

April-May-June 2017

"Ohio's First DXCC Field Checking Club"



The NODXA RAG



Poolside Chat With KB8NW

Fellow DXers,

Well, Dayton or should I say Day-Xenia HamVention is over and most of comments about the new venue are good. DARA should be commended on their efforts in finding a new home for the HamVention. Yes, there were some bugs for their first showing, but DARA is already trying to correct these problems. Probably the major problem was the flea market area. The flea market probably would have been fine had it not rained. Nobody enjoys walking in the mud. The traffic was the second biggest problem, but it seemed to have been corrected on the second day. The big buildings were fine, but warm and this has already been addressed for next year. There were plenty of food choices, and they are talking about adding more food trucks for next year. Some individuals are suggesting to add more places to sit and eat as well as to rest. Other than the rain and mud, it was still enjoyable. Can't wait until next year.



As you know or heard, NODXA lost two members in the first part of 2017-- Karl/K8BCK and Dwaine/K8ME. NODXA is helping the families deal with the equipment. Some of the equipment was donated to the club and some is being sold by the club for the family. We are currently working on the K8BCK estate. Most of the radio equipment has been removed, but the tower and antennas still have to come down. The removal of the K8ME estate is completely finished. We still have items to be sold for the family and some the club bought at a bulk price to sell. NODXA had a great showing of 10 members to help take down the tower and antennas. I am very proud to be a member/president of a club that was this willing to help during this removal. Look for items to be sold during a hamfest or on the NODXA E-mail Reflector.

With the passing of Dwaine Modock, K8ME/SK, NODXA's Vice President, I would like to announce NODXA's new Vice President is Dennis Stuber, K8LBT. Dennis is a great guy and a perfect fit as a club officer. He is always there when you need someone. Glad to have him as my number one.

The next big event is the ARRL's Field Day. The days are June 24-25th. Setup is Friday, June 23rd, at 6:00 PM. It is a wonderful time to get together with club members, play radio as well as eat plenty of food and radio discussions. Details about our Field Day site are somewhere in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

As always, I hope to see you in the coming weeks/months, possibly at a hamfest, Field Day or NODXA's general membership meetings every first Monday of the month (unless it is a holiday -- it will be the second Monday).

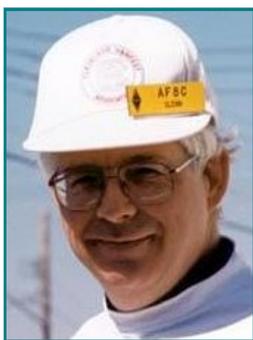
As a reminder, if you have a topic to discuss about DXing or contesting, bring it up at the meeting. Also, if you would like to put on a program of some interest for the club in the coming months, let us know so we can schedule you in for a meeting. We are always looking for a program.

73 and Good DX, de Tedd KB8NW

P.S. It is time to think about renewing your club membership. This helps NODXA with big expenditures (Dayton Hospitality purchases, Field Day, donations to DXpeditions...etc.)

Minutes of the March 6th, 2017 NODXA Meeting

President Tedd, KB8NW, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., with 17 members and guests present. After the round of introductions and the Pledge of Allegiance, Glenn, AF8C, read the minutes for the meeting of February 6, 2017. Ron, K8VJG, moved and Bruce, N8DJX, seconded that those minutes be approved and they were approved. Then Treasurer Mary, N8DMM, reported that the treasury balance was \$Ka-Ching! Gary, NI8Z, moved and Bruce, N8DJX, seconded that the treasurer's report be approved and it was approved by vote.



The repeater was reported as being OK although Glenn, AF8C, reported that during Monday night West Park Radiops nets when the weather is both cold and wet, the repeater starts to exhibit a lot of static. Editor Dave, WD8IOU, reports he is working on the next newsletter is always looking for more articles from the membership for the next issue.

Old/New Business:

Ron, K8VJG, opened with the annual request for Field Day funding. For Field Day there is a need for overnight operators due to changes in club membership. Then Dave, WD8IOU, commented on the coming Dayton/Xenia (D/X) Hamvention 2017. Parking used to be \$100 for four spots. The new fee will be \$100 for two spots. Currently tickets can be ordered for \$22 and arrive in the mail in four days.

Tedd discussed the support we gave last month to the upcoming 3Y0Z DXpedition. We had more discussion about that. Our club logo is already on their Web page. Next, Tedd announced the CQ WPX post-contest luncheon is all set for 12:30 p.m. on March 29 at Buffalo Wild Wings. We have a new request for donations to a Bangladesh DXpedition occurring March 15-27. That operation will have the two callsigns, S21GM and S21KW. There will be 12 operators doing 160 through 10 on SSB, CW, and RTTY. All radios will be K3 except for one IC-7300. Antennas will be four-squares and Spiderbeams. Bruce, N8DJX, moved and Ron, K8VJG, seconded a motion to donate \$100 to their activity and the motion passed. S21 is ranked as 56 on the most wanted list.

Letters from DX Engineering offered the club a chance to do a Saturday visit to the showroom and an optional tour of the K3LR station. The second letter offered a chance for a SKYPE-based program on a topic of our choice at our usual meeting site. Joe, N8QXC, offered his opinion that DX Engineering gives a military discount on purchases.

Tedd has a copy of the will for Karl, K8BCK. NODXA has been willed all of Karl's radio equipment and periodicals, with antennas being uncertain, and no computer equipment, no logs and no QSL cards. Some discussion followed about when the club can "start" the disposal processing.

On the next topic, Tedd mentioned the Lake Erie Boat Anchors group meeting occur-

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ring at the Westlake Clague Park Cabin on Saturday April 1 at 10 a.m.

Next came the nominations for 2017 officers. No one volunteered for the office of Vice President. Tedd's re-nomination for President was by K8VJG and N8TR. The secretary's re-nomination was by Jim, K8VTX, and K8VJG. The treasurer's re-nomination was by K8VJG and Linda, N8LRS. The election occurs at the April meeting. We hope for someone to run for Vice President.

Next, Glenn, AF8C, noted that Norm Fleming, W8PJ, will be 100 years old in 2017, and Glenn wanted to know if any members know Norm and could help with finding Norm's status. Rick, K8ZH, said he can help on answering that question.

Our guest tonight was Steve, N8AHH, who is originally from Hungary. Steve provided a short version of his early life history in Hungary and his later immigration to the U.S. in the late 1970's. Rick, K8ZH, discussed a YouTube video about W9WNB.

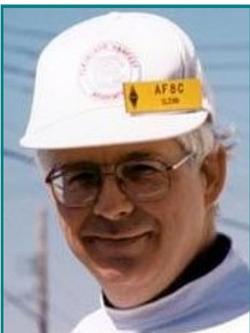
Wrapup:

Ron, K8VJG, moved, and Metro, W8MET, seconded that the meeting be closed, and this passed on the vote. The next meeting will occur on April 3, 2017. The 50/50 raffle drawing was won by Steve, N8AHH, who took his half of \$32.00. There was also a door prize, a multimeter donation from Linda, N8LRS, and Steve also won in that drawing. The meeting closed at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully, Glenn, AF8C, Secretary.

Minutes of the April 3rd, 2017 NODXA Meeting

President Tedd, KB8NW, opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m., with 20 members and guests present. We regret the sudden passing of our former vice president, Dwaine Modock, K8ME, who became a Silent Key the weekend of March 11 from unexpected natural causes. After the round of introductions a moment of silence was held in memory of Dwaine. Following that we recited Pledge of Allegiance. Next the secretary read the minutes for the meeting of March 6, 2017. Bruce, N8DJX, moved and Dave, KZ8Y, seconded that those minutes be approved and they were approved. Then Treasurer Mary, N8DMM, reported that the treasury balance was \$Ka-Ching!



Mary reported that dues are still coming in. Bruce, N8DJX, moved and Dave, KZ8Y, seconded that the treasurer's report be approved and it was voted and approved. The repeater was reported as being OK. Editor Dave, WD8IOU, reports he is making progress on the next newsletter and it should be out later this week. Dave is always looking for more articles from the membership for the next issue.

Old/New Business:

Metro, W8MET, has taken over announcing news about the CARS bus to the Dayton Hamvention. Seats were still available as of April 3. Tedd, KB8NW, has taken steps to transfer the W8DXA club call sign license trusteeship from Dwaine to KB8NW. Tedd recently called the cousin of Karl, K8BCK, regarding disposition of Karl's amateur radio equipment from his estate. Karl's cousin is not ready to make a move yet. Wayne, K8FF took a picture of the crank-up tower which has two 20 ft. sections.

At the recent DX Luncheon at Buffalo Wild Wings, the attendance was only 12 people, instead of the usual 20 or so. At that luncheon, Tim Duffy, K3LR, says planning for the Hamvention is set up. George, K8KR, says that Tim predicted high attendance at the 2017 Hamvention. Also noted was that an 80 ft. tower will be installed on the Tallmadge, Ohio, grounds of the DX Engineering site. Tedd

announced that the NODXA Day at DX Engineering has been scheduled for Saturday, July 22, at 9 a.m. Following that activity, interested people can go to a tour of the K3LR station in PA. Pete, N8TR, provided a short verbal description of the status of the K3LR site.

The ARRL recently assigned two prefixes (Midway and Kure Islands) to Deleted Entity status, thus moving the minimum Honor Roll count to 328. Per the March meeting, the two donations were sent out last month. Tedd sent a \$750 donation via PayPal to the Bouvet operation this morning and already a certificate from K4UE has arrived back in Tedd's email. Tedd announced receiving a new funding request from J5B/J5W, being a husband and wife team EA3BT and EA3WL. This J5 operation would be an IO-TA location Rubane Island (AF-020), working 40m through 6m and perhaps 80 m. See Tedd's OPDX Bulletin 1308 for more details.

Next month the Hamvention NODXA hospitality suite funding will be voted. For the annual officer's election (details in the March 6, 2017, minutes) Pete, N8TR, moved to have the officers who were nominated at the March 6 meeting elected as nominated, with the position of vice president unresolved due to lack of a volunteer. Denny, WB8K seconded the motion and the slated was elected by a show of hands. Note that Dwaine, K8ME, had announced his intentional retirement as vice president without any premonition of his own passing.

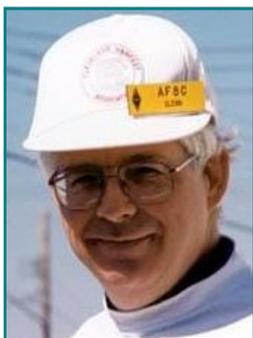
Wrapup:

Metro, W8MET, moved, and Linda, N8LRS, seconded that the meeting be closed, and this passed on the vote. The next meeting will occur on May 1, 2017. The 50/50 raffle drawing was won by Linda, N8LRS, who took her half of \$35.00. There was also a door prize, a map of Greene County, which was donated by Joe, N8QXC. Dennis, K8LBT, had the winning ticket for that door prize. The meeting closed at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully, Glenn, AF8C, Secretary

Minutes of the May 1st, 2017 NODXA Meeting

President Tedd, KB8NW, opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m., with 22 members and guests present. Following that we recited Pledge of Allegiance. Next the secretary read the minutes for the meeting of April 3, 2017. Ron, K8VJG, moved and Gary, NI8Z, seconded to approve the minutes and they were approved by vote. Then Treasurer Mary, N8DMM, reported that the treasury balance was \$Ka-Ching. Mary reported that dues are still coming in. Gary, NI8Z, moved and Linda, N8LRS, seconded to approve treasurer's report and it was approved by vote. The repeater was reported as being OK. Editor Dave, WD8IOU, reports he is working on the next newsletter. The newsletter just went out. Dave is always looking for more articles from the membership for the next issue.



Old/New Business:

Tedd will generate a list of the K8ME estate items, with the exception of the ACOM 1500 amplifier which has already been sold. Tentatively on Thursday, May 14, a crew will go get Dwaine's generator, tent, tables, and other Field Day items. The suggested time is 11 a.m. Ron, K8VJG, has confirmed the reservation for the usual Field Day site at St. Augustine's.

With respect to the estate of K8BCK, his cousin has not yet called with any plans for Karl's equipment sale. On the topic of the Hospitality Room at Dayton, a \$275.00 funding motion was moved by Tim, W8TAH, and seconded by Bruce, N8DJX. The motion passed on the vote. A discussion occurred on the distance to travel to the Fairgrounds from downtown Dayton. Pete, N8TR, said that the Hamvention

Web site has a map of each building and where the vendors will be, both inside and outside. Joe, N8QXC, said the April CQ Magazine has an article on the Hamvention. It is recommended to buy the advance sales tickets in order to be eligible for certain benefits. The CARS bus to the Hamvention still has seats available.

Tedd reporting getting a letter from INDEXA, and he suggested that NODXA join INDEXA. Our logo could be on their Web site, at a cost of \$20.00 per year. Bruce, N8DJX, moved and Tim, W8TAH, seconded a motion to indeed join INDEXA, and that motion passed on the vote. Tedd discussed the two recently deleted entities from the DXCC list. Metro, W8MET, mentioned Sharon Taratula, Awards Branch Manager, as being in charge of the DXCC list management at the ARRL.

Tedd said we have received one funding request, that being Burundi, 9U4M, to operate between November 6 and November 17. Burundi is number 64 on the Most Wanted List. There will be five stations on the air, on 160m and up. They have no Web site yet.

Wrapup:

Ron, K8VJG, moved, and Metro, W8MET, seconded that the meeting be closed, and this passed on the vote. The next meeting will occur on June 5, 2017. The 50/50 raffle drawing was won by Steve, K8QXB, who took his half of \$38.00. The meeting closed at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully, Glenn, AF8C, Secretary.

Field Day 2017 by David Autry, WD8IOU

It's Field Day time again! June 24 and 25 to be exact. As usual, we will do a low-key, just for fun, operation. As a result, we will not have a GOTA station this year because of all the extra work required to set it up; the club will participate in the 2A class using two stations: SSB, and CW/RTTY. We also have a 6 meter rig for both SBB and CW.

The NODXA site is the same as last year, the Mount Augustine Training Center located on 5232 Broadview Road in Richfield. A map to the Field Day site is on the next page.



Everybody is encouraged to attend this 24-hour marathon, and, most of all, to operate! We especially need CW operators to keep that station running for the full 24 hours.

Field Day is a great way to introduce young people to ham radio. So bring your grandkids, nephews/nieces, etc.

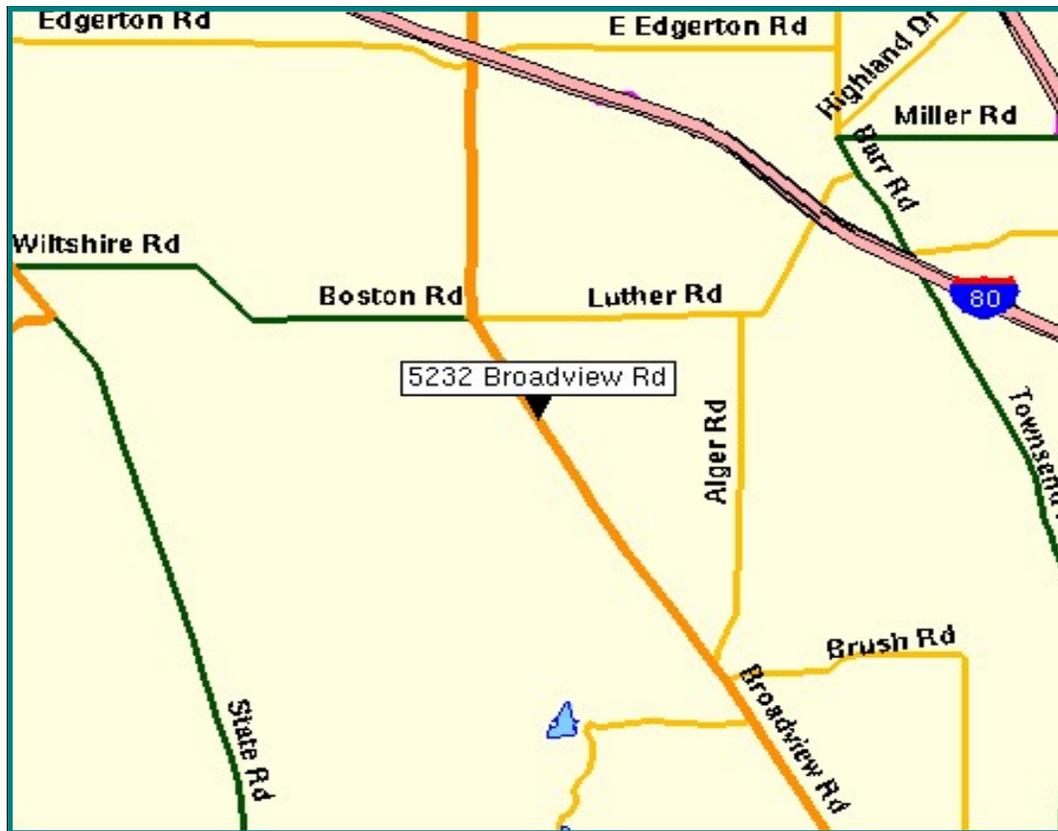
Pete, N8TR, is planning an early setup of tents and antennas Friday evening around 6 PM. Everybody is encouraged to stop by and help out; this will decrease the amount of work required on Saturday morning.

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 some money for food and drink 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!





XX9D - 45,000 QSOs from Macau by Werner Hasemann DJ9KH

As we were sitting together at the pool in Sri Lanka last year we tried to find an answer to the question foremost in every expedition planner member's mind: Where do we go next?

Our team members preferred Pacific destinations in the past but had to accept that propagations on short-wave will slow down the next 5 to 7 years. A successful expedition with a moderate number of QSOs could then only be made from locations closer to the radio amateur hot spots of Europe, Japan and North America. At last we found, that Macau would be an attractive spot being as it was on several Most Wanted Lists and offering the chance to have pile-ups around the clock.



Macau as the next target was accepted by the team and preparations began with collecting information: What about the last expeditions to Macau, who could be helpful for us in Macau, what did we learn during our last activities on the Marshall Islands and Sri Lanka? We found DL8LE, PG5M, IK7YTT and XX8LT (Bom) as Macau-insiders with actual experience of Macau. They supported us with information and connected us and our needs to the management of the Grand Coloane Resort hotel, which responded in a very obliging manner.

At an early stage the hotel management and we made provisions as far as possible for the specific circumstances and challenges facing us. For example: special constructions to hold the bases of our 5 masts on the floor of the balconies could be machined in advance, the extra booked operating room on the top floor could be equipped after our wishes a.s.o. .

The hot phase of planning began after we got the "green light" from the telecommunication authorities in Macau, including the callsign XX9D . Our key considerations were: 24/7 operation with 10 operators and 3-4 active stations, 4 K3 transceivers plus 500 watt amplifiers ; 5 antennas for 160m

to 10 meters, 2 bandfilters for each band, a 1.5 kW Triplexer, common-mode and ac-filters, low-loss cables....all under the dictate of minimizing the weight of the luggage.

We had a very comfortable flight from Frankfurt via Beijing to Macau where we found ourselves at the customs-gate having to decide: declare or nothing to declare. We asked the friendly staff for an import declaration for our transceivers. It took quite some time to assure them that we needed such a declaration. At last they confiscated the transceivers and asked us to pick them up the next day with the necessary papers.

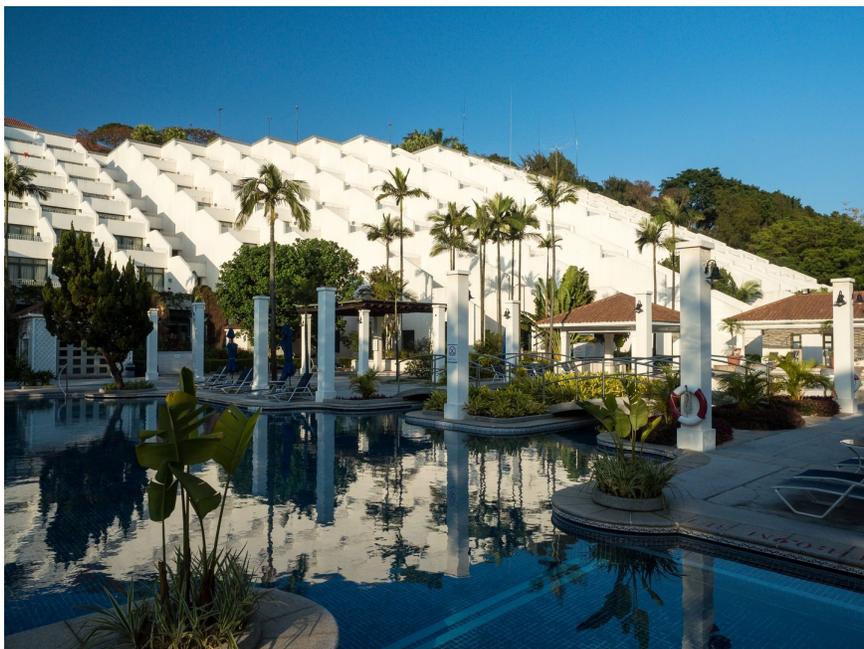
Anyway, 2 hours later we arrived at the hotel, the Grand Coloane Resorta real 5-star hotel. Unpacking was done in a short time and antenna mounting began. Thanks to the detailed advance information



regarding the hotel and the surrounding area, setting up the 5 masts with their antennas including the guying, matching and tuning took us only about 6 hours the next day. In the meantime the transceivers and the licenses were picked up downtown and we were ready for the PTT- inspection team. 3 friendly officials were interested to see all the equipment and antennas we had put up. After a few questions we had a big OK for our operation.

The team around the `chief` Rolf DL7VEE consisted of 10 expedition-proven operators from Germany plus Bom XX9LT from Macau, who visited us almost daily and was integrated into the operations-plan. He was by far the youngest member of a crew with an average age of 67 .

The first shift began with RU4LM as the first QSO on 17m CW. Day and night 4.5 hour shifts with 3 to 4 active stations. 30/40/80/160m during the night, the higher bands of course during the day-time. Conditions on 40 and 80m were much better than expected, 160m with more than 1000 QSOs gave us a lot of fun around sunrise, although we would have been able to have even more fun with a special receiving-antenna on 160 as well as on 80m. We had vertical antennas for 30-40-80 and 160 meters, delta-loop antennas for 12 and 17 meters and a hex-beam for 10 to 20 meters. All in all the antennas performed well.



Thanks to the double-filter strategy we had no interaction between the active stations. Also we

had no problems with noise from the hotel-installations to speak of. Unfortunately some of the high-power filters failed, possibly leading to the failure of one of the K3s which happened around the same time. A day later one of our KPA 500 amplifiers gave up. Elecraft in California sent us the necessary spare parts and a few days later we were able to run full power with all 4 stations again. The daily QSO-rates led us to our first goal of 30.000 QSO which we easily exceeded in the end with around 45,000 QSOs whereof 65% were in CW, 18% in RTTY and 17% in SSB.

The part of the worldwide amateur radio community hardest to reach from Macau is North America, nevertheless we were able to have more than 3000 QSOs with North America, almost 1000 on



160/80/40m. Sadly that we had to read some comments in our guest book with complaints about our working style. I am very sure, that we did our best under the special circumstances with propagations far below that we used to have the last 10 years. Thank heavens we were residing in a 5-star hotel which boasted a fantastic restaurant, a pool area and a very friendly and helpful staff. Best conditions for recreation after a strenuous shift or a (sometimes) frustrating night on the lowbands."

All in all we left Macau in a good mood and satisfied that we performed quite well, specially on the low bands. As promised in our publications the OQRS and LoTW uploads are done in the meantime, the paper QSLs are printed. Have a look on our homepage www.xx9d.mydx.de.

A big "Thank You" to all our sponsors worldwide, they really made this expedition affordable for the team members and we are sure we didn't disappoint them.



Hamvention 2017 In Pictures by David Autry, WD8IOU

Here are some of the things I saw, and thought I saw, during Hamvention 2017.



Sunday! Sunday!
Sunday! We turn
the Hamvention
into a Giant Mud
Pit!



Rick, K8ZH, and
myself, WD8IOU,
had a nice dinner
at the Spaghetti
Warehouse, with
Don Search,
W3AZD, and Hope
Smith, WB3ANE.
Don and Hope
shared many inter-
esting stories with
us!



Reinhard, DH3NAB, and Chris, DL5NAM, were displaying their new full legal limit (and more!) solid state amplifier that uses dual LDMOS transistors and has a 7 inch color touch screen for control. This "kit" is 98% assembled and can be completed in a day. Just install three fans, solder four pieces of coax, and install the raspberry PI computer. All this for about \$3000.00. Custom colored face plates are also available.



- Output power 1.8 – 30 MHz: 2K+ / 6m: 1K+
- 7" Color-Touchscreen
- Dual LDMOS transistors rated at 2800 W
- Auto-RF-Sense Band-Selection
- ICOM® and YAESU® Band-Data-Interfaces
- CAT-, LAN- and Wi-Fi-connectivity
- Quiet internal PSU 110-260 V AC single phase
- Up to 1K output at 110 V AC; full power at 230 V AC
- Internal automatic antenna-tuner (optional)
- 1x TRX and 4x antenna
- Precision power meter from 100 mW up to 3 kW
- Software-Update via Internet
- Remote-Control by PC, tablet or cell phone via Internet, supports Apple IOS®, Android®, MS-Windows®, Linux
- Multiple user selectable displays
- Largely completed kit, minimal soldering required
- No SMD soldering required
- Kit completion takes less than one day empirically,
- Raspberry 3® and 3 fans need to be provided by user
- Delivery time is about 10 weeks

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Yeah! We finally finished walking the flea market! Now where is the ticket drum so we can drop in our tickets?



Rick, K8ZH, and Denny, WB8K, hawking their wears at the flea market.



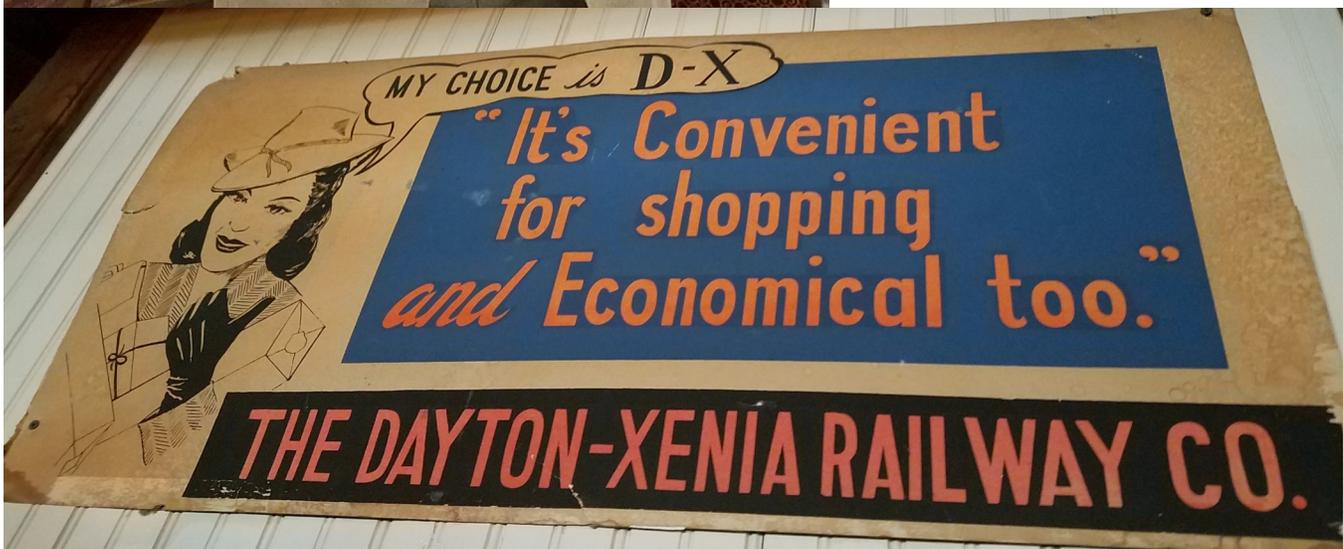
John, K8YSE, attempting to make a satellite QSO using his remote base. John is a little shy about having his picture taken. Actually, my jacket was providing a sun screen so that John could view the laptop screen.



One of the ice cream vendors was using this interesting John Deere motor to power his equipment.



Tim "The Enchanter" Duffy, K3LR, enjoying himself after the wonderful "Spurious Emissions Band" concert. Be vevy, vevy quiet....I'm hunting wabbits!



Riding the DX railroad....that might have been a faster way to the Hamvention on Friday.



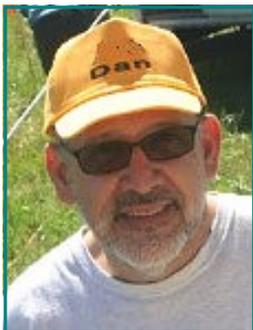
Ok, enough with the mud jokes. Here is an actual picture of the flea market after a rain storm. It was no fun walking around in this stuff, hope for better weather next year. Photo by KB6NU.



Super big loop antenna by an Italian company. Wonder if they offer a mobile mount?

Morsum Magnificat now available for free download by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

I forget exactly how this came to my attention., but being the CW geek that I am, I had to put this on my blog. Back issues of *Morsum Magnificat*, a delightfully homebrew magazine—what many of us called a 'zine, back in the day—are now available online. Issue nr 1 of the English version, pictured at right, features articles on Jack Sykes, who, at the time was purported to be the last manufacturer of code keys in Britain; a transistorized sidetone oscillator to monitor a CW transmitter's keying; and many other stories and news items about both landline and radio telegraphy. Please enjoy them.



Morsum Magnificat now available for free download

The English language edition of *Morsum Magnificat*, the Morse Magazine, otherwise known as "MM", contained a vast amount of information and illustrations of interest to Morse operators, key collectors, historians, researchers and other Morse enthusiasts.

Published from 1986 to 2004, in 89 issues, with readers and contributors around the world, it covered every conceivable aspect of Morse telegraphy, past, present and future, in a truly international way.

With the permission of the copyright holder, Zyg Nilski, G3OKD, this vast resource is now available for download in PDF format, free of charge, thanks to the generosity of Lynn Burlingame N7CFO who was a reader of, and contributor to, MM.

Included in the downloads is an updated and revised version of the MM 54-page Key WT 8 Amp Worldwide Survey which has proved to be of great interest to both users and collectors of the many versions of this famous pre-war, wartime and post-war military Morse key.

MM was first published in the Dutch language, by Morse enthusiasts, Rinus Hellemons PA0BFN, and Dick Kraayveld PA3ALM. They were later joined by Tony Smith G4FAI who helped them launch the English language edition of the magazine.

After Rinus died, G4FAI produced and edited MM alone until he was joined by Geoff Arnold G3GSR, one-time editor of *Practical Wireless* and founder of *Radio Bygones*. Later, Zyg Nilski G3OKD took over as editor and produced the final 28 issues of the magazine.

Original readers of MM who have copies missing from their collection can now fill the gap with a digital download. Today's newcomers, and those who missed it first time round, now have the opportunity to discover what this unique publication has to offer them, and it



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73 of the 89 issues have been posted so far. If anyone can provide any of the missing issues for scanning to complete the set please contact Lynn Burlingame at [n7cfo\(at\)n7cfo.com](mailto:n7cfo(at)n7cfo.com)

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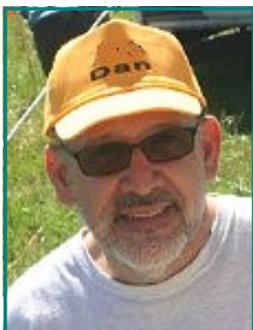
Tony Smith G4FAI, Co-founder of the English edition of Morsum Magnificat

The Xenia Gazette Covers Hamvention by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On Saturday, Xenia's local paper, the *Xenia Gazette* ran two articles on Hamvention:

Hams impressed with new home (<http://www.xeniagazette.com/news/18419/hams-impressed-with-new-home>).

Ham radio enthusiast Wendy Peitzer is no stranger to Dayton Hamvention, having attended amateur radio's biggest event many times at the Hara complex in Dayton.



Not knowing what to expect, she and her contingent arrived at the Greene County Fairgrounds — Hamvention's new home after being at Hara for 52 years — early May 19 to beat the opening-day crowd and check out the new digs. She wasn't disappointed.

"(It's) much better," she said. "I think the facilities here are nicer. I think it's better organized. I like the perks. They bring you up (from the parking lot) on a tractor pull."



Hams being ferried in from the parking lot at this year's Dayton (Xenia?) Hamvention.

Keepin' it in the family. (<http://www.xeniagazette.com/news/18421/keepin-it-in-the-family>)

There's one potential drawback to sharing a passion for amateur radio with two teenage daughters. "When the girls get on there, all these guys jump on there wanting to talk to them," said Mobile, Ala., resident Joey McCullough of his daughters, Niki, 19, and Robyn, 16.

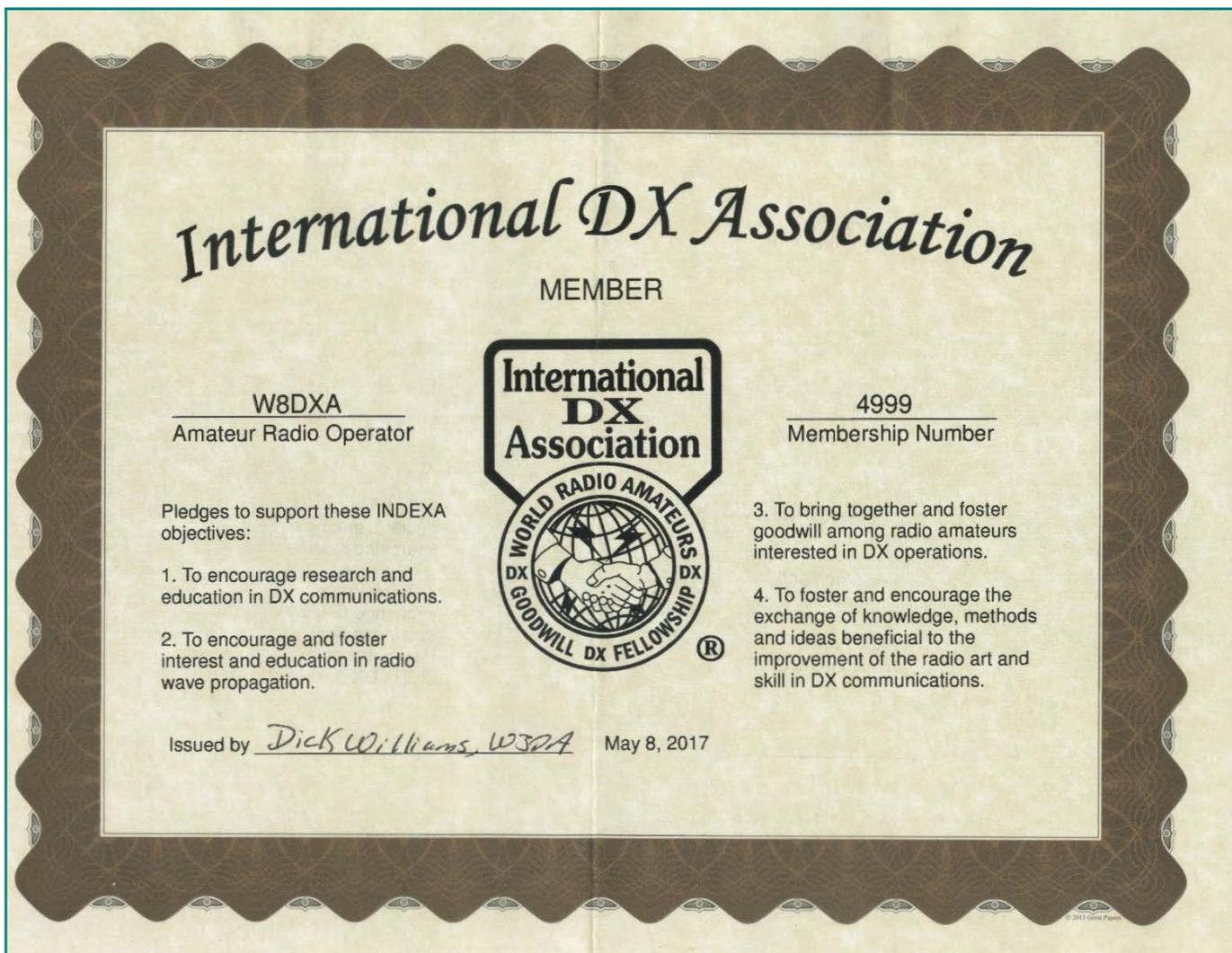
But the older McCullough can deal with that in exchange for the girls sharing his passion for ham

radios. The three are among thousands attending 2017 Dayton Hamvention at the Greene County Fairgrounds through May 21.

I mostly agree with the sentiments in the first article. The new venue is a lot cleaner and just a more pleasant place in general. One thing that the article didn't mention, however, was the muddy flea market. Despite assurances that the race track infield—where the flea market was located—had great drainage and wouldn't get muddy, it turned into a mudfest after rains and all the traffic hauling stuff in and out.

NODXA Joins INDEXA by David Autry, WD8IOU

At the May 1st, 2017 meeting Tedd, KB8NW informed the club that we were invited to join the INDEXA group. The NODXA club logo would appear on their web site and we are allowed to display their logo in our publications. The cost is just \$20.00 per year. The INDEXA logo is displayed on the last page of this newsletter. The INDEXA group also sent the club a certificate of membership, #4999, which is displayed below.



OPDX Bulletin Is Reviewed By CQ Magazine By David Autry, WD8IOU

The OPDX Bulletin, published weekly by NODXA President, Tedd, KB8NW, was recently reviewed by CQ magazine. The reviewer, N200, noted that "It's weekly. It's complete. It's Free.". Tedd has been publishing the OPDX Bulletin for over 17 years. Good job Tedd!

Flash! DX News!

So, where do YOU get your DX news? At one time, in the "good old days of DXing," this column (and others like it) was pretty much the only source for DX information. Then, along came some weekly "paper mailed" newsletters like the West Coast DX Bulletin, The DX Bulletin, QRZ-DX, etc. Today, with the internet, times have changed. I will not be "announcing" many DX operations on these pages mainly since I write this column almost two months prior to publication. What I can do is pass along some decent DX resources that are available to you online. There are so many resources out there! It all depends on your level of enthusiasm for chasing DX. The more traditional method might be subscribing to a DX news bulletin. Some are free. Some are not.

If you are only looking to keep up-to-date on a weekly basis with limited detail, might I suggest The OPDX Bulletin, which is done by Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW. It's weekly. It's complete. It's free. It includes access to the last 17 years of issues and promises a search engine so you will be able to research those old issues more quickly. It is "info" only. No pretty pictures. It includes the important information like dates of activities, QSL routes, etc. He also occasionally puts out a special bulletin when appropriate in order to update current info. The web page is <<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>>. Tedd has been doing a super job on this, and kudos for keeping it free.

The ARRL provides a free DX Bulletin weekly. These are somewhat condensed, and are mainly comprised of more current activity. W1AW bulletins are currently available via email. Receiving W1AW bulletins via email is easy for ARRL Members: Go to your online member profile <<http://www.arrl.org/myarrl>> and select the categories of bulletins you wish to receive. **Non-ARRL members** can also receive W1AW bulletins via email. Send an email message to <w1aw-list-request@arrl.org>. **Subject:** Subscribe [your email address] **To unsubscribe**, send an email message to the same address with the **Subject:** Unsubscribe [your email address].

A European-based DX Mailing list is the 425DX News edited by Mauro (I1JQJ) and Valeria (IK1ADH) Preglasco. Subscription to the 425 DX News email mailing list is free and you can unsubscribe whenever you want. You will receive only the message posted by the editors and the administrators (i.e. 425 DX News Bulletins, IOTA Notices, and other DX information of interest). This is not a reflector, so you will be unable to post messages of your own. Subscribe to mailing List at: <<http://groups.google.com/group/425eng/>>.

If you need — or would like — more detailed DX information, then may I suggest a few resources

that charge for their service? For a daily email update on DX operations, I'd suggest "The Daily DX" by Bernie McCienry, W3UR. Bernie offers a variety of subscriptions. "The Daily DX" keeps you up-to-date with daily email bulletins. If something comes up suddenly, special news flashes are sent to subscribers. His "Weekly DX" subscription offers a PDF newsletter. Bernie's website has some free links for info as well as a free trial for the Daily DX. Go to <www.dailydx.com> for more information.

Another very reliable source for DX news is DX Publishing, Inc., run by my predecessor as editor of this column, Carl Smith, N4AA. Carl puts out a weekly newsletter, "QRZ DX," which is available in paper "mailed" format, or via email (my recommendation). Email subscribers will get "SPECIAL BULLETINS" as warranted between regular issues. Carl also publishes the bi-monthly (every other month) DX Magazine. It includes more in-depth stories and plenty of photos. For complete info including samples, please go to <www.dxpath.com>.

If you just want to "click a link" to see what's happening online, there are numerous additional resources out there. I may not be complete here, so if I miss any worthwhile resources, I welcome your input and I will add them to future DX columns. Might I suggest bookmarking these and before setting in to chase some DX, click on a few. In no particular order:

- <www.dxnews.com>
- <<http://dx-world.net>>
- <www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>
- <<http://qrznow.com/category/dxing/>>
- <www.dxcoffee.com/eng/>

And as a final word, if you don't use "spotting" in a logging program, I suggest these online spotting clusters. You can even add these to your smart phone to quickly check what's on the air now.

- <www.dxwatch.com/>
- <www.dxsummit.fi/>
- <www.dxscape.com/>
- <www.qrz.com/dxcluster>
- <www.eham.net/DX/spots>
- <<http://cluster.sdr-radio.com/>>
- <<https://dxheat.com/dxc/>>

There are SO many out there. Google "DX Spotting Cluster" to find more. Snoop around. Also, I use a simple app in my iPhone called "1DX."

Now, go chase some DX!

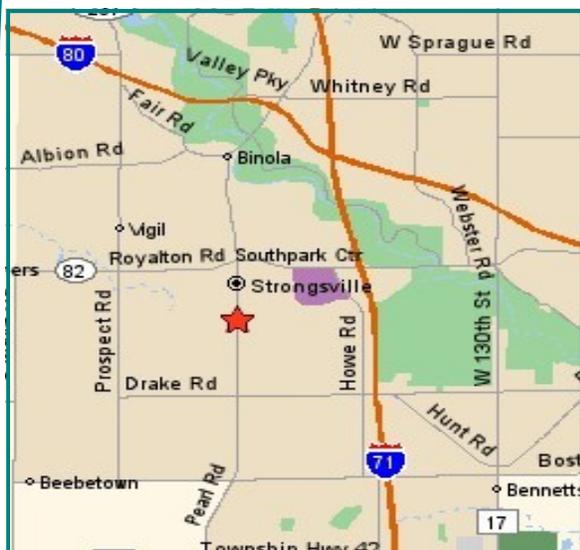
DX Hermits?

There is something that has been stuck in my mind for quite a while. How many DXers have become "DX Hermits?" Now, I am not talking about those of you who are pretty much homebound for one reason or another. But, I am talking to those of you

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Meeting 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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DXCC Info

As of March 2016, the current DXCC Entities total is: **339**.

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. and DX) \$20.00

Name _____ Callsign _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov. _____
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 ARRL Member? _____ Exp. Date _____ DXCC Member? _____
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