

NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

July 2003

Texas QSO Party Warm-Up and Raffle Drawing

The topic of the July club meeting will be the September Texas QSO Party, the next big NARS outing. H. O. - K5CX, TQP Coordinator, will introduce the TQP Committee, review past TQP outings, and discuss strategies for this year's event. H. O. will also review the rules, scoring procedures, and what's new for TQP 2003.

This year's event poses additional challenges for NARS than those in years past. To date, the Central Texas DX and Contest Club and the Alamo DX Amigos have indicated they plan a large scale outing in addition to that of the Big Bend ARC. As you can see, a number of clubs are planning a serious run for the First Place Club Aggregate winning score!

At the end of the program, we will draw for the winner of the Yaesu FT-100D and Atas-120 mobile antenna system. This mobile ham gear is perfect for this year's TQP.

Come out, enjoy the program, and scoot to the edge of your seats as the drawing takes place. You don't want to miss this program. See you there!

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As with every Field Day the fun and success would not have been possible without everyone acting as ONE BIG TEAM! !! For that, I thank all that participated. But there were a few that should be singled out for their "over and above" participation. I am sure I will miss items (and perhaps people) in my list, so for that I will pre-apologize, but you will all get the point. The TEAM made it possible.

Gregg Erlenbusch - W5IDX the co-coordinator for this year; George and Zak Levandoski - KD5AYF: The BIG RED and WHITE Tent really made the weekend; Ken Harlen - KA5AKG: Without "GENNY" we would not have had any power for the radios, lights, coffee, etc.; Paul Franz - W5PF: Paul and Ken were responsible for power distribution; Station Captains: Bill Stietenroth - K5ZTY: CW Station, Bill Denton - W5SB: SSB Station, Walter Hock - KK5LO: VHF Station, Satellite Station, Bruce Meier- N1LN - GOTA (Get on the Air) Station; Mike Wheat - NA5F: Fried Turkeys and coordinating the use of Cingular's two portable cell towers; Ham & Sheez Group: (Laurie Meier, Anita Townsend, Schalee Lodge, Mary Tyler, Georgina Franz, Nancy Kinard, Margaret Quarles, Keri Sanders) - Staffed the Welcome Tent - Brought all the fantastic deserts for dinner - and Margaret for bringing the annual Empanadas for the midnight snack; Joe Sokolowski - KD5KR: the Welcome Tent and the "at all the meetings" coffee; Ron Pearson - KA5HZV and Smitty -the ice machine and Friday night security; Rob Nixon - KD5BXZ: towing the Giant Cell Tower to and from the site; Laurie Meier - N1YXU / Anita Townsend - N5AOK: Coordinating and tracking the bonus points; Adam McKnight - KD5NDZ: providing the bonus point demo of APRS.

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Important Dates

Friday, July 18, 7:30 PM - General Membership meeting, Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church - Eyeball QSOs, 7:00 PM.

Saturday, July 26, 8:30 AM - VE License Exam Session, Tomball Community Center, S. Cherry & Market streets (just South of Main).

Tuesday, July 29, 7:30 PM - Board of Directors meeting, Terra Nova Clubhouse, 5200 Woodville.

Contests

Jul 19-20 CQ WW VHF, North American RTTY QSO Party

Aug 2 European HF Championship

Aug 2-3 North American CW QSO Party

Aug 9-10 Worked All Europe CW, Maryland QSO Party

Aug 16-17 North American SSB QSO Party, New Jersey QSO Party

Aug 30-31 YO DX HF

Wednesday Lunch Bunch

Jul 16 Pepperchino

Jul 23 Luby's Cafeteria

Jul 30 Jason's Deli

Aug 6 Charlie's Hamburgers

Aug 13 Woodlands House

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Jul 16 Charlie's Hamburgers

Jul 23 Cafe Express

Jul 30 Chili's

Aug 6 Fuddrucker's

Aug 13 Puma Mexican

Monday "Tail Draggers" Lunch Bunch

12:00 Noon Aviator's Grill, Hooks Airport

Hamfests:

September 13, 7:00 AM - Katy A.R.S / Houston Vintage Radio Association (H.V.R.A.) swap meet and auction; Katy VFW hall on Ave D in Katy, TX; Info: <http://www.omnilaw.com/karsradio>

Notice: NARS membership dues are \$20 per year, renewable on anniversary of last year's full payment.

Deadline for articles to appear in the next issue is the last day of this month.

BREAKFAST

at Victors

4710 W FM 1960

Saturdays

7:30 AM

President's Corner

July 2003

What a break we had in the weather. Our local weatherman Colin KU5B did a dandy job at ordering up some fabulous Field Day weather with no mosquitoes.

Congratulations to all. Bruce NILN has done a fine job of coordinating Field Day this year. The team captain's were Bill K5ZTY for CW and battery powered station, Bill W5SB for SSB, Walter KK5LO for Satellite, Walter and Rick KZ5E for the UHF/VHF station and Bruce NILN with the GOTA station. What a crew!

There were a few changes this year; we managed to get a larger tent. There was an absence of so many long runs of coax, different tri-banders a rotate-able dipole on 40 meters and we had all the ice we needed for the weekend and an additional big tower.

Our culinary expert this year was Mike Wheat NA5F. The menu consisted of NA5F Deep Fried Turkeys and the fixings from Luther's BBQ. The Ham and Sheez ladies and several members provided desserts along with manning the NARS welcome tent

After last year's BBQ that Tom KD5EIJ provided I knew it would be tough to follow that act. But Mike stepped in and WOW what a surprise! Not only did he feed everyone with some fantastic eats he also provided two trailer mounted towers for the main stations. It seems that one of the towers had just returned from East Texas where the Shuttle Recover Team was using it.

If you were there I am sure you got a few laughs while we were trying to figure out how to assemble the tent. It took a few tries but after several attempts I figured we better try using the instructions that were stashed away in my checkbook for safekeeping. Don't you just hate it when you hide stuff from yourself? Anyway Joe KD5UTO with his vast military background and Paul N5NXX's persistence, and all the help the tent was up.

There was an abundance of volunteers this year for both setup and teardown and as a bonus we signed up 5 new members. WOW thanks guys and gals.

Murphy has a way of showing his face at Field Days activities. But due to the accumulated experiences and knowledge of the captains, coordinators, ops and setup teams I don't think Murphy had a chance this year. Too bad the bands were not in such good shape. All in all I think NARS made a fantastic effort and we will wait to see how we did in the competition.

I want to thank all the members, friends and families whom came out and participated in the event; without you it would have not have been such a success.

A special thanks goes out to all our contributors: Cingular Wireless and Mike NA5F for the two towers; Spring Branch School District, John Cortelyou N5RVG and Bill W5SB for the site and chairs and tables; St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Marchelle Cipra and George KD5AYF for the larger tent; Smitty KB5NMG & Ron KA5HZV for the ice, ice machine and security at the site; Ken KA5AKG for the tried and true Ol' Jenny; Joe Sokolowski KD5KR for his multi-tasking; Joe is the NARS behind the scene guy that gets everything done; Rob KD5BXZ and Walter KK5LO were our transportation team this year; and The Ladies of NARS and Ham and Sheez group for all your hard work.

Till next time
73's

Gregg Erlenbusch
W5IDX

Public Service Events

Your Radio Skills Are Needed

Events officially sponsored by NARS include March of Dimes WalkAmerica (April), Buffalo Bayou Regatta (May), SIRE Ride-A-Thon (October) and Sunmart Texas Trails Run (December).

Plan to help with one or more of these events in 2003.

The date has been set for the 2003 SIRE Ride-A-Thon. It will be held Saturday, October 18, at 7iL Trails in Cat Spring. This year the organizers have given the NARS team the power to halt the event if we determine that it is unsafe to continue. This is GREAT NEWS! Contact Keith Dutson (281-351-7683 or WD5DXL@arrl.net) to sign up for this excellent event.

VE Session Results

There was no NARS VE session in June. The next NARS VE Test session will be held on July 26, 2003. See ya there.

Walter Hock KK5LO
NARS VE Session Manager

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And... last but by no means least - all the volunteers that helped with set-up and take-down.

You may ask... "well, how did y'all do?" ... I have not yet run the final numbers but based on a quick first pass:

SSB Qs: 1622
CW Qs: 1662
Sat Q: 1
Bonus: 1200

Total Points: 11094
2002 Total: 9152

73 - and... only 11 1/2 months until the next Field Day.

Bruce / NILN

Get Well Wishes

Best wishes to George Levandoski KD5AYF and his sister in New York as she recovers from surgery; George was at her side during the ordeal.

The Nars Jacket - 2003

Own the one and only NARS Spring, Fall, Winter jacket. This jacket is made of the finest material (water resistant 65% polyester, 35% cotton poplin). Color, olive (dark tan). Two side pockets and one inside breast zippered pocket and your name, your call on the right side and NARS logo on the left side.



Orders may be placed at any official function. They may also be placed direct via email to: Jerry Whiting; Kb5vgd@swbell.net

Orders will be placed the first week in Sept. for delivery the last week in Sept. Payment in advance is to be made by check made out to NARS.

PRICE AND SIZE (Price includes all cost and taxes)

SIZE	SM, MD, LG, XL	XXL/LG TALL	XXXL/ XL TALL
COST	\$56.56	\$59.70	\$63.83

NARS Golf Team

The NARS Golf team played in a tournament on Saturday June 21st at Legendary Oaks Golf Club in Hempstead. We braved the hot weather and after consuming gallons of water, were able to pull out a 5th place finish. We finished just four strokes behind the winning team Tomball Ford. Living Stones Church of Decker Prairie sponsored the tournament.

We had lots of good food and many of us won very nice door prizes, and above all we had a great time. No one was close to making a hole in one that would have won a new Chevrolet Pickup provided by Lawrence Marshall Chevrolet.

Playing on the team was Tee Hines KD5WVJ, Walter Hock KK5LO, Danny Richards N5BE and Bill Denton W5SB.

Bill Denton W5SB



Ham and "Sheez" News

June Update:

As has been the trend lately, June was an incredibly busy month!

Many of the ladies ventured north to Arlington to participate in HamCom related activities. We enjoyed staffing the TQP table, making purchases (radio and non-radio related), relaxing by the hotel pool, going out to dinner with the group, and generally just having a good time. We are already looking forward to next year's event.

Field Day came very close on the heels of HamCom. In fact, it was the following week. Several of the ladies participated in the NARS Field Day activities by being the greeters at the Welcome Tent. [Anita - THANK YOU for bringing the fan. We are all convinced that the Welcome Tent was THE hottest spot at Field Day!] It was great to see so many people come to Field Day, stop by and say hello, and operate the stations. In addition to being the greeters, the ladies provided several, wonderful desserts for Saturday's dinner. The fried turkey dinner was absolutely delicious, and the incredible choices for desserts added the perfect ending touch. Many thanks to all the ladies who participated in the Field Day activities!

June ended with our monthly meeting on the 30th. The "meeting" was held at the Texas Land and Cattle Restaurant. Alright, it wasn't really a meeting . . . But, after a very busy Field Day weekend, we

deserved a night out. The original idea was to go to dinner and then go shopping. Everyone enjoyed dinner and visiting so much that the shopping never took place. Don't worry, guys - we'll just make up for it another time!

Upcoming Meetings & Activities:

July Outing:

On Saturday, July 26, we will be going to Minute Maid Park to watch the Astros play the Chicago Cubs. The game starts at 12:20. If you're interested in going to the game, please let me know by July 15. We will then check on group tickets, pricing, etc. Yes, the guys are invited! And, yes, food will somehow fit into the plans!

July Meeting:

The July meeting will be held on Monday, July 28, at 7:00 pm at the Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church. One of the topics of conversation will be Citizens Corp and how we might become involved. In June, the ARRL and the Homeland Security Office agreed to a joint affiliation. Citizens Corp is the specific program that promotes emergency preparedness in communities. We hope to see you then.

August Outing:

Our August outing will be held on Friday, August 15, when we will go to Outback Western World in Magnolia. Each Friday evening, there is an auction (shopping theme!). There is also a car museum on the premises. If the guys want to join us, they're welcome. We might

even buy them dinner - if they behave! Mark your calendars for a fun evening.

Monthly Ham Recipe:

Honey-Mustard Pork with Wilted Spinach - Another delicious recipe!

1 - 1 1/2 pound honey-mustard flavored pork tenderloin
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Cooking spray
3 tablespoons lemon juice
4 green onions, finely chopped
1 - 16 ounce package frozen leaf spinach, thawed and drained

Trim fat from pork, and cut tenderloin crosswise into 1-inch thick pieces. Sprinkle with pepper. Coat a large nonstick skillet with cooking spray, and place over medium-high heat until hot. Add pork, and cook 3 minutes on each side. Remove pork, reserving drippings in skillet. Set pork aside, and keep warm.

Add lemon juice and green onions to skillet. Stir in spinach. Cook, stirring constantly for 3 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Arrange spinach evenly on plates. Top evenly with pork. Yield: 6 servings.

This is from the Weight Watchers 5 Ingredients, 15 Minutes Cookbook.

Enjoy!

*Best regards,
Laurie Meier - NIYXU
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QUA* Cal White WF5W?

I had no idea there were so many illustrious people in the room every time I walk into a NARS meeting. This group combined has done everything, been everywhere and seen it all!

My current interviewee probably finds aliases belonging to others in his PI business, but he has had a few over the years. The one he is now using is WF5W, Cal White. It's true - you can start life in a small Iowa town and go many places - and Cal is living proof. Here's his story. . .

He was born in Dumont, Iowa and after high school joined the Navy as a Seabee. He was trained with several others in radio skills to be on a team to set up a facility for communication in Antarctica (I'm sure you've heard the stories about the doctor who diagnosed herself with cancer a few years ago and used radio communication to consult with specialists). The Navy, alas, to Cal's disappointment, chose to train him and instead send him to Eleuthra, one of the Bahamas Islands to set up the Cape Canaveral missile test ranges (Unlike Cal, if I had my choice I'd rather be in the warm Bahamas than the Antarctic).

His radio experience at that time was "phone" calls back home for the troops serving on the base. He lived in a tent for one year and his "shack" was the beach with VP7NP as his call sign. This was just the start of his DXpedition experiences, and the Navy paid for that one!

Cal met Patsy while stationed in Alice, Texas. He was renting a room across the street from her family's home and mentioned to her mother that he "needed help with his English course." (Those younger, single Ham's might remember this one!) She was the second of five girls.

After the Navy he was back in Iowa and working for the Highway Patrol. He didn't have much to say about this experience except there were some bank robbers and boring stuff like that. He wanted to get back to the adventures and did so when he took a position with border patrol for three years. He was then hired by the Customs Service in International Falls, MN. His next move was to Houston as a Special Agent for Customs. While here he received his degree in business from Prairie View A&M. Houston remained his and Patsy's "home base" over the next 25 years. Which was a good thing because in 1977 the government started moving them, again. The first stop was Donita, Ca. The family consisted of three girls, Kathleen, Constance, and Kristen. Their home was on a hill above the valley and they had a business selling hay to families with horses in the area.

The next move was Oxshott, England, 30 miles south of London, where he received the call sign, G5EGB. His position at this time was Customs Attaché to the American Embassy. He also attended the London School of Economics where he worked on his Masters.

In 1981, he met two guys who had an idea to sail in a 30-foot wooden boat from England to Barbados, around Cape Horn, Africa. Of the three, one was navigator, the other had been a merchant marine and Cal was the communications guy. His call was KA2LDM maritime mobile. In 54 days sailing 5,400 miles they never saw another boat. But they did have a "meeting" of sorts.

They had just hit a westerly wind and set the rudder and were below deck relaxing when something rocked the boat, literally and quite without warning. They had a "head-on" collision with a whale, a large one! Their boat was 30 feet long and eight feet wide; the whale was bigger. They could only surmise that he was taking a nap. No one was hurt, except the whale might have had a headache.

He learned through three different nets along the way that he had a new grandson. The British Weather Service gave them a helium weather balloon to attach to the boat with a wire; unfortunately it didn't work.

After four years in London their next move was to Washington, D.C., where Cal was the Director of Overseas Customs. He then left for Korea where he received the call, HL9EP. In Korea he had his first contact with NARS through, guess who, "the Old Timer"! [Ed: Bill Gary K8CSG] The next time he was in Houston he made a point to visit Bill.

While in Korea he provided radio support for the Asian games in 1986 and was one of two Americans who worked radio support for the 1988 Olympics. The embassy gave him leave for the duration and he provided phone patches home to athletes. Ten-Tec provided the equipment, which was, under most circumstances, very difficult to import. Cal described himself as the "Johnny Appleseed" for Ten-Tec in Korea.

While in Korea he toured several countries and spent many hours on the radio where he first contacted Father Moran, 9N1MM in Nepal. Since he was on the same continent, he decided to go to Katmandu for a visit, which turned out to be a little too exciting; he had a heart attack and was flown back to Houston for a quadruple bypass. After eight months he was back on the road again.

One evening, in 1986, he was listening to some people talk with a guy on Pitcairn Island and recognized the name Christian. When they were finished talking he ID'd and Tom came back. Cal said you have the same name as the captain of the Bounty. Tom laughed and said, "That's because he was my great-great grandfather." They talked for over an hour. He was able to meet Tom personally at the DX luncheon in Arlington last year.

Cal was first licensed in March 1957 as K0IQY. He was cajoled into upgrading to Extra about 20

years ago by his brother, K0VZR, who was an extra and could talk on bands he couldn't.

His current equipment would be any Ham's dream. He lives on seven acres and has three towers, Rohn 25 45 55, Mindbenders on all and a Ten-Tec Orion transceiver and Centurion amp.

With these he has 324 countries confirmed. His favorite contacts are Father Moran and Tom on Pitcairn. The hardest are the ones he hasn't yet gotten. One of these is North Korea, which he missed.

Be watching for his next jaunt with Paul Franz in November. They are flying to an island called Yap, in the associated states of Micronesia. Patsy and Georgina will stay in Hawaii. Cal and Paul will take their FT100 and ICOM 707 two and a half hours southeast of Guam. The characteristics of the island are that it was a base for Troops in WWII. It does have one hotel and is known for good scuba diving. The natives don't wear many clothes and they trade in stone. Is this what's called a "natural" environment?!

It seems to me that a good DX'er needs to have the spirit of "where no man has gone before". (Patsy, it's a good thing they don't yet need radio communications on Mars because I don't think they have antique stores there yet!)

Cal retired from the government in 1991 and wrote a manual for the MARS (yes, this time I mean candy) Electronics Company. He has since started a Private Investigator business. His daughter, Constance works with him.

For relaxation (and doesn't he need some?) he enjoys reading poetry; his favorites are Frost and Edgar Guest.

Another hobby is old engines and washing machines. He has a 1929 Maytag and a 1914 Elgin that liberated women from hand washing clothes. He collects engines from 1914 to 1937, the year he was born. He has a 1937 hay press and a 1951 John Deere tractor.

Another hobby is Competitive pistol shooting. He has been State and regional champion.

He believes the best part of this hobby is that it serves young, old and middle ages, improves each and keeps your mind young.

He is "Pretty happy with things the way they are, had a good life, and is always looking for the next challenge." Cal, I'm sure you'll find them, just don't forget to keep us updated on the latest! Keep those QSL cards coming; and Patsy, we also like postcards with exotic pictures.

*Schalee Lodge, KD5WLL (that's me!)
Ham and Sheez Reporter*

* QUA: "Q" signal meaning "Have you news of . . . ?"

DX News

“For All the NARS DX News Fit to Print”

The month of June has finally come to an end and Field Day 2003 is behind us. From the look of the reports this month the impact of Field Day and the vacation schedules have had their effects on the DX worked. I must mention that the sun has not favored us much during the month either.

H.O. K5CX has an extended report including some unreported activities from the previous month. H.O. reports, “I’ll be looking for eight, when they open the gate.” June DX was like bull riding. Hang-on and try not to get trampled! Weird as it may sound, June was slightly better than May at this QTH.

Highlights for the month of May include working Jan, T2YL, from Tuvalu on 20, 17, and 15 meters; and working Tom Christian, VP6TC, from Pitcairn Island. Those of you who attended the HamCom 2002 DX luncheon in Arlington may recall Tom as the featured guest. I mentioned to Tom that we missed him this year, and he had very kind words to those who took care of him while stateside and for all of those DXers he met.

For the month, I logged 45 DX QSOs from 38 countries with a total of 40 prefixes. The band breakdown looks like this: 1 QSO on 40 meters, 31 on 20, 5 on 17, 7 on 15, and 1 on 10 meters.

The following went into the logbook: 5Z4DX, Kenya; 6Y5/G3ZMK, Jamaica; 8P6FH, Barbados; A41KJ, Oman; C6AHR, Bahamas; CN8YZ, Morocco; CO8ZZ, Cuba; CP6XE, Bolivia; CQ3J, and CT3MD, Madeira Island; DS2QJS, South Korea; FG5FC, Guadeloupe; FO/F5RQQ French Polynesia; H44NC Solomon Island; H74C Nicaragua; HK8RQS, Colombia; LY2CX, Lithuania; N6XIV/KH9, Wake Island; OK1WMV, Czech Republic; PA9MR, Netherlands; PJ7/K3LP, St Maarten, Saba, St Eustatius; PZ5RA, Surinam; RA3AJ, European Russia; S55DX, Slovenia; S92UN, Sao Tome & Principe; SX9G, Crete; T2YL, Tuvalu; TG9AFX, Guatemala; UR6IM, Ukraine; UT1FG/MM, Ukraine; V21JM, Barbuda; VC7K, Canada; VP6TC, Pitcairn Island; W2AZK/KP2, Virgin Islands; XE2AC Mexico; YL2KF Latvia; YW8D Venezuela; Z36A Macedonia; ZB2IH, Gibraltar; ZF2BB, Cayman Islands and ZP9XG, Paraguay. I also received today a QSL card from PJ2K to confirm 80 meters 4 Mar 01. I guess from the date on that card the pony express is not really working well in some areas of the world. H.O. thanks for the

report.

The radio gods were kind to KJ5X, Jim, in June. T31MY came in the mail confirming 322, and T5X, Somalia, was snared on 20M CW for number 323. Only other DX activity was T2YL on 20M SSB and SX9G on 20M CW. Still looking for 9N, S2 and eleven others. Call. Reward. 73 all. KJ5X. Now when he finally does get one of these (9N or S2) I hope someone in the club is lucky enough to collect the reward. It should be a good one as Jim has had the wanted poster out for quite awhile. Good luck Jim!

K5AVY, Lee, said his “Station activities diminished this month due to vacation in Calgary/Banff Canada. However, worked 20 meter phone: IK5ORP, 9A7ZZ, KL7GKY, PZ5RA, 6Y5CR, VC7K, PJ7/K3LP, OK1WMV, I5REA. 15-meter phone: T2YL, P29VR, VK4AAR. QSLs for the month include UN9LM, AH3D, VY1MB, SP3IQ, KP4DKE, C6AMM, C53CW and HK3JH. Now have 39 DXCC countries and I’m up 3 for the month.” It looks like Lee is making steady progress on his quest for the DXCC award. These are not the best of times to be on such a quest but persistence will pay off. Lee is also working with the benefit of a big antenna farm. Keep us posted Lee on how it is going.

W5MJ, Madison, has the big adventure in the making and sent the whole press release.

The July 18-25 Lesotho 7P8 DXpedition sponsored by the Lone Star DX Association and the Texas DX Society has added amateur satellite mode to its planned operations, DXpedition Leader Charles Frost, K5LBU/7P8CF has announced. The operation will be on the AO-40 satellite. The uplink will be U-band (70cm) uplink on U-band 435.550 to 435.800 MHz CW/LSB and S2 (2.4GHz) downlink 2401.225 - 2401.475 MHz CW/USB, Frost said. The AO-40 satellite was launched Nov 16, 2000 aboard an Ariane 5 rocket from Kourou, French Guiana. Equipment including antennas and a down converter were donated by Wayne Estes, W9AE and a spare down converter donated by Bruce Paige, KK5DO. Paige, QSL manager for the recent P5/4L4FN operation from North Korea is also providing pre-DXpedition satellite training in Houston. Paige is AMSAT VP of User Services & ARRL Awards Manager (WAS, 5BWAS, VUCC). For additional 7P8 satellite information and news click on

<http://www.amsatnet.com>. “We’re glad to offer such a needed mode from Lesotho” Frost said, adding that those wanting to make a contact with the DXpedition “take it easy on us because none of us are satellite operators, but we are willing to try our best at giving everyone who wants one a 7P8 QSO.” Besides Frost, the operators include: Igor Zdorov, W0IR, of Minneapolis MN, Dave Anderson of Ashville NC K4SV/7P8DA, Madison Jones of Houston TX, W5MJ/7P8MJ; Neil King of Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada VA7DX/7P8NK; and Tom Anderson of Colleyville TX, WW5L/7P8TA. The all modes, all band team will operate July 18-25 from Mohale’s Hoek, Lesotho. “The 7P8 operation will be an all mode, all band operation. “We hope to have at least one station on the air 24 hours a day,” said Frost, of Missouri City TX, vice-president of the Texas DX Society (<http://www.tdxs.net/>), which is coordinating the DXpedition along with the Lone Star DX Association (<http://www.dxr.org/lstdxa>). “Two of our operators are excellent SSB operators and the other four are specialists in CW and the digital modes,” he added. Jones is president of the TDXS, while Tom Anderson is vice-president and information director of the Lone Star DX Association. Operations will be will be at the Hotel Mount Maluti (<http://www.seelesotho.com/mountmaluti.htm>) near Mohale’s Hoek (30.16 Sand 27.48 E). Equipment includes tribanders for 10-15-20, a 2 element WARC Band antenna, a log periodic, a 40-80-160 vertical, and AlphaDelta40/80/160 dipoles, Kenwood TS850S, ICOM 706MKIIg and 756 PRO, plus 600 and 1 KW amps. Most of the equipment is already in the country. QSLs will be handled by each operator separately via their home call, as each will have their own 7P8 call. QSL routes are: 7P8CF--K5LBU--Frosty; 7P8TA--WW5L--Tom; 7P8MJ--W5MJ--Madison; 7P8NK--V A7DX--Neil; 7P9DA--K4SV--Dave; and 7P8IR--W0IR--Igor. Andre van Wyck, ZS6WPX, is the on-scene coordinator of the DXpedition. Commercial equipment donors include Tennadyne Antennas, Array Solutions, and AY-Technologies. For additional information contact Frost at (frosty1@pdq.net) or Tom Anderson at (WW5L@gte.net). K4SV and VA7DX will also be operating from 3DA after 7P8, but call signs have not been issued yet.

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This will no doubt be of keen interest of many of the local DXers and will produce may exciting DX stories to be told around the NARS lunch tables. We will be waiting for the post trip report from Madison upon his return from the other world. We will be listening for you on the bands. Good luck.

KU5B, Colin, also reports that he got a new country confirmed: C6AMM, Bahamas on 20m SSB. He is also reporting that he will be an island DXpedition to Aruba (P4) on July 19-25, 2003. I will be KU5B/P4 (pending paperwork) on 10, 15, 20, and 40m both SSB and CW with a big emphasis on CW running 100W on a Yaesu FT-840 to a dipole. I also may be operating from P43E Emily Thiel's contest station in Oranjestad. Hope to work everyone while we are there! Colin the club members will surely be looking for you on the air.

W5PDW, John, just got back in town last night. I got my last outstanding DX card in a few days ago. Central Kiribati, T31. That's 100 percent on the returns. Now I've got to get busy and find some new ones. Got some Special Event cards; I talked to Elvis KK5K and the Hatfield and McCoys. I don't chase special event stations like I used to, but there are a lot of interesting events to work and learn about. I keep seeing YI's posted but no copy! Still need YI and YK. Never have bagged the S21, seems he is everywhere I'm not! Other DX in the log includes: HK3, VP9/W9AEB, M0RAD, SX9, YU1, SM5, RA3, VK2, 9Z4, YW8 all on 20m, with XW1IC on 15m. Well John you had a busy month on the road to West Texas and back, but you still bagged some good DX. The XW is a good one, but I know the S2 is better. From the KJ5X report I see you two need to form a pack of some type to offer a larger reward for information leading to a S2 :-^)

N1LN, Bruce, reports that June was another month of little to nothing worked with the focus on QSLs and Field Day prep. New ones received on the road to 5BDXCC are: T88CC - Palau - 75 SSB; ZK1CG - So. Cook - 80 SSB; WP2Z - Virgin Is - 80 SSB; LA3XI - Norway - 160 CW; HR5/F2JD - Honduras 80 CW / SSB; UA6AYY - European Russia - 80 CW; 9Y4/DL6RAI - Trinidad & Tobago - 160 CW; HQ2AHC - Honduras - 80 SSB; PJ5/K3RGD - St Maarten 160 CW, 80 CW; CT3FN - Madeira Is - 80 CW; 8N1OGA - Ogasawra Is - 80 CW / 75 SSB / 40 CW / 15 SSB / 10 SSB; 5R8FU - Madagascar - 80 CW; JT1CO - Mongolia - 80 CW; S05X -

Western Sahara - 80 CW, 30 CW, 20 SSB, 15 CW, 12 SSB/CW, 10 CW. This is a pretty impressive report for a busy month. We are glad to see that a S05X card has shown up as many others are waiting on that one as well. You are doing well and maybe next month we can get the update box score?

KQ5U, Terry, had a lackluster DX month with a lot of time spent on non-radio things and a failure of retirement 101, but did manage to get a few good ones on the way to 5BDXCC and the Honor Roll. Here are the catches of the month: 4L8A, Georgia, 20SSB; EA6UN, Balearic Is., 40CW; N4BQW/KH9, Wake Is., 20CW & 20SSB; H44NC, Solomon Is., 20SSB; T21MY, Tuvalu, 30CW & 80CW and T2YL, Tuvalu, 15SSB & 12SSB. They were all new band countries and the H44 was a new country. Some interesting QSL cards showed up: VP6DIA, Ducie Is.; TX4PG, Marquesas Is.; S79TH, Seychelles Is.; VK9XC, Christmas Is.; T31MY, Central Kiribati. The surprise of the month was working T21MY on 80CW.

Other known DX to be active this month are:

CORSICA, TK. Fred, F5OZK, will be active as TK/F5OZK between July 5 and July 25. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters, including the newer bands. QSL via his home call sign, direct or via the bureau.

BOTSWANA, A2. Joe, AA4NN, Aldo, IK2SANI, and Fabrizio, IN3ZNR, are signing A25NN, A25NI and A25FV, respectively, in CW and SSB until July 13. QSLs via home call.EAST KIRIBATI, T32. La Marr will be active as T32Z, using SSB, CW, and digital modes on HF and 6 meters for several weeks. QSL via K3PD.

MAURITANIA, 5T. DL8YHR will be active as 5T6M mostly on 6 meters until July 7. QSL via ON4ANT.

MAYOTTE, FH. Martrial, FH/F5SIE, will be QRV in CW only on 15, 17 and 40 meters until July 15. QSL via bureau.

IRAQ, YI. UN World Food Program worker Teemu, SM0WKA, is expected to arrive in Iraq these days. He will sign YI/SM0WKA or YI/SM0W for about two months.

PRINS KARLS FORLAND ISLAND, JW, EU-063. Terje, LA3OHA, is planning a

DXpedition from Jul 1 until Aug 2. JW0PK will be QRV on 160-6m. More information can be found on his website at: <http://www.dxpediton.org/dxjwpk>. QSL via SP5DRH, Jacek Kubiak, PO Box 4, 00-957 Warszawa, Poland.

SOMALIA, T5. Once again Baldur, DJ6SI, showed up without any notice in advance. He signed T5X from Mogadishu as usual in CW only on his preferred QRGs 1822, 3508, 7002, 10102, 14025, 18085, 21025, 24902 and 28025 kHz. QSL via DJ6SI.

B4, CHINA. Michael, BD5RV, reports that the People's Republic of China Headquarters Station BY1PK (operated by the JiangSu DX Club) will be active in the IARU HF World Championship. They will use the call sign B4HQ. QSL via BA4RD: Ken Wang, P.O.BOX 538, Nanjing 210005, P.R. CHINA.

YI - Steve, OM3JW, reports that his son, Mike, OM2DX is now back to Baghdad. His activity will be limited to a few weeks because Slovak Embassy in Baghdad was totally destroyed. His power amplifier and antenna systems are lost and Mike expects to operate as YI1BGD (or with his personal call, YI1DX) from the club station. Further information and updates will be posted at <http://www.qsl.net/om2dx>.

ALBANIA, ZA. Enver, ZA1MM is usually QRV on 40 meters between 0200 and 0600z. QSL via LZ2UU.

That is about it for the coming attractions in July.

This is not the best of time for DX chasing but it is a good time to do the outdoor stuff. Those things like getting up a new antenna, tower or just running new coax or ladder line to get ready for the Fall season. HF activity seems to traditionally pick up that time of year and the weather turns cool with occasional big storms coming of the Gulf of Mexico. Then is not the time to be outside trying to take care of antennas and the like. Get the antenna books out and stop by your favorite hardware store for a reel of nice stranded wire and get up that DX killer antenna. The antenna is really going to be more important then ever as solar cycle dips closer to the minimum. Hope you all have a good summer vacation and get up a DX cannon for an antenna.

Until next month may the DX be with you. 73 Terry, KQ5U

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