

NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

August 2003

ICOM Presentation

ICOM presents their newest radios at the NARS August meeting. Pat Marcy, W7PZ, is the Amateur District Sales Manager for ICOM America. She will tell us about the ICOM 208H rig and the ICOM 703 QRP rig. Her sales responsibility is everything west of the Mississippi River plus the states of Wisconsin and Illinois. This is roughly one half of the United States. She has worked for ICOM for 20 years.

Pat's presentation will include details of the new ICOM radios. She will tell us about ICOM's future direction of their radios. She promises to answer all of your questions about the products that ICOM makes for Ham radio use. She is prepared to discuss the newest features of amateur radios.

Attendees will receive an ICOM discount of \$10 off on purchase of an ICOM HT, \$20 off on purchase of an ICOM mobile, or \$50 off on purchase of an ICOM base radio. This discount will be good for two weeks after the ICOM presentation.

Raffle Winner Bob Mennell WB5IUU



Gregg W5IDX presents FT100 and ATAS to Bob

Important Dates

Friday, Aug 15, 7:30 PM - General Membership meeting, Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church - Eyeball QSOs, 7:00 PM.

Saturday, Aug 23, 8:30 AM - VE License Exam Session, Tomball Community Center, S. Cherry & Market streets (just South of Main).

Tuesday, Aug 26, 7:30 PM - Board of Directors meeting, Terra Nova Clubhouse, 5200 Woodville.

Contests

Aug 16-17 North American SSB QSO Party, New Jersey QSO Party

Aug 23-24 Ohio QSO Party

Aug 30-31 YO DX HF, SCC RTTY Championship

Sep 6-7 All Asian SSB

Sep 7 North American CW Sprint

Sep 14 North American SSB Sprint

Sep 20-21 SAC CW

Sep 27-28 CQ World-Wide RTTY, SAC SSB

Wednesday Lunch Bunch

Aug 13 Woodlands House

Aug 20 Brown Sugar's BBQ

Aug 27 Red Lobster

Sep 3 Casa Imperial Mexican

Sep 10 Strack Farms

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Aug 13 Puma Mexican

Aug 20 Jason's Deli

Aug 27 Luther's BBQ

Sep 3 Skeeter's

Sep 10 Charlie's Hamburgers

Monday "Tail Draggers" Lunch Bunch

12:00 Noon Aviator's Grill, Hooks Airport

Swapmeets / Hamfests:

Aug 23, 8:00 AM: Taildraggers / Tomball Repeated Group, 1119 S Cherry, Tomball; info: <http://www.dutson.net/Ham/TomballRepeaterGroup.htm>

Sep 13, 7:00 AM: Katy A.R.S / Houston Vintage Radio Association (H.V.R.A.) swap meet and auction; Katy VFW hall on Ave D in Katy, TX; Info: <http://www.omnilaw.com/karsradio>

Code Classes:

Aug 18-23, 7:00-9:00 PM, KD5VJU (Robert) and N5CEP (Charlie), FM1774 and Gayle, Magnolia; info:

<http://www.dutson.net/Ham/TomballRepeaterGroup.htm>

Notice: NARS membership dues are \$20 per year, renewable on anniversary of last year's full payment.

Deadline for articles to appear in the next issue is the last day of this month.

BREAKFAST

at Victors

4710 W FM 1960

Saturdays

7:30 AM

President's Corner

August 2003

Hot! Hot, is the only way to describe this month's weather in Texas. Let's hope all the tower projects are complete and we can spend some time inside with the A/C. If not you might consider putting them off for another month or so. Summer will soon be over and the kids will be off to school.

NARS radio related activities are still in full swing. Last month Dr. Pat was responsible for several Amateur Radio classes at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The NARS VE team lead by Walter Hock KK5LO and "Captain" Jim Kirk KJ5X along with several VE's administered the test.

A special thanks to Danny N5BE and Terry KQ5U for vigilantly working to schedule the programs for the NARS meetings.

For those of you who missed the last meeting H.O. K5CX gave an outstanding program on the Texas QSO Party; we are all motivated and eagerly waiting for the kickoff of the upcoming event. It seems that we will have our hands full trying to stay on top of the pack this year. Several other radio clubs have vowed to put forth a worthy effort toward winning the event. A special thanks to the Alamo DX Amigos whom have sponsored the "new for 2003" Texas Club Aggregate trophy. If you have not done so please visit the TQP website for more details. Like Field Day this is one of our biggest events. You will not want to be left out of this 2003 TQP event so make plans to participate.

And to coincide with the biggest mobile event of the year (TQP), NARS held the drawing for the YEASU FT-100 and ATAS antenna system. The winning ticket this year was purchased by Bob Mennel WB5IUU and was sold by the famous John Ellis W5PDW. Congratulations to both.

This month's meeting features a great program with ICOM radios and the ICOM representative. He or she will be here to answer all your questions and to explain some of the new features available.

*Gregg Erlenbusch
W5IDX*

Public Service Events

Your Radio Skills Are Needed

Events officially sponsored by NARS include March of Dimes WalkAmerica (April), Buffalo Bayou Regatta (May), SIRE Ride-A-Thon (October) and Sunmart Texas Trails Run (December).

Plan to help with one or more of these events in 2003.

S.I.R.E. Ride-A-Thon: Sat, Oct 18, 7IL Ranch, Cat Spring
The date has been set for the 2003 SIRE Ride-A-Thon. It will be held Saturday, October 18, at 7iL Trails in Cat Spring. This year the organizers have given the NARS team the power to halt the event if we determine that it is unsafe to continue. This is GREAT NEWS!

There will also be a Special Event station operating during the event.

Contact Keith Dutson (281-351-7683 or WD5DXL@arrl.net) to sign up for this excellent event.

VE Session Results

At the NARS VE Test Session held July 26, 2003 there were five candidates. The results were two new Technicians, two upgrades to General, and one new General ham. Elements administered totaled seven with seven passed. WOW, a hundred percent success.

The VE's were Walter Holmes K5WH, Paul Frantz W5PF, Bruce Meier N1LN, Steve Niles N5EN, Bruce Wright WC5CW, Gregg Erlenbusch W5IDX, and H.O. Townsend K5CX.

Thanks to all of the VE's for their help.

The next NARS VE Test session will be held on August 23, 2003. See ya there.

*Walter Hock KK5LO
NARS VE Session Manager*

Special VE Session Results

NARS conducted a Special VE Test Session held July 11, 2003 at the Museum of Natural Science. There were 16 candidates at a radio electronics workshop headed up by Pat Reiff KD5IZK. The results were six new Technician hams. Elements administered totaled 16 with six passed.

Another Special VE Test Session was held July 18, 2003 at the Museum of Natural Science. There were 10 candidates at this session. The results were four new Technician hams. Elements administered totaled 10 with four passed.

A big round of applause for Dr. Pat. Her workshop has made 10 new hams for the second year.

The VE's were Mike Davidson N5MT, Gregg Erlenbusch W5IDX, Bill Denton W5SB, Paul Frantz W5PF, Bob Walworth N5ET, Jim Kirk KJ5X, and Jeffrey Greer WD4ET.

Thanks to all for their help.

*Walter Hock KK5LO
NARS VE Session Manager*

Ham and "Sheez" News

July Update:

On Saturday, July 26, nine folks associated with Ham and "Sheez" went to the Astros vs. Cubs game at Minute Maid Park. To truly appreciate the July outing, the stage must first be set. For those of you who follow baseball, you're well aware that the Astros are in first place in the National League Central Division. You also know that the Chicago Cubs are only a few games back in third place. Now, combine those pieces of information and imagine a Saturday afternoon game between these two teams and the number of folks at the park. (Okay - you're starting to get the idea.) But, there's more...our tickets to this very popular game were purchased only one week before (and remember the number of folks going - nine). Before Saturday, we did know the seats were in Section 417. The stage is now set...

Everyone was asked to meet at the Will Call window about a half hour before the game. As we waited for our whole group to arrive, a few people walking around the park asked us if we had tickets for sale. Believe it or not, there were actually Standing Room Only tickets that were being sold. Georgina and Paul Frantz decided to venture in and find the seats. The rest of our group waited a few more minutes until everyone had arrived and then went into the park. There are several escalators that help the visitors to the park make their way to the upper sections. After getting off the last escalator, we walked a short distance and found the entrance to Section 417. As you can imagine, when we went up the stairs to Section 417, we began looking for Georgina and Paul. After several glances around the Section, we finally noticed what appeared to be two people at some distance waving their arms in our direction. We looked at each other and laughed, realizing that our seats were in the last row of the highest section in the park!!

If you're ever offered seats in the highest section of Minute Maid Park, don't refuse them!! There are several advantages to these seats. We took the liberty of putting a list together for you to consider:

- You can see the ENTIRE field without moving your head.
- No one will yell at you to sit down if you decide to stand at ANYTIME during the game.
- You can truly relax and watch the game since there is no chance whatsoever that a fly ball will reach you.

- The full effects of the dual video screens can be seen and, again, you don't have to move your head at all to see both screens.

- The high intensity lights surrounding the field do not interfere with your view.

- You get quite a lot of exercise walking up the stairs, and the quality of the air is much better at high altitudes.

- When a very intense storm passes over the park and heavy rain can be heard on the roof, due to the engineering feat of constructing the park, you can actually see water literally pouring down from the roof's edge. Fortunately, the water fell a few rows in front of us.

In all seriousness, the seats were actually pretty good. We were behind home plate and had a great view of the game. We even had a prime viewing area when a player at bat (Kent) and then the coach (Williams) were tossed from the game. Williams put on quite a show with the umpire and kicked dirt on home plate several times. The only true negative was the fact that a few of us were sitting under the air conditioning units that tended to occasionally drip. The best part, though, was the Astros won!

Now - see what you missed!

To make sure that you're part of the next Ham and "Sheez" adventure, take note of the upcoming activities. Quite a bit of the July meeting was dedicated to putting together plans for the next few months.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities:

August outing:

On Friday, August 22, we will be going to Outback Western World in Magnolia. There is quite a store on the premises and an antique car museum. Also, an auction is held each Friday night. Rumor also has it that there is a keg on tap for visitors. We will be stopping for dinner on the way. The guys are cordially invited to join us. More details will be communicated on the reflector shortly.

August meeting:

Ladies - If you've ever wanted to learn how to play the popular Chinese tile game, Mahjong, be sure to join us! The meeting will be on Monday, August 25, at the Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church at 7:00. It will be a very enjoyable evening.

September outing:

On Saturday, September 13, Tina Sinclair will host a wine tasting party at her house. Each couple (yes, the guys are invited) will bring a wine and finger food to specifically go with the selected wine. Thank you, Tina, for offering your home for this event! More information will be coming soon.

September meeting:

We are going to break with tradition a little and have our meeting on Tuesday, September 30. Desi Livingston has graciously offered to host a Bunko party at her house that evening. In fact, we'll be playing Bunko in Desi's Diner - you're just going to have to come to the meeting to see the Diner! More information and directions will be sent.

October outing:

In keeping with a tradition set a year ago, we will be going to Canton for Trade Days. This year, we will be leaving on Friday, October 3, staying in or near Canton that evening, shopping on Saturday, and returning Saturday evening. If you're interested in going, please let me know by Friday, August 15. We need to get reservations quickly!

Monthly Ham Recipe:

Apricot-Glazed Ham Steaks

3/4 pound lean ham
Cooking spray
1/4 cup apricot spreadable fruit
1/4 cup orange juice
Fresh orange slices (optional)

Slice ham into four slices. Coat a large nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Place over medium-high heat until hot. Add ham, and cook 2 to 3 minutes on each side or until lightly browned. Add apricot spread and orange juice to skillet, stirring until spread melts. Reduce heat, and simmer 5 to 6 minutes or until ham is glazed. Garnish with orange slices, if desired. Serves 4.

This is from the Weight Watchers 5 Ingredients, 15 Minutes Cookbook

Enjoy!

*Best regards,
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QUA* Melvyn Adams KB5GES?

Those who know me are aware that I very seldom just sit silent and listen, but my latest interview required very little questioning. I started with, "I hear you have had an interesting life" and started listening. Two hours later my hands were tired from typing, yet I'm sure he has more stories to tell... If you ever get an opportunity to sit and chat for a while with my newest friend, KB5GES, Melvyn Adams, just sit down, relax and let him tell you stories of his life. You won't be disappointed because he has accomplished much and is still going strong.

Born in Houston's 5th Ward in 1923, he is now 80 years young. He first saw an antenna when he was 10 years old. Not a bit shy, he went up and asked what it was. W5FTO (yes, he still remembered!) said, "Young man, if you have this much interest I need to show you my shack." He did. Melvyn was intrigued, but didn't yet have the means to pursue the hobby.

He was awarded a scholarship to Prairie View A&M to play foot ball after high school, but another "world event" interrupted those plans. A lieutenant colonel from the Army came to visit his school and said that he had been given the task of setting up a new battalion at Ft. Sill in Mechanized Field Artillery. Many said it couldn't be done...an all black battalion, but he took the challenge and signed up. There were 1245 young men picked up by a special train that made several stops along the way. Melvyn boarded that train on August 18, 1940. They started out as the 349X. After several months of training and exercise they demonstrated their skills before General Marshall. He was so impressed with their execution that he ordered the flag with the "X" immediately replaced with Battalion 349. They then trained all future recruits sent to Europe.

Melvyn trained all the radio operations men. His men would string wire to the forward position and call back the coordinates of the "hit" and any wind conditions, changes, etc. to the artillery crew.

When he left the army he quickly went to the Houston Federal building to get his amateur license, but was ignored. They didn't and wouldn't take him seriously. He became frustrated and didn't pursue the hobby again for 40 years.

In the mean time, he was involved in his other hobby, camping. Melvyn was also in the first black Boy Scout Troop in the United States. There he developed a lifelong love for camping and nature. His favorite

campground is Spring Creek Park.

He was camping one weekend and heard a group of people having a good time. He wandered over and asked what the "Good Sam" flag meant. They explained that there were clubs across the United States who enjoyed camping and organized outings. He got several friends together and formed a group called the Pioneers. Their flag was a covered wagon pulling a camping trailer! The group became so large that it was divided into several smaller groups after a couple of years. The original group recently celebrated their 25th anniversary.

While out camping in 1989 he saw a vehicle with an antenna and again, asked about his radio. He was told that the hobby was very different now than it was 40 years ago.

WA5CBW, who lived in San Antonio got him in touch with the NARS club, where he found the study materials he needed and he was licensed KB5GES in a few months. He also met people, such as Joe KD5KR and John, W5PDW who have encouraged him and helped with his radios and antennas. He then began promoting the hobby to everyone who would listen.

His shack was started with help from the Bob Welch Foundation, which provided a used TS520 and a G5RV which he used for many years. He now has a TS930, which is currently giving him some problems. (Maybe there is someone who can give him some help with it...unfortunately he didn't learn to work on the rigs in the service, he just used them and another crew fixed them)

When he returned to Houston after leaving the Army, he found a job working on the dining car of the Argonaut train from New Orleans to Los Angeles. The crew would work for five days and be off for five days. Melvyn would wait tables from Houston to the Louisiana border, tend bar to New Orleans and back to the Texas border, then wait tables to the New Mexico border where he would begin tending bar again. The conversation he learned to carry-on was a skill that would introduce him to many people over the following years. Isn't it amazing how such an insignificant piece of our lives can lead us to many other opportunities.

In 1951 he married Ocie. They began to work for some very wealthy families, such as the Root's, Link's and Hobby's in the Houston area and were in many instances "running" their homes with great efficiency. Melvyn learned to manage people, supplies and time

very well. But he also learned to listen and learned how to manage his own money and skills. He was in the confidence of knowledgeable people and learned from them.

While tending bar at the Conroe Country Club, he met a pilot who suggested he drive out to the new Clearlake Airport to see if he could find an interesting job. He did and found the owner, who was a former "bush pilot" in Alaska. He gave him a job on the ramp, which Melvyn soon used as a springboard into Airport Manager for Metro Airlines. Their mission was to fly the "pilots" who were part of this new government project, "NASA" from the commercial airports to the Clearlake airport nearby. It grew very fast and was adding new operations in Beaumont, Victoria, etc. After a few years the job was continuing to grow and taking more of his free time so Melvyn decided to relax and pursue his hobbies.

But during those days he met and was on a first name basis with men such as Armstrong, Neil, and Grisham.

Melvyn is now working at Woodway place II Tower in Houston. He was originally head concierge but because of changes in the building management is now only working two days a week as a night watchman. He is always looking for the next challenge in his life.

One of these challenges is his 14 year-old grandson, Mookie, also known as Robert. He was adopted by Melvyn and Ocie when he was an infant. Melvyn tells the story of Mookie at four standing at the microphone, which was turned off, saying "KB5GES, over." His plan is to pursue a career in oceanography. When I asked if he had his license, Melvyn sighed and said, "no, I don't think he will." In spite of his lack of interest in radio he is very proud of Mookie.

Writing this article each month has added an extra "spark" to my enjoyment of amateur radio. Thank you, Bill Denton, for pointing me in Melvyn's direction. I am always looking for new people to talk with about their life experiences. And, especially, thank you Melvyn for sharing yours with me. I can't wait to sit down with a cup of coffee, a piece of pie and time to hear more!

*Schalee Lodge, KD5WLL (that's me!)
Ham and Sheez Reporter*

* QUA: "Q" signal meaning "Have you news of . . . ?"

DX News

“For All the NARS DX News Fit to Print”

The month of July is now behind us and the hottest month of the year lies ahead. By the time you read this the hottest week of the year will be upon us. Those of you with school age kids will also be thankful that school is starting as well. For most of the month the sun with all its heat did not have much effect on the SFI, which stayed around the century mark most of the time.

Cal, WF5W, reported that his 80 meter was boosted recently when he received his QSL from A35XM 80 M CW. Cal now has only ten more to go for 5BDXCC as the rest of the bands are completed. Now that 60 meters is available I downloaded the Orion software and was ready to go on 60 meters. It was really neat to be able to update the radio that way. WAC on 60 meters!!! That is Worked all Channels. It was a different experience and there are those lurking out there to work that odd call sign. Louisiana showed up yesterday and Missouri the night before. But a word of caution to users of the 60 meter band; be a little careful about center frequency and so forth. The band seems to provide some additional fun. I reworked the cards this week end and found 7O in the pile putting me back to 323 confirmed. Several new band countries were worked YB0DPO, JY9QT, STORY on 40, 414kw on 20. The new WARC band rotatable dipole from Mosley showed up and will be up in a week or so to replace the Mosley 10 mtr 3 ele mono (anyone interested in it?) I worked some Russians, Latvians, Georgians on 20 CW for fun as 20 seems to stay open.

Lee Kinard, K5AVY, is in the process of installing and using “Logger32” logging program. I am between paper and computer logging. I just found out that Logger32 will monitor and log the radio frequency through a CAT interface and I look forward to getting that hooked up. This month K5AVY notables worked are: CO3LF, OZ0R, S58AL, YU1AB, TF8GX, 3B8CF, ES1AR, YW5M (Venezuelan Navy Day SE Stn), FO/G4MFW and Z36A. Also worked a few Museum Ships On The Air: N4WIS, K1USN, K6AA, NK3ST, NJ2BB and W5LEX (40 mtr phone). Not enough for a certificate, but fun, nonetheless. QSLs for the month are: W5LEX, PZ5RA, VP6DIA, ZK1AYL, T12VW, I5REA and OM3EY. Had a lot of fun with HAM radio this month. From the editor’s perspective it looks like there was quite a variety of activity in the shack.

Madison, W5MJ, has returned from 7P8 with a bunch of war stories. He provides us with this synopsis of the trip. Many, many thanks to all of you who worked us (or tried to and could not). The condx were, in the main, poor

most of the time. Nonetheless, I did manage to make about 1550 Qs on CW as 7P8MJ, about 50 RTTY Qs as 7P8DA and about 10 Qs on PSK as 7P8DA. At times there were huge pileups whenever we were on the air. We knew going in that 7P8 was #5 on the RTTY list from EU, ahead of places like P5 and VU7 -- impossible but true -- and that we needed to be on the bands, everywhere and on all modes. We did our best to comply even though the SFI was only fair, the A and K indexes were very high and there was a solar flare. We only made 4 Qs total on 160, about 10 on 10 meters, and none at all on 6. We were surprised that 12 meters was so good. The WARC bands, in general, were wide open. We did about 9000 Qs total, mostly CW and RTTY, though we did satellite with AO-40, SSTV, and voice on 160 through 10. We ran at least one station on 24 hours a day once we got going. We had a 6 meter beacon going on the calling frequency most of the time (some technical difficulties kept us off the air for the first 2 days on 6M). I did manage to work N1LN and N5ET on CW, and I was in the area when W5PDW and HO called in on SSB. As far as we know, the PSK and SSTV contacts were the first ever from 7P8, so I hope you got them.

I learned a lot about propagation during the trip, and found that whatever I thought I knew about the subject was incorrect for the most part. For example, everyone knows that 80 meters is good from sundown to sunup, right? Well, not in 7P8: 80 was absolutely dead, dead, dead to anywhere in the world until no earlier than 2 AM, and several nights not before 3 AM. On Friday morning, I could hear that I had a gigantic pileup on 40 meters at 3 AM, but they were all in the noise, so I quit because I could not hear them well enough to work. Another time, I was auto CQing on 80 about 2:15 AM, and found ZD7 trying to call me! I had turned down the audio on 80 to nothing because I could hear nothing at all, but he said I was loud. Another time I worked a W6 at 8 AM my time (UTC + 2 hours), midnight California time, on 17 meters long path, and he and I were both 20 over 9 to each other.

That’s the short version. I will have the totals in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, 3 of the ops went to Kruger Wildlife Park in South Africa to look at the Big Five for a couple of days prior to heading to 3DA0 for about 5 days. Their antennas will not be as numerous as at Lesotho, but they will be running from between 800 and 1200 watts on Acom amps into 4 elements beams on 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20. Take a look at the spots for 7P8 for July, 2003 to get an idea of what bands are open at particular times of the day, keeping in mind

that any particular band might not be available when you think it should be, or that it might be long path or skew path on any particular time.

The smoke clears a bit and additional information arrives from Madison providing more details of the DXpedition. “I spent 6 days in Mohale’s Hoek, Lesotho as 7P8MJ during /July. Several NARS members added to the pileup including: W5PDW, K5CX, N5ET, and N1LN. I am working on a QSL card, but since some of the photos were taken by others who have not returned to the US yet, it may be a couple of weeks before I decide on the format. There were about 50 QSL cards waiting for me when I returned home, so a lot of people want this one for DXCC. Thanks for putting me in the log. I am already planning the next one!”

Thanks Madison for the run down on the DXpedition to 7P8.

Bruce, N1LN, had QSOs netting a few more “band countries.” The countries were: 7P8 (various) - Lesotho - 40cw, 17cw, 15cw; OA4WW - Peru - 160 CW; 3D2BT - Fiji - 80 CW, 40 CW; CY9A - St. Paul Is - 160 CW, 80 CW. In addition, he received some new 5BDXCC QSLs: STORY - Sudan - 160cw, 80cw, 40ssb/cw, 30cw, 20ssb/cw, 17cw, 15cw, 12ssb; ZS6UT - South Africa - 160cw; ZK2GI - Niue - 75 ssb; J79RJ - Dominica - 160 cw, 75 ssb; S05X - Western Sahara - 80 cw, 30 cw, 20 ssb, 15 cw, 12 cw/ssb, 10 cw. So - - - all I need is 3 more 75/80 QSLs for 5BDXCC - - 97 confirmed and counting. Good going Bruce and we hope this all gets done before the September cut-off date. I’m glad to see that the STORY & S05X QSLs have started showing up as many are looking for those cards. That 5BDXCC plaque would look good on anyone’s wall.

John, W5PDW, has been out hunting all kinds of wallpaper this month. Some of the more interesting special event stations worked were: W1T, N1S, USS Nautilus; NY3CC USS Requin; K8QYL, Neil Armstrong Museum; Battleships N.C. and N.J.; the Yorktown and K5CX on 20 meters USB. I got one 7P8 guys, Tom, passed my regards to Madison. I keep getting this picture of Madison in the bush operating a radio station wearing a camo bow tie. All my bragging rights go to W5BQU, Tex who at the age of 102 is the oldest licensed operator in N.A. Tex will be 103 next month on my birthday (his too). Hope to work him then. He operates on 21.314 USB mid morning until noontime. Other DX worked: VP2E; YU7GMY; 3B8CF; 4Z5JM; SV8/10IJ and CY9A all on 15 and 20 meters.

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H.O., K5CX, had a good month on the air (judging from his nice report on station activities). July was good when it was up, but it was also awful in the low spots. I mean awful. In any event, 74 DX QSOs made their way into the K5CX logbook. And, the operator is very happy. Topping the high spots were the two QSOs to Iraq. Although I think I worked them back in 1979 or '80, they were not in the log. Maybe these fellows will confirm a new country for me. The other high spot of course was working the 7P8 boys. Not bad for 100 watts of full Yaesu RF.

Here's a review of the K5CX log: 74 DX Qs, 58 QSOs on 20 meters, 4 on 17, 11 on 15, and 1 on 24 meters. In the mix, 24 zones and 52 countries. In the log: ZA/DL6LAU Albania, 7X2LS Algeria, VP2E Anguilla, V25A Antigua Barbuda, RI0MR Asiatic Russia, VK2YO and VK4BU Australia, CU8/CU9X/P and CU9X Azores, ON4IA, V31MF Belize, ZW5B and ZY5X Brazil, VC3MCC and VY2SS Canada, EA8TH Canary Island, EG9IC Ceuta & Melilla, HK3AK Colombia, TE8IP Costa Rica, 9M6CT East Malaysia, GB90RSGB/44 England, RZ1AWT, RZ4FA and UA4LM European Russia, 3D2BT Fiji, F6DMQ France, FO/G4MFW French Polynesia, KH7DX Hawaii, HR1RMG Honduras, YI/KV4EB Iraq, 4X0IS Israel, 7P8TA Lesotho, LY2MM Lithuania, Z37HWX Macedonia, VP2MWB and VP2MX Montserrat, 5U7JB Niger, JD1YAB Ogasawara, SP2JKC and SP7OID Poland, CT1BOY Portugal, 9L1BTB Sierra Leone, S59PC Slovenia, H44MD Solomon Island, EA5BRE and EA5/GM0OPK Spain, FS/N5GI St Martin, CY9A St Paul Island, SM6GZ Sweden, UX2HO and UY2VM Ukraine, A61R United Arab Emirates, YV6BEN, YW1D and YW5M Venezuela, KP2/AA1BU Virgin Islands, MW5EPA Wales, YU7GMN Yugoslavia, KL7AC Alaska, ON7GB Belgium, VQ9DT Chagos, VK9NS Norfolk Island, KH8/DL2AH American Samoa, VK3JMB and VK8NSB Australia, T32Z East Kiribati, 3D2BT Fiji, HQ2AHC Honduras, YI/KC0LEK Iraq, 7P8TA Lesotho, P29VR Papua New Guinea, CT/LZ1WR Portugal, EA5/GM0OPK Spain, and 3D2BT Fiji. Wow!

Here in the KQ5U shack activity was very light as summer time things worked their way into my radio activities. The mail was very good producing four new countries confirmed with SU9NC confirming Egypt on 20CW; H44NC confirmed Solomon Is. on 20SSB; N4BQW/KH9 confirmed Wake Is. on 20CW & SSB and VK9XY confirmed Christmas Is. on 15CW. These QSLs really gave my country count a boost. I got some DX worked and hopefully in the bag as some will be new band countries for me. Those worked are: ZK2VB, Niue Island, 40 & 20CW; 7P8DA, Lesotho, 40CW; 7P8IZ, Lesotho, 40 &

30CW; JD1YAB, Ogasawara, 30 & 15CW; CY9A, St. Paul Island, 80 & 40CW and 20SSB; V44KJ, St. Kits & Nevis, 40CW; LZ2TU, Bulgaria, 20CW; H44MD, Solomon Island, 20SSB and ZC4VG, UK Sov. Base on Cyprus, 20CW. I'm ready for the heat to pass and the low bands to settle down for some hunting on 80M.

Other known DX to be active this month are:

AZERBAIJAN, 4K -- Axel, DL6KVA, will sign 4K0CW again from Baku from Aug 4-17. He will be QRV in CW only mainly during his dark hours. QSL via DL6KVA, buro ok.

CAMBODIA, XU -- Danny, M0GMT, and Oliver, DJ9AO, will be in Sihanoukville from Aug 3-18. They plan to work as XU7ACT and XU7ACU in CW/SSB on 160-6m (also WAE). QSL via G3SWH. More information and a logbook can be found on their homepage <http://www.geocities.com/dxpedition2003>.

CAMBODIA, XU -- Hugo, LA5YJ, is now signing XU7ACW in CW/SSB on all bands. On 80m he is only able to work from 3500 to 3596 kHz. His stay is planned to last for about one year. QSL via LA5YJ.

CROATIA, 9A -- Aco, 9A/DJ0LZ/p, is QRV from Pag Island (EU-170) from Jul 26 till Aug 9.

DENMARK, OZ -- Ric, OZ/DL2VFR, will activate Bornholm Island (EU-030) mainly in CW from Aug 3-15. QSL via bureau.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32 -- Hiro, JA0SC, will operate as T32SC from Christmas Island (OC-024) in RTTY and SSTV on 20-10m from Aug 3-11. QSL via JA0SC, ONLY direct.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY, EU-018 -- Karl, OY/DK4ARL, will be QRV in CW/SSB from Aug 4-13. His next stop will be Iceland. QSL via bureau.

5W, SAMOA. By the time you read this, look for operators 9A6XX, M0GMT, K9YO, N1SNB and 9K2RR to be active from now through August 14th. Their call signs were not yet known as this was being typed. They will have two stations active with activity on 160-6 meters, SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via N1SNB.

7Q, MALAWI. Nick, G4FAL, will be on a family holiday and will be active during short periods as 7Q7NT from Blantyre, August 13-30th. Most of his activity will be mainly on 20 and 15 meters CW/SSB.

8Q, MALDIVES. Uwe, DJ9HX, will be active as 8Q7HX from Lhaviyani Atoll, now through August 16th. Activity will be on

40-10 meters. QSL via his home call sign. E-mail requests for bureau cards are welcome by sending QSO info to: dj9hx@darcd.de

PACIFIC OPERATION (H44/H40/P29). Dan, JA1PBV, will be active as H44V from Guadalcanal (OC-047), Solomon Islands, between August 5-9th. He will team up with Kazuo, P29KM, as H40V from Temotu Province (OC-100), August 11-16th. Dan will also sign P29SI from Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (OC-034) before going back to Japan around August 20th.

C6, BAHAMAS - Ian, N8IK will be active (on 40 meters CW only) as C6AMK from Coco Cay, Bahamas on 8-9 August. QSL via N8IK. [TNX NG3K]

CT, PORTUGAL - Marq/CT1BWW, Jaime/CT1ECT and Carlos/CT1CSY will participate in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (16-17 August) from the lighthouse on Bugio Island (EU-040). Look for them signing either homecall/p and CSSE. [TNX CT1BWW]

EA6, BALEARIC IS. - Juan/EA6LP, Gori/EA6YW, Biel/EA6DD and Herbert/DK4TP will be active as ED6LGH from Cap Salinas Lighthouse (BAL-070), Mallorca (EU-004) on 15-17 August. QSL via bureau or to EA6LP. [TNX EA6LP]

EA8, CANARY IS. - The Gran Canaria DX Group will be active (on all bands, 6 meters included, SSB and CW) as ED8LPA from the lighthouse at Punta de La Aldea (ARLHS CAI-032, FEA: D-2814.7) on 16-17 August. QSL via bureau or to EA8AKN. [TNX EA8AKN]

SV5, DODECANESE - Goran, SM0CMH, will be active as SV5/SM8C from Kalymnos (EU-001) from 9 August through 5 September. He will operate mostly CW on 10-160 meters. QSL via home call either direct or through the Swedish bureau. [TNX SM0CMH]

UT, UKRAINE - Serge, UT5UIA will be active as UT5UIA/p from Rybachy Lighthouse (ARLHS UKR-027 and ULA-038 for the Ukrainian Lighthouses Award) until 17 August. Plans are to operate on 10-40 metres CW only. QSL via home call, either direct or through the bureau. [TNX UT3UZ]

YI, IRAQ - Steve, OM3JW reports that his son Mike, OM2DX has obtained his personal license (YI/OM2DX) as well as a special contest call (YI2X). He will be active (on all bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31) for the next three years from the Slovak Embassy in Baghdad. QSL for both call sign (and for his activity as YI1BGD) via OM3JW.

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The solar forecast for August is very promising for the mid month. That is fortunate for many of the planned DXpeditions are scheduled to be on the air during that time.

27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
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UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2003 Jul 30	115	25	5
2003 Jul 31	120	20	4
2003 Aug 01	115	20	4
2003 Aug 02	115	20	4
2003 Aug 03	110	15	3

2003 Aug 04	110	15	3
2003 Aug 05	105	10	3
2003 Aug 06	105	10	3
2003 Aug 07	105	25	5
2003 Aug 08	115	20	4
2003 Aug 09	125	15	3
2003 Aug 10	135	15	3
2003 Aug 11	135	25	5
2003 Aug 12	140	25	5
2003 Aug 13	140	20	4
2003 Aug 14	140	15	3
2003 Aug 15	140	15	3
2003 Aug 16	140	15	3
2003 Aug 17	140	15	3
2003 Aug 18	140	15	3
2003 Aug 19	135	12	3
2003 Aug 20	135	12	3

2003 Aug 21	125	20	4
2003 Aug 22	115	15	3
2003 Aug 23	110	12	3
2003 Aug 24	110	12	3
2003 Aug 25	115	15	3

Summer has bitten into the lead-time for this article, so this month the words of DX wisdom will be nonexistent as the dead line has arrived and all must be forwarded to the newsletter editor. May all your DX be good.

Until next month may the DX be with you.

73 Terry, KQ5U

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