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Poolside Chat With KB8NW

Fellow DX'ers,

I had a great time at the 2005 Dayton HamVention this year. It still ranks as a number one thrill for ham radio operators, especially for DXers/Contesters. Once again the NODXA hospitality suite was well attended for all three nights. This year NODXA was fortunate to have John, K1ER, one of the operators of the KH8SI Swains Island Dxpediton present at the suite for all three nights. John had the logs and the QSL cards with him.

We also had an exclusive showing of the KH8SI DVD (thanks to Kan/JA1BK and John/K1ER). On Thursday night John put on a presentation/talk during the DVD showing. He provided some interesting facts about the island and the families that live there. After Dayton I sent an E-mail to John and thanked him for attending and his presentation. He said that he enjoyed himself, and the NODXA group are great bunch of guys and have the best hospitality suite. I

also sent a thank you to Kan, JA1BK, for allowing the DVD showing.

Another highlight (at the suite) for me was the visit by Baldur, DJ6SI. It was Baldur's first visit to the Dayton HamVention. He showed up late Friday night, and John/K8YSE and I were able to sit down with him and talk until 1:00 AM, as well as see a DVD on his Glorioso Island. He is a very interesting person.

Once again, (on behalf of the club) I would like to thank Janeen, W8ZET, for sponsoring/hosting the NODXA hospitality suite and the great spread of food and munchies. I would also like to thank John/K8YSE, Byron/KF8UN, Ron/W8WH and Dave/WD8IOU. These individuals helped in the set-up, clean-up, and bartending. This year, as always, I heard comments that we again had the best suite at the Crown Plaza.

You may want to attend the July, August and possibly September meetings. We will be showing some DVDs on DXpeditions. If you did not attend the June meeting, you missed some rare video on the 1997 Okinotorishima Dxpediton by

JF1IST/7J1.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone again that the ARRL Field Day is this month, June 25-26th. Mark your calendar. WE NEED NIGHTTIME OPERATORS. Please make plans to attend this year.

73 and Good DX de Tedd KB8NW

P.S. Remember, club dues/renewals are now due for 2005.

Minutes of the May 2nd, 2005 NODXA Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:32PM by the President, Tedd, KB8NW. There were sixteen (16) members present.

After a round of introductions by those members in attendance, the Secretary, Al, N8CX read the minutes of the April 4th meeting. Having no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Mary, N8DMM reported a balance of \$Ka-Ching! in the account. She also noted that dues are due.

Pete, N8TR reported that the K8AZ cluster had no power for two days because of the snow storm. The WT8C and W8GN clusters have been moved to TELNET. w8gn.no-ip.com. Tedd, KB8NW reported that the cluster clock was off by one hour. Pete, N8TR reported that various changes have been or are being made to the cluster.

Dave, WD8IOU reported on the newsletter. He said that info and articles are needed. Send him anything you feel is appropriate. Dave also reported that the 8th Area QSL Bureau has moved to Cincinnati at the old Voice of America (VOA) site. He said to check the internet to see if your QSL manager has changed.

Old business: Ron, K8VJG reported that he had paid the insurance for Field Day. Tedd, KB8NW said that we need night time operators. Dwaine, K8ME reported that LEARA now has control of the station at the Cleveland Zoo. Bob Winston, W2THU is the station and license trustee.

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New business: Ron, K8VJG reported on the North Royalton Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which is comprised of police, fire, civilian, etc. personnel. Ron, K8VJG moved, seconded by John, K8YSE to allow CERT to use the 147.36 repeater for information, training and exercises should they be needed. After discussing some concerns that the repeater might become preoccupied in its use by CERT or for public service use only. Assurances were made that it would not. The motion passed unanimously.

Tedd, KB8NW reported that the hospitality suite at Dayton is ready to open on Thursday evening and will close at midnight. Tedd, KB8NW said to hold off on sending a check for the Glorioso DXpedition until after Dayton.

Tedd, KB8NW reported a problem with the check for JOCA. PS7JN requested a money transfer as the cost to cash a check is too high. St Peter and Paul Rocks has requested a donation for purchasing a new radio. He also received a letter requesting a donation from the World Radio Team Championship (WRTC) 2006 in Brazil. Dwaine, K8ME received a letter from the W9DXCC group. The club decided to send them some NODXA patches.

The 50-50 raffle was won by Dave, WD8IOU

The meeting was closed at 8:41PM by the President, Tedd, KB8NW.

The meeting was followed by a show-n-tell. Al, N8CX displayed a club project from West Park Radiops. A PSK/SSTV receiving and transmitting interface.

Pete, N8TR and Mary, N8DMM displayed different antenna guy wire tools and a tensioning gauge.

Dave, WD8IOU displayed a giant soldering iron he found at a garage sale for \$1. Pete, N8TR said that it was a 300 watt iron made by Drake. Not the radio Drake.

Submitted, Al, N8CX, Secretary

**Due to the 4th of July Holiday,
the next NODXA Meeting is Monday,
July 11th. See you there!**

Field Day 2005

By David Autry, WD8IOU

It's Field Day time again! June 25 and 26 to be exact. Our perpetual field day chairman, Bill, W8JGU, has once again answered the call to duty and is organizing 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.

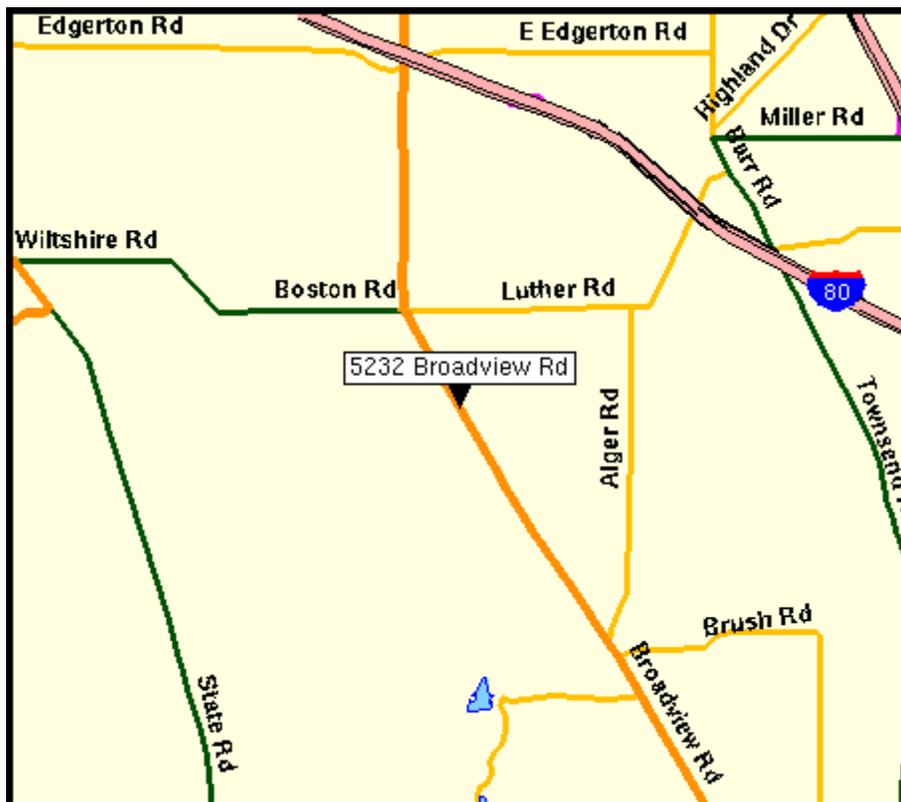
Pete, N8TR, is planning an early setup of tents and antennas Friday evening around 6 PM. Everybody is encourage to stop by and help out; this will decrease the amount of work required on Saturday morning.

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 \$75 for food 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!



Hamvention Attendance Up for 2005

By ARRL Letter

General Chair Gary Des Combes, N8EMO, told ARRL this week that attendance was up by 542 this year over last. The total "official" attendance was 20,411, compared to 19,869 for 2004.

"We heard from many exhibitors who sold out of everything they had and were taking orders as early as Saturday noon," Des Combes said. "In fact I was told by several exhibitors that this was their best show ever." The ARRL 2005 National Convention, which Dayton Hamvention hosted, "pushed the bar way up," he added.

"Virtually everywhere I turned, people were happy," Des Combes continued, while conceding that the vacancy level in the exhibits area and the flea market "were not what we wanted." He chalked that up in part to high gasoline prices--something beyond the control of Hamvention's planners--and a dearth of smaller computer ven-

Why is Nick so happy? "Finally an Andaman QSO after 43 years to complete DXCC # 1 and a personal thank you Bharathi ! " W8XD, VU4RBI - Dayton, 2005



dors who no longer can compete with the big box stores.

But Des Combes said he was heartened that the vast majority of his e-mail since the show has been positive, "thanking me and expressing how great the show was and they will be definitely be coming back next year," he said. Des Combes expressed confidence that 2006 General Chairman, Jim Nies, WX8F--this year's assistant general chair--will work hard to promote Dayton Hamvention and ARRL and Amateur Radio as well.

"I sincerely will miss it, but it is time for me to pass the torch to a new leader," said Des Combes, who stepped into the top job two years ago and guided Hamvention back to an all-volunteer show. "I have accomplished all the goals I set out to do and feel I am going out on top, so now is a good time."

Dayton Hamvention 2000--the last year Hamvention hosted an ARRL National Convention--logged 28,804 attendees, up modestly from the previous year. The all-time attendance record for Dayton Hamvention reportedly was 1993, when 33,669 showed up.

"Old" Tech Kicks "New" Tech's Butt

Veteran CW ops K7JA, Chip Margelli, and K6CTW, Ken Miller, appeared last night on the "Tonight Show" as they challenged two guys equipped with cell phones. Jay Leno gave one member from each team a message. Once Jay gave the go ahead the guy with the cell phone and Chip began sending the message. Chip sent the message so fast to Ken, who then read the message back to Jay in record time! The two cell phone guys were totally surprised. Congratulations to Chip and Ken. You can see the whole clip at <http://www.kkn.net/~n6tv/> Great costumes guys!

Thanks to the DailyDX for the heads up, take three minutes to see the demo!

73, Bob, W8GC

Thanks to the following for their contribution to this months edition: N8TR, NDMM, W8BIN, KB8NW, N8CX, K8YSE, K8MR, W8GC, W8XD, K7PEH, eHam.net and the ARRL Letter.

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ESSB What?

Phil Hystad, K7PEH, via eHam.net

I have been reading about and hearing about ESSB, Extended Single Sideband, for a few weeks now. What is this all about? I mean, I thought if you wanted audio wider than 3 kHz that you went AM or FM but not SSB. So, why would someone want great audio on the ham bands? I don't get it?

I was thinking of buying a new Icom 756 Pro III and it has the ability to adjust the bandwidth of your transmitted SSB signal. Instead of some default such as 2700 or 3000 Hz, you could trim it down to 1800 or maybe 2100 or whatever. So, is this what this feature is all about, widening your signal to be wider than 3 kHz.

So, now we have ESSB and now that neighboring station is more than merely some minor QRM, it is a signal squashing your signal. If we were all using ESSB, the notion of QSY'ing up or down 3 kHz to handle a sidebar would be history.

So, are there really operators who care that much about fidelity that ESSB is something to be desired? I give up I just don't get it.



Jim, K8MR, sent this picture from Dayton with Tedd and the NODXA sponsored plaque for the 2004 Ohio QSO Party, won by SP4JWR. The club voted at the June meeting to sponsor a plaque for the 2005 Ohio QSO party which starts on Saturday, August 27. Visit the Ohio QSO Party web site at <http://www.oqp.us/> for more information.



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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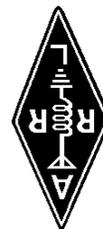
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