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# Newsletter



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## GERITOL NET GETS NEW SPONSOR, NEW NAME

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013 AT 8:23AM**  
**By: K5KVN, on the scene**

PETALUMA, Calif., Jan. 24, 2013 –A recent change to the Geritol Net has its members standing tall with pride. “We knew we had a problem and we just couldn’t keep it up. We had to fix this,” said Geritol Net member Steven Braytonheimer.

This radio operator says he is "uplifted" by the change to the Geritol Net. The net members decided it was time to get a new sponsor.

“A lot of us found we needed some help keeping the tower guyed, if you know what I mean,” said long-time net control Willard Johnson. “Most of us spend all day, every day, in front of our radio or watching TV. I saw a commercial and that’s where I got the idea.”

A phone call to the corporate office of Cialis was all it took. Cialis Vice President Andrew Martingale says the decision

## APRIL MEETING

The general meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club will be (as almost always) on the second Monday of the month, **April 8**, at the NW NC Red Cross Building on Coliseum Drive. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM but plan on arriving early, say 7 PM to get a good seat and to chat with fellow hams. Ham Exams start at 6:30 PM and require pre-registration.

This month's program is not to be missed. It will be part 1 of a two part technical program on **EZNec and antenna modeling**. **Charlie W4TMR** has been modeling and building wire antennas for years and has seriously mastered the art of building successful 160-meter (and other band) wire antennas on a city lot and has a lot of awards to prove it. Part one will be vertical antennas and modeling with Eznec. Part two (in May) will be EZNec and beams and other antennas.

wasn’t hard. “These guys are right in our demographic sweet spot. And we really liked that they would say our name on the air a lot.” The new agreement comes with one requirement: the net must be renamed the Cialis Net.

It’s a move some critics are calling the “corporatization of amateur radio.”

“My hair went gray in the 1970s but you don’t see me trying to rename the Silverhair Net,” said one amateur radio operator in a radiogram to this reporter.

The Cialis net will meet every night, but for no longer than four hours. “If the net stays up for a period of more than four

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## A Night at W4TMR

*by Don WS4NC*

Gene WB4MSG and I took a trip over to Charlie W4TMR’s shack the other night and was treated to a private tutorial on EZNec. Charlie has a beautiful shack that shows off his years of effort in building gear, antennas and a love of operating in contests. If you have wanted to learn EZNec and do antenna modeling you just can’t miss the April and May meetings and Charlie’s presentations. At the right Charlie (in the foreground) and Gene are fussing over an EZNec design.



**Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc** is a non-profit (IRS 501(c)3) North Carolina corporation for the promotion of Amateur Radio, and for the education and training of hams and the general public primarily in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

FARC was originally incorporated as the Winston-Salem Radio Club on December 31, 1930 and has been in operation ever since. We currently maintain a state-of-the-art ham station in the basement of the Red Cross, 690 Coliseum Dr., Winston-Salem, NC and also maintain two 2-meter repeaters, 146.64 (100 Hz tone) and 145.47 (100 Hz tone) & 444.275 (100 Hz tone).

FARC has a general membership meeting with a program on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Red Cross building, 690 Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem. The club conducts its main business meeting (sometimes called the Board Meeting) on the 3rd Monday generally at the same location. This is where most of the club's business is conducted and all attending members have a vote. All club members are strongly encouraged to attend the business meeting. For more information about FARC mail us at FARC, Inc., PO Box 11361, Winston-Salem, NC, 27116; call 336-245-5740; or visit our web site at [www.w4nc.com](http://www.w4nc.com). Club email is to info -at w4nc.com .

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## FARC EQUIPMENT UPDATE

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hours, we have people prepared to call a doctor," said Braytonheimer.

(Courtesy of [www.noiseblnkers.com](http://www.noiseblnkers.com))

## HELLO BOB!

Just received an email for "Buffalo" Bob KJ4IC (or perhaps I should say "New Jersey" Bob, but that just doesn't have the right ring to it). Bob left us to move to NJ and look after his Dad but we still miss him, enough to often out our W4NC-Live broadcasts with "Hello Bob!".

Congrats are in order for Bob (Busted-Ol'-Bottles?) who now has his DXCC. I'll let Bob's email tell the story:

Hey, guys,

I finally applied for DXCC and achieved it through LoTW. I am surprised at how much of the DX world also uses the service, but not so surprised, as it is so convenient. Anyway, I am now the proud owner of DXCC Mixed #57,841 with 124 entities confirmed and CW Endorsement #13,725 with 108 entities confirmed. Coincidentally, I also received an envelope of QSL cards from the Bureau today.

When I first signed up for LoTW about 2 years ago, I uploaded quite a few old DX contest logs that I had saved, which immediately confirmed about 50 or so contacts. The rest I have been collecting since then. Some of the old ones get confirmed periodically as each DXCC entity joins the service. I try to upload my general log each day and look forward to what confirmations I see, many of them within a day, and sometimes within 10 minutes or so.

I am also the proud owner of WAS Basic #54,860, with confirmations made almost immediately after uploading a number of SS, WPX contest logs and my general log.

For logging, I use N1MM for contests and DXLabs Suite for general logging. Both create ADIF files which are easy to convert to LoTW format and upload.

73,  
Bob Gates KJ4IC

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# Are You Smarter Than A 60 Year Old?

01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? \_\_\_\_\_.

02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on The \_\_\_\_\_ Show.

03. 'Get your kicks, \_\_\_\_\_.'

04. 'The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to \_\_\_\_\_.'

05. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, \_\_\_\_\_.'

06. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '\_\_\_\_\_.'

07. Nestle's makes the very best . . . . \_\_\_\_\_.'

08. Satchmo was America's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was \_\_\_\_\_.

09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named \_\_\_\_\_ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and' \_\_\_\_\_.'

11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their \_\_\_\_\_.

12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by?  
\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to \_\_\_\_\_.

14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called \_\_\_\_\_.

15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the \_\_\_\_\_.

16. Remember LS/MFT \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ ?

17. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's \_\_\_\_\_!

18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? The \_\_\_\_\_ Knows!

19. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash" it's name was the \_\_\_\_\_!

20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as it's Logo/Representative. What was the boys Name?  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Answers on last page*

## Monday Nights

The FARC main Club meeting is always on the second Monday of the month at the Red Cross except in December. The FARC business meeting is open to all and is on the third Monday of the month and is held at Old Staley's restaurant at 2000 Reynolda Rd at 7-ish PM.

Business meeting: The business meeting is held on the third Monday night. In the past we have held the meeting at Old Staley's on Reynolda Road, but they are closed for renovations and under new management. We will likely meet at La Carettas across from the Red Cross. The meeting starts at 7-ish and usually runs about an hour and a half. We have tried holding it at the Red Cross but the overwhelming choice of those who are present is that they would prefer somewhere where we can have food and drinks. The attendance at the third Monday business meeting is anywhere from about 6 to as many 15 people. All are invited - we would love to have to move to a dedicated meeting room.

## Forsyth County ARES

### Spring and Summer ARES Public Service

*by Jim Mansfield WA4NOT  
EC, Forsyth County ARES*

### April 13: Belew's Creek Triathlon

Rockingham County ARES has 2 events on 4-13 they've have been asked to help out with. The MS walk and the Belews Lake Triathlon. They have enough people for the MS walk, but they need help with the Triathlon.

The event combines a 1500 meter swim, 27 mile bike ride and 10K run each on an appropriate closed course at or near the Carolina Marina. Grant Brown, N8ICS, is running communications. He plans to use a 2-meter simplex net, and has tested simplex communication around the courses. He recommends mobile units for use at their check points, but 5-watt HTs may well cover the territory if used with gain antennas such as duck busters, j-poles or 1/4, 1/2 or 5/8 wave antennas mag-mounted on cars.

Please contact Grant via email at n8ics1@gmail.com for more information, or to volunteer for the event. This event will be good field practice for VHF simplex communications.

The event starts at the Carolina Marina at 9:00 and will run to about 3:30. It's a great event to help with, since it involves coordination with the Madison Rescue squad, SMAT team, and Sheriff department. Lunch is provided after the event.

## April 27: Zombie 5K and Preparedness Fair

On April 27th, Noon to 4pm, the Forsyth Office of Emergency Management among other entities will sponsor a 5K Zombie run on the Wake Forest campus as well as shorter events for families. There will also be an exhibit area where organizations involved in preparedness or emergency response may exhibit.

Forsyth ARES has been invited to participate with an information exhibit of our public service / emergency service capability.

We've also offered to help with communications during the 5K and are waiting for a response from Forsyth Emergency Management. Ken Hoglund, KG4FGC, is coordinating ARES participation. Please contact Ken by email at hoglund@wfu.edu or Jim Mansfield at wa4not@arrl.net for more information or to volunteer for this event.

## Cancelled: June 1 Three Mountain Madness

On March 6th, Richard Nifong, safety director for 3 Mountain Madness events, notified me that the 2013 3MM has been cancelled due to administrative difficulties. The event directors hope to resume this annual charity ride in 2014.

## ARES Net Reports

ARES net reports will return next month. They are missing this month due to the law of physics, primarily relativity (meaning I ran out of space and time). Don't shoot me.

## New Taxes on Amateur Radio

*by Dan KB6NU*

Buried in the middle of the 1200-page Health Care Reform package is something that should be disturbing to all US amateur radio operators. Embedded in the funding guidelines section 415, paragraph 27, line 45, are details on one of the mechanisms that the government intends to employ to help pay for the staggering costs of the new plan.

To put it simply, the new health care guidelines support the notion of creative funding from untapped resources, and from other government agencies, like the FCC. This puts the burden on funding on other agencies, and therefore the health care reform pundits can claim that "they" didn't introduce any new taxes to pay for everything.

Lurking in the depths of the new health care package is a time bomb waiting to affect all US Amateur Radio Operators; The new Talk And Pay (TAP) Tax.. What does the TAP Tax do? Well, just as it implies, it adds a tax on to each amateur license, based on usage of the bands.

The FCC knew it was going to be troublesome to enforce this kind of regulation, so they came up with a clever scheme – taxation by license class. All Technician, General, and Extra Class Licensees will be taxed at a different rate. Any holdover licenses from different classes will be taxed at the next higher

rate, so novice license holders will be taxed as technicians, advanced holders as extra class licensees and so on. The logic is that higher class licenses can use more of the frequencies; therefore they pay a larger percentage. There are even paragraphs that define taxing stations that haven't operated, (although you have to prove that by filing a waiver), stations where the license holder has become a silent key (a different waiver), and repeater or space stations (when the license is held by a non-profit group, you can apply for a waiver as well). They legislators have even thought of the mechanism to capture revenue from youngsters, in their special Tax On Eventual Earnings (TOE) tax. So, a youngster who is not working will pay into a TOE TAP TAX account, in the form of a debit owed to the government. Even retirees do not escape this tax, as there is a provision for the SNAP TAP TAX (Sure Not Accounting for Productivity).

There does seem to be a provision for testing down to a previous license class, so you can get a tax break by forfeiting your current license class, (after taking a new 50 question written exam, and paying a hefty 45 dollar examination fee). You'll be then required to sign BCKTP in CW or "slash Back Tap" in voice.

This looks to be pretty well thought out. I stopped reading after seeing the FCC amateur radio entry. It appears that Cell phones and wireless data networks will be next. There are 20 other government agencies listed in the document. Where will this insanity end? All of this is scheduled to go into effect on April 1, 2013, because there apparently wasn't enough time to implement it before then.

If this doesn't negatively impact the growth of amateur radio, I don't know what will! I think it will also promote the notion of going really underground, and not using your callsign at all., actually a practice that I've already heard lots of people adopt, especially on VHF.

I called my congressman after reading all of this, and he said that there are already proposals being filed to allow credit for amateur radio operators involved in public service, and he called it the Support for Individuals Desiring to Engage in Services Training, Education, and Planning (SIDESTEP). That makes me feel a little better.

I think it just might be time to get rid of my gear, before all this TOE TAP, SNAP TAP, BACK TAP, and SIDESTEP stuff goes into effect. Once again, the government is here to help you.

## How to Sound Like A Lid

*by Rusty Bumpers, N4LID*

In many areas I have noticed a tendency of people making a distinct effort to sound like a "LID" on the local repeater. Since this appears to be the new style in Amateur Radio, I thought I would present this incomplete guide to radio LID-dom. The following is what I call: "How to sound like a Lid in one easy lesson."

1) Use as many Q signals as possible. Yes, I know they were invented solely for CW and are totally inappropriate for two-

meter FM, but they're fun and entertaining. They keep people guessing as to what you really meant. For example, "I'm going to QSY to the kitchen." Can you really change frequency to the kitchen? QSL used to mean "I am acknowledging receipt," but now it appears to mean "yes" or "OK." I guess I missed it when the ARRL changed the meaning.

2) Never laugh, when you can say "hi hi." No one will ever know you aren't a long time CW ragchewer if you don't tell them. They'll think you've been on since the days of Marconi.

3) Utilize an alternative vocabulary. Use words like "destinated" and "negatory." It's OK to make up your own words here. "Yeah Bill, I pheelbart zaphonix occasionally myself."

4) Always say "XX4XXX" (Insert your own call) "for I.D." As mentioned in Step One, anything that creates redundancy is always encouraged. That's why we have the Department of Redundancy Department. (Please note that you can follow your call with "for identification purposes" instead of "for I.D." While taking longer to say, it is worth more "LID points".

5) The better the copy on the repeater, the more you should use phonetics. Names should be especially used if they are short or common ones. I.E. "My name is Al... Alpha Lima" or "Jack.. Juliet Alpha Charlie Kilo." If at all possible use the less common HF phonetics "A4SM... America, Number Four, Sugar Mexico." And for maximum "LID points", make up unintelligible phonetics. "My name is Bob... Billibong Oregano Bumperpool." Use callsign phonetics like "Waca Shaku Four Naka Chuka"

6) Always give the calls of yourself and everyone who is (or has been) in the group, whether they are still there or not. While this has been unnecessary for years, it is still a great memory test. You may also use "and the group" if you are an "old timer" or just have a bad memory. Extra points for saying everyone's call and then clearing in a silly way - like "This is K2xxx, Chow, Chow."

7) Whenever possible, use the wrong terminology. It keeps people guessing. Use "modulation" when you mean "deviation", and vice-versa. And even if the amplifier you're using is a Class C type amp, and thus not biased for linear amplification, be sure to call it your "linear." Heck, refer to all FM-style amplifiers as "linears." You'll be king of the "wrong terminology" hill. Or better yet, refer to them as "lin-e-yars."

8) If someone asks for a break, always finish your turn, taking as long as possible before turning it over. Whenever possible, pass it around a few times first. This will discourage the breaker, and if it is an emergency, encourage him to switch to another repeater and not bother you.

9) Always ask involved questions of the person who is trying to sign out. Never let him get by with a yes or no answer. Make it a question that will take a long time to answer.

10) The less you know about a subject, the more you should speculate about it on the air. The amount of time spent on

your speculations should be inversely proportional to your knowledge of the subject.

11) If someone on the repeater is causing interference, you should talk about that person at great length, making sure to comment on at least four out of six of the following: (1) His mental state; (2) His family; (3) His intelligence, or lack of same; (4) His sexual preference; (5) His relationship to small animals, his mother, or both; (6) His other methods of self entertainment.

12) If you hear two amateurs start a conversation on the repeater, wait until they are 20 seconds into their contact, and then break-in to use the patch. Make sure that it's only a simple routine phone call. It's also very important that you run the autopatch for the full three minutes. This way, once the two re-establish contact, they won't even remember what they were talking about.

13) You hear someone on the repeater giving directions to a visiting amateur. Even if the directions are good, make sure you break-in with your own "alternate route but better way to get there" version. This is most effective if several other Lid trainees join in, each with a different route. By the time the amateur wanting directions unscrambles all the street names whizzing around in his head, he should have mobiled out of range of the repeater. This keeps you from having to stick around and help the guy get back out of town later.

14) Use the repeater for an hour or two at a time, preventing others from using it. Better yet, do it on a daily basis. Your quest is to make people so sick of hearing your voice every time they turn on their radio, they'll move to another frequency. This way you'll lighten the load on the repeater, leaving even more time for you to talk on it.

15) See just how much mobile flutter you can generate by operating at handheld power levels too far from the repeater. Engage people in conversations when you know they won't be able to copy half of what you're saying. Even when they say you are uncopiable, continue to string them along by making further transmissions. See just how frustrated you can make the other amateur before he finally signs off in disgust.

16) Give out wacky radio advice. When a newcomer's signal is weak into the repeater, tell him he can correct the problem by adjusting the volume and squelch knobs on his radio. Or tell people they're full quieting except for the white noise on their signal. Or...well, you get the idea.

17) Use lots of radio jargon. After all, it makes you feel important using words average people don't say. Who cares if it makes you sound like you just fell off of Channel 19 on the Citizen's Band? Use phrases such as "Roger on that," "10-4," "I'm on the side," "You're making the trip," and "Negatory on that."

18) Use excessive microphone gain. See just how loud you can make your audio. Make sure the audio gain is so high that other amateurs can hear any bugs crawling on your floor. If mobile, make sure the wind noise is loud enough that others have to strain to pick your words out from all the racket.

- 19) Be as verbose as possible. Never say "yes" when you can say "He acquiesced in the affirmative by saying 'yes'." (No kidding, I actually heard that one.)
- 20) Start every transmission with the word "Roger" or "QSL." Sure, you don't need to acknowledge that you received the other transmission in full. After all, you would simply ask for a repeat if you missed something. But consider it your gift to the other amateur to give him solace every few seconds that his transmissions are being received.
- 21) When looking for a contact on a repeater, always say you're "listening" or "monitoring" multiple times. I've always found that at least a half dozen times or so is good. Repeating your multiple "listening" IDs every 10 to 15 seconds is even better. Those people who didn't want to talk to you will eventually call you, hoping you'll go away after you have finally made a contact.
- 22) Give out repeater FM signal reports using the HF SSB R-S system ("You're 5 by 9 here"). Sure it's considered improper for FM operation and you may even confuse some people, but don't let that spoil your fun!
- 23) Always use a repeater, even if you can work the other station easily on simplex -- especially if you can make the contact on simplex. The coverage of the repeater you use should be inversely proportional to your distance from the other station.
- 24) If you and the other station are both within a mile or two of the repeater you are using, you should always give a signal report. ("I'm sitting under the repeater and I know you can see it from there, but you're full quieting into the repeater. How about me?")
- 25) In the same vein as the previous step, when monitoring a repeater, you should always give signal reports as if the repeater didn't exist. ("Yep, I'm right under the repeater. You've got a whopping signal. You're S-9 plus 60. That must be a great rig.")
- 26) On repeaters with courtesy tones, you should always say "over." Courtesy tones are designed to let everyone know when you have unkeyed, but don't let that stop you. Say "over," "back to you," or "go ahead." It serves no useful purpose, but don't worry -- it's still fun.
- 27) Think up interesting and bizarre things to do to tie-up the repeater. The goal here is not to facilitate communications, but to entertain all the scanner listeners out there. Do something original. Try to hum CTCSS (PL) tones. Sing pager tones. You're getting the idea.
- 28) Use the repeater's autopatch for frivolous routine calls. While pulling into the neighborhood, call home to let them know you'll be there in two minutes. Or call your spouse to complain about the bad day you had at work. After all, the club has "measured rate" service on their phone line, so they get charged for each autopatch call. Your endeavor is to make so many patches in a year that you cost the club at least \$20 in phone bills. That way you'll feel you got your money's worth for your dues.
- 29) Never say "My name is....". It makes you sound human. If at all possible, use one of the following phrases: A) "The personal here is...." B) "The handle here is...." Normally, handles are for suitcases, but it's OK to use them anyway. Don't forget, this has worked just fine for Cbers for years. The best retort I ever heard: "My handle is pink, my name is..."
- 30) Use "73" and "88" incorrectly. Both are already considered plural, but add a "s" to the end anyway. Say "best of 73's" or "88's". Who cares if it means "best regards" and "love and kisses." Better yet, say "seventy thirds"! Or be funny and say "seventy turds." Or talk like a 1960s Cber and sign off with "Threeeeeeees to ya!". (By the way, 70 thirds equals about 23.3, the average Cbers IQ.)
- 31) Make people think you have a split personality by referring to yourself in the plural sense. When you're in conversation and are alone at your radio, always say "We're" or "We've" instead of "I'm" or "I've" (i.e. "we've been doing this...", "we're doing that...", "we're clear"). Everyone knows you're by yourself, but when they ask you who is with you, make up somebody important like Arnold Schwarzenegger or Bill Clinton.
- 32) Always attempt to use the higher functions of the repeater before you have read the directions. Nothing will work, but you'll have great fun and get lots of people to give you advice.
- 33) Test repeater functions repeatedly (that's why they call it a repeater). Test your signal strength from the same location several times every day. Concentrate on testing the things that really matter, like the number of time the repeater has been keyed-up. That stuff is fun to track. Test the outside temperature, or the transmitter heat sink temperature as often as possible. The farther the temperature goes from the norms, the more often you should test it. Also, if you get a pager set to the repeater's output frequency, as soon as you receive it set it off every 30 seconds or so until the battery runs down. Better yet, interrupt conversations to test it.
- 34) If the repeater is off the air for service, complain about the fact that it was off the air as soon as it's turned back on. Act as though your entire day has been ruined because that one repeater wasn't available when you wanted to use it. Even though you have never donated a penny to help out with the upkeep of it, and despite the fact that you have all 42 local repeaters programmed into your mobile radio.
- 35) Find ways to get around the "no business" rule on autopatches. Your plan is to try and fool the repeater control operators. Invent code words your secretary at work will understand to disguise any business talk so it sounds like personal chatter. Or get to be friends with the local Domino's Pizza manager. Make it so that when you call him on the patch and ask him to bring over the "floppy disk" you need to your house, he shows-up 30 minutes later with a

piping hot large pepperoni and sausage pie. The possibilities are endless....

36) Always make sure you try to communicate with only a handheld and a rubber duck antenna. Also, make sure you work through a repeater that you can hear very well, but it cannot hear you. This will put out a kind of "LID mating call": "Well, Joe, I can hear the repeater just fine here. I wonder why it can't hear me?" You will score maximum LID points if you are mobile, and with the radio lying in the passenger seat.

37) If an annoying station is bothering you, make sure your other "LID" buddies have a "coded" frequency list. Even though "CODES" are strictly forbidden on Amateur Radio, it's really neat to practice "James Bond" tactics.

38) Always use the National Calling Frequency for general conversations. The more uninteresting, the longer you should use it. Extra points are awarded if you have recently move from an adjacent frequency for no reason. Make sure when DX is "rolling" in on 52.525 that you hang out there and talk to your friends five miles down the road about the good old CB days!

39) Make sure that if you have a personal problem with someone, you should voice your opinion in a public forum, especially a net. Make sure you give their name, call, and any other identifying remarks. For maximum points, make sure the person in question is not on the repeater, or not available.

40) Make sure you say the first few words of each transmission twice, especially if it is the same thing each time. Like "roger, roger" or "fine business, fine business". I cannot stress enough about encouraging redundancy.

41) If you hear a conversation on a local repeater, break in and ask how each station is receiving you. Of course they will only see the signal of the repeater you are using, but it's that magic moment when you can find a fellow "LID", and get the report. Extra points are awarded if you are using a base station, and the repeater is less than five air miles from you.

These easy steps should put you well on your way to "LID-Hood". I hope these helpful hints will save you some time in your quest to sound like the perfect "LID". I should also note that these steps can also apply to simplex operation, but nobody really cares because that pawn-shop HTX-202 isn't going to get out too far with just a rubber duck.

*73, Rusty Bumpers, N4LID*

P.S. "Rusty Bumpers" is a pen name. He maintains anonymity so he can sit peacefully at club meetings and avoid the wrath (and breath) of the uninformed.

## **New Bouvet Island DXpedition**

After a lot of negotiation we are pleased to announce a multinational team of twelve is to undertake a DXpedition to

Bouvet Island from 25 March 2013 to 5 April 2013 using the callsign 3Y0IOF.

We will be operating 24/7 with five stations covering all bands 160m-10m.

We understand that Dxpeditions are all about you - the DX operator - therefore we are pleased to announce some exciting new innovations.

We appreciate many of you feel you should not have to make any effort to work us. Accordingly, we are offering you the chance to call us on the telephone when you are ready for a QSO. That's right, we will give you a phone number and when you are ready you can ring us and we will immediately cease to work the pile up and call you on a frequency of your choice. Not only that, we will also ensure an email is sent to you directly after the QSO to confirm you are in the log. Furthermore, we are organizing a team of experts who, if you wish, will fly in and set up your rig on the required frequency, connect the antenna for you and make sure the heating or ventilation is on so it is nice and warm or cool in your shack as the case requires. Don't worry about propagation. We will make sure there is some between us as we understand that is our responsibility and it's our fault if there isn't.

If that is not for you then don't worry we are just as happy to work you in a pile up. We realize that we will need to operate in accordance with your operating habits so therefore we will understand if you call over the top of another station we are trying to work, or when we are specifically calling a part of the world you do not reside in, or if you are simply calling aimlessly or while we are transmitting, or even if you call when you cannot hear us. We will do our best to work you despite all this and yes we know it's our fault if you do not make it into the log.

We wish to acknowledge the value Frequency Cops bring to a DXpedition so to recognize this we are going to specifically publicize some times when we will arrange for some operators to deliberately call us on our frequency instead of split. Frequency Cops can even register their availability with us to help us ensure these periods get maximum uptake by the Frequency Cop community. During these periods the Frequency Cops will be able to say or send "up up!" to their hearts content. (Note: we will make sure we tell the pile up to listen up and not down as the recent PT0S DXpedition has taught us that Frequency Cops don't know how to send "down" in CW).

We also don't want the "tuner uppers" to feel left out and like them we feel dummy loads are completely overrated. So when we are ready to transmit on a band we will give them the opportunity to tune up on our frequency before we start working the pile up. Each period will start with us sending our callsign and "QDL" ("Quick Dummy Loaders") so they will know when to commence tuning up on us. We will allow for at least five minutes for this as we know how important it is for the tuner uppers to make sure their finals are good and ready. We acknowledge if they go bang it's our fault. Depending on demand we will every now and then send "QDL" while working a pile up so any tuner uppers late to the party can tune up on us as well.

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**Winston-Salem Firstfest  
Saturday, June 8, 2013**

Unfortunately we will not have cluster access while we are on Bouvet but we know this will not stop you posting announcements and comments on the cluster about our Dxpediton. Some suggestions for you to try include saying what band you want us to QSY to or mode to operate on, the quality of our ops and the usual "loud", "can't hear them here", "thanks for 7th band" or "yee hah" comments. Likewise as we noted above we understand it's our fault if you cannot work us and therefore we accept in that case you will post on the cluster calling us the worst Dxpediton ever.

*We can't wait to be of service to you.  
The 3Y0IOF Team*

## **Diddle-de-Dah-de-Don**

*by Don WS4NC  
Newsletter Editor*

That's Don-ese for end-of-message. I sometimes end my emails with that - it was inspired by Henry W2DZO (just giving credit or blame where credit or blame is due). Yeah I catch the similarity with many paragraphs in the Lid article but I like it. Many of you know I do the Newsletter just for the April edition. Hope you enjoyed it. Sorry I was a little late this month, I planned to finish it over Easter weekend but I got a call from a client on Friday at 4 PM that went "Do you have a DC Motor Controller? I'll come and get it right now." "No, but I can build you one." "Can you deliver it Monday morning?" Stupidly I said yes. That was my Easter weekend - any rush project never goes like it should. I finished it Monday morning at 3:30 AM. The Newsletter had to wait a few days. See you at the Meeting Monday.

73, Don WS4NC

## **Answers to quiz on page 3**

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- ANSWERS :
01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
  02. The Ed Sullivan Show
  03. On Route 66
  04. To protect the innocent.
  05. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
  06. The limbo
  07. Chocolate
  08. Louis Armstrong
  09. The Timex watch
  10. Freddy the Freeloader, and 'Good Night and God Bless,'
  11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
  12. Beetle or Bug
  13. Buddy Holly
  14. Sputnik
  15. Hoola-hoop
  16. Lucky Strike/Mean's Fine Tobacco
  17. Howdy Doody Time
  18. Shadow
  19. Monster Mash
  20. Speedy