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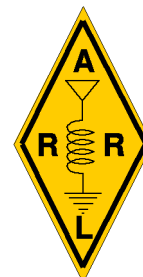
The NODXA RAG

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June-July 2006

Poolside Chat With KB8NW

Fellow DX'ers,

This year's ARRL Field Day event was great. We had a wonderful turnout of club members



and plenty of participation. Once again, Bill, W8JGU, and his crew did a fine job in setting up and tearing down the Field Day site.

According to John, K8YSE, we had way more QSOs than last year. John also did a super effort in pushing for the bonus points this

year. Out of the 10 possible ways to earning bonus points, the club was able to achieve nine of them. So, with high QSOs and bonus points NODXA should rank high in the standings.

We even had a new ham participate (Linda, N8LRS, XYL of Metro. W8MET) for the first

time at Field Day, and it is always a pleasure to see one enjoy herself at an event like this. I personally want to thank everyone who came out and helped or just came out to support the troops.

As I am writing this, one of NODXA's members is about to do something that all of us have dreamed about doing. John, K8YSE, is about to activate a new DXCC entity for the first time. After some transportation problems, John was able to activate Swains Island as KH8SI. I would suggest to attend the August 7th club meeting. I am sure John will have some great pictures and stories to tell us about his great adventure. Hope to see you there.

73 and Good DX de Tedd KB8NW

P.S. Did you 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.

Minutes of the May 1st, 2006 NODXA Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7:32pm by the President, Tedd, KB8NW. There were 15 members and 1 guest present.

After a round of introductions, the Secretary, Al, N8CX, read the minutes of the April 3rd meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Mary, N8DMM reported a balance of \$Ka-Ching! in the account. Mary also reported that we had a new mailing address. The new mailing address is PO Box 361624, Strongsville OH, 44136.

Tedd, KB8NW, mentioned that dues are due and that the repeater is okay.

Pete, N8TR, reported that the cluster is "not talking" to K8AZ. Our cluster is okay, but tests are needed. The possibility that there might be a feedline problem was discussed. The link is on 220MHz.

Dave, WD8IOU, reported that the newsletter had been sent to John, K8YSE. John is presently out of town.

Tedd, KB8NW, reported that the hospitality Suite at Dayton is all set up. Ron, W8WH, reported that there was going to be a pre-Dayton dinner in Mansfield.

Bruce, N8DJX, moved, seconded by Dwaine, K8ME, that \$250 be allocated to underwrite the hospitality suite at Dayton Crowne Plaza. The motion passed unanimously. The Okino Toroshima DVD will be shown at the suite as it seems to be a popular one.

Tedd, KB8NW, again reported on email attempts to contact Al, N5PA, concerning our seemingly and unreported donation to the Glorioso Island DXpedition. Tedd also requested help with Field Day setup and operation.

Dwaine, K8ME, moved, seconded by Bruce, N8DJX, that the club send four (4) DXCC Honor Roll patches and four (4) DXCC patches to the W9DXCC convention to be held in September. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary, N8DMM and Pete, N8TR reported that they will be in Flea Market slots 928-929 at Dayton. They invited everyone to stop by, say

hello and maybe drop off their heavy packages.

Tedd, KB8NW, reported that there was an article in last Sunday's Plain Dealer concerning the upcoming vote for independence in Montenegro. If it passes, it would probably lead to a new DX entity.

The 50-50 raffle was won by Dave, WD8IOU. The amount was \$12.

The meeting was closed by the President, Tedd, KB8NW, at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al, N8CX, Secretary

Minutes of the June 5th, 2006 NODXA Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7:32pm by the President, Tedd, KB8NW. There were 23 members and 4 guests present.

After a round of introductions, Mel, W8MV, an operator with the 3Y0X, Peter I Island DXpedition, gave an excellent presentation of the DXpedition operation. His presentation included a description and history of the island along with pictures and description of the entire trip to the island, operation, and return home. Weather caused many delays both getting on the island and off. This was the third DXpedition to Peter I and lasted 10 1/2 days. Again, weather cut the operation short. A total of 86,888 QSO's were made. For a well documented presentation of the DXpedition see www.peterone.com

After a short break, a short business meeting was held. The Secretary, Al, N8CX, read the minutes of the May 1st meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Mary, N8DMM reported a balance of \$Ka-Ching! in the account. Mary also reported that we had many dues renewals at tonight's meeting. Tedd, KB8NW, reported that we had nine renewals at the hospitality suite at Dayton.

Tedd, KB8NW, reported on a newspaper article which stated that Montenegro had voted for independence. Thus, we can expect a new callsign prefix to be forthcoming.

Jim, K8MR, reported that the cluster in running fine. A switch on the back of a TNC was found to be in the HF position. The repeater is running fine as well.

Dave, WD8IOU, reported that the newsletter is out.

Tedd, KB8NW, gave a report on the hospital-ity suite at Dayton. The club received donations to defray expenses and got nine dues renewals. Members of the 3Y0X operation were also there. Visitor attendance was very good.

Jim, K8MR, moved, seconded by Ron, K8VJG, that the club again sponsor the DX Plaque for the Ohio QSO Party.

The motion passed unanimously. Jim also reported on the forthcoming NODXA reflector on the internet. It would be for members only with password access. Its address probably would be nodxa@contesting.com

Field Day took up a large part of the meet-ing. Arrangements were by various members to bring rigs, antennas, accessories, tents, tables, food, etc. Friday night setup will begin at 6pm. Ron, K8VJG moved, seconded by Byron, KF8UN, that the club allocate \$75 for food and refresh-ments. The motion passed unanimously. Tedd, KB8NW, encouraged all members to come out and participate whether as an operator or not.

Next months program could be either Joe Phillips, K8QOE, the Ohio Section Manager, or a DVD presentation of the BS7H DXpedition.

There was no 50-50 raffle due to time con-straints.

The meeting was closed by the President, Tedd, KB8NW, at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al, N8CX, Secretary

NODXA Field Day 2006

By John Papay, K8YSE

The Northern Ohio DX Association partici-pates in Field Day every year. Our goal is to keep it simple; nothing elaborate so it doesn't become an aggravation to set up and take down.



Linda N8LRS was ecstatic about her qso with Texas on 6 meters.

We put up two tents in a field (is that why they call it "field day?") and used wire antennas sup-ported in the center by a tree.

Pete, N8TR, skillfully shoots his arrow over the tallest tree available and his wife Mary, N8DMM, always manages to find it in the woods without contracting poison ivy. Bill, W8JGU, brings his 6 meter beam on a 34' tilt up mast with the rotor at the base. The six meter an-tenna is about 250' away from the wire antennas so that there is no interference (Denny, WB8K, complains bitterly if he hears the cw noise in his ft847, so it was just easier to do it that way!) The generator is off in another direction to mini-mize the noise as well. After a few years at do-ing the same thing, you get better at it!

This year we decided to go after the extra points. It did make the event more exciting and it does challenge everyone to think about other modes and activities besides cranking out the q's. We operated 2A with one transmitter on cw and the other on phone. An FT-847 was used to make vhf contacts.

A solar panel, purchased at Dayton, along with an FT817 gave us points for the alternate source of energy used to make 5 qso's. Nick, W8XD, started off on 40cw with this setup and the sun cooperated fully. In 5 minutes, we had 5, 40m qso's using solar energy. Nick remarked, "This is easy!" Right, easy for him to say!



L/R Tedd KB8NW, John K8YSE, Bill W8JGU, Denny WB8K, Nelson K8DJC, Mary N8DMM, Pete N8TR, Dwaine K8ME and Linda N8LRS. Those not pictured were obviously operating!

But the most rewarding part of field day is seeing a new ham get involved and make her first contact on 6 meters. N8LRS, Linda Sinko, xyl of Metro, W8MET, was just recently licensed. After making a qso with Texas, she was elated! This was her first field day but I think it will not be her last! Sadly though, we dearly missed our fellow dx'er, Ray, W8BIN. He became a silent key last year. His presence at field day added a spark to the event. It's not the same without him. But we know that he would have been proud of all of the operators that came out for this event and would want us to continue the tradition. He was missed, but not forgotten.

The satellite qso was not as easy. But perseverance pays off if you attempt a qso on every pass. The FM birds were a zoo, the sideband birds were better and Denny, WB8K, with an antenna pointing assist from John, K8YSE, netted a qso with KFOZ in Colorado on FO29, another 100 points! Even Denny was excited about this contact!

The field day message was copied and one was initiated to our SM for extra points. Sending those additional 10 messages was a challenge for me since I haven't sent traffic in many years. The biggest challenge is finding nets to send the traffic on. The pre-field day legwork paid off.

A reporter from the Richfield Times (Richfield is a very small village/township south of Cleveland) came out to see what this was all about. He stayed over an hour and seemed fascinated by it all. We gave him the tour, showing him our APRS setup and our portable packet node, operated by Mike, WB8EVI. The article is scheduled to be printed at the end of July. I'll bet he will be back next year!



Denny WB8K with his portable satellite antenna, good for one SSB QSO with KFOZ on FO-29!

Ham Equipment Inventory from the Estate of W8BIN

Item Name	Description	Price
1 Daiwa CN-801	Cross Needle SWR & Power Meter 1.8 - 200 MHz w/box, manual	\$90.00
2 Yaesu SP-7	Mobile External Speaker 5W w/swivel-type mounting bracket w/box	\$12.00
3 MFJ 259	HF SWR Analyzer	\$100.00
4 Heil Promicro-4	Headset w/box w/Yaesu adaptor	\$50.00
5 Kantronics KPC2	Packet communicator II TNC	\$35.00
6 Optimus Pro-50MX	Headset(with Microphone) Cat. No. 33-1135 new in box	\$25.00
7 Yaesu FT-8100R	VHF/UHF Dual Band FM Transceiver w/box	\$225.00
8 Scanner	Radio Shack PRO-2050 VHF/UHF/Air/800MHz 300-Channel Home Scanner w/box	\$60.00
9 Yaesu MD100A8X	Dynamic Microphone w/box	\$75.00
10 Radio Shack PRO-90	Hand-held 300-Channel Trunk Tracker Scanner w/box	\$70.00
11 Paddle	Vibro-Keyer Standard - Single paddle	\$75.00
12 Trac TE122	CMOS Electronic Keyer	\$25.00
13 Yaesu FT-100	Compact Transceiver w/box (repaired 2004 by Burghardt)with YSK100 Separation Kit and NMB-62 Mobile Controller Bracket	\$400.00
14 Yaesu Memorizer	FT-227R VHF FM 2M Transceiver	\$50.00
16 Drake TV3300LP	Low-pass filter - 1KW	\$15.00
17 B&W Model 424	Low-pass filter - low power	\$5.00
18 Lafayette LPS40	3 amp/12 volt power supply	\$5.00
19 Timewave DSP-9	Audio noise reduction filter	\$40.00
20 Para Dynamics PDC8	Small mobile power meter	\$10.00
21 Olson CB-391	SWR Wattmeter (CB type)	\$5.00
22 Yaesu	4-pin microphone	\$3.00
23 VOM	Micronta 22-204-C 43-range analog w/box	\$10.00
24 Yaesu FT-100MP	Transceiver with 5 Inrad filters: roofing,two 1.8 SSB,400HzCW, and 500Hz 2nd receiver	\$1050.00 stock \$1550.00 w/filters
26 Coax	RG8-X approximately 30' long	\$5.00
27 CX-201	A-B Switch	\$10.00
28 Speaker	Yaesu large size	\$15.00
29 Fan	110 v External Whisper	\$3.00
30 Soldering gun	Weller 8200N dual heat 100/140	\$15.00
31 Project box	Archer Deluxe Metal Utility Cabinet 3 x 5.25 x 5.875	\$5.00
32 Vert Antenna Handbook	Capt. Paul H. Lee N6PL (2nd Edition 1984)	\$6.00
33 HF Mobileering Book	Everything You forgot to Ask About HF Mobileering by DK Johnson W6AAQ	\$6.00
34 Antenna Book	The ARRL Antenna Book with software(1994) by R. Dean Straw N6BV	\$10.00
35 ON4UN Book	Low-Band Dxing with CD-ROM (2005 Fourth Edition)by John Devoldere	\$24.00
36 Speaker	Mobile speaker, small	\$3.00
37 Coax	Two pieces RG-58 with connectors each approximately 74' long -new	\$10.00 each
38 Coax	One piece RG8-X with connectors, approximately 21' long -new	\$4.00
39 Jumpers	Six miscellaneous RG-8	\$2.00 each
40 Connectors	Nine PL-259	\$9.00
41 Connectors	Nine miscellaneous coax adapters-new	\$9.00
42 Coax	One piece RG-58 with connectors,	\$4.00

	approximately 26' long	
43 17"LCD Monitor	Samsung 173V	\$125.00
44 2 SS Radial Plates	DXE-RADP-1P with Hdw.	\$35.00 each
45 Coax Switch	5 Positions -circumferential	\$15.00
47 Trunk/Hatchback mount	Diamond Antenna 400C	\$30.00
48 Large HF Ant.	Mosley Pro-67-B (on the tower)	Make Offer
49 Computer	HP Pavilion 520N, 1.3ghz Celeron w/ 60GB HD,XP sp2 w/ 17" monitor and printer	Make Offer
50 Screwdriver Antenna	High Sierra HS-900DX 6m-40m	\$200.00

Contact: Mary Michaelis - N8DMM at n8dmm@adelphia.net or (440) 236-5426
 Prices are negotiable (somewhat)

Swains Island Report

I returned home this morning from an experience of a lifetime, a dxpediton to a brand new country in a very remote part of the world. Swains was an island that not many will ever set foot on. I was honored to be part of the team that went there and put a brand new one on the air.

The dxpediton was made possible by Kan JA1BK. He found this country and he led the campaign to have the dxcc rules changed back to what they were so that Swains would count. He was relentless in this pursuit.

The dxpediton was nearly scrapped when our transportation seemed as if it were beyond grasp. We were considering leaving Pago Pago to return another day. But at the last minute a solution was found that would get us to the island for about four days. We went up on a boat from the Tolelau's and came back on the MV Cili out of Pago Pago.

The culture in the Pacific Islands is quite different than it is here in the States. Things are simple and there is not much western influence. They just got a McDonald's on Pago Pago and there is a Pizza Hut and KFC. Checkers was just opened. But other than that, there is no trace of what we have here. Shops and restaurants are



local rather than chains. But American Samoans are very patriotic. They can't understand why we have Mexican Americans or African Americans. They are American Samoan's, not Samoan Americans! Many of their sons and daughters join the military. There are churches everywhere. It is a simple life and family is the focus of life there.

The weather on Swains was very hot and humid and we had some equipment and computer trouble. CW was slow because the keyer would not ramp up on the speed.

NODXA Club Officials for 2006-2007

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As of July 2006
Current DXCC Entities Total is:

337

Congratulations to those who made a qso! I also made a lot of qso's from Larry Gandy's (AH8LG) qth . There was lots of mail waiting for kh8/k8yse!

John Papay, K8YSE

Worked All States "WAS" And VUCC

The Worked All States and VUCC checking for Low Bands and VHF operations is alive and well. The Worked All States Checker is Dwaine Modock, K8ME. If you have cards to check contact me by Phone: 440-582-3462, or E-Mail: k8me@sbcglobal.net, to set up the arrangements. The VUCC checker is for Qsl's above 50 mhz, is Al Moriarty, N8CX. He can be reached 216-221-3682, or E-Mail n8cx@mindspring.com, You must have the new forms filled out, which can be downloaded from ARRL Web-site, just follow the instructions. If there is any Qsl that's little questionable, please try to have a backup. Thanks Again and Good Hunting.

73 QSL Checker Dwaine Modock, K8ME

For Sale!

Compaq FS7600e 17" Flat Screen CRT Monitor, brand new in a sealed box, purchased in July, 2006, \$50. Contact John, K8YSE, at john@papays.com or call 440-237-3377.

Postage to Europe

If you are qsling to Europe, remember that new "IRC's" with deadline date will be out end of July. Also note that for France and most of Europe, postage is .90 euro or little more (\$1.00 dollar US = .75 euro). So if you are sending qsl cards direct, remit at least \$2.00 dollars US.

Remember that "IRC'S" are \$1.85. If your post office has new IRC'S it will have price of \$1.75, so then the post office will or should place another 10 cent stamp in middle of irc.

Good DX'ING, 73 Dwaine Modock, K8ME

KH8SI Summary Report

By Tedd, KB8NW, OPDX

A QSOs summary sheet on the KH8SI DXpedition became available this past week. The KH8SI team made some 16,390 QSOs from Swains Island. The first QSO was on July 28th (2006) at 2219z with AH8LG on 20m SSB. Last QSO was on August 2nd (2006) at 1600z with VK1XP on 20m SSB.

Activity took place during 6 days with the solar flux around 73 and the K at 1. QSL via JA1BK.

For the story, log search and pictures visit: http://www.iiynet.or.jp/JA1BK/home_e.html



Thanks to the following for their contribution to this months edition: N8TR, N8DMM, KB8NW, N8CX, K8YSE, K8ME, K8DJC, K8KR, OPDX, and the ARRL Letter.



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 361624 , Strongsville, Ohio 44136

First Time Membership/Renewal (U.S.)	\$12.00
Foreign Membership (outside U.S.)	\$22.00
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