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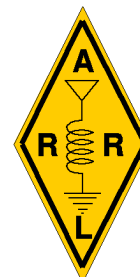
# The NODXA RAG

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## Poolside Chat With KB8NW

Fellow DX'ers,

Once again NODXA had a fun and enjoyable Field Day. About 20 individuals attended the weekend event. The weather was great (almost perfect). Field Day Chairman Bill/W8JGU (along with his Field Day Technical Team— John/K8YSE and Pete/N8TR) did an excellent setup job with the antennas and radios. There were no major problems or mishaps. However, we did have one computer problem.

Anyway, I wish (as always) we had more individuals to visit or even to operate during the late night hours. However, we did have a few new faces that showed up and some even operated. I want to thank everyone that did come. Also, a special thanks to the Field Day Team for their hard work and time. Hopefully, more operators/visitors will attend the 2005 Field Day effort.

Those who didn't attend the club's July 5th meeting missed NODXA's first "SHOW and

TELL" program. Some interesting items were brought in (both ham related and non-related). It was a big hit for those who attended. It was recommend to do it again, probably before the end of the year. So, start digging in your shack or closet for something.

There will be a program at the August NODXA meeting, so you may want to attend. The club will be showing the 2004 3B9C Rodrigues Island DXpedition video. I am sure you will enjoy this one. Their antenna setups are awesome and unbelievable.

73 and Good DX de Tedd KB8NW

P.S. Just another reminder. It is that time again to renew your club membership.

## For Sale

Hy-Gain Hytower, covers 10-80 meters. Needs some cleaning up. Cheap! Call Larry (WB8PHI) at 440-259-5003 if interested.

## Minutes of the July 5th, 2004 NODXA Meeting

Tedd/KB8NW opened the meeting at 7:31PM which was held at the Gourmet Deli and Restaurant in Strongsville, Ohio. The around the room introductions was followed by the 13 members in attendance.

A balance of \$Ka-Ching! exists in the treasury as reported by Mary/N8DMM and reminds the membership that dues are due.

Pete/N8TR informs us that the repeater and packet cluster are working fine.

A discussion on Field Day 2004 was opened by Tedd/KB8NW. John/K8YSE reports a total of 780 Q's on CW and 968 Q's on Phone.

A motion to donate \$100.00 to Mount Augustine Training Center for the Field Day use was made by Ray/W8BIN and seconded by Bruce N8DJX. A vote was taken and passed.

A request for a donation for the Chesterfield Island Dxpediton in October, 2004 was read from a letter by Tedd/KB8NW. A discussion followed and a motion to donate \$100.00 was made by Ray/W8BIN and seconded by Carl/K8AV. A vote was taken and passed.

Carl/K8AV informs us that he and Pete/N8TR are handling the equipment sale for the estate of Joe/W8ZSD. A discussion followed.

At the next meeting on August 02 there will be a video on

the 3B9C Dxpediton to Rodregues Island as related to us by Tedd/KB8NW.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18PM by Tedd/KB8NW.

A show and tell interlude followed was participated in by George/K8KR, Pete/N8TR, Rick/K8ZH, Carl/K8AV, Mary/N8DMM and Tedd/KB8NW. Thanks to all on their interesting and unique subjects.

Secretary: Ron/K8VJG

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## W1AW Vintage Amateur Station

### ARRL Letter

At least one corner of Maxim Memorial Station W1AW has taken on a "retro" look with the installation of a vintage AM-capable station--thanks to the generosity of entertainer Joe Walsh, WB6ACU, and audio pro Bob Heil, K9EID. The gear, which arrived June 18, consists of a National NC-303 receiver and Johnson Viking Valiant transmitter, along with a customized Heil microphone and other accessories. Neither Walsh nor Heil were able to be on hand for the installation.

The gear, which dates from the late 1950s, began its journey in Studio City, California. It changed hands at Dayton Hamvention and then made a stop at the radio repair and restoration shop of Larry Yaw, W9AMR, who spiffed up and rigorously tested the units. Yaw, Jeff Wynegar, KA9TOC,

and Jeff Benedict, AA9JC, then accompanied the vintage station on a nonstop drive from South Bend to Newington for the delivery.

The idea for the station arose during an early March visit to ARRL by Walsh and Heil. Following the delivery and installation, W9AMR, KA9TOC and AA9JC came back the next day to make some W1AW/90 contacts on 75 and 40 before heading back to Indiana.

The W1AW vintage/AM station is available for visitors to use.

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## 3C0V Story, Part 2

### Approaching Annobon

Finally we are took off and the pilot aimed the aircraft in a south westerly direction towards Annobon (Exact location 1 degree 26 minutes South and 5 degrees 38 minutes East). Besides us thee are only a few more passengers in the aircraft, a few men and the 3 person crew from Byelorussia. After a 90-minute flight we overflew the island state of Sao Tome and Principe, which is located directly on the equator. After another 30 minutes we start descending and the pilot is approaching the volcanic island of Annobon for the landing. Finally we saw the Island ourselves: Annobon, 3 Charlie zero, surrounded by thick rain clouds. The crew landed the plane and

we have landed in the main town of San Antonio de Pale.

There are 2000 inhabitants in three settlement areas, 1500 in Pale and the rest in two smaller villages San Pedro and Santa Cruz, only reachable by foot. More and more people, especially children, approached us on the newly built road despite the rain that just started. We look into friendly, bright eyes of kids and the adults also expressed their hospitality with greetings.

Due to the location near the equator Annobon has a tropical humid and hot climate.

The time came for the customs agents to introduce themselves and wanted to examine our expedition items again. As there is no customs hall everything happened outside in the rain. Finally all our stuff was released and ready for transportation on a tractor to our radio location 2 miles away.

A large group of children and adults accompanies us to our quarters, roughly 3/4 miles from the airport. Elmo, EASBYP and Vincente, EASYN were greeted warmly - they had not been back since their last visit in September 1999. The newly built road leads from the airport downhill to the main settlement of Antonio de Pale. Coffee brown children ran and played on the street and examined us quietly and seriously with big eyes. On the way to their huts women balanced on their heads large baskets of goods that arrived on the plane. We could see in the distance a



Franz, DJ9ZB, operating from 3COV

white sandy beach and the azure blue water of the Atlantic. On the other side we looked at oil and coco palm trees and recognized the highest island elevation - the 2000 feet high Monte de Santamina of Annobon. Besides the huts along the way a number of newly build stone houses came into view as well as a church on a small hill.

We rented living and sleeping quarters from Senor Damian for our 14 day long stay. His house includes a large terrace and is located above the street reachable via a dirt path. We unloaded all our material, suitcases and antennas and log everything to the building. Needless to say - it was now more than 30 hours since we departed and without sleep we were feeling tired. But there was no time to rest as our equipment needed to be unpacked and prepared for installation. However, first things first, and so we accompanied

Senor Damian for our visit to the acting Island governor. Following that we reported with all our passports and travel documents to the military commandant's office. After greeting us he carefully examined our documents and retained our passports until our departure. He was given a description of Amateur Radio and told how long we planned to operate from the island. He seemed interested and let us know that we were the only visitors and, in contrast to Malabo permitted us to take photographs.

On our way home 30 minutes later we see the new presidents palace being finished and a number of newly erected buildings for the military garrison. Finally the work could begin.

Elmo and I started with the assembly of the 3 element Cushcraft -A3WS-WARC beam which we mounted on top of a 18-foot pipe with help of the team and we secured the guy

wires. With our location on the northern end of the island we have a clear shot towards Europe, the US and Japan. Meanwhile the generator was humming and providing us with light, as it was now dark outside. Soon our YAESU FT-897 and the Toshiba Notebook PC were connected and at 1849 UTC we make our first contact as 3COV with Gaby, OD5NJ in Beirut on 18 Mhz. Elmo reported to his brother Gaby who was one of our pilot stations that all was OK and that for the next hour 3COV would be active with one station only on 18 Mhz.

It was then time to get something to eat and drink. Luckily water was available in imported plastic bottles. Out-sides it was pitch dark and only occasionally we could see a light from a flashlight, a luxury few Annobonians can afford. We were told that in the near future a central power plant is going to be built - the street lights are already there albeit not yet connected.

## FCC Sets New Vanity Fees

The FCC has announced that the new Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee of \$20.80 for the 10-year license term will go into effect August 6. Applicants for amateur vanity call signs will continue to pay the \$16.30 fee per vanity call sign application received by FCC until the new fee goes into ef-



'Boatanchor Dave'/WD8IOU and Bruce/N8DJX, holding the frequency on 40M during late night field day action. (Photo WB8K)

## For Sale

Janeen, W8ZET (XYL of Jim, W8ZET/SK), wants to sell a tower, rotor and antenna that is presently up at her QTH in Mansfield. Here are the items to be sold (all in good condition):

Tri-Ex 88 foot motorized crankup tower - \$3000

Prop pitch rotor, with directional indicator - \$500

Telrex 5 element triband beam - \$200

If interested, please contact Janeen via E-mail at: [w8zet@hotmail.com](mailto:w8zet@hotmail.com)

fect. The FCC says it expects to collect close to \$162,000 from 7800 Amateur Radio vanity call sign applicants during Fiscal Year 2004. See the FCC's annual Report and Order (Docket MD 04-73) on the Web at [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-)

[04-146A1.doc](#) for details on their assessment and collection of regulatory fees for FY2004.

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As of March 2002  
Current DXCC Entities Total is:

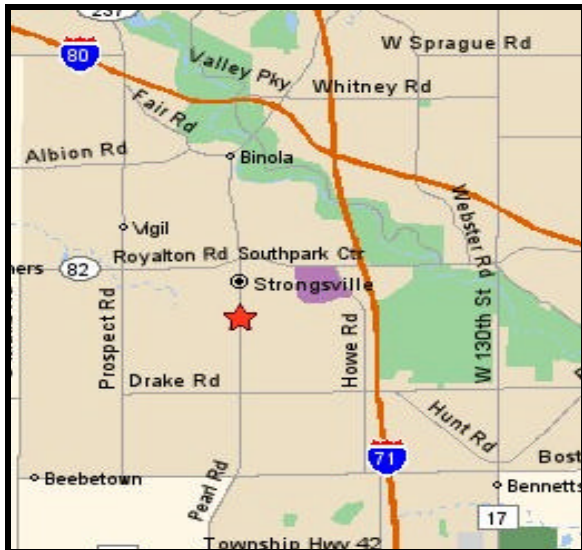
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**W8ZSD EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**

1. Maha MH C777 Universal Charger – almost new with Manual
2. BC 459A transmitter-WWII surplus
3. Kenwood TS-940 with SP-940 speaker with Manual
6. Heathkit SB 221 Amplifier with Manual \*\*\*\*\* POSSIBLY SOLD
7. Dentron WP-2A Wattmeter
8. Kenwood MC-60 Mic.
9. Heathkit Antenna Tuner SA-2060 with Manual
10. B&W Model 593 3-position switch
11. Yaesu HT FT-470
12. Heathkit iambic keyer Mod SA-5010 with Manual
13. Bencher paddle
14. Kenwood Station Monitor SM 220 with Panadapter
16. Kenwood Interface IF 232C for the TS-940
18. Swan SWR-1A Swr/Wattmeter
19. Astron power supply RS 35M \*\*\*\*\* POSSIBLY SOLD
20. Triplett Absorbition frequency meter Model 3256 (wavemeter)
21. IC-2AT
22. Astron power supply RS 20A
23. Dentron Directional Coupler Multi-PS10
25. Icom 740 #5A63 with Manual
28. Boxes of vacuum tubes
29. Large homebrew transmitter with Unknown tubes, unknown age
30. Icom BC -35 charger
33. Heathkit audio amplifier with tubes
34. 150-200' RG8X Antenna Wire
35. SBE amplified external speaker
36. Tuning capacitors SB221 (2 damaged, 1 new)
37. Kenwood Grid Dip meter DM81
38. HF6V Butternut Vertical
40. R6000 Cushcraft New in Box
- 41 TET 3-element Tribander HB-43SP new in Box
42. Eimac 3-5000Z 3N-952- looks unused
43. Eico 460 Oscilloscope
44. Telex Hygain Ham IV rotor with control box-new in box but 20 years old \*\* POSSIBLY SOLD
45. Triplett meter 625N
47. Larsen whip 2/70-B, NMO TLM, coil. All black & new
48. CDE TV Rotor AR22R-no control box
49. Bill Orr West Coast Handbook 21<sup>st</sup> Edition
50. Assorted callbooks 1989-1993
51. ARRL Radio Amateur's Handbook 1982, 1985, 1986 and 1987
52. Misc. Ham Radio books

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Dated: 7/23/04



**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.

### 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:

**NODXA, P.O. Box 450783, Westlake, Ohio 44145**

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