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Poolside Chat (Almost) With KB8NW

Fellow DX'ers,

As I am writing this, I am hoping that you receive this newsletter before the club's June 5th general membership meeting. As I mentioned at the April meeting and last month's newsletter, Mel, W8MV, (one of the 3Y0X operators and native of the Canton area) planned to attend one of NODXA's club meetings. It is now official, and Mel will be at the June meeting to do a presentation on his recent trip to Peter I Island. I hope you can attend. It should be very interesting. We plan to have Mel's presentation first and then the club's business meeting after. So come early and have dinner.

Once again, the Dayton HamVention was a lot fun and the NODXA Hospitality suite was well attended. Several of the 3Y0X operators,

as well as many other notable DXers, attended the hospitality suite during all three days. Everyone enjoyed the finger sandwiches, cheeses, munchies and beverages. A special thank you goes out to Janeen Hire, W8ZET, for once again sponsoring the NODXA suite and the great spread of food for the many visitors. I would also like to thank John/K8YSE and Dave/W8IOU for helping with the setup and clean up, and Ron/W8WH for bartending each night. More details about the hospitality room will be available at the next NODXA meeting.

Field Day is approaching fast, and I hope you marked your calendar to attend this year's event. Directions and a map should be available somewhere in this newsletter. Please come out and visit or possibly operate.

Lastly, if you have not heard, there is a possibility of another new DXCC entity to be added to the countries list. Serbia and Montenegro will be splitting and it looks like Montenegro will become the new entity. More details will probably be available next month.

73 and Good DX de Tedd KB8NW

P.S. It is time to renew your club dues. Remember, the main purpose of this club is to promote DX and donate to DXpeditions. With your dues you can help achieve this.

and drink so there should be plenty to eat. But we will need some cooks so, even if you don't want to operate, stop on out and flip some burgers!

Remember to bring the bug spray, folding chairs, sun screen, and 807's!

See you there!

Field Day 2006

By David Autry, WD8IOU

It's Field Day time again! June 24 and 25 to be exact. Hopefully our perpetual field day chairman, Bill, W8JGU, will once again answer the call to duty and organize this event.

The NODXA site is the same as last year, the Mount Augustine Training Center located on 5232 Broadview Road in Richfield.

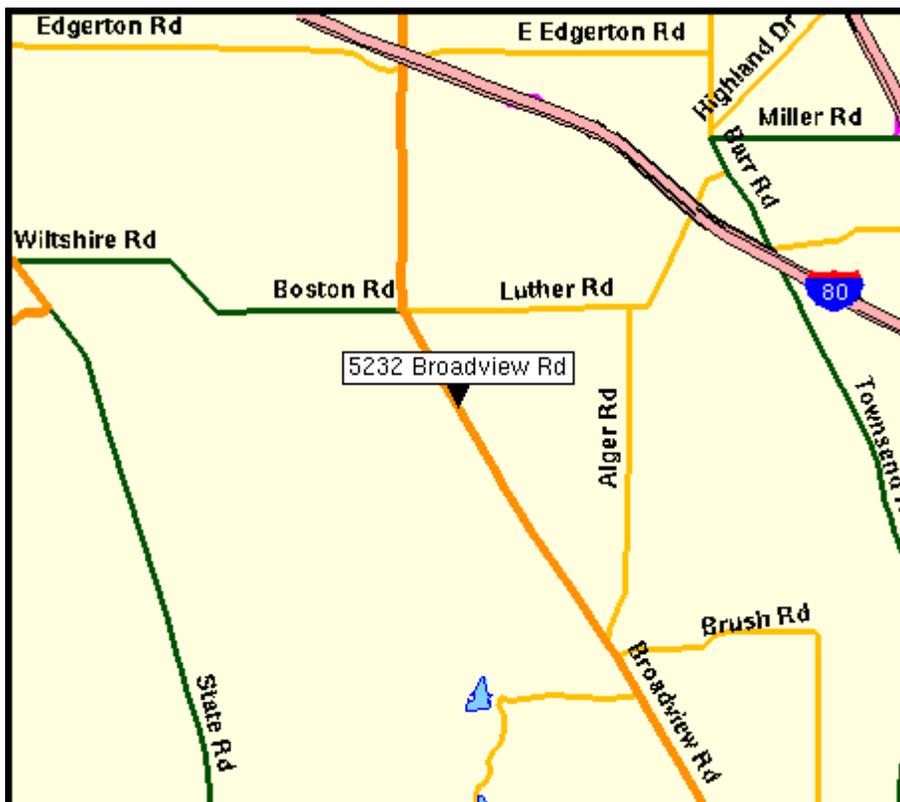
Everybody is encouraged to attend this 24-hour marathon, and, most of all, to operate! (Hey, if KB8NW can operate, then you can too!). We especially need CW operators to keep that station running for the full 24 hours.

This year the club will participate in the 2A class using three stations: SSB, CW/RTTY, and 6 meters. We will be housing all these stations in two large tents. Here is your chance to operate RTTY if you have never done so.

Pete, N8TR, is planning an early setup of tents and antennas Friday evening around 6 PM. Everybody is encourage to stop by and help out; this will decrease the amount of work required on Saturday morning.

The contest starts at 2 PM Saturday and ends at 2 PM Sunday. Operators are real scarce during the "3rd shift" (12 AM to 8 PM) so it would be a great help for our club's score if we could have a couple more operators during those hours.

The club has allocated some money for food



Scarborough Reef Video

Nelson, K8DJC, wrote this short note about a video on the BS7H "DXpedition":

"As one of the many who do not have BS7 in the log I just enjoyed viewing a video of the BS7H operation. I don't know how many guys have seen it but I thought you might want to post the link in a newsletter:" www.iijnet.or.jp/JA1BK/BS7H/index.html

"I knew it was a small place but had no idea it is so very small. It is hard to believe that it qualifies as an 'entity'".

Your editor can't believe it either as it does not pass my "Minimum Outhouse Rule", if it's not big enough to hold a Porta Potty then it's not big enough to be an "entity".

The video is very interesting and so is the commentary from the web site, which I have reprinted here:

Many DXers have been asking about BS7, Scarborough Reef. Why was the last expedition short? Why hasn't there been another expedition. This is your answer from those who were there! Watch this video of the 3rd BS7H Dxpedition to see how difficult setting up a station is and how friendly the BY hams were.

The operation was interrupted by the Philippine Navy and shortened 2 days and this caused the Chinese government to not allow a planned 4th BS7H.

Who is so jealous and such a bad DXer that they would stop a DXpedition to a very rare spot? Two jealous JA DXers, that is who. They didn't want your score to equal theirs so they called the Philippine embassy to complain that a Chinese expedition was going to Scarborough Reef so they would disturb the BS7H operation. (And you thought some LID tuning on DX was bad!)

In the movie you see the festive start of the expedition with the full support of Radio Sport in China, and how difficult setting up a station to GIVE YOU a new one can be. Real DXers are both the ones giving you a new one and the deserving waiting for a contact. The LIDS, enemies of DX, cause first a Philippine recon aircraft then a ship from the Navy to visit and see what was happening. The Chinese ships were unarmed research ships 72 and 74 supporting RADIO SPORT/DX. Their captains called the Foreign department in Beijing to ask what to do. The answer was close the stations two days early and



come home with no fight.

The Philippine chart shows Scarborough is Chinese territory and the only face to face contact was Kan JA1BK and the PI Navy guys.

You have two JA DXers to blame if you still need BS7. Until we organize an international DXpedition with hams from China, Philippines, Japan and the USA, be patient.

Many thanks to JA1BK for the great web site and video.

The "Lost" Q-Codes

By KG4ZPN

- QBA - My antenna is BIG!
- QBA? - How big is your antenna?
- QBO - Don't sit next to that guy in the meeting.
- QBO? - Buddy, can you spare some soap?
- QBS - It's getting deep in here.
- QBS? - Did I tell you about the one that got away?
- QBS - Clean the bird sh*t off your antenna so you can hear me.
- QBS? - Should I clean the bird sh*t off my antenna so I can hear you?
- QCP - I am using Cat Power (From Rotary Cat Power Wheel)
- QCP? - Are you using Cat Power?
- QCW - I am going to whistle Morse Code on FM (or SSB)
- QCW? - Why are you whistling Morse?
- QDR - Damn Right the frequency is busy!} In response to QRL
- QDR? - Do you have a Receiver? In response to QRL
- QET - Phone home.
- QET? - Has anyone called me from another planet?
- QEW - Copy is difficult due to Ear Wax.
- QEW? - Is copy difficult due to Ear Wax?
- QFH - This frequency is MINE! - go elsewhere.
- QFH? - Is this frequency hogged?
- QHI - I am jumping in quick to say hi, then going QRT.
- QHI? - Are you leaving after only one transmission?

QLF - I am sending with my left foot.
 QLF? - Are you sending with your left foot?
 QLK - I am sending with my left foot and key-board.
 QLK? - Are you sending with your left foot and keyboard?
 QNO - I am sending through a non-standard orifice.
 QNO? - Are you sending through a non-standard orifice?
 QOK - Your last transmission was Okie Dokie.
 QOK? - Was my last transmission OK?
 QPM - Your signal is purr modulated.
 QPM? - Is my signal purr modulated?
 QRC - Warning, rag chewer on frequency.
 QRC? - Are you a rag chewer?
 QRW - Means Qrp - Really Weak
 QRW? - Qrp, you are Really Weak?
 QWC - I have to go to the bathroom.
 QWC? - Do you have to go to the bathroom?
 QZZ - I fell asleep at the mike.
 QZZ? - Is that a 60Hz hum, or are you snoring?

Tom W8JI Observes

If you have RF noise entering your house (and shack) and being re-radiated on the power lines, Tom W8JI observes that it may be possible to "detune" the lines and stop the re-radiation. "I built a bypass capacitor with two 120VAC rated .01uF capacitors, each one tied from one side of the line to the safety ground, into a plug.

I just moved that plug around to different outlets until I found one that detuned the power lines, and made the noise radiating from the lines in my house disappear. The noise virtually vanished even though I'm positive the source of noise several hundred feet away still remained." Make sure you use line-rated capacitors!

Henry G. Schuett, Jr. - K3LOW

DXCC Fees Going UP!

By OPDX

The ARRL DXCC Desk has announced DXCC program fees will rise slightly when a new awards fee schedule goes into effect July 1st. The fee for a basic DXCC application (including certificate and pin for initial applications only, 120 QSO maximum) and for first endorsement applications within a year will increase to \$12 for ARRL members and to \$22 for foreign nonmembers. Second and subsequent endorsements (120 QSO maximum) within a year will be \$22 for ARRL members and \$32 for foreign nonmembers. The \$10 fee for a basic DXCC application (120-credit maximum) was established in 1990, and the current overall fee schedule has been in effect since 1998.

Solution to Last Issue's Crossword Puzzle

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As of March 2002
Current DXCC Entities Total is:

335

Dayton 2006 Memories



Andy, N8VES, makes his annual appearance at Dayton.



Tedd, KB8NW, and Gary, GOENW, pose for John's, K8YSE, camera.



Some NODXA members at the club table at the DX Dinner Banquet.

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NODXA Application and Renewal Form

The Northern Ohio DX Association is a non-profit organization with a primary interest in DXing. We encourage all DXers to join our group and share the interest and fun of DXing. Please complete the application below and send along your appropriate dues or renewal to:

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First Time Membership/Renewal (U.S.)	\$12.00
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Special Interest _____

NODXA Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the **Gourme Family Restaurant** at 15315 Pearl Road (Rt. 42) just west of Interstate 71 and south of Rt. 82 in Strongsville at 7:30 PM. Come early and have dinner and meet your fellow DXers and enter the 50/50 raffle.

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