

Flying Pigs QRP Club, Int!

Bacon Bits special issue, F.Y.B.O. 2002!

February 2002

W8PIG in Indiana!

The Operators:

Diz, W8DIZ
/rick, WB6JBM
Phil, WB8ABE
Brian, KB9BVN
Randy, WV9N

The location:

Brookville Indiana, Mounds State Rec Area.

The Date:

February 2, 2002.

The Equipment:

Rig was an Icom IC-746.
Antenna was a 700' loop up 30'.
Power was no more than 5 watts.

The Temperature:

A blustery 27 deg. Fahrenheit.

The Fun:

PRICELESS!

From cubbie reporter /rick!



Glazed Toroids as used by team W8PIG!

Lets see we ate 20 donuts, half of a BIG pot of chicken stuff, 2 gallons of coffee, 1 gallon of hot chocolate, 1/5th of anti-freeze, 1 6pack of beer and 3 ham and cheese sandwiches. And 5 piggies.

72 & oo's

/rick



Chicken stuff, with noodles, hot water, and 3, count them, 3 types of coffee!

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Whew...man...now I know what FYBO means.

FREEZE YOUR BACON OFF!

Team W8PIG was representing the hopes, dreams, and fears of the Flying Pigs QRP Club International today, in deep southeastern Indiana, from near the shores of beautiful Brookville Lake.

We started out at a balmy 27 degrees, which isn't that bad compared to ME and VT stations we worked that reported single digits...but did I mention the WIND??? I've been home for a couple hours, compiling our score and my feet are still cold. I think we briefly cracked a windy 40 degrees and then it took another plunge.

The station was manned by Diz Gentzow (W8DIZ), Rick Powell (WB6JBM), Randy Lemmel (WV9N)- NOTE: Randy turns 50 this week so we spanked him, and fed him cake. It was the highlight of the day - ours, not his, Phil Wilcox (WB8ABE) and yours truly Brian Murrey (KB9BVN). Diz brought 1000 feet of wire, so we made a 700 foot wire loop and stuck it about 30 feet up into the trees, it worked very well with the Icom 746 turned down to 5w and Diz's FB homebrew tuner setup.

During the contest we feasted on homemade chicken and dumplings, courtesy of my XYL Ann, birthday cake, and a couple dozen Krispy Kremes courtesy of Phil. Do the math...5 guys, 24 donuts. When will Phil learn?

One other highlight were the semi-frozen restroom facilities....yes indeedy...rumor has it that someone may need a skin graft....I think he's missing some "bacon" skin.

Anyway, we worked stations on 4 bands (10,15,20,40) 25 states, 4 DX entities, including LZ2RS...Rumi must have bionic ears.

71 QSO's, 29 SPC's, Low Temp of 27, Worked from Afield with Alternate Power....looks like we earned...82,360 points.

I can't speak for the rest of the guys but as for me, I never have a better amateur radio time than when I am with the Flying Pigs, in the field, working QRP. I think we all had to drive for over an hour to reach the designated spot. Phil drove close to 3 hours and wins the long distance Flying Pig award.

I hope everyone had as much fun as we did. Can't wait until the next time!

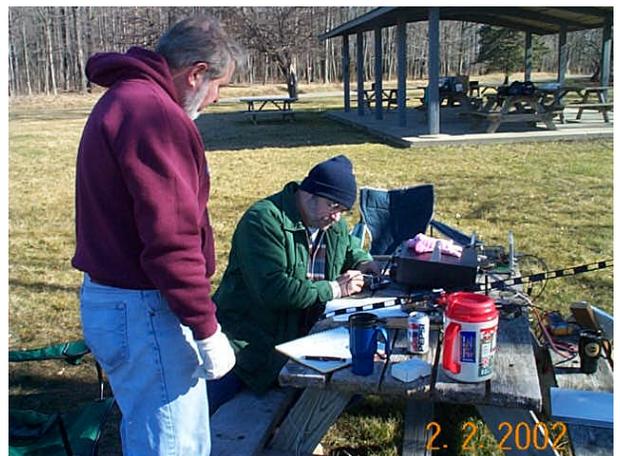
72 de KB9BVN/QRP



Diz trying to throw a weighted line into a tree. note the kewl dance move!



Randy watching Diz make the feed point, and not include Rick's fingers.



Bet you can't guess who's drinking the Pepsi!

From Phil, WB8ABE:

Made it to the Ohio, Indiana FYBO expedition. Lots of contacts from Flying Pigs.

You should have seen the Pig trap Diz and Rick erected. That wire must have been close to 1/4 of a mile long, and so high it was hard to see although the birds liked to warm their feet on it)

I think you can stop picking on Brian. He seems to be in good condition. Slimming right down. Mentally alert and sharp as can be. Our weather was good for a Feb day. Cold but lots of sun shine.

Everyone wore pants. And lots of layers head to toe.

Much good fellowship and the experts pounded the brass. Brian brought a delicious repast, Much thanks to Ann who prepared it. Brian give her a big thank you. I think I even learned some Ham stuff.

Diz will present the official report (I think), Brian estimated that we had over 5,000,000 points after the first hour.

Next event FDIM. I am ready. Its too bad all the good stuff happen in the first 1/2 of the year, FYBO, FDIM, FD. We need a fall gathering event. Hope everyone had at least as good a time as I did.

OH YES Every time we changed a band MAC was there, I think there may be more than one of him.

Phil wb8abe



Brian, pretending to make a contact, so we could take his picture.



Piggie LOVES Randy!



Brian, making a contact, and getting a standing ovation from Phil and Diz!



It was an A** S*****g wind!

The Official Report:

Log Sheet:

BAND CALL RST STATE NAME PWR TEMP TIME

10 K7RE 559 AZ BRIAN 5 70 14:50
10 OK1BA 559 CZ KARL 5 52 15:43
10 LZ2RS 579 LI RUMI 5 70 16:45
10 AF4PS 579 FL MAC 3 72 17:00
10 WB2ERJ 599 CA AL 5 65 17:04
10 KG6ECI 599 CA DON 5 42 17:10
10 WD7Y 559 NV ED 5 19 17:17
10 W0RW 599 CO PAUL 5 40 18:28
10 K7TQ 559 ID RANDY 900 MW 30 18:58
10 K1EQA 579 CO JAY 5 70 19:00
10 N7CEE 599 AZ BRUCE 900 MW 40 19:02
10 AB5PC 569 CA DAVE 5 62 19:03
10 KG6ECI 599 CA DON 5 67 19:04

15 K5SDX 589 TX SAM 1 46 16:01
15 K10II 559 CO RON 900 MW 20 16:04
15 K1EQA 569 CO JAY 5 70 16:05
15 AF4PS 569 FL MAC 3 72 16:10
15 N5IW 549 TX DAVE 5 71 16:12
15 K1CL 559 MA CHUCK 5 67 16:13
15 N8IE 559 OH DAN 5 60 16:16
15 K5RAC 579 TX DAVE 1 38 16:18
15 AJ4AY 599 AL JAY 5 53 16:20
15 KB1CKS 559 ME BILL 4 60 16:23
15 K7RE 559 AZ BRIAN 5 70 16:25
15 WD7Y 559 NV ED 5 10 16:28
15 AA5B 579 NM BRUCE 5 17 18:11
15 WA8ZBT 559 TX DENNIS 5 72 18:14

20 N0TK 559 CO DAN 5 52 14:55
20 N4MAP 559 GA SAM 5 40 15:00
20 N9NE 599 WI TODD 5 20 15:05
20 K4FB 579 FL PAUL 5 70 15:10
20 WQ0RP 599 MN RICK 5 50 15:21
20 W2AGN 599 NJ JOHN 5 35 15:22
20 N8IE 559 OH DAN 5 50 15:25
20 N3AO 579 PA CARTER 5 30 15:26
20 AF4PS 599 FL MAC 3 72 15:32
20 AJ4AY 559 AL JAY 5 46 15:35
20 WA2KSN 599 FL FRANK 5 70 15:37
20 VE3NXB 559 ON GREG 4 61 15:38
20 N9RY 559 IL RON 4 62 15:39
20 W0PWE 599 IA JERRY 900mW 72 15:41
20 W6LFB 599 TX JIM 7 41 15:42
20 N1QS 579 VT BOB 3 6 16:38
20 WB8ICN 569 MI MIKEY 5 25 16:40
20 N0BN 559 CO DAN 1 70 16:42
20 KW4JS 559 TN JOHN 5 31 16:43
20 WB9MII 599 IL GREG 5 32 17:20
20 WA9FET 589 IL ROYSE 50 60 17:25
20 WB0WAO 599 MI DENNIS 5 72 17:30
20 N0UR 579 MN JIM 5 25 17:39
20 W0AA 599 KS MARK 5 34 17:45
20 NA5N 559 NM PAUL 5 30 17:56
20 K4MF 559 FL GARY 5 75 17:59
20 KB6MMS 599 CA RICK 5 70 18:05
20 AB8DF 599 MI ED 1 54 19:06
20 K5DW 559 TX DON 5 57 19:10
20 W9FNB 599 IN GARY 1 40 19:20
20 W1SA 599 VT AL 3 14 19:22
20 N7VE 559 AZ DAN 3 60 19:25
20 KG5N 559 CO NICK 2 39 19:47
20 AA7EQ 559 AZ BOB 5 70 19:48
20 K9IUA 559 IA KEVIN 5 70 19:50
20 W7DFO 559 WA BRIAN 4 49 19:52
20 N3XRV 559 PA CHRIS 900 MW 39 19:54

40 KC8NYW 569 OH ROB 5 73 18:17
40 W3VGV 569 MD MEL 250 MW 36 20:00
40 N3AO 559 PA CARTER 5 35 20:02
40 W2AGN 599 NJ JOHN 5 37 20:04
40 N3XRV 559 PA CHRIS 900 MW 39 20:18
40 W4BQP 559 NC JIM 5 72 20:23
40 N0UR 559 MN JIM 5 28 20:40
40 W8TIM 559 MI DOUG 5 30 20:51

FYBO Winter QRP Field Day 2002 Summary Sheet

Call Used: W8PIG - Flying Pigs QRP Club International
See: <http://www.fpqrp.com>

Operator(s): W8DIZ, WB6JBM, WB8ABE, KB9BVN, WV9N

Category: MULTI-OP

Location: Brookville Indiana, Mounds State Rec Area

RIG(S): ICOM 746

ANT(S): 700 FOOT LOOP, 30 FT UP

Highest Power: 5W

Lowest Operating Temp: 27 F

W1 | MA ME VT
W2 | NJ
W3 | MD PA
W4 | AL FL GA NC TN
W5 | NM TX
W6 | CA
W7 | AZ ID NV WA
W8 | MI OH
W9 | IL IN WI
W0 | CO IA KS MN
VE | ON
DX | LZ OK

Final Score:

72 QSO's

30 SPC's

4X for Field Ops

2X for Battery Ops

5X for Temp Multi

Score: 86,400

Comments:

As usual, Club W8PIG had a blast. We really enjoy getting outdoors and running some QSO's. This time of year is perfect, helps to knock off the dull drums of cabin fever. We were very happy with the way our giant loop was working. Florida reported we were killing them with out 5 watts of power. Can't wait until next time. I have followed all competition rules as well as all regulations for amateur radio in my country. My report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to be bound by the decisions of the contest committee.

Date: 02/04/2002 Signature : Brian J. Murrey - KB9BVN
- Flying Pig #57

Call : KB9BVN/QRP - OUTING SCRIBE AND LOGGER

From Mikey, WB8ICN. Mr. Ice Man!

I really ought to write up some verbiage to go with these photos...but not till I warm up!!!



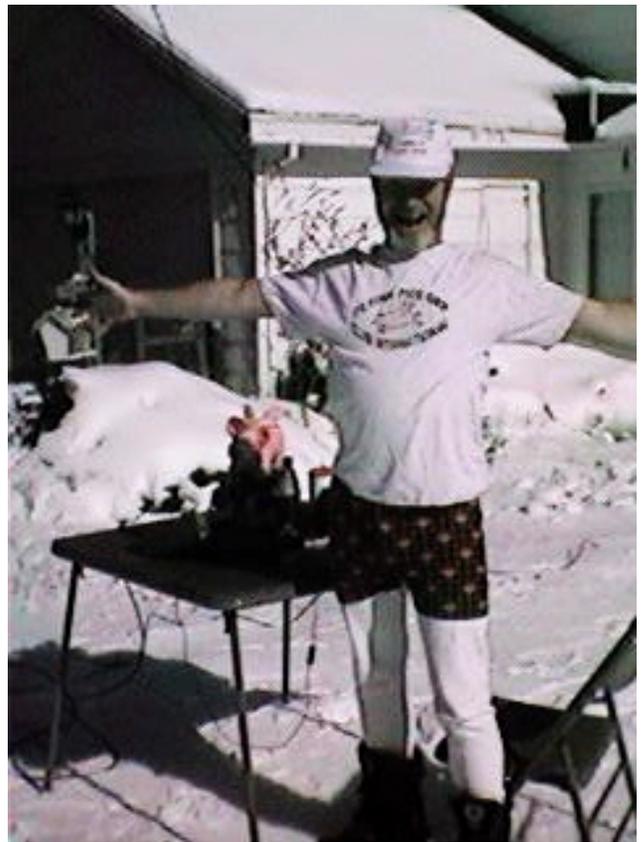
Early on and things are just starting out.



Things got hot with lots of 20 and 10 meter action



Studying for extra while the radio cools down from all the contacts...LOL



Right after I worked three different piggies on three different bands...doing my happy dance

OO's...Mikey, the cold but fashionably dressed piggie

Notes from our wayward Piggies!

From Jay:

My score for FYBO looks like:

60 Q's & 24 SPC's

Multipliers for field (X4), alternate power (X2) and lowest temp of 42F (X3) Overall score is 34560 points.

Thanks to all for a fun time.

Jay AJ4AY

Mobile, AL FP -115, SOC 220, ARCI 8131, FISTS 7917, QRP-L 1372

From John:

Well, I had 45 Q's & 20 SPCs X Field, Alt power and low temp of 35 deg came out to 28,800.

I was really pleased that my solar panel I picked up on eBay worked with the Micro M+ controller and kept my battery at full charge. It was still topped off at the end of the contest.

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