900Z-2300Z, Jan 15

<u>+ ARRL January VHF Contest</u> 1900Z, Jan 15 to 0359Z, Jan 17

<u>+ Feld Hell Sprint</u> 2000Z, Jan 15 to 0559Z, Jan 16

+ RSGB AFS Contest, Data 1300Z-1700Z, Jan 16

+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 2300Z, Jan 16 to 0100Z, Jan 17

<u>+ K1USN Slow Speed Test</u> 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 17

+ OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 17

+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 0100Z-0159Z, Jan 18

<u>+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint</u> 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 18

<u>+ QRP Fox Hunt</u> 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 19

<u>+ Phone Weekly Test - Fray</u> 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 19

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 19

<u>+ Mini-Test 40</u> 1700Z-1759Z, Jan 19

+ VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Jan 19

<u>+ Mini-Test 80</u> 1800Z-1859Z, Jan 19

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 19



0000Z-0100Z, Jan 20 and + Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest

0200Z-0300Z, Jan 21

<u>+ NAQCC CW Sprint</u> 0130Z-0330Z, Jan 20

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 20

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 0700Z-0800Z, Jan 20

+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 20

<u>+ EACW Meeting</u> 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 20

<u>+ NCCC RTTY Sprint</u> 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 21

+ QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 21

<u>+ NCCC Sprint</u> 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 21

+ K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 21

+ Marconi Club ARI Loano QSO Party Day 0700Z-1800Z, Jan 22

+ BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z, Jan 22 to 1200Z, Jan 23

+ RSGB AFS Contest, SSB 1300Z-1700Z, Jan 22

+ NA Collegiate Championship, SSB 1800Z, Jan 22 to 0559Z, Jan 23

+ North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 22 to 0559Z, Jan 23

1400Z, Jan 23 to 0800Z, Jan 24 and

1400Z, Jan 25 to 0800Z, Jan 26

+ Classic Exchange, Phone

+ K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 24

<u>+ OK1WC Memorial</u> 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 24

<u>+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest</u> 0100Z-0159Z, Jan 25

+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 25

<u>+ SKCC Sprint</u> 0000Z-0200Z, Jan 26

<u>+ QRP Fox Hunt</u> 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 26

+ Phone Weekly Test - Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 26

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 26

<u>+ Mini-Test 40</u> 1700Z-1759Z, Jan 26

<u>+ Mini-Test 80</u> 1800Z-1859Z, Jan 26

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 26

+ UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 26



2300Z,	Jan 26	6 to 230	0Z, Jan	27	and
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2300Z, Jan 29 to 2300Z, Jan 30

+ NAQCC CW Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Jan 27

+ AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 27

0700Z-0800Z, Jan 27 + CWops Mini-CWT Test

+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint 1700Z-1900Z, Jan 27

+ EACW Meeting 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 27

0145Z-0215Z, Jan 28 + NCCC RTTY Sprint

0200Z-0330Z, Jan 28 + QRP Fox Hunt

0230Z-0300Z, Jan 28 + NCCC Sprint

+ K1USN Slow Speed Test 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 28

+ CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 2200Z, Jan 28 to 2200Z, Jan 30

0600Z, Jan 29 to 1800Z, Jan 30 + REF Contest, CW

+ UBA DX Contest, SSB 1300Z, Jan 29 to 1300Z, Jan 30

1900Z, Jan 29 to 1900Z, Jan 30 + Winter Field Day

+ K1USN Slow Speed Test 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 31

+ QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 31

+ OK1WC Memorial 1630Z-1729Z, Jan 31

+ QCX Challenge 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 31

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