



Network News

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The RV Radio Network (RVRN) Newsletter for the RVRN's 1st Quarter, 2025/2026 (ending April 30, 2026)



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Up Front...

President's Report

I have a lot of folks to thank this quarter. Let me start with the most important people - you, the members of RV Radio Network. I'm especially thankful to those who are participating. For joining us on the nets that are the backbone of the club, we look forward to talking to you on each net. Those attending the board meetings and letting us know your interest - it helps us make the best decisions. I also appreciate the survey input about the web design.

Thanks also go to Theresa, KC3WXB, for updating the current website somewhat and getting the new one ready. Some thanks to Michelle, N3YRZ, for helping.

I want to thank the rest of the board for making my job easier. The board has approved two rally locations for 2026. I thank Tim, K9TCF, and JoAnne, K9JMF, for our Spring location, *Follow the River RV Resort* in Florence, IN. For the Fall rally, we thank Harold, N5IL, for securing the *Unhitched RV* in Milton, FL. We have not received any information, but another member is looking into a possible rally in AZ. Now that I've finished my PT and been released for travel, I'm looking forward to meeting lots of you at the rallies.

ARRL's listing of the Spring rally brought us someone who set up a "hamfest" sales table. He also became an RVRN member. This suggests we should sell or trade at future rallies. Members and local folks could set up.

Thank you all for being the best club! I look forward to many more good times for all.

73, Dwight, W8TJT (Whiskey 8 Two Juicy Tomatoes)



Dwight, W8TJT

Vice President's Report

Here we are in the Fall with the holiday season approaching. It has been less busy for me the last few months.

I attended the Huntsville Hamfest and gave out a few RVRN pamphlets. A "lesson learned" there: do not leave any trash in the RV when parked against the grass in the parking lot - I had an ant invasion. They were EVERYWHERE - even inside my radios. I stopped at Calvin and Jane's place in northern Georgia and was lucky he had ant spray and a spare bedroom, so I didn't have to breathe in the spray overnight.

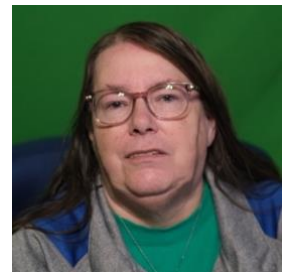
The Fall Texas rally didn't work into my budget this year. I am looking forward to getting to Quartzfest in January, though. The weather may be a factor, as I don't like to drive in the snow.

So far, we have locations for two rallies in 2026. We will be at *Follow the River RV Resort* in Florence, IN, with hosts Tim, K9TCF, and JoAnne, K9JMF. The October location is *Unhitched RV* in Milton, FL, with host Harold, N5IL. There is also a possibility of one in Tucson, AZ, in October, too.

Something not sponsored by the RV Radio Network, but that might be of interest to RVRN members, is my local club (Charles County Amateur Radio Club) holding a special event on December 23. On that date in 1900, Reginald Fessenden made the first voice transmission from Cobb Island in MD. We will be on the air from the island on the 23rd from 10 AM to 2 PM Eastern time. A special N3V QSL card for the 125th anniversary of that first voice transmission will be sent to all contacts. Look for us on 20, 40, maybe 15 meters SSB & FT8. I will bring the event call to the nets that week, and you can get the special QSL but not credit for the island.

The 20-meter net has changed, adding NCS Joe, WA5FFL; thank you for stepping up to cover Tuesdays. Be sure to stop by and say hello to Joe on Tuesdays and George, AD2IH, on Thursdays.

73 and Happy Trails from Michelle, N3YRZ



Michelle, N3YRZ



Secretary's Report

We have a very dynamic radio club here. There are many moving parts. When you have a chance, please attend our Zoom Board Meetings and listen in. We, as a club, are always looking for new ideas and are in need of simple solutions to the tasks at hand. We could use your input on these and welcome your comments. Your involvement is welcome!



Rob, NØROB

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the 2nd quarter is available in the RVRN's *Members Only* area, and by clicking the *Network News* link. The current edition and all previous editions of the *Network News* can be found at <https://rvradionetwork.com/networknews.php>.



Alan, ACØF



Newsworthy Items

Welcome New Members

The RV Radio Network welcomes the following new members (during RVRN's 2025/2026 2nd Quarter):

2216	Wiesen, Steve	KE4JAR	Royal Palm Beach	FL
2217	Wierowski, Mike	K2NKP	Tonawanda	NY
2218	Cook, James	KJ5HHN	San Antonio	TX
2219	Bairrington, Dave	KB5UTY	Castroville	TX
2220	Lizardo, Pedro	W7PML	Litchfield Par	AZ
2221	Lizardo, Blanca	KI7PLV	Litchfield Park	AZ
2222	Maldonado, John	KJ5FIA	LaVernia	TX
2223	Maldonado, Jacqueline	KJ5HAA	LaVernia	TX
2224	Oliver, Keith	K4BEG	Fair Play	SC
2225	Bowden, Ricky	WQ5H	Flower Mound	TX
2226	Sturgis, Gilbert	K4GDS	Orlando	FL
2227	Bracken, Kyle	AA8EA	Gregory	MI
2228	Moen, Mark	K4ND	Southern Pines	NC
2229	Thomas, Randall	K7RHT	Kerrville	TX
2230	Thomas, Susan	W5SKT	Kerrville	TX
2231	Meliher, John	WR3J	Jefferson	PA
2232	Chesney, Willian	N8SA	Lenox	MI
2233	Kuechenmeister, David	N4KD	Pensacola	FL
2234	Overton, Archie	KO3BFG	San Leandro	CA
2235	Francis, Jeremy	W9JWF	Plainfield	IL

73, Calvin, KC1M

[RVRN member 1446, Director, Membership Committee Lead, Publicity/PR Committee Lead]

Thanksgiving Week Award

During Thanksgiving week (Sunday before to Friday after)... check in to five RVRN nets and tell something you are thankful for as part of your report. At each check-in, you must state a different item.

For Technicians, check into any RVRN EchoLink net in November and include two things you are thankful for in your report.

73, Michelle, N3YRZ

[RVRN member 1430, VP, NCS Lead, Awards Committee Chair]



Special Event – Dawn of Radiotelephony

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: Celebrating 125 Years of the Human Voice on Radio!

The Charles County Amateur Radio Club invites the amateur radio community and the public to commemorate one of the most significant milestones in communication history: Fessenden's First Voice Transmission!



The Historic Breakthrough

On December 23, 1900, inventor Reginald Fessenden achieved what was considered impossible: he transmitted a brief, intelligible voice message over the air between two 50-foot masts on Cobb Island, Maryland. His message, reportedly "One, two, three, four. Is it snowing where you are, Mr. Thiessen?" marked the dawn of radiotelephony and laid the foundation for modern AM broadcasting.



Event Details

- **WHAT:** Special Event Station N3V
 - On the air (radio) to contact others around the world.
 - **VISITORS:** The public is welcome to visit our operating sites, learn about Fessenden's genius, and experience amateur radio firsthand! We can let you talk on the air with a control operator at the helm.
 - Display of a spark gap radio model.
 - Demonstration of new radio modes. See how far we've come in 125 years.
- **WHEN:** Tuesday, December 23, 2025
 - On-Air Operations: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM EST.
 - Demonstration every half hour of the voice message sent and the return telegraphed message (voice from Fisherman's Field, telegraph from the Very house).
- **WHERE:** Cobb Island, Maryland, where Fessenden conducted the 1900 tests.
 - Displays and stations will be set up on Old Fisherman's Field at Cobb Island Road and Neale Sound Drive.
 - Demonstration of the telegraphed message will be from the Very House, 12468 Neale Sound Dr, Cobb Island, MD.



Get on the Air and Join the Celebration!

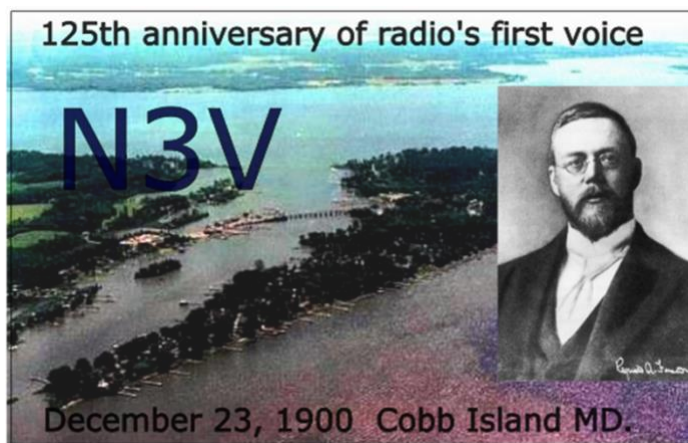
We encourage all Amateur Radio Operators to listen for and contact our special event station.

BANDS/MODES: Expected operations 40M, 20M, 15M, and 10M (SSB, CW, and/or FT8).
EchoLink will be available via KB3KOW-R.
Watch for us to be spotted on DX Summit.

QSL INFO: A special 125th anniversary QSL card will be available to confirm your contact: full details and QSL route via QRZ.com under N3V.

Don't miss this chance to be part of a major anniversary in radio history!

Contact: Michelle, N3YRZ, at msack@verizon.net, or (301) 932-8133 for more information.



Awards Committee – Spotlighting Fred, KA2HPG

The Awards Committee is spotlighting a very special individual, one of RV Radio Network's biggest assets. Fred Koch, KA2HPG, joined the RV Radio Network in 2002, began being a Net Control Operator in 2008, and was appointed in 2017 as the Communications manager. He does a wonderful job keeping the schedule, assuring that each net has a control operator. If someone is not available (like rally time), he runs the net. Even if he only did one a week, he's done close to 900 nets.

Fred was born in Atlantic City, NJ. His father, a grocer, moved the family to Esperance, NY. In 1952, an uncle gave a code key with a buzzer to Fred. This sparked his interest in amateur radio. A couple in the area furthered his interest by helping him learn code and build a radio. License tests at the time were only given in big cities, like Buffalo. He started with Novice – a license that was issued for a only a year and not eligible for renewal. His mother, a teacher, didn't appreciate coming home to find Fred on the radio without his homework done.



In 1970, at the Rochester Hamfest, he tested and received his current call. He and a group of hams began teaching weekly Technician classes. This group of four, when the classes ended in the early 1980s, decided to fill that weekly Monday with teaching each other the Extra class license material. Fred would teach antenna, others would teach the math, law, and general knowledge. Because the Volunteer Examiner (VE) program was new, and investigations were done if 100 was scored, they each missed a question or two. But they all earned the extra license!

The dining room has become his "shack". A table/desk setup holds a Yaesu FTDX-10, an antenna tuner, and a Heathkit amplifier. He uses a Heil Pro 7 headset. Mostly, he's listening/talking on 7.264, but occasionally does 20 meters. He doesn't currently have 160-meter antenna capabilities. He does have UHF/VHF in the car. Although he doesn't presently have an RV, he did take his radio when he did. The radio would ride on the sofa, with the antenna on the ladder.

Fred has talked to Antarctica! He was tuning around on 20 meters and heard these two guys talking. He listened. When they were done chatting, the Antarctic station asked if there was anyone else. Fred tried, and sure enough, he was heard. Some other memorable calls have been Greenland, Argentina, a foreign dignitary, Croatia, DX-peditions, and some of the top DXers. Field day provided a unique experience once...he was listening to a couple of ops who were getting frustrated at vainly trying to break into a pile-up. He reached over, adjusted the knob to the actual frequency, and watched the joy on the faces as they were actually heard.

Fred and Ruth have been married for 51 years this month. They combined a family of his three and her two children. The kids are now grown and spread throughout the US – NY, VA, IL, SC, and MT. There are nine grandchildren (his three, and her six).

Ruth and Fred travelled in a Class A RV for many years. Several trips were to raceways as Ruth's son had a racecar (unfortunately, one of the drivers wrecked it). They have been to a lot of the US – all of the East Coast, AZ the farthest West, Wisconsin to the Northwest, plus a lot of Canada and the Maritimes. They did once go to England and Ireland with the tickets Ruth won.



At age 18, Fred started working as a dispatcher (for the Sheriff's Office and the Fire Department), then became a NY State Trooper. He then was driving a truck -AZ was as far west as he drove. When they wanted to have him take a load to CA, he reminded them he lived East, not West. He drove a tour bus (mostly to the Maritimes) for a while. He was a pilot, but his doctor would not authorize him to fly, so he no longer flies. Now he keeps busy maintaining his 3 acres (and hosting nets for us).

Fred would like to master CW, though he can do some, and automatically responded to some code W1IK sent him some post a net. People come to Fred if they need assistance with setting up radio things. He is a member of the Oswego County Amateur Radio Club. He participated in past RACES drills, which were very elaborate. A mock accident scene with school children acting as victims. Realistic enough to use a hearse and have kids crying over the death of a friend.

For the future of radio, Fred hopes we'll get more folks interested and learning, so when all else fails, radio. He would like us to return to listening and being pleasant to all. There is no need for bad language – there is another service where you can take the trash talk. He thinks everyone should travel some. He would like to go to Alaska.

The best advice he's gotten.... N6TCO suggested his current Yaesu radio. His advice for new (and old) hams...have patience and read the manual. If you can't figure it out after reading the manual, ask for help. And advice for the NCSs – remember everyone is different, and you are running the net for the people who check into it.

We want to say a huge *Thank You* to Fred. The Awards Committee sent him a shirt, which you'll see pictured above. It is a visible sign of our gratitude for the excellent job he's doing with the nets.

73, Michelle, N3YRZ

[RVRN member 1430, VP, NCS Lead, Awards Committee Chair]

Member Spotlight

Unfortunately, there is no *Member Spotlight* for this edition.

Classified Ads On the RVRN Website!



CLASSIFIEDS

RVRN now has Free Classified Ads

<https://rvradionetwork.com/classifieds.php>

You can buy and sell Ham Radio and RV-related equipment! Anybody can view, but only RVRN members can post the ads.



Features

Fall 2025 Rally



The Fall Rally was held at Braunig Lake RV Resort in Elmendorf, TX, October 12-17, 2025, located just south of San Antonio, TX.

We originally had 24 rigs registered for the rally. Due to a number of health issues and a couple of family obligations, the rally consisted of 17 rigs and the following 30 folks:

Ron, K5MUL, and Carol	Hosts
Bob, K5HRB	Co-Host
Calvin, KC1M, and Jane	Calvin is an RVRN Director
Tom, KI5ECE, and Karri	
Jim, KJ5KJ, and Brenda	
David, KS5SK	
Leon, N5PU, and Shirley	
Laurence, W5JVJ, and Sue	
Bob, WB5MRG, and Lana	
John, W5EXJ, and Susan	
Lee, NA5T	
Gus, KR4K, and Mary, K6MCL	
Jim, W1IK, and Randy	
John, KJ5FIA, and Jackie, KJ5HAA	
Eric, K0BTW	
Dave, KB5UTY	
Matt and Brenda	
Tim, K5TGS	visited on Monday morning; gave a presentation on portable antennas

The Fall Rally started on Sunday evening, October 12, with an opening ceremony, First Timers meeting, and a presentation by Matt and Brenda about Kleen Tank and their services.

We began Monday morning with a presentation by Madison with Sky Med and the services offered by the company. Sky Med generously provided our group with breakfast tacos. Madison's presentation was followed by Tim, K5TGS, with DX Engineering and former board member of RVRN on antennas suitable for RV and portable amateur radio operations.





Carol did a class on sourdough cooking later in the morning.

On Monday afternoon, Bob, K5HRB, did a seminar on building an EFHW wire antenna with three of us building antennas.

On Tuesday morning, Calvin, KC1M, and Jane; Carol; Eric, K0BTW; Sue; Susan; Jim, W1IK; and Randy; headed out and did a bicycle tour of the San Antonio Mission trail. Unfortunately, the Visitor Centers were closed due to the government shutdown; however, the churches themselves were open. The group said they had a nice time, and the ride was splendid.

Gus, KR4K, led a discussion about the National Electric Code on Tuesday afternoon. Gus is an Electrical Engineer with extensive experience in code inspection and enforcement. It was a fascinating subject with some surprising information. If Gus attends a future rally and does a presentation, it is well worth your time to attend.

We enjoyed live music by San Antonio-area musician Mike Clancy following dinner and wrapped up the evening with the RVRN Video Net, led by Calvin, from the rally hall.

Wednesday was a free day for everyone to enjoy San Antonio and the surrounding area. There were a number of folks who went into San Antonio, and also a number who stayed in camp to visit and discuss RVs and radios. Dave, KB5UTY, a new member, set up a satellite-tracking station, and we were able to hear some contacts. It was the first time for some of us to see satellite tracking and communications. There were detailed discussions about antenna setups, which became a highlight of the rally.

Thursday Morning began with breakfast, followed by the always-popular and informative rig tour. Thursday afternoon consisted of a presentation on Meshtastic by new member Dave, KB5UTY.

We enjoyed a catered meal on Thursday evening of fantastic BBQ with peach cobbler and Blue Bell ice cream for dessert.

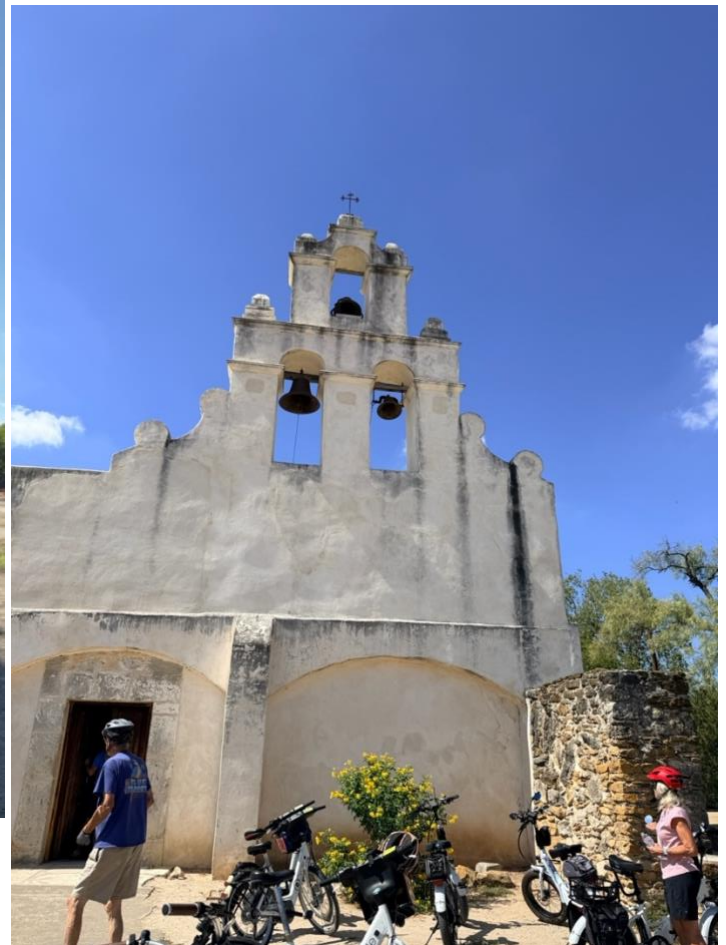


We had a continental breakfast on Friday morning, then loaded up and said goodbye to many old and new friends.

There were many positive comments about the rally and how friendly and interactive everyone was.

RALLY GROUP BIKE RIDE

The Rally group accomplished a bike ride along the Mission Trail. The group rode to all four Missions along the River Walk trail south of San Antonio. It was about a 20-mile ride along the river, part of the National Park Service. Visitor Centers were closed due to the government shutdown, but the missions remained open because they are still active churches.



(L to R)
Matt; Brenda; Calvin, KC1M; Jane; Susan N.; Eric, K0BTW; Carol; Sue C.

OTHER PHOTOS



Calvin, KCIM, and Jane in front of the Alamo



Along the San Antonio River Walk



GROUP PHOTOS AND PRIZE WINNERS



(L to R) Jackie, KJ5HAA; John, KJ5FIA; Kat, K6VQN; Robert, KK6VQO; Jane; Brenda K.; Lee, NA5T; Calvin, KC1M; Dave, KB5UTY; Bob, K5HRB; Jim, KJ5KJ; Matt; Jim, W1HK; Randy; Carol; Ron, K5MUL; Tom, KI5ECE; Lana; Brenda T.; Shirley; Leon, N5PU; Kerri; Bob, WB5MRG; Eric, K0BTW; and Dave, KS5SK.

Not Pictured: Larry, W5JVJ, and Sue; John, W5EXJ, and Susan; and Guss, KR4K, and Mary.



Prize Winners - DX Engineering Gift Certificates from the RVRN:
(L to R) Robert, KK6VQO, 3rd Prize \$100; John, KJ5FIA, 2nd Prize \$200; Dave, KB5UTY, 1st Prize \$450



Most everyone inside the Rally Hall.



(L to R) Eric, K0BTW; Shirley; Jane; Leon, N5PU; Calvin, KC1M; Brenda K.; Lee, NA5T; Jim, KJ5KJ; Dave, KB5UTY; Ron, K5MUL; Carol; Brenda T.; Bob, K5HRB; Dave, KS5SK; Lana; Jim, W1IK; Bob, WB5MRG; Tom, KI5ECE; Kerri; Randy; John, KJ5FIA; Jackie, KJ5HAA; Matt; Robert, KK6VQO; and Kat, K6VQN.

Not Pictured: Larry, W5JVJ, and Sue; John, W5EXJ, and Susan; and Guss, KR4K, and Mary had already departed.

The licensed hams....



(L to R) Lee, NA5T; Dave, KS5SK; John, KJ5FIA; Jackie, KJ5HAA; Leon, N5PU; Eric, K0BTW; Bob, K5HRB; Tom, KI5ECE; Jim, KJ5KJ; Jim, W1IK; Bob, WB5MRG; Ron, K5MUL; Dave, KB5UTY; Kat, K6VQN; and Robert, KK6VQO.

Not Pictured: Larry, W5JVJ; John, W5EXJ; and Guss, KR4K, had already departed. Calvin, KC1M, was taking the picture.

Shirley; Jane; Calvin, KC1M; Brenda K.; Carol; Brenda T.; Lana; Kerri; Randy;



(L to R) Kat, K6VQN; Jane; Brenda K.; Brenda T.; Carol; Lana; Kerri; Jackie, KJ5HAA; and Shirley.
Not Pictured: Sue; Susan; and Mary had already departed.

ANTENNA WALK

The mainstay of nearly every RVRN Rally is the *Antenna Walk*. Great to see everyone's rigs and antennas!

Robert, KK6VQO, explaining his rig's antenna farm





Bob, K5HRB, showing his ATAS-120A Vertical's configuration.



Rally Host Ron, K5MUL, introducing his Chelagance JNCRadio MC-750 Portable HF Vertical Antenna. Also in view is his Starlink Mini.





Jim, KJ5KJ, showing his dipole outside his rig.



Dave, KS5SK, going over his nice truck install for his dual-band VHF/UHF antenna and his Yaesu ATAS-120A HF antenna.





Lee, NA5T, discussing his mobile ham shack.



Ham Sticks Vertical Dipole



Eric, K0BTW, presenting his setup with an Icom IC-705, Chelagance JPC-12 Vertical Antenna, and his Yaesu ATAS-120A Vertical controlled with an excellent custom-built controller.





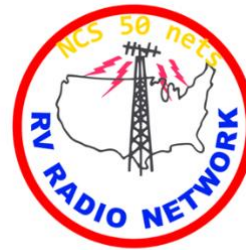
RV Radio Network Awards News



NCS and Rally Host Pins

- NCS pins have been sent to:
 - Fred, KA2HPG 50 Nets *
 - Hank, K4HM 50 Nets *
 - Dwight, W8TJT 50 Nets *
 - Bill, W9WRM 50 Nets
 - Steve, K7SWS 50 Nets
 - Brian, K9BJR 50 Nets
 - Rob, NØROB 50 Nets
 - Michelle N3YRZ-50 Nets
 - George AD2IH-25 Nets
 - Calvin KC1M-5 Nets
- Rally Host pins were given to:
 - Ron, K5MUL, and Carol
 - Tom, KI5ECE, and Karri
 - Bob, K5HRB
- NCS with most check-ins:

• 20-meter Net	George, AD2IH, with 9
• 40-meter Net	Rob, NØROB, with 25
• 40-meter Western Net	Steve, K7SWS, with 17
• EchoLink Net	Hank, K4HM, with 18



Special service keychain

At the Fall RV Radio Network Rally in Texas, a special service keychain was given to:
Tom, KI5ECE, and Karri

Spirit of RVRN for events

At the Fall Rally, Thomas, KI5ECE, was chosen to receive the Spirit of RVRN for the event. A personalized water bottle will be sent.



Membership anniversary

I have updated dates as much as I can and will be sending out certificates soon.

We have some new awards:





Easy, fun, short-term certificates

- Thanksgiving
 - During Thanksgiving week (Sunday before to Friday after), check in to five RVRN nets and tell something you're thankful for as part of your report. For each check-in, you must state a different item.
 - For Technicians, check into any RVRN EchoLink net in November and tell two things you're thankful for as part of your report.
- Christmas
 - Check in to five nets around Christmas (you have 12 days from December 19 to December 30) and report on a gift given or received that is memorable for you. Please use a different story each time.
 - For Technicians, check in to two RVRN EchoLink nets in December and report on a gift given or received that is memorable for you. Please use a different story each time.
- More difficult permanent
 - On the Move – work mobile (in a vehicle that could move) or portable (away from home but not capable of moving -i.e., set up at a table, or in an RV plugged into a pedestal). Make 10 contacts (4 if also Summits on the Air (SOTA)). Send your log for the "On the Move" certificate.
 - Mover and Shaker – Do five mobile/portable locations and earn the "Mover and Shaker" certificate.
- Meeting attendance
 - If you attend 30 meetings a calendar year, you qualify for the attendance certificate. If you attend 52 meetings in a year, you get a "Perfect Attendance" certificate.
 - Meetings available are: Weekly Zoom meetings = 52, Board meetings = 12, Rally member meeting (if separate from normal Zoom = 2).
 - Will run from Jan 1 to December 31. May earn each year.
- Most times checked into a net
 - Separate counts will be kept for 20 meters, 40 meters, Western, and Echolink nets.
 - Each time a record is broken, a certificate will be issued. For ties, both will get certificates. Michelle is already checking weekly for NCS with most check-ins and has a spreadsheet to follow.
- Check-ins from most locations.
 - NCS should record the location (at least the state) of each check-in. This is easy to do by just typing over the state in NetLogger. Each time a record is broken, a certificate will be issued.
 - If a member thinks they have broken the record, they can apply by sending dates and locations to the committee for review.



The awards committee welcomes your input.

An email to msack@verizon.net is easiest.



Lesson Learned – Trailer Axles, Axle Bearings, and Brakes

A lesson learned:

I just wanted to share an experience that I just had and hopefully keep you from the same fate.

My trailer is a 2019 Flagstaff E-Pro 19FD and has a single torque flex axle under it. We have a few trips to Florida and multiple trips to Indiana and Ohio in it.

On our last trip we made it to about 20 miles from Chattanooga and the right wheel came off (never to be found) and we came to a grinding halt in the emergency lane. Backing plate half ground off, brake magnet held on by the wires, shoes dangling, and the spindle half flat!

Not a good situation to be in!

I will give kudos to Good Sam Roadside Assistance as we had a roll back there in about an hour. After carefully loading pickup and trailer on the wrecker, we were off to Camper World.

The service coordinator and I looked at the damage and agreed that the axle may have been compromised either from the incident or the torquing of the hold down chains on the tow truck. We may have gotten by, just replacing the wheel assembly, but I didn't want a out of alignment axle.

So after replacing the axle assembly, we are safely home. My discussion with the mechanic that did the repairs yielded some information that I wanted to pass on:

EVERY YEAR or 10,000 miles, whichever comes first, repack the bearings. Lack of use is more damaging than lots of miles. The grease separates and congeals and loses its lubricating qualities.

He said that he sees lots of bearing issues, mostly from units that see infrequent use.

I'm sure most of you may already know about this maintenance item, but if you don't, put it on your calendar to do a bearing repack in the spring, and it's a good time to check the brakes as well!

Happy Travels, Phil, W4AKY

[RVRN member 1548]

Tech Perspectives

Unfortunately, this edition lacks content for *Tech Perspectives*.

Recipe

There are no recipes for this issue.



Calendar

The RVRN's main website, <https://rvradionetwork.com>, has current information on upcoming rallies, gatherings, and events. The link to all our future rallies and events is at: <http://rvrn.net/>.

If you know of a great RV or Ham Radio-related event that other RVRN members or potential members may enjoy attending, please let us know at board@rvradionetwork.com.

Upcoming Rallies and Gatherings

QUARTZFEST 2026 GATHERING – JANUARY 18-24, 2026

Are you planning to be in Arizona for Quartzfest in January? If so, consider attending the RVRN Quartzfest 2026 Gathering with the RVRN group from January 18 to 24, 2026. RVRN members and those interested in joining the group will gather for social events. Many will also be camping in the area.

Starting at Quartzfest 2026, a new feature is that the event will be charging a small fee. At this time, the fee amount and payment method are unknown.

The Quartzfest website is at: <https://quartzfest.org>

Again in 2026, we plan to have DX Engineering gift certificates to be drawn for awarding to RVRN members.

A signup link is being used to coordinate RVRN's plans, activities, and camping area(s) for the Quartzfest 2026 event. If interested or planning to attend with the RVRN at Quartzfest, then please sign up using the following link: <https://mailchi.mp/2fa354cd023d/e60ma3wpji>

Alan, AC0F, is once again coordinating the RVRN Quartzfest 2026 Gathering.



HAMCATION GATHERING – FEBRUARY 11-15, 2026

The RVRN is planning an RVRN Gathering during the HamCation hamfest in Orlando, from February 11 to 15, 2026, which overlaps with the HamCation event itself, held February 13-15, 2026. Over recent years, RVRN members attending HamCation have camped on the fairgrounds alongside members of the WBCCI (RV Service Net) and the FRVA (FMCA) Amateur Radio Chapter. RVRN has also held individual and joint social gatherings with these groups.



A signup link is being used to coordinate RVRN's plans, activities, and camping areas for the HamCation Gathering. If you are interested or planning to attend with RVRN at HamCation, then please sign up using the following link: <https://mailchi.mp/c568b4de8b3a/awhfchyjm9>

Up-to-date information for RVRN's HamCation Gathering will be available on our Rallies-Events page at <http://rvrn.net/>.

HamCation hamfest event: <https://www.hamcation.com/>

Stephen, NY4NC, has come forward to lead the RVRN HamCation Gathering.

**RVRN SPRING RALLY – MAY 8-13, 2026**

The RVRN's Spring Rally 2026 is scheduled from Friday, May 8, to Wednesday, May 13, 2026. The Spring Rally will also be held at a new location, *Follow the River RV Resort* in Florence, IN. More information, campground reservations, and rally registration will be available in early 2026.

The RVRN's Spring Rally 2026 will occur just before the 2026 Dayton Hamvention at the Greene County Expo Center on the northeast side of Xenia, OH. The Dayton Hamvention runs from Friday to Sunday, May 15-17, 2026. After the Spring Rally, it is about a 107-mile drive to the Dayton Hamvention area, which generally takes around 2.1 hours from the campground to the Greene County Fairgrounds.

Next year's Spring Rally at *Follow the River RV Resort* is shaping up to be a fantastic event! There are many activities both at the campground and nearby. Just outside, you can explore antique shops, markets, and more. A mile away, there's a working lock on the Ohio River, and a Riverboat Casino is also close by. Further out, you can visit the Creation Museum and The Arc Experience. Mark the rally on your calendar now so you won't miss out on a fun time with fellow ham operators and RV enthusiasts.

Follow The River RV Resort's website: <https://www.followtheriverrvresort.com>.

Information on all RVRN gatherings is available on our Rallies-Events webpage at: <http://rvrn.net/>.

Your Spring Rally 2026 Rally Hosts are Tim, K9TCF, and JoAnne, K9JMF.



Campground Reservations and Rally Registration Open early 2026

RVRN Spring Rally 2026

Follow The River RV Resort
Florence, IN

<https://www.followtheriverrvresort.com/>

May 8 - 13, 2026

Pre Hamvention Rally
Less than 2 hours to Xenia

**RVRN FALL RALLY 2026 – OCTOBER 4-9, 2026**

The RVRN's Fall Rally 2026 is scheduled from Sunday, October 4, to Friday, October 9, 2026, at *Unhitched RV Park and Campground* in Milton, FL (about 25 miles northeast of Pensacola, FL).

Unhitched RV Park and Campground

8700 Gulf Pines Dr, Milton, FL 32583

<https://www.unhitchedrv.com/locations/unhitched-milton>

Costs are still being determined.

More information, campground reservations, and rally registration are planned to be available in early 2026.

The Fall Rally 2026 Host is Harold, N5IL. Questions can be addressed to hbell2209@gmail.com, or by calling +1 512.831.9224.





Upcoming Events

DAYTON HAMVENTION – MAY 15-17, 2026

The Dayton Hamvention event will be from Friday through Sunday, May 15-17, 2026. The event will be at the Greene County Expo Center in Xenia, OH.



Greene County Expo Center
120 Fairground Rd, Xenia, OH 45385

At the time of drafting this newsletter, the RVRN is not currently planning on a Gathering in the Hamvention's area. However, some members may be getting together while camping there at Caesar Creek State Park.

There will probably be a group of RVRN members assembling once again on Friday night, May 15th, at Nick's Restaurant (1443 N Detroit St, Xenia, OH), where we have met in the years before. Nick's is located on the back side of the Dayton Hamvention. Once again, Tim, WA8MD, is believed to be heading up those wanting to meet for a nice dinner at Nick's. More details and a signup should be available shortly for dinner at Nick's on the Rallies and Events webpage at <http://rvrn.net/>.

FUTURE RVRN RALLIES, GATHERINGS, AND EVENTS

We need your help! If you have an idea or are interested in hosting or assisting with a Rally or Gathering next year or in the future — whether in the Spring, Fall, Winter, or Summer; in the West, East, North, South, Midwest, Rockies, coastal areas, or even the desert — we would love to hear from you. Likewise, if you know of any RV-related events, please share those as well. Send your ideas and questions to board@rvradionetwork.com.



Committee Reports

RVRN Committee Reports covering the second (2nd) quarter – August through October, 2025.

Membership

RVRN's 2nd Quarter of the fiscal year (Aug-Sep-Oct 2025-2026) has now completed.

Current Members: 418

New Members during 2nd Qtr: 20

Pro-rated New Member Dues during 3rd Qtr: \$8.00

Current Membership Year ends April 30, 2026

Renewals for one or more years are now available: <https://rvradionetwork.com/membership.php>

For questions or comments about your membership, please contact: membership@rvradionetwork.com



Calvin, KC1M

Communications

On November 2nd, we changed the time to 1 hour earlier. Regardless of what happens, the RV Radio Net will remain at the start time that we have been using. We will continue having our regular Monday through Friday 40-meter Nets starting at 7:00 PM Central time, just as it has been.

This will apply to the Eastern week-long 40-meter Net. There is no information on what the Western Net is or is not going to do at this time. The RVRN website will continue to have up-to-date details for all RVRN Nets.



Fred, KA2HPG

Respectfully, Fred, KA2HPG

Website/Webmaster Update

Hank, K4HM, continues to be the RVRN webmaster. Hank can be reached at: hank@k4hm.net.

Theresa, KC3WXB, is working on the website's transition. Theresa can be reached at: gmatr2015@gmail.com.

ARRL Liaison

[The ARRL Liaison's report for the 2nd quarter was not available.]



Tom, W3TOM

IT

- The majority of the members voted to stay with the current website design.
- The domain name (URL) has been secured for another year by Hank, K4HM.
- We have made some changes to the content of the home page and a few others.
- We have decided to go with Host Papa after investigating other website hosting options to cause the least disruption to current services.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa, KC3WXB



Theresa, KC3WXB



Publicity/PR

The RVRN's Publicity/Public Relations (PR) group has been active on multiple social media platforms during the 2nd Quarter.



You can follow RVRN on Instagram: [@rvradionetwork](https://www.instagram.com/rvradionetwork). Any member fluent with Instagram who would like to help the club grow this social media presence, please get in touch with me at: kc1m@yahoo.com.



Calvin, KC1M



The RVRN has both a Facebook page and a "Members Only" Facebook Group. We will cross-post club information from our Facebook page and the "Members Only" Facebook group. The RVRN page at <https://www.facebook.com/rvradionetwork> is open to all Facebook users, whether they are RVRN members or not. Anyone can Like and Follow our Facebook page.

The RVRN "Members' Only" Facebook Group is accessible only to club members. You'll need to join and answer all the questions to be approved. Our membership shares many posts that interest both RVers and Hams. Please ask to join at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rvradionetwork>.

Whenever you see posts on our Facebook page, please share them with your friends and any other groups or pages you follow, particularly other Ham groups. This helps us disseminate information to those who may be interested.



RVRN's new DISCORD server is active!

We now have a Discord server operational for members. The Discord platform facilitates detailed interactions among members on multiple topics, providing "easy-to-find" questions and answers on various subjects.

Join the RVRN Discord server at <https://discord.gg/wajKyHDhG5>. The following channels are available:

- # rvrn-net-announcements
- # general-chat
- # where-are-we-this-week
- # radios-amps
- # tuners-antennas
- # rv-chat
- # quartzfest-2026
- # hamcation-2026
- # poll-of-polls
- # spring-rally-2026
- # hamvention-2026
- # weekly-rvrn-video-net

For any social media information or requests, please contact: kc1m@yahoo.com.

To find out more about Discord and how it works: <https://discord.com/>

For new users of Discord, Tim, WA8MD, has prepared a Zoom presentation showing the basics. Please download the video file at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h1vYi_77rX52VQmv9fRaJdKtUsraxGPA/view?usp=drive_link.



Governance

Governance is progressing more slowly than initially projected. I became busier than usual with projects and family matters. This was further complicated by busy schedules and traveling. We are just getting started.

The long-overdue Rally Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) has been started. I would like to have the Rally SOP's first version released early next year.

The vision is for the SOP to act as a guide, beginning with next year's rally and gathering hosts for their events. Future versions would continue to refine the SOP.



JJ, WR5E

Newsletter

The same plea seems to appear in each edition of the *Network News*, just the same message repackaged – your input is needed.

If you have a potential article lurking in the shadows just waiting to get out, then please let me know.

Your contributions, submissions, suggestions, hints, ideas, photographs, reports, and recommendations are welcome. If you are unsure or even "conflicted" about developing an idea, please reach out to me so we can work together to bring it to life. I am also happy to help you write it up if needed!



JJ, WR5E

Potential articles or photo contributions related to RVs, amateur radio, and especially the combination of the two, are of special interest to *Network News*. This includes operating from your RV (including virtually remoting back to your home station), your operating position (including challenges, constraints, installation, etc.), radio installation, your RV's antennas and their mountings, RVs in general, and even the fantastic location you visited or operated from.

The *Network News* will only be as great as its content!

I look forward to working with you! Please reach out to me via any of the following paths:

Email: jj@wr5e.net

Phone: 303.304.0237 (voice, text message)

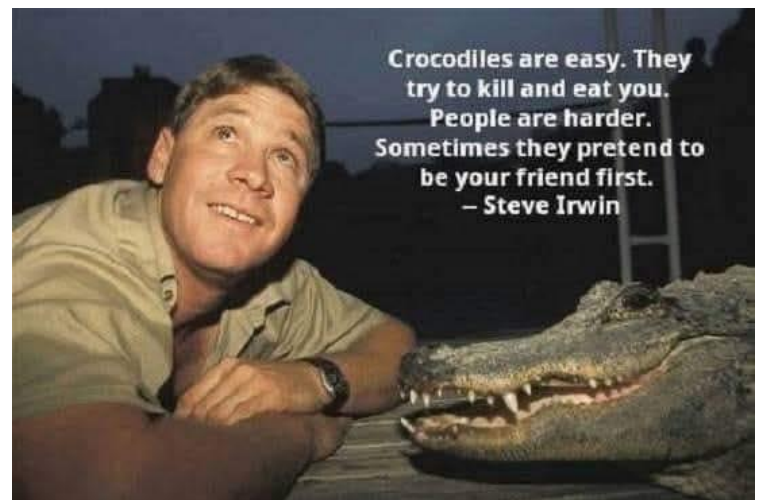
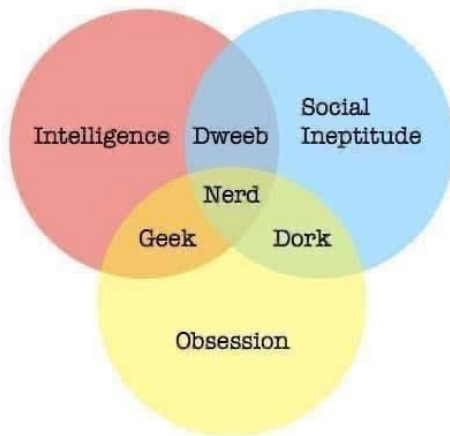
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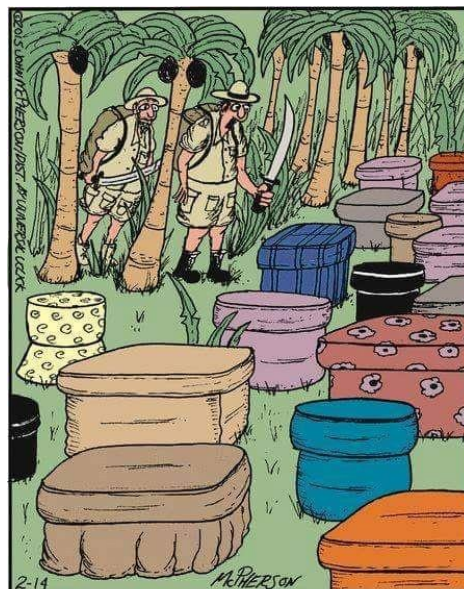
Humor and Such

Quotes

- "I succeeded by saying what everyone else is thinking." - Joan Rivers (seen 04SEP25 in 1440 Daily Digest)
- "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." - Frederick Douglass (seen 07SEP25 in 1440 Daily Digest)
- "The road to the Olympics, leads to no city, no country. It goes far beyond New York or Moscow, ancient Greece or Nazi Germany. The road to the Olympics leads—in the end—to the best within us." - Jesse Owens (seen 12SEP25 in 1440 Daily Digest)
- "Follow your enthusiasm. It's something I've always believed in. Find those parts of your life you enjoy the most. Do what you enjoy doing." - Jim Henson (seen 24SEP25 in 1440 Daily Digest)
- "You can't make good decisions unless you have good information and can separate facts from opinion and speculation." - Colin Powell (seen 18OCT25 in 1440 Daily Digest)
- "A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it isn't open." — Frank Zappa (seen in RV Travel Newsletter, 19OCT25)



A CUSTOMER CAME INTO THE GARAGE ASKING WHERE THEY COULD FIND A 52 AMP FUSE



"Great Scott, Ingrey, it's the Ottoman Empire!"





Once again, Tim, WA8MD, discovered another unique find or an anomaly within the recent HRO Fall/Winter 2025 Catalog's Index!

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PAYMENTS

NOT EXACTLY HUMOR....

Haikus – Ham Style

LORI SHULA, KM4RAZ (POSTED OCTOBER 20, 2023)

My First Net Control
Numbers and Letters Swarming
Hams Understand Stress

NEWT WHITE, N4EWT (POSTED OCTOBER 13, 2023)

It's Constant, Doom - Gloom
To turn off, turn on my rig
Enjoy, Bliss of Hiss

RALPH LOIZZO, KD9YXY (POSTED OCTOBER 6, 2023)

Seventy three all!
I just passed my technicians!
Need more equipment...

PETE LENG, ZL4TE (POSTED SEPTEMBER 29, 2023)

The glow of a valve
A key sending dits and dahs
The log book awaits

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The Ham Radio Haikus listed above are sourced from the Amateur Radio Newsline/Ham Radio Haiku website at <https://www.arnewsline.org/past-haikus> and presented here with ARN's permission.



Membership / Renewal

The RV Radio Network's membership application or renewal can be completed online from the RV Radio Network's website at: <https://rvradionetwork.com/membership.php>.

Ensure your payment goes to RV Radio Network, which will appear on the final PayPal page when you click on the *Complete Purchase* button.

The RV Radio Network's Membership Year is from May 1 to April 30.

MEMBERSHIP RATES – NEW MEMBER'S PRORATED RATE SCHEDULE

May 1 - Jul 31	\$12.00 prime licensee +	\$6.00 per additional licensed family member + \$2 new fee
Aug 1 - Oct 31	\$9.00 prime licensee +	\$4.50 per additional licensed family member + \$2 new fee
Nov 1 - Jan 31	\$6.00 prime licensee +	\$3.00 per additional licensed family member + \$2 new fee
Feb 1 - Apr 30	\$3.00 prime licensee +	\$1.50 per additional licensed family member + \$2 new fee

MEMBERSHIP RATE – RENEWALS

All renewals are due by April 30.

\$12.00 for the prime licensee and \$6.00 for each additional licensed family member.

RVRN Club Call – WE2RV

RV Radio Network current members may request use of the club call WE2RV for special events, contests, or general QSOs. Here is how to make a request:

- Email the Trustee the dates and locations you plan to use the club call: Calvin Means, KC1M, at kc1m@yahoo.com.
- If available, you will receive a return email with your authorization. Only one request per day will be authorized.
- Upon completing your request period, you must furnish a log of all contacts made with the club call. The log must be converted from your logging program to an .adi file, which you then send as an email attachment to the Trustee, Calvin Means, KC1M, at kc1m@yahoo.com, and to the QSL Manager, Michelle Sack, N3YRZ, at msack@verizon.net.
- The QSL Manager will upload all club call use to LOTW, eQSL, QRZ, and Club Log along with handling all QSL card requests.
- While using the WE2RV club call, you should identify as WE2RV/(?) with the "?" being your actual location's call area such as 4,7, 5, etc. You can say "WE2RV Portable ?", but just use the "WE2RV/?" in your logs. It is best also to indicate your City, State, County, etc. in your logs. The Home QTH for the club call is Georgia, "4 land", so please use "/" even if you are located in "2 land".
- The WE2RV club call has an OMISS number, OM# 14256, and is great to use as a combination with your own station on OMISS and other awards type nets.



If any questions, then please contact the Trustee, Calvin, KC1M; or the QSL Manager, Michelle, N3YRZ.



RV Radio Network (RVRN) Nets

40m HF Nets – 7264 KHz \pm 10KHz

Evening Net 7:00 pm CT (8:00 pm ET) on Sunday – Friday

Tech Net is on **Wednesdays** – regular Net with focus on Ham and RV Tech

Western Net 8:15 pm PT (11:15 pm ET) on Mondays and Wednesdays

20m HF Net – 14283 KHz \pm 15KHz

11:15 am CT (12:15 pm ET) on Tuesdays and Thursdays

⇒ HF Net check-ins start 15-30 minutes prior.

⇒ RVRN's HF Nets use NetLogger – found on [NetLogger](https://www.netlogger.com/) (web) or with [Net Scraper](https://www.netlogger.com/) (iOS)

Please check NetLogger or Net Scraper for the exact net frequency being used.

EchoLink Net 8:00 pm CT (9:00 pm ET) on Thursdays

Meeting on the **Multi-Mode SouthEast Conference Node, *SELINK***

RVRN EchoLink information details at <https://rvradionetwork.com/echolink.php>.

Information on the Multi-Mode South East Conference Node *SELINK* at

<https://rvradionetwork.com/SELINK.php>.

Subscribe to weekly EchoLink Net reminder/update with Hank, hank@k4hm.net.

Video Net – 8:00 pm CT (9:00 pm ET) Tuesdays at: Meeting ID 857 9813 5013, Passcode 322640;

or with <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85798135013?pwd=JK4LPtK6qXbhdBiS9mYbbviYwAdBXk.1>

Rally, in-Park: 146.58 MHz Simplex

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Immediate Past President

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