

# The LongPath

A North Alabama DX Club Publication

## Special points of interest:

- This month's program
- Guess who's coming to Hamfest.
- Two other important days in May
- Three pages of DX Rumors
- Keeping those QSL cards tidy
- DX Contests Galore
- Will there be a Field Day?
- Good Luck, Craig!

## How to Join

- \* Come to a club meeting;
- \* or send in an application by mail (form on [www.NADXC.com](http://www.NADXC.com))
- \* or call Vic Holland at (256)721-9106

## A Ham's Legacy

By Tom Duncan, KG4CUY

A few weeks ago, I participated in the last few days of another ham's career. As is usually the case, he had become a silent key months before, but his widow was eager to be rid of a basement full of "radio stuff". These situations vary greatly in detail, some hams creating a great homogeneous junk pile, others meticulously segregating equipment from parts, and parts into groups of the same kind. To the survivors, though, it's just radio stuff. It was headed for the Red Cross, there to wait one week for the next HARC auction.

Those of us who participate in the dismemberment of a ham's treasure trove — whether by carting it around, selling it, or purchasing it — have a different perspective. We may recognize the names and model numbers of some equipment, perhaps as rigs we had, or wished we had been able to afford in our early days as hams. If we find modern equipment, we suspect this ham was active to the end; if not, perhaps the vintage equipment was used at the zenith of his time on the air.

Even the parts have stories. An unfinished piece of something, abandoned half-

completed, may give us a clue. A ceramic tube socket, a blower, a big power transformer - surely an amp was in the works here. A piece of sheet metal with nixie tubes in back and a BNC might have been a frequency counter in the making. We feel as though we can read the thoughts of this ham we never knew.

Intentionally or not, this ham and others every day throughout the country leave a legacy in their "radio stuff". If we can return an old rig to service, even for just one QSO, or use a few parts in a project of our own, the SK's influence is extended. I'm pleased to have an SK's perfectly functional grid dip oscillator on my bench, and report not only was it used to verify a tuned circuit's resonant frequency just days ago, but the same project consumed a bunch of small capacitors from another SK.

Let's hope we can be as lucky as these hams, so that some day (in the hopefully distant future) younger hams sifting through our treasures can say "there's an old FT-1000MP - they sure were good rigs" or "Look at that Orion - let's see if it still works".

73, Tom Duncan, KG4CUY

## The P5 Special

Program by Tim Pearson, KU4J

Learn how a group of intrepid DXers designed, modeled, and built a Vee-beam out in the country specifically to work P5/4L4FN. Hear some technical details of longwires, vee-beams, and rhombics.



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The April meeting of North Alabama DX Club was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 12, 2005.

Visitors include Pete W1CPP, and Rick K4TD. There were 17 members in attendance

Vic K4RVH gave the treasurer's report stating the funds on deposit and on-hand amounted to \$2953.77. Deposit of \$140 in dues after the meeting included an additional \$30 not reported at the meeting but received during the meeting.

Minutes of the March 2005 meeting were approved.

Two membership apps were received in the previous month. Pete W1CPP was accepted as a NADXC member and an application from AI W4ABW as received as a former member and reestablished his membership.

Members discussed recent DX worked mostly including the recent FT5XO expedition. Some members counted their recent DX as Alabama on 6M!

Tom KG4CUY passed around the Wouff-Hong recently discovered in his garden and chronicled in the last Long Path.

Wes Lamboley, W3WL, will be the speaker for the Huntsville Hamfest NADXC Banquet Saturday, August 20. Wes will speak to us about the FT5XO DXpedition.

We hope to reschedule Bob Allphin,

Tom disclosed that Field Day activity will be at a slightly different venue due to construction. It will still be on the grounds of Intergraph however. There is also a number of logistical tasks that need attention due to unavailability of some personnel that handled those tasks in the past. If you're interested in getting involved contact Tom KG4CUY.

A renewed search for a speaker to present a program at the DX Banquet is on due to the postponement of the 3Y0X expedition.

It was suggested that a video slide show to run during the hamfest in the NADXC booth might be an attractive draw. Tim KU4J volunteered to author and requested members to send photos of their station to be included.

Ed K4KFH reported that Skip AA4U was not able to take advantage of his gear any longer and Skip's wife had asked Ed to help with selling the gear. Further details would be provided later.

The meeting was closed and followed with a presentation from Jerry N4NO and Tom NK4G on Low Band Dx'ing.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic K4RVH

**Hamfest Update**

The LongPath Staff

K4UEE, to speak about Peter I at next year's hamfest. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

Bill Moore, N1CL, the ARRL's "Mr. DXCC", will be with us at the NADXC booth.

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Last month and again this month, the LongPath contains notices urging you to write your representative asking his support for a bill directing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide reasonable public access to Desecheo and Navassa islands.

In the past, letters and emails I have sent to my representatives have gone unanswered. I realize these communications are for practical reasons some-

what unidirectional, and this in itself does not reflect on whether the message was received and given consideration.

I was therefore pleased to receive an acknowledgement from my representative, by mail, of my email sent through [www.kp1-5.com](http://www.kp1-5.com). While this doesn't indicate any leaning for or against the legislation, it is nonetheless refreshing to note that urgings to our elected offi-

cials do not go directly into the bit bucket.

While we're on the topic of legislation, check out the efforts of Arkansas' representative Mike Ross, WD5DVR, to require the FCC to "conduct a full and complete analysis" of potential BPL interference at <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/filings/hres230/HRes230.pdf>.

See [www.kp1-5.com](http://www.kp1-5.com)

and be sure to write your Congressman asking him to support H.R. 1183.

## Tower Climber Needed:

**N4KG needs a Tower Climber to help remove 3 tribanders (TH3 at 40 ft, TA32 at 60 ft, and TH6 at 80 ft) and disassemble 80 ft tower guyed at 4 levels. All necessary tools are on hand including safety harness, safety belt, hard hat, pulleys, ropes, come-alongs, and gin pole.**

**Contact:**

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## For Sale: Your Stuff!

**"Members can have their ads placed in the LongPath by simply emailing the Editor at:**

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### ARRL To Propose New Sub-Band Regulations

At its April meeting, the ARRL's Executive Committee approved a proposal to regulate HF sub-band segments by emission bandwidth rather than by mode of transmission, as is currently the case. If later approved by the League's full Board of Directors, the proposal would be formally submitted to the FCC for consideration. Under the proposal, maximum signal bandwidths of 200 Hz, 500 Hz, and 3 kHz would be designated within certain specific HF band segments. This would theoretically provide a more equitable management of allocated amateur frequency spectrum for use by both analog and digital communications. There is more information on this important subject available on the ARRL's website and in the "IT SEEMS TO US . . ." columns in the September 2004 and April 2005 issues of QST. Take time to become informed about this unusual approach to HF sub-band management.

### New FCC Chairman Named

President Bush has tapped FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin to be the Commission's new Chairman, replacing

former Chairman Michael Powell who recently resigned. It's too early to tell what effect the change in leadership and possible other changes in Commission membership will have on the regulatory body's support of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) technology. There has been some talk that Martin shares the same favorable opinion about BPL that was vocally expressed by former Chairman Powell, but we'll have to wait and see about that.

### Two Important Dates in May

May marks the annual observance of two important dates on our country's calendar. The first is Armed Forces Day, which will be observed on Saturday, May 21, and the second is Memorial Day, which will be observed on Monday, May 30. These two events provide an opportunity for all of us to acknowledge and reaffirm how much we owe to those men and women who have served, or are serving, in the U.S. military - especially to those who have given their lives in order to ensure that all we are privileged to enjoy as Americans is preserved. We should all take time to pause and reflect on the true significance of these two dates.

### Somalia DXpedition Recapped

The May issue of QST carries an article about the recent 60ØCW DXpedition to Somalia, written by IK1PMR who was one of the 60ØCW team members. It's interesting reading.

### Another New DX Challenge

With the objective of stimulating more interest in competitive DXing, CQ magazine has announced the second in a series of new DX operating challenges. The first "DX Marathon" will begin on January 1, 2006, last for the entire calendar year, and end on December 31. The goal will be to work as many DXCC entities and CQ zones as possible. A new Marathon will then begin on January 1, 2007, with the same goals in mind. The DX Marathon concept represents the resurrection of a similar series of year-long programs that were last observed in 1948. No QSL confirmation of QSOs will be required, and log forms will have to be submitted electronically using CQ-prescribed formats. Check the May issue of CQ or the CQ website ([www.cq-amateur-radio.com](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com)) for more details.

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### This Month in Electrical History

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**1850**—Oliver Heaviside is born. He is responsible for the differential form rendition and simplification of Maxwell's Equations.

**1878**—Joseph Henry dies. First secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, his oscillating motors were fore-runners of much of today's rotating electromagnetic machinery.

**1884**—Samuel Morse sends "What hath God wrought!" on a telegraph line between Baltimore and Washington.

**1914**—Applications for Membership in the newly-formed American Radio Relay League first received by founding members Hiram Percy Maxim and Charles Tuska.

**1940**—The original FM broadcast band is created, occupying 42–50 MHz. It was later moved to the 88–108 MHz band, sealing the end of E. H. Armstrong's Yankee Network.

**1982**—"QEX—The ARRL Experimenters' Exchange", first published quarterly in 1981, begins monthly publication. Quarterly publication resumes in 1998.

Many thanks to the folks at the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin for providing the following information.

**3V, TUNISIA** (IOTA Op). Some members of The Canary Islands DX Society have announced that they will be active from Tunez on Djerba Island (AF-083) as 3V8SM (callsign of the Tunisian Scout Radio Club in the Houmt Souk City). Activity will be on the WARC bands and on SSB/PSK31/RTTY between July 26-29th. They will also be active on SSB during the IOTA Contest July 30-31<sup>st</sup>

**5Z, KENYA.** It has been announced that Enrico, IV3SBE, will be returning to here and plans to be active as 5Z4ES. He will stay here through 2007.

His activity will be during the weekends. QSL via the Kenyan QSL Bureau.

**CW5R WEB PHOTOS.** Visit the CW5R Lobos Island (SA-039) DXpedition 2005

Photo Gallery at: <http://www17.ocn.ne.jp/~iota-ja/newpage3cw5r.html>

**CX, URUGUAY.** Jorge, CX6VM, informs OPDX that he will be active on 12, 17 and 30 meters for the next 2 weeks. He suggests to please look for him on 24911, 18081 and 10111 khz (+/- QRM). He will be using a R7000 with 100 watts. QSL via W3HNK.

**D2, ANGOLA.** Janne, OH5NKD (OH3DD), active as D2DX, is expected to be here 2007. This past week he has been very active on PSK especially on

20/15 meters. His activity also includes 20/15/10 meters SSB. Watch for his activity between 1100-1330z and again after 1700z.

## DAYTON HAMVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced by Doug Grant, K1DG: Two of the Dayton Hamvention Forums will be changing location this year. The Antenna Technology Forum, originally scheduled for Friday, May 20th, in Room 1 of the Hara Arena and the Contesting Forum, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 21st, in Room 4 of the Hara Arena, will now be held Saturday afternoon in the Van Cleve Ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton. The Antenna Technology Forum, chaired by Tim Duffy, K3LR, will be held from 12 noon to 2:30 PM, and the Contesting Forum, chaired by Doug Grant, K1DG, will begin at 2:30, running until 5:00 PM.

**DX HOSPITALITY SUITE.** Members of the North Jersey DX Association

invite DXers to visit one of the oldest, continuously run hospitality

suites, on Friday and Saturday, May 20-21st, at the Jimmy Doolittle

Suite, 12th Floor, Crowne Plaza (7pm-??).

**HAM COM 2005.** Tom Anderson, WW5L, announced that the DX programs and DX Luncheon is now set for Ham Com 2005, June 3-5th, in Arlington, TX, sponsored by the Lone Star DX Association. The DX Luncheon speaker will be Charles Harpole, K4VUD, who is the spark that made the VU4 operation possible. Come hear a fascinating story of DX and emergency operations coming together. This year's DX programs will bring you up-to-date on many things going on in the world of DX. After each day's activities, join everyone at the Wingate Hotel for a hospitality suite sponsored by the North Texas Contest Club. For a complete schedule and a PDF Ham Com Flyer that lists all the DX

activities and Ham Com events, visit the

following Web sites at:

<http://www.hamcom.org>

<http://www.dxer.org/lstdxa>

**DXCC EU POLL.** Egidio, IZ8BRI, informs OPDX that European stations are invited to visit the Dynamic DX Charter-House Web page and participate in the European DXCC Poll for the most wanted countries. Please vote,

just connect to the Web site at:

<http://www.ddxc.net>

**J3, GRENADA.** Harry/AC8G and others will be active as J3A during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-(?) entry. QSL route is to be announced (TBA). ADDED NOTES: Harry states, "Hurricane Ivan did only nominal damage to the normal J3A operating site. However, due to temporary use of the site for certain government offices, we may have limited space both interior and outside for the antenna farm. Before and after the contest (and perhaps during depending on circumstances) effort will be made to operate on various modes and bands other than used in the contest. A full team has not yet been assembled so anyone with interest should contact AC8G at: [hflasher@dayton.net](mailto:hflasher@dayton.net)

**JD1, OGASAWARA.** Remember to look for Nob/JH1WCD and Joe/JR1AGC as JD1BLW and JD1BLZ, respectively, later this week from May 5-8th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, mainly SSB. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the bureau.

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**OJO, MARKET REEF.** Operators Pertti/OH2PM, Lasse/OHORJ and Risto/OH3UU are active as OJOJ for a few more days. With two stations on the air, the team has been very active on 160/80/40/30/17 meters. QSL via OHORJ.

**SV9, CRETE.** Wolfgang, OE1WWL, will be active as SV9/OE1WWL/p from May 8-13th. Activity will be on all bands, SSB only, with 10 watts and a longwire antenna. QSL via his home callsign by the bureau.

**V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA.** Operators Jurgis/LY2CY and Andrius/LY2TA will be active as V250 in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Multi-(?) entry. Activity will be from the V26B QTH. QSL via LY2TA.

**YI, IRAQ.** Korey, YI9VCQ/KA5VCQ, will be active in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via N3ST. ADDED NOTE: Korey, YI9VCQ/KA5VCQ, reports: "We are trying to organize a club effort under the auspices of the Iraqi Amateur Radio Society in Baghdad. The contest may include both Iraqi and American radio operators." Details will be finalized and posted on the Hamurabi Hams group page at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/hamruabihams>

**YI, IRAQ.** Hal, WB4E, active as YI9B4E (yes call sign is correct) was heard this past week very active on 17 meters. Watch this band after 1700z. QSL via WB4E.

**YJ, VANUATU** (Also, A3). Remember YL operators Elizabeth/VE7YL and Gwen/VK3DYL will be active this week from

Port Vila and Aore Island (IOTA OC-035) between May 2-19th. They will receive their callsigns upon their arrival. Their expected activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via VK3DYL, by the bureau or direct with 2 USDs or 1 new IRC. ADDED NOTE: They will visit Tonga (A3 - May 24th to June 8th) after this operation. They will activate Nu-ku'alofa (OC-049) and Vava'u (OC-064).

**ZPO, PARAGUAY.** Tomas, ZP5AZL, will be active as ZPOR during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via W3HNK.

**3D2, FIJI.** Look for Nao, JK1FNL, to be active as 3D2NA from Mana Island (OC-121), April 24-28th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters CW/SSB/RTTY.

QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

**6W, SENEGAL.** Al, 6W1RY (NH7A when stateside), reports that he will be active in the CQ WW SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ High-Power entry. QSL via F5VHJ or LoTW.

**A5, BHUTAN.** A report from Sebastien, F8DQZ, indicates that there are two new club stations in Bhutan as per Wangpo Dorji, A51WD. No QSNs have been reported yet, but the callsigns and QTHs were provided as:

1. Shingkar Amateur Radio Club (A50E)  
Shingkar Primary School,  
Shingkar, Zhemgang, Bhutan
2. Bardo Amateur Radio Club (A50F)  
Bardo Primary School, Bardo,  
Zhemgang, Bhutan

**BX3, TAIWAN.** Juergen, DJ3KR, is now active as BX3/DJ3KR until June 5th. He was spotted this past week on 30/17 meters CW. Watch these bands between 1100-1700z. QSL via DJ3KR.

**DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS (QRT).** Eddie, DU1EV, informs OPDX that Gil, 4F2KWT, took down the antennas at DX0K on Tuesday, April 12th. Eddie states, "It is nice to know that six meters finally opened up last week and Gil was able to work HL and JA stations on the magic band. So now, officially, it is a 160 to 6 meter DXpedition. We did not have any luck with the 6 meter EME attempt." He also states, "What better way to end a DXpedition than by attending the town fiesta. The Municipality of Kalayaan at Pag-Asa Island celebrates its fiesta this week. Gil is a guest of honor at the town fiesta. He shall be taking the ship from Pag-Asa (Thitu) Island to Puerto Princessa, Palawan. Hopefully, he will be back in the mainland by Tuesday or Wednesday next week."

**EX, KYRGYZSTAN.** Look for Jaak, ES1FB, to be active as EX/ES1FB from April 19-29th. Also, look for Oleg, ES1RA, to be active as EX/ES1RA from April 19th to May 17th. Activity from both operators will be a holiday style operation. QSL EX/ES1FB direct to ES1FB: Jaak Meier, Box 2907, 13102, Tallinn, Estonia. QSL EX/ES1RA direct to ES1RA:

Oleg Mir, Box 806, 11702, Tallinn, Estonia.

**FT5XO UPDATE.** The Microlite Penguins DXpedition Team arrived in Australia at 0000z, Monday April 11th. Robert, SP5XVY, sent Tom, SP5UAF, some pictures from the Kerguelen Island DXpedition and some 24 images can be viewed at:

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**HSO, THAILAND.** Charly, K4VUD, informs OPDX that he will be active from here as HSOZCW from April 28th to May 14th. This is a family visit, so his operations will be casual. ADDED NOTE FROM CHARLY: Also note that Charly's Thai wife, Somjit, loves answering QSL cards and has done over 2,000 backlogged bureau cards for K4VUD, HSOZCW, 9N7UD, A52UD, XW1UD, and KG4FPK. He states, "Gotta love her! She has promised to do the remainder this summer and get all caught up!"

**HZ, SAUDI ARABIA.** Thomas, HZ1EX, has been very active on 40/17 meters CW. Watch 40 meters (around 7002 kHz) between 2130-0200z and 17 meters (around 18075-18085 kHz) between 1330-1730z. He will be here until June. QSL via SMOBYD.

**J2, DJIBOUTI.** Yves, F5PRU/J20FH, is now QRT from Djibouti and is heading to Metropolitan France. All his antennas were dismantled last week. He would like to thank all of the hams who made a QSO with J20FH, sometimes in very bad conditions. QSL via his French callsign F5PRU, either by the bureau or direct. He hopes to make another trip to J2 in the near future.

**J3, GRENADA.** Dick, K5AND, will be active as J3/K5AND during the end of June. Activity will be on 6 meters with a single long yagi and kw and

2 meters with a single 5 element yagi or a group of 4 yagis combined with a kw amp on CW/SSB and 500w on the digital modes. There will be a 2m EME operation. No skeds will be taken. The location is on the far north point of the island giving an excellent take off to

Europe and the USA on 6 meters. Several other operators will join, including one YL.

### **PIRATE ALERTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The following stations have been announced as PIRATE operations:


5T5AFF, 5T5HC, 5T5BAB, 5T5HHN and 5T5LCW.

QSL Manager Fran, EA7FTR, informs OPDX that someone is using ST2NH on CW, and this is a PIRATE. Nader, T2NH, has not been active on CW for a long time. Fran states, "Please DO NOT send QSLs."

**S0, WESTERN SAHARA.** Luis, EA5KY, Chief Editor of "El mundo del DX", informs OPDX that activity by S09A last month was legitimate and was NOT A PIRATE as some individuals have suggested. QSL via EA1BT (by the bureau or direct).

**S7, SEYCHELLES** (IOTA Activity). Frederic, HB9CQK, will be active as S79QK from April 27th to May 8th. His activity will include the activation of Denis Island (AF-024) and Alphonse Island (AF-033). Operations will be on the 20/17/15/12/10 meters SSB on the IOTA frequencies. He will use an IC-706MKIIG with 100 watts, and a 40 meter delta loop antenna. The log will be uploaded to LoTW. If you want a QSL card, you can QSL via HB9CQK, direct or by the bureau.

**T32, EAST KIRIBATI** (New IOTA Op!). During the 1st Mediterraneo DX Club Convention held on April 9-10th, plans for a DXpedition to two unnumbered IOTA groups in the Line Islands (East Kiribati) were announced by MDXC



members Nando Rubino/IT9YRE (T32Y), Claudio Scaglia/I1SNW (T32SNW) and Alfio Bonanno/IT9EJW (T32EJW). They will operate SSB and CW first from Flint Island (if unable to land there, they will move on to Vostok Island in the same group); the second new one will be Caroline Island (aka Millennium Island). The expedition is scheduled to take place between September 28th and October 15th. QSL direct to their home callsigns (separate envelopes for each operation, please). Donations to help offset the high costs of the expedition will be gratefully accepted and can be sent to IT9YRE: Nando Rubino, P.O. Box 30, 96012 Avola -SR. Italy.

**TK, CORSICA** (Possible IOTA Activity). Laci/HA0HW and Tomi/HA4DX will be active as TK/HA0HW and TK/HA4DX from Corsica (EU-014) on May 22-29th.

They plan to operate on all HF bands on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 with two radios, DunaX and home-made verticals, dipoles on 160/80m. If they find time to go out to one of the small coastal islands (EU-100, EU-104 or EU-164) to operate, they will do it. QSLs are "OK" via the HA QSL Bureau or direct according to the details on QRZ.com.

### **Contributions Welcome**

This space would have been blank like the bottom of the next page had the LongPath staff not filled it with this plea for input. Help stamp out needlessly blank space by sending your articles to the LongPath. If you can reconcile classical and quantum physics without resorting to string theory, we'd like to hear about it. Send your stuff to the interim editor at [duncant1@ds-s.com](mailto:duncant1@ds-s.com).

Thanks and 73!

Once you start receiving QSL cards, what do you do with them? There are many products on the market to help you display and organize your QSL cards. The most common method to display QSL cards is to use the QSL card holders that are organized in 2 rows of 10 columns. A handful of these organizers can be an excellent form of 'wall paper'. Another method is to display your cards in a photo album. I currently use a photo album to display the current 335 DXCC countries. You can also put a blank index card in the sleeve of the countries that you don't have confirmed with notes about upcoming DXpeditions, etc. Another method is to

scan your QSL cards and display them electronically on a personal web page. Vic, K4RVH has a good example of this at [k4rvh.webhop.net](http://k4rvh.webhop.net).

As you acquire a larger and larger collection of cards you will want to organize them in some logical manner so that if you want to apply for some ham radio awards you will be able to find them quickly. My cards were in such a disarray that it recently took me 3 weeks to find all of my cards to apply for the CQ 5B-WAZ award. I am now in the process of sorting all of my QSL cards so that future searches will be less painful. The way you sort your cards is

purely a personal preference. Some people sort strictly by DXCC country (me), or by Prefix (e.g., Jerry, N4NO), or by band. You will need some 4" x 6" card files to cleanly sort you cards. You may also want to think about how to store/organize your awards. You will eventually not be able to put all of your awards in frames and display them on the wall. There are lots of products at your local office supply store to help display, organize, and store you QSL cards and awards.



**DXCC Photo Album**



**QSL Card File**

DX CONTESTS for the coming month include:

**ARI International DX Contest, (CW & SSB), 160-10M**

May 7, 2000Z to May 8, 1959Z  
Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial # or Province  
See page 98, May QST

**Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest, (RTTY), 80-10 M**

May 14, 1200Z to May 15, 1200Z  
Exchange: RST, Ser. No., CQ Zone  
See [www.contestvolta.com](http://www.contestvolta.com)

**CQ-M Intl. DX Contest (CW & SSB), 160-10M**

May. 14, 1200Z to May. 15, 1200Z  
Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial #

**Baltic Contest (CW & SSB), (80/75M only)**

May 21, 2100Z to May 22, 0200Z  
Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial #  
See page 99, May QST

**His Majesty King of Spain Contest, (CW), 160 - 10M**

May 21, 1800Z to May 22, 1800Z  
Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial # or Province  
See page 99, May QST

**CQ WPX CW Contest (CW), 80-10M**

May. 28, 0000Z to May 29, 2359Z  
Exchange: RST plus serial #  
See page 92, Mar. QST or [www.cqwp.com](http://www.cqwp.com).

**OTHERS:**

**RSGB 80m Club Championship, (DATA),**

2000Z-2130Z, May 11

**F.I.S.T.S. CW Club Spring Sprint (CW),**

1700Z-2100Z, May 14

**RSGB 80m Club Championship, (CW),**

2000Z-2130Z, May 19

**VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, (Phone)**

0800Z-1400Z, May 21

**EU PSK DX Contest**

1200Z, May 21 to 1200Z, May 22

**Portuguese Navy Day Contest, (PSK31)**

1300Z, May 21 to 1300Z, May 22

**ARCI Hootowl Sprint (CW)**

2000Z-2400Z, May 29

**VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, (CW)**

0800Z-1400Z, Jun 4

**IARU Region 1 Field Day, (CW)**

1500Z, Jun 4 to 1459Z, Jun 5

**RSGB National Field Day**

1500Z, Jun 4 to 1500Z, Jun 5

**RSGB 80m Club Championship, (Data)**

2000Z-2130Z, Jun 6



**ANARTS WW RTTY Contest**

0000Z, Jun 11 to 2400Z, Jun 12

**Asia-Pacific Sprint, (SSB)**

1100Z-1300Z, Jun 11

**GACW WWSA CW DX Contest**

1500Z, Jun 11 to 1500Z, Jun 12

Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals [but not in the LongPath—ed.]; beware.

Chuck, N4NM

## Field Day Update

Chris Reed, KF4MMF, and Tom Duncan, KG4CUY

Field Day 2005 will be held at a different location on the Intergraph campus, shown in the map below. Buried sprinklers are being installed at our customary field day site, after which it and the area surrounding the new fitness center will be seeded with new grass.

The new site is large and flat, perfect for our towers. There is no parking, but we can park on the grass. No rest room facilities are close by, but plans are to provide a portable toilet.

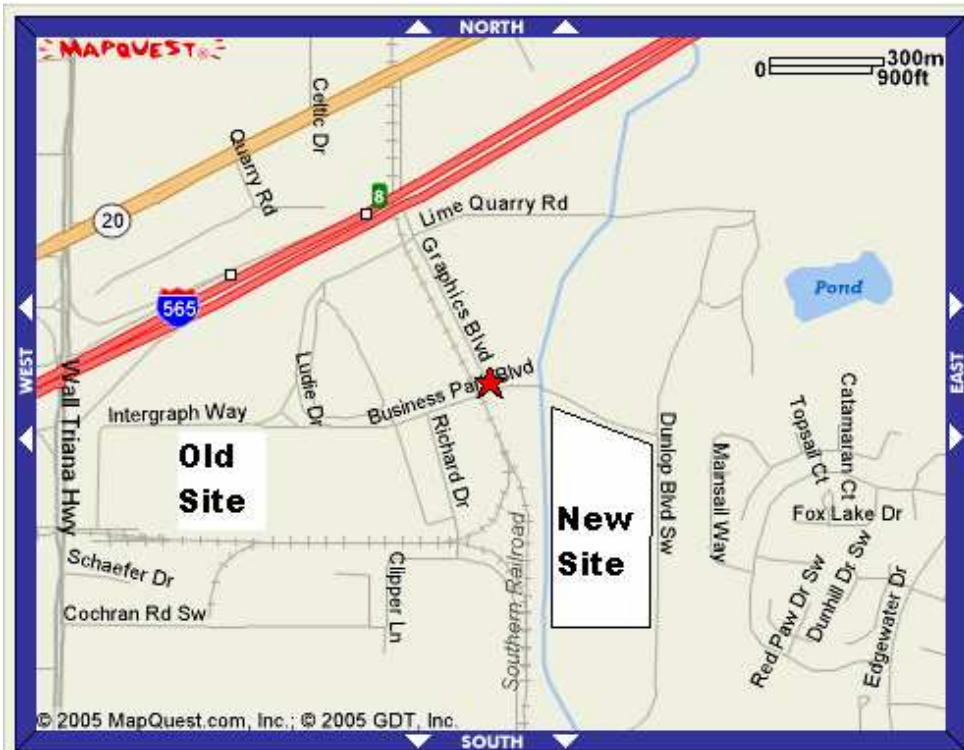
As of April 29, arrangements are tentatively to again use trailers from the

arsenal, but any additional help in this regard would be appreciated. In any case, haulers will be needed, so if you have a suitable vehicle and trailer hitch, please help us out.

Station managers, please check with Chris Reed, KF4MMF, or Tom Duncan, KG4CUY, to firm up your commitments. We presently have 80m/20m CW, 40m phone, and 15m/75m phone spoken for, with everything else up in the air.

For those whose will be helping at setup, as usual, it begins at the house of Frank Emens, W4HFU, at 11:00 on Friday, June 24. Two volunteer haulers, one for the crank-up tower, and another for the HARC trailer, are needed.

Because of unavailability of a few people pivotal in laying the groundwork for Field Day in past years, this Field Day will be a difficult one. Nonetheless, if we pull together, we can pull it off.



Old and New Field Day Sites

## The Interim Editor's Soapbox

By Tom Duncan, KG4CUY

LongPath editor and NADXC webmaster Craig Behrens, NM4T, has tested the waters of corporate life and decided to jump in again. Unfortunately for us, the swimming pool is in Fort Wayne, IN. While a sorry substitute, Tom Duncan, KG4CUY, will attempt to wear these hats. If you're reading this, he was at least partly successful.

We wish Craig all the best in his new job, and expect pictures of his shack during its development. He says he will make every effort to attend both the

Dayton Hamvention and Huntsville Hamfest. We'll be looking for him!

Let me thank both Craig and Ye Olde LongPath Editor, Jared Cassidy, KQ4VT, for their work bringing the LongPath and web site up to the point where I can take them over. Thanks also go out to Rick Ruhl, W4PC, for continuing to host www.nadxc.org, and to all LongPath contributors for their patience.

If you would like to try your hand at the LongPath and/or [www.nadxc.org](http://www.nadxc.org) helm, I would be very glad indeed to hear from you. Thanks to the depth and breadth of the staff, the LongPath may be able to function reasonably well for a while under interim leadership, but the web site is a different matter. All it takes is time, patience, the inclination, and some software. Money can provide the latter.