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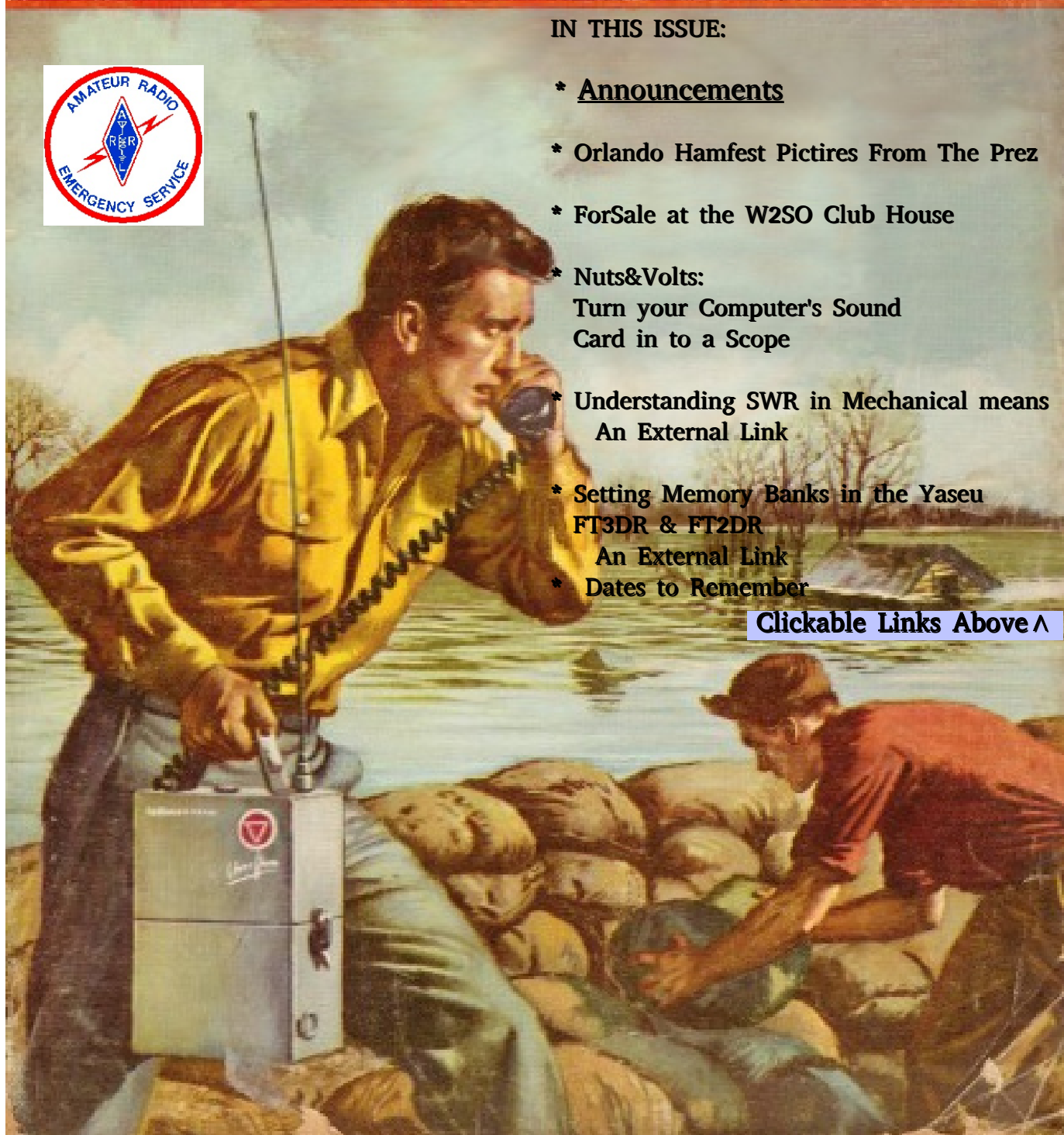
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FROM THE W2SO PRESEDENT



Hello Everyone,

Can you believe how fast a start the year is off to, or is it just me. They say time goes faster as you get older, I sorta believe that, I'm approaching light speed, to infinity and beyond I guess.

As most of you know I'm not currently in Buffalo which is why you haven't seen me at the clubhouse, just in case anyone was wondering, no one, I thought so. But that doesn't mean that you are not in my thoughts.

I've been planning Field Day, Hamfests and the Lighthouse since New Years Day, While the Lighthouse is my favorite.

I think I'm looking forward to Field Day the most this year. While I was at the Orlando Hamcation I went through the ARRL section and seen all the Field Day Swag they had on display, if you haven't seen this years ARRL FD T-Shirt, take my word for it, it's neat.

I've been using my Outbacker Antenna while here in Florida, I haven't picked up any new DX stations which I was hoping to do, but, I have worked a few of you which has been just as much fun. I've also been using the Echolink to check into the Monday Night Nets with Sal KD2LIG. It's nice to be able to check in back home while you away, you don't have to go on vacation to use it, just bring it up on whatever mobile device you have on you this Monday and give it a try.

Well that's about it for this President's Message, until next time this is Joe WV2NY wishing everyone 73 from the the Sunshine State.

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The Orlando HamFest,

By Joe WV2NY



This year for the first time I was able to attend one of the larger Hamfests, The Orlando Hamcation was on my Calendar for February 2020 and something I had been looking forward to, I have been attending local hamfests in our area for 20 years and I thought this was just going to be a larger version of that, Once again I found out I was wrong.

Now I've seen pictures that you guys have brought back from Dayton, they say a picture is worth a thousand words, guess what guys, your photos were not talking. I met up with Chuck W2EM at the gate, a veteran Hamcation attendee, he would be my guide into a much larger world. We paid our \$20 each to get in and got our ticket for the adventure that was about to unfold.

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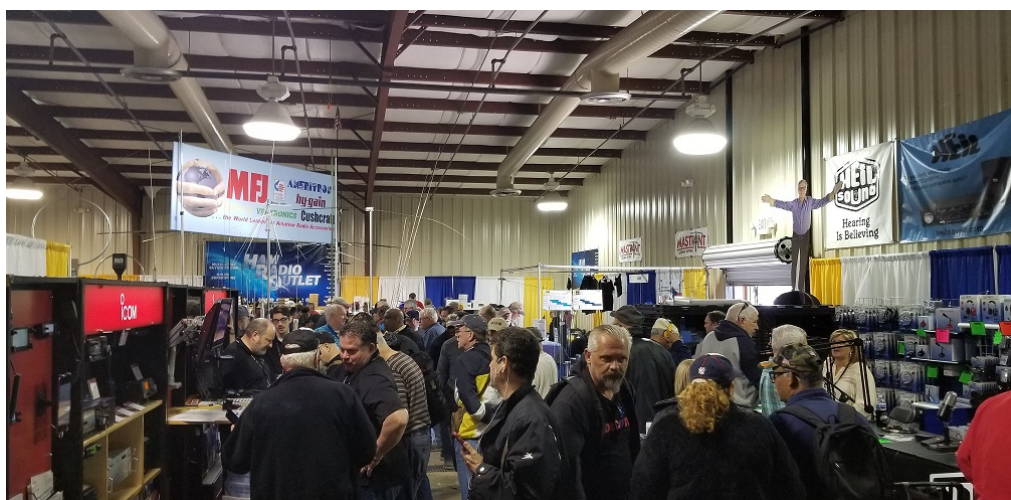
The Orlando HamFest, Continued.....

By Joe WV2NY

One of the first things I did was get my ticket laminated and attached to an Orange Hamcation 2020 Lanyard, you can tell all the first timers, we were wearing our tickets, the regulars like Chuck pass on that waste of money, would you laminate one of ours as a keepsake? Chuck came prepared, he had a backpack and water, I had empty pockets and sweat from the heat. We first ventured out into the field behind the buildings where the flea market area is, we walked up and down all the rows looking at all the items for sale, there was a lot of Heathkit gear and most of it looked like it just came out of the box too.

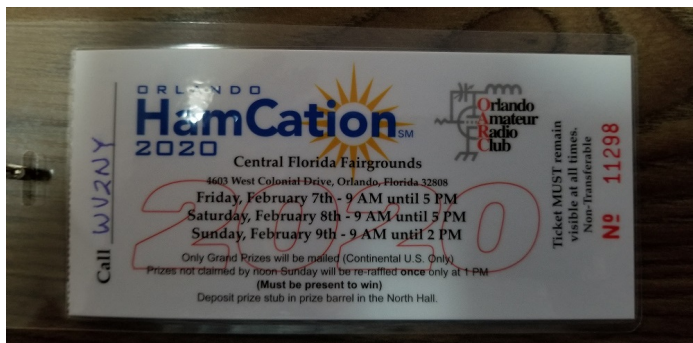
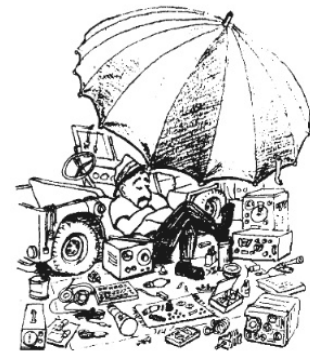
People with wagons were all over the place, the only way for a Ham to properly shop a flea market is with a wagon. After the flea Market be moved onto the first of 3 buildings, crowded is not only just a word but a fact for the Orlando Hamcation, I now know what a Salmon swimming upstream feels like. I didn't loose Chuck though, I stayed right on his heels as we went up and down all the aisles, in and out of all the booths in each of the buildings. There weren't just a couple of vendors there, there were vendors there from just about every company I have ever done business with. At one point two people who were in those little personal carts meet head on and could not get past each other and both refused to back up, I can only imagine they are still there.

After making it through 2 of the buildings we stopped to have something to eat. I got a hot dog that was about 3 feet long, tasty. After we ate we moved to the largest building that was filled with flea market vendors. This building would handle 4 of our hamfest easily and the vendors there had about the same stuff as our hamfest. After we reached the end of this building Chuck and I had been walking for about 5 hours and we both agreed that we had come to the end of our adventure for the day. With aching feet I made the long trek back to my truck and made my way back to my camper. I come away with ideas of grandeur for our hamfest this year. 73 JOE WV2NY



The Orlando HamFest, Continued.....

By Joe WV2NY



From the V.P

Greetings All,

Since I'm taking the "extra classes" at the club as you may know, it interferes with me doing the info nets on Mondays. This is the schedule I've come up with !

I'm scheduling the following people to cover during this period.

Monday, 2 March, 2020 Jim-KB2TJO

Monday, 9 March, 2020 Nate N2NJW

Monday, 16 March, 2020 Carlos-AA2PR

Monday, 23 March, 2020 Nate N2NJW

I've had other members ask to do Net Control recently. I'll be having more dates in the future that I'll open up to guest Net Controls.

Thank you all, 73

Sal / KD2LIG / Net Control



Long Range Dates to Remember:

- Hamvention 2020 takes place May 15 – 17 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio. Dayton Hamvention® increasing the cost of admission, rise to \$26 in advance/ \$31at the gate for all 3 days. The cost of flea market spots will go up by \$5 per space, and inside exhibitors will pay \$30 more.
- Field Day is held on the 4th full weekend in June. June 27th 2020
- Batavia Hamfest–Saturday July18, 2020.
- Dunkirk Lighthouse ILLW Station. Every August Dunkirk, NY International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend.
- Lancaster Hamfest–Saturday September 12, 2020
- Hamfest Camp Dittmer 2228 Toll Rd Phelps NY 14532 <---Click Here!



Announcements

Our General Membership meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the OEM, 525 Pavement Rd. Lancaster. NY 14086. Our next GM meeting is Tuesday, April 7th 2020 at the OEM building.

Our Board Meetings are usually held the last Thursday of each month, at the clubhouse at 7:00pm. Next one is on March 26th 2020 at the club house.
Board members if you can't make it please let Sal know.

Dues is still being collected – See Chris (W1OCK), Steve (AG2AA)or use the PayPal link on the W2SO.ORG home web page and at the bottom click on "Pay my Membership Dues" and submit your (\$25.00) membership fee.

W2SO is hosting our annual LARC Club auction on April 7th @ 6pm at the OEM.
Due note the new date. It has been changed from March to April.

FOR SALE at the Clubhouse:

At this time prices on items below are firm.

Kenwood TS-940SAT (has internal tuner and PS)
\$350 one plastic foot needs repair.

Kenwood MC-65 desk mic \$65 (only sold after the
above 940SAT sells) option goes to 940SAT buyer

Kenwood SP-940 speaker \$45 (only sold after the
above 940SAT sells) option goes to 940SAT buyer

NYE chrome straight key \$25

Uniden Beartracker model 885 CB / Scanner in
like new condition, \$130

Hallicrafters S-108 receiver, Very Clean \$70

Contact me if interested.

John Russo, KW2JR jprusso@buffalo.edu

Interesting Links to older Publications

Please click on this Link

External Links:

Popular Electronic Back Issues <---

AmericanRadioHistory.Com <--

Old Fulton New York Post Card searches<-

FROM THE EDITOR

If you have something of interest you would like to see in the Key Clicks. An article, your home-brew project, For Sale or would like to share your experience as an Dxer,FT8 only to mention a few.

Thank you for your articles.

Send to: kd4hlv@arrl.net

Reprint/FWD:

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EVERYTHING FOR ELECTRONICS

TURN YOUR COMPUTER'S SOUND CARD INTO A SCOPE

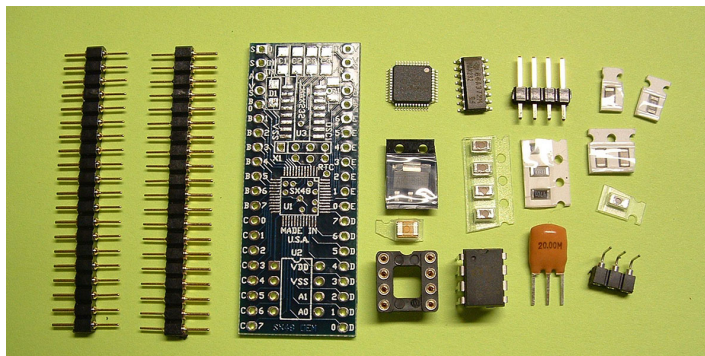


Use this free software tool to gain oscilloscope skills, analyze audio signals, and measure digital signals.

The oscilloscope is my go-to measurement instrument in every electronics project I work on, helping me debug and fine-tune hardware and software projects. In this article, I'll show how you can get started with a simple-to-use scope you probably already have. Best of all, it's free! When you graduate from this simple scope, you can purchase a more powerful scope using the exact same user interface. I think the free scope control software, Waveforms, is the simplest to use, most feature-rich pro-level software of any of the available options. Using a sound card as the hardware interface with Waveforms puts a simple yet powerful scope in your hands for free.

--->Scope It Out Now! <--- Click here to see whole article

Next Issue of W2SO Newsletter How To: Surface-Mount Soldering





HAMFEST

Special Event call sign N2S

JUNE 12-14, 2020

Camp Dittmer

2212 Toll Road, Phelps, NY 14532

This is a benefit event to keep HAM Radio alive
and improve the repeater systems in
Camp Samwood and Dittmer Ranches



\$50 ~ Camp for the whole weekend!!

\$35 ~ Scouting Families ~ \$35

\$15 ~ Ham Gear Table ONLY (non camping rate)



Includes campsite site (for tent or camper)

and one outdoor Ham Gear Table

Early check ins welcome for table assignment/setup

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- AARL Testing—Sat and Sunday mornings—get your license or upgrade your existing
- 3 HF Stations set up for kids to get a chance to talk around the WORLD
- Meet AARL Officials from New York State
- New and used radio equipment for sale
- 50/50 Raffle

Concession stand will be available and sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow Vendors are welcome



Call in station is Bristol Repeater 145.11000Mhz. Tone 110.9

Contact: Ray Feness 716-289-0612 K2RMF or Keith Oliver 716-213-8808 KD2KON
for registration, donation or any other questions.

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DUES INFORMATION - YEARLY

\$25 regular Membership
includes all family members
Dues run from Jan. to Dec.

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