

ANNOUNCING W9OG WMPLOTA operation

Several members of TARS will be participating in the **Walmart Parking Lots On The Air** (WMPLOTA) event this coming weekend. WMPLOTA is a special event and award scheme for amateur radio satellite operators that encourages the practice of portable operation in the ubiquitous and easily accessible location of Walmart parking lots. For an overview of the event see:

<http://wmplota.org/>

The contest exchange must include at least the station call signs and either the Walmart store number or 4 digit maidenhead grid square(s) at the discretion of the operator. “Associate” stations are defined as operating from an allowable store and “Shopper” stations are from a location other than those defined as an Associate. There are several multipliers and bonus points available. For a complete list of the rules and awards see:

[http://wmplota.org/wiki/index.php/WMPLOTA Rules and Awards](http://wmplota.org/wiki/index.php/WMPLOTA_Rules_and_Awards)

The goal for our team will be to set up at and make contacts from all Evansville area Walmart, Walmart Neighborhood Market and Sam’s Club locations. Cory KD9MHB, Dave WB9YIG and Len N9QVQ will be the intrepid operators. The contest runs from 00:00 UTC Saturday 7/6/2019 (19:00 Friday evening local) until 23:59 UTC Sunday (18:59 Sunday evening local) but exact times for our operation will be tempered by family commitments and XYL tolerance. We will be using the W9OG call and attempting both FM and Linear satellites.

As usual, Dave WB9YIG is concocting a mobile setup that will be ripe **for Murphy 's Law** to visit. The set-up will include an Az-El rotor using an Arrow antenna on rear of his RV (gotta keep an eye out for low trees) and a brand new IC-9700 (should probably read the manual). Cory has a new MFJ antenna that we will try. You never can tell what we will come up with.

We will try to announce our location on the W9OG repeater so if you get a chance, come out and join the fun.

REMINDER

13 Colonies Special Event now going on!

2019 Event Dates / July 1 (9AM Eastern) to July 7 (Midnight Eastern)

(July 1, 2019-1300 UTC to July 8, 2019-0400 UTC)

YOU DO NOT NEED ALL 13 COLONIES TO GET THE CERTIFICATE

YOU DO NOT NEED TO GET THE 2 BONUS STATIONS FOR A CLEAN SWEEP

Get all the information at <http://www.13colonies.net/>

You still have a couple of weeks to come up with a homebrew key!!!

Not sure what a cootie key is check out these links.

<http://www.mtechnologies.com/wordpress/?p=26>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=on6-elo2NJE>

http://www.k4icy.com/weekend_radio_depot_cootie.html

Club Code Key Contest

This contest is a **just for fun** event and will have certificates awarded for various categories.

Judging will happen in the time between the meeting program and the business meeting.
A code oscillator will be set up to check the operation of the keys.

The fun started in March and the next installment will be at the **July** meeting with **Bug or Cootie Key** competition.

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The rules have been kept simple.

- You must have built the key **YOURSELF**.
- It may be a KIT or Homebrewed.
- It must **WORK**.

The schedule is.

July - Bug or Cootie Key

September - MacGyver Key / Rube Goldberg Key

Even if you don't work CW, this can be a fun contest just to get everyone up and doing something. Perhaps we could even get a CW learning net on the air and put them to use.

Winner of the May home brew paddle key was Dennis WA2USA.