



ARUFON

The Amateur Radio UFO Net

After years of intensive and exhaustive research science and ufologists have discovered why UFOs are rarely seen!



**September 11, 2016 ARRL Boxboro Convention Presentation for the
Amateur Radio UFO Net.(www.arufon.org)**

**ARUFON = Amateur Radio UFO Net
Formed about 1983-84**

Original Key organizers;

**Mike DeWoody formerly - N3GVA (no longer
active)**

Bill Diggs - WB9NLI (SK)

Rich Vitello - W1RV (formerly – WA1EQU)

**Original and Present Web Master; Ken – KB9I
with assistance from Greg – KJ4DGE**

**Rich – W1RV NET CONTROL for ARUFON
Net.**

**Past original meeting times and days;
Saturday and Sunday 8 PM EST
Original Meeting Frequency: 3.9777**

**Why such an odd frequency? It's a
very long story.**

**Long story short, other Nets were on
3.975 and 3.982**

**Currently the ARUFON
Net convenes on Sunday
Evenings at 7 PM EST
on 3.8450 MHz**

The ARUFON Net has had many different Net Controllers over the years.

Including: N3GVA, WB9NLI, WA1EQU (W1RV) K9VMY,

After a couple of years, Ken – KB9I secured the arufon.org web address and he created the now popular ARUFON web site

Currently I'm the only NC with some assistance from KG8HZ – Gerry from Michigan.

Originally there were two Net Controllers; one on the East coast and one in the Chicago area to cover the western part of the country.

We determined an email distribution list was needed to share information electronically with a growing number of people joining the net. We established the arufon@yahoogroups email distribution list. I believe we have upwards of 300 subscribed to this list.

I'm the moderator of the list.

An example of some of the emails/URLs that go out via this list is here:

“Greg Meholich Advanced Space Propulsion Concepts for Interstellar Travel”

Subject: [arufon] It **is** rocket science ...for all the skeptics out there ...

Perhaps we should make this a manual for open minded thinking in the field of UFOlogy ...

Orville and Wilbur would be so proud ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eltSzZl72Rc>

Presentation Objectives and Caveats

- Provide a **high-level, “evolutionary”, information-only overview** of various propulsion technology concepts that, with sufficient development, may lead mankind to the stars.
- Only candidate concepts for a vehicle’s **primary interstellar propulsion system** will be discussed.
 - No attitude control
 - No earth-to-orbit launch
 - No electric
 - No sail-based systems
 - No beamed energy
- **None of the following will be given, assumed or implied:**
 - Recommendations on specific mission designs
 - Developmental timelines or cost estimates
- **Not all propulsion options will be discussed** – that would be impossible!

Jesse Marcel Jr. talks about UFO Crash Debris in Roswell 2010

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7disa2VJyg>



In the 80's we would have as many as 50, 60 or even 70 check ins. Especially on Saturday evenings. As a result the net could last from 8 PM EST to 12 Midnight, and a few times even longer! Keep in mind the Internet was still in it's infancy. Most UFO information back then had to be read over ax.25 or telephone BBS or in the form of hard copy (I have over 150 UFO books in my personal library and many more periodicals I've collected over the years. For example; CUFOS(the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies)publication of the International UFO Reporter which is no longer published.

Also the MUFON (Mutual UFO Network)Journal periodicals. In addition to many special reports by the military, government and civilian organizations. Most of this material (but not all) has been posted and copied to various sites on the Internet. I'll provide several excellent research and reference sites at the end of this talk.

We had many, many stories from former and present members of the military giving first hand accounts of their sightings and experiences on the ARUFON Net. Some were quite fascinating.

As an example Stan Horne – N4USU (now SK) a former member of a US Navy special investigation ops research team gave his account of retrieving something from the ocean that was, to quote Stan, “not of this earth”! If memory serves this took place back in the 1961. He also described three bodies inside the pod. They were deceased. No one knows what the Navy did with this material.

Recently Stan’s report on ARUFON net was confirmed by a N2ZRI – Joe. In a Recent ARUFON Net he recalled Stan giving his report on the over the air over 20 years ago.

We also did some research and found that Major Jesse Marcel (deceased) of Roswell, NM fame was also a ham; W5CYI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0tGYguP3IA>



It was suggested on the ARUFON Net that his ham radio log book might reveal some interesting information. This is back when the FCC required hams to keep accurate logs of their on air time. Most hams would add foot notes about various interesting QSOs they had on the air over the years.

I contacted Jesse's son Jesse Marcel Jr. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7disa2VJyg>) who also testified that he had handled some of the Roswell ship 'debris' to obtain Jesse Sr's ham radio log book. I was hoping I could contact his Dad's contemporaries to find out if W5CYI had any QSOs or discussions regarding Roswell. Unfortunately Jr looked intensely in his Dad's attic but the log book was never located. Of course this was relayed via the ARUFON Net.

Over the years many others shared their stories and we had the opportunity of having Q & A sessions with them over the air.

This was before most people had access to the Internet and if they did it was primarily text based, no pictures or graphics.

At first we just kept the ARUFON “log” or information in a written format like an ARRL Amateur Radio log book.

A few years later and I had an Amateur Radio computer logging program called LOGic that I ran on my 286 processor PC along with Windows 3.1 and Double Dos.

I would back up the data on 3.5” floppies from time to time.

Over the years I upgraded LOGic many times for the usual bug fixes, enhancements processor upgrades, etc and recorded my sightings and detailed information on the ARUFON net check-ins. I really had copious notes in the comments section of the log.

A major release of LOGic would occur when the Windows operating system was upgraded.

So I ended up with about 10 upgrades of LOGic until Windows XP came out at which time I was informed that all previous versions would not work with XP. Also the data recorded in the old LOGic could not be imported into the new version. You needed to purchase an entirely new version of LOGic which I felt should only be an upgrade. In any event I kept my older computers running as long as I could, before they just stopped working altogether.

I've regretted that decision since most of the backups of the log were on 3.5 floppies in a format that could not be read by conventional means. Unfortunately the data is lost to time and I've resorted to a notebook again with scribble notes.

Back tracking a little on the history of the ARUFON net when Bill – WB9NLI and Dennis – K9VMY took on most of the responsibility of Net Controllers,

John Nihart - KA0OKI would rebroadcast the ARUFON Net from his QTH in Nebraska using SHOUTCAST. This proved to be a valuable asset when I moved to Florida about 15 years ago. I couldn't hear a lot of the stations on the ARUFON Net due to the constant barrage of QRN in Florida.

Long story short we moved back to Massachusetts after three years of Hurricanes and Tornado's

After getting settled back in MA. I was able to rebroadcast the ARUFON net on U-Stream which worked out quite well since I could hear most people that were checked into the ARUFON Net.

I had my web cam pointed at my FT-1000D so the band, frequency data and S meter readings could be seen as well as the WX station I had displaying the Date/time/in and out temp along with an ARUFON badge. This way people could actually check their signal strength and audio at my QTH. Generally speaking everyone was happy with this arrangement and it went along fine for several years like this.

That is until the unthinkable happened on May 30, 2014; the untimely and unexpected passing of Bill – WB9NLI. At this point, time seemed to stand still for the ARUFON Net since Bill was a key player and inspiration to all on the net.



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WILLIAM E. DIGGS
MAR. 14, 1947 ✝ MAY 30, 2014

At this point in the history of the ARUFON net things went down hill rapidly. People would check in however since Bill's passing no one seemed to have traffic or comments. They would just check in say hello and that was it. Dennis K9VMY was tired of the seeming lack of participation being NC twice a week and put out a call for a replacement. Weeks then a couple months went by with no response. This prompted Dennis basically announce his retirement from the net.

I was so taken back by Bill's passing I just let things with the net slide and was pretty much inconsolable. Bill and I weren't just colleagues in UFOlogy but we became the best of ham radio friends over a 35 year period. I just couldn't bring myself to pick up the net at this point in time. WB9NLI and myself would more or less played off each other on the net. He would often say to me, 'Hey Rich, do you recall this sighting or incident or that' and I would either recall the details or look it up in my reference material. This worked quite well for years and seem to keep everyone's participation and interest piqued.

It wasn't until January of 2016 that I made up my mind to continue the ARUFON net the best I could. After careful consideration 40 meters would be worth a try. The first month or two were rough.

As an aside, on April 1 every year, Ken – KB9I our webmaster would traditionally replace the regular ARUFON main web page with something humorous. 2014 was a little different;

In Memory of William, WB9NLI



However these days I rely on others for assistance with rebroadcasting the net via Echo Link or other means. The major issue we have is that some of the stations can not copy many of the stations that check in due to extremely poor propagation. I run 1000 watts out to a full size Carolina Windom at about 50 – 60 feet and half the time they can not even copy me due to poor prop. Hopefully this will improve over time but the entire past year has been a tough one for Sun spots.

Still, persistence on my part has paid off in that many hams who otherwise would not have known about the ARUFON Net check in from different parts of the country.

There a keen interest in the subject of UFOs. Most people that check in are pleasantly surprised to find out there is a ham radio net that dedicated to discussing the subject on a regular basis. While most people at first seem very reluctant to share their sighting or experiences with the net, over time they grow to understand there is no 'giggle factor' and all are welcome. After checking in a few times most people will open up and they actually seem somewhat relieved to share their story in such a way that makes them feel comfortable.

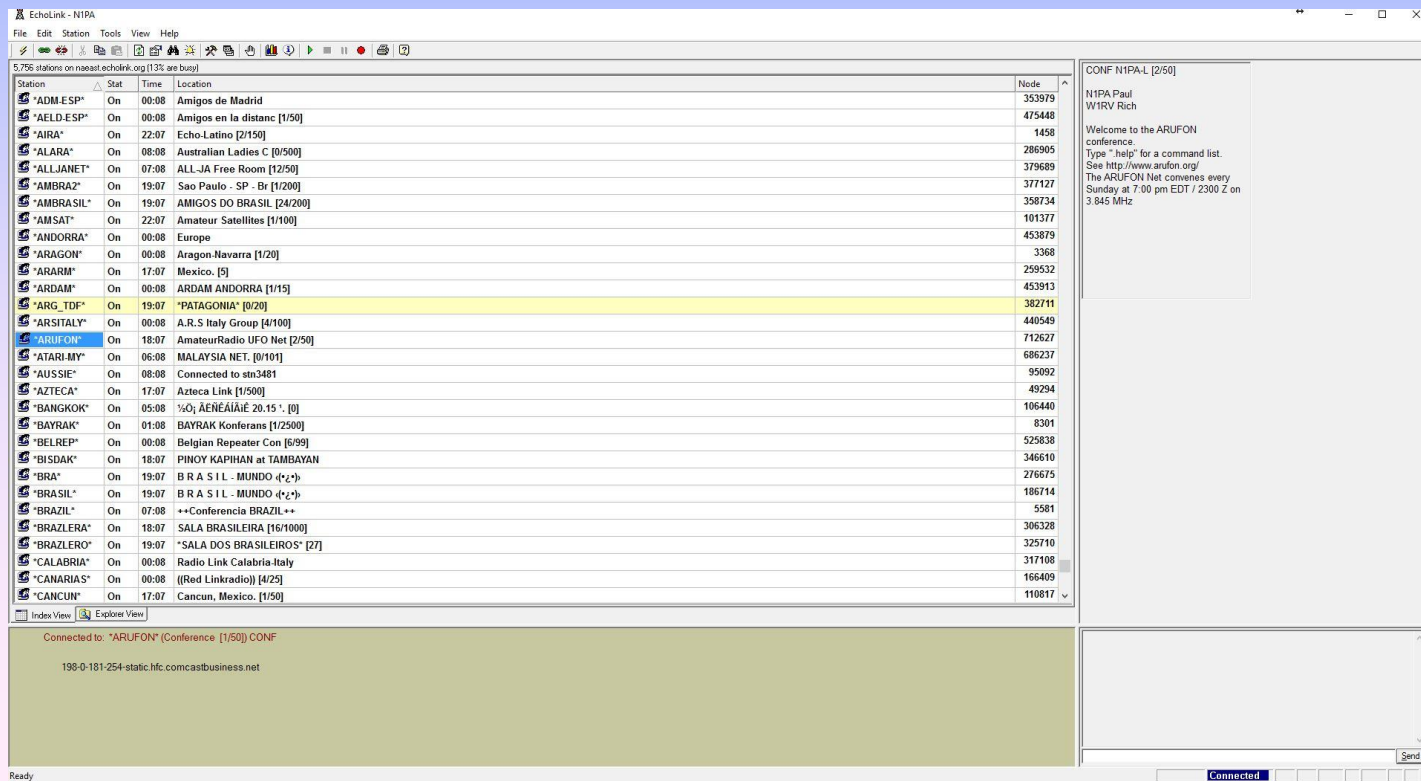
Running a net like ARUFON on a weekly basis is a bit of a double edge sword. On one hand the topics of the net can be extremely interesting and even fascinating, on the other it can be as routine as several stations checking in with no traffic or comments. Luckily the later rare happens and even on a 'slow night' the subjects discussed will keep ones attention.

Of course being on Amateur Radio occasionally the conversation will naturally switch to antennas, radios etc. I encourage this because if someone is using a particularly good antenna for 75 meters (the ARUFON Net frequency) it could benefit everyone listening. It's also good to know the power and rig type as well if that person has a good signal. It's also a way to judge rig performance and get the opinion of the operator.

The past year or so the band conditions have not been very good. Lots of QRN (fading in and out) of signals along with just plain poor propagation can make for a difficult ARUFON Net. However we've now setup an Echo Link conference node for ARUFON that is online 24/7.

The effort was spearheaded by Paul – N1PA who will provide the site, computer, power etc for the node. This has provided a major improvement in propagation. It's available for any 'ARUFOnite' as I affectionately refer to them to get on the server day or night to discuss the UFO phenomenon.

It also provides the opportunity for hams world wide to listen to the net.



In addition we're planning on recording the net via EL so anyone who misses the 'live' net can still listen to it. I suspect we will add or subtract to the features as we test them out under 'real' world conditions.

Currently we have hams around the USA and in Germany that use the ARUFON EchoLink node 712627 and listen 'live'.

The new 'server' helped with this in a couple of ways.

- 1.) First the site is within east listening range of my station (the site is in N.H.)
- 2.) We're hoping that I have a direct connections from my station to the node.

While I'm confident none of this is new technology may in fact seem old school it should produce a big boost the effectiveness of the ARUFON Net in general.

I went 'key down' so to speak for the duration of the net and everyone reported the rebroadcast audio from my rig sounded great. Since I hear most of the stations that check in this was a boon to those logged into the server as normally they can hear only one or two stations, if that.

Tom – DF3JO in Germany was absolutely thrilled he could copy the ARUFON Net so well from the beginning until the end. We also had Jon – K1NV from Nevada logged in and he felt the same way as Tom.

The ARUFON server is up and available 7/24. Surprisingly it's quite simple to log in via your Android or iPhone. The app is free in the Google or Apple store. Downloading and installing it is simple and takes about a minute to set up.

The following are web site URL's that will provide a wealth of information on the field of UFOlogy. As you might imagine there are many more.

IMHO, the NICAP and CUFOS site are two of the best for serious researches. On the other hand if you or someone you know had a sighting and you know at least the year and month you may actually be able to locate in the NUFORC site. It's database run by Peter Davenport and has recorded sighting going back many decades.

<http://arufon.org/>



The ARUFON frequency is: 3.845 on 75 meters

The ARUFON time is: Sundays at 7 PM EDT 2300 Z

The ARUFON Echo Link Node = 712627



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