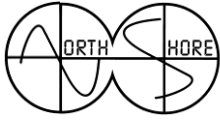


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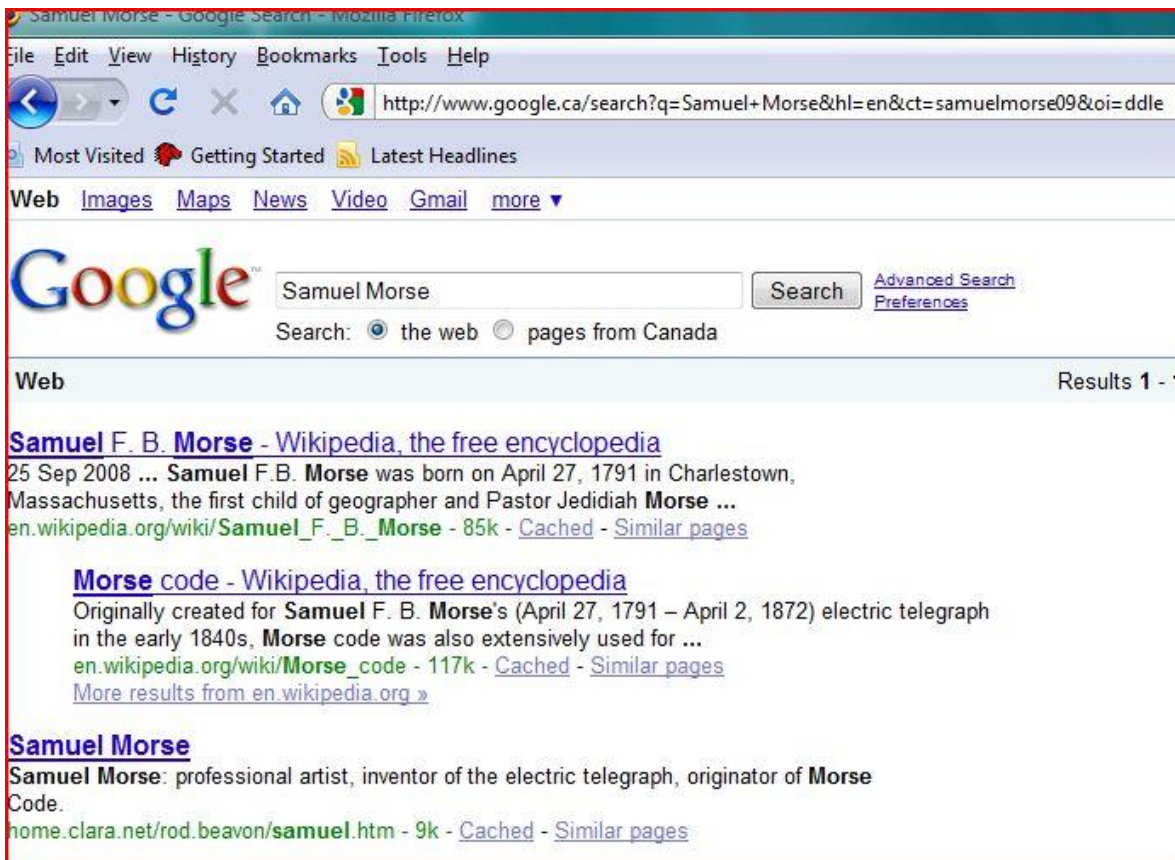


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Did You see this??

From Steve VA3SPH.



Another sighting of the original digital language.

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Don't Forget the Wednesday Evening Net.

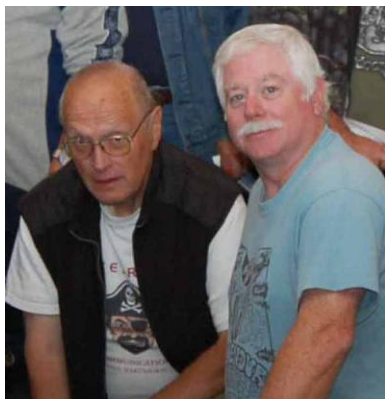
From Will VA3WEW.

Remember our Club net is on 147.120 + at 7:30PM local time every Wednesday. Plan to be there.

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VE3RGT SK

From Peter VA3PWH.



It is with great sorrow that I inform you that Paul Hartshorn, VE3RGT, passed away April 26, 2009. He was a most enthusiastic helper at many of our events and will be sorely missed for his gentle humour. Most of us had little chance to get to know him well in the short time he was a member.

Paul VE3RGT pictured here with Mike VE3VCY at the Paul's Dirty Enduro Breakfast in September 2008.

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As seen in CQ magazine for May 2009.

From Ken VE3RMK

I stopped in to our local Ham store on the weekend to pick up some much needed REALLY IMPORTANT stuff. Now, I know some of you are wondering where the \$\$\$ would come from given the investments I've had to make in my vehicle recently, but this was different. My wife actually said I could go. It was almost a command. You see since WNED stopped their analog broadcasts our new HD TV just says "weak or no signal", so we are on the very edge of the signal. Now because we both really, really like WNED, a new (additional) antenna is in order. Well speaking of orders, the 8 bay antenna hadn't come in yet. SO as I was talking with Jamie and I picked up the May CQ magazine. You know I couldn't leave empty-handed....

What a great little web site this is..... <http://njdxa.org/dx-tools/beam-headings.php>. Take a look!!!

The antenna should arrive Thursday and so I'll be able to pick up all the stuff and add the 8-bay TV antenna so the growing crowd on the chimney....

I told my wife that for it to really work well, we should get a tower. Her only comment was "oh well,,,, if we really need it, but try it on the top of the house first". Jamie says the store has got a sweet little rotor that would point my Hybrid-quad (and the TV antenna.. naturally) very nicely. Back me up on this eh?

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From the Chair in the Shack

Well folks, change is the very basis of life and this year is no exception. Camp X has been canceled because of lack of support from the Forces. After how many years, we will not have a presence on the site. Many of us will miss the event which was invented by Les and Winston as a purely club event. Maybe next year.

On the other hand we have tentative permission to use Purple Woods as a field day site. We can camp. Washrooms may be open depending on the state of the plumbing. Dave VE3GUD has volunteered to cook for us and it will be a treat indeed.

If we decide to follow through, there are many aspects to be covered in both the preparation and conduct of the event.

1. Get the paper to cover it.
2. Invite the city and regional bigwigs to come and visit.
3. See about having Rogers or a radio station show up for some coverage.
4. Publicize the site and be ready for visitors with posters and handouts.
5. Arrange for the stations and bands and modes we want to work.
6. Book operators for the times when we can best show off and work the most contacts.
- 7,. Prepare the site for tents and antennas.
8. Have a display that will explain our repeater and its uses.
9. Work ourselves into a frenzy of enthusiasm we haven't seen lately so we can have fun.
10. Show people how interesting the amateur service is and how it can help in an emergency.

That is just for openers. I'm sure that you will all have a great deal to add at the coming meeting on the 19th. Be there!

73 de Pete

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I freely admit to being disappointed about CAMP X being shelved for this year. I think we can all be thankful that our Armed Forces have supported this event in the past and that the important work they're doing now is making a difference for all of us. I look forward to the day when they will have the resources to support Camp X again very soon. In the meantime, take a moment to remember those brave souls who are serving their country.

I will also admit to being excited about Field Day. As a fairly new HAM I've never had the pleasure of a field day. I've heard great stories and when I see the gleam in the eyes of the story tellers, I am curious. The infectious nature of the stories, the contacts and the rare and wonderful QSO with someone on a mic somewhere who you can tell about how good things are here in our corner of the globe and hear about how good things are at their end. A connective moment like this may do more for peace and understanding than all of the political conferences of all time.

Let's let Peter know how we can help.

Your humble scribe,

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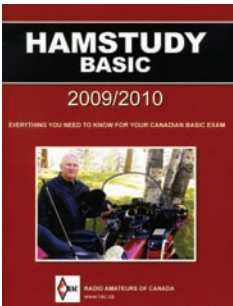
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