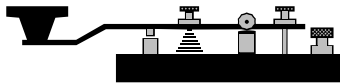


NAQCC NEWS



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KEY CLICKS

• *IN THIS ISSUE*

The Prez Sez... new opening for the Western Director position; A letter from your new editor; John KK1X reminds us of a few of our awards; QSO Party Challenge; The Lure of CW; A QRP book lending library by mail; The Letter Challenge; plus Nets, Polls, Sprints, Soapboxes, and more.

• *MORE QRP CW EVENTS?*

I'll bet they're out there. Anyone want to step up and maintain an event calendar for the newsletter and website? We've needed this for a while, and it's waiting on you to volunteer.

• *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

• *YAESU TAKING PRE-ORDERS FOR FT-817 REPLACEMENT*

The upcoming FTX-1 is a modern QRP Swiss army knife, just like its predecessor. The expected retail price is \$1,499—a lot—but if you bought an original FT-817 when it came out in 2001, you paid \$1,227 (adjusted for inflation). OK, it's still a lot, but at least you won't have to hunt down an unobtainium Collins ceramic filter for it. QRPer has a run-down of what to expect: <https://qrper.com/2025/05/the-yaesu-ftx-1-packages-pricing-and-early-observations/>

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THE PREZ SEZ...

The **Western Director** position is opening due to the passing of Ron Potter. We are short for the full board and seeking an interested NAQCC member. If you reside in; AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA or WY then you are eligible for this golden opportunity!

Please contact me, John (KK4ITX), for more info.

SPONSORS

We can use many more sponsors, if you are aware of a business that might benefit by advertising on our website and in this newsletter, please have them contact me. Currently, pricing is only \$50 per year or a product of that value.

Please check out our Prize Sponsors at the end of this newsletter and on the [Home Page of the NAQCC website](#).

[QRPCBuilder's](#) website offers an array of paddles, antennas, miscellaneous radio related items, and a project section with some great tips and more.

[Route 45 Apparel's](#) offerings deserve a long look as Randy has put together a wide product line of hats, coffee cups, coasters and more, most with our NAQCC logo and some items can have your name and call, too.

DONATIONS

We are quickly approaching final planning for our 21st Anniversary in October. Please consider a donation of your choosing soon so that we can announce the prizes ahead of the events. As usual our Prize Pool is low and could use an infusion.

See the [NAQCC website Home Page](#) for donation address info.

NAQCC EVENTS

Our Awards, Sprints, Monthly Challenges, Weekly CW Nets, and QSO Party Challenges are organized to provide unique opportunities to practice and participate in QRP/CW at your skill level using a variety of antennas and CW keys.

We are always looking for suggestions and comments, especially the negatives concerning our events and appreciate hearing from you. Don't hesitate to reach out should you have any thoughts or issues with our programs. Please contact me directly.

LOOKING AHEAD...

The **NAQCC Annual Board Meeting** had been rescheduled to May 3, 2025 at 4:00pm and was not held due to a shortage of directors required (6) for an official meeting. It is a busy time of year when there is a late Easter, Mother's Day, FDIM/Dayton, and Memorial Day all within a month or so.

FDIM (Four Days In May) will be held May 15-18 at the Holiday Inn, Fairborn, OH. <https://www.qrparci.org>

mW Sprint June 17 EDT. Get yourself a kit or make one from plans—anything under 1w will do. You will be surprised at how little power it takes to make a QSO or more. A random drawing from the list of reported logs containing at least one contact will lead to a winner of a Four States QRP 20m Cricket Kit. See the rules on the [NAQCC website](#).

We are halfway through Spring. Don't miss the opportunity to get out to a park and play radio. Remember to bring some seed for the birds and squirrels or whatever, a snack for yourself, and some water... ENJOY!

Memorial Day is Monday, May 26... don't forget!

72,
John KK4ITX #7249
NAQCC President
A little bit of QRP on a wire
goes a long way!
kk4itx@proton.me



MEET YOUR NEW EDITOR

BY ANDY KO4EPY #11856

Getting this newsletter together for the first time is turning out to be a minor struggle, so I find myself running up against a bit of writer's block.

No problem... Let's see how ChatGPT thinks I should introduce myself:

Tuned In, Powered Down

A warm QRP hello to all! As the new newsletter editor, I'm thrilled to help tell the ongoing story of the NAQCC. We may operate with low power, but we've got plenty of signal when it comes to community, creativity, and classic CW spirit. If you've got a shack story, QRP tip, or antenna experiment that went wonderfully right (or humorously wrong), I'd love to hear about it.

Not bad, and not too far afield from my usual demeanor. Let's run with that.

Hello everyone, I'm Andy, KO4EPY #11856, your new newsletter editor. I joined NAQCC only a few months ago, saw multiple requests for someone to take over the newsletter, and, for some silly reason, decided to take you all up on the offer. It honestly doesn't make sense—I'm terribly slow at copying CW, I've only recently upgraded to General, I have three attention-sucking children aged four to nine years old... But here I am! Perhaps at my advanced age (forty-something!) I've realized it's time to start giving back.

In any case, I am indeed excited to help. Like a pet tortoise, this job is for the long haul and I'm scared of the commitment but happy to, well, *do something*.

You have likely noticed that the newsletter looks a little different this month. I do not intend to come in like the Kool-Aid Man and tear everything up. Brent had the newsletter looking really nice—honestly one of the things that drew me to this club. I'll certainly make small

changes over time, automate things here and there, and try to make it easier to outsource if I ever get hit by a bus and someone else has to pick up the slack for a month or a year. But for the foreseeable future, I'm just trying to make it quick and pretty (enough) with the tools I have.

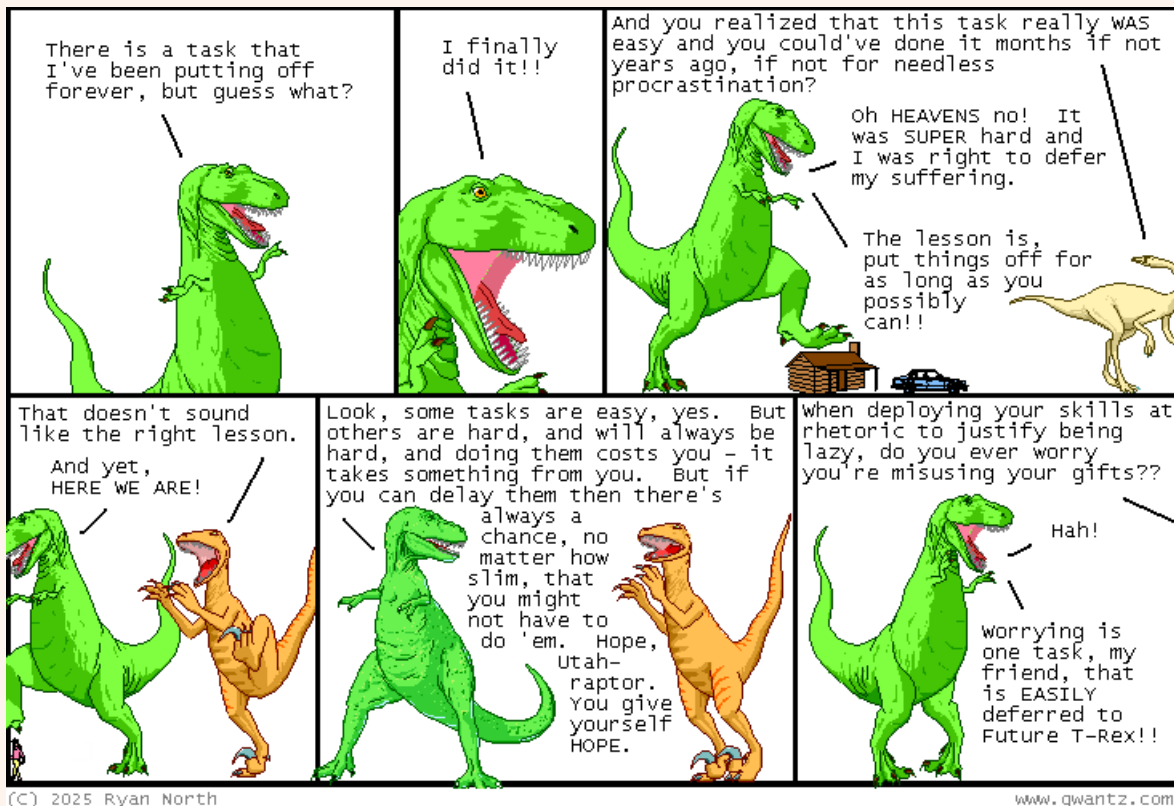
And I mean what I said ChatGPT said—please let us know if you have any ideas or stories. In fact, one from Issue 300, *Over 10,000 QRPp QSOs: 104 Countries on 20' of Wire* by John N6HI #642 inspired me to finally get a tuner and branch out across the bands. I suspect I'm not the only one that will be positively affected by these articles. And if you are not comfortable writing, just throw something together and I'll fix it up real nice. It's my job!

Thanks again for bringing me on board!

72,

Andy KO4EPY #11856

Your Friendly NAQCC Newsletter Editor



Dinosaur Comics: <https://www.qwantz.com/index.php?comic=4321>

NAQCC AWARDS

BY JOHN KK1X #2198

FEATURED AWARDS:

1,000 MILES PER WATT AWARD

To show the super-efficiency of CW, this award is issued to anyone who demonstrates that efficiency by making a QSO using QRP or QRPp and a simple wire antenna per NAQCC standards where the distance between stations divided by power in watts is greater than 1000. Details: https://naqcc.info/awards_1000mp-wswa.html

2-WAY QRP AWARD

It's easy to work a station running a KW and a huge beam with your QRP, but not so easy when the other station is also running QRP. This award honors your achievements in making such 2 way QRP QSOs. Details: https://naqcc.info/awards_2xqrp.html

30-30 AWARD

The 30-30 Award is presented as an alternative to the QSO-A-Day Award for those who for one reason or other just can't get on the air each and every day. Make 30 QSO's on 30 meters during a calendar month using as few as 1 day up to as many as 31 days to get the QSOs. Details: https://naqcc.info/awards_magnum.html



CLUB CALLSIGN: N3AQC

USE THE CLUB CALL

Help promote NAQCC by using our Club Call, N3AQC. 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

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State QSO Parties are a great place for QRP CW to shine.

LEADERBOARD

See the full list at http://naqcc.info/qsoparties_scores.html

Member	Mult	QSOs	Score	Award	Pace
Alan KR4AE #5847	19	1,173	22,287	Gold	89,148
Ernie N2DGQ #11090	20	822	16,440	Gold	65,760
Ron VE3SIF #10033	21	646	13,566	Gold	54,264
Steve NI8W #11335	24	491	11,784	Gold	47,136
Don VE3DQN #5846	19	600	11,400	Gold	45,600
Kevin KE3V #855	19	279	5,301	Silver	21,204
Rick KY0Q #9647	15	351	5,265	Silver	21,060
Anthony K8ZT #412	20	225	4,500	Bronze	18,000
Mike W7LG #10391	17	264	4,488	Bronze	17,952
Kevin NN3E #9851	19	218	4,142	Bronze	16,568
Brent WT4U #9019	24	137	3,288	Bronze	13,152
Greg KB1AWM #9958	4	452	1,808	Bronze	7,232
Don KI4MZC #10922	10	176	1,760	Bronze	7,040
Corry N1OI #10267	8	173	1,384	Bronze	5,536
Will NQ2W #4839	8	103	824	Bronze	3,296

QSO PARTY CHALLENGE SOAPBOX SAMPLER

Rick KY0Q #9647 I didn't hear much activity from NM or ND (1 Q), but GA made up for it. I had lots of fun chasing the mobiles. You are right, the pile-ups were fierce! Breaking through the pile-ups on AD4EB with 5W was an accomplishment. 73- Rick

Don VE3DQN #5846 I tried a new trick for the Ontario party--operating on a county line--and it paid off big time. A friend has an unused dairy barn on a county line 20 minutes from my house. My antenna was a 105ft dipole up 35ft at the apex, fed with ladderline. I wondered how it would do, but in the first half hour on 20m I had QSOs with CA, OR, and WA. Giving out an exchange of two counties in each QSO means double the QSO count. I reached 248 Qs operating only on Saturday. 40m in the evening was the money band. Highlight was working Brent WT4U and Ron VE3SIF.

In previous years I've had a hard time gaining even the multiplier in the Quebec party. Being so close to Quebec the daytime signals fly right over me. I discovered though that by 4pm I was able to grab the 40m signals. Gotta remember this for next year.

Ernie N2DGQ #11090 I only worked a few hours of this QP but was very active. My thanks to all the FI OP's. My participation in May's QP's will drop off as we will be spending a month in KH6 land. I know tough assignment, but someone has to go help the Hawaiian economy. I'll bring my high band QMX and 20M QCX, and plan to activate the parks on The Big Island, Kauai, and Maui. Of course, I'll try to see if I can qualify for the QP's but not holding out much hope. Aloha.

Brent WT4U #9019 20 wasn't too long this weekend, so every time I turned on the rig I could work stations there, or on 40m. Didn't hit it too hard, but still thought I was doing pretty well until I saw everyone else's scores! Great event.



THE LURE OF CW

BY ALAN WBOZJJ #11844

I began learning Morse in 1975, in preparation for the 5 WPM requirement of the Novice ticket, with the wonderful amateur radio club in Salt Lake City, Utah.

After building a Heathkit HW-101 (a club member helped find my mistakes), and ordering a stack of printed QSL cards, I proceeded to QSO the world as WN7AVA at 5-7 WPM with a Hustler 5-band vertical hidden in the bushes outside my apartment window.

During the required wait time before taking another exam, I continued studying for the 13 WPM code and Advanced ticket theory with the Salt Lake City Ham Club (and indulging at the weekly Marie Calender restaurant club gathering).

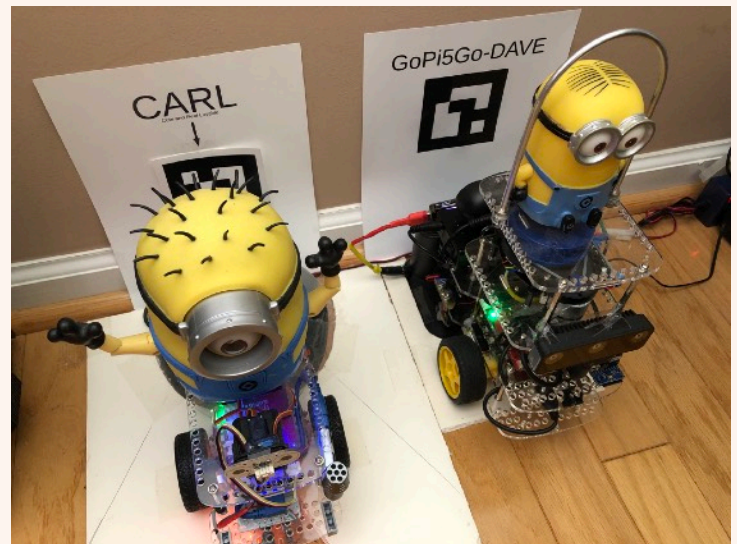
After passing the Advanced class exam, I put the straight key in the drawer and grabbed the

microphone to explore really talking to the world. At last I could talk freely and hear the voice of people that answered my CQ.

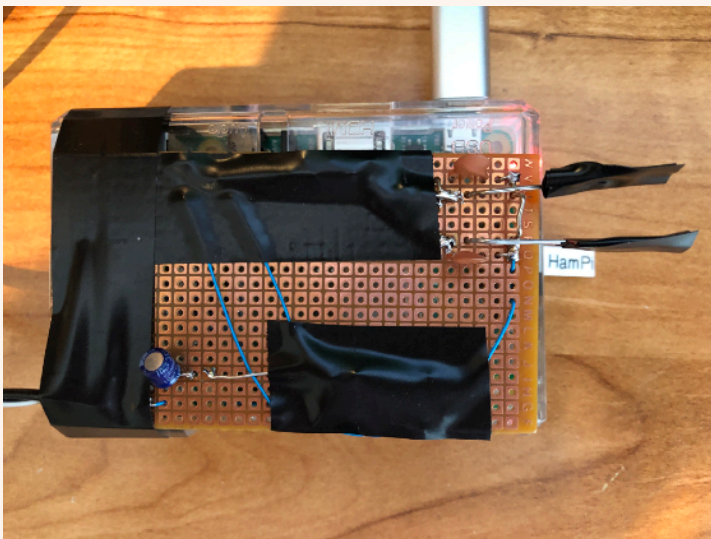
After a few years, even the microphone went into the drawer and I focused on building my career skills.

Fast forward 43 years to reading the far-in-the-future science fiction book *Seven Eves* by Neal Stephenson, where knowledge of the "ancient Morse Code" by a miner's daughter turned astrophysicist saved humanity, and spurred my interest again for CW.

I am not lacking for hobbies to feel guilty about ignoring. My main hobby



My two 24/7-365 Raspberry Pi GoPiGo3 robots, Carl and GoPi5Go-Dave.



A makeshift keyer and paddle.

is maintaining and programming my two 24/7-365 Raspberry Pi GoPiGo3 robots Carl and GoPi5Go-Dave.

I also devote time to jogging and bicycling in hopes of a long life playing with my robots and birding with my wife. A piano and a flute sit for months untouched, reminding me of other unfulfilled dreams every day.

But after finishing *Seven Eves*, the call of CW rose above the threshold, and I whipped up a makeshift keyer and paddle key to see what if any CW skill remained after 45 years.

While investigating what is new in Amateur Radio, I discovered that the QRP-Labs QMX "Mid-Bands" 5W transceiver kit would allow me to try out the "new" digital modes while refreshing my CW copy and retraining my fist with a paddle key. Being in a strict zero-lot-line HOA community meshes well with QRP CW and digital modes operation with less than optimal antennas and expectations of "whatever it is will be OK."

My QMX rig build was a success, and I made my first QSO with WSJT-X running over Ubuntu on an HP-Envy laptop. While exciting and accessible, exchanging RST and grid in an auto-sequenced QSO is only a placeholder until my 71 year old brain can again feel comfortable copying at 13+ WPM.



My QMX rig.

Radio: QRP-Labs QMX

Battery: TalentCell 3000mAh

Tuner: Z-Match QRP

Key: CWMorse Outdoor Pocket Double with magnets

Antennas: 40' random around ceiling and 20m EFHW up 5' "pop-up"



NAQCC CHALLENGE

BY GARY K1YAN #2365

THIS MONTH'S LETTER CHALLENGE: RCA AND WCC

It is 1914 and the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America is constructing a new wireless station at Chatham, MA. There are a number of buildings being built at the remote Cape Cod site. An operating building, power station, and on-site housing for operations people are part of the project along with an impressive array of antennas.

World War I began not long after project completion and was to bring major changes to the Marconi operation. Due to its corporate ties in Europe, Marconi Wireless was not considered to be a suitable owner for the facility. Championed by the military, the decision was made to acquire the site from Marconi Wireless and place it under domestic ownership. This required a suitable American corporation as the new owner. The Radio Corporation of America was formed by General Electric for this purpose and purchased Marconi's American holdings in 1919.

RCA operated the site as a point to point radio service for about a year and then began maritime radio service as WCC. World War II brought an interruption to the maritime service. For several years, the facility was taken over by the military and used as a listening post to monitor encrypted German communications with their Atlantic submarine fleet. After the war, it was returned to RCA. Once again they began a maritime service that was to last until 1997.

After their formation to acquire WCC and with David Sarnoff at the helm, RCA branched out to become the familiar communications giant.



Although it is no longer active, the WCC site has become the Chatham Marconi-RCA Wireless Museum and showcases the maritime service that was provided. If you come to Cape Cod, be sure to put it on your to-see list.

TIME FRAME

The first day of the month 0000Z through the last day of the month 2400Z.

RULES

Just make these words from calls of stations you work, subject to the General Challenge Rules. Complete rules, information, and a helpful tutorial on how to organize your work for an alphabet challenge along with detailed general rules and submission instructions can be found at http://naqcc.info/challenges_rules.html

WORDS

- MARCONI WIRELESS TELEGRAPH COMPANY
- RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA
- WCC CHATHAM MASS
- WW2 LISTENING POST

Entering the Challenges earns you participation points so you're eligible for the best prizes in the annual anniversary drawings!

CHALLENGE TRACKER

2	A	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	M	N	O	P	R	S	T	W	Y

The 86 total letters contain these 19 different letters and numbers: A C D E F G H I L M N O P R S T W Y 2

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 their 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.

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. You can download a printable version of this month's tracker at: http://naqcc.info/challenge_tracker.pdf

AWARDS

A certificate and Participation Point go to everyone making all the words and submitting their report before the deadline.

A Participation Point goes to everyone making at least 1, but not all the words and submitting their report before the deadline.

YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AT LEAST ONE WORD TO RECEIVE A PARTICIPATION POINT!

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 CHALLENGE SOAPBOX

VE3KZ Incredible QSB! Not nice for QRP! D and Y were my last letters to find and IZ4DYX on 20m made my day! 72/73 Bob VE3KZ NAQCC 899

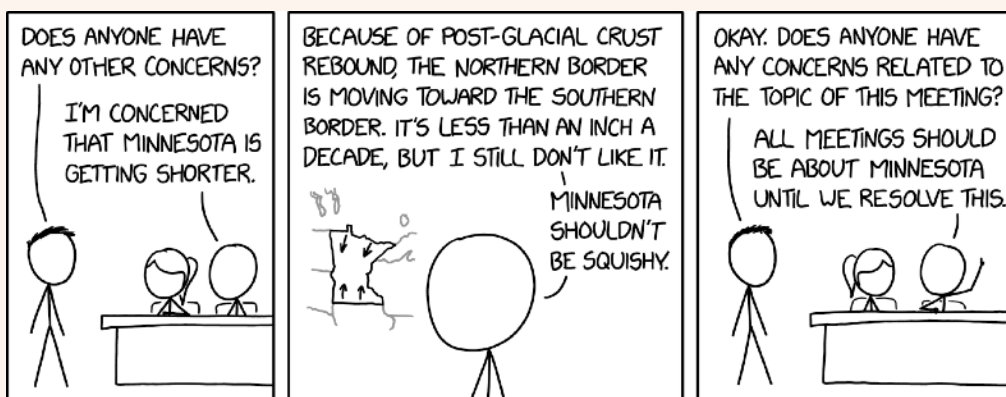
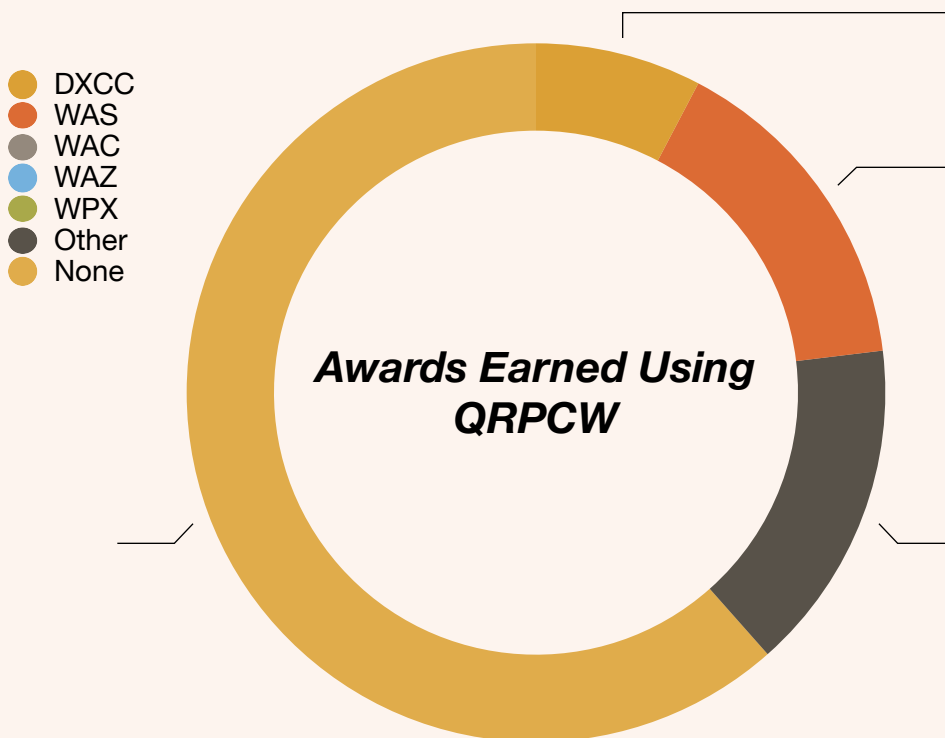
K3ES Thanks for all the challenges! Big fun with little power every month!.

MEMBER POLLS

MAY POLL

Summer is Fast Approaching! Are you getting ready for Outdoor QRP CW Activities? Leave a comment as to where and when: https://naqcc.info/poll_new.html

APRIL POLL



XKCD: <https://xkcd.com/2887/>

QRP BOOKS IN TINYCAT

FROM PAUL WORW #2500

Just a reminder about a great service available to us from Paul WORW:

Now all my QRP books are on line at a site called TinyCat. That is short for TinyCatalog. <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/WORW>

I have my Library set up so that prospective users must have prior approval. After approval they can select a book from the scrolling banner or add a key word in the search block to find one (like Spy, Code Book, or Crime).

When someone wants a book and it shows as 'Available', they just press the "Check Out" button, type the password (paraset), and check it out. When I get the notice, I pack it up and mail the book out.

Most of these books can be purchased in hard copy or digital form from book stores or found in your local library, but if you are living in the hedgerows of Gilnahirk, this can be great way get the book you want by mail.

To help sponsor TinyCat please pay the postage both ways when you return the books. Up to two books can be checked out for 60 days.

Check the The Internet Archive <https://archive.org/> because they might have your book on-line for free.

It is all free, except for postage.



NAQCC SPRINTS

MAY SPRINT

Our regular Sprint this month will be on Thursday, May 22nd at 0030-0230Z. That's the evening of Wednesday, May 21st in North America. Complete information at <https://naqcc.c.info/sprint/sprint202505.html>.

RULES

Complete sprint rules and instructions on how to submit your log can be found at http://naqcc.info/sprint_rules.html. 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 at <http://naqcc.info/contests.html>. 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 at <http://naqcc.info/sprint-sked.html>.

APRIL SPRINT RESULTS

Complete Sprint results, including all of the soapbox comments, can be found at <http://www.naqcc.info/>

APRIL SPRINT				
	Current Month	Previous Month	All-Time Record	Record Date
Logs	77	65	217	4/17
Participants	106	93	269	2/13
Total QSOs	1012	746	3,154	4/17
Hour 1 QSOs	628	465	1,704	4/17
Hour 2 QSOs	384	281	1,450	4/17
20m QSOs	454	256	1,232	8/13
40m QSOs	556	452	2,203	4/17
80m QSOs	2	38	1,417	2/13
Avg QSOs/Station	13.1	11.5	19.3	9/11

SPRINT SOAPBOX SAMPLER

N3CAA Good CONDX on 40m. Searched and pounced for an hour or so, then called CQ for the last 20

minutes. Should have called CQ earlier, because I got most of my contacts in those last 20 minutes. TNX for the QSOs and looking forward to next month's contest.

Gregg W8GG Hello Fello Sprinters ! Gud condx fer sprint last nite. i fired up teh FT857 at 5w powered by a new 50 ah LiPoFe battery, to gnd mnt vertical wid 10 radials, es trusty Bunnell J-38 key. 20m was open nicely es stayed open most of the sprint. i went to 40m after 1st hour but only got 1 QSO there. High noise level, sent me back to 20m. Very busy on 40m , i think we had a FOX HUNT too as there were several small pile-ups. Nice to hear a bunch of new high numbers out there. Plus old friends too. Last sprint from the Fla QTH this year. Back to Mich. by end of month. Id like to thank the 4-Landers fer letting me play radio in their territory fer the winter. Looking fwd to 8-land agn. es playing some more POTA this summer. Tns to all who called me, es those who tried. Until next month, 73.

AI5BE Had fun as always. Looking forward to the next one. High winds snapped my 40 meter EFHW, but I was able to cut it down to 20 meters just in time for the sprint so I missed out on 40 meters for this one.

KD7DUG I used QMX with an Elecraft AX-2 Antenna with a 13' radial. This was my NAQCC First contact and exchange of member #

SWA - STRAIGHT KEY CATEGORY

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
W1	AC1KV	KN1H	K1IX
W2	KB2GKC	K2OID	KA2KGP
W3	K3JZD	KC3MIO	N3CAA
W4	KC5F	W4NLT	WG8Y
W5	KG5OWB	N5GW	AI5BE
W6	K6GPB	-	-
W7	KC7DM	-	-
W8	NF8M	-	-
W9	WB9HFK	N8HWV	KD9EBS
W0	N0TA	N0IP	NN0SS
Canada	VA3NU	-	-
DX	-	-	-

SWA - BUG CATEGORY

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
W1	-	-	-
W2	-	-	-
W3	NN3E	-	-
W4	N2TNN	KJ4R	K3RLL
W5	KI5FZV	-	-
W6	-	-	-
W7	N7QR	-	-
W8	K8NGW	-	-
W9	-	-	-
W0	-	-	-
Canada	VE3IIM	VE3HUR	-
DX	-	-	-

SWA - KEYSER/KEYBOARD CATEGORY

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
W1	N1OI	KB1M	-
W2	WA1GWH	N2ESE	WA2FBN
W3	KC3RN	KQ3Z	-
W4	K4KBL	K4KRW	WX4RM
W5	-	-	-
W6	KD7DUG	-	-
W7	KF7Z	KI7LW	-
W8	WI8J	WA8SAN	-
W9	N9EEE	AB9BZ	-
W0	NC0Q	N0QBX	KC2MJT
Canada	VE3SIF	-	-
DX	-	-	-

GAIN ANTENNA CATEGORY

Key Type	1st	2nd	3rd
SK	K6FA	-	-
BUG	-	-	-
K/K	KD3CA	-	-

SPRINT FREQUENCIES

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

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 at http://naqcc.info/cw_nets.html

Questions should be directed to Net Manager Mark, W8EWH.

NAQCC Net Schedule				
Net	Local Time	UTC	Freq +/-	Primary NCS
East Texas QRS Net (ETN)	Monday 7:00 PM CDT	Tuesday 0000 Z	7067 kHz (summer) 3566 kHz (winter)	Allen KA5TJS (TX)
Midwest QRS Net (MWN)	Monday 7:30 PM CDT	Tuesday 0030 Z	7031 kHz	Bob W0CC (KS)
Pacific Northwest QRS 80 Meter Net (PNW80)	Thursday 7:00 PM PDT	Friday 0200 Z	3556.5 kHz	Stewart KE7LKW (WA)
East Coast QRS Net (ECN)	Off the Air			Craig KE4CR (VA)

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.

NET CONTROL STATION REPORTS

NAQCC EAST TEXAS QRS NET (ETN)

Monday evenings 7:00 PM CDT, which is Tuesday 0000 UTC, on 7067 kHz +/- (Summer) or 3566 kHz +/- (Winter)

Main NCS - Allen KA5TJS (Texas)

Apr 01 QNI (3) NCS KA5TJS, KE5YGA, KE5YUM

Band was funny, both ops in AR and one YGA was 599 and YUM was down in the noise at 339. We were on 7.067 again and QRN was not too bad. CU next week, I hope.

Apr 08 No Net

Apr 15 QNI (3) NCS KA5TJS, KE5YTGA, N4NN

Both 599, WX wet and thunderstorm.

Apr 22 QNI (3) NCS KA5TJS, KE5YGA, N4NN

Good signals last night on 7.067kc. Andy just got back from a trip to Houston and tired. Allen did not do any POTA this week. YUM Terry has had some medical test and hope he is OK. Quiet week. CUL

Apr 29 QNI (4) NCS KA5TJS, KE5YUM, KE5YGA, N4NN
Band pretty QSB last night. Terry was on the FT817 and ruff copy. Just down the road in AR Andy was 589 and Allen in GA was 579. Summer conditions for sure.

NAQCC MIDWEST QRS NET (MWN)

Monday evenings 7:30 PM CDT, which is Tuesday 0030 UTC, on 7031 kHz +/-
Main NCS - Bob W0CC (Kansas).

Apr 01 QNI (1) NCS W0CC
Poor band conditions. Hard to receive any other stations. Better Luck Next Week!

Apr 08 QNI (3) NCS W0CC, KI4MZC, WA9TGE
Band conditions were rated as "Fair" by QRZ. Fair amount of QRN. Both OPs did a GREAT Job of dealing with the static!

Apr 15 No Net

Apr 22 QNI (2) NCS W0CC, KI4MZC
QRZ rated the Band conditions as poor and they were correct! Don did an excellent job finding my signal with the QSB and QRN! Next week, the Bands will be better!

Apr 29 QNI (3) NCS W0CC, KI4MZC, KG8DA
According to QRZ, the Band Conditions were POOR; however, both Don and George were able to, somehow, fish out my weak signal from the QSB and QSN! GREAT JOB TO BOTH OF YOU!!!

NAQCC PACIFIC NORTHWEST QRS 80 METER NET (PNW80)

Thursday evenings 7:00 PM PDT, which is Friday 0200 UTC on 3556.5 kHz +/-
Main NCS - Stewart KE7LKW (Washington State)

Apr 04 QNI (6) NCS KE7LKW, WB4SPB, K7JUV, N7QR, AD7BP, KI7SJE

Apr 11 QNI (5) NCS WB4SPB, KE7LKW/p, KB7DYP, W7ANM, AD7BP

Apr 18 QNI (7) NCS WB4SPB, KI7SJE, WB7WHG, KB7DYP, W7ANM, AD7BP, KE7LKW

Apr 25 QNI (5) NCS KE7LKW, KB7DYP, K7JUV, WB4SPB, AD7BP



NAQCC CHAPTERS

START A LOCAL CHAPTER

The North American QRP CW Club currently has six local chapters - West Florida, Illowa, Downeast Maine, Long Island, Florida, 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

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The chapter's website is:

<https://www.zaarc.org>



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.



NAQCC DOWNEAST MAINE CHAPTER

Items in this section are from the Downeast Maine Chapter unless otherwise credited. Questions and comments should be directed to Jeff, KA1DBE.

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



NAQCC ILLOWA CHAPTER

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

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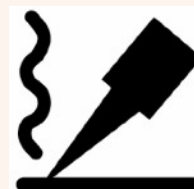


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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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 contester 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.

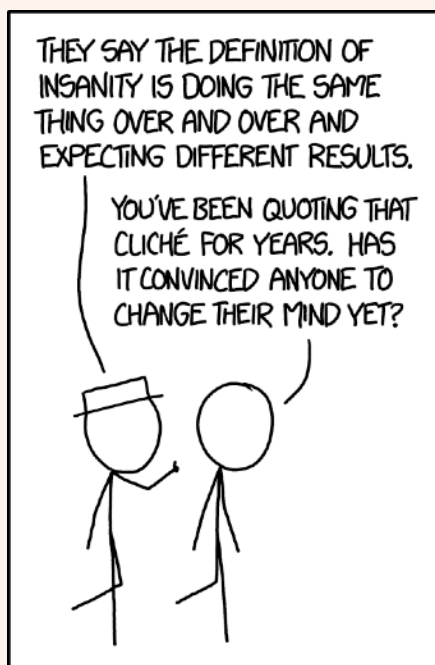
Whether you are a veteran ham radio operator who is looking for a new challenge in the hobby, or a beginner who is intrigued by the possibilities of QRP/CW communication, we cordially invite you to join us. Membership is free and the benefits and fun are significant.

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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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