

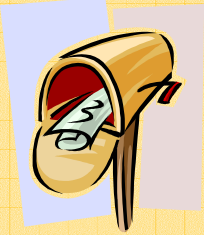
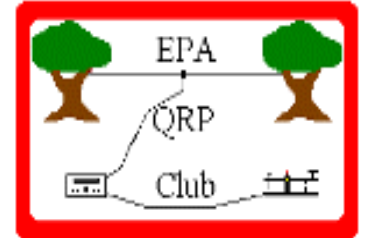
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N3AO Published in QST!

Have you looked in the April Issue of QST? Well, I was paging through QST and found an article written by EPA Member Carter Craigie, N3AO and his wife Kay, N3KN. It's under the heading Public Service and is about the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club Traffic Net Certificate Program.

The article even has a nice certificate that MARC gave Carter. If you get some extra time, read the article and send Carter congratulations!

I know he would appreciate the emails. After looking at the certificate, it looks like Carter has been a busy boy handling traffic for the NTS. According to the article this certificate program is helping to create activity in the National traffic System or NTS.

I think that Carter is still down in Florida watching the Phillies play baseball. I bet he still checks his emails from down there. So send Carter an email and let him

know how proud we all are of him!



New Members of the EPA-QRP Club

Boy, when I joined the club a few years ago I was given EPA Number Twenty-Four. The EPA-QRP Club now has a total of 129 members! We have five new members to welcome into the club. Here are the new members:

- #125 – Harvill, KB3GEX
- #126 – Bob, N3RN
- #127 – John, K3WWP
- #128 – Charles, W3DEA

Welcome to the EPA-QRP Club! If any of the new members would like to introduce themselves, please send me an email with your information. It doesn't have to be much or it can be a page or two – it's up to you. Just email me, WA3WSJ at breneiser @ talon.net and put EPA Newsletter in the subject line. I'm sure other members would like to know a little about you.

Speaking about members, I plan to do a piece about the EPA-QRP Member that sponsors our website each month. You all know who you are so please send me some information about you. It will save me the time of looking it up and you can give a better picture of yourself than I can tell.



SWL Conference in Kulpsville, PA a Success!

My daughter wanted to attend the SWLFest in Kulpsville, PA which ran from March 12 – 14th. I decided to attend and I'm glad I did go. There were about 100 or so short wave listeners there from around the world. Also there were short wave broadcasters or SWBs from around

the world! There were many forums to attend, but I attended one which was related to amateur radio. The forum was about BPL or Broad Band Internet into the home via the power lines. This was an eye opener! They showed a video made by the ARRL about

BPL and all the interference it could cause for radio services in this country. If you have a chance to view the video, please do as it will open your eyes too! If you want more info about the SWLfest, take look at the website at: <http://www.swlfest.com>
(see page 8 for more)

EPA-QRP Club Reorganized!

"Volunteers are always welcomed in the EPA-QRP Club."

The EPA-QRP Club has gone through a few changes this year and here are the wonderful volunteers who will help with the club's activities:

El Presidente':	Ron, WB3AAL	Meeting Coordinator:	Help
N3EPA Website:	Ron, WB3AAL	Newsletter:	Ed, WA3WSJ
Calendars:	WB3AAL, N2CQ	Worked EPA Member Award:	Mike, AD1OS
Web Contest Calendar:	Ken, N2CQ	Kits, EPA Projects etc.:	John, N3PFF
Field Day:	Jon, N3ZIL		Help
TAC Sprint:	(Need Help)		
AT Awards:	Carter, N3AO		
Membership:	Ed, K3YTR		
EPA List:	Goody, K3NG		

EPA-QRP Field Day – June 25 - 27

Don't forget about the ARRL Field Day! This year Jon, N3ZIL is the field day chairman. Let's all help him out by asking what to bring

to field day. It should be a great time to meet new members and to play radio. You can even operate a radio that

you've been looking to buy before you buy it! So give Jon, N3ZIL a call or email him at [N3ZIL @ entermail.com](mailto:N3ZIL@entermail.com)



N3PFF: March EPA-QRP Website Sponsor

It's April and maybe the weather will warm up for some outdoor activities. Last month's website sponsor was John, N3PFF. John lives in Muncy, Pennsylvania – Lycoming County. John just had a birthday on March 1st - -Happy Birthday John! John is the holder of an extra Class License and enjoys QRP activities. John has a XYL named Doreen and one child.

He works at Bloomsburg University which is where my youngest girl graduated from in 1998.

John also has become a VE and teaches amateur radio license classes.

We all have to say a big thank you to John for sponsoring the EPA-QRP Website for the month of March.

Thanks John!

Brian -WD0HBG & Jan - KB3ERR April Website Sponsors

WD0HBG: I grew up primarily in the Kansas City MO area (Hickman Mills, Belton, Grandview) with 3 years in Japan (1963-1966) as my father was in the Air Force. Graduated from Belton High in 1971. Became an Amateur in March 1978 when I passed a Novice exam given to me by Samuel Cartinhour. I remained a novice for about the next ten years (I really like code), then rapidly progressed to the Advanced class license. 1990-1995 I was in Bryan/College Station TX. While in TX I was KI5QN. With the vanity call sign procedure, I reclaimed my original callsign. 1995-2000 in Philadelphia PA (Phoenixville) area.

In Feb 2000, I passed the 4B element exam, but at the same time was job hunting/interviewing. I wasn't able to process the EXTRA class paperwork until August of 2000 when I finally settled into the new job and home out in the Los Angeles area (Agoura Hills). In January 2003 the wife and I pulled up stakes again and moved back to our midwest roots and the state of my birth, Illinois.

I have a Bachelors degree in Chemistry from the U of MO (1975). I worked as a volunteer police officer for the city of Columbia MO from 1978 - 1981. For the past ten years I worked in the EPA/FDA regulation arena as a Quality Assurance professional, but now am in the FDA/pharmaceutical side of the QA business. This is not the same as QA under ISO 9000 (though I have had that training as well). This is more "inspector general" type QA, making sure what they say they did is what they really did, and that all the scientific studies are well documented.

My current rig is a Heath SB-1400. The first rig I owned and used for about 8 years was a Heathkit HW-16 along with the HG-10B VFO. I have recently re-acquired an HW-16a along with and HG-10B VFO. I also have Heathkit QRP rig models HW-7, HW-8 and Hw-9. Finally, the wife and I have the requisite 2M mobile rigs ICOM V8000) and a pair of ICOM 2M handhelds (V8).

In the last few years I have had a lot of fun building QRP rigs. The Tuna Tin 2, a couple MFJ Cubs, and a NOGA wattmeter. I was a member of the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club (MARC) while in southeast PA. In CA I was active in both Ventura and LA Counties RACES groups. I particularly enjoyed field day with LA County DCS-22 on the Malibu bluffs!



April EPA-QRP Website Sponsors - continued

My wife Jan, KB3ERR, and I recently joined the Lake County, Illinois, Races organization. They are an active group. On Dec 13, 2003, we participated in a Simulated Emergency Test with them. What a hoot! All Hams should try and support their local emergency communications group.



Brian - WD0HBG at his plane

February Website Sponsor W3AXX



Thanks Al !

January EPA-QRP Website Sponsor W3HF and son KB3JJV

I was first licensed in Spring of 76 as WN2FKS while in college, upgraded to WA2FKS within a year or so. After graduation, was inactive for about 20 years while getting married and having kids.

Became re-interested in radio in 2000 with license restructuring, learning about vanity Callsign (and obtaining current call), and getting back on the air with a Small Wonders PSK-20.

QRP History: Been QRP since I got back on the air. In addition to the PSK-20, I recently purchased a Yaesu FT-817, so 100% of my operation is QRP. I mostly chase DX and participate in PSK contests. Most operation is PSK, with a little RTTY and SSB thrown in if I need the country for DXCC purposes. Hold DXCC (first 100 entities were with the PSK-20) and the first QRP ARCI certificates issued for PSK operation for DXCC, WAC, and WAS. Other wallpaper stats available on request, but all of it is QRP.



72, Steve, W3HF



EPA-QRP Appalachian Trail Awards Program News

The AT Awards program now has a chairman - Carter Craigie, N3AO. I hope Carter will provide me with information about who has obtained an AT Award. As you might know, certain contest contacts are now allowed to count towards your AT Award! This is a great idea that might allow more operators to have one of these beautiful At Awards hanging in their shack. The award is very beautiful so make a few AT contacts and receive one. Check out our website for more details at:

<http://n3epa.org>

EPA-QRP Contest Corner

Have you heard the news yet? There's a new field contest in town and it sounds like a winner! The American QRP Club now has a field contest called "Look Around in the Field" or LAITF Contest. Part of the exchange will include the name of wildlife you have seen while operating. The LAITF Contest is a CW only contest that allows contacts on 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m and 10m. I can't wait to get out in the field to operate this contest.

Here is some information about the LAITF Contest.

Contest: [Look Around in the Field or LAITF](#)

Sponsor: American QRP Club

When: May 22, 2004 1600z to 2200z

Mode: CW

Exchange: (S/P/C) - Your name – Wildlife Name

Categories: Home Single-Op

Home Multi-Op

Field Single-Op

Field Multi-Op

Certificates: top three scores in each category

If you would like more info on this contest, please go to:

<http://www.amqrp.org/contesting/laitf.html>



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N2CQ QRP CONTEST CALENDAR

April 2004

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SP DX Contest (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category

Apr 3, 1500z to Apr 4, 1500z

Rules: [http://www.contest.spdxc.org.pl/reg/reg\\_g.html](http://www.contest.spdxc.org.pl/reg/reg_g.html)  
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Missouri QSO Party (ALL)

Apr 3, 1800z to Apr 4, 0500z

Apr 4, 1800z to Apr 4, 2400z

Rules: <http://www.qsl.net/w0ma/contests.htm>
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ARS Spartan Sprint (CW) ... QRP Contest!!

Apr 6, 0100z to 0300z (Monday evening US/Canada)

Rules: <http://www.arsqrp.com/>  
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QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party (CW)QRP Contest!!!

Apr 10, 1200z to Apr 11, 2400z

Rules: <http://2hams.net/ARCI/index.htm>
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Georgia QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category

Apr 10, 1800z to Apr 11, 0359z

Apr 11, 1400z to Apr 11, 2359z

Rules: <http://gqp.contesting.com>  
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CIS DX Contest (SSB) ... QRP Category

Apr 10, 1900z to Apr 11, 1900z

Rules: <http://www.srars.org/cisdxc.htm>
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UBA Spring Sprint (80m SSB) ... QRP Entries Noted

Apr 11, 0600z to 1000z

Rules: <http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/ubasprc.htm>  
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Low Power Spring Sprint (CW) ... QRP Category

Apr 12, 1400z to 2000z

Rules: <http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/lpsprspr.htm>
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TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest ... QRP Category

Apr 17, 0000z to 2400z

Rules: [http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara\\_dpx\\_rules.html](http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_dpx_rules.html)  
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GACW CW DX Contest (Samuel Morse CW Party) ... QRP Category

Apr 17, 1200z to Apr 18, 1200z

Rules: <http://gacw.no-ip.org/contest.html>
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Michigan QSO Party (CW/SSB) ...QRP Category

Apr 17, 1600z to Apr 18, 0400z

Rules: <http://www.miqp.org/>  
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10th EA-QRP Contest (CW) ... QRP Contest!

Apr 17, 1700z to 2000z (10, 15 & 20 Mtrs)

Apr 17, 2000z to 2300z (80 Mtrs)

Apr 18, 0700z to 1000z (40 Mtrs)

Apr 18, 1000z to 1300z (10, 15 & 20 Mtrs)

Rules: http://www.dansandcompany.com/eaqrp/concurso-CW_en.htm

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 Ontario QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category  
 Apr 17, 1800z to Apr 18, 1800z  
 Rules: <http://www.odxa.on.ca/oqphome.html>

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 Run For The Bacon (CW) ...QRP Contest!!
 Apr 19, 0100z to 0300z
<http://fpgrp.com>

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 Helvetia Contest (CW/SSB) (Swiss) ...QRP Category  
 Apr 24, 1300z to Apr 25, 1300z  
 Rules: [http://www.uska.ch/html/en/index\\_e.htm](http://www.uska.ch/html/en/index_e.htm)

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 QRP To The Field (CW) ...QRP Contest!!
 Apr 24, 1500z to 2400z (Pick any 6 hours)
 Rules: <http://www.zianet.com/na5n>

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 Florida QSO Party (CW/Phone) ...QRP Category  
 Apr 24, 1600z to Apr 25, 0159z and  
 Apr 25, 1200z to 2159z  
 Rules: <http://www.floridagsoparty.org/>

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 Nebraska QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category
 Apr 24, 1700z to Apr 25, 1700z
 Rules: <http://www.gsl.net/hdxa/index.html>

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 Thanks to SM3CER, WA7BNM, N0AX(ARRL), WB3AAL and others  
 for assistance in compiling this calendar.

Please forward the contest info you sponsor to N2CQ@ARRL.NET and we  
 will post it and give it more publicity. Anyone may use this "N2CQ QRP  
 Contest Calendar" for your website, newsletter, e-mail list or other  
 media as you choose.

(Include a credit to the source of this material of course.)

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<http://www.amqrp.org/contesting/contesting.html>

**QRP Forums etc. Place**

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| Atlanticon | Timonium, MD | March 26 – 27   | <a href="http://www.njqrp.org/atlanticon">http://www.njqrp.org/atlanticon</a>       |
| Ozarkcon   | Joplin, MO   | April 9 – 10    | <a href="http://www.ozarkcon.com">http://www.ozarkcon.com</a>                       |
| FDIM       | Dayton, OH   | May 13 – 16     | <a href="http://www.qrparci.org/fdim64.html">http://www.qrparci.org/fdim64.html</a> |
| Pacificon  | California   | October 16 – 18 | <a href="http://www.amqrp.org/pacificon">http://www.amqrp.org/pacificon</a>         |



**The ARLHS Presents Its Annual**  
**ARLHS SPRING LIGHTS**  
**QSO PARTY — SL-2004**

- *Purposes:*

- To promote public awareness of ham radio and lighthouses; to contribute to the recognition that lighthouses, lightships, and their keepers deserve; to foster camaraderie within the ham fraternity; and to provide fellowship amongst the members of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society

- *Dates & Times:*

- 0001 hrs UTC on April 10, 2004 (= 8:01 PM EDST, April 9) through 2359 hrs UTC on April 18, 2004

- *Suggested Modes / Calling Frequencies:*

- **Any and all modes** : SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK, FM, SSTV, etc.

- **Suggested SSB freqs:** 1950-1990, 3950-3990, 7250-7290, 14.250-14.290, 21.350-21.390, 28.350-28.390

(Calling on the centered 0.70 KHz on each band.)

- **Suggested CW freqs:** 1830, 3530, 7030, 14.030, 21.030, 28.030

Note that these are center calling frequencies.

- To alleviate QRM, spread out and work SSB from 50 KHz to 90 KHz and on CW work from 10 KHz to 50 KHz (i.e., +/- 20 kHz of center.)

Check out all the information about this event at <http://www.arlhs.com>

## WA3WSJ: SWLFest...and that's the rest of the Story!

As I mentioned before, the SWLFest was just great. I really had fun and enjoyed this event. On Saturday I was walking around in the vendor room when I heard, "hey Breneiser!" I turn and who do I see, but Rich Arland, K7SZ! We grab an empty table and start talking. He tells me to wait a minute I

have something to show you. He then leaves the room and in about three minutes Rich is back holding a large envelope. He tells me to take a look at this because, "you made the cover baby!" Rich was showing me the cover of his new QRP book and I'm smack dab in the middle of it! Well, I was very

surprised to see myself on the cover. Rich came to one of the EPA-QRP Club Meetings which was held at French Creek State Park here in PA. As I gave a demonstration on PSK31, Rich took a bunch of pictures and it turns out that one of these pictures made the cover. So the EPA-QRP is on the cover – COOL!





