

The LongPath



A North Alabama DX Club Publication

From the President's Desk

Several DXpeditions of note have occurred since our last meeting, the T33C gang successfully complete their trip. I'm still waiting to hear from Jess, KR4OJ to get some inside stories. The Malawi, 7Q7MM trip just concluded and I managed to work them for a new one on RTTY. Propagation has been good on 20 and 17m and even occasionally on 15m. I managed to work YB0 on 15m one morning before work.



By the time you read this the Logbook of the World, LOTW will have entered a new phase, on May 5th the awards (DXCC initially) phase of LOTW will be implemented. One of the added benefits of LOTW will be the ability to examine your DXCC credits online you will no longer have to call or write to the DXCC desk to see if you have a certain country on a certain band/mode. I noticed that the latest DXCC endorsement application has a checkbox that asks you if you want to receive credit for LOTW 'cards'. I currently have 203 confirmed on RTTY and 8 in the LOTW system so with this implemented I could have 211 'confirmed'. You will have to purchase credits in order to take advantage of the awards portion of LOTW. The credits costs \$0.25 to \$0.15 per card depending on how many you purchase but this is considerably cheaper than an SASE or SAE+\$. It will be interesting to see how well LOTW is accepted in the ham community. LOTW participation had tapered off in the past 6 months perhaps there will be a big surge now that the awards portion is implemented. The ARRL plans to implement

WAS, VUCC, and WAC using LOTW and perhaps other awards will also join like (CQ, etc).

I just purchased some foreign postage stamps from the William Plum QSL service. He recently started carry stamps for all of the former Soviet republics. I ordered stamps for ER, ES, LY and YL, I have had little luck getting these cards from the bureau or direct with IRC's so I'm hoping this 'last ditch' effort will work. By sending them an SASE with stamps of the correct value for airmail to the
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May 11th Program
**"Ham Radio Olympics
WRTC 2000"**
Video Presentation

7PM At Ryan's Steak House
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"Short Skip" ...

Myron Manker, W4UR

Some Things To Think About . . . From time to time it might be helpful to remind ourselves of a few things each of us can do to help promote and maintain a good working relationship within our club. First, at our regular meetings make a point to speak to and visit with all the other members, not just the few at the table where we happen to be sitting. Second, if we notice that some members have not attended recent meetings, why not contact them and tell them they've been missed? Third, make a point to speak to each visitor at our meetings and tell the person we hope he/she will come back again. If we don't, they probably won't! These are just some pretty basic concepts in interpersonal relationship sensitivity, but they can go a long way toward making every NADXC member or visitor feel at home. Organizations such as ours depend on the support and participation of all their members to remain successful and grow.



T33C Banaba DXpedition Ends . . . The T33C DXpedition seems to have been a great success, in spite of several days of rather poor propagation conditions, and hopefully many NADXC members were able to log QSOs. Among the contacts I had with them was a QSO on 10 meter SSB one afternoon when Jess Lewis (KR4OJ), an NADXC member, was at the mike there. What a surprise! The DXpedition web site (www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/) has on-line log data available if you want to check to see if your QSOs made it into the record. NADXC (joined by several individual members) made a financial contribution to the operation, which I'm sure was very sincerely appreciated by the T33C team.

Post-Dayton Report Expected Next Month . . . Several NADXC members are planning to participate in the annual "pilgrimage" to Dayton this month for the 2004 Hamvention. Maybe we'll have some photos and comments available to post in the June *LongPath* for the benefit of those who did not attend. Stay tuned for all the hot news from the granddaddy of all ham gatherings.

New DX Publication Offered . . . The May issue of *CQ* included a short note about a new DX-oriented publication that is available. Written by W1HEO and called "Tips To The Top From DX Pros," this 32-page booklet is based on the results of a survey of 100 of the top DX-ers around the world. See page 97 of the magazine for more info. The price is nine bucks, plus a small shipping charge. (If anyone has seen this yet, please let me know.)

Is Everybody Really "5-9" or "599" In The DX World? . . . It's still comical to hear "5-9" and

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Minutes from the April 13th Meeting

Vic Holland, K4RVH

The April meeting of North Alabama DX Club was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 13, 2004. Twenty-three members were in attendance including three visitors. The visitors included Bill KC0ONR, Bob K8KI and George W4SQ.

Members reported working TT8, 3B9, T33, TJ8, ZL7, 8B, 5V, and R1 during the past month. There were a couple of other entities reported on the sign-in sheet but I can't quite make out the handwriting so I'll have to leave those alone

Vic K4RVH gave the treasurer's report stating the funds on deposit and on-hand amounted to \$2849.26.

A new member application from Philip Witherspoon KH2X was presented and accepted by majority vote. Philip may be our most DX member as he is currently stationed in JA land.

Minutes from February and March were approved.

No further old business was presented.

New business discussions included the following;

Chuck N4NM reported Bart W4NS was recovering from surgery.

Myron W4UR reminded everyone about the ARRL's call for

further comments regarding BPL.

Tim KU4J reported he has contacted the Frank Butler W4RH in attempt to get Bill Moore here for the hamfest.

Tim KU4J also asked members about their own experiences regarding Ethernet 10/100BaseT RFI.

Ron W4VM gave a report on the current repeater situations and coordination efforts relating to the packet cluster.

Chris reminded everyone about Field Day approaching and asking for participant help.

Members were reminded about hamfests in Birmingham and Dayton.

The business meeting was closed and followed by a presentation by Tom KG4CUY on modulation and sidebands.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic **K4RVH**

From the President's Desk...cont'd

US, I hope to confirm those last few countries.

Chuck Lewis and I were talking recently just before the deadline for BPL comments trying to qualify what 'harmful' interference actually meant. Since ham radio is not channelized, the BPL industry might be proud if they got their system down to one birdie on 14.030 MHz, but that would be harmful to me if A52PRO happens to be on that frequency calling CQ or even SOS!! There has to be a scientific definition of harmful and a repeatable way to measure 'harmful'.

I'm looking forward to hearing some exciting Dayton trip reports before the next meeting in June.

73's Tim/**KU4J**

ARRL DX Bulletin

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by SV2AEL, the OPDX Bulletin, The Daily DX, 425DXnews, DXNL, WA7BNM and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

MAURITIUS, 3B8. Walter, DL3LBP is QRV as 3B8/DL3LBP until May 21 from Flic en Flac. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

FIJI, 3D2. Joe, 3D2NN, has been QRV on 30 meters around 0830z. QSL via AA4NN.

NIGER, 5U. Bruce, 5U7B has been QRV using RTTY on 20 meters around 2140 to 2320z. QSL via I2YSB.

PAKISTAN, AP. Ijaz, AP2IA can often be found on 17 meters using CW around 1300z. QSL direct.

KYRGYZSTAN, EX. Sergey, EX8MLE can often be found on 20 meters using CW around 0100z. QSL via IK2QPR.

FRANCE, F. Leon, ON4ZD will be QRV as F/ON4ZD/p from Fort Boyard Island, IOTA EU-032, from May 10 to 15. QSL to home call.

NEW CALEDONIA, FK. Masayoshi, JF1UIO is QRV as FK/JF1UIO from Lifou Island, IOTA OC-033, until May 7. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

JERSEY, GJ. Johannes, DF5AU will be QRV as GJ3DVC from May 8 and 9. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. This includes an entry in the CQ-M contest. QSL direct via GJ3DVC.

DOMINICA, J7. J79WG has been QRV on either 20 or 15 meters using RTTY around 1100 and 1900z. QSL via DL2AWG.

GUANTANAMO BAY, KG4. Jorge, KG4PC has been QRV on 30 meters around 0100 to 0200z. QSL via N0VPC.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Kevin, ON5DRE and Erwin, ON4QJ are QRV as OY9OY until May 13. Activity is on 160 to 2 meters, including the newer bands, with an emphasis on 80, 40, 17 and 2 meters. QSL via ON5UR.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Members of club station VERON are QRV as PI75AA until May 16 to celebrate their 75th year of activity on the air. QSL via operators' instructions.

Frank McGonigal, W6DSQ



POLAND, SP. Special event station HF3UE is active until May 16 on 80 to 2 meters using all modes to celebrate the accession of Poland to the European Union. QSL via SP3RNZ.

GREECE, SV. In celebration of the 2004 Olympic Games, Greek amateur radio operators will be operating as SX9A, SX8A, SX7A, SX6A, SX5A, SX4A, SX3A, SX2A and SX1A from the nine Greek regions until August 12. Each station will be active one at a time, starting with SX9A, for 10 days. QSL all calls via the bureau.

PALAU, T8. T88KJ has been QRV on 80 meters just before 1200z and again later after 1900z. QSL via JA1KJW.

UKRAINE, UR. Special station EO59QWW is QRV until May 9 to celebrate the 59th anniversary of the end of World War II. QSL via UY5ZZ. Meanwhile, EO59G is also QRV until May 9 as well. QSL via UR5GAR.

CAMBODIA, XU. Jaak, ES1FB and Oleg, ES1RA will be QRV as XU7ACE and XU7ARA, respectively, from May 7 to 19. QSL to home calls. They also plan to make a two-day side trip to Koh Pos, IOTA AS-133, and be QRV as XU7ACV. QSL via ES1FB.

Other DX Rumors and News

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3B8, MAURITIUS

Walter, DL3LBP, will be active as 3B8/DL3LBP until May 21st from Flic en Flac. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign.

D2, ANGOLA

Ed, D2PFN (aka 4L4FN), continues to be very active on RTTY on 20/17/15/12 meters. Most of his activity is between 1300-2130z. QSL via KK5DO.

DXCC NEWS (Logbook of The World to Inaugurate DXCC Credits Sysytem!)

Excerpts from "The ARRL Letter" (Vol. 23, No. 18, April 30, 2004), states that the ARRL's "Logbook of the World" secure contact database is to debut its DXCC credits system Wednesday, May 5th. ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, says the long-awaited LoTW component will permit users to apply contact "matches" in Logbook's 41.4 million QSO and growing database to their DXCC records. To date, Mills reports, more than 2.5 million QSO matches already exist in the system. "It's a pretty straightforward process," Mills said of crediting LoTW QSO matches to DXCC. "What participants need to do first is go to the LoTW site and read the instructions." Information available will include a list of frequently asked questions--FAQs. Before doing anything else, LoTW newcomers will have to obtain a Logbook of the World digital certificate and download the software. Since LoTW launched last September, it has validated nearly 10,000 digital certificates from approximately 7000 individual users. Obtaining a digital certificate, which authenticates each user under a particular callsign, is free. For more details, please read this week's "The ARRL Letter" and visit the following Web page at: <http://www.arrl.org/lotw>

EO59, UKRAINE (Special Event)

Operators Igor/UR3GM and Andy/UR5GAR will activate special event station EO59G from May 5-9th. Activity is to commemorate the 59th anniversary of Victory in World War II. QSL via UR5GAR:

Bureau - Box 56, Kiev 01001, UKRAINE

Direct - Pulin, Box 23, Kherson 73022, UKRAINE.

QSLs can be requested by sending an E-mail to:

ur3gm@tlc.kherson.ua

ET3, ETHIOPIA

The E.A.R.S. club station, ET3AA, has been pretty active lately. Operators Abiy, Mima and Kokobe have been active on 20/15/10 meters SSB between 1200-1600z. QSL via Box 60258, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

FO (FO/A & FO/M), FRENCH POLYNESIA, AUSTRAL AND MARQUESAS ISLAND (Update)

Frank McGonigal, W6DSQ

Gerard, ON4AXU (ex-PA3AXU, 3D2XU, T30XU, C21XU, A35XU, 5W0GD, ZK1AXU [N/S]), informed the DX community that he will be active on 160 meters during his operations from these Pacific islands. His schedule for these Pacific islands were listed in OPDX.643 and operations will take place between May 13th and June 13th. Also, visit his Web page for more details at: <http://www.gsl.net/on4axu>

FO/M, MARQUESAS ISLAND

Arihide, JI1WTF, is now active as FO/JI1WTF from here. His length of stay is not known yet. Most of his activity has been on CW/RTTY on 40/20/15 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

HAMVENTION DX HAPPENINGS

DX FORUM

Jay, K4ZLE (Moderator 2004 HamVention DX Forum), announced that the program for the 2004 HamVention DX Forum has been finalized and it will be a good program this year with something of interest to every DXer. If you will be at the HamVention, mark Saturday, May 15th, from 1230 - 1515 for the DX Forum. It is scheduled for room 4 in Hara Arena. The program is as follows:

1) A special program on DXpeditioning in the 1960's. Last year the SW Ohio DX Association was given access to some 16mm film of the first (1965) San Felix operation, CE0XA, as well as a VHS tape of converted 8mm films for the same operation as well as the KS4FW, Serrana Bank, and HK0AB, Bajo Nuevo, 1962 expedition. Even as this is being promulgated, work is being done to prepare a historical presentation on these operations. In the interest of time, SWODXA will probably only show the CE0XA portion at Dayton.

2) 35 Plus Years of DXing from Central and South America by Dr. Rick Dorsch, NE8Z, HC2MC, etc. You may have read the recent article in World Radio Magazine by Rick. He will have time to expand upon the subject and provide more data at the DX Forum.

3) Ham Radio in Iraq in la 2004 by Fred Matos, W3ICM, YI3DX. Until last month Fred was Director, Spectrum Management, Coalition Provisional Authority Ministry of Communications in Iraq. Part of his role there was issuing amateur licenses.

4) The 3B9C Story by one of the team members, Ivan Davies, G3IZD. If you are following recent activities, you know this operation was completed only a few weeks ago. It is Jay's understanding that HamVention will be the first venue for the after action show. Be among the first to see the pics and hear about 3B9C from those who made it happen.

5) DXCC announcements and updates by Wayne Mills, N7NG. Wayne will talk about the latest info on the DXCC program from ARRL HQ.

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"Short Skip" ...cont'd

"599" signal report exchanges with almost all DX stations, regardless of the conditions. During my efforts to break a recent pileup, I counted five attempts for two stations to confirm a contact with reciprocal 5-9 signal reports, apparently because they had so much difficulty hearing each other. Hmmm!

73 es gud dx . . . W4UR

N4KG's Favorite Links For DX Information *Tom Russell, N4KG*

Whenever a new DX station or DXpedition appears on the air, packet spotting networks are filled with questions pertaining to How Long the operation will last, WHO is the QSL Manager? What Bands / Modes will they be operating?

Most of this information is readily available in publications and / or web sites. A surprising amount of information and links can be found by simply doing an Internet Search (AOL, Google, Yahoo, etc) for the CALL-SIGN of interest. MANY, if not most modern / major DXpeditions have their own Web site loaded with information about Who, What, When, and Where. On Line Log links are becoming more common.

The following Links are among my Favorites for DX Information:

DX NEWS

425 DX News

www.425DXN.org for the main page or, www.425DXN.org/425/indbulle.html for a directory of Bulletins. This is my favorite online DX News Bulletin.

E-mail subscription is available from the Bulletin Directory.

OPDX Bulletin

www.PAPAYS.com/OPDX.html

This is my next favorite DX News Bulletin.

ANNOUNCED DX Operations

www.NG3K.com/misc/AD XO.html

This is a LIST of Announced DX Operations in chronological order with Dates of Operation and any further information provided by the posting DX station.

NG3K also has an Announced Contest DX Operation List, along with other items / articles of interest, including N4KG on SR/SS Enhancement and Grayline Propagation

DX SPOTS

DX SUMMIT (OH2AQ)

<http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs>

Features world wide spots that can be selected by search size, band, and also supports a large DX Spot Database. Personally, I find the spots from EU, JA, etc. VERY helpful in determining how DXpeditions are deploying their stations. Often spots from abroad help me to find (and work) DX as propagation changes at the beginning of the openings to North America. The system seems to often suffer from overload and can shut down for extended periods of time.

eHam.net DX SPOTS

www.eHam.net/DX

Often faster than DX Summit and a good backup when DX Summit is down.

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N4KG's Favorite Links For DX Information...cont'd

DXScape

www.DXScape.com/ww25.html

Japanese DX spotting network with options that include either 25 or 500 spots from WW (worldwide), JA, or US spotters.

MORE spotting networks can be found by doing an Internet Search for "DX Spots"

PROPAGATION

K3PH has combined several Propagation Links under one heading on his website at

www.DXIS.org Click on PROPAGATION

3 Day Estimated Planetary K Index (Data reflects 3 hour increments)

http://solar.sec.NOAA.gov/rt_plots/kp_3d.html

There is a LOT more propagation information available on line.

QSL INFORMATION

QRZ.com has become the 'On-Line Callbook.' A less known feature is their Manager Lookup List, which can be accessed by clicking on

MAIN INDEX, scroll down to GENERAL FEATURES, click on QSL CORNER, scroll down to MANAGER Lookup window or, www.QRZ.com/i/QSL.html

This site has data extending back approximately 10 years.

K4UTE QSL SEARCH

<http://NO4J.com/NFDXA/QSL/>

This is a good site for more recent DX and DXpeditions

QSL MANAGER ONLINE

www.IK3QAR.it/manager

This is my NEW FAVORITE QSL Manager Lookup List. It has good historical (read OLD) DX / Manager info and often has manager info NOT found on other lists, especially for European based DXpeditions or EU contest and / or club stations.

HAM RADIO SUPER SITE

AC6V maintains a HUGE website with hundreds of links to just about everything relating to Amateur Radio, including Contesting and DXing: www.AC6V.com

Field Day Reminder

Chris Reed, KF4MMF

Mark your calendar for the weekend of June 26-27. It is time for 2004 ARRL Field Day. Several NADXC members will be there supporting this years effort. All operators are welcome and the setup and teardown is always an educational experience. Station Managers and site information will be posted soon. If you would like to participate and need more information, drop me an e-mail at kf4mmf@arrl.net.

73 de KF4MMF

Other DX Rumors and News...cont'd

DX HOSPITALITY SUITE

The Northern Ohio DX Association (along Janeen Hire, W8ZET) will once again sponsor a Hospitality Suite at this year's Dayton Hamvention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th Club Floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (old Stouffers) on Friday and Saturday evenings (possibly late Thursday evening -- Look for signs!). All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be available. Come and meet the members and friends of NODXA.

KH2, GUAM

Nao, JK1FNL, will be on the air as NA80/KH2 from May 5-9th. He will operate with a portable transceiver and a simple antenna. QSL via JK1FNL (see QRZ.com for the details). PLEASE NOTE: NEVER send QSL to U.S. District #8 bureau or his NA80 address in the USA.

LX, LUXEMBOURG

Operators Ivo/ON6UM, Frans/ON4LO and Rob/ON6QX will be active from here May 15-17th. The trio of operators will sign LX/homecall. Activity will be on all bands SSB/CW/Digital. QSL via their home call signs.

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS

Ari, OH5DX, will be active as OH0Z from May 28th through June 4th. Activity will be all bands, CW/SSB with a Single Band entry in the CQ WPX CW Contest. QSL via OH5DX (ex-OH1EH).

OJ0, MARKET REEF

Operators Ingo/SM5AJV, Peder/SM0GNS, Jonas/SM5HJZ and Anders/SM0HPL will be active as OJ0SM during the CQ WPX CW Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via SM5HJZ.

OX25, GREENLAND

Look for OX stations to use the special prefix OX25 followed by their own suffix between June 1-30th. This special event is to celebrate the 25 years of home rule/government in Greenland.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS

Operators Kevin/ON5DRE and Erwin/ON4QJ are expected to be active now through May 13th. Activity will be on 160-2 meters, with an emphasis on 80/40/17/2 meters.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

A61AJ. Just a reminder! When QSLing the upcoming A61AJ CQ WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th) contacts, please QSL to K2UO (for North/South America) and DJ2MX (for Europe/Asia/Africa/Oceania).

Berkin, TA3J, reports that he sent out QSL cards for **TA3YJ, TA3YJ/0, TA3YJ/3, TA3YJ/3 (LH), TA3YJ/4, TA3YJ/4 (LH), SV1/TA3YJ, LZ2/TA3YJ, TA3J, TA3J/0, TA3J/1, TA3J/2, TA3J/3, TA3J/3 (LH), TA3J/4, TA3J/4 (LH), SV1/TA3J, LZ1/TA3J, LZ2/TA3J, YM3BU, YM3ATA, YM3SV, YM75TA, YM21TA,**

YM3LZ/WPX2000 and YM3LZ/WAE2000 to the QSL Bureaus of Germany, Greece, Japan and Romania direct on April 28, 2004.

TP7CE, COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Francis/F6FQK (TP2CE Liaison Officer) informs OPDX that the last valid TP7CE activity for the "Council of Europe Radio Club Challenge" will take place May 5th (for RTTY) and May 7-9th (for RTTY/SSB/CW). Deadline to send QSOs list: June 30th, 2004. Rules and details for the Challenge can be found on the following Web in six different languages at:

<http://ewwa.free.fr>

V63, MICRONESIA

Sho, JA7HMZ, will be active as V63DX from Pohnpei Island, May 24-27th. Activity will be 40-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via JA7HMZ.

XU, CAMBODIA (Update)

Jaak, ES1FB (who will be active with Oleg, ES1RA, as XU7ACE and XU7ARA, respectively, between May 7-19th) states that they will be active during the IOTA Contest (July 24-25th) as XU7ACV from Koh Pas (AS-133). QSL XU7ACE and XU7ACV via ES1FB. QSL XU7ARA via ES1RA. Visit the following Web page at:

<http://www.hot.ee/xu7ace>

Upcoming Programs

Barry Johnson, W4WB

NADXC Program Preview for May 2004

"The Ham Radio Olympics - WRTC 2000"

This is an excellent 30-minute video that tells the story of the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) 2000. The Slovenians were outstanding hosts for the various teams. You might even see the faces of some of those you have worked on-the-air!

DX Contests for the Coming Month

Chuck Lewis, N4NM

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

May 8, 1200Z to May 9, 1200Z
Exchange: RST, Ser. No., CQ Zone
See www.contestvolta.com

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

May. 8, 1200Z to May. 9, 1200Z
Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial #

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

May 15, 2100Z to May 16, 0200Z
Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial #
See page 99, May QST

CO WPX CW Contest (CW), 80-10M

May. 29, 0000Z to May 30, 2359Z
Exchange: RST plus serial #
See page 100, Mar. QST or
<http://home.woh.rr.com/wpx>

OTHERS:

F.I.S.T.S. CW Club Spring Sprint (CW), 1700Z – 2100Z, May 8 (Saturday)

RSGB 80m Club Championship, (DATA), 2000Z-2130Z, May 12

Anatolian RTTY WW Contest (RTTY), 0000Z, May 15 – 2400Z, May 16

Portuguese Navy Day HF Contest 0800Z, May 15 to 2300Z, May 16

His Maj. King of Spain Contest, (CW), 1800Z, May 15- 1800Z, May 16

RSGB 80m Club Championship, (CW), 2000Z-2130Z, May 20

VK-ZL Trans-Tasman 80M Contest, (Phone), \ 0800Z - 1400Z, May 22

VK/ZL Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, (CW) 0800Z-1400Z, Jun 5

IARU Region 1 Field Day (CW), 1500Z Jun 5 – 1459Z Jun 6

RSGB National Field Day 1500Z, Jun 5 to 1500Z, Jun 6

RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Jun 7

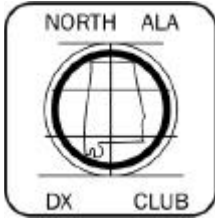
Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware.

Chuck, N4NM



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www.nadxc.org*

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(form on www.NADXC.org); or call Vic Holland at (256)721-9106*

Editor's Soapbox

Time for the annual pilgrimage to Dayton is coming up very soon, actually the weekend that follows our meeting. If you have never been to the Dayton Hamvention, you should, it is a must for every ham. I've been making the annual trek for the past 10 years, I think...it could be more, and have always enjoyed going. Sometimes it was a chore but I always enjoyed meeting folks from all over the world and looking at the goodies. My first trip to Dayton was a real experience and one day I will pen it to paper...I haven't yet decided whether to change the names to protect the innocent err...maybe the not so innocent as well. There are some folks that the only time I get to see them is at Dayton, and I dare say it, some are local <gasp>. Anyway, Dayton is a wonderful experience and one that many NADXCers experience along with many other area hams (North Alabama is well represented, I usually see at least 10-15 folks from the area not including members of my traveling party).

This month's issue is a little bit smaller than recent ones. Many of our regular contributors had other commitments that did not allow them the time to get material together. Craig, NM4T, wanted me to let everyone know that he would have an article in next month's issue for sure, as his computer is on the fritz right now.

We are only a little over a month away from Field Day, so it is time to start getting ready. If you have Field Day questions or want to help, maybe as a station manager, please contact Chris, KF4MMF and talk with him. Yours truly has been the 15/75 SSB station manager at K4BFT for over 10 years and for the past 2-3 years I keep saying that it is my last for being the station manager. So, I am throwing it out officially that we are looking for someone to take over 15/75SSB. I will continue to be an operator, but would like to let someone else have the lead for that station. I have wanted to help operate at some other stations, but with the responsibility of running 15/75SSB it makes it hard to commit to operating at another station.

Well, that is about all I have for this month. I hope to see everyone at the meeting.

73, Jared Cassidy, **KQ4VT**