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Poolside Chat With KB8NW

Fellow DX'ers,



September should be an interesting month for Northern Ohio hams. Start making plans to attend the 2007 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention and the Cleveland Hamfest. Everything begins on Friday evening September 21st with individuals checking in at the Sheraton Independence Hotel and the opening of the CARS, LEARA and NODXA hospitality room. There will be card checking for DXCC, WAS, VUCC, Low Bands and VHF. Meet and greet hams, Dxers and Contesters from all over.

There will be a great line-up of speakers for the seminars on Saturday for DXers/Contesters and your new/average ham. Some of the Contester/DXer speakers to talk are: Bob Heil/K9EID and Chip Margelli/K7JA (from Heil

Sound), Tim Duffy/K3LR, John/K8YSE, Bernie/W3UR, Don/K8MFO and Bob/K4UEE. Card checking will also happen on Saturday in the hospitality room.

The convention will end with a dinner banquet and ARRL President Joel Harrison/W5ZN as guest speaker, as well as some great prizes. Hope you can attend. Who knows when the next convention will take place in the Cleveland area.

If you have not heard, a change will be taking place with the NODXA newsletter after September. Since the NODXA's E-mail Reflector is working well, the newsletter will now be only available on the Web (unless you really want one via the mail). The majority of most clubs are now doing this to help save funds. As over the past several years, an announcement will be made over the club's E-mail Reflector when a new newsletter is available. Having it on the club's Web makes the newsletter more flexible (color, not being restricted with the amount of pages, easier to save on the computer....). Hope you enjoy the change.

Lastly, if I don't see you at the 2007 Great Lakes Division Convention, I hope to see you at the Cleveland Hamfest. Enjoy the last few days of summer, it is going fast.

73 and Good DX de Tedd KB8NW

Minutes of the May 7th, 2007 NODXA Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7:36pm by the President, Tedd, KB8NW. There were 25 members and 1 guest present.

After a round of introductions, the Secretary, Al, N8CX, read the minutes of the April 2nd meeting. The minutes, taken by Glenn, AF8C, were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Mary, N8DMM reported a balance of \$Ka-Ching! in the account.

Pete, N8TR, reported that the repeater and cluster are running fine.

Dave, WD8IOU, reported that the newsletter is in progress and that the current issue will be out soon. The issue published before Field Day will contain a map to the Field Day site.

Dwaine, K8ME, reported that he is taking orders for ARRL Field Day t-shirts. They are \$13 each. Dwaine also said the he will be ordering steaks for the big Field Day dinner and wanted a count of those planning on attending.

Tedd, KB8NW, reported that the hospitality suite at Dayton is all set and reminded everyone to get ready for the Hamvention.

Ron, K8VJG, moved, seconded by Carl, K8AV, to allocate \$250 for Field Day expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

Pete, N8TR, reported the he and Mary, N8DMM will be at flea market slots 928 and 929 at Dayton. They invited everyone to stop by and rest and drop off any heavy packages they had purchased.

Tedd, KB8NW, reported that there will be #1 DXer (identity not stated), at the hospitality suite.

John, K8YSE, will be giving a presentation on Swains Island.

Tedd, KB8NW, reported that he has received a donation request from W3WL for the 3B7C St Brandon DXpedition. We have already sent \$100, but they would like an additional donation. Bruce, N8DJX, said that he will donate the additional \$100. Tedd, KB8NW, will email W3WL saying the we will donate the additional amount.

Ron, W8WH, reported that all Hamvention rooms at the Crowne Plaza are filled. Pete, N8TR, reported that contest forums and clubs are filling up the rooms.

Ron, K8VJG, was the first member of the club to work the B57H on Wednesday, May 2. Congratulations to Ron were accorded.

Tedd, KB8NW, reported the Amateur Radio Newline reported that we might have an additional year in the sunspot null before we start to climb out.

The 50/50 raffle was again won by Glenn, AF8C. The amount was \$24.

The meeting was adjourned by the President, Tedd, KB8NW, at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al, N8CX, Secretary

Minutes of the June 4th, 2007 NODXA Meeting

Open: 7:35 p.m.
Presiding: Tedd, KB8NW
Attendance: 13

The meeting started with a round of introductions. Unfortunately the secretary was absent and we didn't have access to his minutes from his car which was parked at Southwest General.

Treasurer's Report: by N8DMM: \$Ka-Ching!
We have collected \$27.00 for the 50/50 raffle.

On Sunshine reports: N8CX is in Southwest General Hospital getting some emergency antibiotics. W8JGU has recently under the weather with food poisoning.

Pete, N8TR, reported that the repeater is working fine.

It was reported by AF8C that the Packet

Cluster was down on Sunday of the CQ WPX CW contest.

Dave, WD8IOU, was absent so we had no update on the newsletter.

Under Old Business, Tedd presented a wrap-up on the Dayton activities and the hospitality suite. \$192.55 was spent, out of \$250.00. The room was open but there were no signs and access to that floor was confusing. Friday night was packed. More soda pop and less beer was drunk. Both "Goose" W8AV and Don, W8MFO, each donated \$20.00 toward the hospitality. Total donations were \$117.00.

The weather was good at Dayton. Software Defined Radio technology was gaining attention.

Dwaine, K8ME, reported that the W9DXCC Convention wants patch donations. We can supply two Honor Roll patches and two DXCC patches. Dwaine moved to send the four patches. K8VJG seconded, and the motion passed on vote.

Dwaine, K8ME, discussed the monogram place in Brunswick can add #1 to your existing patches.

Bob, W8GC, discussed that the Tuesday meeting of CARS will be at the Oak Grove Pavilion in the Metroparks in Brecksville. See www.2cars.org for details.

George, K8KR, discussed how the postage increase will hurt letter managers because of the number of underpaid envelopes.

Tedd, KB8NW, discussed the ARRL Great Lakes Convention. Dwaine, K8ME, will have a poster on foam board with three different logos.

FIELD DAY

John, K8YSE, and Nick, W8XD, both retired May 31. Field Day is the same every year for what people bring. The grass must be cut.

John's son will be bringing some satellite antennas and supports. Satellite dishes will be borrowed from N8TR.

Someone should bring a 6M radio. Dwaine has a big tent, grill, stakes, and generator. Setup will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Linda Sinko N8LRS will videotape everything and will bring cole slaw and potato salad. More discussion on miscellaneous items for Field Day went on.

Our next meeting is July 2.

Dwaine, K8ME, won half the \$26.00 raffle collection.

Tedd, KB8NW, reminded us that K8MR wrote about the Ohio QSO Party in August. Are we going to sponsor a plaque? Ron, K8VJG moved and Bruce, K8DJX seconded, that we pay \$60.00 for a sponsored plaque, also to include up to \$10.00 for shipping and handling. The motion passed.

The meeting was closed at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully, For the secretary, by Glenn, AF8C.

Field Day 2007 Report

The mystery is solved. Dwaine's generator simply ran low on oil and the sensor killed the spark. There were other maintenance items necessary to get the generator back in top shape. There was a small gas leak which was traced to



Metro, W8MET, and Linda, N8LRS, operating CW and 6M SSB



Tedd, KB8NW, and John, K8YSE, with the Richfield Chief of Police at the public information table.

make so much noise. This will make everyone happy!

The rotor cable for the six meter beam is now on a cable spool which will make it somewhat easier to deploy next year. It takes some effort to put it back on the spool, but it makes for a neat package that we can use year after year.

For those of you who were not at the meeting, our final score for Field Day was 5970 points, down from last year by 1000 points. The big difference was in the number of CW contacts.

We need to pay more attention to this next year. CW contacts are worth twice that of SSB contacts. We did manage 6 satellite qso's, one on 1296/435 fm, 2 on V/U cw and 3 on V/U SSB thanks to Doug, KD8CAO.

The antenna positioning was computer controlled and we just enjoyed the fine weather until the antenna started to move, indicating that a pass was in progress. A short walk to the radio and we were ready to make a qso.

We were able to make quite a few bonus points including 5 solar powered 40m qso's by W8XD and his FT817 low power rig. Six meters was not that good for us but we did make 84 qso's there. We also made 9 - 2M SSB qso's as well. We did copy the W1AW field day bulletin on 110 baud ASCII, getting the radio/program set up just in the nick of time.

We had a visit from the Richfield Chief of Police thanks to Carl, K8AV. Debbie Chitester from the Red Cross came out with Ev to see our operation.

Our total SSB qso's were 1148 and CW was 606. Total bonus points = 1250. Thanks to all who came out to operate and especially to Ed, W8EDB, for mowing the grass and Doug, KD8CAO, for driving the 325 miles from Holland, MI, with his satellite equipment. And a special

improperly positioned clamps on the gas lines leading to the fuel pump. They were repositioned and that seemed to cure the leak. We removed the head (Dwayne felt that the bolts were very loose) and cleaned the combustion chamber and valve surfaces. The carburetor bowl was full of crud so that was cleaned up and a new fuel filter was installed. The head was torqued to spec and after adding some oil, we had spark. The generator started and ran. For those who were not there, Dwayne's generator quit at 1pm on Sunday. Our field day operation ended an hour early.

The other good news is that Ron Borke's brother donated 300' of 10/4 rubber coated cable along with the proper 220v connector for Dwayne's generator. Ron and I picked it up on Thursday and installed the connector on one end and 2 duplex outlets on the other end of the cable. The cable is on a spool which is very heavy. We will need Bill's cable reel stands next year to unwind the cable. This will vastly reduce the loss from the generator all the way to the CW tent and provide plenty of power for the rigs and the coffee pot. Dwayne is going to purchase and install a muffler so that the generator doesn't

Thanks to the following for their contribution to this months edition: N8TR, N8DMM, KB8NW, N8CX, K8YSE, AF8C and the ARRL Letter.

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As of July 2006
Current DXCC Entities Total is:

337



Are you going to eat that?

thanks to everyone who brought equipment/ food and spent hours and hours preparing for this effort. Bill, W8JGU, and Pete & Mary, N8TR & N8DMM, are the major contributors of antennas, equipment, logistics, food preparation etc. Without them, there would be no field day at NODXA. Many others provided equipment and support for the operation too. And a special thanks to all of the operators who came out and waited their turn at the radio, especially those who operated through the night when it is difficult to stay awake & keep going. And last but not least, to Dwaine for cooking up those juicy steak dinners for everyone who was there late Saturday. You can't work on an empty stomach!

Everyone that wasn't specifically mentioned here is not unappreciated. Every team has many unsung heroes. Thanks to everyone who made this a success.

Hope to see everyone next year at FD 2008.

Thanks and 73, John K8YSE



Doug, KD8CAO, with his innovative satellite antenna system.



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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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