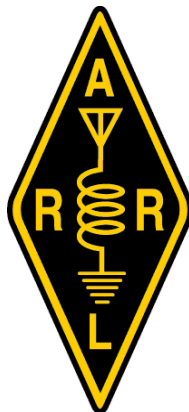


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CHISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told Santa that
you have been GOOD this year ...



He died laughing

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Presidents Corner

GIFT GIVING

Webster's Dictionary defines a gift as follows:

GIFT - Something given voluntarily without payment in return, as to show favor toward someone, honor an occasion, or make a gesture of assistance; a present.

GIFT – A special talent, skill or unique ability.

This is the season of gift giving. You can pick whatever faith or nationality you wish and this seems to be the season when we shower others with gifts. Chanukah gifts, Kwanzaa gifts, Christmas gifts. Usually material objects that we hope will be favored and enjoyed by the recipient.

We are encouraged at this time of year to unselfishly share our good fortune with those less fortunate through a variety of charitable help organizations by donating non-perishable food items, clothing, blankets, and toys and spare change in the red Salvation Army kettles.

Most often we think in terms of objects. It's easier to give a material item that we can purchase or that we are ready to discard.

How often do we consider sharing the other gifts with which we have been endowed? Special talents to serve, teach, entertain, and love. How willing are we to share love, care-giving, running errands, giving a lift to a meeting, repairing equipment, explaining how to do something, sharing a meal, or simply spending some time with another person.

These are the gifts we are told are more valuable than gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

I hope we will all find time to contribute to one or more of the deserving charitable organizations this season, particularly, our food drive and the "his and hers" gift exchange, (Please, no more than \$ 20.) at our Christmas party and Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 P.M. on December 9th.

But above all, I hope we will look into our hearts and pledge to share something of ourselves with one or more people in the coming year in loving, caring, helping, or serving.



Have a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

AE5OJ

WAE CONTEST

With short notice, our rapidly assembled WAE Contest was a measured success. Twenty people registered, and logs from at least 3 people have been received. As a control, we made over 40 contacts in less than 4 hours at the club. K5WPH also logged more than ___ contacts. Many thanks to all Hams in El Paso for continuing the tradition. We look forward to a more organized and well-publicized drive next year if 10 Meters holds up as predicted. We will be publicizing the award ceremony later. **DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN OR EMAIL YOUR LOG SHEETS TO W5ES 2100 SAN DIEGO ST. EL PASO, TX 79930 OR TO OLDWILS@GMAIL.COM.**

ANCHORS AWEIGH!

The Navy claims victory as Dale Colburn, KD5YBG, and visiting Ham and proposed new member, Roger Eslick, K4RW scaled the West face of the clubhouse and removed the damaged tri-bander that was poised precariously over the power lines. Thanks! Guys!

FALL AUCTION RESULTS

Our fall auction was a tremendous success with sales exceeding \$ 1200.00 and Kitchen of \$ 90.00. Thanks to Mark, KF5CJQ, Mark, W5YAK, Loren, KC5DKM, Mary, KA5EWJ, Clay, K5TRW, and others. Thanks also to the many that donated equipment and the many that attended and spent their hard-earned cash in a good cause.



EC's Bulletin

National Preparedness Month is over, but that doesn't mean that you shouldn't continue to be "Ready". In Case of Emergency (ICE) assists first responders if a victim is unable to provide emergency information by utilizing the common cell phone. There are no requirements that anyone subscribe or become a member of any group or submit a fee in order to benefit from using I.C.E. like other commercial products on the market.

The I.C.E. program was originally developed in 2004 in the United Kingdom by first responder Bob Brotchie and quickly spread into other countries.

To program I.C.E. into your cell phone:

1. Access the address book feature of your cell phone
2. Enter the name ICE followed by the persons complete name to call



3. Enter the phone number of your husband, wife, parent or whoever needs to know about you in case of an emergency (no nicknames or position names)

For example: "ICE Joe Smith 214-555-xxxx." (Out-of-area is probably a good idea just like your family disaster planning.) Then, make sure Joe knows about being listed and has current information such as your allergy list, doctor's name, whatever you think is important. Alternately, a person can list multiple emergency contacts as "ICE1", "ICE2", etc. First responders or doctors will be able to look for this listing if a cell phone is found with an unresponsive victim. The I.C.E. phone entry(s) should be supplemented or complimented by written (wallet card/bracelet/necklace) information or indicators.

Other News

Amateur radio operators have a reputation for providing emergency communications when disaster strikes.

- Can you work in a controlled environment?
- Will you volunteer your qualifications and communications equipment for use in public service when a disaster strikes?
- Do you have a sincere desire to serve your community as an emergency communications volunteer?
- Do you have IS 100, 200, and 700 certifications? Courses are available on-line at <http://training.fema.gov/IS> click on course list. There is no charge for the course.
- Do you have ARRL's Introduction to Emergency Communication (EC-001) certification? The course is available on-line at <http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog>. There is a \$50 charge for ARRL members and \$85 charge for non-members.

Why do we need to do the FEMA training? It's because the federal government requires that any Emergency Management Agency or Disaster Relief Agency have this training. This also includes any Part 97 volunteers. Let me refer you to the recent article in the ARRL ARES® E-Letter posted October 20, 2011 titled "Why the FEMA Courses"

<http://www.arrl.org/ares-el?issue=2011-10-20#toc11>

If you answered yes to all of the above questions or are enrolled in one or more courses, and are technician class or above then consider becoming an Amateur Radio Emergency Service® member.

HAM Nation is the new TWIT show about ham radio. Bob Heil, K9EID with Gordon West WB6NOA as a co-host, and guests will cover the excitement and importance of ham radio. HAM Nation airs live each Tuesday at 6:00 PT/ 9:00ET on <http://twit.tv/hn> then click on the link <http://live.twit.tv>. There is also a live chat going on that the host and co-hosts are monitoring. Then after the live show ends they have a D-Star net on reflector 14C hosted by Joe Mattern, WX4ADX. You can check in by voice or the live chat page on D-RATS. You will have to link D-RATS to the N0SO Ratreflector. They also have a D-STAR Ham Nation Roundtable LIVE Audio Feed simulcast by using the K6MDD RadioReference.com audio feed. Also, on the Ham Nation

Home page look at the past episodes posted down the right hand side of the page. So there is a host of ways that you can listen to Ham Nation. It is a very interesting and informative show.

SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day SKYWARN operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators around the world. Information regarding SRD is updated at <http://hamradio.noaa.gov>. Check out the operating rules and how to get your certificate for participation. We would like to invite everyone to come out and visit the Weather Forecasting Office at Santa Teresa, NM. Bring the family work a few contacts and talk to the meteorologists that are on duty. This year SKYWARN Recognition Day begins at 0000 UTC on December 3, 2011. It will last 24 hours.

To help celebrate SRD we are going to be moving the WX5ELP net to a different time that day. The Sun City Amateur Radio Club, K5WPH is hosting the event and will be having a short meeting at the NWS from 7 PM to 7:30 - 7:45 PM then will begin making contacts on the radios set up in the conference room at the NWS. We will begin our WX5ELP Net at that same time. It will still be held on the Amigo Link.

Happy Holidays to all. Drive safe and hope to see you all in 2012. Questions and/or comments are welcome and encouraged regarding the content of this article. Send an email to the address shown below.
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CHARLIE'S WHISTLE

By

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This summer has been quite an exciting time for Charlie and Mary with buying their winter home in Florida and arranging for workers to make necessary repairs and renovations before winter. They'll have to get accustomed to the commute back and forth. Already, they've had two round trips and they haven't even established Florida residency yet. They can hardly contain their feelings for what lies ahead.

While Charlie was back at his DX Hill home and old ham shack, he was able to get back to what he enjoyed most, cruising the bands during pre dawn hours looking for unusual DX. He has every approved

DX entity worked and confirmed, so finding a new one, per se, is not his goal. He does enjoy coming upon some rare DX just as the station is opening up, before any of the many DX Cluster groups have spotted him or he has had time to generate a pile-up on his own.

Such was the case one morning recently when Charlie slowly tuned across a warbling carrier that sounded very much like it had traveled through an auroral field on its journey to DX Hill. 40 meters in the hours before dawn can be extremely exciting. That's precisely why he loves the band and has maintained this pre dawn vigil just about every morning for 25 years. It never gets tiresome because no two mornings are ever the same. Each morning always brings a new bag of surprises.

This warbly signal seemed to belong to someone getting started on the band. It was about 4:30 AM and after a few long dashes, during which Charlie guessed that he was tuning his tube amplifier, he sent a few Vs and QRL? After hearing no reply, he called CQ. It was TX7M in the Marquesas Islands. This DXpedition by a group of Russian DX operators piqued the interest of the DX world, at least for a short while.



Charlie snapped off a quick call and added him to his log. It apparently was TX7M's first 40 meter contact after setting up their station because Charlie had been tracking them and knew that they hadn't been heard anywhere else. TX7 is not a new entity for Charlie but being first to work a DXpedition is a thrill for any DXer. Following Charlie's contact, several other early morning US and Canadian DXers worked them and they were off to the races. A few different stations posted TX7M on the DX Cluster and within minutes, the pile-up was at least ten stations deep. It felt good to follow his old routine in the morning. As he was doing it though, he couldn't help but think about how different his Florida winters will be. Propagation is significantly better in Florida for most early morning and pre dawn DXing on 40 meters. Charlie knows that for a fact. After all, he's the early morning expert on 40 meters. For years, he has battled his W4 brethren who always heard DX long before he did and with stronger signals.

Say, with all this improvement in propagation, why not get a new call sign down in Florida and start the run up the DXCC ladder all over again? After all, he's reached the

top of the ladder from DX Hill. Hmmmm. He gave the idea some thought but soon came to his senses. He's much too old to make trying that practical. What was he thinking?

Charlie hadn't heard from his contractor in Florida in over a week. Later this morning, he will have to give him a call and see how the work is coming along. But for now, he was still slowly tuning across the lower 35 kHz of 40 meters. While he's doing this every morning, he spends time thinking about what he will do with the rest of his day. His ability to multi-task is something he mastered during his working years and has served him well in retirement.

After dawn, Charlie ended his daily morning DX work as he usually does by going to the kitchen for a coffee refill. It was about 6:30 and the local news was on TV. Rufus was still sleeping soundly as he usually was, so Charlie sat quietly and sipped his coffee while watching the news and getting caught up on traffic accidents, politicians in trouble and overnight domestic issues called in to local police. Charlie just thought how little some things seem to change over the decades that he can remember. Then he thought that local news in Belleview, Florida must not be much different. But, they don't have snowstorms. That will be nice. Oh yes, that surely will be nice.

At seven o'clock, Mary quietly came out of the bedroom. "Good morning, dear. Did you make any interesting contacts?" Charlie said that he had made a few with old friends and asked if they had anything scheduled for the morning. Mary shook her head as she headed for the kitchen. She said, "I was thinking about calling Jake in Florida and getting an idea of how far he has come along in doing the kitchen and bedroom work." Charlie grinned and said, "I was thinking the same thing and I also want to call Joe to see how much of the electrical work he has done."

Mary then asked, "When do you want to make the trip down, before or after Thanksgiving?" Charlie thought for a few moments and replied, "Well, I don't know. Are we planning to come back here for Christmas?" That gave Mary reason to pause. They had discussed this before but now that the time was near to actually "pull the pin" and do it, they're thinking about the fear of spending the holidays without many of their old and very close friends. At least for the first year, it will be tough because they haven't yet developed many new friendships that they're confident that they will once there for a while. They both realize that taking the leap isn't easy. So

they decided to think about it after they hear their contractor's report. That may persuade or dissuade toward or from taking early or later action. Yes, that's the right way. It was shortly after seven AM. They figured that based upon what the men have told them when they hired them, neither Jake nor Joe would likely be on the job at this hour, so they decided to call after eight. Of course, that permitted them a little more procrastination. It also gave Mary some time to get a pad and start writing a list of the things she wants to ask Jake about.

It was close to nine when Charlie called Jake's cell phone number. It rang several times and Jake answered with "Good morning Charlie. I was going to call you this morning". Charlie wondered about that because it struck him as insincere. Being the savvy manager that he was and still is that was a big negative with his opinion of Jake and he hadn't even seen his work yet. Without saying anything, Charlie silently thought that he hopes that this isn't anything to worry about.

Regardless, he went on and started down the list that Mary had put together. One by one, Jake answered the questions very well. He actually had been working quite hard to get things ready for them when they expected to come down south and open up their winter home. Everything was on schedule and even a little ahead of plan. That's great!

Jake told Charlie that they have been busy putting in the radio operating positions out in the barn that Joe is designing. He's apparently having a great time and is working very long hours, starting well before first light in the morning. Of course most of the hours are not billable to Charlie and Mary since most of the work is to set up the different operating positions of the contest station. Jake explained that he also is doing some unbillable work for Joe to help his side project to set up a contest station.

He reported that Joe is doing a lot of electrical work. He even ran an upgraded 200 amp service from the utility service to the main house and then decided that splitting the service wasn't going to provide enough power for the stations and the house, so he had another 200 amp service dropped to the barn. That would comfortably permit full operation plus A/C, cooking, lighting and some reserve. Jake said that he had built some operating desks and consoles in the barn at Joe's direction.

Charlie's reaction was unusual. He was actually excited to hear that report and was interested to see what it was looking like. He asked Jake, "Say, could you take some pictures of what you've done so far? I'd like to see it." Jake's reply was interesting, "Well, I'd rather wait a couple

of days to show you what we've done because Joe ordered some paneling from our supplier and the operating positions will look a lot better when we cover the raw plywood and studs. Right now, the place is pretty messy and it's hard to see much of what it's going to look like."

Charlie understood but despite that, he'd really like to see what is happening right now. He really isn't interested in seeing looking better. He wants to see all the work going on. He asked Jake if he could just snap a couple of quick and dirty shots with his cell phone when he gets to the job and send them up. Jake agreed and they ended their chat. Charlie was excited with anticipation. He's surely not a contester but he's fairly sure that the guys will design based on their wish list that they've been building up for many years. This may be seen by some of these contester folks as a dream come true and they could be going for the ultimate.

Charlie and Mary talked about the renovations and both were confident that they were going to like what was being done. Let's say that they had convinced themselves that they had not made a mistake by letting Jake and Joe have liberty to do some fairly extensive work without their personal oversight. Joe did assure Charlie the work to create contest operating facilities wouldn't cost him a dime. Joe had agreed to do all the electrical work for the operating facilities at no charge. Charlie would have to pay for the new electrical drop to the house and rewiring in the house but Mary and Charlie had requested all of that and expected to pay for it. With a similar arrangement, Jake's carpentry work relative to the contest operating consoles and a personal operating "shack" for Charlie's every day operating was provided at no cost to Charlie. Somehow, Jake and Joe were absorbing that between them.

About 11 that morning, a cell phone instant message came in from Jake. As requested, he attached a total of five cell phone photos showing the rough carpentry of what looked like six operating positions; two sets of three and facing one another. Another photo showed the outside with a few loads of lumber stacked by the door and several tool boxes and power tools set out on the ground. It surely looked like a very busy work site. In another shot, the main house showed that the kitchen cabinets were gone and the master bedroom had its walls pulled down. Two other photos showed a Florida Power & Light truck out front with its bucket up next to the pole where the line to the house is

connected. All this showed that lots of work was being done.

There was a short message attached with the photos that said that Jake would phone Charlie when he took a break for lunch in a couple of hours. At that time, he would explain and discuss the photos that he had just sent. Charlie was quite pleased with his response and was anxious to hear what Jake had to report. It surely seems as though Jake and Joe have taken their jobs very seriously and are working hard to meet the schedule agreed to. What concerns Charlie just a little is that it isn't absolutely clear that they are serving Charlie and Mary's interests primarily. But, maybe that's just Charlie's normal manager's paranoia.

Well, a little past one, Jake called and explained what each photo captured. He also assured Charlie and Mary that all the work they wanted done before their first winter in their new home would be completed on schedule. In addition, it seemed that Joe was driving hard to accomplish a great deal of preliminary work for a six operator contest station in addition to a very comfortable and roomy personal operating suite for Charlie. From the report Jake gave, it appears that Charlie will have a shack that will be nothing short of luxurious with lots of space for equipment, shelves for stationary and supplies and reference books. They have even planned for a good size work bench for repair work and storage cabinets and shelves for test equipment and repair supplies. They even provided some supplementary heating for those chilly early mornings that Charlie spends on the air. It gets chilly in the northern end of Florida during the darkness hours.

Finally, Jake told Charlie that they expect to be reasonably completed with their work in the house before Thanksgiving, so if Mary and he wanted to come down for that weekend, they should have no problems. Of course, that gave our friends plenty to plan. They had to furnish the new house with at least basic furniture and appliances and supplies for the kitchen. Mary asked Jake a question. She asked, "Do you think your wife would mind calling me this evening after dinner?" Jake replied that he didn't imagine that she would mind and he asked why. Mary explained that she wanted to ask some questions about kitchen supplies, grocery stores, etc. Jake chuckled, "Well, if you don't mind, I'll ask my daughter to call you instead of my wife. She's a graduate of the International Culinary School in Jacksonville. She works as a chef at Disney World and you'll probably do better with her." Mary agreed but didn't want to slight Jake's wife. Jake explained that his wife, Donna is a sweetheart but she never has liked cooking very much. He explained, "We eat out quite a bit, but she can help you with other things like

furniture, bedding, crafts, etc. I'll call my daughter, Carol right now and ask her to call you. She may even call you this afternoon if she's not working."

All in all, everything seems to be working out quite nicely. Mary and Charlie are quietly hoping that they found two honest people with Jake and Joe because they seem to be really working hard toward getting the property ready for comfortable occupancy by Thanksgiving. From all that they've seen so far, they seem to be too good to be true.

Jake told Charlie that Joe wanted to speak with him but was waiting until he had a list of things to tell and ask you, so he wouldn't waste time. He then asked if Joe could call sometime this evening after dinner and of course, Charlie said that would be fine.

That made Charlie wonder, what Joe had to talk about. That sounds like some "added scope" might be being added to the job. Of course, Charlie hopes that it won't be anything major. It's probably his paranoia again. Mary and Charlie are living on a relatively fixed retirement income, after all. So, until dinner time, Charlie tried to guess what might have gone astray. He hopes that Joe isn't going to want to charge for installing all of his club's contest items like the multi-operator positions and different towers. But, Charlie specifically remembers Joe emphasizing how his club would absorb all the costs of making the station multi-op contest friendly. All Charlie wants and hopes to pay for are his simple DX friendly shack and his antennas.

Mary had prepared a very nice dinner for Charlie and herself. They had pot roast with carrots, onions, celery, potatoes and a few Brussels sprouts. It had been in the slow cooker all day. The aroma had driven Charlie insane. By the normal dinner time, he had become so hungry that he could hardly contain his appetite.

Right on schedule, Joe called at about 7 and started down his list of things. He has marked what he believes to be the best location for different towers. He even marked a map with suggestions of what antennas should be on each tower. He described the operating positions with overhead lighting and how each is wired to allow for 30 amp, 120 volt service and a 25 amp, 240 volt service at each position. He also had two 30 amp 120 volt and two 240 volt, 25 amp services for Charlie's personal operating position. To be sure that the residence would have enough coverage, Joe dropped two independent 200 amp services to the house and to the barn where all the operating positions would be located.

At that point, Charlie was getting nervous because he could see dollar signs with two power drops and all the wiring that Joe was putting in. Charlie asked, "So, what's the budget look like for all this work?" Joe calmly told Charlie that he shouldn't be concerned because so far, it wasn't costing him a dime. The contest club members and Joe had pooled their funds to pay for everything done to date. Their logic was that Charlie wouldn't have done anything this extensive for his own ham shack. The work was being done to accommodate the interests of the contest operating that they were looking forward to enjoying in the near future.

Joe told Charlie that a few members of his contest group had been storing towers and antennas for years, holding them for the day when they might have a suitable home for them. "We have met and decided that we have found that home. Would you let us install three towers near the barn and put some beams on them", he asked? "I have marked three ideal spots for a 40 meter beam, a 20 meter and a log periodic for 17 through 10 meters, which also can serve as a second 20 meter array. We'll bring a crew in and get the towers installed, antennas erected and wired up with rotators, control switches, etc., all done at no cost to you." Charlie could hardly believe what he was hearing. Joe's contest club work and material could easily be worth several thousand dollars. Charlie was almost giddy in responding, "Sure, it sounds good to me. Can I use the antennas when I want to go on the air?" Joe assured Charlie that the station was his to use whenever he wanted. During major contest weekends, there might be some competition, however. That was something that at this stage of Charlie's life, he was looking forward to. Furthermore, with all these hungry mouths to feed, Mary will be in her glory cooking and baking her favorite recipes to keep everyone fed during contests.

Joe was pleased with Charlie's response and added that they were planning some bunk space with bathroom, small kitchen and shower facilities in the barn for the operators during contests. That way, Charlie and Mary in the main house won't have to ever be disturbed when some contesters are visiting. It all sounded ideal and Charlie told that to Joe. Joe ended by saying that their goal was to have the station operational by the ARRL DX CW Contest on February 18th, 2012 and the Phone weekend two weeks later on March 3rd. "We have a lot of work to do but much of the tower and antenna material is ready to drop into place. We must start digging holes, pouring concrete bases, running cables, etc. With your blessing, we can get started right away."

Charlie told Joe to go ahead and let him know what his part of the cost is. Joe quickly replied, "No, no, Charlie. It's our cost. The guys in the club are so happy that they

may have finally found a contest place that they're literally falling over one another to do the work and donate equipment before anyone changes their mind. We have volunteers from the club showing up before 7 AM every day to install plumbing, run new wiring, do sheet rocking, painting, hardwood floors and all sorts of work. They get working on the job before Jake and I get here. This shouldn't cost you much of anything. After all, you're letting us use your home to set this station up. That's more than enough payment by you."

Charlie was shocked to hear of all the work being done and quickly admitted that the volunteers are certainly doing a quite a lot. He was pretty excited about what everyone is doing, even though he really doesn't prefer contesting. However, Charlie is thinking that by populating the property with locals on a regular basis, it will discourage thieves and vandals from thinking about any mischief when Mary and Charlie are up north and obviously, not in residence in their Belleview home. Of course, permitting a number of strangers to have unsupervised access to his property requires a good deal of trust and faith in fellow Amateurs. They won't have access to the main house and the living quarters but that is protected by the security system in place.

None the less, agreeing to this is well out of character for Charlie. He's normally such a conservative manager in all his business dealings that even he is finding it difficult to believe that he is actually doing this. Maybe he's just mellowing in his older years. Then again, maybe Charlie's faith in fellow hams gives him confidence to take a chance. He feels comfortable with the arrangement and is looking forward to seeing the result of the work being done.

Charlie told Joe that Mary and he had thought about coming down to Florida in time for Thanksgiving and they could invite the volunteers and hired workers for a Thanksgiving dinner. He told Joe that Mary has earned quite a reputation for her cooking and he knows that no one will be disappointed. Joe seemed a little set back by that news and reminded Charlie that they won't have the barn work even close to finished by Thanksgiving. However, the main house should be mostly finished.

Charlie brushed that concern away, "Don't let that worry you, Joe. Mary and I can stay at a motel for the weekend if we need to. Mary spoke with Carol, Jake's daughter earlier in the day. They have the dinner all planned. You'll have a great feed. They were thinking about doing a big dinner for everyone under a tent at

the site on Wednesday afternoon. Mary will bake some of her blueberry goodies and Carol said that she will pull out a few tricks of her own. Of course, they'll have lots of turkey, a ham and for those who don't want to spoil their fill of turkey and keep that for their family dinners, we'll have cat fish, swordfish and broiled tuna. Will you see to it that we invite all the volunteers and their families, Joe? Of course, all of your and Jake's workers are invited as well. We're planning for 50 people. Is that about right?"

Joe thought for a bit and said that should be right. "You know Charlie, this isn't at all necessary", Joe added. Charlie chuckled and said, "You don't know Mary, do you? Just trust me on this one, old boy. Just trust me. You'll learn."

Hoping everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving from Charlie's family.



(non) Scientific Conversions

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
8. Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
9. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
10. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
11. Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
12. 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
13. 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
14. 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
15. 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
16. 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
17. 104 cards = 2 decacards
18. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 FigNewton
19. 1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen
20. 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
21. 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
22. 10 rations = 1 decoration
23. 100 rations = 1 C-ration
24. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
25. 8 nickels = 2 paradigms
26. 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League
27. 100 Senators = Not 1 decision

DECEMBER 2011

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	
					2 7:00 PM KSWPH Meeting at NOWA Santa Teresa NM	3 9:00 AM VE TESTS at WSES
4 WAE Certificate group meets at 0900 at WSES 28.440 MHz	5	6	7	8	9 8:00 PM WSES Christmas Party 6:00 PM	10 No Host Ham Breakfast at 08:00 at Tejas Cafe, Dyer
11 WAE Certificate group meets at 0900 at WSES 28.440 MHz	12	13	14	15	16 7:00 PM KSWPH Christmas Parody & White Elephant Auction	17 QCWA – 2:00 PM Golden Corral 4610 Woodrow Bean El Paso Prospectors Christmas Party at WSES 6:00 PM
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