

# Bacon Bits- FDIM 2002 SPECIAL

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DAY	TIME	FREQ	NCI
Mon	0100Z	7.047	WV9N
Thurs	0100Z	7.047	KE1LA

(All days/times listed are UTC)

### CLUB FREQS.

1,814 kHz	3,564 kHz
7,044 kHz	10,110 kHz
14,062 kHz	18,100 kHz
21,064 kHz	24,910 kHz
28,064 kHz	

ALL FPqrp frequencies are UP 4 kHz  
 from the standard qrp frequencies  
 except for 20 meters.

So this is where Flying Pigs come from...man, that's gotta hurt.



WR50 comes to life...BTW, his XYL Denise was very helpful in making the Hog Roast a huge success. Thanks !!

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## Ramblings

Hi everyone, well this is my first effort as the new Bacon Bits editor. I only hope I can do this half as good as N8IE. We all owe a big thanks to Dan the Man for his past editorial efforts.

The FP Net report may get a bit spotty here unless the NCS folks can email me the report after each net. I unfortunately don't get time to make all the nets so I just don't have the information.

Well anyway, here goes! This, my first issue, I dedicate to all the fun we had at Four Days in May – 2002. Enjoy.

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Brian, KB9BVN Ω

## The Place – Ramada Inn or Smell City

What can I say? The place had a real funny smell, I mean BEFORE we got there! Looks really nice from the outside, but the bar was closed, the pool was closed (yeah, it was mid May), and the internal eating place was under remodeling as well...but at least they had free ice. When Mikey and I first got there, they tried to give us a room with a single king sized bed and a Jacuzzi. That's all I have to say about that.



On Wednesday afternoon, Mikey and I had to go to the Dayton airport and extract the world famous KE1LA from the lobby. The trip was uneventful until we got to the airport and loaded the good shrink into the van. It was quite a ride back to the hotel.



## Wednesday Night Out

We spent Wednesday evening at the local Friday's quaffing moderate quantities of adult beverages, and many plates of food. Our resident shrink was doing a FB job of making "friends" with the locals that had the nerve to dine in the Flying Pig Special Eating Area. That's all I will say about that. <grin>

Before we gathered at Friday's we gathered in the WB8ICN suite, his motto was "Mi casa, esu cassa" or something like that. I think it was also converted into a home for wayward piggies. Mikey had more roomies than anyone else in Dayton. Next year Mikey says he's getting the single bed with a Jacuzzi room, he needs the time alone.



(Jo Thompson, Joel Dennison, Bill Watson, Phil Wilcox)

Mikey was very generous and opened his room and floor space to just about any wayward piggie that needed it. This is proof that no good deed shall go unpunished.

## Thursday - Buildathon

On Thursday morning, we all gathered in the main ball room to listen to the exciting speaker that QRP ARCI had lined up for our enjoyment and education. The schedule was something like this:

1. Rev George Dobbs, G3RJV

George did an excellent job talking to us about minimalist radio, and as usual he had several special items from GQRP for us to purchase and enjoy. G3RJV is a super ham and a super speaker. No one slept during his talk.

2. Mike Bryce, WB8VGE

Mike was here to tell us about the care and feeding of solar panels and solar panel charge circuits. Another great presentation.

3. George Heron, N2APB and Joe Everhart, N2CX

These guys are a better team than Dean and Jerry. They briefed us on the new Antenna Analyzer kit the NJQRP will be soon issuing, if they're not already.

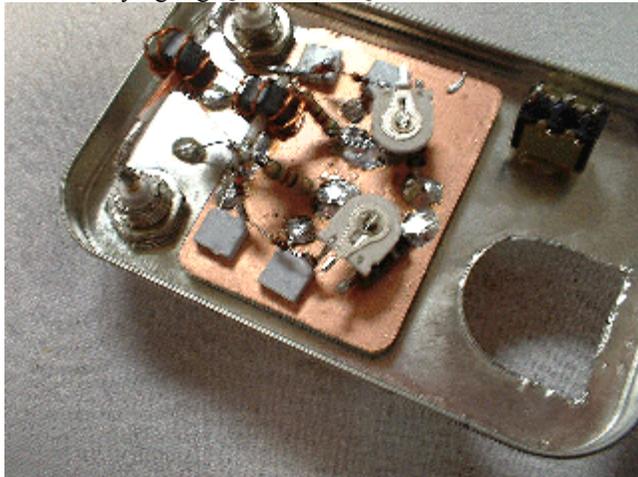
4. Peter Zenker, DL2FI

Peter, as usual, did a fine job of promoting QRP and homebrewing with his “From Simple to High Tech” presentation

There were a few other speakers at the symposium but I was running in and out during the afternoon, but I don’t remember why...maybe to sleep...hehehehe.

On a serious note. I would like to inform the world that during the Symposium, a Elecraft K1 was given away. Fellow Flying Piggie Jo Thompson K5HOY was selected to pick the winning number from the “hat”. I am saddened to report, she selected not a Piggie, but a NoGa instead. I have forgiven her. Like it matters. <grin>

The very best part of Thursday night was the most excellent Buildathon put together by Diz W8DIZ and NoGa member Ken Evans W4DU. During this event, they took over 30 rookie builders, sat them down behind borrowed solder stations and handed them a “Bag-O-Parts”. I won’t say who, but someone named Diz forgot the construction instructions. This is what we built. A Flying Pig QRP/NoGA QRP Watt/SWR meter!!



Diz and Ken did this for \$15 a person, it included solder, parts, tools, and PIZZA for everyone there. This was the first giant splash of the FDIM event for the Flying Pigs. Diz and Ken did an outstanding job and now I wonder, what will they do next year??



Happy Builders!



WV9N Randy and K4FB Paul lend their helpful commentary...



Lots of builders into the smell of hot solder and pizza!

Amazing. Over 30 folks, under the verbal leadership of W8DIZ, all completed working Watt/SWR meters, from scratch, ugly style. Simply amazing.

Gang I have 50MB of pictures from the FDIM 2002 show. I will be putting them on a CD soon and anyone that sent pics gets one for free. Anyone else can send a blank writable CD and postpaid mailer and I will gladly give them a set as well.

**Friday – Hamfest, Hog Roast, Club Night**

On Friday morning we jumped on the shuttle bus and headed to the hamfest. I don't remember much rain but I do remember the freezing cold weather. I mean it was FYBO weather. I think the high on Friday was like 60F. Here are a couple shots of the hamfest area.



WB8ICN on the main fest floor.



WR50, KB9BVN, WB8ABE freezing in the parking lot



Inside the main Hamfest area. Every vendor known to man. Free samples of stuff, lot's of hand outs, pins, badges, junk. If you've never been, come in 2003 and we'll show you the ropes.



Humanitarian Diz, marks up raincoats as the rain begins



Dan N8IE opens his kissing booth, Tom K8CZ is his first victim...er I mean, customer. Dan spent over \$350 on kisses that day.



Dave, Mike, and Ed Hare W1RFI, never afraid to soil his good reputation...as he once again, parties with the Flying Pigs!

The Hog Roast was the brainchild of /rick WB6JBM. He executed the maneuver perfectly. For \$7.00 you got all you could eat pulled pork BBQ sandwiches, tater salad, baked beans and you got to rub shoulders with some of the greatest names in QRPdom. /rick little suare fed an international guest list as we sew George Dobbs and crew, Peter Zenker and crew, and a few

QRPers from the far east...all stopping in to have a sit down dinner and gab with the masters of QRPdom. It was like being at Woodstock...except we weren't naked, and it wasn't raining in our borrowed room.

We owe Mr. and Mrs. WR50 a huge thanks. Denise was a huge help in getting the herd fed and watered. Gaze on and you'll see what I mean.



Chef /rick at the hog roast



Mike and Brian start the seconds....30lbs of BBQ



Harold Smith – KE6TI and his homebrew entries



Hungry Hams, partake in porkfest!



Ron Doyle N8VAR and Dave Winfield WR50



K8KLP – That 5<sup>th</sup> BBQ Sammie is almost always a mistake.

The Club/Vendor night at FDIM is a great social gathering place for all QRPers. You can buy almost any QRP kit/rig you've heard about lately, meet the designers, haggle over prices, and eat again. Almost everyone there had some kind of food to pass out. Friday night is probably the most exhausting night of the event. We've been to the hamfest all day, walking around with heavy backpacks filled with goodies galore, and then the hog roast and vendor night still to go.

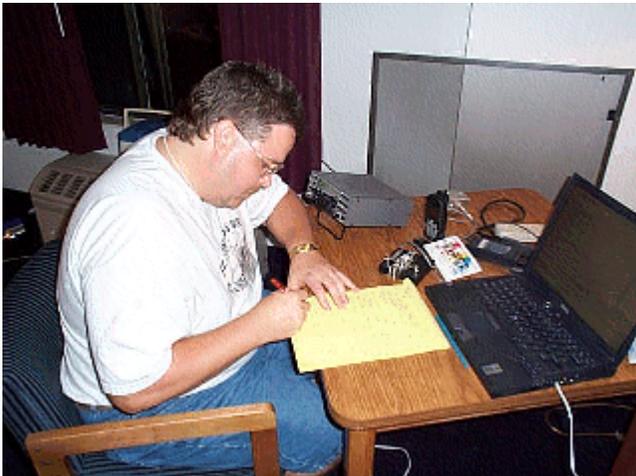


Peter Zenker , Phil Wilcox, Jo Thompson at Club/Vendor Night

There is just soooo much to do and see. I can't possibly show it all here in the BB. So here are a few shots from the QRP Dinner on Saturday Night. You'll have to get the picture CD to see the rest. There are probably a couple dozen of you that I just didn't have room to include here. Please forgive me, but in this case size matters and we need to keep BB small enough for the website. I look forward to FDIM 2003 already...and we have less than 300 days to go!!



Oh YEAH!! FISTS supplied the Hog Roast BEER – Note, WR5O improvised this handy dandy container. It cleverly looks like a bathtub.



Mike Malone working some Q's from the room he and K4FB shared. These guys had a awesome antenna rigged.



Denise, Dave WR5O, and Tracy KU4FL enjoying that special QRP dinner.



Bob K8YS at the Vendor Night – Nice rig Bob!



Joel making his now infamous speech. Boy, he had the ARCI guys freaked out. Way to go Joel!!

That's it gang....for now anyway.

73 de KB9BVN

## About the Flying Pigs QRP Club

### **OUR MISSION:**

- 1: Have Fun.
- 2: No rules.
- 3: Have a group of Friendly Hams who enjoy Amateur Radio, and sharing their skills with their fellow Hams.

### **CLUB EMAIL POLICY:**

These are not rules, just common sense.

Club email is not moderated, as we are not a stuffy group. You can send off topic messages about most subjects, but please keep it clean and in good taste. We do like good-natured ribbing and joking with each other, but we will not tolerate flaming other members or spamming the group.

We will remove offenders who abuse our open policy.

### **CLUB WEB PAGE:**

The club web page is our forum for sharing projects, and information about us. You are encouraged to submit your ideas and projects to be added to the web page.

### **PROBLEM REPORTING:**

If you are having problems with email, the web page, or a fellow club member, please report this to either:

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We welcome all to join the Flying Pigs QRP Club, and we hope you have fun! Ω