

STM Report
Wisconsin Section *March 2026*
Seventy Threeeeeeeeeee

FAQ # 296 Apple, Peach, Pear, Plum, Oak, Maple, Birch. There you have it - as you've probably heard it,– Seven trees! This is KNOT the same as a famous Ham Radio symbol 73.

Because it's often part of a message and often used on the air, you should know more about the proper use of 73.

It's been around since at least 1857. The ARRL explains it here: <https://www.arrl.org/ham-radio-glossary> when it says “The first authentic use of 73 is in the publication, *The National Telegraph Review and Operators' Guide*, first published in April 1857. At that time, 73 meant 'My love to you!' Later, at the National Telegraph Convention, 73 was changed to “a friendly word between operators.” In 1859, Western Union's standard code list says it meant "accept my compliments“ and that meaning continues as a closing or thank you.

It works the same in a message. In a text, 73 counts as one group in the check. It's sent on voice as “Figures seven three.” On CW it's numerals seven and three with only a short letter space in between. In a digital text, it's just 73.” In any mode, it's **never** with an “S” at the end.

So it means what you've thought, “Best Regards.” It just means the sender wishes you well. It is often used for correspondence whether you are writing to one or many recipients. In Ham use, it's the same if you're addressing one or many listeners. Again, it is never pronounced or sent with an “S” at the end. The term is already plural. That would make it “Best Regardses.” Some CB operators may have altered the term with phrases like “Threes on you”-- but not in Hamspeak. For us it's simply “73.”

Thanks for using the term correctly and 73. K9LGU/STM

WISCONSIN SECTION MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY

MARCH 2026

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SSNS	NM
	CHECK-INS	TRAFFIC	TIME	SESSIONS	NET MANAGER

BWN	1130	1578	3330	31	K9LUK
BEN	332	229	471	31	NX9K
WSBN	501	166	660	31	AG9G
WSSN	180	54	388	31	KB9ROB
WIN/E	129	178	291	31	WB9ICH
WIN/L	154	86	286	31	W9RTP
WI ARES/RACES HF	39	8	98	4	K9STN
WI ARES/RACES VHF	31	0	45	2	KA9KJE
WI ARES/RACES DIGITAL	357	2215	10080	6	KD9USW
totals	2853	4514	15649	198	

STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY MARCH 2026

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	ATT	TOTAL
NX9K	387	100	563	0	0	1050-BPL
WB9WKO	0	324	268	9	0	601-BPL
AG9G	0	260	148	0	0	408
N9CK	0	163	163	0	0	326
N9VC	0	206	36	0	0	242
KC9UC	0	105	135	0	0	240

WJ9L	0	53	65	3	2	113
K9LGU	0	49	61	0	0	103
KB9ROB	2	48	11	5	2	68
W9RTP	0	30	5	2	2	39
KC9FXE	0	9	13	7	0	29
WB9ICH	0	20	2	0	0	22
W9RNA	0	10	5	4	2	21
WB9NRK	0	5	0	5	0	10
KA9KJE	1	4	1	0	0	6

WISCONSIN SECTION P S H R SUMMARY MARCH 2026

POSSIBLE POINTS >	40 nets	40 tfc	30 appt	5 /hr. sked events	5 /hr. emrg events	10ea bbs/ web pg	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
N9VC	40	40	30	270	0	20	400
AG9G	40	40	30	20	0	0	130
K9LGU	40	40	30	20	0	0	130
KC9FXE	40	29	20	20	0	10	119
N9CK	40	40	30	0	0	0	110
WB9WKO	40	40	20	10	0	0	110
NX9K	40	40	30	0	0	0	100

KC9UC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
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