

Canadian Broadcaster Halts TimeKeeping Broadcasts

(ARnewsline 10/20/23) The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has stopped giving listeners the time of day. Shortwave radio, however, is still at it.

CBC radio has stopped broadcasting the official time signal of the National Research Council. The broadcasts began in 1939, providing a national time synchronization signal for anyone relying on the accuracy of their clocks. CBC Radio halted the broadcasts on October 9th, noting that any of its transmissions over HD Radio or the web causes a delay of several seconds, invalidating the accuracy of what was being sent.

Shortwave radio comes to the rescue, however: The NRC's official time station, CHU, operated by the council's Institute for National Measurement Standards, broadcasts on 3.33, 7.85 and 14.67 MHz, to deliver the time as always, in English and French. Three atomic clocks are located at the transmitter site in Ottawa, Canada. The station began broadcasting the time on an experimental basis in 1929 using the callsign VE9OB. It became known as CHU in 1938.

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ARRL Launches The NTS Letter

(ARRL 10/06/2023) There's a new newsletter in the ARRL repertoire as of this week. The first issue of The NTS Letter was published on October 3, 2023. The NTS Letter is a monthly digest of all things related to the ARRL National Traffic System®. It is edited by Marcia Forde, KW1U, who is a veteran traffic handler and serves as the Section Traffic Manager for the ARRL Eastern and Western Massachusetts and Rhode Island Sections.

The NTS is network that allows for rapid movement of messages, referred to as "traffic," from origin to destination, and for training amateur operators to handle written traffic and to participate in directed nets. The network consists of the layering and sequencing of both voice and CW traffic nets, as well as a digital system that operates 24/7. This nationwide system operates 365 days a year, generally relaying routine message traffic for training purposes and for maintaining readiness if called upon in an emergency. If called upon, these operators stand ready to assist emergency communications personnel and servedagency partners in relaying welfare and other messages. It is the modern continuation of the historic "radio relay" from ARRL's founding in 1914.

Director of the ARRL New England Division, Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, said the NTS is a great way to get involved in emergency communications. "Newly licensed and experienced amateurs alike who participate in NTS find satisfaction and enjoyment in learning the skills of sending and receiving concise written voice and CW traffic in an organized, on-air network. It's a natural complement to the skills and training one needs to become an effective emergency communicator and Amateur Radio Emergency Service® volunteer. Plus, it's an opportunity to meet new friends, and it's fun!" said Kemmerer.

The NTS Letter is published monthly and is free of charge to ARRL members. Members can subscribe at arrl.org/opt-in-out by selecting "edit" to view all of their subscription preferences (members need to be logged in to their ARRL website account to do this). (Ed.Note: follow the links to learn more about the moderniza-

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To read the current letter:

http://www.arrl.org/nts-letter?issue=current

Information on the NTS:

https://www.arrl.org/nts

Information on the the "NTS 2.0" project:

https://nts2.arrl.org/

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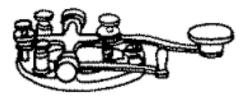
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Tuesday night get-togethers at Plattsmouth Burger King at 6 PM or so. PLATTSMOUTH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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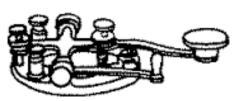
The monthly meeting was held September 30, 2023 at Mom's Café. The meeting was called to order by President Roger Behrns at 8:22 am.

Those in attendance were Roger (KB0OGO), Ray (N5SEZ), John (KC0HYD), Shirley (KC0HYE), Fred (KB0LF), Gary (WD0CFC), Chuck (AI0N), Jim (W0JRN), Scott (N8VCL) and Derek (W0DBW) & Alexis.

The Minutes of the August meeting were approved on a motion by Chuck and second by John.

The Treasurer's report shows no change which leaves a balance of \$562.55 in the General Fund and \$315 in the Repeater Fund for a total of \$877.55. The Report was approved on a motion by Chuck and second by Gary.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Fred and second by John.



Meeting Calendar

8am, Sat October 28, 2023 8am, Sat November 25 (No meeting in December) at Mom's Café.