



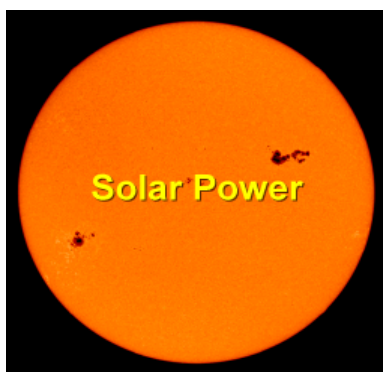
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March Meeting Thurs. March 8th, 7PM at Tracey Gee Center



Dan Bretch will present a program on Solar Power and how to utilize it in your home. Dan has a weekend home west of Katy that is completely powered by Solar energy. The pre meeting dinner will be at Pappas' BBQ at S. Gessner and Westheimer beginning about 5:30. Come meet Dan and socialize with fellow TDXSers.

VU7 Highlights De Madison W5MJ

Now that I have been back for a few weeks, the VU7 trip is beginning to take shape in my mind. When you are there, and just back from there, sometimes it's not easy to put things in perspective, but enough time has passed to where I can at least give some preliminary information.

First, I suggest all who are interested in the trip itself take a long run-through at www.vu7.in, the official website. That may give a broader picture of what was going on. There is a log check feature somewhere in there, together with a caution that if you are not in the log but think you made a Q, send a card to the USA manager with the particulars and he will take a long look. I suspect there were more than just a few blown calls. I say this because the US QSOs were 549 or less for most part, and the pileups were very noisy.

Second, the main difference between the VU7 pileups and any other piles in which you have been on the receiving in [such as at XA5T] was that these were 24/7 and could not be worked down for the most part. The Deserving just kept coming and coming, like the Eveready Bunny. There were spammers, jammers, cops, lids and dupes galore. At one point [don't recall the band] the cops were on my receive frequency, not my transmit frequency, so even I had trouble hearing what was going on.

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“Thank You TDXS”

Last week I received a nice plaque for the NAQP M/2 CW contest, sponsored by TDXS. Please pass along my thanks to your organization for your sponsorship.

73, Ken K5KA

A Reminder For All You DXCCers

Reprint from ARRL news:

2007 DXCC Honor Roll deadline approaching: The deadline for inclusion in the next DXCC Honor Roll listing is March 31. Submissions must be postmarked by that date. The Honor Roll list will appear in August QST. There are 337 current entities on the DXCC List, and you must be at 337 to qualify for Top of the Honor Roll or within the numerical top 10 to qualify for Honor Roll. The current minimum number for Honor Roll is 328. (Deleted entities do not count toward Honor Roll). "Top of Honor Roll" and "Honor Roll" plaques and lapel pins are available to all past and current Honor Roll members. Visit The ARRL DX Century Club Program Web page <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc> for information on how to order.

TDXS wishes “Happy Birthday” to these members with March Birthdays:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Al Bayer - WB5CFI | David Bean - W5ZQR | Bob Walworth - N5ET |
| Ed Seeger - WB5PTW | Bill Frink - K5WAF | John Godwin - K5IUA |
| Buzz Jehle - N5UR | Ken Grabenstein - KZ5KG | Ed Sikorski - AA8PA |
| John Bonica - K5EC | Dave McCarty - K5GN | |

VU7 continued

All the ops, irrespective of what island we were on, were supposed to act according to our operating plan, and we did for the most part. There was no coordination as to operating mode, though we on Agatti were all CW ops and preferred that mode; we decided to do CW only for the first 4 days. We had a couple of good RTTY ops and the two Germans were happy enough to work SSB from time to time. The rest of us did CW all the time, though we all had at least 30 minutes of SSB during the 8 days of operations. We were assigned band portions by island, but we had no particular band plan as far as what operating times we were to be on a particular frequency. For the most part, we were able to cover all the open bands at all times. Our 11 man team on Agatti did about 42K Qs, of which not quite 20% were to North America, on our 5 stations [5 Icom Pro IIIs and various amps]. Kadmat, which had 15 ops and 9 stations, used K2s and amps, did 45K Qs, about 8% of which were to NA. The remaining Qs were done by the all-Indian crew on Minicoy [the rarest of the rare IOTAs, and still off-limits to foreign hams] and the small contingent on Bangram.

The web site will give you the names of the ops on each island. Because each island was able to formulate its own method of operation, and we only coordinated the portions of the bands on which we were going to use, the exact mix of things was weighted toward CW. This also took into consideration the fact that the VU7LD group was mostly SSB, so we knew the CW need was very great.

The statistics for the operation:

| Band | Mode | Continent |
|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 160M 2,243 | SSB 26,707 | AF 586 |
| 80M 9,301 | CW 59,901 | AN 1 |
| 40M 19,494 | FM 1 | AS 19,857 |
| 30M 10,917 | RTTY 4,674 | EU 60,696 |
| 20M 15,946 | PSK31 674 | NA 9,388 |
| 17M 14,050 | SSTV 60 | OC 728 |
| 15M 14,192 | | SA 761 |
| 12M 4,146 | | |
| 10M 1,728 | | |
| Total 92,017 | | |

I will have more information soon. I plan to put on a slide show for the April meeting, so QRX for a bit. That presentation will give you a flavor for the trip itself, the island, and lots of things which were only incidental to operating, but a very interesting portion of the adventure. After all, getting on the air one place is not much different from getting on the air in another place, right?

73 de Madison W5MJ

Recent Contest Scores by TDXS Members

CQWW WPX - RTTY Contest - Feb 2007:

| | | | | Q's | Points | Prefixes | Score |
|------|------|---------|------------|-----|--------|----------|---------|
| N5DD | Don | SOAB/HP | Houston TX | 100 | 318 | 70 | 22,260 |
| K5NZ | Mike | SOAB/HP | | 500 | 1076 | 315 | 338,940 |

North American Sprint - CW - Feb 2007:

| | | | | Q's | Points | Mults | Score |
|------|------|--------|--|-----|--------|-------|-------|
| KG5U | Dale | SO/QRP | | 161 | 161 | 34 | 5,474 |

North American Sprint - SSB - Feb 2007:

| | | | | Q's | Points | Mults | Score |
|------|-------|-------|--|-----|--------|-------|-------|
| N1LN | Bruce | SO/HP | | 140 | 139 | 31 | 4,309 |

ARRL Intl DX Contest - CW - Feb 2007:

| | | Category | | Q's | Mults | Score |
|--------|-------------|----------|--|-----|-------|---------|
| KG5U | Dale | SOAB/QRP | | 125 | 81 | 30,375 |
| N5DD | Don | SOAB/HP | | 81 | 60 | 9,672 |
| N5XZ | Allen | SOAB/HP | | 612 | 176 | 323,136 |
| W5MJ | Madison | SOAB/LP | | 64 | 47 | 9,024 |
| WB5TUF | Glenn | SOAB/LP | | 70 | 58 | 12,180 |
| W7RN | (Tom, K5RC) | SOAB/HP | | 576 | 215 | 371,520 |

NAQP - RTTY - February, 2007

| | | | | Q's | Mults | Points |
|------|------|---------|--|-----|-------|--------|
| KG5U | Dale | SOAB/LP | | 303 | 88 | 46,664 |

See www.tdxs.org/Scores.html for more scores.