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ROCHESTER DX ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2002

Regular Meeting

June 18th 19:30 local

111 Westfall Road
Monroe County Buildings

No program this month.

Election of Officers and Field Day Planning
are the topics of this month's meeting

VE Test Session
prior to the meeting (17:30 local)

*Note potential meeting room change at 111 Westfall—
check with the security guard for location*

Social after the Meeting

Scotch & Sirloin
Winton Plaza

President's Soapbox

Mike Rundle - N1OKL

In spite of Friday's torrential rain and wind, the Rochester Hamfest was a real success. As we did last year, RDXA and RVHFG again combined efforts. The resulting display of flea market items and VHF gear made for an impressive and interesting showing. (See photo coverage elsewhere in this Bulletin.) Of course, the food, refreshments and good company were, as always, a powerful drawing card. We signed up several new RDXA members during the Hamfest, so we must have done something right!

Our annual Field Day pilgrimage to Webster Park is just around the corner. After placing first in the 3A category last year, we are planning a fun and less-competitive effort than in the past. In addition to putting two high-power HF stations on the air, Jim, N2JMH will have his VHF/UHF rover vehicle, fresh from success in the June VHF contest. We will also have the GOTA station, and invite all who want to get their first or renewed taste of Field Day operating, licensed or not, to drop by and **Get On The Air**.

This is my final column as President of RDXA. At our June meeting, we will elect new officers and I will turn over leadership of RDXA to a new President. Plan now to attend the meeting and vote for the candidates of your choice.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege serving as your President for the past two years. Thanks to your support and encouragement, our operations at the Genesee Lighthouse and Rochester Museum and Science Center, have expanded amateur radio's visibility in the Rochester Community. Let's keep this momentum going.

Per our Constitution, I will continue to serve RDXA as a BOD member for the next year. Additionally, I will be taking over the editor's chair at the RDXA Bulletin. After filling this post so ably in past years, N2CK is retiring. Please join me in thanking Dave for his years of service as Bulletin Editor.

QRU es CU at the meeting.

Editor's Corner

Dave Wright - N2CK

Greetings all. It was good to see so many friendly faces at the hamfest. It's just a shame that the weather couldn't have been better on Friday. Hopefully we'll see quite a few folks show up at Webster Park for Field Day. I don't know what your take on the combined RDXA/RVHF Group presence on the former Grassy Knoll, but I think we had a winning setup. What a fun combination of folks we had congregated. Did you get a chance to peek into Jim, N2JMH's van? Well come to Field day and see it in operation! That's right, Jim has graciously offered to bring the rover to Webster Park to support our Field Day! I can't wait to see it in operation.

Plan on coming to the June meeting for Election of Officers and final Field day preparations. It looks like a fun and unique approach to Field Day is in the works.

As I write this, my last monthly column for the newsletter, I would like to thank all of those folks who have submitted articles over the years. When I first took this job, Fred, K2FR and Bill, W2OMV made the job easy with their on-time submittal of informative articles and in Fred's case large quantities of quality (and often humorous) articles. Fred realized that if the club newsletter was strong, the club would be strong. He dedicated many hours over the years to the newsletter, and many appreciated his efforts. I hope to be a casual contributor to the newsletter in the coming year(s). For those not aware, Mike, N1OKL has offered to pick up

the duties from me. Please continue to support Mike as you have me. I hope you have found the newsletters I have produced (with your input) to be insightful, informative, entertaining, and a quality representative of this fine organization.

I guess I'm not as verbose as I have been in the past. See you at the June meeting.

DX & Contesting of the Past June 1972

Ed Gable - K2MP

Stations active on the bands this month of our featured year included YA2ZL Afghanistan, YK1AA Syria, EP2YL – Rosie from Iran, FH8CY Comoros, FL6DJ French Somaliland, MP4BIN Bahrain and MP4Q Qatar.

Recently there was a rash of new prefixes assigned in the Caribbean group where all of the VP2s: VP2A, VP2M, VP2E, etc were added to the DXCC list. The result was a feeding frenzy for Ws and Ks trying to work 'em on all bands.

Planned DXpeditions for this period include Mellis Reef by VKs, Malpelo Is. By some W3s, St. Peter & Paul by some K3s [*I only report 'em – Ed*] and C31 by some DLs.

Political changes brought two new prefixes, S2/3 for Bangladesh while West Pakistan became just Pakistan, AP.

The results of the ARRL 160 Meter contest were in with the WNY winner W2LWR posting a whopping 42k points. Second place was W2ONP with a more modest 4650 points.

A new 432 MHz EME DX record went into the books with WA6HXW QSOing VK2AMW for a 7500 mile path.

New toys for DXers announced this month included the Signal One Transceiver and from Eimac, the now famous 8877 or 3CX1500A7.

Dayton 2002

Raj Dewan - N2RD

I have visited the Dayton Hamvention pretty much every year since I got my license in 1991. In some ways, this hamvention ranked among the less successful ones. Friday, the first day was very wet. It rained and rained. The outdoor flea market was a wash out—literally and figuratively. The attendance through the whole weekend seemed the lowest I have encountered. Even the indoor booths did not seem as crowded. Vendors reported business down 20 to 30% from last year. Even the Crowne Plaza contest suites seemed less crowded. The ticket price for the hamvention was higher and it did not include the program for free as it did in the previous years. In other ways, the hamvention was excellent.

One of the things I look forward to every year is meeting some remarkable people. This year was particularly bountiful. I met Joe Taylor, K1JT, at a weak signal presentation and then again at the reception and CQ contest dinner. Joe was a ham as a kid and built a 6m transceiver using parts from an old TV. This led him into radio astronomy, a doctorate in physics from Harvard and a Nobel Prize in 1992 in Physics for his work on pulsars—neutron stars that emit pulses of radio energy. After a 40 year hiatus, he got back into ham radio. He has designed a couple of new modes for weak signal work. They are described in his recent publications in the QST magazine and you can download the software from <http://pulsar.princeton.edu/~joe/K1JT>. During his speech at the contest dinner he pulled out a small tape player from his pocket and held it up the microphone. The whole room heard what pulsars

sound like using the giant dish in Arecibo, PR. The pulsars are dying stars that emit radio waves. They also spin and the period of the pulses reveals how fast these bodies are spinning. He first had a recording of a pulsar spinning at about once a second. Then he had one that was spinning at 11 times a second. This sounded like a fast drumbeat. And then - the piece de resistance—one that was spinning at over 600 times per second! This sounded like a 600Hz tone. Just imagine—a star spinning around at 36,000 rpm!

The other person I caught up with again was Mike Wetzel, W9RE. He is a world-class contester and holds many records in contesting. Somehow, despite his location in the Midwest “black hole,” he succeeds in running Europeans from his station in Indiana. This mystery is easily cleared up if I described his station: 5x5 at 90' and 55' on 10m, 4/4/4/4 on 15m with top antenna at 160'; 5/5/5 on 20m with top antenna at 175'; 3 element full size beam on 40m at 170' and—new this year—a two element 80m beam at 165'. Mike presented construction and installation details of the 80m home brew beam in the antenna forum. The antenna was engineered to be assembled on the top of the tower and Mike designed and machined the necessary brackets and clamps to attach the elements and the boom. This project is so beyond my capabilities that I am not envious of Mike.

HRO and AES had booths in the arena next to each other and were dropping prices. The Yaesu FT1500, a 2m 50W mobile, was priced at \$129 on Friday and by Saturday evening it was \$99 with free shipping, and no tax for out of state shipping. I couldn't resist. Dayton is great place to buy new gear. It isn't so for old/used gear. With so many buyers, the prices for used gear in the flea market are high, especially compared to Rochester.

Yaesu is coming out with a mobile FM quad-bander with 10m, 6m, 2m and 70cm. Icom is also coming out with a new multiband mobile. Neither of these have been approved by the FCC and they are expected to be in the market later this summer. TenTec had their new HF rig Orion on display. There was lot of interest in it. We will have to wait for ARRL's tests and on-the-air reports.

Hope to see you in Dayton next year.

Local Radio Store Opening

A new radio store is opening here in Rochester. **Finger Lakes Radio** will host their Grand Opening on Friday July 12, 2002, Noon - 7:00 PM.

Specializing in sales, installation and service of Amateur, CB, Marine, and Commercial radio equipment, Finger Lakes Radio is located in Win-Jeff Plaza, near the corner of Winton and Jefferson.

3259 Winton Road South
Rochester, NY
585.427.7240
800.473.1944

Web: www.fingerlakesradio.com
Email: sales@fingerlakesradio.com

June Contests

All Asian DX, CW----- 15, 16 June
ARRL Field Day ----- 22, 23 June

July & August Contests / Events

RAC Canada Day, CW, SSB ----- 1 July
IARU HF Championship, CW, SSB----- 13, 14 July

CQ WW VHF, all modes ----- 20, 21 July
RSGB IOTA Contest, CW, SSB----- 27, 28 July
Int'l. Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend ----- 17, 18 August

RDXA 2002-03 Slate of Candidates for Officers

The BOD presents the following slate of candidates for Club Officers for the 2002-03 year. As always, the floor remains open for nominations up until the election at the June meeting.

PresidentFred Groner – W2TZ
Vice President Raj Dewan – N2RD
Secretary/TreasurerCharlie Kuhfuss – WB2HJV
BOD..... Mike Rundle – N1OKL (ex-Pres., automatic)
BOD.....Scott Blystone – NY2A
BOD.....Dave Wright – N2CK
BOD..... Paul Meyers – N2OPW

RDXA 2002 Field Day Vic Gauvin - K1PY Fred Groner - W2TZ

Field Day is about one week away (June 21, 22, 23). Here's the schedule for the weekend:

- Friday:** Meet at site around 1pm to unload stuff
Start setup at 2pm
Worker pizza party at dusk
- Saturday:** Breakfast 7am, Nutcracker, Empire Blvd at Gravel Rd
Continue setup at Webster Park
Operation starts 2pm
Nightshift starts @ midnight: we need ops!
- Sunday:** Operation ends 2pm
Takedown & cleanup to about 4:30pm
(you ain't done 'til it's all packed up!)
Relax in the glow of a fun FD 'til whenever

For newcomers, the Field Day site is located in Webster Park. Take 104 East to Holt Road, then go north all the way to the lake. Then head west on Lake Road about half mile, and turn left into the Campgrounds entrance. Head south about a half mile to the end of the dirt road. A 90 ft. flagpole marks the site!

We will be setting up antennas at the site starting 2pm Friday, June 21. **We could use help setting up on Friday, even for a few hours. Come anytime for setup.** RDXA will provide pizza at about 5pm for people setting up. We want to have all of the antennas up by Friday evening so we will have less to do on Saturday. The idea is to direct Saturday's energy to equipment rather than antennas, although there will be residual antenna work to do. As usual, *we will need a person or two to campout at the site Friday night* to watch over our antennas and generators.

Traditionally, on Saturday morning at 7am we meet as a group for breakfast at the *Nutcracker Restaurant* on Empire Blvd. (at Gravel Road). Come join us!

To make Field Day function, it's going to take many people to bring the numerous small items that you always end up needing, such as tools, short or long lengths of rope or cord, tarps, extension cords, lamps, coax and connectors, antenna tuner, **chairs**, soldering gun, headphone splitters, etc., etc., etc. Anything that you think

might be useful, please throw it into the car. Who knows, you might save the day!

Before and during FD operation, get involved with the various operating positions of interest to you. Talk to the station captains to find out what is going on and what is planned for each station. Get on a schedule to log and/or operate. Before operating, take the time to observe the operation of the station so you will be prepared to step in and operate, especially the logging software. It is often useful to log before operating to get the general feel of the rig and the way the bands are behaving. We especially want operators during the middle of the night, so get some sleep early and be ready for late night operation.

It's going to take **everyone** to get everything functioning properly by 2pm Saturday. Especially with kilowatts this year, there are many untried and untested areas that could turn around and give us trouble. Be ready to use those emergency preparedness skills to make sure we have all stations functioning and not mutually interfering by the time the start comes. It might well take a bunch of last-minute relocating of antennas. Be prepared to respond!

Also, there's always areas that need teams working together to make it happen, or keep it happening, such as the power crew. And with more generators to feed our power-hungry KWs this year, that crew will need more help than ever. We always need a hand at meal-times – don't just sit there if you're not on-the-air – the help that you could provide is warmly welcomed. The GOTA (Get On The Air) station will be a special challenge this year as essentially anyone can operate, and it covers all bands. We need a lot of folks to babysit this thing at all times. And one last key point – all of us know and are comfortable with the "regular stuff" of Field Day. We've been learning and improving over the years, and our results from last year prove that we've learned it all pretty well! But the one thing we always need to pay attention to, and we can always get better at, is making sure that visitors to the site are warmly welcomed, shown around, and given an opportunity to see what's happening. Mike N1OKL wrote a wonderful article that was in the *RARA Rag*, and it might draw many new visitors. Let's make sure they get to really see why **this is the top Field Day effort in Western New York and beyond!**

Our Field Days are always a blast, and part of it is the mutual effort we all make to get it together. We share the work, then we share the fruits of that work. And this year we're in uncharted territory—let's see what comes of it! See you there!

Support Needed for NY Tower Bill

**Bernie Fuller - N3EFN, Atlantic Division Director
Frank Fallon - N2FF, Hudson Division Director**

There are only a few days left for action on A 1565 and S 2893. Please send FAX NOW!

We need your immediate help to get these bills passed. The New York State Legislature has produced a budget and is set to wrap up the session around June 20th. Please write to Silver, and Bruno, asking that the bill be voted before the session ends. There is little time left. Please act immediately! We have been able to move the bills to the Rules Committee in both houses.

Our May 5th lobbying trip and your letters and faxes resulted in both bills being moved to the Rules Committee where they can be immediately brought to the floor for a vote. We need Silver and Bruno to prioritize the bills or put them on the active list. Our sponsors Assemblyman Tocci and Senator Volker are working

hard with us to accomplish that. Your fax, email, telephone call and letter can be a big help. But you need to act immediately.

Please don't let our hard work go to waste because you did not write, mail, fax or telephone!

At this point we need to ask Assemblyman Silver and Senator Bruno to put the bills on the active list so we can get action before the 2002 session ends.

In the Assembly the bill is A. 1565 and in the Senate it is S. 2893.

Please do not send QSL cards! We had a very negative reaction to them from a key Albany aide we spoke to on June 5th. Apparently Albany types do not like to receive post card size correspondence. So let's not upset them with QSL cards. Yes, we agree it's weird!

We have also been told that some legislative email mail boxes are bouncing messages. Faxes and phone calls may be better.

Write, Fax, Telephone and E-mail Assemblyman Sheldon Silver, LOB 932, Albany, NY 12248. Telephone: 518-455-3791; fax: 518-4555459. Email: speaker@assembly.state.ny.us.

Write, Fax, Telephone, and E-mail Senator Joseph L. Bruno, LOB 909, Albany, NY 12247. Telephone: 518-455-3191; fax: 518-455-2248. Email: bruno@senate.state.ny.us.

Get your relatives, friends and neighbors to do the same. Tell your legislators about our long proud history of public service. Paste the letter from <http://www.hudson.arrrl.org>

Here is a sample letter.

Your address and date

Dear Assemblyman Silver or Senator Bruno,

Please bring A. 1565 and S. 2893 to the floor for a vote before the 2002 session ends.

I am an amateur radio operator and resident of New York State. Please help us amateur radio operators to continue to provide emergency communications to New York State residents as we did after 9/11 by bringing Assembly Bill A. 1565-C (Tocci) and S. 2893 (Volker) to the floor for a vote before the 2002 session ends.

Amateur radio operators provide an emergency communications network that is disaster-tested and robust. We provide this service free of charge to the citizens of New York, a service that would require many millions of dollars to replace. We are, in many ways, like volunteer firemen, but we respond to communications emergencies rather than fires. Amateur radio is a voluntary, non-commercial communications service. A key element of a radio amateur's capability is a small radio tower high enough to ensure effective communication. This law will help make sure that state amateur radio operators continue to do this job. Cell phones and the Internet go down in storms and power outage but amateur radio does not.

Federal law already requires that reasonable accommodation be made for these amateur radio support structures that serve the public interest; however local towns, municipalities and radio amateurs cannot easily bear the burden of resolving local disputes over what is "reasonable." This delays replacing key elements of the amateur radio emergency network. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal, court and expert witness fees are spent annually to resolve these matters. It's not fair to expect volunteers to bear this financial burden. Sixteen other states have already enacted similar legislation.

Therefore, it is in the interest of the citizens of New York State that there be enacted into law specific guidance regarding the minimum height below which local government and municipalities cannot restrict amateur radio antennas. This bill does that.

Yours truly,

(Include your **name** and **call sign**)

2002 Rochester Hamfest

Mike Rundle - N1OKL

Here are scenes from this year's Rochester Hamfest.



A potential buyer checks out the junk—oops, I mean the bargains—on offer.



KB4VL, NG2P, W1TY, and W2TZ relax and chew the rag during a break from the flea market action.



finishes in Field Day.



The N2JMH rover attracts a crowd for RVHFG and RDXA.



N2RD and KB4VL enjoy a rest and a rag chew under the RDXA bigtop.



K2ZS, NG2P and W1TY discuss the cluster and the website—or maybe the weather, or the scenery; but probably, nothing at all.

Propagation *AD5Q's notes from Cycle 22, June 1991*

Solar Flux Range ----- 161 – 251

General—It is late spring, and 15 Meters is supposed to be at the peak of its season. All is not right, and the awesome conditions I have been promising y'all have not materialized. Instead, we get awesome solar flares, geomagnetic storms and aurora borealis visible all the way to Florida. When the W4s on 40 start echoing like Russians, you know something is wrong on the sun. Fortunately the sun rotates, and this disturbance is on the other side at this writing. It will come around again, but hopefully not until after Field Day.

High Bands—As things return to normal, we can look for great openings on 15 to Europe, Russia, the Middle East and Africa in the evenings. If these openings fail us on 15, we will still have them on 20. Europe should also be open for much of the day on 15, with openings to the Far East in the late morning to around noon. Since our solar fluxes are generally lower this year, these openings will be less reliable than in the past few years. Some long path signals are coming through in the first three hours after sunrise, and this westerly path should be watched for exotic African calls. Most DX activity, however, is on 20. As we move into summer,

low MUFs will become more of a factor for 15 meter day paths. Since 10 is wholly out of season, summer DX activity will mostly be concentrated on one band: 20. No bands are really good for day path DX in midsummer.

20 Meters—To get the most out of 20, tune carefully across the band in the evening for calls from Africa and the Mid-East (most of the activity will be from Europe and Russia). If you are up after midnight, look for Pacific and Asian DX. The most spectacular openings, however, are during the first two hours after sunrise. Indian Ocean stations come from the southwest, Africa from the west (both long path), and all of Asia from the northwest. The NW route is a grey line path, and is open beyond Asia - to the south Indian Ocean and Antarctica.

73, de Roy - AD5Q / Houston
<http://www.qth.com/ad5q/>

RDXA Bulletin Summer Editions Mike Rundle - N1OKL

Over the Summer, (July and August) the RDXA Bulletin will be published and distributed in electronic form only. PDF versions of the editions will be uploaded to the RDXA Library in the Members section of the RDXA website. Hard copy publication of the Bulletin will resume in September.

Articles, stories, and other contributions are always welcome. Please send to: n1okl@attglobal.net or rundlem@kpgraphics.com. Did you take a radio with you on summer vacation? Share your experiences with fellow RDXA members. Write about it!

Twenty-seven Day Space Weather Outlook Table

Issued 2002 June 04 US Dept. of Commerce NOAA

UT Date	10.7cm Radio Flux	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2002 Jun 05	165	12	3
2002 Jun 06	165	8	3
2002 Jun 07	170	8	3
2002 Jun 08	175	8	3
2002 Jun 09	175	8	3
2002 Jun 10	170	8	3
2002 Jun 11	165	8	3
2002 Jun 12	160	10	3
2002 Jun 13	160	10	3
2002 Jun 14	165	10	3
2002 Jun 15	170	10	3
2002 Jun 16	175	8	3
2002 Jun 17	180	8	3
2002 Jun 18	180	8	3
2002 Jun 19	180	8	3
2002 Jun 20	185	7	2
2002 Jun 21	185	7	2
2002 Jun 22	185	10	3
2002 Jun 23	185	15	3
2002 Jun 24	185	12	3
2002 Jun 25	185	12	3
2002 Jun 26	180	10	3
2002 Jun 27	180	7	2
2002 Jun 28	180	8	3
2002 Jun 29	175	15	3
2002 Jun 30	170	12	3
2002 Jul 01	170	15	3

OPDX Bulletin Excerpts

10 June 2002

AP, Pakistan – Boris, T93Y, informs OPDX that Willy, 9A4NA/T98N, has been in Peshawar, Pakistan, since early May and will stay there for at least two more months. He will occasionally operate from Asad's, AP2AUM, station which is equipped with a KENWOOD TS-50S and A4S with 40m addition kit. He suggests to look for him during his local evening (after 1200z), and since he does not have a keyer, activity will only be SSB. This is not a DXpedition and Willy, 9A4NA/T98N, will only operate on the bands after completing his duties at the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) Telecoms. Over the past week, AP2AUM has been spotted on 21250 kHz between 1130 and 1430z. QSL Manager for AP2AUM is KK5DO. A log search for QSOs made by Willy can be found on the Web page at: <http://www.t93y.com/logsearch>. This will be regularly updated. At the present there are 145 QSOs as of May 31, 2002.

BQ9, Pratas Island – BQ9P is now active. The team has had problems keeping their antennas up due to the weather situation (passing cyclone) on Pratas Island. Activity has been on various bands CW/SSB/RTTY and will last until June 12th. There is no web page and no on-line logs for this operation. QSL via KU9C.

CY9, St. Paul Island – From a press release by Ed, WØSD, look for CY9 activity to take place late June 29th through July 9th. Operators will be Duane/WV2B, William/VE1AAO, James/VE9DH, Ed/WØSD, Arliss/W7XU, Holly/NØQJM and Edith/WØOE. The HF station will be using an ACOM 1000A and a Six band Hex beam. Quarter wave verticals with 24 radials each will be used on 30 and 40 meters. Given the time of the year and logistics, there will be no 80 or 160 operation. Suggested/planned frequencies are as follows:

RTTY - 7080, 10115, 14080, 18080, 21080, 24908 and 28080
 CW - 7005, 10105, 14020, 18100, 21020, 24900 and 28020
 SSB - 7095, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz

The operation will also feature a full time, dedicated six meter station operated by W7XU, NØQJM, WØSD and WØOE. The six meter station **will only** transmit on 50.157 listening up 5 kHz and more when needed. Meteor scatter will also be split. **They will not work transeive, only split.** A beam and ACOM 1000 amplifier will be used with operations on SSB and CW. Liaison will be available on 28885 kHz, and updates will be provided to the appropriate Six Meter Internet sites and reflectors. The Grid Square will be FN97. A special effort will be made to work Europe on double hop sporadic E in addition to North America and Caribbean areas! The operation has now been expanded to two meters with WSJT being used and other modes if propagation is available. The frequency will be 144.157 listening up five. All QSLs via W7XU.

D2, Angola – Joan, D2U, was active this past weekend on 10 meters on 28514 kHz around 1545z. QSL via CT1BFL.

FR/T, Tromelin Island – Just before going to print, reports came out that Jacques, FR5ZU, was signing FR5ZU/T. This is great news since it was reported earlier that he was going to cancel all his ham activities. His original plans were to stay from June to July on the island. He was spotted Sunday, June 9th at 1445z on 21230 kHz. Remember, this is not a DXpedition. Jacques is there because of his work, and he will be active during his spare time.

FT/Z, Amsterdam Island – A few sources are reporting that Caroline, F4DOT, a YL operators, is going to Amsterdam Island from Reunion Island on a fishing boat. She is expected to arrive later in the month, however, she is expected to stay there until January or February of 2003. Reportedly, Caroline is the first YL

ever to operate from Amsterdam. She is, however, a “novice operator” and will only be operating on 6 meters. **Please** have patience with her because she has very little operating experience. She will be using a “FT1Z” prefix for the first ever.

GU, Guernsey – Look for Terry, W6/G3MHV, and Mady, KP3YL/W6, to be active as GU3MHV and GU4WHV from June 17-25th. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via the bureau or direct to KP3YL.

HB & S5, Switzerland And Slovenia (Update) – Roy, W6UKX, will be active on most bands from Switzerland, June 12-22nd and from Slovenia from June 24th through July 3rd, as HB9/W6UKX and S5/W6UKX. QSL to home call.

IOTA News

AF-NEW. Look for an Italian team to be active from Kuriat Island from June 13-17th, using the callsign 3V8KO. Operators include I5OYY, I5NSR, I5JHW, I5UKS, I5HLK, IK5CKL and IK5FDQ. They plan to have four stations active. QSL via I5JHW either through the Bureau or direct to: Giovanni Bini, Via Santini 30, 51031 Agliana - PT, Italy.

AS-279. Look for operators TA2RC, TA2MW and TA2LE to be active from Kefken Island signing TA0/homecalls. Their activity is expected to take place during the weekends throughout the month of August. QSL via bureau.

EU-008. A team from the GMDX Group, Scotland's DX Association, will operate from Islay (IOSA NH22, WAB NR25), one of Scotland's Inner Hebridean Islands, during the RSGB IOTA (Islands on the Air) Contest. During the contest, which runs from 1200z, July 27th through 1200z, July 28th, they will be using the special contest callsign GM5A. At present, the team consists of Colin/ GM0RLZ, Stu/MM0BSM, John/MM0CCC, Colin/GM0CLN, Chris/GM3WOJ and Jim/GM0NAI. Rob/GM3YTS may also join them. The QSL Manager for all GM5A operations is Colin, GM0RLZ. They hope to post updates on their web page at: <http://islay.0catch.com/>

EU-014. Claude, F5MCC, will sign TK/F5MCC once again from the Porto Vecchio area (DIFM TK001), from July 20th through August 7th. He has planned to join Tony, TK5XN, there. Their activity will be on the HF bands CW/SSB. Sometimes they will be on the air near the onshore lighthouses which count for the French DPLF Award; they will give out the references numbers during that time. **Added note:** They have planned a journey to Lavezzi Island also (LH 0755, IOTA EU164, DIFM TK011). During these 3 weeks, TK5EL and TK5LB will join them several times for other CW and SSB activities too. QSL TK/F5MCC via F5MCC, TK5XN via F2YT, TK5EL via F6FNU, TL5LB via CBA.

EU-091. Look for members of the “Salento DX Team” A.R.I. from Lecce to be active as I17GR from the Grande Island (I.I.A. LE002) during the upcoming IOTA Contest (July 27-28th). Activity will be on HF and on 6 meters (GRID JN80WG). QSL via I7YKN (ex-I0YKN). Some of the operators will be active on 6 meters signing as homecall/p.

EU-177. Kjell, SM4DDS, will be active as 8S4C/5 from Stora Alo Island, from June 29th to July 6th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW and SSB. QSL is OK via bureau and E-mail requests for QSL are welcome at: sm4dds@svessa.se. Direct cards are OK via addresses in both SM and HS callbooks.

KH4, Midway Island – Jerry, W7IEW, is planning to visit this island from June 8-25th. Activity will be on all bands including 6 and 2 meters. Check out the following Web site at: <http://community.silverlink.net/midway/DXpedition.html>

KH0/WH0, Mariana Islands – Tony/JA6CNL and Asa/JA6AGA, members of the Northern Kyushu DX Club, will be active as KH0N and WH0C, respectively on their 10th DXpedition to Saipan Island (**OC-086**). They will participate in the All Asian

DX Contest June 14-18th. Outside of the contest they will also be active on the WARC bands and 6m/CW. QSL to home callsigns.

P5, North Korea – Bruce, KK6DO, informs OPDX that Ed, P5/4L4FN, will be off the air for about 3-4 days, possibly longer. The apartment he lives in is having the roof refinished, new drains installed and painted. He had to remove his antennas on June 8th after operating and will reinstall them as soon as the workers are finished.

VP5, Turks And Caicos Islands – Dave, KW4DA, will be active as VP5/KW4DA from the Beaches Resort, June 7-17th. There will be no schedule; operation will be as time permits. Modes will be SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK and some SSTV. QSL via KW4DA: Dave Anderson, 712 Baneberry Court, Asheville, NC 28803.

VP8, Falkland Islands – Look for Les, GM3ITN, to be active as VP8ITN from June 10-22th. He plans an activity from Saunders Island from June 18-20th. Les also says that there is a possibility of some activity from Port Stanley at any time between June 12-17th. He will be active on usually IOTA frequencies on all bands. QSL via GM3ITN. His Web site is: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon/gm3itn/>

ZC40/ZC41, U.K. Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus – During the month of June, look for the Eastern Sovereign Base to use the special prefix ZC40 and the Western Sovereign Base to use the prefix ZC41.

ZA, Albania – Vlado, Z35M, informs OPDX that he has been active from Tirana as ZA/Z35M since June 1st. He expects to be here for several years on business. He states that he will be active only on HF on CW and SSB. His band plan from ZA-land is limited (on low bands 3750-3800 kHz and 7040-7100 kHz), so do not be surprised if you find him on CW or SSB on parts of these bands. He was spotted this past weekend on 20 meters CW around 0600z and again at 2000z. QSL **please only direct** to his home address in Macedonia: Vladimir Kovaceski, Box 10, Struga 6330, Macedonia. For more details, you can visit his web sites at: <http://www.qsl.net/z35m> and <http://www.qrz.com/z35m>.

Photo of the Month

Mike Rundle - N1OKL

My brother, who is in the oil business and often travels to the developing world, recently sent me this photo from a colleague in Nigeria. Looks like just a slight engineering miscalculation.

If you come across similar outrageous pics, send them along.



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