

# *The Network News*

*"Friends Keeping In Touch via Amateur Radio and RV's"*

August 2022

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## FALL Rally News

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adventures by  
Rob Monsipapa



## Let's Rally in Branson, MO

**RV Radio Network  
2022 Fall Eyeball  
Rally  
and ARRL Specialty  
Convention!**

**October 10 - 13  
(4 nights)**



**Its official** - The Fall Rally has been sanctioned as an ARRL Specialty Convention! The event will take place at the Branson Stagecoach Campground where we have 15 sites reserved – and 13 of them are already taken - **THERE ARE ONLY 2 AVAILABLE SITES REMAINING!** If you plan to come to the rally you need to reserve your site NOW. You do have to pay for your site in advance but the campground has a 100% refund policy if you cancel at least a week in advance. We will have access to the Clubhouse for our meetings, seminars, and some meals.

Once all of our 15 sites are reserved the campground said they

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# Rally News



# FALL

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will start a waiting list. They also have a few cabins available but there is no "rally rate" for cabins. And walk-in visitors are allowed, so you could also stay at other campgrounds in the area and still come to our rally site to participate in rally events.

We will have our regular 2 meter morning nets, afternoon happy hours, first timer meeting, board meeting, membership meeting, a great seminar, and will have some great prizes. There will be plenty of time also for touring the area attractions including the great shows Branson is known for. The campground is a short 15 minute drive from the shows district and you pass right past some of the best attractions on the way.

So go to our website and check out the schedule and prizes, then call the campground and reserve your site, then complete the Rally Application on our website. This is shaping up to be one of our biggest rallies in recent years rivaled only by the fall 2019 rally at Head of the Lakes Fairgrounds at Superior, WI when 14 rigs were in attendance.

We look forward to seeing you there!

K4HM – Hank and KG4RMT – Selene

Your Rally Hosts



BRANSON, MO



## **2022 Fall Rally Prizes**

### **Grand Prize**



**Yaesu FT-891 HF/50MHz All Mode  
Mobile Transceiver**

2nd Prize: \$100 DX  
Engineering Gift Certificate

Additional Prizes including 2 -  
\$50 DX Engineering Gift  
Certificates



# SPRING

## May 13 to 17, 2023

### 2023 SPRING RALLY

&

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



May  
13 to 17

Activity  
fee  
\$30

Berlin RV Park  
Ohio Amish Country



**Mother's  
Day Party  
& Zoom**

Bingo and  
games



Wooden spoon  
carving demo



Guggisberg Cheese

sample over 60 types of cheeses

**We'll be on the road to**



**WE2RV**



Questions ?  
contact  
Dwight W8TJT  
or Michelle  
N3YRZ

Host Dwight Bonifield W8TJT assisted by Michelle Sack N3YRZ



We are returning to Berlin OH for the spring 2023 rally. We will be there in May to hopefully have a little warmer weather. It is also timed to allow members to attend and then head to Hamvention in Dayton/Xenia. Hamvention is May 19 to 21(Setup is May 18 ) Hamvention is a 2 hour 45 minute drive from the Berlin RV Park.

Yes, Mother's Day is during the dates...we are planning a Mother's Day party. Zoom will be part of that...give us a chance show off our children and grandchildren! We'll send an invite for Zoom so you can send to your kids and grandkids.

We are working on setting up a schedule, looking at programs—watch for more information to come.

There is a lot to do and see in the Amish country.

We are looking into setting up a tour and will get more information as we have it.

We will have a campfire with s'mores makings.

The Berlin RV Park has prepared Goody bags again. They were really great last year... can't wait to see what will be in there this year.

We're planning to have a radio station set up and we can use WE2RV during the rally.

Dwight will be manning the griddle again for pancakes some days, eggs another day.

You'll make reservations and pay \$45/night directly with the Berlin RV Park [\(330\) 674-4774](tel:3306744774) [info@berlinrvpark.com](mailto:info@berlinrvpark.com)  
5898 State Route 39 Millersburg, Ohio 44654

Hope you'll join us, we are hoping for warmer weather this year.



# Net Manager Report

WOW !! This year has really flown by. It was this time last year, 2021, when Pat Ryan N9JIX, named me Net Manager. Now, in 2022, so much has changed.

We were in the middle of the Pandemic, rallies had been cancelled or planning cancelled; Alan Beebe, AC0F, was hosting a Colorado rally in uncertain times; and a Virtual online event was planned for Fall. RVRN was in uncharted territory.

During the last year the pandemic ended and then came back again, fuel prices went thru the roof, a successful, but small, spring rally took place in Ohio, and during that time your RVRN Advisory Board has been hard at work, every month, trying to improve the club.

We hold, monthly Zoom meeting and stay in constant contact through email and phone calls. The Constitution and By-laws committee has been working hard to come up with a new document in order to re-form our club into a more democratic organization. I am happy to report that with the help of the ARRL and input from members through the online polls, a new document should be ready in 2023. In the future, every member will have a voice through the ballot box.

2023 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our club. In 1983 the Good Sam Hams Net was formed. Later it would become the RV Radio Network.

The year ahead could be our greatest year ever, with the help of our members.

**BRANSON 2022** - Our Fall Rally this year will kick off transition to 2023

**HamCation 2023** - RVRN will have a booth inside and social events surrounding this major Hamfest. Detail announced to members soon.

**Return to Ohio AMISH Country & HamVention 2023** - RVRN is planning a booth and social event at Dayton and our Spring Rally in Berlin will occur just before the world's greatest hamfest. Make plans to attend both, back to back in Ohio. Details coming soon.

**Fall Rally in Texas Hill Country** - Tentative plans include a rally in Fredericksburg Texas. Detail to be announced later

**HF NETS** - Our 40m net continues to be the mainstay of our club. Even though the band has been difficult at times, our NCS's have had increased check-ins, and Netlogger has made it easier for stations to find us and check in when it is difficult to hear. We continue to look for ways to make it easier for our Mountain/Pacific time zone members to check in. We are studying the possibility of a west coast net but need further input from our western members.

**Multi-mode Net** - What began as an EchoLink Net only has expanded into a true multimode net as DMR, D-Star, C4FM, and other modes are now available for use. See our website for all the different ways you can check in to this Thursday evening net.

**Club Call** - We recently were granted a club call for use during our rallies/events. **WE2RV** is exactly what we do. N3YRZ is our QSL Manager.

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I hope you will join me in thanking the Advisory Board for their loyalty and support of RVRN through their many hours of FREE work to benefit our club. No one in club receives any pay for the work they do. Without all these volunteers RVRN would not be possible. Please send them a comment and let them know what you would like to see from your club. [board@rvradionetwork.com](mailto:board@rvradionetwork.com)

Hank Montgomery K4HM -  
Deputy Net Manager, Webmaster, Constitution Committee Chair, NCS

Michelle Sack N3YRZ -  
Secretary, Newsletter Editor, NCS

Alan Beebe AC0F -  
Treasurer, Constitution Committee

Fred Koch KA2HPG -  
Communications Manager, NCS

Dwight Bonifield W8TJT -  
Public Relations, NCS

Tom Abernethy W3TOM -  
ARRL Liaison, Constitution Committee

Bob Carl AI1N -  
NCS, Constitution Committee

I would also like to thank Immediate Past Net Manager, Pat Ryan N9JIX, for her belief in me. A special thanks to past Net Manager, Membership Manager, and Treasurer Marshall Kiel KF9SU, for all his efforts during and before the change in leadership.

Many thanks to all our members who enjoy the fun of Ham radio and RV'ing

73 & Safe Travels  
Calvin Means W4QMT



## **RVRN Makes Plans for HamCation & HamVention 2023**

Your RVRN Advisory Board has announced plans to have a presence at both of the major Hamfests in the US, Orlando's HamCation in February and Dayton's HamVention in May. HamCation is February 10-12 and HamVention is May 19-21.

For the Orlando event, booth/table space has been reserved for RVRN. Camping reservations are now open at the Fairgrounds (<https://www.hamcation.com/hamcation-parking>).

RVRN members are encouraged to make a camping reservations ASAP. Plans will be announced later as to camping together and social events surrounding the event.

Volunteers will be needed to help staff the RVRN table/booth. Information will be available in the future for those wishing to participate.

A list of prizes for the social events will be announced soon.

HamVention details are not yet available as 2023 information was not on the HamVention websites as of this article's date. Plans will be similar to Orlando for a table/booth and social events. Camping sites in the immediate vicinity of the event is not as numerous as in Orlando. Campgrounds are farther away from Xenia. We will email members about the possibility of camping together soon.

I am starting a list of those planning on attending either/both events. Please email as soon as you know your plans. [crmeans@gmail.com](mailto:crmeans@gmail.com)

### **RVRN display at Regional and Smaller Hamfests**

If you are attending/working at your local/regional hamfest, RVRN has a limited number of brochures we can make available to you for display at your event. If your event makes free tables available for clubs, we also have banners available for you to use. Please contact us for details on availability.



# The QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo Returns

## September 17 -18, 2022

The next QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo, a full featured virtual ham radio convention, is September 17 - 18, 2022.

While the Ham Expo was originally created in August 2020 as an alternative to canceled in-person ham radio conventions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has evolved into a regularly-held event for amateur radio learning through peer submitted presentations on nearly every amateur radio subject, lively discussion, and interaction.



The Expo uses virtual event technology supported by apps for Apple and Android but throughout the Expo, but recommends a fast internet connection and big screens for the best user experience

New is a Poster Gallery Hall that includes a product showcase and interactive projects submitted by amateurs to demonstrate individual products through videos, white papers, and slides. Each showcase is fully interactive through text chat and supports opportunities for vendors to follow-up with interested visitors. The Poster Gallery will also include an opportunity for individuals to submit papers, projects, and articles to be enjoyed by Expo delegates. Accepted gallery submission will include a free ticket to the expo.

Sponsor and exhibitor opportunities are still available. The \$10 ticket for the Expo will go on sale in August. Anyone can attend the Expo from anywhere in the world, over the internet. For more information go to [qsotodayhamexpo.com](https://qsotodayhamexpo.com). ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® is a QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo Partner.



Longtime RVRN member Vernon Moseley - KB4NZJ of Boiling Springs SC became a SK June 9 2022 He was RVRN Member 1173 and was heard for many years on our HF Net. Vern had also been a longtime NCS on the RV Service Net. Col. Moseley was retired from the US Air Force.

<https://www.goupstate.com/obituaries/pspa0231899>

**Vernon Moseley**  
**KB4NZJ**  
**#1173**





## **Dave De Shetler** **KI5OJ** **#170**

SK June 14, 2022 Dave became an RVRN member in late 1987 as K8E-SO. He and his wife Charlotte (N5TKY) were active RVRN members and RVing snowbirds for many years. Dave passed peacefully at his home in Inglis, FL under Hospice care. He is survived by his XYL of 68 years Charlotte, son Mark and his brother Dan (RVRN Member

Number 1214). His ashes will be interred at a local military cemetery.

## **Wesley Boxwell** **WA4TSC** **# 936**



We recently learned of the Oct 26, 2018 passing of Wesley (Wes) Boxwell, WA4TSC.

Wes and his spouse Kathleen were long time members having joined the Good Sam RV Radio Network in spring of 1998 and remained active members through 2014. We learned of his passing on the QRZ Website.

<https://www.roystonfh.com/obituaries/Wesley-Warren-Boxwell?obId=19133504>

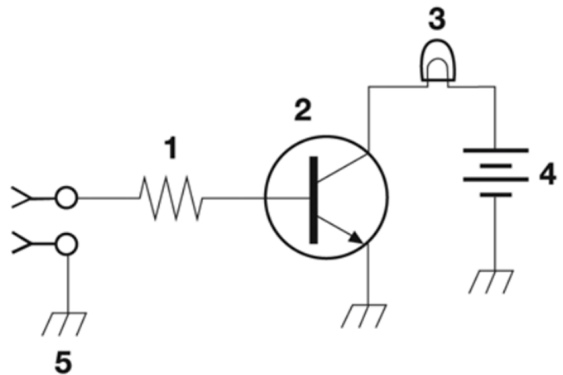
# Practice questions

1. Who selects a Frequency Coordinator?

- A. The FCC Office of Spectrum Management and Coordination Policy
- B. The local chapter of the Office of National Council of Independent Frequency Coordinators
- C. Amateur operators in a local or regional area whose stations are eligible to be repeater or auxiliary stations
- D. FCC Regional Field Office

2. What is component 3 in figure T1?

- A. Resistor
- B. Transistor
- C. Lamp
- D. Ground symbol



**Figure T-1**




3. What skills learned during hidden transmitter hunts are of help to the Amateur Auxiliary?

- A. Identification of out of band operation
- B. Direction finding used to locate stations violating FCC Rules
- C. Identification of different call signs
- D. Hunters have an opportunity to transmit on non-amateur frequencies

4. With your transceiver displaying the carrier frequency of phone signals, you hear a station calling CQ on 14.349 MHz USB. Is it legal to return the call using upper sideband on the same frequency?

- A. Yes, because you were not the station calling CQ
- B. Yes, because the displayed frequency is within the 20 meter band
- C. No, the sideband will extend beyond the band edge
- D. No, U.S. stations are not permitted to use phone emissions above 14.340 MHz

# Down memory lane

August 2002		The Network News
<b>Static Electricity Again !</b>		
-by Neil WOPML		
<p><b>T</b>his is just a little bit of a brainteaser that I used to present to my students when I was teaching Antennas in the Air Force.</p> <p>As we know, when a transmitter transmits, electrons flow out the feed line to the antenna, as evidenced by an RF meter placed in the feed line, and are radiated into the great beyond. Of course all of the parameters of complete circuits, grounds and etc apply here so under normal circumstances, most base stations have good grounds and circuits are completed.</p> <p>Another fact that we</p>	<p>are well aware of is that a positive charge is a deficiency of electrons and a negative charge is an abundance of electrons.</p> <p>Since pre-World War II, aircraft have carried various types of transmitters and some of them pretty high power. My question relates to these airplanes. When an airplane transmits while flying, sometimes for hours on end, the continual radiation of electrons creates a tremendous positive charge on the antenna. When that airplane returns to earth, why doesn't it draw a huge arc that would ri-</p>	<p>val a lightning strike?</p> <p><b>Solution</b></p> <p>You should never believe everything you are told. The supposition that electrons are emitted from the antenna is totally FALSE!</p> <p>The voltage field created by the alternating current flowing in the antenna accomplishes electromagnetic radiation. All antenna currents are alternating and so flow out and back in. All other current within the system flows within the power supplies on the airplane.</p> <p>—○—</p>
<b>Looking Ahead</b>	<b>Hal's Hints</b>	<b>Silent Key Report</b>
<p>Fall Eyeball Rally Hudsonville, Michigan Sept 16—19</p> <p> Spring Eyeball Rally 2003 Ochlocknee, Georgia April 2003</p> <p>Fall 2003 Eyeball Rally—Open</p> <p></p>	<p>Suggested by Julian, W6MYS</p> <p> During Interstate Highway travel, when you see an overhead exit sign you can immediately tell if the exit is to the right or left.</p> <p>If the exit number sign itself is on the right side of the sign, you exit to the right. If it's on the left side, you exit to the left.</p> <p>—○—</p>	<p>We have received the following Silent Key reports since the publication of the last Network News. We will miss them all and our hearts and prayers go out to the survivors.</p> <p><b>Bonnie McDow</b> Net # 116 4/17/02</p> <p><b>Betty Lust</b> Net # 897 10/02/01</p>

From the issue: August 2002



# POTA adventures

Hello RVRN,

This is Rob & Jayne Monsipapa and we live in Mesa AZ and have been RV camping for the last 12+ yrs. We found that 10 days each month (from June to September) in the cool temperatures of the mountains to the north of us was just enough to make the blistering heat of the summer in Mesa fly by. It's normally 30 degrees cooler than the Phoenix valley.



The area is Woods Canyon Lake, 30 miles due east of Payson AZ off Rt 260 (a 1.5hr drive from Mesa). It sits at 7500 ft in elevation. It boasts 50ft+ pine trees, 55-acre lake stocked with trout, electric boat rentals, a nesting pair of bald eagles, osprey, elk and a lot, lot more.

June is the perfect month since it's just before the start of monsoon season which typically starts around July 4<sup>th</sup>. With monsoon comes very strong rain storms and lightning that lasts about an hour or two. Then it cools off about 10-15 degrees, so when it hits the mid 80's up there, the 15-degree drop is a welcome change.

I've been a licensed ham since 2012 and got my extra in 2016. I also photograph wildlife and have been active in that since 2007. A few years ago, I found a great way to combine my joys in life: RV camping, ham radio and wildlife photography.



If you haven't heard of "Parks On The Air" (POTA), take a few minutes and check it out: <https://parksontheair.com/>

There is a national database, just like Summits On The Air (SOTA), Lighthouses On The Air (LOTA), Islands On The Air (IOTA), etc.... It lists every national park in the country with a park designator. The campground we go to is listed as K-4427 in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. Over the last few years, I have been activating that park for awards given by POTA. All you have to do is make 10 contacts to "activate" a park, however, there are all kinds of rewards given by POTA. I will attach a few of mine for review. It is a great challenge in mobile/portable/off grid radio skills which we should all be prepared for.

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The mountains proved a wide variety of wildlife for photographing. I'll put it this way, you will never be short on subject matter to photograph! Since we have been coming to this site for years, I've spent time hollowing out tree stumps at the site, they make great bird feeders. I just find a few long tree limbs that have fallen and they make a great perch for lots of birds. Then I put up hummingbird feeders near trees and I attach small branches for perches.



So, I got thinking, how can I put this all together, something unique, something no one else is doing. So, I started taking a few of my best photos from each trip/activation and turned them into 8x10 photo printable QSL cards. The way to get them is to get into my logbook during an activation. Then I send the link out to all the contacts with instructions on how to download the QSL cards. My last activation netted 504 contacts and my June activation was at 764 QSO's made over 11 days. Since I started doing this, I've made friends with a lot of hams that collect my photos and hunt me when I'm activating.

Here is a link to the QSL cards I made from my last 2 activations:

June - <https://www.az-pics.com/Ham-Radio-Outings-/POTA-July-11-21-2022/>

July - <https://www.az-pics.com/Ham-Radio-Outings-/POTA-June-6-15-2022/>

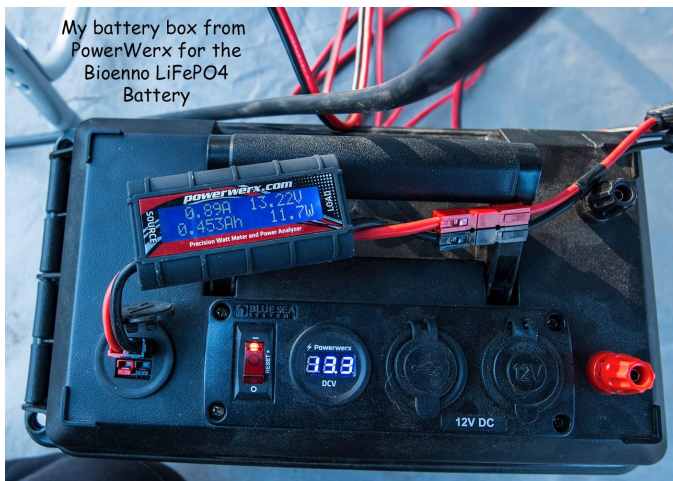


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The 7500ft in elevation works great with my EFHW-8010 antenna (by My-Antennas in FL), IC-7300 and bioenno battery packs. I use a sling shot to launch a fishing weight over the 60ft pine tree, then attach an arbor line to the fishing line and bring it back over the tree. Then it gets attached to the isolator at the end of the antenna and hoisted to about 50ft. The coax feed point is then attached to a tree about 1.5ft off the ground for a very nice sloping configuration.



I've made contacts all over the world, had my photography viewed and enjoyed by hams that would have otherwise never seen some of our local wildlife. It's been a joy sharing my passion for ham radio, wildlife and camping. It's made me appreciate the little things in life like the amazing abilities of hummingbirds and the diversity of animals in this small area we camp at.

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We have made some great friendships along the way with other campers and hams, that we would have never met if we didn't get out and enjoy this great country of ours.



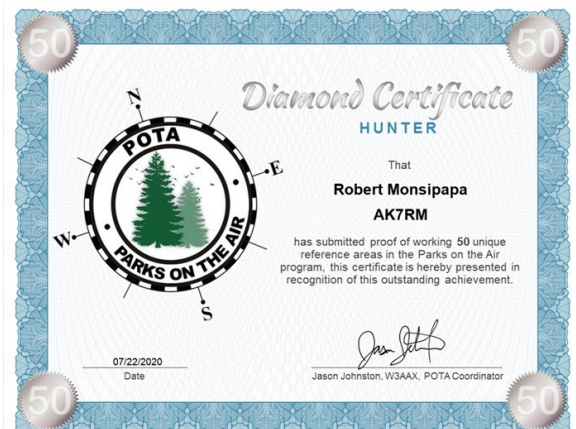
Our RV is the 2017 Lance 2375 and our tow vehicle is a 2018 Ford F250 SuperDuty. It's the right size for us and our Rottweiler Bella. We all appreciate the time out of the hot temps in the valley and hope all of you enjoy your travels in this great/beautiful country of ours. If you hear me on the bands, please give me a shout, let me know you are a RVRN member so we can get acquainted! You never know when we might meet up in the mountains of AZ.

Sincerely,

Rob Monsipapa – AK7RM



A sample of POTA awards



# Membership Corner



As both Net Manager and Membership Manager I am happy to report that our membership numbers continue to grow. For the 2021-2022 membership year we picked up more new members than we lost. We currently have 260 Active memberships.

The RVRN membership year runs through June 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a several month grace period, after June 1, in which you can still log in and renew your membership. We still have a number of members that can keep there membership active into 2023 by renewing online now. Please click on the Membership Renewal form at the bottom of this link: <https://rvradionetwork.com/membership.php>  
Just \$1 per month keeps your membership active with the RV Radio Network

Only \$12 per year and you are supporting the hobbies you love... RV'ing and Ham radio.

Your membership helps keep the club financially sound and means we can offer great prizes at our rallies and events.

2023 is the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Good Sam Hams Net, later to become the RV Radio Network

Some events planned:

- October 2022 Rally in Branson MO
  - February 2023 RVRN events at HamCation in Orlando
  - May 2023 Rally in Ohio Amish Country
  - May 2023 RVRN events at HamVention in Dayton(Xenia)
- Fall 2023 Rally in Texas Hill Country - TBD

Thank you for your support. Calvin W4QMT

A membership meeting will held at the rally in Branson, MO. Members are invited to attend via Zoom if they can't make the rally. Here is the invite:

## RV Radio Network Fall Membership Meeting

Oct 11, 2022 10:30 Central Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86120817388?pwd=UnptUEhETkFUNU5BNzBGc0F5N2hzdz09>

Meeting ID: 861 2081 7388 Passcode: 574262

One tap mobile +13017158592,,86120817388#,,,,\*574262# US  
(Washington DC) +19294362866,,86120817388#,,,,\*574262# US  
(New York)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86120817388?pwd=UnptUEhETkFUNU5BNzBGc0F5N2hzdz09>



# FCC/ARRL NEWS

## FCC Legacy CORES System Has Been Retired

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) retired the [Legacy version](#) of its COMmission REGistration System (CORES) on July 15, 2022.

The [updated version of CORES](#) is now available. In essence, CORES is designed to identify those who hold certain types of FCC licenses and FCC authorizations, including amateur licenses, and organize them in an easily accessible manner under a common FCC Registration Number (FRN) regardless of whether one holds a single such authority or thousands. The new CORES, in addition to assigning individual FRNs, allows holders of multiple FRNs to aggregate them under a single account where the licenses and authorizations, fees and payments, and related actions can be administered from within the same account. The [updated version of CORES](#) has been available since 2016, and its use is now **mandatory** for all amateur licensees when submitting amateur-related applications.

**Register with the FCC** Licensees that do not already have an FCC CORES Username Account must create one with a unique username (a valid email address) and password. After creating the account, when logged in, users should associate their existing FRN or FRNs with this account. Instructions for doing so are on the [FCC Registration Help](#) web page. One's FRN is printed on all current amateur applications and licenses, and will not change. FRNs can also be found by looking up one's call sign in the Commission's ULS (<https://wireless2.fcc.gov/ULsApp/ULsSearch/searchLicense.jsp>) or by using the FCC's [Advanced Search](#) web page.

The FCC has posted [tutorial videos](#) to assist with the transition.

Additional information is available on the [FCC](#) website or by calling the FCC Licensing Support Center at 877-480-3201, Option 4, and on the FCC's [e-support](#) web page.



## General interest info

### Are you following proper flag etiquette?

It has been my privilege to give classes over the years on behalf of the United States Army to various organizations as to the proper U.S. flag etiquette. Here are just a few tips that I would like to pass onto those that fly the flag of the United States of America.

First of all, make sure that the flag size is correct according to the size of the flagpole. If the flag is flown 24 hours a day, it must have direct lighting on it. If the flag becomes torn it must be replaced. If it is frayed on the end, you may have the end folded and sewn once again.

If the colors begin to fade, meaning the dark blue becomes light blue or if the red stripes turn pink or if the white stripes turn gray, take it down. It is better not to fly the flag at all than to fly it in this condition.

If the U.S. flag is flown with other flags, then the following applies: If flown in an even number of other flags then it should be flown to the viewers left. If it is flown in an odd number of other flags, then it should be flown in the middle. If it is flown with other flags, then it should be flown higher than the other flags. The blue field should appear in the upper left corner flying towards the front. This would apply to vehicles and uniforms.

I hope this helps those who fly our flag and wish to do it correctly.

MSG, Dwight S Bonifield W8TJT

US Army, retired



## Board meeting minutes summary May, June, and July 2022

### **Communications:**

Fred will look at the net preamble, update it and have the board look at it. Nets will remain at same time until change back to standard time. Calvin started discussion about the west coast members and a possible net for that area.

We started using Netlogger on our nets at the discretion of the net control operator (NCS) Netlogger Training Session was given by Hank on Zoom May 17.

Hank changed so the database for Netlogger is repopulated daily. NCS should downloading the updated profile before each net to have the latest information the net. Hank is also working on adding the secondary person and their license class on the membership.

Calvin has a set of announcements in larger font to copy and paste into the Netlogger AIM window. He will provide those to the NCS's.

The EchoLink net has been averaging 20 check-ins

### **Public Relations:**

Dwight requests notification if you know a member is sick so he can send a card.

### **Membership:**

Calvin reported non renewals will put us under 200. We gained about 10 new members, and they come from various different sources.

An honorary membership was granted to Bob Famiglio

It is the standard that the net manager receives a lifetime membership, Calvin deferred receipt until 2024.

### **By Laws & Constitution:**

Alan has not heard back from the request for information about our original paperwork.

Hank sent out a copy of the proposed constitution to committee members. The constitution is mostly what we are going to do and refers to the bylaws for the how we're going to do it. Hank posted a second poll on the website and 30 members have already taken the poll.

Hank reported that response to the poll is clearly showing the preferences of the members and will serve to guide us as we construct the official documents.

### **Rallies**

2022 Fall Rally -Hank and Selene will host in Branson MO. The campground reserved 15 sites for our group and will start a wait list if we exceed that. As of the July board meeting, we had 13 reserved.

We will be sharing the campground with another group that is there for that week. Hank gave contact information to campground host so that group can contact him and coordinate use of the clubhouse. There are only a time or so that had to be adjusted to coordinate with the other group.

Dave Ventura, will be doing the program at the rally

2023 spring May Dwight W8TJT (Berlin Ohio-Amish Country) Michelle will assist

2023 fall - Kelly KC5MEM (Fredericksburg Texas- Texas Hill Country) Vineyard park

### **New Business:**

An expenditure for posters, decals, and brochures was given and Calvin had those printed. There are ones for tables and a larger one for displays. Brochures are available to use at Hamfests, local events, rallies, Hamvention, and HamCation.

The board members decided to have some participation at the 2 big radio events, Hamcation & Hamvention.

WE2RV Club Call NCS may use WE2RV on their net. It may also be used at RV Radio Network rallies. The call is registered on Logbook of the World, Eqsl, QRZ, & Clublog. Has been used on the HF nets and at the rally. Michelle has uploaded to all Michelle was granted permission to have cards printed. After receiving the cards from the printer, she mailed out QSL cards for contacts made at the spring rally. Michelle requests logs in adif or csv format.

## Deputy's Docket

It was a struggle, but summer has finally arrived here at Sandy Shores Campground near Mears Michigan. In June we did hit 80 degrees a couple of times, but for the most part high temps were in the 60's and 70's with a couple of days in mid June when the high only made it to the upper 50's! But July has finally brought consistent warm weather, and we have even had to use the A/C a good bit. Since we are contracted to work here at the campground, we have not had any time to travel, but the work schedule is different this year and provides me with a little more free time than in past years. We also changed to a different cellular provider to get better "WiFi over cellular" than in previous years. This has not only been a big help to my online website and programming work but has also made a very noticeable improvement in signal/voice quality for the EchoLink and digital voice nets that I participate in via the computer.

Speaking of the nets, many of our nets are now using a program called Net Logger to log and display the name, callsign, member number, and location of each member that checks into a net and displays it on other computers that are running the Net Logger program. So if you use the Net Logger program on your computer you can see an ordered list of every participant in the net including the callsign, name, member number, and location of everyone who checks into the net. You can also identify the net control station, who is logging the net, and who is currently talking. There is even a messaging window where you can chat via your keyboard with the net logger or even other participants. You can also use the program to monitor other nets, and you can even look at history files showing all that information for all nets that have used the Net Logger system in recent months. It's quite a neat program.

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I hope that by now all members know we have a Constitution Review Committee working on an updated constitution and By-laws in order to make the RV Radio Network a democratic organization where club members have a voice in how our club operates. The committee includes K4HM-Hank, AC0F-Alan, AI1N-Bob, W3TOM-Tom, W4QMT-Calvin, and W3RF-Bob Famiglio, ARRL Volunteer Council. The committee needs input from RVRN Members. Please provide input to the development of these documents by participating in the polls on our website. So far the polls have shown that our members are heavily in favor of a democratic organization with a board of elected officers and directors who meet eligibility requirements and have limited term lengths. The members have also indicated that Full Members must be licensed amateurs, but they also want to allow Associate Membership for folks who are interested in amateur radio but do not yet have a license. Members have also voted to have Family Membership with voting rights for other licensed family members. Your committee members are working to develop a constitution and By-Laws that meet these requirements. But we still need more input from the members so if you have not already taken the 2<sup>nd</sup> poll, please do it now – the next poll will go online soon.

73, K4HM - Hank





# Membership

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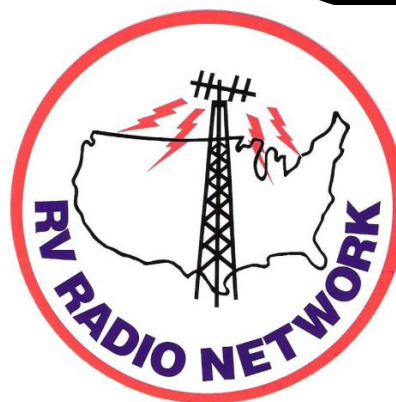
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