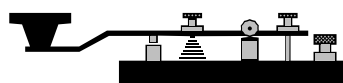


NAQCC NEWS

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Key Clicks

- *In This Issue*

The Prez Sez; a few submissions and member's new book; plus Nets, QRP Events, Polls, Sprints, Soapboxes, and more.

- *State QSO Parties are Back*

- *Vice President Opening*

With the resignation of Aaron Ray N4ARY, we have an opening for vice president.

- *Update Your Member Info*

Any time you change your QTH, email, or callsign, you can update your member info with a simple online form. First, check your information at <https://naqcc.info/memberlist.php> to make sure the rest of the fields are correct and then fill out the member update form here: https://naqcc.info/member_updates.html.

- *Content Submissions*

As always, keep sending us your stories and we'll keep getting them into the newsletter.

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The Prez Sez...

January Monthly Sprint

The January Monthly Sprint proved to be a challenge for some of us (me) with 10 of the 58 Logs showing a big fat **ZERO**... Yup, conditions were that bad. I thank the other 9 ops reporting zero for two reasons. First, doing so lets me know I'm not alone, and second, it shows that the event was attended by more than scored. That helps the organizer asses the event.

QSOFinder.com

QSOfinder.com is a new option to get some action if you are looking for QSOs. The graphic below shows the format — Quick and Easy!

Enter Your Details

Call Sign: Frequency (kHz or MHz):

WPM Range: Min to Max

Available For:

☐ Quick Exchange (callsign, RST, QTH)

☐ Standard QSO (callsign, RST, QTH, name, rig, ant, etc)

☐ SKCC Basic Exchange

☐ Ragchew

Once you submit the form, you can further comment by clicking on your own call sign. Give it a go and see if it works for you.

Check Your Spam

Check your spam/junk folders in your email — I can't be the only one finding legitimate emails in spam.

You don't have to open the email to know that it's good or bad. If it's from someone you trust, click on the sender's name and, depending on your system, maybe click once more and you will see the sender's email address. That should tell you if it's a good email. If it is good, simply send it to your inbox. During December I found around 37 good emails, some important, in my spam. It's a crazy world out there!

Daytime Event?

I would like some feedback on establishing an event for daytime. I suspect that there may be some folks that work evenings or staggered shifts, or perhaps don't like staying up the extra hours for the West Coast, and so on. Give it some thought and share your ideas with me.

N3AQC Club Callsign

Tim, AI5BE, used our N3AQC call for his efforts in an SKCC event on January 28 making 19 QSOs. Thank you, Tim, for your efforts in promoting the NAQCC.

Donations

Donations are always needed, appreciated and required for operating expenses. Please mail your tax deductible check payable to:

*North American QRP CW Club, Inc.
35 Heather Circle
Cave Spring, GA 30124*

Also an option (not my favorite) is to send to me through my Paypal account (jleahy00@yahoo.com). If you choose this method, **please** be sure that you indicate NAQCC and your membership number.

Monthly Challenge Issues

We are experiencing access issues with Robby's program for the Monthly Challenge. You may have to use one of the alternate methods to (1) report your January results and (2) work on February's challenge.

We are working on the issue, but the details are not clear yet.

Be kind to your Valentine!

72,

John, KK4ITX

#7249

kk4itx@proton.me



A Note from Gene N5GW #5353

I found this jumbo key at a local hamfest. It gives new meaning to the term “pounding brass.” It seems to add weight to my signal. Between sprints I use it to crack pecans.



Club Callsign: N3AQCC

Use the Club Call

Help promote NAQCC by using our Club Call, N3AQCC. Simply contact John KK4ITX via email and he'll get you going. Let him know the date(s), time(s), bands to be used, expected OPs, and location.

We'll Advertise Your Event

John will promote your outing via the NAQCC Groups.io and the NAQCC general news email system. Your event will be posted on the N3AQCC QRZ page and is the official record of the call's use.

Installing HamClock on a Raspberry Pi

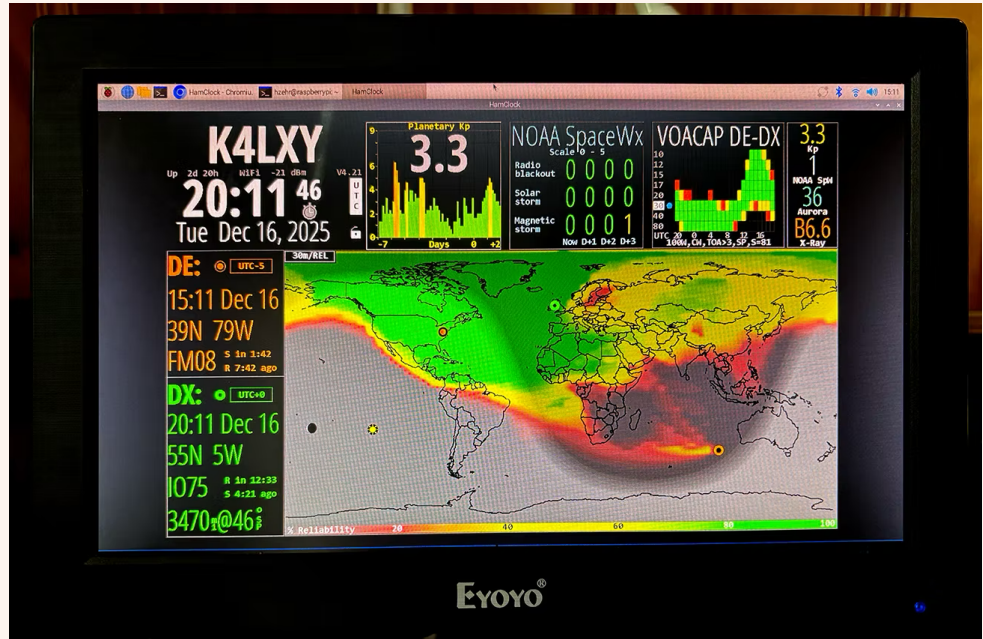
By Howard K4LXY

I was introduced to HamClock when a friend gave me an Inovato unit after he “de-cooled” his shack. At first it seemed like an interesting gadget with a lot of mysterious information. But the more I understood it, the more useful it became. HamClock brings together an amazing array of data for evaluating and predicting propagation. It is especially useful for DXers, but even as a ragchewer I am finding it helpful. For example, the VOACAP map and propagation predictor is very useful and often parallels the information I get when I run my WSPR Beacon.

The Inovato model came ready to go. That is no longer available due to the maker’s health, however. I gave mine to a friend and decided to build one myself with a Raspberry Pi. That turned out to be very easy. The instructions are below.

Needed:

- A. Raspberry Pi; versions 3B or 4B work well. (Some come with a power supply and others require you to provide one.)
- B. Monitor/display



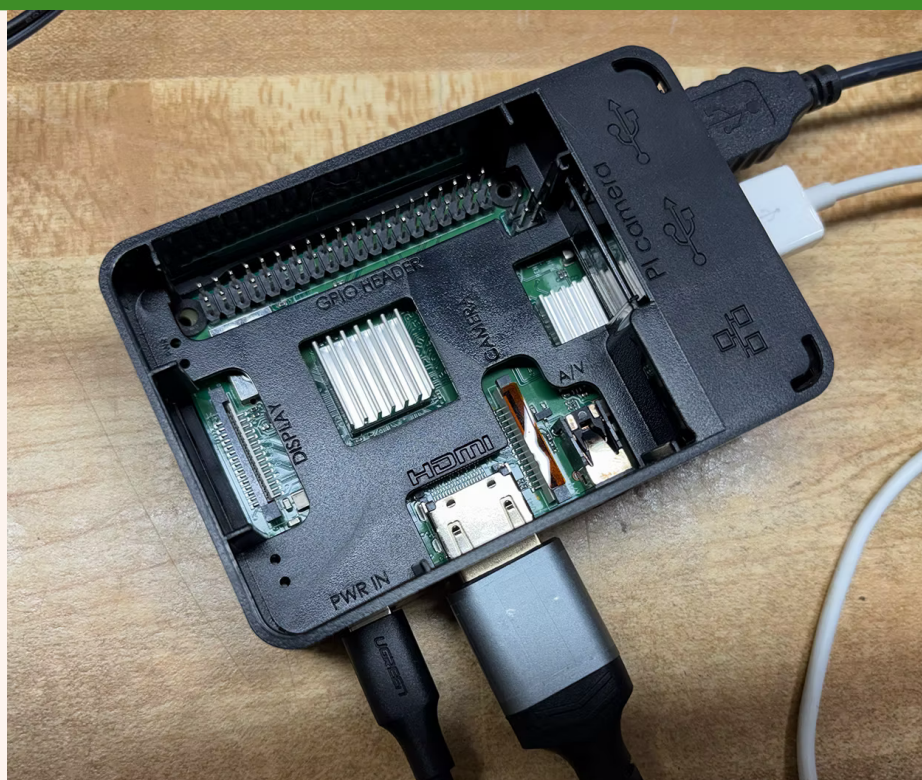
- C. HDMI cable (4B requires a mini HDMI connector on one end)
- D. Mouse
- E. Keyboard during setup

In the above photo I am using a version 3B, in a case. A case is optional—some hams mount them on a board. The version running in the top photo is on a version 4B and I added a fan that fits the case, although I don’t know if that is necessary.

Steps:

1. Install Raspberry Pi Imager on computer from this source: <https://www.raspberrypi.com/software/>
2. Insert 32GB microSD card into computer card reader and open the PI Imager software.

3. Choose the OS that is appropriate for your version of the Raspberry Pi (3, 4, 5). Among the choices offered, make sure you choose the one that includes Bookworm (not Trixie).
4. Click on it to start install. It will take quite a bit of time to complete and verify.
5. When complete, remove from reader and insert into the Raspberry Pi. Start the Raspberry Pi and follow instructions/answer questions. It will probably download updates and restart.
6. When it is back up, open the browser (Globe, upper left) and go to <https://www.clearskyinstitute.com/ham/HamClock/>
7. Click on the "Desktop" tab
8. Open Terminal in the Raspberry Pi (upper left), then enter the commands under the Desktop tab by copying them line by line and pasting them into Terminal. (I tried entering them from the keyboard but couldn't get it to work that way. Copying and pasting worked fine.)
9. Answer the series of questions that follow in Terminal.
10. When HamClock starts, you will be in setup pages that allow you to enter your call, your latitude/longitude, and make other selections (5 pages; page selections upper right)



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An excellent introduction to HamClock and the information it provides can be found here: <https://www.vkhamradio.com/ham-clock-and-a-quick-guide-to-propagation/>

A detailed user guide is here: <https://inovato.net/ham/HamClockUserGuide.pdf>

QRP Contest and Event News

By Jim K7QI / Z8IA #5020

Welcome to an icy cold February, all. My home heater hasn't ever worked this hard down here in Southern Mississippi. Who says we have a global warming issue? Enough complaining, and back to QRP fun. We have a lot going on in 2026, with the United States celebrating its 250 years of independence, the SKCC celebrating their 20th anniversary, the K4C "Chasing Cornwallis challenge Special Event, and the QRZ folks having their USA250 award with a very nice certificate. You will find all the rules, notifications, etc. on QRZ.com. Hope to work you all on the lower bands.

Event	When	Link
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	Feb 14 1100Z-1300Z	http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	Feb 14 1200Z to Feb 15 2400Z	https://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/
OMISS QSO Party	Feb 14 1500Z to Feb 15 1500Z	http://www.omiss.net/Facelift/qsoparty.php
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	Feb 15 2300Z to Feb 16 0100Z	http://qrpcontest.com/pigrun/
QCX Challenge	Feb 23 1300Z-1400Z	http://www.qrp-labs.com/party.html
International DX -- CW	Feb 21-22	https://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx
South Carolina QSO Party	Feb 28 1500Z to Mar 1 0159Z	http://scqso.com/
North Carolina QSO Party	Mar 1 1500Z to Mar 2 0100Z	http://ncqsoparty.org/rules/
K1USN Slow Speed Test	Mar 2 0000Z-0100Z	http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html
ICWC Medium Speed Test	Mar 2 1300Z-1400Z	https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/
ARS Spartan Sprint	Mar 3 0100Z-0300Z	http://ars-qrp.com/Spartan_Sprint/Spartan_Sprint.html
AGCW YL-CW Party	Mar 3 1900Z-2100Z	https://www.agcw.de/contest/yl-cw-party/
QRP Fox Hunt	Mar 4 0200Z-0330Z	http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm
A1Club AWT	Mar 4 1145Z-1300Z	https://a1club.org/contest/awt/
CWops Test (CWT)	Mar 4 1300Z-1400Z	https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	Mar 5 0000Z-0100Z and Mar 6 0200Z-0300Z	https://qrpcontest.com/pigwalk20/
NCCC Sprint	Mar 6 0230Z-0300Z	https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html
Novice Rig Roundup	Mar 7 0000Z to Mar 15 2359Z	http://www.novicerigroundup.org/
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	Mar 7 0600Z-0629Z	http://qrp.ru/contest/wakeup/333-wakeup-eng
Classic Exchange, CW	Mar 8 1300Z to Mar 9 0700Z	http://www.classicexchange.org/
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	Mar 9 0000Z-0200Z	http://www.4sqr.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf
K1USN Slow Speed Test	Mar 9 0000Z-0100Z	http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html
DARC CW-Training Contest	Mar 10 1800Z-1859Z	https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/cwa/darc-cw-training-rules/

NAQCC Challenge

Concrete Arrows

By Gary KIYAN #2365

You look out the window as you fly over the country and do a double take. There is a large concrete arrow pointing the way. That can't be there to guide the pilot, can it? Well not today, but back in the 1920s and 1930s that is exactly what they were for.

Realize that, back then, there was no air traffic control network of radar systems to provide direction and no GPS system to pinpoint your location. If you were over desolate places like a desert, there were few visual features to guide you. Your radio might not be of much help, either, if you were not near an airport or other facility with a radio system—no satellite links for wide area radio coverage back then. Losing your way was not at all out of the question.

The US airmail system was in its early days. Having an aircraft that was carrying mail get lost was not the way to build the business. The Post Office Department installed a series of 50 foot tall, lighted beacons across the country to provide guidance for their airmail carriers. That is the tower like structure you see

in the airmail stamp pictured below.

The guiding arrows were added when the Department of Commerce took over management of the airways in 1927. The network was built from about 1926 to 1931. Each site consisted of a large concrete arrow painted yellow and a lighted beacon to make them easy to find at night and in poor visibility. Each site was numbered and the arrow pointed to the next higher numbered installation. The sites were finally decommissioned in the 1970s, after some 40 years of service. Almost all the lighted beacons are gone but many of the arrows



Time Frame

Rules

Words

- Every time you work a new station this month, mark off the lowest box under each letter of the call to track your progress and see what letters you still need.

Challenge Tracker

[illegible]

You can use each letter in a call TWICE. For example you could use K3WWP for 2 K's, 4 W's, and 2 P's.

Subsequent QSO's with the same station cannot be used for additional letters. For example, no matter how many times you work K3WWP, you can only use his call for 8 of the letters in the words.

See General Rule #5 for more details on what callsign letters can be used.

If you need some help with your alphabet challenge record keeping take a look at our Alphabet Tutorial page for everything from some great pencil & paper methods to fully computerized tools.

Awards

A certificate goes to everyone making all the words and submitting their report before the deadline.

Logs

For your report, list the words you made and the station used for each letter in the word. The number of stations listed must be the same as the number of letters in each word, even though you use the same station for more than one letter as in:

WORD - K3WWP N2OD WA8REI N2OD
NEXT - NF8M W8REI N8XMS K9EYT

(Note how N2OD is listed for both the O and D.)

You may also include comments about the challenge. Please preface any comments you want posted with "SOAPBOX:" so we will know what you want posted and what is private.

Submitting your Entry

Send your results as text in the horizontal format shown above to Charlie N1AOK at: charlie.wilber AT gmail.com (You must type that address into your email program.)

Subject must read: (your call) NAQCC
(month year) Challenge

For example: K3WWP NAQCC January 2022
Challenge

All entries must be RECEIVED before the 10th of the following month at 2400Z.

NAQCC Awards

The NAQCC offers an extensive array of awards, at least one of which should appeal to every member's tastes. Some duplicate other organizations' awards, but ours are FREE. Others we believe are unique to the NAQCC, unless they have been copied by other organizations since their inception.

Check out the awards page here: <https://naqcc.info/awards.html>

NAQCC State QSO Party Challenge

By Don VE3DQN #5846

On Your Mark... Set... Go!

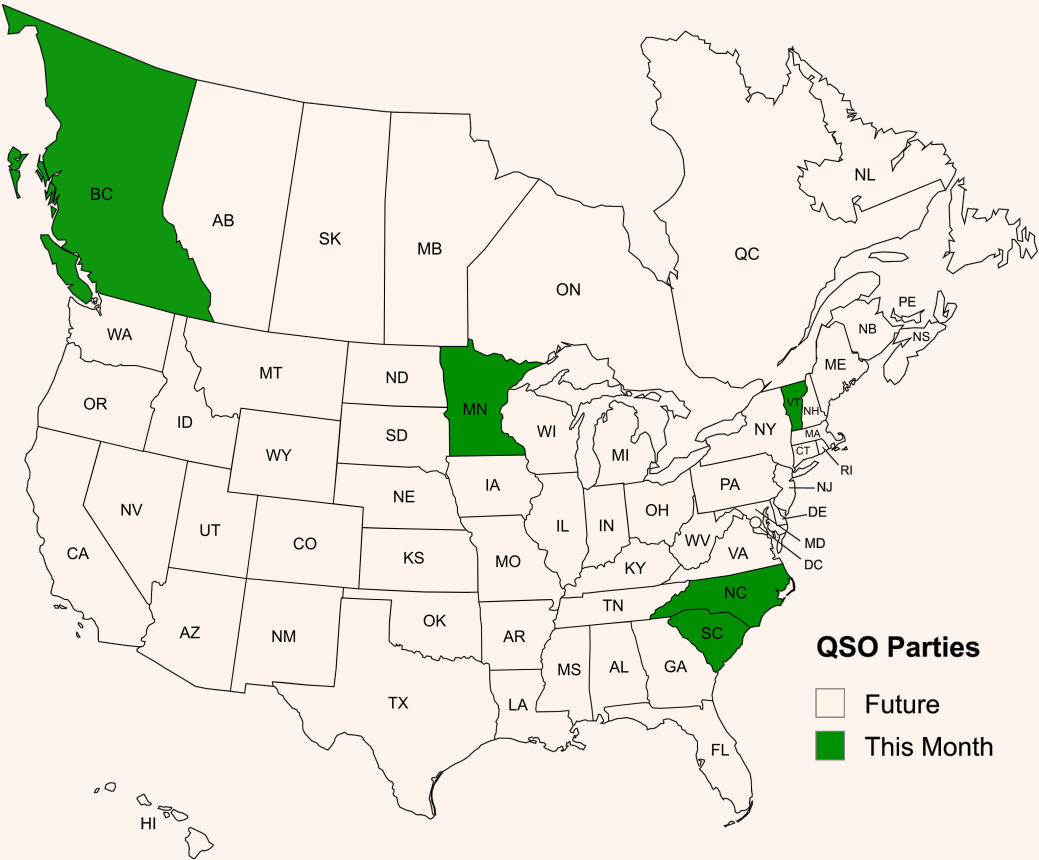
February 7-8 marked the kickoff of the 2026 State QSO Party season, and, as I write this, the results are trickling in. I'm begging editor Andy KO4EPY to "stop the press" so that I can give a preliminary report.

Scoring Big

A quick look at the scoring reports of the three parties this past weekend shows some BIG scores in the QRP category. 15m and 10m provided great openings from the east coast to BC. I loved seeing some new callsigns among the veterans of SQPs. We're off to a great start!

A Glance Ahead

Following this past weekend's parties, the next ones are Feb 28 and Mar 1 with SC and NC respectively. While not ranked in the Top Ten for scoring, there will be plenty of in-state stations giving a chance for good QSO scores. Stagger your times of oper-



Upcoming QSO Parties					
State	Times	IN	Out	Freqs	Links
South Carolina	Feb 28 1500Z to Mar 1 0200Z	RST County	RST ST	up 40; after 1800Z up 35	http://scqso.com/
North Carolina	Mar 1 1500Z to Mar 2 0100Z	County	ST	up 40	http://ncqsoparty.org/

ating, and you can catch the same stations on different bands.

Forty-Seven QSO Parties

There are 47 QSO parties in 2026 instead of the 48 that we had in 2025. The NV party—normally held in October—has been removed from the schedule, which means that there's one less chance to reach your scoring goals with those all-important multipliers.

Review the Rules

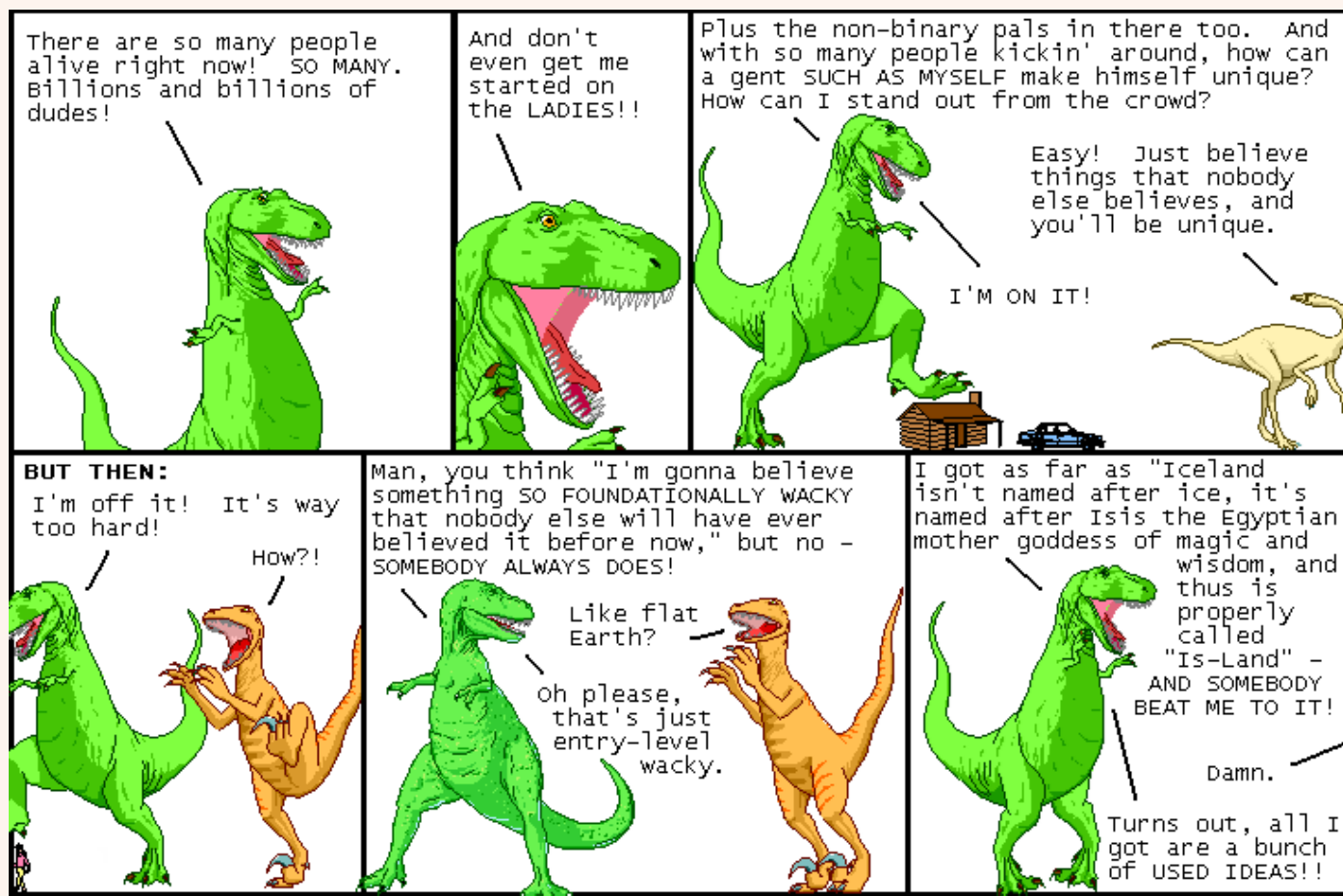
Review the rules of the State QSO Party Challenge on its own website: <https://stateqsoparty.com/> What we in the NAQCC track is our own members' scoring and friendly competition. When operating QRP and CW only, of course. Have a great month!

Questions?

Our NAQCC website is the go-to spot for answering your questions

Member	Mult	QSOs	Score	Award	Pace
Ron VE3SIF #10033	3	108	324	-	79,524
Randy N1SP #3985	1	201	201	-	
Mike W7LG #10391	3	45	135	-	33,135
Steve NI8W #11335	3	45	135	-	33,135
Alan KR4AE #5847	3	35	105	-	25,772
Anthony K8ZT #412	3	30	90	-	22,090
Barry K6RM #11022	2	42	84	-	
Dick WA0LIF #9281	1	82	82	-	
Kevin NN3E #9851	3	24	72	-	17,672
Dave AB9BZ #9309	3	23	69	-	16,936
Kevin KE3V #855	3	18	54	-	13,254
Don VE3DQN #5846	3	16	48	-	11,781
Mat N4DLA #8939	3	16	48	-	11,781
Ernie N2DGQ #11090	3	16	48	-	11,781
Pete NO2D #1625	2	20	40	-	
Brent WT4U #9019	3	10	30	-	7,363
Dick AB0CD #1950	2	5	10	-	
Doug WA3FIR #567	1	2	2	-	





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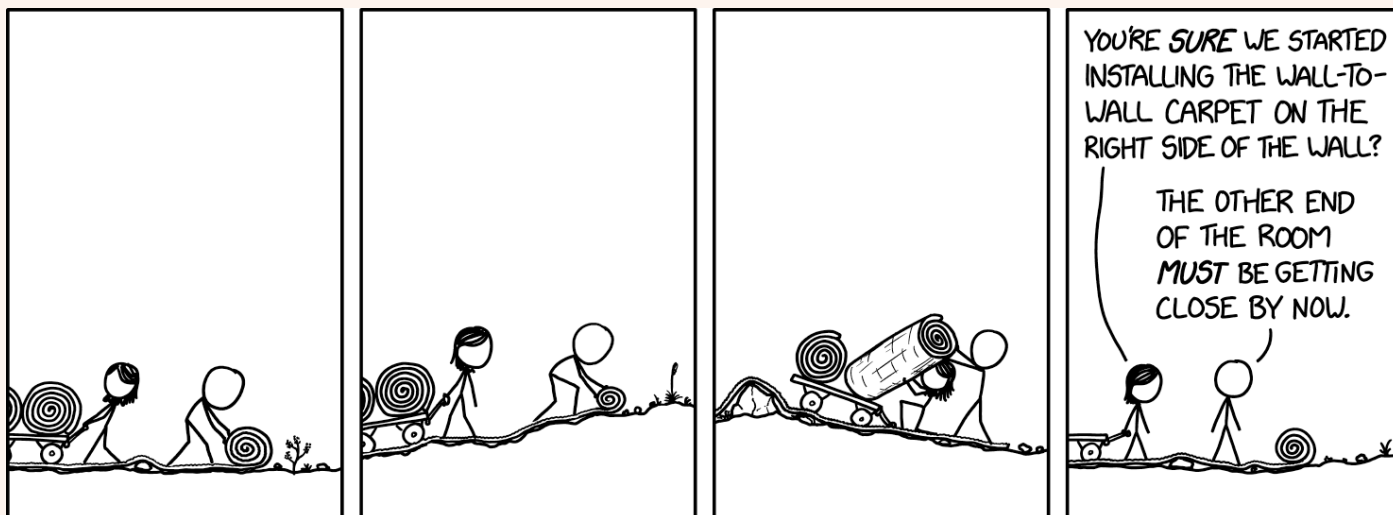
www.qwantz.com

<https://www.qwantz.com/index.php?comic=4432>

NAQCC Member Polls

February Poll

What power level do you use most often? https://naqcc.info/poll_new.html



<https://xkcd.com/3206/>

Antarctic Activity Week

For twenty-two years, Amateur Radio has coupled with explorers in the Antarctic to raise awareness of scientific projects with the Antarctic Activity Week Event. This year, it will begin on Monday, February 16, 2026 and continue through Sunday, February 22, 2026. (The Italians start their week on Monday.)

This will be the 15th year that the KOANT Amateur Radio Club has participated with a special event station at the Kansas City Zoo featuring their penguin exhibit. One of our operators will be running a CW QRP station on 10, 15 and 20 meters. He will try to post on [QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com), if anyone is looking for a QRP QSO from the Zoo!

For more information regarding this event, see <https://www.waponline.it>

73,
Bob WOCC

NAQCC Sprints

February Sprint

Our regular Sprint this month will be on Wednesday, February 11th at 0130-0330Z. That's the evening of Tuesday, February 10th in North America. Complete information at <https://naqcc.info/sprint/sprint202602.html>

JANUARY SPRINT STATS

	Current Month	Previous Month	All-Time Record	Record Date
Total QSOs	250	614	3,154	4/17
Hour 1 QSOs	186	390	1,704	4/17
Hour 2 QSOs	64	224	1,450	4/17
20m QSOs	2	62	1,232	8/13
40m QSOs	128	333	2,203	4/17
80m QSOs	120	219	1,417	2/13

Rules

Complete sprint rules and instructions on how to submit your log can be found on our website [here](#). On that page you will also find information about the different computer loggers that are supported for our sprints. The membership data files for those supported loggers can be downloaded from our website [here](#). Please be sure to always get the latest membership data for your logger about a day before the Sprint. A complete schedule for our upcoming sprints can be found on our website [here](#).

January Sprint Results

Complete Sprint results, including all of the soapbox comments, can be found on our website [here](#). High scores can be seen in the following tables.

Sprint Soapbox Sampler

WG8Y Hi all, no 20m here and after tuning thru 40m and not hearing anyone I called for 20 min. with no replies. 80m was the band tonite. I worked 7 Q's in the next half hour and pulled the plug. Long day. Sorry to K1M??. Couldn't pull you thru the QRO guy that was 1 KC. up. Ran my QRP Lab QMX 80-20M rig tonite.72 from N.C. Mark WG8Y

KN2G Well now! This was a very hard night at my location. I only heard about 10 stations and managed to work 4. When the other contest started at 04:00z I shut it down. Thanks to Darrell, AF4PX, for several valiant efforts before we got the QSO done. See you next week for more static surfing on 160!

KE8ZGS This was the first time I participated in this sprint. It will not be my last.

K4KRW Thanks everyone! VE3IIM, thanks for hanging in there. 73 Richard

SWA - STRAIGHT KEY CATEGORY

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
W1	KQ1P	-	-
W2	KA2KGP	KN2G	KB2GKC
W3	KC3MIO	K3JZD	AK3X
W4	KC5F	WX4RM	K4WY
W5	KA6J	N5GW	KE9DR
W6	-	-	-
W7	KN1H	-	-
W8	NF8M	KE8ZGS	-
W9	K9NUD	N9JFZ	W9DWR
W0	AA5LH	AA0W	AE0TN
Canada	VE3EDX	-	-
DX	-	-	-

SWA - BUG CATEGORY

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
W1	-	-	-
W2	N2TNN	-	-
W3	NN3E KE3V (TIE)	-	-
W4	AF4PX	K3RLL	-
W5	AI5BE	-	-
W6	-	-	-
W7	N7QR	-	-
W8	-	-	-
W9	-	-	-
W0	WU0A	-	-
Canada	VE3IIM	-	-
DX	-	-	-

SWA - KEYSER/KEYBOARD CATEGORY

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
W1	KB1M	-	-
W2	N2ESE	WA1GWH	WA2FBN
W3	KC3RN	-	-
W4	K4KRW	W8GG	N4MJ
W5	-	-	-
W6	-	-	-
W7	KF7Z	-	-
W8	WI8J	-	-
W9	AB9BZ	-	-
W0	W1TM	-	-
Canada	VE3DQN	-	-
DX	-	-	-

GAIN ANTENNA CATEGORY

Key Type	1st	2nd	3rd
SK	-	-	-
BUG	K1SP	KD3CA	-
K/K	-	-	-

SPRINT FREQUENCIES

Band	Frequencies
80m	3555-3565 kHz Be courteous to FISTS operating on 3558 kHz
40m	7030-7045 kHz
20m	14059-14065 kHz

“Guerrilla Portable” and the QRP Mindset

By Vlado Z35M #7883

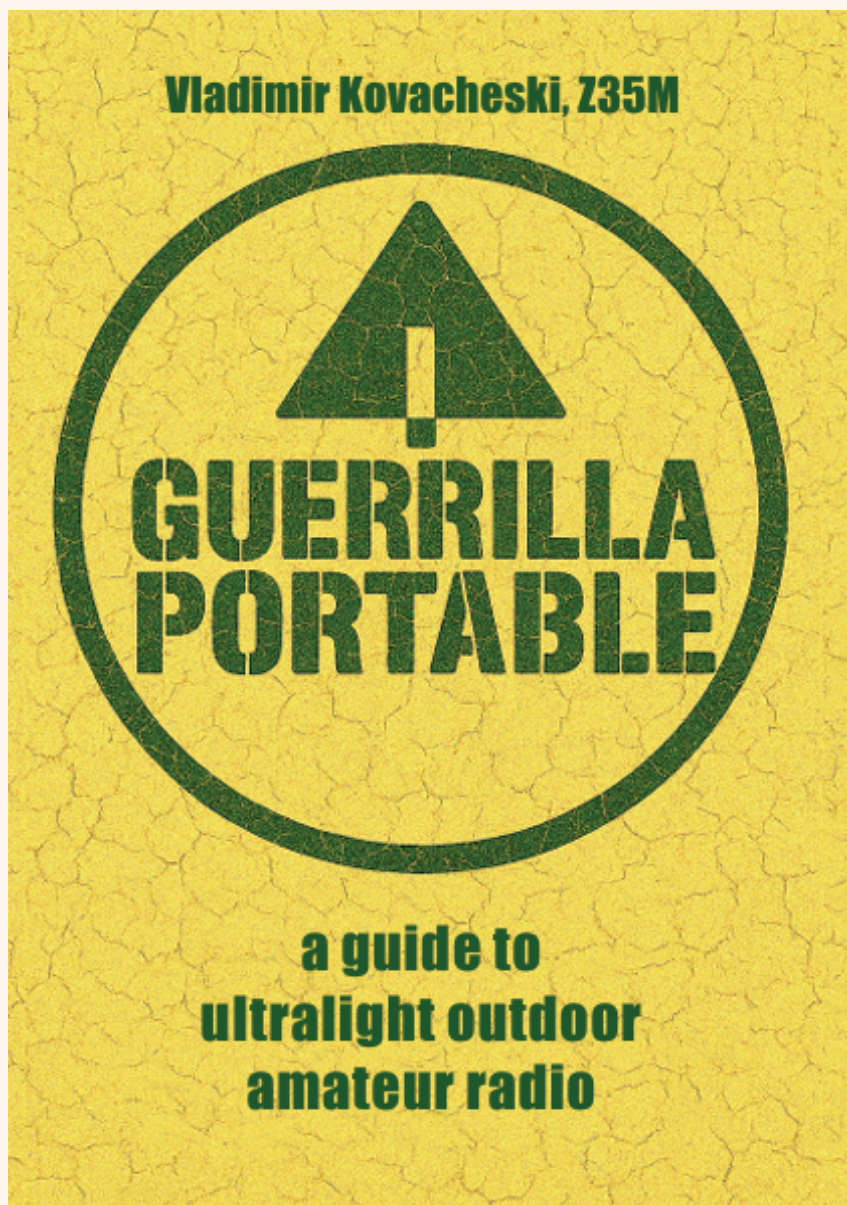
One of our members sent in this blurb about his book, *Guerrilla Portable*:

Drawing on more than 1,300 HF portable activations, the book “Guerrilla Portable” reflects an operating philosophy that many QRP CW operators will find familiar. At its core is a minimalist approach that values efficiency, adaptability, and consistent results achieved with simple, lightweight equipment.

The operating style described relies on ultralight, functionally straightforward gear, deployed quickly and used with minimal resources. Whether operating portable or from a fixed location, the emphasis is on independence from infrastructure and the ability to function effectively in a wide range of natural and urban environments.

Rather than focusing on equipment complexity, the approach highlights operator skill, creativity, and improvisation. Almost any location can become a viable operating site, encouraging constant movement, exploration, and a closer connection to the surroundings.

In this sense, “Guerrilla Portable” aligns closely with the QRP ethos: doing more with less, trusting basic equipment, and achieving meaningful amateur radio results through thoughtful operating practices and experience.



NAQCC Nets

We have a number of nets (QRS = slow speed, QRQ = higher speed) designed to help people build up their CW operating skills. Complete information about these nets can be found on the website [here](#). Direct questions to Net Manager Mark, W8EWH.

NAQCC Net Schedule				
Net	Local Time	UTC	Freq +/-	Primary NCS
East Texas QRS Net (ETN)	Monday 7:00 PM CST	Tuesday 0100 Z	7067 kHz (summer) 3566 kHz (winter)	Allen KA5TJS (TX)
Midwest QRS Net (MWN)	Monday 7:30 PM CST	Tuesday 0130 Z	7031 kHz	Bob W0CC (KS)
Pacific Northwest QRS 80 Meter Net (PNW80)	Thursday 5:00 PM PST	Friday 0100 Z	3556.5 kHz	Stewart KE7LKW (WA)

Note: On the rare occasion that there is a conflict between one of our scheduled nets and one of our regular sprints, the sprint will take precedence.

NAQCC East Texas QRS Net (ETN) Control Station Report

Monday evenings 7:00 PM CST, which is Tuesday 0100 UTC, on 7067 kHz +/- (Summer) or 3566 kHz +/- (Winter)

Main NCS - Allen KA5TJS (Texas)

Jan 06 QNI (4) NCS KA5TJS, KE5YUM, KE5YGA, N4NN

Good signals on 3.566kc, still had QRM on 67 again. YUM not feeling well and short. YGA has the Flu and sure hope he gets well soon. NN was QRO and good copy in GA. Spring like temps in 60s and 70s. Very dry there also. We've been doing the net for 14 years now and still going!

Jan 13 QSO (2) NCS KA5TJS, KE5YGA

Good signal on 3.567 tonight. The QRM cleared in time for the net so did not have to QSY. Andy had trees cut down and has rehearsal tomorrow. Solar numbers not looking good.

Jan 20 QNI (2) NCS KA5TJS, KE5YGA

Just me and Andy tonight. Nice chat about things. WX he has tractor ready for the snow!!

Jan 27 No net this week. To darn cold in the shack.

NAQCC Midwest QRS Net (MWN) Control Station Report

Monday evenings 7:30 PM CST, which is Tuesday 0130 UTC, on 7031 kHz +/-

Main NCS - Bob WOCC (Kansas).

Jan 06 QNI (1) NCS WOCC

Heard several stations; however, they were working on the CW World Wide Award.

Jan 13 QNI (1) NCS WOCC

QRZ.com said that the band was "Fair" and I barely heard any traffic. Could not get a response to my call from the stations that I could hear. Will need to check the radio; however, it appears to receive well.

Jan 20 No Report - Geomagnetic Storm.

Jan 27 No Net

NAQCC Pacific Northwest QRS 80 Meter Net (PNW80) Control Station Report

Thursday evenings 5:00 PM PST, which is Friday 0100 UTC on 3556.5 kHz +/-

Main NCS - Stewart KE7LKW (Washington State)

Jan 02 QNI (3) NCS KE7LKW, AD7BP, WB7WHG

Jan 09 QNI (5) NCS KE7LKW, KI7SJE, AD7BP, N7QR, WB7WHG

Jan 16 QNI (6) NCS KE7LKW, KI7SJE, WB4SPB, AD7BP, N7QR, WB7WHG

Jan 23 QNI (5) NCS KE7LKW, KI7SJE, WB4SPB, AD7BP, WB7WHG

Jan 30 QNI (4) NCS WB4SPB, WB7WHG, AD7BP, KE7LKW



NAQCC Chapters

Start a Local Chapter

The North American QRP CW Club currently has seven local chapters – West Florida, Illowa, Downeast Maine, Long Island, Florida, Southern Tier New York, and Green Swamp WCF—but we would be more than happy to expand on that list.

Chapters are more or less independent local gatherings organized by NAQCC members in a geographical area and subject to a list of guidelines from the NAQCC. They provide opportunities to have fun and to promote our parallel passions of QRP and CW. If you are interested in forming a local chapter please contact club president John KK4ITX.

If your chapter is planning a portable operation activity and would like to have it promoted on the club email list or in the newsletter, send an email with the subject “NAQCC Portable Operation” and with the exact wording of the announcement to John, at the email address listed on next to the last page about a week before the operation. Please be sure to include the UTC time for the event and not just the local time.

A report about your chapter activity should appear here. Please send them to KD2MX at the email addresses listed on the next to the last page.

NAQCC chapters located in the United States are welcome to use the NAQCC Club call, N3AQC for their special operations. Please contact call sign trustee, Club President John KK4ITX, to schedule the use of N3AQC.



NAQCC Green Swamp WCF

Items in this section are from the Green Swamp WCF Chapter unless otherwise credited. Questions and comments should go to Darryl N4VLP.

The chapter's website is: <https://zaarc.org/gsqrp.html>



NAQCC West Florida Chapter

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The chapter's website is:

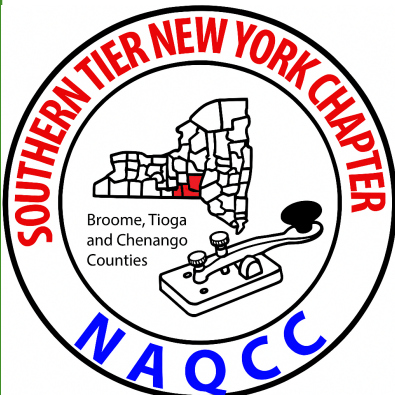
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NAQCC Long Island Chapter

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Questions and comments should go to Howard, WB2UZE.



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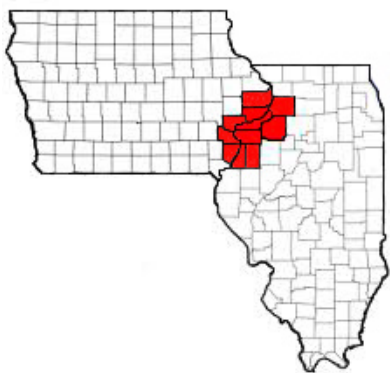
The chapter is located in the Broome, Tioga, and Chenango counties area of New York.



NAQCC Downeast Maine Chapter

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The chapter is located in the Hancock and Washington counties area of Maine.

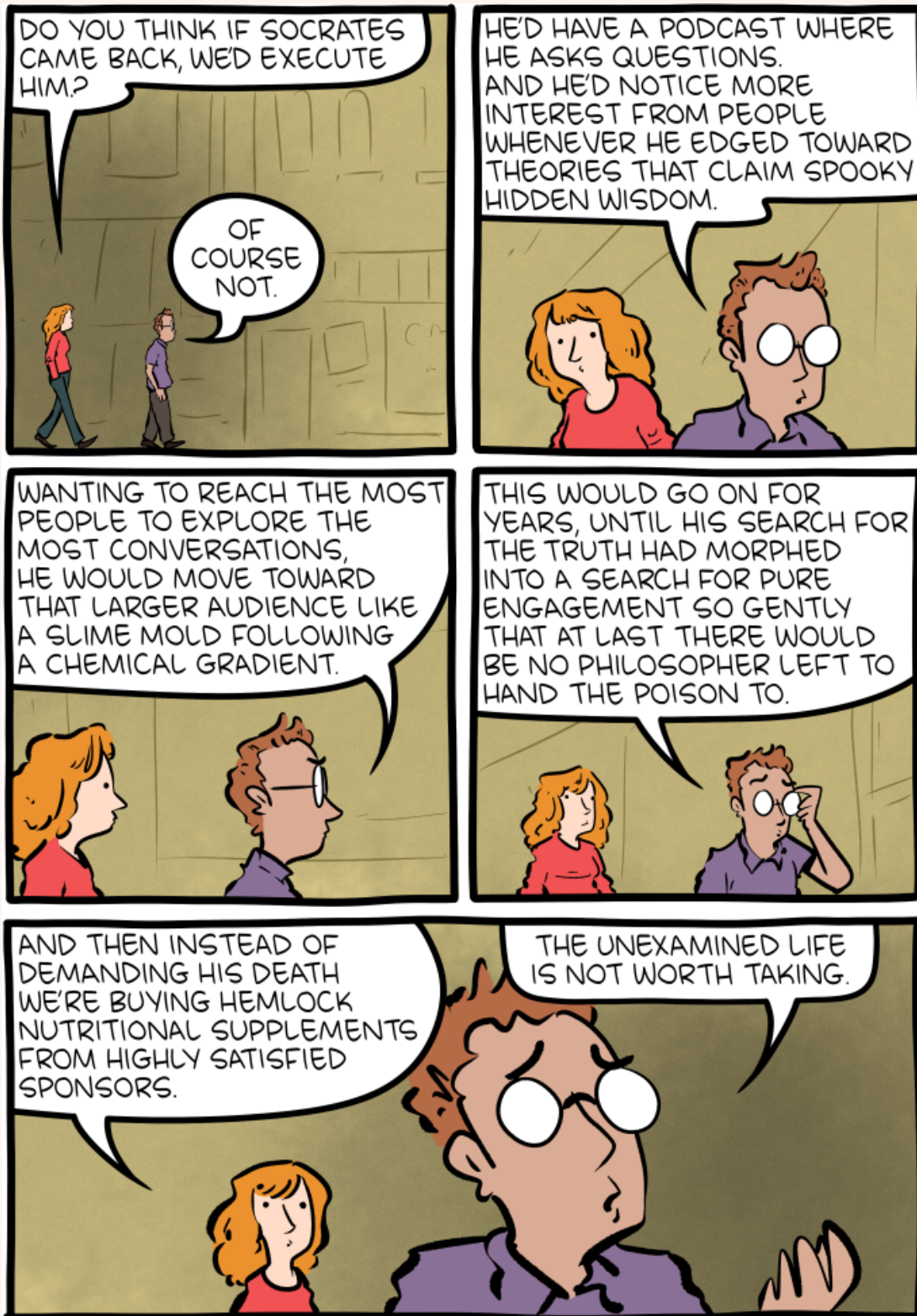


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The Illowa Chapter operates in the “Quad Cities” area of Davenport, IA / Moline, IL.





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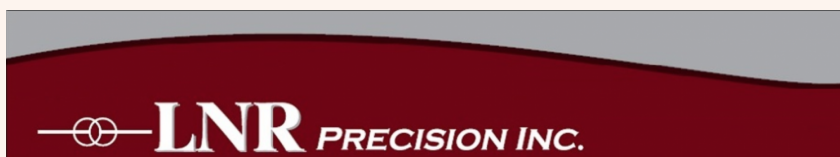
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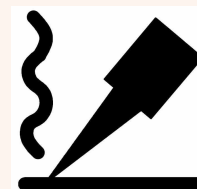
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www.4sqr.com

QRP Builder

Kits, projects, and ideas for the QRP community. Paddles, antennas, PTO kits, and more. qrpbuilder.com



Green Swamp WCF

Green Swamp WCF Is a chapter of the NAQCC.inc located in Pasco County, Florida in the area of the Green Swamp.

zaarc.org/gsqrp.html

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NAQCC Club Information

Statement of Purpose

Amateur radio has something for everyone. For a growing number of folks, the challenge of “doing the most with the least” makes QRP (and QRPp) CW operating the greatest thrill available in amateur radio. The North American QRP CW Club Inc. exists to promote and pursue designing, information sharing, building, and operation of low power, Morse Code enabled Amateur Radio (FCC Part 97) equipment with simple wire antennas for both emergency and personal communications purposes, an exciting facet of the hobby.

The NAQCC provides numerous opportunities for hams to operate in QRP/CW activities. For contest types we have a popular monthly 2-hour sprint that runs at relatively low CW speeds and at a fairly relaxed pace to increase code skills and experiment with different antennas. Three special sprints also take place during the year for 160-meter and QRPp (less than 1W of power) operators. For a month-long activity we offer our members a Monthly Challenge that can be anything from forming a list of words from the calls of stations worked, to making a prescribed number of contacts using home-brew gear. There is also an extensive awards program to recognize the significant QRP/CW accomplishments of our members.

We also serve as a resource for people who are just getting started in QRP and/or CW, sharing information on low power Morse operations. Our slow-speed CW nets are a great place for beginners to practice Morse code under real on-air conditions. Beginners will also find a wealth of helpful information on these web pages and we are more than willing to answer any questions about QRP, CW, and simple wire antennas that you might have. An extensive monthly newsletter is filled with useful projects and news from fellow QRPers.

A number of local NAQCC Chapters offer opportunities to get together for in person socializing and QRP/CW activities. Portable operations are especially popular with the local chapters.

Whether you are a veteran ham radio operator who is looking for a new challenge in the hobby, or a beginner who is intrigued by the possibilities of QRP/CW communication, we cordially invite you to join us. Membership is free and the benefits and fun are significant.

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The North American QRP CW Club was founded in 2004 by WY3H and K3WWP and now has over 9500 members world wide. Membership is free and anyone interested in CW/QRP operating is welcome. Complete information about the NAQCC, including a membership application, activities schedule, and useful resources, can be found on our website at:

<http://www.naqcc.info>

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