

EAGLE TO SUSPEND PUBLICATION FOR SUMMER

THE OCARG EAGLE WILL SUSPEND PUBLICATION DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF JUNE THROUGH AUGUST AS IT DID LAST YEAR. THE EDITOR PLANS SEVERAL OUT-OF-TOWN TRIPS INCLUDING A FEW VISITS TO SCOUT CAMP AND WILL BE HARD-PRESSED FOR TIME. AN INTERIM EAGLE MIGHT BE PUBLISHED IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER, ESPECIALLY IF TIME-SENSITIVE NEWS OCCURS. IF ANYONE HAS TIMELY SUMMER NEWS, WE'LL FIND A WAY TO GET IT OUT.

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UPGRADES TO LOCAL WEATHER XMTRS PLANNED

FROM WES JONES W2EMO:

I THINK MANY WILL BE INTERESTED TO "HEAR" THAT SOME IMPORTANT UPGRADES ARE COMING IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO THE NOAA WEATHER RADIO SYSTEM IN BINGHAMTON, NY.

FIRST, "PAUL" THE ANNOYING COMPUTERIZED "VOICE OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE" - IS GOING INTO (FORCED) RETIREMENT. "PAUL" WILL BE REPLACED BY A MORE UNDERSTANDABLE AND HUMAN SOUNDING VOICE. IT'S NOT PERFECT BUT IT IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.

TO LEARN MORE AND HEAR THE VOICES FOR YOURSELF, VISIT:
[HTTP://205.156.54.206/NWR/NEWVOICE.HTM](http://205.156.54.206/NWR/NEWVOICE.HTM)

I BELIEVE THE NEW VOICE THAT WILL BE USED OUT OF BINGHAMTON WILL BE "CRAIG" - ALTHOUGH DON'T QUOTE ME ON THAT.

THIS UPGRADE WILL ALLOW FOR ANOTHER IMPORTANT FEATURE THAT WILL BE EVIDENT WHEN THE NORWICH TRANSMITTER COMES ON-LINE - CUSTOMIZED BROADCASTS. ORIGINALLY, THE NORWICH TRANSMITTER WAS GOING TO BE A MIRROR BROADCAST OF THE BINGHAMTON TRANSMITTER ON 162.475. INSTEAD, THE NORWICH BROADCASTS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CUSTOMIZED FOR CHENANGO AND ALL ADJOINING COUNTIES.

THIS WILL MEAN WE WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO WARNINGS FOR PLACES LIKE SULLIVAN AND PIKE COUNTIES. IN ADDITION, WATCHES/WARNINGS/ETC, FOR MADISON COUNTY, WHICH ARE NOT CURRENTLY ON THE BINGHAMTON BROADCASTS, WILL BE AVAILABLE (ADVANCE WARNING OF STORMS MOVING SOUTHEAST).

AS A FURTHER UPDATE, THE SCHEDULE NOW IS FOR THE NORWICH TRANSMITTER TO BE OPERATIONAL SOMETIME IN JULY. THE BID FOR THE EQUIPMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE AWARDED THIS MONTH WITH THE TRANSMITTER ARRIVING AT THE END OF JUNE. IT WILL BE INSTALLED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. ANY DELAY TO THIS SCHEDULE WOULD BE THE RESULT OF NO PHONE LINES - AND THEREFORE NO AUDIO - AS WE ARE THE SCHEDULING MERCY OF MCI AND VERIZON.

[HTTP://WWW2.ARRL.ORG/FANDES/EAD/IDEAS.HTML](http://www2.arrrl.org/fandes/ead/ideas.html) .

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[HTTP://WWW.BSA.Scouting.org/INTERNATIONAL/JOTA.HTML](http://www.bsa.scouting.org/international/jota.html) .

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[HTTPS://WWW.ARRL.ORG/FORMS/EAD/RECRUIT/ORDERFORM.HTML](https://www.arrrl.org/forms/ead/recruit/orderform.html) .

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MORE JUST FOR FUN: THE MISSING Q SIGNALS

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SOME Q SIGNALS HAVE NEVER MADE IT TO THE ARRL'S OFFICIAL LIST. HERE ARE SOME THAT MAY AGREE WOULD BE USEFUL IN APPROPRIATE SITUATIONS. AS WITH REGULAR Q SIGNALS, EACH CAN BE A STATEMENT OR A QUESTION, DEPENDING ON WHETHER A QUESTION MARK FOLLOWS IT.

- QBA - MY ANTENNA IS BIG!
- QBA? - HOW BIG IS YOUR ANTENNA?
- QBO - DON'T SIT NEXT TO THAT GUY IN THE MEETING.
- QBO? - BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE SOME SOAP?
- QCP - I AM USING CAT POWER(FROM ROTARY CAT POWER WHEEL)
- QCP? - ARE YOU USING CAT POWER?
- QCW - I AM GOING TO WHISTLE MORSE CODE ON FM (OR SSB)
- QCW? - WHY ARE YOU WHISTLING MORSE?
- QDR - DARN RIGHT THE FREQUENCY IS BUSY! (IN RESPONSE TO QRL)
- QDR? - DO YOU HAVE A RECEIVER? (IN RESPONSE TO QRL)
- QET - PHONE HOME.
- QET? - HAS ANYONE CALLED ME FROM ANOTHER PLANET?
- QFH - THIS FREQUENCY IS MINE! - GO ELSEWHERE.
- QFH? - IS THIS FREQUENCY HOGGED?
- QHI - I AM JUMPING IN QUICK TO SAY HI, THEN GOING QRT.
- QHI? - ARE YOU LEAVING AFTER ONLY ONE TRANSMISSION?
- QLF - I AM SENDING WITH MY LEFT FOOT.
- QLF? - ARE YOU SENDING WITH YOUR LEFT FOOT?
- QLK - I AM SENDING WITH MY LEFT FOOT AND KEYBOARD.
- QLK? - ARE YOU SENDING WITH YOUR LEFT FOOT AND KEYBOARD?
- QNO - I AM SENDING THROUGH A NON-STANDARD ORIFICE.
- QNO? - ARE YOU SENDING THROUGH A NON-STANDARD ORIFICE?
- QOK - YOUR LAST TRANSMISSION WAS OKIE DOKIE.
- QOK? - WAS MY LAST TRANSMISSION OK?
- QPM - YOUR SIGNAL IS PURR MODULATED.
- QPM? - IS MY SIGNAL PURR MODULATED?
- QRC - WARNING, RAG CHEWER ON FREQUENCY.
- QRC? - ARE YOU A RAG CHEWER?
- QWC? - WHO CARES?

