



Signals From The Point

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This Ultra-Short Newsletter

Please excuse this shortest of all CCC newsletters. For the past month I have been working intensively, morning to dark, seven days a week on a massive construction project at my house in Ohio. The project will be finished in about one more week, but not in time to make me available to put out a more proper newsletter. I'll do better next month.



New at the left, old on the right. Early in the project to completely re-clad my Ohio house, covering failed and rotting T-111 cedar siding with Vesta stainless steel.

It's a big house and a big project, four years in planning. I am working side by side with a siding expert from a Canton contracting company. This steel siding material and our application of it using a rainscreen technique are new in Northeast Ohio, so we are both learning as we go.

Call for Operators: ARRL Contests

The ARRL DX CW contest will be the week of February 11-18, 2025 with the SSB version following February 25 – March 4. We have the Moran pool house reserved for both of these contests. Dorothy will be on hand for both. Please let me know if you can

come to one or both, and I'll get the detailed planning running for them.

Call for Operators WPX SSB 2025

The Tuesday – Tuesday WPX SSB week is March 25 – April 1. Last year there was little interest and we did it primarily as a remote operation. PLEASE LET ME KNOW very soon if you would like to have the QTH for a team operation. I will need to release the reservation on the Moran pool house within two weeks of mid-September if there is no interest. (Dorothy and I will be on the island for this contest.) Thanks.

CQWW SSB Team Is Full !

Our mostly female youth team consists of W0CG, W3ACO, W7MAH, Erica Haendel, VE4GV, PC8M, KI5SXY, K0PZH, W4IPC, KN2P, DL3ON, and W7EY. All sleeping spaces are filled and we will, in fact, have one young operator sleeping on a couch. I'll report on this team again just prior to my departure for the island. Special thanks to W3ACO, VE4GV, and W7MAH for funding much of the cost of this trip for the young ops.

Failure of the Remote RRC Box

The RRC box failed on the island in mid-August. This is a hard fail of either the RRC box hardware, its configuration data, or of the wall transformer that powers it. It's close enough to the arrival of a team in Curacao in mid-October that we did not think it sensible to spend the money to send someone to the station now to do the repair. We'll report in detail what went wrong once we have things back in operation. All needed parts are on hand at Signal Point.

Ohio Visit with AG3I

On August 29 our new member Marty Newingham, AG3I, was kind enough to make the 2+ hour drive to

my Ohio QTH from his home in Greensburg, PA. Marty was very curious to learn more about the functioning of CCC and PJ2T, and came armed with a list of questions.



AG3I Lunch in with W0CG, August 29, 2024

After lunch in Rootstown, Ohio, we made the 15 minute trek to my home at W0CG, pictured at the right.



Marty at the base of my 140 foot Rohn 45 20/40 tower in Ohio

In connection with our meeting Marty caught wind of my birthday upcoming on September 9 and sent a card and a gift card for more lunches. It was a delight to get to know him, and to hear about his incredible career as an engineer and CEO in many interesting positions. We even determined that we were both in the building taking courses in the Kent State University College of Business at some point in 1980, an incredible coincidence.

Marty is looking forward to scheduling his first trip to PJ2T.

25th Anniversary: CQWW CW Contest Event



Our November team now consists of W0CG, K8ND, NA2U, N7IR, W9NJY, WA7LNU, NG7M, W8WTS, AD8CW (formerly K4LT), M0ORD, VE9AA, K4JC, and W1DED.

As you now know, I have bought some equipment and will serve as the videographer. The video will encapsulate the 25 year history of PJ2T.

Thanks in advance to NA2U for taking care of the tee shirts for this very special event.

WE STILL NEED ONE MORE OPERATOR. There's one open bed left in the West Bedroom. Can you help?

Plans Going Forward for Generator Install

Now that the generator is on site we need to install it into service. We have the transfer switch on hand. Soon I'll be buying connection cable and wire and will haul it all south in my luggage in October. We'll get it in service as soon as possible, but the WW SSB contest will take priority. There simply aren't enough hours in the days or days on the calendar to get the generator fully installed prior to WW SSB.

CCC Financial Report from W8WTS

As of the end of August the treasury balance was \$7128.71. The generator, shipment, and transfer switch are now paid for. We will still have some expense for cabling, the concrete pad, and some miscellany, but the treasury is in acceptable shape.

Historic Photos



W0CG-fabricated shower control kludge ready to be installed

In July, 2007, the faucet valves for the East Bedroom shower failed beyond repair, and parts were no longer available for this vintage 1970 Sears shower control. I had parts on hand to make a completely new control, but it was a lot of work. There were no shutoff valves in the line, so the whole house water had to be off to do this replacement, which required two days of time.



The new assembly inserted into the hole that I laboriously hand chiseled through a 4 inch thick concrete wall.

