

NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

July 2006

July Meeting

Texas QSO Party 2006 – Who’s in Our Camp?

Being a Texas QSO Party rover is just about the most fun you can have in ham radio with your clothes on. In 2004, the K5NA “Burritomobile” mounted a serious TQP challenge as a Multi-3 rover, racking up over 2,500 Q’s while logging some 1,100 miles across south and southwest Texas. A similar effort was planned for ’05 but Rita grounded the Burritomobile. Scott Pederson, KI5DR, and Gary Schmidt, W5ZL, were half of the CTDXXC-based Driving Burrito Brothers team, and will offer up tales of their TQP adventures.

This will be a meeting to remember!

Field Day 2006 – How Did We Do?

Thanks to all who participated in this year’s NARS Field Day. This was a combined effort of NARS and TDXS. I think everyone had a good time and many newcomers were impressed with the final setup.

Several people deserve special mention for their extraordinary efforts. First, our leadership team:

Jerry Whiting KB5VGD, Coordinator – NARS; Paul Frantz W5PF, Coordinator – TDXS; Mark Tyler K5GQ, Captain – CW; Paul Owen N5NXX, Captain – GOTA; Bill Stietenroth K5ZTY, Captain – GOTA; Rick Aikman KZ5E, Captain – VHF/UHF; Marty Fitzgerald W5MF, Captain – Satellite; Chuck Sanders NO5W, Leader – Bonus Points; Tom Atkins KD5EIJ, Chef – BBQ; Christy Richards KD5NKY, Chef – Condiments; Ken Harlan KA5AKG, Coordinator – Facilities; and Rob Nixon KD5BXZ, Coordinator – Facilities.

Others should be recognized for their contribution, exceptional performance and hard work: Dave Topp W5BXX, Mike Davidson N5MT, Colin Jenkins KU5B, Jeff Walter KE5FGA, Bob Helton K0DQW, Mike Hance K5NZ, Brian Gaskamp KA5BKG, Mike Bragassa K5UO, Joe Sokolowski KD5KR, Anita Townsend N5AOK, Bill Veerkamp K5NS, O J Quarles K1OJ, Walter Holmes K5WH, Cal White WF5W, Bill Hood KD5EKA, Gregg Erlenbusch W5IDX, George Levandoski KD5AYF. I know there were others and I apologize for any omission due to my lack of memory.

Last but not least, thanks to Paul Flagg WA5EE, Steve Niles N5EN and Steve Smothers W9DX for providing photos. Steve Smothers’ shots can be seen on the TDXS web site, <http://www.tdxs.org/>; click the Field Day link on the left side-bar.

73, Keith NM5G

Important Dates

Friday, July 21, 7:30 PM – General Membership meeting, Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church – Eyeball QSOs, 7:00 PM.

Saturday, July 22, 8:30 AM – VE License Exam Session, Tomball Community Center, S. Cherry & Market streets (just South of Main).

Tuesday, July 25, 7:30 PM – Board of Directors meeting, Ponderosa Fire Station, 17061 Rolling Creek drive.

Contests

Jul 15–16 CQ WW RTTY, NA RTTY QP

Jul 29–30 RSGB IOTA

Aug 5 European HF Championship

Aug 5–6 NA CW QP

Aug 12–13 Worked All Europe CW

Wednesday Lunch Bunch – North

Jul 19 Sweet Tomatoes

Jul 26 Farm To Market Grill

Aug 2 Casa Imperial Mexican

Aug 9 Strack Farms

Aug 16 Pepperchino

Wednesday Lunch Bunch – West

Jul 19 Fajita Willies 290

Jul 26 Jason’s Deli

Aug 2 Goode Co BBQ

Aug 9 Skeeter’s

Aug 16 Charlie’s Hamburgers

Wednesday Lunch Bunch – Medical Center

Jul 19 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet

Jul 26 Luther’s Barbecue

Aug 2 Fred’s Italian Corner

Aug 9 Jason’s Deli

Aug 16 Buffalo Grille

Monday “Tail Draggers” Lunch Bunch

12:00 Noon Aviator’s Grill, Hooks Airport

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 Denny’s

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Saturdays

7:30 AM

President's Corner

July 2006

Thanks to each one of you that contributed, participated and even came just to enjoy Tom's BBQ!

Field day was an excellent learning experience for those involved. Each year, NEW volunteers learn and contribute. Just ask those who were there. Friday was spent putting antennas up. Station operators got to use excellent equipment. What an experience! This year, TDXS joined us with resources. The SSB station used the tilt up tower on the RV. WOW

Collin, KU5B had the highest Q rate per hour on CW (65) on 40M at the unlikely hour of 12am to 1am Sunday morning!

A couple thoughts for next year. NARS extends an invitation to those TDXS operators that went to Reno for field day and hopefully each operator will join us '07. If you did not come, we can always use more volunteers.

I presented the Texas QSO Party 1st place trophy at Ham-Com in Plano. I hope each of you have seen it when it has been here. It is good advertisement for the trophy to tour the state, but it needs to come back! We need HF mobile operators traveling the state and HF stations spotting them on the cluster. Find out the details at the July program, Texas QSO Party.

Mark K5GQ

VE Session Results

There was no session in June, next session will be 07/22/ 2006, same time, same channel.

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Norm Covey/K5OS
NARS VE Session Manager



Public Service Events

Your Radio Skills Are Needed

Events officially sponsored by NARS include Buffalo Bayou Regatta (October) and Sunmart Texas Trails Run (December). Events supported by NARS members include Houston Marathon, MS 150 and Wings over Houston.

Plan to help with one or more of these events in 2006.

Following is a report from K5ZTY.

It is now officially hurricane season on the gulf coast and all of us are hoping that we get passed by this year but we can't plan on that happening. We can't start training and planning when the wind starts blowing, we need to start now. One of the best programs for this is the Harris County Citizens Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training.

C.E.R.T. training is about what to do in the first few days after a disaster when you call 911 and are told "we'll get to you when we can" and you are on your own for about 3 days. It is about recognizing what you can and can not or should not do. It is about taking care of you and your family first then helping your neighbors. It is basic stuff that you may have covered before but it is organized into a plan that meshes with the Incident Command System that all emergency responders work under. There is no fee for this training; all it takes is a commitment to do 8 weeks of training one night a week for 3 hours per night. Go to the Harris County Citizens Corp. home page <http://www.harriscountycitizenscorp.com/> to find upcoming classes in your area.

One other area of training that all Hams should have is basic emergency communications training. There is more to emergency communications than just talking on the radio. The ARRL has created three levels of emergency communications training under ARES. Level 1 is a good overview of ARES, the emergency communications plan, what your duties are and are not as a communicator, basic net operation and message handling, and basic readiness. This course can be taken in two ways. It is offered on-line at the ARRL website where you pay \$45 for the complete course and testing. You have an assigned mentor to help with the lessons and student activities. If you don't do well with on-line studies, you can buy the level one book from the ARRL or at the ham store for \$20, study on your own and take the test at an ARECC certified VE session for \$10. NARS will soon have a certified ARECC test session listed with ARRL.

It is very important to train. When an emergency happens and chaos reigns, training is the only thing that brings order to the event. When untrained people show up to volunteer at an event and say "what can I do to help" their good intentions become part of the problem, not the solution. Now, some trained person who was helping with the emergency has to stop what they were doing, interview this person to determine if they can be used and what they can be trained for and give basic training to this untrained person. After the large level of this problem during last hurricane season, the emergency responders are starting to require evidence of training before people will be allowed to volunteer. Be ready. Get some training now.

Northwest Harris County ARES is having a general membership meeting on Saturday morning July 15th at the TranStar facility. Good opportunity to tour TranStar and get some training on how to volunteer at this facility in an emergency. You do not have to be a member of ARES to attend this meeting.

Become Active!

Bill, K5ZTY

Narsians Ham it up with The Woodlands Girl Scouts

On Monday, June 12th, a NARS team consisting of Jim Kirk KJ5X, Patricia Reiff W5TAR and Joe Sokolowski KD5KR, presented two forty-five minute programs to about eighty girl scouts from The Woodlands area. Included were demonstrations involving HF and VHF in which most all the girls were able to get in some air time. By the time Dr. Pat was through with her discussion on Astronomy & Space Science, half the group was ready to sign on at Rice University then and there! In appreciation, the three of us went home sporting a quality tee shirt promoting their theme, "Reaching for the Stars." See picture.

Ham and “Sheez” News

June Update

Believe it or not, the year 2006 is half over. That one went by in a hurry. The Ham and Sheez were so busy, I don't know if I can remember all that we accomplished as a group. I know everyone who has children is busy with summer camp, summer school, vacations, etc. I'm not sure how they found the time to do the Ham and Sheez things, but they did. Thank you to one and all has participated this month.

The last weekend of May, we put most of the first 200 cookbooks together. During the following week, we made all of the preparations for our first sale of the cookbooks at Ham-Com in Plano. Ham-Com began on a Friday morning this year, and the kind people at Ham-Com were so nice to give NARS a booth, rather than a table inside the flea market area. None of us were sure how the sales would go, but we were conveniently placed just outside one of the doors to the flea market. If anyone went in or out of the West door to the flea market area, they would most likely trip over us. As an added benefit, we had Darlene Buoy sitting at a table inside the flea market where she also had a display of cookbooks and samples of some of the cookbook recipes to share with her clientele. I am proud to announce that during the Ham-Com weekend, we sold 77 cookbooks.

There were so many stories to tell from Ham-Com, but I think the best one is something I will share with you now. H.O., K5CX, and I arrived home early on Sunday afternoon from Ham-Com. After a brief inspection of the back of our eyelids, we both headed for the computers to see what in the world had happened while we were gone. Much to my surprise, we already had an email from one of our cookbook recipients. I will include a portion of it below.

Dear Folks,

This year at ham com, one of the treasures I brought home was a cook book. This book was sold to me by a delightful lady, who told me that her mom had the world's best recipe for Banana bread, which I have been hunting for; the recipe of which she is sending to me.

After I got the book home and began looking through it for ideas I noticed the group who sponsored it. I was surprised to

learn that this group is one that I happen to be a charter member of! If the secretary still has the records you will find my name amongst the members who started the club so many years ago.

Thanks for putting the Book together and for intrusting its sale to the delightful couple from whom I purchased it from.

73's
Scott Taylor
N5MJQ

It truly is a very small world. Needless to say, I was about to jump out of my skin with glee and excitement. The “delightful couple” to which Scott was referring was Darlene and Bill Buoy, who had a table inside the main event area. Darlene and I have exchanged many emails with Scott since Ham-Com and yes, he has received the famous banana bread recipe. Scott sends his regards and best wishes to all of his old friends at NARS. He is currently in Dallas and a member of MARS. I have his email address at home and will be happy to send it to you via email if you send me a request via email.

Forging ahead through the month of June, we also had the Field Day event on June 23rd and 24th. As always, the ladies of Ham and Sheez were responsible for the Welcome Tent. Although attendance was down slightly from years past, we sold an additional 40 plus cookbooks during the few hours we were there. There are lots of NARSians who have already purchased a book, but there are many more who did not attend either of the events this month, so the books will come with us to the monthly NARS meetings, beginning in July.

Those of you who already have a book know that there is a reorder form in the back of the book. Much to my surprise, we received our first mail order request this past week. It seems as though W5IU, Keith, who purchased his copy at Ham-Com, asked that I send two other cookbooks to two of his friends who had also requested a copy. They were in the mail the very next day. Keep those cards, letters, and emails coming. We have a lot to accomplish with the proceeds. There will be more details about that next month.

We are ready to assemble the next batch, because we are down to our last 20 assembled cookbooks. This will be taking place sometime the week of July 10th. Be

watching your email for the date and time.

Upcoming Activities

July 15th – 7:00 pm

On Saturday, July 15th at 7:00 pm, the Ham and Sheez (and our husbands) have been invited to the home of Cheryl Tompkins to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Christopher and Ursula, who is the favorite son of Schalee Lodge and stepson of Michael. Be watching your mailbox for the invitation. This is not like any other party you have ever seen, so be prepared for some surprises.

August

I know most of you are kinda pooped like me. I think we might be ready for a girl's night out, or someone suggested a pool party. Put your thinking caps on, because we have about 4 more weeks until we need to have something confirmed for August.

September 9th

Just so no one tries to fill up their September calendar in July, this is the date for our annual Wine Tasting party which is held at Tina and Eddie Sinclair's home. Many of us have already picked out or purchased the wine we will be sharing this year, so make sure you reserve this night on your calendar. It will be extra special.

Recipe of the Month

Schalee and others have requested this recipe that I obtained from the Texas Opry Jamboree where we have enjoyed a couple of fun Saturday evenings in the past. This is the cole slaw recipe that is light and flavorful – perfect companion for your summer grilling or BBQ.

Light Cole Slaw

1/2 C. sugar (use raw sugar)
1/2 t. salt
1/3 C. canola oil
1/2 t. dry mustard
1/2 t. celery seed
1/2 C. cider vinegar

Heat all ingredients in a saucepan until sugar is dissolved and then pour over 1 package of slaw mix. Refrigerate over night.

*Enjoy,
Anita – N5AOK*

DX News

“For All the NARS DX News Fit to Print”

DX IS! Yes. . .

DX IS. . .what you make of it.

Does that sound confusing or not make sense to you as a person or operator not involved in DX-ing?

Really not. We take on hobbies or projects and get as involved as we (dare?) choose to do. I like a bit of antenna building; but realize my talents are limited, so I only bite-off enough that I can handle it well. Or maybe ‘bite-off’ into the next level to challenge me and maybe I will learn something while enjoying it. Hopefully, the latter!

DX-ing can be moon bounce, satellite’s or 6 meters; the whole lot. DX is what you make of it.

Many ham folks say they don’t have space for an antenna or a “good” antenna. Hog-wash! Some of the best DX-ers are ‘property impaired’. You do what you can at that level and then . . . get proficient at it. Sorta’ like DX-ers that chase DX as a QRP station. Now that is taking on a lot. They want to work DX but have chosen to challenge themselves by running less than 5 watts. Get with one of the experienced DX-ers in the club and talk about equipment and antennas that will work in your situation.

“Challenge themselves”: DX-ing to most I know is a personal thing. It’s a personal challenge you have made. “I’m going to work DX and be the best I can at it.” Maybe even a coffee-klatch or club challenge. Some clubs maintain a DXCC listing of the members standings to give a little recognition to those members and maybe to instill others to join in.

I don’t believe that you just decide one day that you are going to be a DX-er. I think you just grow into it and take a liking to it. You might decide to stop at 100 countries for the basic DXCC or CQ award. “Man; that was too much work; I am going to stop at 100.” Next thing you know you are moving on to 150 . . . 200 countries and beyond. Been there; done that!

I guess most of the DX-ers I know like the challenge. Not the pile-up challenge, so much, but the challenge of seeking out the elusive “new-one” for your DXCC award.

You try to learn propagation. What is the best band and time to catch that “XW” station. He isn’t coming to you; you have to suit his time frame. But, also Mother Nature has her say about this QSO. Her propagation department dictates the band and conditions. You need to obtain a fair understanding of propagation. It is an ever-changing thing, too and it isn’t written in stone. But you improve your opportunity-chances ten-fold by knowing band conditions.

If you are antenna limited or power limited; you need to learn the tricks of the trade. Do you want to spend all evening chasing this guy? Of course not. Get in there early before the “California Kilowatts” show up. DX contests like the CQWW or IARU are ideal times to pick up new-ones. They want you; they need you. Also at these times tune in between the big pileups for weak signal DX. It is there. Fine tune your ears and pick at those weaker signals in between the masses that no one else is bothering with, to see who they are. Probably some far off rare DX with a small antenna; Hi!

Even the big guns have to work at it harder if they are not in the favorable propagation area. We in this region know all about the east-coast RF wall or as it is called, “The Right Coast”. Maybe come back a little later when the big guns have been fed and the DX station signal is stronger to your area and pick him off.

When I operated from BY1QH in Beijing, I would get on 20 meter CW about 1000 UTC, just when propagation was getting started good to the Right coast. Because of the amount of people calling I would call by region, e.g. eastern North America; then work it down to the weakest signal I could receive. Then move on to the Midwest, doing the same; layer by layer.

Is he taking tail-enders? Learn how to skillfully . . . and . . . politely . . . tail-end. If it isn’t a split operation; is he taking calls a small bit off frequency. Try it anyway; but not during the QSO exchange. Tune your transmit up a little and call. Maybe just a 50 or 80 Hz is enough to sort out your call from the big guns. How fast is he picking up calls? You will have to match that reaction speed. If he takes 5-10 seconds to pick out a caller; don’t drop your call in until the first “rush” is almost past; long

enough to send “K5UO”. Then drop your call in. it all depends upon the DX stations timing. If he isn’t taking tail-enders; don’t waste your time doing it.

These same practices can be done with split operations. Is he moving up or down frequency? Is he flipping back and forth between 2-3 distinct frequencies he has in his transceiver memory; even though he says up 5-10 kHz.

What am I saying? LISTEN and learn from it! I learned that from my father as a youngster. He meant what he said so learn from it and don’t do that . . . again.

Learn the DX station’s practice and follow it to your advantage.

But, be sure and share your accomplishments with the club via DX reports each month. Don’t keep it a secret. It’s not being boastful; it’s club camaraderie.

Maybe more next month until band conditions improve. Email me your tips that have worked for you.

Radio-active members’ reports:

John, W5PDW, reports that he received the special event QSL from W5E, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the last combat mission against Nazi Germany flown by the 8th Air Force in WWII. John said that the station operated using the vintage radio gear from one of the B-17 bombers. He worked them on 40 meters CW and 80 meters . . . AM!

H.O., K5CX, is savoring a renewed effort of mobile DX-ing! He is the proud new owner of an Icom 7000 and thinks it is one-fine-radio. Nice large display for those of us ‘visually impaired’ and easy to learn to operate which is unusual for the radios today.

Before installing the radio in his truck he did some testing from the shack and reports DX QSO’s from all parts of the world; and I assume barefooted; on 20, 17, 40 . . . and 6 meters. Nice HF prefixes like 3D2, 4X, SV9, VK9N, ZL, CT3 and a lot more.

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This is a tough time to be chasing DX mobile, from my own past experience. From the mobile, DX signals can be down in the mud, where at the shack they may be perfectly readable S-1. I have had to pull off to the side of the road to work a DX station with the very little vehicle noise I had. During the sunspot high's it was all arm chair copy zipping down the highways. Happy new radio H.O. and "many DX-es for you". Leave some DX for us to work!

Mike, K5UO, has had a slim month for DX-ing having probably spent too much time on my new effort on six meters. Six meters has been a real winner this past month at least for the eastern portion of the US and a few mid-western operators. There have been QSO's to Portugal and into northern Europe. But nothing for me, it seems. The Caribbean has been good into the states for a change, too. I was able to pick up a few "new-ones" there.

Personal DX status (partial):
(confirmed/worked) 160 meters: 133/139;
80 meters: 245/248; 40 meter: 301/301; 6
meters: (I'll never tell!)

No new HF band-counters this past month and five new ones on 6 meters: WP4, P43, V44, VE3 and VP2V.

Band conditions I have experienced this past month, generally: HF has been slow-slow to wake up in the morning; at least my favorite, 17 meters, has been a real disappointment. In the evening it has been mostly 20 and some 40 meters.

New band-counter QSL's received:
9M2AX, Western Malaysia 30 meters CW;
CT3/DL1YD, Madeira Island on 30 meters
CW; H40HL, Temotu Province, 40 meters
CW; P29YDX, Papua New Guinea, 30
meters CW; VU4AN/VU4JLW, Andaman
Island 17 meters CW.

>>> NEW DXCC ENTITY: THE
REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO <<<

According to DXCC Rules, any entity that is a United Nations Member State is considered a Political Entity under DXCC Section II, Part 1. At 15.12 UTC on 28 June the United Nations admitted the Republic of Montenegro as its 192nd member, and

this action automatically make Montenegro the 336th current DXCC Entity.

Effective 28 June 2006 (UTC), ARRL has added the Republic of Montenegro to the DXCC List. QSO's made on or after this date will count for DXCC credit. Claims for DXCC credit will be accepted immediately. Montenegrins amateur radio operators may use their current callsigns until the International Telecommunication Union designates a new prefix block for the new country. ARRL will accept any prefix deemed legal by the appropriate Montenegrin authorities; please note that Montenegro is not a participating Member of CEPT, so portable operations by operators from other countries (e.g. YU6/homecall) are not automatically authorized. Current Montenegrin prefixes are 4O3, 4O6, YT3, YT6, YU3, YU6, YZ3 and YZ6.

9G - Vlad, UY5ZZ will be active as 9G5UR from Accra, Ghana on 4-14 July, IARU HF World Championship included. QSL via home call.

9M6 - Following the RSGB IOTA Committee's recent announcement that Pulau Sebatik would count as a new IOTA group (OC-295P), a DXpedition is to be mounted to activate this island for the first time. Members of the Borneo Amateur Radio Club including Steve, 9M6DXX (ex-G4JVG, P29DX etc) and John, 9M6XRO (ex-9M6/G3OOK), will be active as 9M4SEB (callsign applied for) from approximately 11 UTC on 14 July until about 3 UTC on the 17th. Activity will be on 10-80 meters, CW and SSB, using up to three stations simultaneously. One station will use a beam antenna and two will use 400W amplifiers. QSL via M5AAV direct or bureau.

E5 NORTH AND SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Victor, ZK1CG/ZK1USA (now as of July 1st E51CG and E51USA), reports that the callsign change from ZK1 for the North and South Cook Islands was officially announced in the local newspaper "Cook Islands News Daily" on Monday, June 28th: "Please be advised that as of 1, July 2006 UTC the International Cook Islands Radio Callsign

prefix ZK (Zulu Kilo) will be replaced with E5 (Echo Five). This will mean that if your callsign is currently ZKR (Zulu Kilo Romeo) it will now be E5R (Echo Romeo). Please note that only the first two characters will change, the remainder will remain as is. So, current callsigns ZK1CG and ZK1USA and ZK1JD will now change to E51CG, E51USA and E51JD. Victor mentions that the local amateur radio operators normally get a 2 letter suffix callsign, while visiting Ham operators get a 3 letter suffix callsigns.

NEW IRCS AVAILABLE. New IRCs are now available as of July 1st. The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has redesigned the International Reply Coupon (IRC) again. The new design, known as "Beijing Model No. 2," was submitted by Volodymyr Taran, a graphic artist from Ukraine. Taran's design was inspired by Michelangelo's painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel -- "two fingers about to touch framed in a postage stamp, representing the notions of communication and exchange." The newly designed IRC will be valid until December 31, 2009. However, the current IRC is valid through December 31, 2006.

BY Four HQ stations will represent the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) during the 2006 IARU HF World Championship: B1HQ (160m SSB and CW, 80m SSB, 20m CW and 15m SSB), B3HQ (80m CW), B4HQ (40m CW).

DXCC DIALOG: The ARRL DXCC Desk has inaugurated the "DXCC Dialog Weblog", containing news and notes about the ARRL DXCC program. This page will have up-to-date information about the DXCC program. It does not provide for users to post responses, but authors and e-mail addresses are listed. The blog will be updated as needed to inform and update the DXing community regarding news of interest. Give a look to <http://www.arrl.org/blog/DXCC%20Dialog>.

Thanks folks and a special thanks to those that have contributed to the input. Without your information there would be no report.

73,
Mike Bragassa, K5UO

Behind the Field Day Scenes . . .

It's been a while since so much excitement was heard coming from Field Day's GOTA station. Paul Owen N5NXX and his team had folks fired up to the point where individuals were resorting to "under the table" tactics in order to be able to operate. I'm not saying that anything of value was exchanged for preferential treatment, but Paul seemed to have access to more than his share of milk and cookies . . .

Bill Veerkamp's daughter, Emily, KD5TSK, had been licensed for four years but never had much interest in operating. After making a few successful exchanges, she was hooked. Dad had to drag her away at 12:30 a.m. on Sunday after the rest were wiped out. She made a whopping twenty contacts and was gearing up for more.

Paul made a lasting impression on a bunch of new and prospective hams with his encouragement, patience and tutoring at that station. A few of our successful

students from the May Self Study class were there. John Rossi brought his kids over to "stimulate their interest" in the hobby. Time will tell if he was successful. Even Willard, KD5EKA rolled up his sleeves and took a turn at the mike.

You never know just who will show up at a Field Day event. Rudy, KB5ZXO and his wife, Stella, KC5UTN dropped in for a spell. Hadn't seen either of them in a month of Sundays!

A special thanks to the guys from the Texas DX Society. Their contribution significantly insured a most successful Field Day operation. Dave Topp, W5BXX, with his motor home and crank-up tower was the envy of all. Mike Davidson, N5MT, kept an eye on things to insure no one was asleep at the wheel while on duty.

Walter Holmes, K5WH, and Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF, were busy at the

satellite station and managed to chalk up a score or two. And who cannot notice the guy who made much of the hardware come together, Rick Aikman, K5ZE. That is one steel drivin' man! "You load sixteen ton and what do ya get? A hernia, that's what!"

Combine all that activity with a fantastic BBQ dinner, directed by our very own Tom Atkins, KD5EIJ, and you have one fine weekend. Throw down a handful of after dinner Roloids; who could ask for anything more?

I know there were so many more folks that helped make this event possible, but there just isn't the space to name them all. If you feel slighted, feel free to send me an e-mail saying so: Joe@toughluckdude.com I'll be sure to file your concerns in the proper folder. (Uh huh . . .)

by Joe Sokolowski, KD5KR

Field Day Photos



Field Day Photos



Welcome, Congratulations and Condolences

Congratulations to Colin Jenkins KU5B for making the most contacts during Field Day.

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