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Making Conversation

FAQ # 283 What do you say after the signal report? Sure, there are the usual topics of interest. You're talking with another amateur, so you can compare radios, antennas, locations, and license history. You might share some theories about propagation and band use. Lots of accessories such as microphones, software, keys and keyers, digital connections, and test equipment can be worthy of discussion.

You'll find some areas of agreement – "Yep. That's the way the shortwave ratios." And you may discover other points of view. "I've heard the stories about NVIS propagation, but I've always found. . ." You may even share more personal notes about your family, your pets, your work. Want to become an interesting conversationalist? Listen more. Ask plenty of questions about the other operator and *really listen* to the answers.

Another broad area of discussion may be operating interests. Hams are a diverse bunch. Want to help with communications during a disaster? ARES/RACES has a place for you. From brass pounders to EME enthusiasts, from experimenters to designers and builders, from contesters to traffic handlers – there's a lot of choices.

My point is this. They overlap. (No, not the operators' tummies over their belts – I mean their interests.) A Ham who experiments with antennas can try them on a traffic net. Someone who finds success in digital DX-ing can apply those skills in a contest – or to pass formal traffic. Learning to speak clearly and use phonetics properly can help a DX station find you in a pile-up as well as support accurate handling of a radiogram. Keeping your equipment in good shape pays off in emergency readiness and in more enjoyable nets and daily ragchewing.

Everything's related. It's all relative. Relatives? I could tell tales, but – like my third floor – that's another story. 73 – K9LGU/STM

WISCONSIN SECTION PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL FEB 2025

POSSIBLE	40	40	30	5 /hr.	5 /hr.	10ea	
POINTS >	nets	tfc	app	sked	emrg	bbs/	
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
N9VC	40	40	30	265	0	20	395
AG9G	40	40	30	75	0	0	185
WB9WKO	40	40	30	15	0	0	125
KC9FXE	40	24	20	30	0	10	124
K9LGU	40	40	30	10	0	0	120
NX9K	40	40	20	0	0	0	100
KB9GO	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KC9UC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90

WISCONSIN SECTION

STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY FEB 2025

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	ATT	TOTAL
NX9K	481	100	705	0	0	1286 -BPL
WB9WKO	0	708	281	0	0	992 - BPL
KB9GO	0	426	214	0	0	640 - BPL
AG9G	0	291	178	0	0	469
N9CK	0	227	225	0	0	452
N9VC	0	233	42	0	0	275
KC9UC	0	103	138	0	0	241
K9LGU	0	56	73	1	0	130
WJ9L	0	54	51	7	1	113
KB9ROB	2	54	17	12	7	92
K9STN	0	4	35	6	0	45
W9RTP	1	25	6	1	1	34
KC9FXE	0	8	15	3	0	24
WB9ICH	0	20	2	0	0	22
KA9BAE	0	9	12	0	0	21
KA9KJE	2	7	2	0	0	11
W9RNA	0	4	2	4	0	10

WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY FEB 2025

NET	QNI CHECK -INS	QTC TRAFFIC	QTR TIME	SSNS SESSIO NS	NM
BWN	1060	1574	2945	28	K9LUK
BEN	316	298	443	28	NX9K
WSBN	414	140	595	28	AG9G
WSSN	165	54	350	28	KB9ROB
WIN/E	122	186	245	28	WB9ICH
WIN/L	140	74	254	28	W9RTP
WI ARES/RACES HF	62	8	110	4	WB9WKO
WI ARES/RACES VHF	30	0	55	1	KA9KJE
WI ARES/RACES DIGITAL	309	2836	5760	4	KD9USW
totals	2588	5170	10702	176	