

Congratulations!

You are now an official (as official as anything gets in this organization) member of CFO (Chicken Fat Operators). Be careful not to mix up the letters in that acronym; another organization uses a permutation of the same letters (although no self-respecting member of CFO would admit to knowing what FOC stands for). CFO began in 1979, when Stan W9WBL and his XYL Doris began sending out certificates to good cw ops. The organization is dedicated to competent Morse code operation in the Amateur Radio Service. The almost official policy of CFO suggested by Steve K4CJX is:

Under no condition shall any member or committee operate in an organized and reasonable manner in order to produce anything on a timely basis and should such events occur, whether planned or spontaneous, they shall immediately cease until either late or incorrect.

At the present time, there are two almost official activities of CFO. One of these is the Saturday morning yodel net which meets on 7237 KHZ at 15Z (14Z in summers). This net is the CFOer's evidence of diversity of talent on the ham bands, and is managed by Kirby WS9D. The other almost official activity is the bug net which meets on Tuesday evenings at 01Z (00Z in summers) at 3537 KHZ (7037 KHZ in summers, but the official change of band date does not always coincide exactly with the advent or demise of daylight savings time). This net is managed by Bob W8IO. You ain't lived until you've heard a half dozen bugs all tuning up at once. (Probably the only music that beats Bach.)

The 1993 Key Clucks (the unofficial journal of CFO) and your membership certificate are enclosed. We do like to feature one of our members from time to time; we would be greatly appreciative if you would send some information on yourself, your family, and your ham career to me (my address is inside the front cover of Key Clucks).

The frequency most commonly frequented by CFOers seems to be 7033 KHZ. On other bands, 33 KHZ above the low end of band seems to be the almost official CFO frequency. I'll be looking forward to QSOing you on the bands. Any suggestions for activities, improvements, policies, or whatever are always welcome.

73,

Bob

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