

ROCHESTER

DX

ASSOCIATION

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Regular Meeting

January 15, 2008 19:30 local

NapaGino's

PennFair Plaza, corner of Rts 250 & 441

NEW LOCATION FOR JAN, FEB, MARCH

January Program

Program to start at 7:30 -

Business meeting

(constitution presentation & vote)

to follow

AWA Presentation by K2MP

Socialize before the meeting
with Dinner @ 5:30 and after
the Meeting stick around a bit at

NapaGino's

NEW MEETING LOCATION for January, February and March!

Jan, Feb, and Mar, point your GPS toward NapaGino's in Penfield for the meeting. Here's a timeline of sorts:

Please join a number of us for Dinner at 5:30 in the "meeting room" or consider coming early for a coffee, soda, or other beverage and some pre-meeting socialization

- Meeting will be at 7:30, with intros and Program **first**
- Then we'll break for 50-50 tickets followed by any business
- Finally, we don't need to *leave* from here, so plan on extending those quick after-meeting chats by staying around for coffee, dessert, and more socializing!

Upcoming Programs and Activities

- Feb 14 Software Defined Radios & the Elecraft K3 by Raj Dewan **N2RD**
- Mar 18 DX Quiz, (quizmaster still TBD) & The Best of RSGB with Alan Masson
K6PSP/GM3PSP/G3PSP
- Apr 15 **VE7CC** Cluster by Carey Magee **K2RNY**
- May 20 The Headphone Project by Paul Meyers
N2OPW
- Jun 17 2007 Field Day video by Alan Masson **K6PSP**

And besides regular meetings, we have

- 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



Happy New Year! And to start it off properly,...<sound of trumpet fanfare> the next solar cycle has apparently officially begun! It only gets better from here on.

Hopefully that's the case with RDXA as well. There's the new (temporary) meeting location at NapaGino's, one that offers more amenities, and the opportunity for many to extend the social

aspects of our regular Tuesday meetings. We'll see how the first one goes, but hopes are high. See details about dinner, etc., elsewhere.

Talking about NapaGino's warrants a correction regarding why we're not at Gander Mountain. for January through March. Turns out we were in fact NOT preempted. Our apologies to Gander for so stating. It was a case of cross-communication, and we assumed that not hearing from them regarding a conflict for those dates was tacit confirmation that we had them. We learned otherwise upon checking (hence thinking preemption), and working together ultimately saw how the mix-up occurred. We therefore went about finding an alternative location. It was not considered a problem with Gander, who have been accommodating hosts, to whom we are grateful for a free meeting location. It's our intention at this point to return to Gander Mountain for the remainder of 2008.

Along with the new location comes some great programs. The esteemed K2MP will again inform and entertain with a sit-down Powerpoint tour of the AWA, followed in February by N2RD's excellent presentation on Software Defined Radio. He will include a demo of his new Elecraft K3 as part of the presentation.

So, a pretty good start to the new year.
Let's all "have a Happy!"

Dinner at NapaGino's

K1PY

You're encouraged to participate at the next few upcoming meetings in the fashion of the "DX Men" who founded RDXA. The tradition was to meet and share dinner and socialize, and follow it with a program, and likely more socializing. We have the opportunity to follow this tradition at NapaGino's. We've arranged for dinner at 5:30 in the "small" meeting room we've been in a few times. We thought there would be a limited menu, but Mike says that with under 15 people we can order off the regular menu! They'll also allow for separate checks! Of course, we're welcome to stay after the meeting for extended socializing. That certainly makes it more comfortable and convenient to hang around and enjoy each other's company, something that was unfortunately time-restricted at Gander Mountain. And for those who used to reconvene at the S&S, you're saved the trip! Certainly, this is an experiment of sorts, and it has to work out for both us and NapaGino's (since the meeting room is provided for free). But it seems like a win-win situation. Let's enjoy!

From the Newsletters Editor

N2TWI

I want to take a few lines of space to say Thank You to those who contribute to the newsletter. There are the usual folks that I can count on every month, to those, I say a heart felt THANKS! Then there are those that I never hear from, I am sure you have something you would love to share with the group. Any fun stories of contesting, new technology ...

Please remember to check your articles prior to sending them to me. My main focus is to layout the newsletter so items fit in the best manor. I do attempt a brief read thru to catch glaring mishaps, but just ask my husband and son - spelling is not my strong suite. I will run everything through spell and grammar check but that does not always catch everything.

I also rely on your expertise of the hobby for the content. With that said please read the retraction below regarding a statement from the December Newsletter. There was never any intent to mislead or lie, just poor wording, for that my apologies for not catching the statement.

RETRACTION- MISSTATEMENT:

This is from the article on Page 1 of the December Issue "NEW MEETING LOCATION for January, February and March!" regarding Gander Mountain having booked another group in "our slot" was apparently misstated in the December Newsletter. We were NOT preempted by a more "outdoorsy" group. The other organization simply got their reservation in place long before RDXA did. We contacted Gander Mountain on November 9th to book the dates for 2008 and at that point January, February and March were booked.

If there ever any errors found in the future please contact me directly and I will be glad to follow up with the submitter to verify. Though I would love to have the time to verify content on each and every submission, that is not a reality.

Now maybe, if I had a life of leisure and sat home eating Bon Bon's and editing the newsletter
Wait ...

What I need is a raise for this job and maybe, just maybe

Anyway, thanks again to all those who positively contribute and keep those articles coming!

Gayle Shalvoy **N2TWI**

RDXA Membership News

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RDXA membership renewal for the 2007-2008 season was due in October 2007. To date, we still have not received some renewals from folks registered last year. 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. If you have a question as to whether you are current or not, please send me an email at k2rny@frontiernet.net. I'll be happy to help you out. We are in the process of updating the membership portion of the website. Any non-paid member will lose access to the members only section of the site. Finally, we will be unveiling our finished 'Welcome packet' for new members to the club. I'll have one on display at the Jan. 15th meeting. 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

Membership Biographies - **WB2JMX**, **Bill Rhodes**

First licensed circa 1959 (age 14) as a novice - **WV2AOV**. Operated first on 80 meter. CW (novice portion of course) using a crystal controlled (required for novices at that time) Heathkit DX35, a surplus ARC 5 receiver, and a dipole, all provided by my Elmer, aka Uncle Carl (now **W9NW**).

Interesting story from my Novice days. After a few weeks of operation received a card from an "OO" (Official Observer) informing me that my signal was 599 on 7.4 something MHz!!! Called my Uncle in a panic, sure I was about to be arrested. He chuckled and calmly replied: "Oh yeah, I forgot that Heathkit had a second harmonic problem on 80, we better set you up on 40 meter novice band." For the life of me, I cannot recall what I used for a receiver on 40, getting too old I guess. The big deal in those days was when I contacted stations in RUSSIA! This was the height of the cold war and half the town figured I must be a spy or something, hehe. Who remembers QSL'g via PO Box 88 Moscow, USSR???

Eventually I took the Technician exam (administered by the same Uncle), and my call changed to **WA2AOV**. Started out on 6 meter AM (No HF for Techs in those days). Using a home brew 6 meter AM rig with a 2E26 as the final. Receiver was a 6 meter converter outputting to an AM car radio all powered by a home brew power supply. Antenna was a 6 meter horizontal dipole. Had terrible TVI as the primary TV station in the area was channel 2 out of NYC over 100 miles away! Ended up only operating late at night because of it. One night I was on about 1AM in the basement talking to a guy about 30 miles away. A neighbor was up trying to watch TV while waiting for his wife to go into labor. He called my house to complain but I was down cellar with earphones on, so he woke up my

father, who of course was less than understanding. After dad yelled at me, I went back to the other ham and told him that I had to go off the air because some a**hole had called to complain about TVI. Two guesses how long it took for the phone to ring AGAIN!! I joined the Civil Defense/ARES and got assigned a genuine 2meter AM Gooney Bird (who remembers those?) which I installed in my 1949 Mercury. I was the talk of the town since I was the only person that had ever had a two way radio in their car other than the police. (This was before CB) Of course did not make very many contacts since the closest town with hams was 25 miles away so the few watts on simplex did not often pick up anybody, but it did not matter. During college my activity stopped and eventually my license expired. (In those days you had to show logged activity in order to renew). After graduation I moved to Rochester and got interested in ham radio again, first as a Technician with the call **WB2JMX**. It took a long time, but I finally mastered 13 WPM, went to Buffalo and passed my Advanced. I was active during the very early days of repeaters. I remember when the first 28/88 (or was it 34/94?) machine (Charlie Mills??) was on the air in the Victor area and also when 19/79 started up. Many of us had crystal controlled rigs. Many hams today do not realize that the reason almost every city has repeaters on 34/94, 28/88 and 19/79 is because crystals became very plentiful for those frequencies. Buying crystals was a big expense so most people only had a few sets. Lots of RF Harris, and Motorola radios back then. Used commercial rigs seemed to be easy to come by in those days, especially with the number of local hams who worked at RF. (Anyone remember the old bus radios?) Then came the BIG change ... someone got this thing called a GLB Synthesizer and soon they were all the rage! No more crystals needed!!! The rest is history as they say. Along the way I had many HF and VHF rigs, during my tenure in Army Mars we were always finding some surplus deal. Of course the Rochester Hamfest was always a source for radios too. (Do you remember when the hamfest was at Vince's 50 Acres???)

Another memorable event was back when we were all on packet and my son, Don who was also a ham was stationed in Kuwait. He managed to find a link via a military network into a packet gateway (I think in Germany) and one day I was playing on packet and THERE HE WAS! We hooked up several times a week while he was over there. All that has now been replaced by the Internet and email, but in those days what a blessing it was!!

Of course there were the trips to Dayton over the years and many, many other things (not to forget floating in Hickory Lake as **K2DB** and company tried to burn down the cabin with a faulty coax coupling under the place!) I have made many friends because of ham radio and cannot wait to see what the next 50 years brings! Remember, old hams never die ... their sunspot activity just ceases!

73, Bill WB2JMX

We know it is a long way off but

HOLD THE DATE !!!!!

RDXA / RVHFG Annual Awards Banquet

Changed to FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

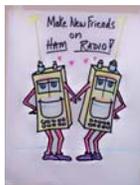
Large Banquet Room at NapaGino's



More details later!

RMSC- Science and Technology Fair

By Dave Wright - N2CK/Stats from Irv AF2K/Cartoons by Len Crellin KC2PCD/Pictures by Alan K6PSP



The W2RDX/60 endeavor at Rochester Museum and Science Center on December 27-28-29 was a most successful undertaking.

THANKS to all those who participated and make it happen!

Brief summary...

Total QSO's in the W2RDX/60 operating log: 170

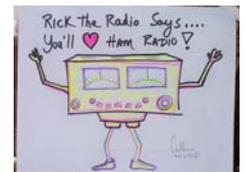
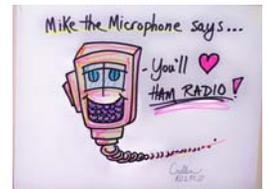
Visitors Log: Total of 51. In addition to the locals, there were sign-ins from Cincinnati, OH; Fort Lauderdale, FL; Williamsburg, VA; and Halifax, NS.

Ages ranged from 3 to 54

Absolutely OUTSTANDING! A great time as usual, and am proud to be one of those 170 Q's in the log. It seemed that when we were operating, and I mentioned what were doing this combined with the 60 year anniversary of the club - I always had someone waiting in the wings to be the next contact.

Notable contacts: On Thursday I spoke with a station in Stockholm Sweden via a site in Virginia (he was using the Internet to connect to the VA site) on 40m, working the pilot of a private jet at 43000' near Detroit. This contact was unique because the air mobile station announced he had to "make use of the *other* radio", so I hung out on frequency waiting for him to return. While I was waiting, another station came on frequency and asked if the frequency was in use. I announced that it was (sort of) and that I was waiting for the air mobile station to return. Next thing I know someone who belongs to YCCC calls me (on the air mobiles frequency). I tried to explain that it wasn't my frequency - that I was waiting to make contact with the pilot. What happens next is was really neat. The pilot calls the person I was talking to (the member of YCCC) who then explains to the pilot that I wanted to contact him. The pilot calls me, we exchange reports and details of our respective operations, and I informed the other station (the

YCCC) member I would be waiting up the band for him. In affect, I held the frequency for the air mobile station, made the Q, turned it back over to the previous user, and worked the YCCC guy. The station who called me was wondering about the /60 designation. Turns out that YCCC will be celebrating 30 years soon. What a wonderful way to spend a couple of days. Plus, as an added benefit I got to check out the Our Body exhibit - fascinating! This would not have been possible without the combined efforts of number of folks in the club. So, to those who contributed their time this year, I hope you had as much fun as I did. What an event!



First and foremost, Happy New Year, or better-said, Happy New Cycle (24)? Rumors abound, can it be true? I'm sure, you like I certainly hope so. Conditions of late have been far from acceptable but hey, it's not like we have any control over it anyway.

For those "lucky" enough to have some space for a 160m antenna, "tricked" or otherwise, times have been real good. A few weeks ago at Cold Brook (W2CCC) I worked "anything I heard", at least 10 countries just after "the ball dropped", the first DX of the New Year.

Conditions are always much better at 1500 feet and with full size antennas but on this occasion, even better than that. After working the band out (not too tuff on New Year's Eve – Morning), I went to 60m to see who may be on. Far too late for European DX and too early for anything of importance to the west. KW6J, San Diego was on, S9 on peaks working a few stations on the "left coast". Had to work at it (well, go figure, 160m dipole, ts50 and 50 watts) but we finally made it. Reminded me of VHF contesting. Depending on the band, weak signals with lots of repeats. None the less, we stuck with it and finally confirmed our signal reports. Interesting, by USA time zones, it was 2008 here, 2007 there.

We're at the ½ way point as it were, in the contest season. The RTTY roundup was held last weekend with several 160m contests and a few DX SSB and CW contests coming up as well. As always, get your logs in, give RDXA the credit if you so choose and participate as often as you can. Activity on the bands keeps them as Amateur Bands.

I trust you've all got FJ in your log by now. I just worked what may be considered the "real" FJ operation on 40m SSB. Some rumblings about the validity of the big operations have been kicking about. We'll see.

IN THE LOG (non contest)

FJ/OH2AM	(17m CW, 80m, 40m SSB)
KL7J	(80m CW)
T77C	(60m SSB)
PZ5YV	(60m SSB)
TO5FJ	(40m SSB)

See you in the pileups. Best DX es 73,
Chris, K2CS : Atlantic Division DXAC

RDXA Club Contests 2007-2008

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

To finalize and formalize the initiative to incorporate the club, the main item of business (AFTER the program and a break!), previously announced at the holiday dinner, will be to revisit the incorporation discussion then put it to a member vote.

Since the process is somewhat long and involved, as the board learned in its research on the subject, the initial steps in the process have already been initiated by the authority vested in the board. This was undertaken so that we'd have a chance to have it complete by the time of our two major events for 2008, the Ham Fest hospitality area and Field Day. This is not guaranteed, but is more likely with our having started the process when we did. Should it have been discovered to not be a viable solution, we could have terminated it.

Costs are all related to filing fees, certificate costs, etc. The filing and overseeing of the process will be handled free of charge thanks to the gracious services of Sherwood Snyder **W2KFU** and Paul Snyder of Snyder & Snyder, LLP here in Rochester, for which we are most grateful.

In fact, we've just gotten some good news from them. Here's what we learned, extracted from the info passed along by Irv **AF2K** from Sherwood:

The RDXA paperwork is going to be far less complicated than anticipated, due to recent changes instituted by Attorney General Cuomo. Several documents that were formerly required have been eliminated from the application process and another shortcut has been instated. There will be a considerable saving cost-wise, and Sherwood now anticipates total cost at under \$300.

Won't argue with that! Still, it's legitimately asked where this will come from. Fortunately, although not what you'd call robust, the club does have adequate resources to cover these costs, should it be necessary. As it is "the responsibility of the Board of Directors to oversee financial matters pertaining to the Club," we discussed other options, including a per member one-time assessment (booed down!), and settled on voluntary donations. We're thinking this will be successful with the enthusiastic encouragement we've heard so far.

To revisit the discussion at the upcoming meeting, it was suggested that the initial article in the November newsletter be reprinted here for your convenience. Here it is...

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. <November-specific info deleted> Please think on it.

[Propagation 11 years ago](#)

[AD5Q's notes
from Cycle 22](#)

January 1997 Forecast --

Flux Range 67 - 78

It's January at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. Propagation wise, we can expect the low bands will be very good, with more DX activity on 80 & 160 than on 10 & 15. However, the real news this month will be the expedition to Heard Island in the south Indian Ocean. For North America, this country is situated in the most remote corner of the world. From Houston, it is the only country on the DXCC list where signals must traverse Antarctica in order to make a short path contact.

We are used to working DX over the North Pole. At the low end of the solar cycle we have plenty of good 20 Meter propagation from late spring through the summer. Now it is summer in the southern hemisphere, and therefore peak season for propagation across the Antarctic. Still, most Antarctic DX paths from North America are long path openings to points further north, and signals almost always skew around the Antarctic continent without really crossing it. It may seem to us that Antarctica is an obstacle, but Australians work into South America across the South Pole regularly this time of year. From Texas, Heard is an especially exotic DX contact.

The path to Heard appears very different from each corner of the USA. From the northeast coast, the beam heading is southeast - actually more east than south. From Albuquerque the path is due South, and for the West Coast the heading is west of due south. The antipode of Heard is about 100 miles north of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Canadian DXers will enjoy an easy east/west path, while a wide area of the northwestern USA (those closest to VE5) will have all sorts of skew path opportunities to contact Heard from whatever direction works at the moment. Antarctica is only an obstacle for the southwest quarter of the US, where there is little chance of making a contact on more than a few bands because polar opportunities on 10, 15, 80 & 160 are so unlikely. There is also another

obstruction (the mountain) that reportedly stands between the Heard operating site and much of North America (which part?).

All this means is that there is no easy answer for everybody on how to work Heard. 20 & 40 (and 30) will be the best bands for those with modest setups that need to make that first contact. Those with more easterly or westerly access will have much better opportunities to make contacts on 15 and 80. Most of the US (east of the Rockies) will find the best 20, 30 and 40 Meter openings from late afternoon through the evening. The west coast will find a path in the morning after sunrise, along with the usual assortment of long path Europeans.

Long path opportunities will be best if you live in the northern US or Canada. From W5, the 20 Meter morning long path route across Asia to the south Indian Ocean is a summer path, and is not likely to give us an alternative to the Antarctic route (which should be OK). 40 may be a different story, but the evening short path situation looks good here also. Those with effective lowband capabilities should watch for some interesting grey line opportunities at either their sunrise (W7, VE5,6&7) or sunset (W4, W0). These areas of the US will have short windows of peak propagation that will make lowband contacts with Heard possible.

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Forecast of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity NOAA

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January 02 – 28, 2008

Solar activity is expected to be very low to low. Isolated M-class activity is possible during 01 - 13 January due to the return of old Region 978. 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 02 - 08 January, 12 – 13 January, and 14 - 28 January.

The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet levels during 02 - 05 January. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled levels during 06 - 08 January due to recurrence. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet levels during 09 - 12 January. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled to active levels during 13 – 16 January due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet to unsettled levels for the rest of the period as the high-speed stream subsides.

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

Website of the month

W1TY

This is not a radio related site but it sure is interesting ...

<http://www.chippynews.com:80/worldclock.htm>

CONGRATULATIONS

K2DB/K2NNY for being the first, World Lakes reference in the US with Hickory Lake!

Check out the website <http://worldlakes.info>

60 Meter QSO's



DATE			UNIVERSAL TIME UTC	FREQUENCY MHz	2-WAY QSO	SIGNAL REPORT		
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Do you know...

Submitted by Ken Boasi N2ZN

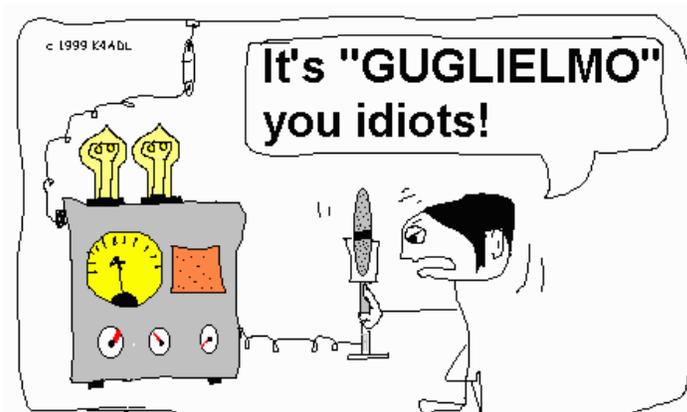


This old, overgrown tower and busted 20 meter monobander still stands even though its owner became a SK over 25 years ago. The owner was a legendary DXer who held the first DXCC award *ever*, and dominated every opening to Asia from his hilltop location.

Don't know who it is?

Let Google do the thinking...and if you still can't get it, the answer will be in the next Bulletin.

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



THE ONLY REASON MARCONI INVENTED WIRELESS BROADCASTING WAS TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO PRONOUNCE HIS FIRST NAME.

Courtesy of K4ADL - <http://www.qsl.net/k4adl/>

Here is a photo of the aftermath of yesterday's gale at the QTH of K6PSP - not a pretty sight / site ! The 70 cm and 2m beams were only minimally bent, but the 6 meter 4-element beam is going to need quite a bit of repair work. I hope I can obtain some replacement aluminum tubing locally. And the annoying thing is that there was a nice 6 meter opening the previous day (thanks to Irv **AF2K** for the heads-up), which may repeat itself over the next few days.

73,
Alan, **K6PSP**



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All those with an interest in amateur radio and DXing and contesting are cordially invited to any meeting and to join RDXA. Meetings are held at 19:30 local time on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, September through June.

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