



RDXA General Membership Meeting



Happy Mother's Day!

**June meeting
6/16/2009**

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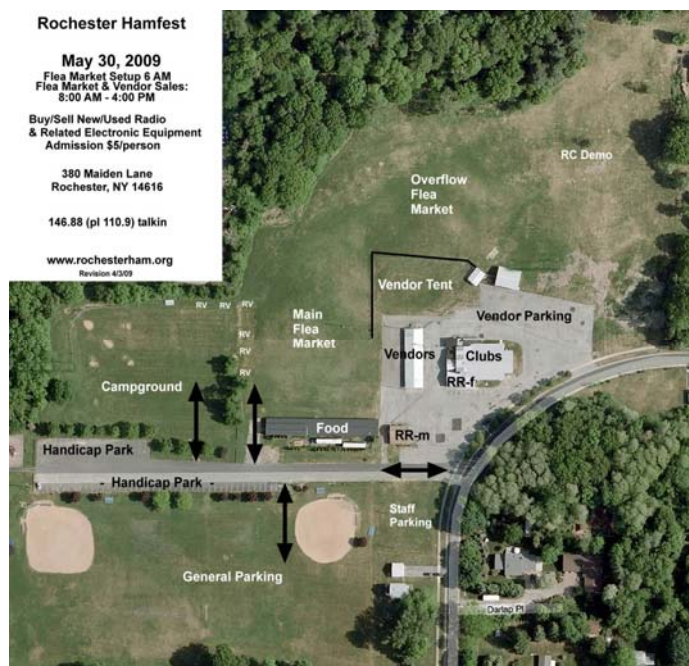
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May 30, 2009
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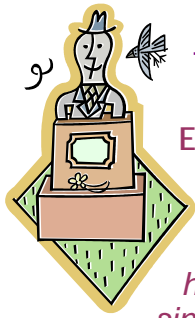
ARRL Atlantic Division Convention & 75th Annual Rochester Hamfest

Saturday May 30th
Flea Market Setup 6 AM

Flea Market & Vendor Sales: 8:00-4:00 PM

Sponsored by: Rochester Amateur Radio
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The Podium

Paul Mackanos
K2DB

Editors Note: There is an apology due to our President. He sent me something last month and I somehow missed it and never put in his Presidents Article. I offer my sincerest apologies to him. This month

he get's double space

April's Article

Wow, What a month for the RDXA, cold weather is subsiding, and the sun is starting to shine (I hope the sunspots come along with the shining.) To start out, I want to thank all the RDXA members and others who have helped get the newly sponsored New York State QSO Party off and running. It was just a month ago that the club approved the going forward of the NYQP and so much has happened that it is truly unbelievable. We have 21 persons or clubs that have stepped up to the plate to sponsor our award plaques for the NYQP. At least 5 of the major software authors are on board, and others say they either have already, or will in the near future, update their software to include the NYQP. The NYQP will be held on October 17th this year, so mark your calendars and come out and support the QSO party. We are going to need some volunteers for other tasks that seem to spring up.

The combined banquet RVHFG & RDXA is this coming Saturday, and it looks like around 41 people have committed at this point, if you have not sent an RSVP to attend, please do so ASAP to Rick, **W1TY**. I am sure he will be sending out a few reminders on the reflector. This is going to be a great banquet and social get together, so make plans to attend.

Field Day planning is getting in gear and Vic, **K1PY** our Field Day Chairman is really busy, as we will be presenting a short presentation in Dayton, we need a few FD planning meetings, etc, etc,.

We have a few openings for nominations of offices and BOD positions this year, if you are interested in getting involved with the club in that capacity, let us know, elections are coming up real soon.

There is so much going on, that I am sure that I have forgotten something, but if I have, I hope we cover it at the Tuesday meeting. Hope you all have worked the DX that has been on in the last month, I snagged a few of them. For now. The sun is shining, and I need to get out and soak up some of it. See you at the meeting.

May's Article

Dayton is over, and what a BLAST, it was great, and in several instances that I encountered, it was like being at the S & S or at a regular membership meeting. All I seemed to see were RDXA members all over the place. Out in the flea market, walking around the exhibits, and stopping by at the Green Heron Engineering booth, where I was most of the time. I want to thank each and every one of you who attended the Contest Forum and supported the RDXA by wearing our brand new Field Day Tee Shirts. Our Field Day Coordinator, Vic, **K1PY** did an outstanding job of presenting the RDXA Field Day Presentation to the group of approximately 300 or so who showed up for the forum. Let me restate that, Vic did not an outstanding, but exceptionally outstanding and informative slide and narrative show on our RDXA Field Day.

It was a 20 minute presentation that was so well composed, that it felt like it was only a couple of minutes long, it was not the old boring type of presentation that we are all use to seeing, but an action packed, informative and perfectly done forum. Congratulations to Vic, he really deserves all the credit for the forum, and I got to answer lots of questions at the Crown later that evening, lots of people knew I was part of RDXA (because I wore my RDXA tee shirt there), and congratulated me on the presentation. I quickly let the all know that I had nothing to do with it, as Vic is the FD coordinator, and I am only the president. They all asked me to convey to Vic, and outstanding job, and thanks, so Vic – GREAT JOB. Now RDXA is really “in the box” and “on the map” as a top club.

On another note, lots of new things being released this year at Dayton, but I will focus on one that I was involved with. Our own RDXA superstation member, and owner of Green Heron Engineering, Jeff Ach, **W2FU** brought out a few proto types of a new wireless control system for antenna switching, rotor control, stack match switching, etc, etc, etc. Jeff brought out the proto types and we had to learn what it will do. Anyway, most of the people who saw the system, including one of our own, **K8FC** basically said “How much and how soon can I get these “. Another way of showing the expertise that resides inside of the RDXA membership. I will get Jeff to come to one of our meetings and present his new products. (How can he say NO ?) I have lots to do, meeting is tonight, BE THERE, we are going to show Vic's presentation to the Dayton Contesting Forum.

General Meeting Program Topic:

State QSO Parties: Everything you have ever wanted to know about State QSO Parties; what they are, how to operate in them, how to increase your contesting skills, and how to get ready for our very own QSO Party here in NY.

Elections: Nominations are now open for the 2009-2010 club year. Elections will be held at the June meeting. Please contact the Nominating Committee (Ken **N2ZN** or Vic **K1PY**) and forward your nominations to them as soon as possible. The current slate is as follows:

President	K2DB
Vice President	vacant
Secretary	K2RNY
Treasurer	AF2K
Director	K2CS
Director	W2BSN
Director	N2BEG
Director	vacant

There are still two positions on the board (Vice President and one Director) that have not received at least one nomination or commitment to run. All positions are up for nomination and election, however. We hope to have elections this year, so be sure to nominate early so we can have a strong slate for the elections. Remember, this is your club!

Get involved-nominate someone, or step up and volunteer yourself to run for a position!

May's RDXA meeting has very important information on the upcoming Field Day, and it's important for all members interested in Field Day to attend. We'll be presenting info on the challenges we face and some of the things we can do to meet them.

As a bonus, we'll have as the 'main program' a video of the RDXA presentation we made at the Dayton Hamvention Contest Forum.

Lastly, we couldn't get an overall group shot of the RDXA Dayton contingent attired in our National Champion t-shirts, so we'd like everyone to rinse out your shirt tonight and wear it to the meeting so we can get a 'proper' group photo! Everyone else in attendance can join in -- T-shirts will be at the meeting for those who haven't picked them up yet -- wear a light shirt so you can slip them over it and join in the photo!

Ever Wonder What Lightning will do to your Antenna?

K2CS, N2TWI



This is all that is left of the mystery antenna



Just fried the rest to nothing, were did it go, it's a mystery ...



It arched over to the TV antenna and blew that apart too ...

QSL Card Checking at the Rochester Hamfest

Ed Gable K2MP



At this year's Rochester Hamfest RDXA's own Ed Gable, **K2MP**, ARRL DXCC Field Checker, will be doing his usual duty of checking DXCC, VUCC and WAS QSL cards. He can also do combined LOTW submissions.

Additionally, Dan Henderson, **N1ND**, from ARRL HQ, will be in attendance. Dan can additionally check 160 meter cards that are not normally field checkable (yes, that's a word). Get your submissions ready.

Please check the ARRL website and download the correct and latest application form. They have changed a lot and previous forms cannot be accepted. Also, please consider using a credit card for payment, sure makes things a lot easier for all. Checks are OK, cash will make me take you off my Christmas card list forever !

NY QSO Party Update

W1TY

These RDXA plaque sponsorships are still available. A number of members have committed to a purchase. It's time to commit to a specific plaque. Available are these for RDXA members with more listed on the contest site.

\$40... such a deal!

RDXA - Most States Worked

RDXA - High Score Phone - Low Power

RDXA - High Score CW - Low Power

RDXA - High Score Digital - Low Power

Current club sponsors are: **W1TY**, **K2DB**, **AF2K** (w/**W2RMM**), **K2RNY**, **K2MP**, **N2ZN**, **WD8CQB**, **AI2N**, **K2DPC** (w/**KC2SWW**), **WJ2O**.

Overall 26 plaques have been sponsored so far.

Did you know the last NYQP was 30 years ago? We have created a really slick NYQP certificate for the class winners. Set aside October 17 and earn one. **W1TY** and **K2DB** will even sign it for you!

At Dayton, **K2DB** completed the acquisition of www.NYQP.org This will give us a long term specific NYQP site, FTP and NYQP email capabilities.

The transfer of the NYQP pages will be transferred in the coming weeks. Thanks to Scott Hoag for all his work on the contest web site and for being the point man on the continued updates.

More BPL news and information

N2VX

"Ars has a summary of the [curious events surrounding the death of broadband over power lines \(BPL\)](#). We've discussed BPL's trials and advances here [many times](#). The Federal Communications Commission's go-ahead was [halted last year](#) by a federal court, after a suit by the American Radio Relay League over claims of unacceptable radio interference from BPL. The DC Court of Appeals judge noted, 'There is little doubt that the [FCC] deliberately attempted to exclude from the record evidence adverse to its position.' The ARRL's FOIA request to obtain non-redacted documents finally bore fruit under the Obama administrations more open FOIA guidelines. The ARRL's preliminary analysis of the released documents point out a few critical areas where the FCC redacted data that is clearly adverse to the claims of BPL proponents. By rights, this ought to lay BPL to rest once and for all." A story at Broadband Reports notes that [BPL is dying on its own](#), as most of the vendors who had been testing it "have since moved on to promote smart electrical grid functionality."

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http://hardware.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=09/05/15/1318224&art_pos=16

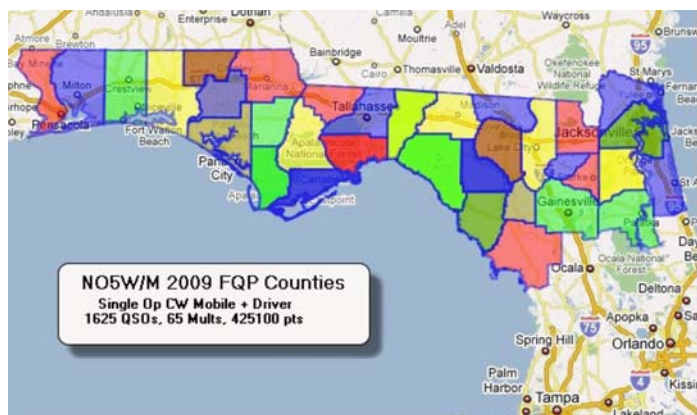
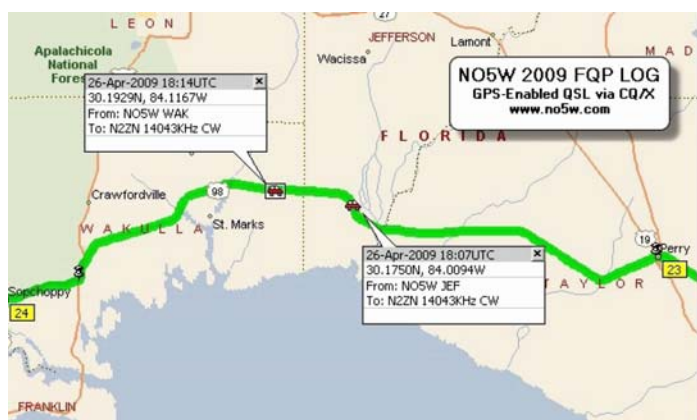
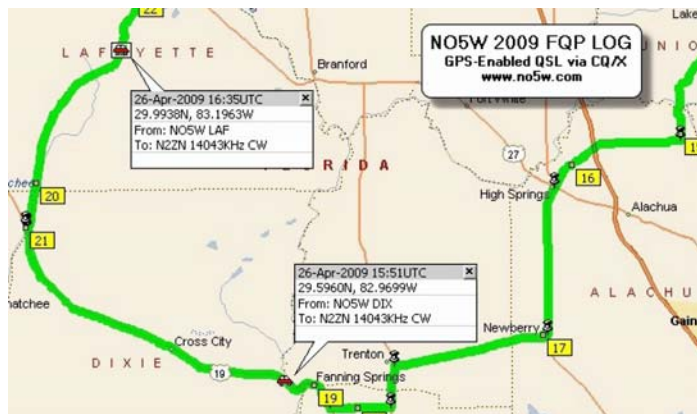
Some Humor

A ham operator is operating Field Day alone at a deserted beach. He is taking a little break from the action, walking around on the beach and notices an antique brass bottle mostly buried in the sand. He digs it out and discovers it's a genie bottle! He manages to get it open and a genie appears. "Thank you for freeing me, O Master!" said the grateful genie. "I will grant you any one wish you want." The ham thinks about it and says, "OK, I got it. I live right now in a restrictive neighborhood. I would like to have a 500 foot tower with all sorts of antennas, despite the homeowners association." The genie looks worried. "O Master! That's a big order. The power of these HOAs and their CC&Rs is most powerful! In fact, they are more powerful than even I, O Master! I would beg you to please choose something else for your wish." The ham says, "OK, let's do this." He goes over to his ham station and pulls out his log books. "See this entry? This is a contact I once made with AC6V. I would sure like to get his QSL card after all this time." The genie looks at the logbook. Then he says, "Now regarding that 500 foot antenna tower, do you want it galvanized or stainless steel?"

<http://www.ac6v.com/humor.htm>

At the last general meeting, during the QSO Party presentation, I gave a brief overview of CQ/X, a program designed specifically for mobile stations operating QSO parties. The NY QSO party had been added to the program at that time.

I got an e-mail from **NO5W**, who writes the software. I had worked Chuck in the Florida QSO Party a few weeks ago, and he sent me some "QSL's" that CQ/X generates for QSO's made. Really neat stuff! I just wanted to share with the group. The attached pictures show the maps and all QSO info, and it looks like the exact point on the map where the QSO took place.



Should we stay or should we go ... BOD

Dear RDXA Members, At our recent BOD meeting, we had quite a discussion on the upcoming 2009 Field Day. Many things were discussed, including our 1st Place finish in the 3A class last year. Other things discussed were new antenna plans, including the possible use of a crane to hold up a new 3 element 40 meter beam for the phone station (and the cost of using the crane), etc, etc.

There were several differing opinions on what we should do this year as a club, and in all fairness, it depends on the following decision, which we feel the RDXA BOD should not make.

At the General Meeting on May 19, the topic of discussion will be Field Day. The BOD has decided that we should have this meeting program be a discussion on Field Day, because the point of the discussion will be to guide the RDXA members to consider a goal for Field Day, and their participation in achieving that goal. We need the RDXA members to guide us into the 2009 Field Day, knowing that we cannot please everyone, that is why it is so very important for you, as an RDXA member to please make every possible effort to attend the membership meeting and let us know your opinion on where the club should go.

What is the RDXA's goal? As a club, and you being a member, we need to have a clear consensus of what the RDXA membership wants to do, and it appears to boil down to the following 2 options:

- (1) Defend our 1st Place finish in 3A and go all out to accomplish whatever it may take to defend the title.
- (2) Do the same things that we always do, and have our goal be "to make the box" (be in the top 10).

Things to consider when we make the decision to go all out, or stay the way it is:

1. - If we go "ALL OUT" to defend the title – a winning strategy will be developed by the Field Day co-coordinator and all team captains.

This "ALL OUT" strategy will most certainly be derived by using the best available operators at all times, and the maximizing of the CW mode, as it is worth 2 times the points of the SSB contacts. This may make the SSB station be a dual mode station, when more than 2 bands are open at the same for CW contacts. (There is almost a 100% definite possibility that this will happen at various times throughout the 24 hour Field Day period.)

The GOTA Station will be 100% CW/Digital to double our score on the station.

We need to be compassionate with the RDXA members that many who have participated in the past and helped us win the #1 Place in 3A last year may not be the "best available operators" to defend the title.

2. - If we "Do the same things that we always do, and have our goal be to make the box" (be in the top 10)." – a

winning strategy to be "in the box" will be developed by the Field Day co-coordinator and all team captains. This strategy will be basically the same as we have always done, with a few minor changes in the antenna systems, and will include all operators, as before.

As you can see, differing opinions will be had by our diversified RDXA membership, and it is the decision of the BOD to let it up to you. We want to do the best for the RDXA.I, as the President of this great club, have had many conversations with many members on this subject, and have listened to these members on their concerns. I value each and every differing opinion, and know that we as the BOD and leadership of the RDXA cannot please all of you. This should be an RDXA membership decision. We already know that the differing strategies will not be popular with some of the membership, but this is where YOU come in; let us know, be at the meeting to voice your opinion and lead the RDXA to its winning strategy – whatever it may be.

My personal opinion is this, as I will not be in the position of steering the membership in either direction. I am 150% behind the RDXA membership in whatever its decision is on this matter; I will give you 150% of my time, energy, etc. to make 2009 RDXA Field Day the best it can be.

To me, WIN, LOSE or DRAW, under whatever strategy the club decides upon, I am going to Field Day to HAVE FUN with the RDXA membership.

Yes, there is hope on the horizon N2CK
Copied from www.cbsnews.com

When the sun sneezes it's Earth that gets sick. It's time for the sun to move into a busier period for sunspots, and while forecasters expect a relatively mild outbreak by historical standards, one major solar storm can cause havoc with satellites and electrical systems here.

Like hurricanes, a weak cycle refers to the number of storms, but it only takes one powerful storm to create chaos, said scientist Doug Biesecker of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's space weather prediction center.

A report by the National Academy of Sciences found that if a storm as severe as one in 1859 occurred today, it could cause \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion in damage the first year and require four to ten years for recovery. The 1859 storm shorted out telegraph wires, causing fires in North America and Europe, sent readings of Earth's magnetic field soaring, and produced northern lights so bright that people read newspapers by their light.

Today there's a lot more than telegraph lines at stake. Vulnerable electrical grids circle the globe, satellites now vital for all forms of communications can be severely disrupted along with the global positioning system. Indeed, the panel warned that a strong blast of solar wind can threaten national security, transportation, financial services and other essential functions.

The solar prediction center works closely with industry and government agencies to make sure they are prepared with changes in activity and prepared to respond when damage occurs, Biesecker explained in a briefing.

While the most extreme events seem unlikely this time, there are likely to be smaller scale disruptions to electrical service, airline flights, GPS signals and television, radio and cell phones.

On the plus side, the solar storms promote the colorful auroras, known as the northern and southern lights, high in the sky over polar areas.

An international panel headed by Biesecker said Friday it expects the upcoming solar cycle to be the weakest since 1928.

The prediction calls for the solar cycle to peak in May 2013 with 90 sunspots per day, averaged over a month. If the prediction proves correct it will be the weakest cycle since a peak of 78 daily sunspots in 1928.

Measurement of sunspot cycles began in the 1750s.

The panel described solar storms as eruptions of energy and matter that escape from the sun. At least some of this heads toward the Earth.

Solar cycles of more and fewer sunspots last several years and the cycle currently building up will be number 24 since counting began.

National Weather Service Director David L. Johnson cautioned that issuing such long-term outlooks is a still developing field.

"Issuing a cycle prediction of the onset this far in advance lies on the very edge of what we know about the sun," he said in a statement.

It's only the third time researchers have tried to make such a forecast. In 1989 a panel predicted Cycle 22, which peaked that same year. And in 1996 scientists predicted Cycle 23.

Both earlier groups did better at predicting timing than intensity, according to Biesecker.

The last solar minimum occurred in December, the researchers said.

W. Dean Pesnell of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the forecasts are based on such indicators as the strength of the sun's magnetic field at the poles and the reaction of the Earth's magnetic field to the sun. Both are weak right now, he said, with only a few sunspots visible since 2007.

A preliminary forecast issued in 2007 was split over the outlook for the upcoming cycle, Biesecker explained that the researchers have now reached consensus.
http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/05/08/ap/tech/main5001818.shtml?source=search_story

2008 ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)

K1PY

Congratulations on some great scores. Overall - 9th place and Atlantic Division in M (multi) – 1st place - **K2NNY** (ops **K2DB**, **W1TY**, **W2LB**, **N2ZN**, **AF2K**, **K2CS**, **N2TWI**) The following quote came from the Web report: "In 9th place, was the Northern New York **K2NNY** station, operated by **K2DB**, **W1TY**, **W2LB**, **N2ZN**, **AF2K**, **K2CS**, and **N2TWI**. It's great of these guys to activate this rare multiplier."

Also ...

Results of the 2008 CQWW RTTY Contest - First Place North America -Single Op - High Power - 40 Meters Single Band W1TY/2

Also ...

Overall – 17th place and Atlantic division in A (low power) – 2nd place **K1PY**

This is displaying entries for Section=WNY Entries 1 to 19 of 19 listed

#	Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Cls	Hrs	160	80	40	20	15	Club	Ops
1	K1PY (@ W2TZ)	120,992	796	76	A	24		417	289	54	36	RDXA	
2	W2LC	90,792	582	78	B	10		231	156	169	26	RDXA	
3	N2MF	84,096	576	73	B	7		426	80	60	10	SCDXA	
4	WB2ABD	70,400	440	80	U	18	5	202	89	130	14	WNYDXA	
5	W2UB	39,390	303	65	B	7		232	28	18	25	WNYDXA	
6	N2JDQ	37,170	295	63	A	10		118	142	23	12		
7	AB2TC	28,768	232	62	A	16		116	62	23	31		
8	AB2G	16,256	127	64	A	13		56	43	13	15	Skyline ARC	
9	K2RNY	15,048	132	57	U	9		67	65			RDXA	
10	KF2VX	14,592	128	57	M	10		41	33	53	1		+ K2ZUW
11	NG2P	12,932	106	61	U	5		45	4	44	13	RDXA	
12	K9VB	12,540	110	57	A	14		34	29	31	16	RDXA	
13	K2IWR	7,826	91	43	M	7		18	33	26	14		+ KB2LUV
14	KV2X	5,084	62	41	A	5	1	28	21	10	2	RDXA	
15	K2ZR	4,140	69	30	Q	3						WNYDXA	
16	WB2SXY	3,472	62	28	A	4				51	11	RDXA	
17	KC2DGC	1,178	31	19	A	2		14	17				
18	KA2FHN	1,160	29	20	A	2		4	24	1			
19	K9CHP	576	18	16	A	3		9	1	5	3	LARC	

This lists RDXA only - Great job guys!

Displaying entries for **Club=Rochester (NY) DX Assn**, Entries 1 to 9 of 9 listed

#	Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Cls	Hrs	160	80	40	20	15	Ops
1	K2NNY	249,280	1,558	80	M	24		790	462	287	19	(K2DB, W1TY, W2LB, N2ZN, AF2K, K2CS, N2TWI, ops)
2	K1PY (@ W2TZ)	120,992	796	76	A	24		417	289	54	36	
3	W2LC	90,792	582	78	B	10		231	156	169	26	
4	W2RDX (K2DB, op)	26,460	245	54	B	2		245				
5	K2RNY	15,048	132	57	U	9		67	65			
6	NG2P	12,932	106	61	U	5		45	4	44	13	
7	K9VB	12,540	110	57	A	14		34	29	31	16	
8	KV2X	5,084	62	41	A	5	1	28	21	10	2	
9	WB2SXY	3,472	62	28	A	4				51	11	
	Totals	536,600	3,653	532		97	1	1,857	1,026	646	123	

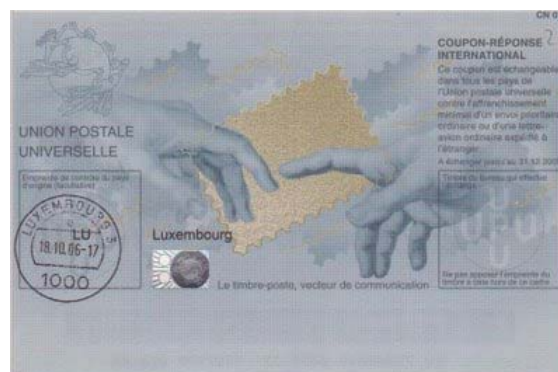
Design of IRCs to change

K6PSP/GM3PSP

The current design of International Reply Coupons, also known as IRCs, will expire at the end of year. Unlike the old style coupons, the current types all have an expiry date, giving them a maximum life of 3 years. If you purchased a current IRC today, they will still expire on 31 December 2009.

The current issue is known as the Beijing 2 IRC and may be exchanged up to 31 December 2009, which is the date printed on coupon. In principle, Beijing 2 coupons will no longer be sold from 31 August 2009.

The new international reply coupon will be known as the Nairobi Model and is due to go on sale from 1 July 2009. It will be valid for exchange until 31 December 2013. Some 2.2 million International Reply Coupons are sold each year by 121 postal administrations. While not all countries sell IRCs, all the postal operators of the Universal Postal Union's 191 member countries, and their territories, are required to exchange them.



Beijing 2 IRC



Nairobi Model

April 1998 Forecast

Flux Range 87 - 106

So conditions have cleared following two weeks of severe geomagnetic activity. Now conditions are excellent, as we are in the peak of the DX season for late spring. I make no forecasts regarding when (and if) the disturbed conditions will return, and leave that to other propagation gurus more focused on solar statistics. I do fear that conditions in the upcoming WPX contest will suffer. In any case these forecasts are predicated on stable conditions in the ionosphere, and highlight seasonal influences.

As I write this, the 3B7 operation is still active. Geographically, they enjoy easy access to nearly all the world's population of DXers with the exception of the Pacific coast of North America (where the path is polar). Even here, seasonal conditions are ideal because the polar paths are wide open on 20. This expedition is also exploiting long path opportunities to North America, though the Antarctic paths needed for contacts with the west coast are drifting out of season.

The ionosphere is heating up and thinning as we move toward summer, lowering daytime MUFs. In May, this closes high latitude paths on 10 Meters which have been marginal anyway. This phenomenon will not adversely effect 15 until July, and there are benefits we can enjoy now. The MUFs rise slowly in the morning and drop slowly at night, making for excellent conditions on 20 Meters. There is also limited nightpath activity on 17 and 15. As this sunspot cycle progresses, the late spring nighttime activity on 15 and 17 will not be so limited. For now, these higher bands are worth checking at night. The 3B7 was recently copied on 17 for two hours past midnight from various long path directions (northwest to southwest).

In late afternoon, we can also work into areas where it is night. Some Europeans are coming through on 15 along with the usual opening to Japan. This EU path is better on 17 and best on 20 (and in the winter we find it on 40).

The most awesome propagation is currently on 20, along with the most activity. All polar directions are open throughout the evening, with Europe opening again late at night (their morning). Morning long path openings are becoming more westerly due to the Antarctic winter, so we tune more for Africa and enjoy the short path pipeline to Asia that lasts for several hours after sunrise. 40 Meters is getting noisy (though conditions are still very good), and most activity has moved to 20. The Cubans, with their unique operating style, are still on 40 ;-)

<http://www.qth.com/ad5q/>

Forecast of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity

13 May - 08 June 2009

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 be at normal flux levels. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at mostly quiet levels through 14 May. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels on 15 May, due to a recurrent CH HSS. Activity is expected to decrease to predominantly quiet levels during 16 May - 02 June. Quiet to active conditions, with isolated major storm levels possible at high latitudes, are expected during 02 - 04 June, due to a recurrent CH HSS. Predominantly quiet conditions are expected during 05 - 08 June.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

The **KE2WK Memorial Award** is in recognition of the highest achievement available from RDXA.

KE2WK ^(sk) was a past President of RDXA and the initial award was instituted in his memory by Wayne King **N2WK**.

The **KE2WK** Award is presented on an as-deserved basis. Only those that have demonstrated the verytop highest level of dedication and service to RDXA and the Amateur Radio community are considered.

The **KE2WK** Award recipient is chosen via a confidential ballot consisting of the past honorees. The award winner receives a permanent plaque and also a traveling plaque listing all the recipients and it is held by the most recent honoree. This year's winner is **N2PU** Lloyd Caves.



The Contest Compendium

K2ZN

There is now an online Contest Compendium, which is set up in the Wikipedia format. It is hoped that in time, the site will grow to be the one-stop site for all things contest related. Anyone can make additions and edits on their own-it runs in the true wiki format.

There are already quite a few articles and links available, for something that is in the beginning stages of life. The only way to make the site grow is with submissions from the contest community. In the end, we will all benefit from this project, IF there are enough contributions from us testers.

Check it out at <http://wiki.contesting.com>

Notice how in the "Contest Club" section, RDXA is one of the few listed right now...wonder how that happened?

Also, the RTTY Contesting section looks like it is in need of a good Ranger-izing!

Dayton

N2TWI & K2CS

There were many RDXA'ers at Dayton this year with lots of fun to be had by all. Here is the list that we can remember **AK2D**, **AK2X**, **W2JMC**, **N4USB**, **W2FU**, **K0SM**, **N2RD**, **WA2TMC**, **K2DH**, **WO2P**, **N2KXS**, **AI2N**, **N2ZN**, **AF2K**, **W2RW**, **K2DB**, **K1PY**, **N2YPM**, **WB2KAO**, **WB2PAY**, **WM3D**, **NV2Y**, **K2DPC**, **K8FC**, **NG2P** and I'm sure we missed others.

Friday was a beautiful day and the weather cooperated with plenty of sun. Many of us met at 4:00 for the S&S West. We even checked in with **N2PU** at the S&S East and we handily beat their numbers. Chris, **K2CS** even brought the peanuts.

A bit of a "storm" blew through mid afternoon on Saturday tipping tents an soaking those who were not under cover. But that didn't stop us we still enjoyed ourselves.

In the evening some of us made it to the hotel to do some eyeball qso's. The weekends highlight (well for me and Charlie) was the BCC's (**Bavarian Contest Club**) Hamvention "Wheat" Beer all the way from Belgium! 250 or so bottles were transported by members as "checked" luggage, each bottle was individually bubble wrapped to "protect" the contents.

What a treat! One bottle was given to those who asked, per nite. On Saturday, we returned and after a brewing comment or two, received our second of the evening. Schneider-Weisse watch out, you've met your match! (Mike, **N1OKL** would have greatly appreciated one of these but no "full" bottles were to be taken).

Chris and I enjoyed a great dinner with **N2OPW**, **K8FC** and **W5TH** on Friday and **W9WU**. On Saturday several **ARRL** Board members and representatives on had a wonderful dinner before hitting the suites again..

Year number 16 was truly enjoyable, as they all seem to be. Have already made plans for 2010!

Some pictures (more on the website thanks to Alan)



WB2KAO



K2CS



K2JSB



K2SI



N2BEJ



K6PSP



N2CK



K8FC



N2NNF



N2OPW



W5TH



N2TWI



WA2JLW



S&S West



WB2HJV

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