

ROCHESTER

DX

ASSOCIATION

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## Regular Meeting

November 20 19:30 local

300 Jay Scutti Boulevard  
Gander Mountain  
Meeting Room

November Program

**Logbook of the World & Traditional  
QSLing**

By K2CS

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**Social after the Meeting**

Scotch & Sirloin  
Winton Plaza

November Program

**Logbook of the World & Traditional  
QSLing**

QSLs, those sometimes exotic confirmations of contacts you may have worked hard at, or perhaps forgotten, only to be reminded with the photos and information they provide. A mainstay of the Amateur world.

That's the receiving part. The sending part may be a different story. Yes you can stick a card in an envelope, or put together a BURO pack, but you may have mixed success. Too much trouble? Not if you know just a few basics.

Then there's a modern option, loved by some, disdained by others, but still an alternative either way: ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW). An online, electronic "QSL bureau" of the 21st century. Heard that's it's difficult to use? Not if you know just a few basics.

Old, new, traditional, modern, the choices are there. RDXA's DX Chairman and Honor Roll DXer **Chris K2CS** will provide you with the few basics you need to take advantage of either or both at the RDXA November program. And as always, there are members to provide help all the time. Just ask!

**Remember to schedule some time  
for operating activity to put W2RDX  
on the air**

### Upcoming Programs and Activities

- AWA Tour DVD (**K2MP**)
- Gadget Night (**Everybody**)
- Software Defined Radios (**N2RD**) *perhaps including the New K3*
- Packet + Cluster Update: Basics & Advanced features
- Best of the RSGB (**K6PSP**)
- Project Night--Ultimate Headphone Amp?

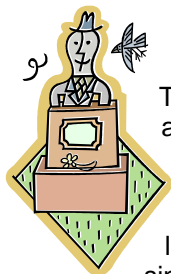
### And besides regular meetings, we have

- Holiday Social (Dec)
- W2RDX/60 Operating Event #2 (March)
- Joint Awards + /60 Banquet (Apr)
- RDXA tent & booth at the HamFest (June)
- FIELD DAY (June)

And don't forget the informal after meeting and weekly (almost) get-togethers at the Scotch & Sirloin (the "S&S") (We should expand our mission to be DX, Contest, and *Social!*)

## The Podium

By Vic Gauvin -K1PY



Boy, contest season in full swing! Lots going on. Must be November!

The **K2NNY** guys are making the most noise, along with several other RDXA folks putting in efforts. Nice to hear. And it's still on-going with **K2NNY** gearing up for a Multi-op attack on Sweepstakes phone, **K1PY @ W2TZ** looking to improve on last year's SS phone single-op low power effort, and a number of individual club entries. Then there's the huge **W2FU CQ** Worldwide CW Multi-Multi effort coming up. Even at the bottom of the cycle, there's no stopping enthusiasm! Looking forward to hearing the results of all these.

Off the air, there's also lots going on. Field Day results are out, we've got a meeting and great program coming up, and the annual Holiday Dinner is soon upon us. See separate write-ups on each of these.

Have to comment on how nice it is to be seeing good turnouts at the club meetings. Be aware that you can come early, like a bit past 7, to get together with everyone before the meeting as sort of a make-up for our having to leave our meeting area right after the program is over. Then of course there's the après meeting gathering at the Scotch & Sirloin in Winton Place. Pick one or both to inject a bit more socializing into your club experience!

No problem for December on the social front. But be aware that there is NO MEETING in December. It's replaced by the Annual Holiday Dinner, this year on Saturday, Dec 8th at NapaGino's. See you there for good times, story swaps, and holiday cheer!

## 2008 Membership Reminder

Remember that RDXA Membership Renewal for 2008 is due starting in October. The fee, of \$15.00, remains the same as last

year. If you haven't kept your membership up to date, please consider renewing it. Please see **Carey Magee – K2RNY** or any board member at the meetings they will be happy to help you out.



**Our thanks to all who have renewed to date**

**New Members:** Welcome to RDXA - we are glad to have you join us!

**Bruce Sidari (WA2TMC)**

**Lynn Bisha (W2BSN)**

**Membership Biographies** - My name is **Carey Magee** and I am the Membership Chairman for RDXA. This year we are looking to add a member bio piece to the newsletter. This lets the old membership know not only who our new members are, but lets the new members know who the old members are. It also gives you a chance to describe a little bit about yourself (likes, dislikes, modes, equipment, etc). Please submit bios to either me or straight to the newsletter editor.

**Dave Wright (N2CK)** I started out my ham career as a Technician Plus in February of 1993, with the initial call of **N2TYR**. I had a long-time interest in getting my ticket, but going to school part time evenings I did not have the time to focus on learning the code. Upon finally graduating from SUNY Brockport, I set out to get my license. Once licensed, I was quite happy playing on local VHF and UHF repeaters – until I discovered HF operating at Field Day. Paul, **K2DB** – then President of BARK, encouraged us all to try something new.

Once I experienced the thrill of working someone on the other side of the country using some wire and 100 watts - I was hooked. I decided it was time to upgrade for additional privileges. I passed my General exam in March of 1995 – though it took 3 attempts to pass the 13 WPM code test. Once licensed as a General and set loose on the HF bands, I discovered contesting and DX'ing. The thought of working 100+ countries over a weekend was quite exciting (of course this was during the peak of the sunspot cycle!). One thing I did discover shortly afterwards is the number of stations I found operating down in the Advanced and Extra portions of the bands I could not work as a lowly General class operator. Once again, I sought to upgrade my ticket to be able to traverse the whole band. I passed my Extra in May of 1995 and now held the call of **AA2XP**. Amazingly, I passed the 20WPM test on the first try!

I operated as **AA2XP** for a little less than 2 years, when I decided that while the rhythm of the call was great on CW – on phone it was less than spectacular. I heard lots of “the station ending in Papa .....”, but often needed many fills to get the rest of the call through to the receiving station. At that time, the vanity call program was gaining in popularity – so I decided to bite the bullet, spend the money and get a new call. I browsed the list of available calls, and **N2CK** was the only call that caught my eye in the list of 2 calls. It had lots of possibilities for variations in phonetics for phone operation, plus it was equally pleasant on CW with a nice rhythm. I applied for and received this call in March of 1997.

Somewhere along the way – Vic, **K1PY** enticed me to discover RDXA. My first RDXA Field Day experience was logging for **W2TZ** working CW. Fred would write down the call and exchange on paper, and I would log it for him. Over the years, our Field Day operation became much more organized and the results speak for themselves. How is it that **N1OKL** describes our operation in the brochure – “Hard work, sweat, and radio madness”? That says it all, and to be part of that kind of an operation is something I look forward to every year. It is amazing to see people show up to support the operation we put on.

When I first started on HF, I used a Kenwood TS-520. I soon outgrew that radio, and moved to a Kenwood TS-430. I now

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am using an Icom IC-765; complete with optional 250 Hz. CW filters. For antennas I have a Mosley Classic 33 tribander on the roof of the house; a Gap Titan for 80-10 on the garage roof, and a wire antenna for 160, 80, and 40. I would like to add a Mystery antenna to my collection before snow arrives here.

I have been finding CW contests much more enjoyable than phone contests these days. It's nice to just tune across the band, send my call with a push of a button, and the exchange with another (as an aside, my family likes it as well 'cause they don't have to listen to me!). I only operate search and pounce on CW.

I currently have DXCC on 10, 15, and 20M. Along the way in my ham career, I have enjoyed the coaching and Elmering of (in no particular order) **K1PY**, **K2DB** and **K2MP**.

Thanks for sharing with us **N2CK**

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**Thailand HF hams are celebrating** the granting of new bands as of last Friday. The RAST Club likely will issue a very formal statement but..... it is true, HS has joined the world on many more ham bands, at last!!! The cat is out of the bag, but RAST will issue a statement.

Frequency :

160M : 1.800 - 1.825 MHz

80M : 3.500 - 3.540 MHz

30M : 10.100 - 10.150 MHz

17M : 18.068 - 18.168 MHz

12M : 24.890 - 24.990 MHz

Please give RAST leadership credit for steady, gently work to get this new plan. Note that there are no NO time nor date restrictions on the use of these bands, but at 100 watts, I think.... certainly not over 200 watts.

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## Membership at risk?

Vic K1PY

Wanted to get your attention with the title, as that's the incentive for some recent actions by your board of directors. At risk? What are we talking about?

There's nothing like a real-life example, and this occurred a few years ago and involves our neighboring club, Western New York DX Association, WNYDXA, in Buffalo.

Seems a few years ago a few members were installing a tower and had hired a professional tower guy to do the work. He fell from the tower and got injured, and his insurance covered his medical expenses. Of course--that's why we all have insurance. Well, insurance companies are not known for their magnanimity, so guess what they did? They went after WNYDXA to recover their costs!

No, you didn't miss my saying this was a WNYDXA event, because it wasn't. But that didn't make any difference to the insurance company. The connection was close enough, and the lawyers decided to give it a shot.

What could have happened? Worst case, they (the club) could have been found at fault, and the individual members all individually sued for recovery of costs. No fair, you say, it wasn't a club event. That sure didn't stop the insurance company. And they had deep pockets to pursue the case. The good news is that some common sense apparently prevailed, and it never went anywhere. We'll assume that was because of the key point that it wasn't a club event. They lucked out.

Let's change the circumstances. Let's say it was Field Day. Let's bring it closer to home and say it was RDXA's Field Day. Try as we might, many of us have witnessed a few occasions over the years when there were a few nervous moments during setup that could easily have turned into an accident. And we indeed did have a tower literally fall down several years ago while at Ridge Shelter in Webster Park. That was due to mischief by some kids who untied a guy rope, but that's not the point. It only damaged the beam (which we paid for out of pocket), but it could have fallen on someone.

So what's our exposure here? Well, we have ARRL Club Insurance, so we're covered, right? Depends. And this is where you gotta just love the insurance industry. (That's of course tongue-in-cheek.) Yes we are, up to \$2 million, IF the injured party is not a member of the club. Yes, that was *not* a member. A non-member can sue us and we're covered for settlements up to the 2 million, including court costs. A *member is not covered*. Or put differently, the *club* is not covered if it's a member who's injured.

That's a classic *Say what?!* So I sent off a note to the ARRL about this, because that's how I read our club policy (which took months to obtain, by the way, at least the detailed write-up that actually explains our coverage). Here's the exchange:

**K1PY to ARRL:** *"We have the ARRL Club insurance. In reading the legalese, I'm of the understanding that a club member is not covered should they themselves get injured or suffer a property loss. The club has protection only from people outside the club. Correct?"*

**ARRL to K1PY:** *"That is correct. It's a basic principle of insurance. It protects the insured (the club and its members) in the case of injury or property loss from "other" parties.*

73, Barry J. Shelley, **N1VXY**  
Chief Financial Officer"

Well, that'll give you pause to think a bit. But then no self-respecting member would sue the club, right? Sure, I'd certainly like to think so. Not sure I'd like to bank on it, however. But let's allow the benefit of the doubt regarding our members, and refer back to the WNYDXA situation. Notice it wasn't the tower guy who sued--it was his insurance company. Even if it was me that was injured, it wouldn't be me but my insurance company who might be inclined to go after the club.

"The club owns nothing of consequence--a grill, a couple of antennas, 4 tables--who would go after that?" Right. Nobody. But a club consists of members, who cumulatively might be an interesting source of reimbursement to an insurance company.

OK, now I'll finally get to it. As soon as you read the WNYDXA story, you said "No problem, if they're incorporated." Exactly. They weren't. We're not.

After years (ever since the WNYDXA event) of on again, off again, it's too much work, it's not worth it, we've gone for years as we are and no problem kind of thinking, and just plain inertia, we (the board) recently did some serious investigation as to what club incorporation would entail and what protections it would provide. Bottom line: Incorporation protects the individual members of the corporation from suits by anyone, members or not, or any other organization (such as insurance companies). So even if a member is injured and their insurance company goes after us, all they can get is the grill/antennas/tables. Each and every one of us is individually protected.

So, do we need this? That's the question. It's a no brainer for some. Others question its efficacy. We'll bring it up for a short discussion at the upcoming meeting. I say short because it's like antennas--the talk could go on for hours on end. And I could discuss it further here, but feel the case has been laid out adequately, and you probably have already come to some conclusion about it. So after brief discussion, we'll have a straw poll at the meeting to get the sense of the membership regarding this. Please think on it.

## RDXA Field Day 2007

Vic K1PY

The suspense is over (although we felt pretty good in our estimation) – we again have made **national Top 3 ranking** in the tough 3A class, coming in #2! Under any circumstances, this is something to be quite proud of.

Another point of interest is that we're climbing in the Overall rank as well – last year #21, this year #12! That's getting pretty close to the Overall Top 10 for all classes. (Actually, 426 points away.) Other than the double-digit class stations, like **W3AO** at 19A and 27,150 points and the battery folks with the 5X multiplier, the only other 3A or less club at that level is the guys who beat us in 3A, **W9CA**.

Speaking of them, you have to admire, and just plain wonder at their accomplishment. They compile incredible numbers, and the fascination is to see if we can find out how to get close enough to knock on their door. That in itself is going to be challenge enough!

But it sure is cool to see where that competition has taken us. You can't help but be pretty impressed with what we do in our own right. And it sure is nice to welcome new folks on a pretty regular basis who have come on board in large part because of our Field Day efforts, and our overall approach to doing it. Gotta say, it's not bad being able to strut around with a top national ranking hovering around you. <Insert big grin here!>

So, it's immediately asked before Field Day is even over, What about next year?! Are we going to be able to fix GOTA? What about that 20M beam that hurt us? What's the

plan? Well, the details are for much later, but needless to say we already had working concepts in place within days after the end of the recent FD. And some are pretty cool. Cooler even than a 40M beam at 85 feet. And to allay the immediate fears this kind of statement might engender, it calls for doing more with LESS. (I know, some of you that know me don't truly believe that, but it's true!) It's the ol' go back to the basics rule, and optimize the heck out of them.

So, stay tuned. As usual, it's gonna be fantastic!

The FD scores are out on the ARRL Website for members.

### 3A category:

#1 **W9CA** 19,288 5,079 QSOs 25 IL CorTek Radio Assn

#2 **W2RDX** 13,360 3,836 QSOs 19 **WNY RDXA**

#3 **K7UM** 12,122 3,811 QSOs 27 Utaa DX Assn

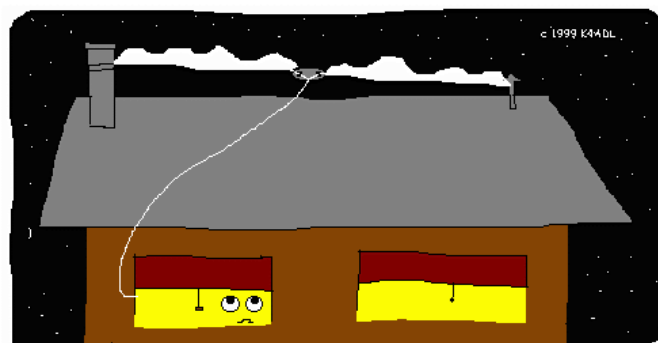
Congratulations to all,

## Irish Amateurs Now Able to Apply for Permission to Operate on 5 MHz (Nov 13, 2007)

Chris K2CS



Four 3 kHz channels at 5 MHz are being granted to Irish amateurs, according to the Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS), Ireland's IARU Member-Society. These frequencies are centered on 5.280, 5.290, 5.400 and 5.405 MHz (the suppressed-carrier frequency for USB is 1.5 kHz lower). This follows extensive contacts with the military authorities and with the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) by the IRTS (Ireland's equivalent of the FCC). The facility will be available for an initial trial period of a year and individual application is required. The power allowed will be 23 dBW (200 W) to an antenna with not more than 0 dBd gain (e.g. a dipole). Some or all of these channels are also in use in the UK, Iceland, Finland, Norway, Canada and the US. Some administrative details remain to be attended to by ComReg but it is anticipated that the first variations of licenses could be issued at the end of November or early December. The IRTS stresses that individuals must apply to operate at these 5 MHz frequencies. Permission for a 5 MHz beacon has been granted; a call sign and frequency are in the works.



WILBUR ASSUMED HIS MAGNET-WIRE DIPOLE WAS INVISIBLE TO THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, BUT THE FIRST SNOWSTORM OF THE SEASON PROVED HIM WRONG.

# Save the Dates !!!!

**RDXA Annual HOLIDAY DINNER for Members and Guests**



**Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>  
NapaGino's Restaurant  
PennFair Plaza, corner of Rts  
250 & 441**

**Cocktails (cash bar) at 6 PM Dinner at 7 PM**

**Individual checks – Order off menu**

**RSVP to AF2K [af2k@juno.com](mailto:af2k@juno.com) or 671-4430**

**We need a final headcount by  
Wednesday Dec. 5**

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**Pictures from**



**last year's dinner**



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Following tradition, we are again NOT having a regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday meeting in December, replacing it with the quite popular Annual Holiday Dinner.

**DATE:** Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00.

**LOCATION CHANGE:** With the great accommodations we had at NapaGino's for the June 9<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, we will be having our Holiday Dinner there as well. They do a great job, and at a far lower price, which I'm sure is pleasing to everyone (hams or not). They are at 2200 Penfield Road. 585-377-2570. [www.napaginos.com](http://www.napaginos.com) Click on Location/Map at bottom of page.

**DOOR PRIZES:** And thanks to NCJ editor Carl Luetzelschwab **K9LA**, we will have a stack of the latest copies of the National Contest Journal to hand out as door prizes.

And last but not least, order from the regular menu, and individual checks. With the usual good turnout providing wonderful company, what more could you want?!

See you there!

**Supplied by Alan K6PSP**

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**We know it is a long way off but**

**HOLD THE DATE !!!!!**

**RDXA / RVHFG Annual Awards Banquet**

**Changed to FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008**

**Large Banquet Room at NapaGino's**



**More details later!**

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## 60m (5mhz) allocation at the world radio conference

submitted by: K2CS

As the International Telecommunication Union's 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07) in Geneva headed toward its fourth and final week, the proponents of additional allocations to HF Broadcasting conceded defeat and accepted that there will be no additional allocations made to HFBC at this conference. The slim possibility of a 5-MHz allocation to the amateur service also evaporated late Friday evening.

HFBC has been a contentious issue at ITU conferences for decades. At WRC-07, additional HFBC allocations between 4 and 10 MHz were supported by 25 European administrations and a few outside Europe but were strongly opposed by every other regional organization. Opposition to additional HFBC allocations was based mainly on a desire to protect military and other government fixed and mobile communications, although some of the administrations that were the most outspoken opponents of HFBC expansion authorize HFBC stations under their jurisdiction to operate out-of-band in the fixed and mobile allocations. Some HFBC proponents predict that the unsatisfactory outcome of the conference on this issue will lead to even more out-of-band broadcasting.

A footnote specifically authorizing administrations to allow amateur stations to use spot frequencies in the 5-MHz range was considered Friday evening at the Sub Working Group level as one of the last items of business concerning the 4-10 MHz range. The footnote failed to attract sufficient support and was withdrawn from consideration by its sponsor, the European regional organization (CEPT). This has no effect on the administrations that have authorized amateur operations under the no-interference provisions of Radio Regulation 4.4.

On a more positive note for radio amateurs, a secondary allocation of 135.7-137.8 kHz to the amateur service was approved on first reading in Plenary on Friday afternoon, November 9. This marks the first time since allocations to radio services began that the amateur service has had an allocation below the medium wave broadcasting band. The effective date is not yet set but is likely to be the date of entry into force of the Final Acts of the Conference. Of course, amateurs must wait until their own administrations authorize the new allocation before they can use it. Some administrations, while not wishing to block the international allocation, have indicated a reluctance to implement it in their countries because of various interference concerns.

Work continues on the agenda for future WRCs, tentatively scheduled for 2011 and 2015. There are many more proposals for agenda items for the next conference than can be accommodated, so only those with broad support are likely to be included. Committee work on the future agendas is scheduled for completion early next week.

Members of the core team of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) continue to attend the relevant meetings and work the halls on behalf of the amateur and amateur-

satellite services. Support from numerous members of national delegations remains a vital component of this effort.

On Tuesday evening, November 6 the International Amateur Radio Club, 4U1ITU, held a dinner with a new amateur licensee, ITU Secretary-General Hamadoun Touré, **HB9EHT** as the guest of honor. There were 43 members and guests present, including WRC-07 delegates from more than a dozen countries -- several heads and deputy heads of delegation among them. The club station is active on the air under the special call sign **4U1WRC**. –

David Sumner, **K1ZZ**, IARU Secretary

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## Website of the month

Paul K2DB

Check out scores from other testers. Go to <http://www.getscores.org/> and see what a lot of guys are doing.

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## DX Information

Chris K2CS

Well, we're in the thick of it now, the 2007-2008 contest season. A few "warm-ups" under our belts with CQWW SSB and SSCW in the logs.

CQWW SSB was outstanding, even though the "wrong" mode. I think I've said it before though, I like contesting more than the mode.

Even though the "doom and gloomers" were out in full force, CQWW SSB proved to be "a log filler". 15 meters was very active with a strong opening on 10 meters on Sunday afternoon. There were reports of JA's being worked on 15 but I had to get mine on 20.

If you went by WWV reports, you would have found other things to do. I guess this once again indicates that the bands are probably open more often than we think. Contests always seem to prove that theory.

There was not much that I passed by, even getting a "clean sweep" (all 6 bands) with **8P5A** and **V47KP** (and K of course). 5 bands were gotten with **C52C** and **VP5T**. Other 5 band mults were PJ2, P4, 6Y, CN, VE, KP4, V2 and PY.

Plenty of activity at the bottom of the cycle. I hope you had an opportunity to participate and if you did, remember to get your logs in and credit the Rochester DX Association as your club affiliation.

All told, 684 q's, 85 zones, 262 countries for 648,543.

The week thereafter, I headed up to **K2NNY** for another pile-up-strewn weekend. Paul, **K2DB** has improved things on a yearly basis and this year was no exception. A reunion as it were saw **K2DB**, **W2LB** and **K2ZR** and myself back together after several years of one absence or another. Ken, **N2ZN** filled out the roster.

Never really having a setup to "run 'em", I've always been a S/P tester. Granted, I never mind a good run on 6m but with SSCW, the exchanges are long and often sloppy so in

hopes of keeping the log clean, I ran the mult station for a fair amount of the contest.

I think we've realized through the years (like 15 now) that clean logs are really what put us up there. As **K2NNY** gets bigger and better equipment, a few fat fingers and dropped exchanges are the things we've improved upon of late. I'd say we've been rewarded nicely with this extra effort.

Other than a cooked Icom and blown amp (oh, and the cooked antenna relay) everything worked fine. As usual, the Windows based stuff locked up and had to be rebooted but honestly, this happens while you're browsing the web let alone controlling various pieces of equipment. I'm sure you're all aware of my "affection" for the new Windows based logging stuff, I'm just glad they've worked out the recovery routine so well. Makes you wonder, they must know too!

For the amount that's going on there, I consider the operation to have run smoothly, nice job Paul.

**IN THE LOG (non contest)**

- C52C** (80m, 40m, 30m, 20m, 15m CW)
- (40m, 20m SSB)
- G0HNW** (60m SSB)
- VP5/N2VW** (60m SSB)
- J3K** (60m SSB)
- 5L2MS** (40m, 30m CW)

See you in the pileups.

Best DX es 73,

**Chris, K2CS : Atlantic Division DXAC**

**RDXA Club Contests 2007-2008**

ARRL SSB	17-18 November
CQWW CW	24-25 November
ARRL 160m	30 November -2 December
ARRL 10m	8-9 December
ARRL RTTY	5-6 January
CQWW 160m CW	25-27 January
WPX RTTY	9-10 February
ARRL DX CW	16-17 February
CQWW 160m SSB	22-24 February
ARRL DX SSB	1-2 March
CQWW WPX SSB	29-30 March
CQWW WPX CW	24-25 May

**Propagation 20 years ago**

**AD5Q's notes from Cycle 22**

November 1997

Solar Flux Range----- 86-121

This fall has given some neglected HF bands a wake up call. The seasonal peak in high band activity has coincided with a sharp increase in solar activity to produce a 15 Meter season beyond anyone's expectations. The band was well populated with DXers trying out paths that have been closed for some time. From W5, most of Europe was coming through nicely with occasional openings to parts of Russia. The east coast undoubtedly got a better path to Russia with less Japan. The CQWW fone contest was marred by geomagnetic storminess, but many reported respectable QSO totals on 15.

The waters on 10 Meters were also tested, and openings to both Europe and Asia were found. With flux levels at times higher than 120, these openings were sometimes pretty good (though brief).

Winter approaches, however, and the polar night is advancing over the high latitudes. The fall DX season is therefore past its peak, and we should not expect this new solar activity to keep the bands open the way they have been this fall. We are in the early stages of the new cycle. The recent sharp rise in flux levels from near bottom levels was almost unprecedented and likely anomalous, and continued improvement at these rates should not be expected (even though possible). I expect deteriorating conditions now through January on 10 and 15, with hope for a nice comeback in spring '98. Next fall season, the big news will be 10 Meters.

A moderate increase in flux levels is very significant for 20 Meter nightpath propagation. Evening DX openings will be better than last year, and morning daypath openings to Europe will be longer. This winter the band will still close at night, but it is summer in the southern hemisphere where the nightpaths will be wide open. Expect dramatic improvement in long path propagation across the Antarctic. From W5, find southern Asia, the Middle East, N.E. Africa, Russia and Europe in the morning; and Indonesia, S.E. Asia, and Japan around our sunset. Short path openings can also occur at these times.

It is too early to expect an end to the great lowband conditions of recent years. Many have put up effective antennas and will continue to use them, providing lots of activity through the winter months. Evening conditions on 40 will likely improve over last year due to higher nighttime MUF's.

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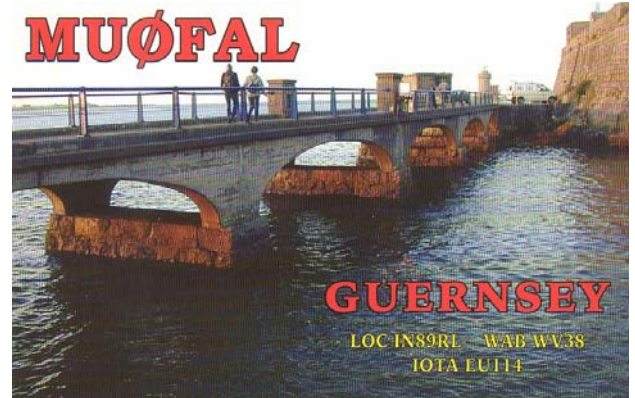
## Forecast of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity

NOAA

14 November - 10 December 2007

Solar activity is expected to be very low. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 15 November - 01 December. Activity is expected to be at unsettled to active levels during 14 - 15 November due to recurrent coronal hole effects. Quiet to unsettled conditions are expected during 16 - 20 November. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled to minor storm levels during 21 - 22 November as another recurrent coronal hole disturbs the field. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet to unsettled levels during 23 - 26 November as coronal hole effects subside. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet levels for the balance of the period.

More at: <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/radio/>



CONGRATULATIONS

**K2CS for making DXCC Honor Roll !!!!**

**AF2K for making DXCC Honor Roll !!!!**

**K2DB for making DXCC !!!!**



Want  
Ads/ For  
Sale



This is a new area, that space permitting, I would like to run each month for members only. Let me know what you are looking to buy or unload.

One man's treasure is another man's gold!

- Looking for a Heathkit Cantenna dummy load. If nobody has one they want to get rid of, then can you tell me where to buy a gallon of transformer oil?

73 – Jeff – **KC2OQG**

**MUØFAL**  Confirming QSO with K2CS Chris  
**2UØARE**

MHz	DATE	UTC	RST	2-WAY
1.8				
3.5				
7				
10	To Radio: <u>K2CS</u>		Confirming QSO	
14	Date: <u>20/03/2007</u>	UTC 0115		
18	MHZ <u>5</u>	Mode <u>SSB</u>	Report <u>55</u>	
21	Rig <u>FT1000/mk5, 200w, swapped: Dipole</u>			
24	Thanks QSL		<u>73 Colin MUØFAL</u>	
50				
144				
432				

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