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“How to Work Satellites with your Dual Band HT” Bruce Paige, KK5DO



Astronaut Susan Helms with Bruce, KK5DO and Mahana, W5BTS

The Prez Sez - de Mike, N5MV

The big news for June was the Ham Com Raffle and Field Day at Surfside. These events are covered inside.

See you at the meeting,

Mike, N5MV

TDXS Calendar

Upcoming events of interest to TDXSer's

July 10, Tideland's Hamfest, Texas City

**August 7, Austin Summerfest and joint
TDXS/CTDXCC party at K5NA**

**August 12 TDXS Meeting
“Software Defined Radios”
Gerald Youngblood AC5OG**

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July Meeting Announcement

Bruce Paige, KK5DO, holds an Amateur Extra Class license. He has been licensed since 1993 and is on the Board of Directors of AMSAT where he is Vice President for User Services. He is a past president of BVARC and is on the board of directors of CLARC. He has DXCC Phone, CW and Mixed (314 entities) as well as DXCC Satellite. He has close to 800 grid squares on satellite.

During his talk, you can learn how to use your HT, Mobile or Base station to work a satellite. Learn about the newest satellite, ECHO, launched on June 29th, as well as older satellites that are still in operation like AO-7. Depending on the sun's illumination of AO-27, we might have a demonstration in the parking lot.

The meeting will be Wednesday, July 7th, 7-9 PM at the Tracey Gee Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, One block east of Beltway 8, between Richmond and Westpark.

TDXS members will meet for eats before the meeting, please join us!

Date: Wednesday, July 7

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Le Madeline

Address: 10001 Westheimer, at Briar Park In the Carillion Center.

Guests and visitors welcome.

See you at the dinner and meeting! -- Don Daze N5DD

NOCA Wins FT-857D Raffled by TDXS at Ham Com 2004



Ken Zeiler, N0CA, accepts the grand prize from Prez Mike Anderson, N5MV. Ken had to look inside to be sure there really was a radio in there! Does a radio that small really need a box that big?

Here is a note from the appreciative N0CA:

I'm writing to your email site to thank you and the Texas DX Society for the drawing of the Yaesu FT-857D at Ham-Com last weekend. It certainly was a pleasure to meet you at the show. This is absolutely the first time I have ever won anything at Ham-Com or any ham-vention. What a first time. I want to thank you for your efforts and the DX Society for making it possible.

I tried out the radio all the way back to Pagosa Springs, CO and I can say that the noise blanker is the best I have ever used, and it is very much appreciated in my noisy chevy. The antenna I use is an old Webster Bandspanner, but the Yaesu manages to get through it very well.

Thanks again for the new radio. I am glad to know that the raffle was a successful enterprize for the club. See you down the log and at Ham-Com next year.

73's Ken Zeiler, N0CA



“And the lucky winner is...”



Ken N0CA and Mike N5MV

Field Day 2004

Can anybody say MOH-SKEET-OHZ? Between the raindrops, lightning (boy, you ought to hear N5MV squeal) and a bumper crop of extremely pesky mosquitoes, TDXS FD stalwarts N5MV, W5BXX, WB5TUF, N5DD, N5MT and K5WA managed to put up enough antennas to enter the 2A + GOTA category this year. We had our CW station set up on the beach in Dave's RV and the SSB station was tucked into the garage below the beach house. Antennas were 2 element 40M beams and tribanders up 50 feet at each station. We were assisted by KB5GTB, Doug Tees, his brother Harold, KB5HHD and Robert York, (call unknown but he plays a mean accordion over a hot generator) as they set up and ran the GOTA station for us. Since the rain slowed our installation, we didn't get to help the "GOTA Boys" much at all, but they did just great in getting a good signal on the air...heck, they even brought their own tribander to mount on one of the club's 37' crank towers. WB5TUF set up all the computers for a full blown wireless network between all stations and it worked flawlessly. It was really neat to see who was falling asleep and who was ripping through pileups at the other stations. Some ops even figured out CT's "GAB" feature enough to toss barbs back and forth while operating.

As FD Chairman, Dave Topp, W5BXX, kept the food coming and the bug spray flowing as we kicked off our operations. Unfortunately, HL&P decided they would crank up BPL's predecessor and line noise popped up at S9 to 30 over 9 for good portions of the weekend. We managed to squeeze out about 2200 QSO (1250 SSB and 950 CW) for approximately 7000 points. Last year's 2A winner had 14000 points and 3975 Qs, so we were well short of a win, but we made a valiant effort for the club that might see us in the top 20 if all our bonus points stick. By the way, we had bonus credit for an NTS message to our SM, N5NAV; 10 other message originations; several PSK31 contacts for digital mode credit; natural power contacts with KB5GTB's hand cranked WWII transmitter; emergency power credit, media publicity (and even a visit by the local newspaper babe), and we copied the ARRL Headquarters message on PSK31 and N5MV's audio catcher. K5IX and W5MJ also came by and helped throw a few more CW Qs in the log.

For next year, we need to have a work crew rebuild our club TH-6 and A-4. The traps may be bad and need to be cleaned or replaced. Dave kindly volunteered and assembled his personal T-8 log periodic for us, but we need to maintain our club antennas. Hopefully, someone will volunteer so we can bring these fine antennas back to life for our FDs.

Huge thanks, again, to Dave and Linda Topp for being such gracious and patient hosts. I still don't know how Linda puts up with a crew of grizzled, dirty hams walking through her house at all hours of the night.

By the way, I ended up with an oscillating fan that I thought was mine, but realized it wasn't when I got home and found an identical twin, so whoever is missing a fan, let me know. I deliver!

**73,
Bob K5WA"**

Sorry, no pictures were available at publication time.....ed.

Fun at Friedrichshafen

Not to be out done by the folks at Ham-Com, Frosty, K5LBU, and Ed, W5GCX, have submitted a photo report on their trip to Friedrichshafen.



It looks like there was no shortage of junk, stories, aluminium, and good times in Germany. Thanks Ed and Frosty.

DX Report by Ken – AB5A

Hello TDXS'ers. With Hamcom and other commitments, I have not been able to play radio that much so this installment is going to be a little brief. Field Day has come and gone. My only participation was to work K5DX on 6M from the house before scrambling for work. I have not heard how things went with the scores. Speaking of 6M. There have been some very good openings to the Caribbean. On the march towards DXCC 6M, one should pursue any new ones that get activated.

IOTA OC-160 Cumberland Island This IOTA was active on the 5th of June as VK4FW/P. The QSL via HC direct.

IOTA EU-167 Pessegueiro Island A group of Portuguese operators activated this island for about a day on many bands. The callsign was CS0RCL/P. This is the club call of the Radioamador Clube Loule. QSL via CT1GFK.

9M2 West Malaysia While this is not a rare entity to work on 15M, it is not often heard on RTTY. Richard, G4ZFE has been printed on RTTY in mid June signing with 9M2/G4ZFE. QSL direct via HC.

IOTA NA-044, Battle Island Roy, AD5A and his son, Roy Jr., AB5EB both well known IOTA activators did just that in late June from Battle Island. They signed as VO2/(HC). This is also in CQ zone 2 for you WAZ chasers. QSL this operation and both callsigns via N6AWD.

Grid EL-28 Ivars, KC4PX and a couple well known 6M operators put together a Grid DXpedition to Maidenhead Grid EL84 at the Dry Tortugas on 6M. This grid is rare since it is almost all water. Many NA operators worked them for a new one. QSL via KC4PX.

J7, Dominica Jimmy, W6JKV is active on 6M on this DXCC entity as this is being written. He is signing with the callsign, J79KV. The grid square is FK95. Jimmy has been accused of carrying propagation with him in his suitcase. He has an uncanny knack for 6M. He is been working most of NA and most of Southern EU as well as neighboring Caribbean islands. He has been worked on several different dates here in EL29. Since he brought propagation with him it has spurned a couple other island operator to get on 6M. V44 and PJ7 were both worked during Jimmy's openings. QSL via HC.

IOTA EU-061 Tromoy Island Mario, DL5ME is presently active from this IOTA. He has been on or close the standard IOTA frequencies. QSL via HC.

A Hundred others, DX These are the one that I failed to mention for lack of omniscience. You can help me with these. I most likely to mention stuff I'm chasing so keep me posted of what you're chasing and I'll be certain to share it. DX is out there!!! Go get it, wrangle it and tell me about it.

73, Ken Eckel, AB5A