



FEEDBACK

Happy New Year

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--- SHORT SKIP ---

Look'n at my 100 Kc. crystal in my Knight-Kit x-10 crystal calibrator I forsee for 2010 :

A. Very, very, slow rise in sun spots - rapidly increasing come 21 December 20121.

B. A ban on Mr. Edison's incandescent light bulbs.

C. Great 6 meter propagation in the fall.

D. A large gathering of the elite "Intelligentsia " at the Massillon Boys and Girls Club October 31st.

E. Lastly, increased scientific ionospheric research world-wide.

(We're gonna learn some new stuff about our ionosphere Bunky).

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy New Year.

73 de WB80WM

**MRN NET Tue Thur & Sun
7:30 PM 3.60 MHz.**

**CLUB REPEATERS
147.18 & 442.850 MHz**

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JANUARY MEETING IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

The meeting for the month of January will be the annual Awards Banquet at the Otterbein United Methodist Church, 6025 Shepler Church Ave, Bethlehem Twp.(directions on page 2). It will be on January 9th at 6:00 PM (doors open at 5:00 PM) We will NOT have a meeting at the Senior Center.

Cost for this 2 meat meal (chicken & Salisbury Steak) with all the "trimmings" will be \$ 10 per plate. Reservations are required! So please contact Dan N8DZM or Joe WD8BGW with you're reservation ASAP! (Dan 330/478-6149 - Joe 330/830-1546 leave message)

DUES IS NOW DUE !

At the December meeting, it was proposed to raise the dues to \$ 15.00 per member. A vote was taken and the issue was defeated. So dues *still* remains at \$10 per member, \$5.00 for the XYL and \$2.50 for children living at home for full memberships. Dues can be paid at any meeting or at the annual Banquet: all before or at the March meeting. Or you can send it to the "new" Treasurer -Gary WC8W (After January dinner meeting please:address- 6500 Highton SW, Navarre, Ohio 44662). Please help support you're club ! Remember we do not want to loose a single member !

MARC MINUTES

December 4th, 2009

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center with 36 members and guests present (signed-in). Please remember to sign in.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions made.

A motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the Feedback was made by Terry N8ATZ and Seconded by Byron KF8UN. Motion passed.

In Joe's absence Dan N8DZM gave the treasurer's report.

Carl gave the VP report with various club newsletters, Magazines, announcements, and hamfests.

Committees –

Old Business

Carl is still working on the North Bass Island trip.

New business

Election of officers for 2010 was held with the following results.

President Carl AB8CC

V. P. Wade WD8MIU

Treasurer Gary WC8W

Secretary Dan N8DZM

Trustee Tom WD8MBE

Motion was made by Don W8DEF to raise the 2010 dues by 50% and seconded by Mike WA8MKH. A secret ballot was used with 18 votes for NO and 13 votes for YES. Motion failed.

Don made a motion to not have the Feedback newsletter printed and use only email and the internet for distribution, seconded by Mike WA8MKH. Motion passed.

The 2010 budget was voted on and passed.

The HT left over from the hamfest will be raffled off at the dinner banquet.
Program was Chili

No 50/50 drawing.

Minutes by Dan N8DZM

DIRECTIONS TO OTTERBEIN METHODIST CHURCH

From Akron/ Canton: I 77 south to Fohl Road. Right turn (West) on Fohl to First traffic blinker light. Turn left on Shepler Church Road, church is on right about 1/4 mile from intersection. FROM MASSILLON : State Rout # 21 South into Navarre. At first traffic light(Wooster Street) turn Left. Follow the road (East) to the S curves. The road now turns into Fohl Road. Continue following Fohl Road to the Second traffic blinker light. Right turn onto Shepler Church Road. Church is 1/4 mile on right from the intersection. We will also "try" to monitor 147.18 MHz for on air directions

... Online Equipment Registration ...

The December issue of CQ Magazine had a short item that talked about a free online equipment registry service. They brought up a good point, if your radio equipment was stolen could you remember the serial number? Have you recorded it anywhere? I'm sure all of us own multiple pieces of radio gear. Some expensive and some not.

Sign up with The Rig Service, a free service at <http://www.therigregister.com> and record your equipment details in a safe and easy to find place. Your equipment can even be marked as lost or stolen for others to check. But it isn't just for stolen equipment. Groups and clubs can use it as an asset register, and a shared login between officers would allow access to the club's asset list.

This sounds like a very neat service and I plan on establishing my own account soon. Maybe the club should consider it for our own equipment. Something to talk about at a future meeting.

... ARRL's Dennis Dura Resigns ...

An update from ARRL Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver, K8JE. The ARRL Emergency Preparedness & Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD has resigned from the ARRL staff without any details why. Dennis had been a member of the staff for only about 3 years.

If you are a member of the ARRL and read QST Magazine you probably realize that there is a certain amount of politics that exist within that organization. This is true of most organizations, even our own club. But it's important to understand that the League is our voice for the Amateur Radio Service and I believe we are stronger with them than without it.

I am disappointed to hear of Dennis Dura's resignation, I believe he was a tremendous asset to the League and a strong advocate of the ARES and it's goals. While I don't know the details of his resignation (I'm sure it will eventually be known), I hope it was not because of his strong views on public service and the League's position on this topic. I heard Dennis speak multiple times at Dayton and his views were a little outside the carefully scripted views of ARRL leadership. His resignation will be a great loss to both the ARRL and the Amateur Radio Service. The League has stated that they are in the process of finding a replacement for this important position. I only hope they don't dismiss a good candidate for someone who simply walks the ARRL line on this segment of League service. I would like to see it filled with someone who has the best interests of the Amateur Radio Service at its core, not just another staffer, unless of course that's what they're looking for. Time will tell.

... It's Training Time ...

This is the perfect time of year to consider updating your training resume with either the ARRL's Basic Level 1 ARECC course or any of the FEMA courses available. Currently ten club members have a combined thirty-two certifications in both of these areas. I applaud and appreciate their commitment to improving their emergency communications readiness skills. Information of this and other training opportunities are available on the Stark County ARES website at <http://www.wd8bye.net>. Have a look at the courses available and make it a New Years Resolution to take at least one new Certification this season.

... 25th Anniversary of STS-9 ...

Amateur Radio has been carried aboard US Space Shuttles for over 25 years. It all began in the fall of 1983 with Shuttle Mission STS-9.

On November 28, 1983, STS-9 was launched carrying Mission Specialist Owen Garriot, W5LFL, and his ham radio into orbit. For 10 days the Space Shuttle Columbia streaked through the skies, and for the last seven of those days, hams around the world were sent emotionally into orbit when they heard Dr. Garriot's voice break their radio squelch's calling earthbound stations.

But it was just the beginning. Amateur Radio had moved into its newest frontier, and it was here to stay. By the time the flight had ended, Owen Garriot had made the first ham radio transmissions by an amateur radio operator in space during the flight. This led to many further space flights incorporating amateur radio as an educational and back-up communications tool. QST published an account of Owen's flight in an article in February 1984.

The MARC also took part in this historic flight by activating our club station W8NP. During one pass close to North America we tried to contact the shuttle. We used our 2 meter rig and a vertical antenna. Reluctantly after multiple attempts during the short pass, we were unable to break through the intense pile-up and make a contact.

Owen did record over 350 contacts during the flight with amateurs all over the world. While W8NP did not end up in his log, the thrill experienced in just hearing his callsign emanate from space was a great time and made us all proud to be ham radio operators. My tape recorder was running during our attempt and you can hear Owens call to earth by going to our website and clicking on the link on the home page. The recording is in a short WAV file playable by most media players. It wasn't quite like being there but I hope you enjoy reliving a small piece of ham radio and space history.

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Owens son Richard, W5KWQ continued the family tradition by operating ham radio from the International Space Station during his visit in October 2008, almost 25 years later. This story was covered in QST.

Till Next Month,

**73's
Terry – N8ATZ**

MARC CLUB NEWS - E-MAILED NEWSLETTERS

At the December meeting members of MARC unanimously voted to send newsletters out 100 % by the e-mail method. We will begin this endeavor with the February Feedback. This method will save the club some \$ 630 annually by eliminating the cost of postage and printing

As with any new venture there is both good and bad. The pro would be a better looking newsletter. First off it is in full color and the graphs and pictures are flawless with excellent clarity. Second we are not bound by the 10 page newsletter (printed both sides). If we have a particular story or news item, we can extend it well beyond the 10 pages. The reason for the limit of ten pages for the mailed newsletter is postage weight. If more than one ounce limit, the post offices charges more. There is the obvious savings of printing costs. It cost about \$ 1.06 to print each newsletter, add in the postage cost brings each to \$1.50, times 35 (number of total printed newsletter each month) which figures out to \$ 52.50/ month or \$ 630 a year. Quite a savings when you look at the whole picture. This doesn't figure in costs of editor paper or ink or even my cost and time of running back & forth to the printers / post office each month.

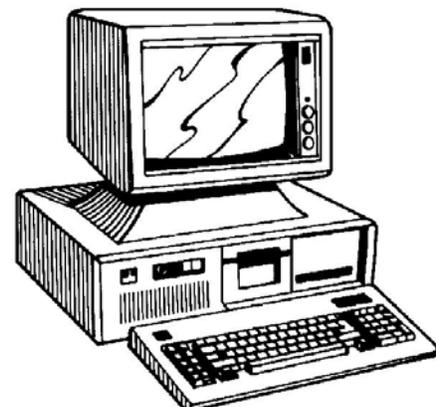
Con: each member will have to have access to a computer. For members now receiving their newsletter via e-mail you will not see any change. But for those who do not have a computer, this may become a hardship. With area Libraries cutting back because of their costs, it may be harder to get to a computer. Then that takes in the fact you will have to know how to use one! There are two methods of extracting the newsletter. First having you're own e-mail address. You will have to know how to "plug" it in & extract you're e-mail. Second by downloading it from MARC's web site. The latter means you don't have to have an e-mail address. You just have to go into the ISP of the library & connect to MARC address (www.marcradio.org). Look for the Newsletter link, & click on the current month edition. From here you can either read it or print it (some Libraries charge a nominal fee for printing).

Some of you may consider purchasing a new computer. The good news is that the price of new computers have significantly come down. A new (and I might add a significant speed) computer can now cost about \$ 400.00 plus the cost of a monitor / and or printer. Total cost about \$ 500.00 for a very good system (watch for sales!). Cost for a dial up internet can still run only about \$ 10 per month. Yes this is the slower method and yes it ties up you're phone line but it will give you complete access to all e-mail & internet. AT& T has a faster phone line method that will not interfere with you're phone calls and give you access to fast internet. Cost will be about \$ 25 - 30/ month. Massillon Cable is about same in costs, while Road Runner (very fast speed) is more.

If you are like a lot people, you may have an older, slower system lying around the house collecting dust because you cannot get "rid" of it. Have you considered donating it? A couple of members may be having financial troubles and donated computer (even a slower system) could be considered. I will be in touch with all of our mailed newsletter members within the next month & If anyone wishes a donated computer, perhaps we can be of help! Please let you're editor know if you can donate a system.

Lastly, I know there are some you who now own a computer, have internet capabilities but prefer receiving your newsletter via the US Post. After February, you cannot receive the newsletter this way. So please e-mail me you're e-mail address As Soon As Possible (to: wc8w@sssnet.com) !! If in the past you received the newsletter by e-mail and were experiencing difficulties downloading, let me know so we can help you "fix" the problem. This may take a visit (or two) to you're home by one of the club's computer "guru"s". It may be a simple "adjustment" of your settings, most of which can be completed over the phone but never-the-less will have to be done one way or the other ! As a full member of MARC you have the right to receive the newsletter by the best method possible. There is one handicapped member who simply cannot receive his newsletter by any means than by the US Post and I will personally see to it he continues to receive it. For a lot of you who cannot attend the meetings regularly, the newsletter is the only method to stay informed of club activities and national news.

**Thank You de Gary, WC8W Editor MARC
Feedback**



ARRL NEWS

ARLB037 Amateur Radio Bill Passes Senate, Moves to the House **Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 2:20 PM**

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From ARRL Headquarters; Newington CT December 16,
2009
To all radio amateurs

On Monday, December 14, S 1755 — The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 — passed the Senate by unanimous consent; the bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration. Sponsored by Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), S 1755, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications.

S 1755 points out that “There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given — (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations.”

Members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee considered S 1755 on December 10. After it passed through Committee, it was placed on the Senate’s calendar to be voted on. “We are grateful to Committee Chairman Lieberman and Ranking Member Collins for sponsoring the bill and arranging for its swift consideration and passage by the Senate,” said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ.

Similar in language to HR 2160 (also called The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 that was introduced this past April by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee [D-TX-18]), S 1755 calls on DHS to undertake a study on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief and then to submit a report to Congress no more than 180 days after the bill becomes law. The study shall:

Include a review of the importance of Amateur Radio emergency communications in furtherance of homeland security missions relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States, as well as recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio licensees in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts and improved

integration of Amateur Radio operators in planning and furtherance of the Department of Homeland Security initiatives.

Identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use regulations on residential antenna installations; and make recommendations regarding such impediments for consideration by other federal departments, agencies and Congress.

In conducting the study, S 1755 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to “utilize the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the Amateur Radio, emergency response and disaster communications communities.”

S 1755 makes note of the fact that Section 1 of the Joint Resolution entitled Joint Resolution to Recognize the Achievements of Radio Amateurs, and To Establish Support for Such Amateurs as National Policy — approved October 22, 1994 (Public Law 103-408) — included a finding that stated: “Reasonable accommodation should be made for the effective operation of Amateur Radio from residences, private vehicles and public areas, and the regulation at all levels of government should facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations as a public benefit.”

The bill also pointed out that Section 1805(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 757(c)) directs the Regional Emergency Communications Coordinating Working Group of the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate their activities with ham and Amateur Radio operators among the 11 other emergency organizations, such as ambulance services, law enforcement and others.

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What Should Every Ham Know How to Do? By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On the HamRadioHelpGroup mailing list, there was recently a discussion about using modulated CW on 2m. One fellow pointed out that MFJ sold a unit that would do this. When I pointed out that this box cost \$100 and that they could do exactly the same thing with the \$18 PicoKeyer from HamGadgets.Com, I got some flack that the PicoKeyer was a kit, and that some people might not be able to build it. I pointed out that a couple of years ago our club held a construction night, and that several people who had never soldered before successfully completed the kit. I also pointed out that even if the ham didn't have the proper tools, he or she could purchase a soldering iron, needle-nose pliers, and diagonal cutters, in addition to the kit, for less than \$100. I don't know if that convinced him, but it got me thinking about what a ham should be able to do. This is the list I've come up with so far:

1. Solder. Every ham should know how to solder a connection, and by extension, build small kits and cables. Over the course of one's ham career, this skill will save you a ton of time and money.
2. Build a dipole antenna. The dipole is the simplest and most versatile antenna. Knowing how to build one and use one is an essential skill.
3. Check into a net. Net operation is one of the most basic operating skills.
4. Use a multimeter to measure voltage, current, and resistance and know what those measurements mean. This is the most basic skill used in troubleshooting, and at some point or another, you're going to have to troubleshoot something. This list does, of course, imply that a ham is physically capable of doing them. I would not expect hams that are physically disabled to be able to do everything on this list. After I posted this to my blog (www.kb6nu.com), I got several good responses. Jeff said, "I believe hams should know how to install RF connectors, particularly the three most used in our hobby, the PL-259, the BNC, and the N connector." Blair, WB3AWI, replied, "Another thing that hams should know how to do is to measure the SWR of an antenna." So, now I ask you, What do you think every ham should know how to do? Feel free to post a comment to my blog or e-mail me at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

When not analyzing the abilities of amateurs, KB6NU pounds brass on nearly all the HF bands and teaches various ham radio classes in Ann Arbor, MI. You can read his other musings on our fine hobby at www.kb6nu.com. *** end column ***

RADIO TRAINING CLASSES

The Annual CW class, sponsored by your Massillon Amateur Radio Club will begin Friday evening, February 12, 2010.

These classes are held for Technician class or higher licensees who wish to learn how to use, and appreciate the skill of CW operation, where YOU become the encoder and decoder... a great thing to have especially during portable or emergency situations when AC power is not available. Also, DX is easier to catch with CW, and some contests give extra points for this mode.

While code can be learned individually at home, using computer programs, there are so many aspects of the mode that are not covered unless an individual is mentored by an experienced Amateur, or attends a code class run by an able tutor. Some of these illusive skills are: How to grip a hand key; How to send code with the 3/1 dash-dot ratio; How to avoid wrist fatigue; How to "copy ahead;" and many others.

Class will be held at club headquarters, the Massillon Senior Center, 3rd floor. Time will be 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. each successive Friday evening except for club meeting nights when class will be 6 - p.m.

There is no exam for this class, and those achieving 5 WPM or higher will be invited to continue their progress at our "level 2" class held on-the-air 3 times per week on 3599.8 kHz. (MRN net)

Beginners and those who have attempted to learn "on their own" are invited to attend. Advanced amateurs who already know the code but are attempting to increase speed are welcome to check into our MRN net Tues/Thurs/Sun at 7:30 p.m.

Our Technician licensing class for new hams will begin in March. Check this newsletter next month for dates and times.

For additional information on CW class contact Perry, W8AU at w8au@sssnet.com, or call 832-8612.

IN MEMORIAM PETER D. ANASTIS SR.

Peter D. Anastis SR, father of Peter Dan Anastis Jr, N8DZM passed away on December 21, 2009. He was 76 years of age. Dan proudly served our country in the United States Army. He retired from Weber Dental and Canton Drop Forge after many years of service. He was a member of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Likewise he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 190 and a member of International Order of Foresters and the American Legion Post 221.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Lulu Anastis. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters , Penelope Stosic, and Mirma Palosi; and brother James "Dick" Anastis. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Suzanna, two sons Peter D (Lindy) and Jesse J (Cindy) Anastis both of Canton; daughter Patricia Jones of Perry Twp.; 4 sisters; Margret Mills Victoria Grznar Vera (Ed) Boland and Barb Cook; brother Albert Anastis all from the area.

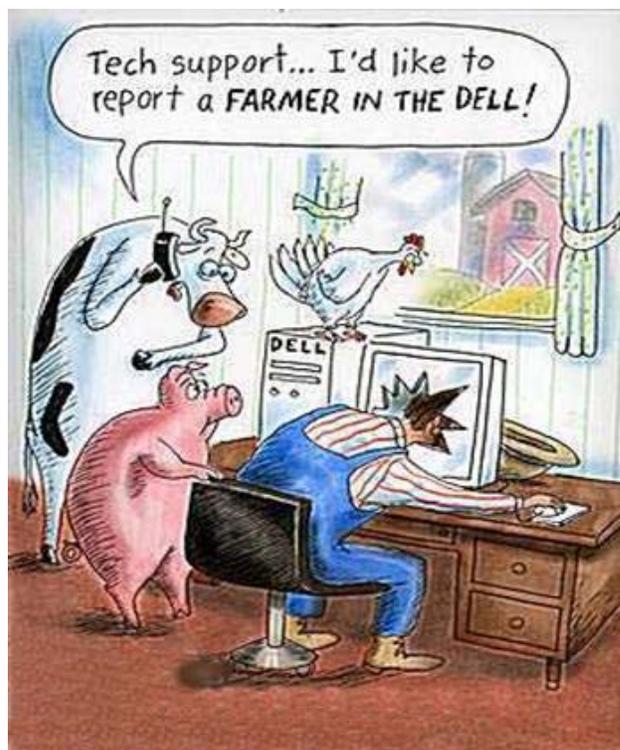
Services were held on Monday December 28, 2009 at the St. George Greek Church in Massillon followed by internment in Forest Hill Cemetery. Donations may be made to the St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Those wishing to send their condolences or share a fond memory may sign the Reed Online Guestbook at www.reedfuneralhome.com

Our most sincere condolences go to Dan Jr., his mother Suzanna and his entire family

SHORT WAVE BROADCASTING FREQUENCIES

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7.220.000	Radio France Internationle	Issoudun
7.290.000	AIR Chennai	Thiruvananthapuram
7.255.000	Voice of America	Udon Thani
7.250.000	VAT	Ponte Galeria
7.245.000	TDJ	Duchanbe
7.200.000	RBU	Plovdiv
7.205.000	Radio Romania International	Galbeni
7.205.000	BBC	Nakhon Sawan
7.130.000	CRI	Kashi
7.105.000	Radio Madagasikara	Ambohidrano
7.200.000	Radio Rossii	Yakutsk
7.235.000	Radio Singapore	Singapore

(Thanks to Rick K8RIC)



Come One, Come All and meet us on the "Old Goat Net"

When: Every Wednesday at 7 PM Local

Where: 28.360 USB

A variety of topics are discussed each week and then it is usually just Good Old Ragchew.

73s for now,

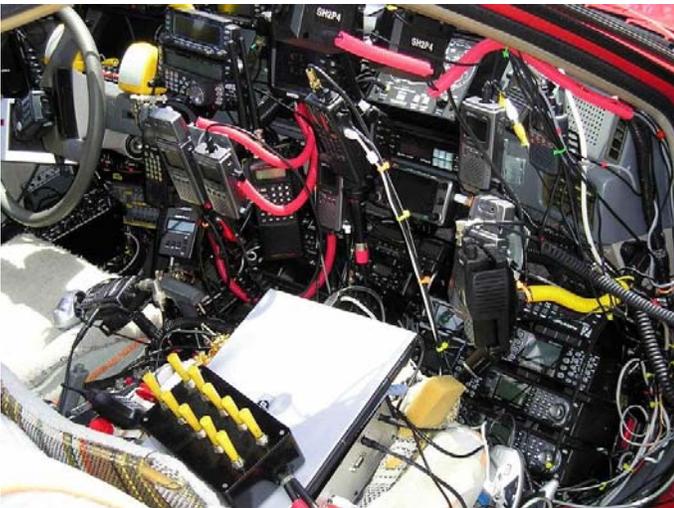
Tom, WD8MBE, The Old Goat Net Manager

MARC PICTURE PAGE “JUST FOR FUN” !

A little nostalgia: No the picture is not the W8AU station in back of his van ! The picture is the operating station on board the USS KIDD (DD661) which is a United States Navy Fletcher Class destroyer, commissioned in 1943. Full story on page 11 of this issue (electronic version of Feedback only !) Take a close look at the typewriter at the bottom of the picture. Remember those things? Pre- Laptop & 100% Manual Operation ! Sorry I cannot comment on the type of equipment - I just don't know and it's not mentioned in the story. Perhaps Perry can comment on the equipment, being the “old” Navy man he is ! (Actually this is before his time) !



YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME !!!



I know that the driver is supposed to fit in there somewhere, but for the life of me I can't figure where ! How in the world can he even see out the front ? Can you imagine the size of the alternator that has to be installed just to run these transceivers? Good grief, I had a heck of a time installing just one two meter rig in a full size Chevrolet, not to mention how to run the antenna coax ! Do you think this is good reason for the Highway Patrol to stop this car for “driver distraction” ? Question is which driver; the one driving this car or all the rubber - neckers trying to figure out what the heck it is !

(Thanks to Rick K8RIC, Wade WD8MIU & Tomas KC8ZEH for this e-mail pictures)

January 2010

W8NP Monthly Planner

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The USS KIDD (DD-661), a United States Navy Fletcher-class destroyer, was launched in February 1943. The Kidd served for over twenty years and was decommissioned on June 19, 1964. Years later, a search was conducted for a museum ship for the Baton Rouge area. After a long process, the KIDD was donated by the Navy and she arrived in Baton Rouge on May 23, 1982. She opened to the public



for the first time on August 27, 1983. Today, USS KIDD has been restored to her August 1945 configuration and she is one of the most authentic and accurate restorations in the Historic Fleet. Of the three preserved Fletcher-class destroyers, she is the only destroyer remaining in her World War II appearance and is now on exhibit in her wartime camouflage paint, "Measure 22." The USS KIDD is the home of W5KID, the amateur radio station operated and supported by the members of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. The club station is normally staffed on most military-related holidays.

Schedule of Special Events for the USS Kidd, DD-661

The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club and the USS Kidd Amateur Radio Club will hold several special event days each year. We are normally on the air from 09:00 until 16:45 (local time); however, these times may be adjusted depending on the ship's schedule. For specific dates and event times, check the BARC home page. - www.brarc.org



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