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APRIL 2010

RDXA General Membership Meeting

April 20th 7:30 PM

This month's program:

Gadget Night!

Media room, right next to the EOC operations center.

1190 Scottsville Road

Exit 17 (Route 383 South) off 390 Media Room

Gadget Night, bring your gadgets, keyers, auto cqers, antenna launchers, whatever you have to the meeting. This is a real fun filled night, so what do you have, what you want to bring along to "show & tell". Don't be embarrassed; what you have will always be of interest to someone at the meeting.

So dust off those gadgets and bring them along. See you on Tuesday.

Shorted Grid Award K2DB

We have a winner; congratulate **Scott**, **K2ZS** as the first recipient of the coveted RDXA Shorted Grid Award.

Scott logged 100 Different DXCC Entities since January 1, 2010, with low power, indoor antennas, and recently, mobile operation from his van. That my fellow members is quite a feat!!

Congratulations Scott, GREAT JOB!!

Paul, K2DB

Ed. note – indoor antennas and mobile operation?? Wow, what an accomplishment Scott!

The Podium

Paul Mackanos

to be cold and chilly. :-) To let you all know, there has been a lot of work done by RDXA members that was behind the scenes, and most of the members don't know much has been done (or what lies ahead in the how future). One of the first things I want to do is thank all of the NYQP team members for their great effort in compiling the results for NYQP. The results are in, certificates are finished (and all were stuffed into the mailing envelopes at the last BOD meeting), plaques are ordered, and 2009 is in the books. Now we have to do it all over again for 2010, and those plans are also being worked on as you read this. Congrats to all who made it a success! As I type this, we need to recognize our webmaster, Scott - K2ZS. Scott spent countless hours (over 18 by what he told me) in interpreting the NYQP data and getting in up on the NYQP website. Scott had to basically build a whole new website to post the results, so check out the fruits of his efforts at www.nygp.org . Scott has also spent many more hours on compiling the www.rdxa.com website (behind the scenes also), as we are changing the hosting service to save the club some \$\$\$\$ in the future and make the site more user friendly for updates. (more to follow).

As I write this, I am watching the rain

coming down and it is chilly, what happened to all our nice spring weather? Oh yeh, it is still only the middle of April, it is supposed

It looks like the next thing on the horizon for RDXA is Field Day. I know we are going to discuss this at the meeting, so be sure to attend and let us know what you want to do. For now, turn on the rig, make a contact and most of all - HAVE FUN!
Paul K2DB

DX report

K2CS

The following are approved for DXCC credit:

VQ9JC - Chagos Island YI9TM - Iraq

D44TXP - Cape Verde D44TXO

D44TXS D44TXI D44TXF D44TXQ D44TXR

3V3S - Tunisia (2009 operation)

D2CQ - Angola

In the log (non-contest)

S79GM (30m CW) VQ9LA (30m CW) T32CI (17m CW) 5H1S (20m CW) TF8GX (20m CW) YI9PSE (20m CW) T32SI (20m SSB)

See you in the pileups.

Best DX es 73,

Chris, K2CS: Atlantic Division DXAC

Upcoming Programs

K2FX

May: Field Day June: More Field Day

Combined RDXA/RVHF Awards Banquet K2FX

The combined RDXA/RVHFG Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 24th at Nicks Sea breeze Inn, the same location as last year's Holiday Party. The event kicks off at 1PM, and will run until 4PM. The establishment will be closed to the general public during that time, so we will have the place to ourselves. You can expect a great buffet meal as only Nick can provide, along with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. There will of course be awards and door prizes to be won.

In order to attend, I need a firm count by no later than Monday, April 19th!! If you plan to join us, please respond with your call sign, name, and the number of guests you will be bringing. Everyone will be responsible for the cost of your own buffet meal and drinks. The fun will be provided by your RDXA Officers! I hope to see everyone at this great event!

Please RSVP by email to: k2fx@arrl.net Regards, **PAUL JASON KOLACKI-K2FX** Vice-President RDXA

Field Day Focus

K2DB

That time is rapidly approaching, and we need to know your input, as it will be a topic at the General Membership meeting. We need your input; to be more specific, think about what you want as a club. We have a few options, and the final decision is up to you – the members, so please think about what you would like and be ready to discuss at the meeting. We have these options:

- 1 Go for the win, all out and win 3A.
- 2 Make the box (top 10)

- 3 Have fun & just go out & have fun with no pressure.
- 4 Any other options are welcome.

Thanks, Paul K2DB

2009 New York QSO party results K2DB/W1TY

FINAL RESULTS now online at www.nyqp.org For the first time since the early-to mid-1980's, there was again a New York State QSO Party. Thanks to the initiative of two key players - Paul K2DB/K2NNY and Rick W1TY - and the support of the Rochester DX Association (RDXA) and the Western New York DX Association (WNYDXA), New York State was again in the QSO Party arena.

We want to thank all of our "data team members" Carey - K2RNY, Ken - N2ZN and Vic -K1PY for their diligent efforts in providing the results. Check it out, it is more than I imagined, everything is covered on http://www.nyqp.org

Thanks again on behalf of the NYQP TEAM members for making this such a successful event. The plaques and certificates are being produced as I type this info.

See you in the 2010 NYQP and any feedback is greatly appreciated.

73 de Paul K2DB & Rick W1TY

Open Club positions for next year K2DB

At the April BOD meeting, we discussed upcoming nominations for next year.

We are looking for several members to step forward and be on the nomination committee.

To give you a heads up, this is what we know at this point; Open Positions:

President Vice President Secretary 1 BOD Position

We also voted in to make the BOD Meetings be a permanent date, therefore our BOD meetings would always be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in running for a position, please consider your availability for attending BOD meetings and let any current officer or BOD member know your intentions until we have an actual Nominating Committee.

This always seems to be a tough assignment for our club, so please think about stepping up and contributing to our success.

Paul, K2DB, **Carey, K2RNY** and **Lloyd N2PU** have decided to "take a back seat and take some time off". Paul will still be a member of the BOD, as a Past President BOD Position.

K2DB

Hamfest calendar for 2010

Dayton Hamvention Friday/Sunday 14-16 May 2010 Rochester Hamfest Saturday, 5 June 2010 Butler Hamfest (PA) Sunday June 6, 2010) PROS Hamfest – Chaffee (Last year Saturday, 13 June 2009) Utica Hamfest 17 July 2010 GRAM (Batavia / Alexander) Hamfest 24 July 2010 Ithaca Hamfest Trumansburg Fairgrounds 7 August 2010 Lancaster Harvest Hamfest (Last year - 5 October 2008) Elmira Hamfest Saturday, 25 September 2010

RDXA Apparel Update

K₁PY

Ran across the RDXA apparel box, and thought I'd update the membership of the few items still available.

Green golf shirt, RDXA patch, with pocket, XL \$17 Green baseball caps (2), RDXA patch \$13.50 each RDXA Yellow FD National Champion T-shirt, L \$12 Reserve one for yourself as a Holiday gift!

DX News

RDXA Reflector

The bands are relatively quiet now that YI9PSE has shut down. That pesky A Index has calmed down so we should see some better conditions on the higher bands again.

I got some info on Pierre ZS1HF/ZS8M this morning. The ship, SA Agulhas, is approaching Marion Island and will probably arrive by tomorrow. Pierre has said that he would probably NOT be able to get on the ham bands for at least a few weeks as he gets settled in to his work assignment on the island. Remember that Pierre is NOT a CW op so his activity will be on SSB. He will advise when he ready to get on the air.

RE: 3W6C (FROM THE WEB SITE: http://www.3w6c.qrv.ch) CON CO ISLAND (April 14; overcast, warm) - After having devoted many exhausting hours to erecting sophisticated antennas at two remote operating sites on the island to give us the best possible directivity and the least amount of interference - antennas that had proved their value during the first few days of use - it became necessary for us to temporarily move all our operations to a single site with simpler antennas.

For reasons of security and policy, the local authorities have requested that we no longer operate from the remote CW and SSB sites and that we move all our operations to the headquarters building, which was originally intended for RTTY.

Thus, the day was spent transporting rigs, antennas and other equipment from the remote sites. We're been working at full speed because we're all anxious to get behind the mike/key and work the huge pileups we've seen ever since we started last Friday.

At this moment, our array of antennas, which we erected as quickly as possible so as to get back on the air, consists of the following: a 20/17/15m vertical dipole; a 15/12/10m vertical dipole; a 40m ground plane vertical; and a 30m inverted Vee. Unfortunately, we have not yet had time to move our 80m and 160m antennas to the headquarters site. In any event, we are QRV on all bands from 10m to 40m - which will allow us to reach hams around the world.

Should there be a change in the situation that allows us to once again use the larger antennas we had already

erected - which we have left standing for the time being - we will inform the ham community immediately.

The stations returned to around-the-clock operation just before noon local time on Wednesday (0500 GMT). Please follow the DX spots to find out where you can find us for making a contact

Going HF Mobile

N2CK

I was looking to replace the dual band radio in the truck this spring (perhaps something to shop for at Dayton). As I started investigating the possible choices, I kept thinking about equipping the truck for HF mobile operations. I did some looking around and found an Icom 706 MKII from a ham in Lockport. I looked at and purchased the radio at the Buffalo Hamfest.

As I read through the manual, I saw that for full power operation a 20 amp feed was required. I brought this up at one of the Friday gatherings at the S&S. **K2DB** and **K2ZS** both informed me that the best way to accomplish this was a feed of 10/3 direct from the battery. When I asked about the need for the third wire, it was explained to tie it to the chassis ground at both ends – to eliminate ignition noise (as an aside, this is exactly why this club has so much to offer people - I never would have considered a third wire for chassis/frame ground – and to learn this at the Friday social gathering - wow!). Satisfied with the explanation, I purchased a 20' cord at the local big box hardware store (ended up with 3' to spare - how about that for close figuring!). A little explanation, I wanted to mount the radio remotely and utilize the separation cable - that's why I needed so much wire. One of my son's friends from High School came over to help me run it through the firewall and underneath the body trim panels exiting just behind the rear sear.

One thing had me stumped though. The radio did NOT come with a mounting bracket, or metric screws to affix the unit into the bracket (if it had one). I posted a query out to the reflector to see if anyone had an old bracket available. Hearing no response I started looking onto other options.

A suggestion was made by a co-worker to try Debbie's Supply in East Rochester. I took the radio in, along with an old bracket for the dual band radio that's being replaced. I stopped at the counter and asked for assistance. I was introduced to Dean, who upon hearing my project, stated he could help me out. He found the correct metric thread screws for the mounting bracket. He then led me over to where they stored sheet metal.

I had previously looked at home depot to see what they had for sheet metal, but the smallest size they carried was 1' square. I explained to Dean that I really needed 2 brackets (one for the radio deck under the back seat – and one for the control head up front). He found a smaller piece and was able to make up the 2 brackets I needed. He even drilled the mounting holes in the bracket for me! The total cost for the 2 brackets, including metric screws and split lock washers was under \$11.00! Dean charged me a mere \$3.00 to cut the sheet metal for the 2 brackets, drill the mounting holes, and formed the brackets on a break to form the sides (90 degree bends).

I was so impressed with this custom service, I felt I needed recognize their attention to detail (not to mention the low cost) and give them a free plug. I forgot to add, they had the brackets done the next day!

As this is still a work in progress, I got the deck and control head mounted this weekend. I am currently using only the VHF/UHF portion of the radio as I need to research what I need for an HF antenna. That's a project I'll be working on at Dayton.

Upcoming DX Operations:

Apr 4-24, 2010 : Mauritius: 3B8MM Apr 7-21, 2010 Mauritius: 3B8SC Apr 10-18, 2010 Vietnam: 3W6C Apr 10-Jun 10, 2010 : Chad: TT8PK Apr 11-19, 2010 : Maldives: 8Q7NA Apr 14-19, 2010 : Taiwan: BW

Apr 15-21, 2010 : Crete: SV9

Apr 15-23, 2010 : Papua New Guinea: P29VJY

Apr 15-24, 2010 : Albania: ZA

Apr 16-20, 2010 : East Malaysia: 9M8DX Apr 18-20, 2010 : Ascension I: ZD8RH Apr 18-21, 2010 : Tuvalua: T2A Apr 18-May 2, 2010 : Reunion: TO2R

Apr 20-29, 2010 : West Malaysia: 9M8DX/2

Apr 23-26, 2010 : Fiji: 3D2

Apr 23-May 1, 2010: Bhutan: A52SW
Apr 24-26, 2010: Mariana Is: KH0
Apr 25-May 6, 2010: Martinique: FM
Apr 26-30, 2010: Antigua: V26LPL
Apr 27-29, 2010: Palau: T88NY
Apr 27-May 4, 2010: Tunisia: TS8P
Apr 28-May 3, 2010: Chatham I: ZL7J
Apr 30, 2010-Apr 29, 2011: Marion I: ZS8M
Apr 30-May 1, 2010: Liechtenstein: HB0

Apr 30-May 1, 2010 : Liechtenstein: HB0 May 1-7, 2010 : Seychelles: S79LR May 1-22, 2010 : Dominican Republic: HI7 May 2-7, 2010 : Ogasawara: JD1BLY May 2-14, 2010 : Ogasawara: JD1BMH

May 7-15, 2010 : Sardinia: ISOR May 8-10, 2010 : Seychelles: S79LR May 12-16, 2010 : Corsica: TK

Information courtesy of:

http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html

K2ZS's Shorted Grid submission log

K2DB

1	3B8	Mauritius 3B8MM	04/15/2023:49	40mCW
2	4X	Israel 4Z5LA	03/29/2021:21	20mCW
3	5B	Cyprus 5B/US7ID	04/14/2017:48	17mCW
4	5N	Nigeria 5N7M	03/14/2022:38	20mCW
5	5V	Togo 5V7M	04/15/2022:02	20mCW
6	6Y	Jamaica 6Y1LZ	02/21/2013:21	15mCW
7	8P	Barbados 8P9RY	03/08/2020:41	17mCW
8	9A	Croatia 9A5MT	02/21/2014:59	20mCW
9	9Y	Trinidad & 9Y4VU	03/14/2023:09	17mCW
10	C6	Bahamas C6ANM	03/09/2019:01	30mCW
11	CE	Chile CE6VMO	04/05/2023:43	20mCW
12	CE9	Antarctica IA0YVV	02/21/2017:16	20mCW
13	CN	Morocco CN8KD	04/13/2021:24	20mCW
14	CO	Cuba CO8LY	04/14/2017:34	17mCW
15	CT	Portugal CT1JOP	03/08/2013:47	17mCW
16	CT3	Madeira Is CR3L	02/21/2013:42	20mCW
17	DL	Fed Rep Of DL8OH	02/14/2022:39	40mRTTY
18	E7	Bosnia-her E74A	02/21/2014-50	20mCW
19	EA	Spain EF1A	02/21/2017:28	15mCW
20	EA6	Balearic EA6UN	04/15/2021:01	20mCW
21	EA8	Canary Is EF8M	02/21/2012:42	20mCW
22	El	Ireland EI4CF	02/21/2012:24	20mCW
23	ER	Moldavia ER4DX	04/14/2018:16	20mPhone
24	FS	Estonia ES4IN	04/01/2013:50	20mRTTY
25	EW	Belarus EW8O	03/15/2015:05	17mCW
26	F	France TM6M	02/21/2014:38	15mCW
27	FG	Guadeloupe FG8AR	04/14/2012:20	20mCW
28	FM	Martinique FM5WD	03/03/2020:52	20mCW
29	G	England G3VMW	02/21/2015:18	20mCW
30	GD	Isle Of MD0CCE	03/05/2019:16	17mCW
31	GM	Scotland GM7V	02/21/2017:27	15mCW
32	GU	Guernsey MU0FAL	04/15/2022:55	20mCW
33	HA	Hungary HA7LW	03/05/2019:26	20mCW
34	HB	Switzerlan HB9CVQ	04/16/2001:13	40mCW
35	HC	Ecuador HC1HW	04/14/2000:49	15mCW
36	HH	Haiti HH4/K4QD	04/01/2016:36	17mCW
37	HI	Dominican HI3B	04/01/2022:33	20mCW
38	HK	Colombia HK4CZE	04/15/2022:35	20mCW
39	HK0-S	San Andreas HK0AYE	03/08/2022:52	20mCW
40	HP.	Panama HP3DX	01/27/2011-27	80mCW
41	HR	Honduras HR2/NP3D	03/27/2008:01	40mCW
42	I	Italy IR4X	02/21/2013:19	15mCW
43	J6	St Lucia J6/VE3CZ	04/15/2020:45	20mCW
44	J7	Dominica J7N	03/10/2001-28	80mCW
45	J8	St Vincent J88DR	03/10/2001:28	17mCW
46	JA	Japan JQ2VVH	03/14/2023:05	17mCW
47	K	United WX4TM	02/28/2001:26	40mRTTY
48	KH6	Hawaii KH7Y	03/05/2017:14	17mCW
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49	KL7	Alaska KL7J	03/24/2010:20	80mCW

51	KP4	Puerto KP4ED	04/01/2017:11	12mRTTY
52	LA	Norway LN9Z	02/21/2012:36	20mCW
53	LU	Argentina LU3DAT	04/15/2022:59	20mCW
54	LX	Luxembourg LX7I	02/21/2012:27	20mCW
55	LY	Lithuania LY8O	02/21/2017:13	20mCW
56	LZ	Bulgaria LZ132GO	03/18/2019:41	20mCW
57	OE	Austria OE8Q	02/21/2013:17	15mCW
58	OH	Finland OH8X	02/21/2012:53	20mCW
59	OL	Czech OK8YD	02/21/2012:48	20mCW
60	OM	Slovak OM4EX	02/21/2012:20	20mCW
61	ON	Belgium ON7GB	03/29/2021:56	30mCW
62	OX	Greenland OX3XR	04/13/2021:58	20mCW
63	OY	Faroe Is OY9JD	03/01/2016:37	15mCW
64	OZ	Denmark OZ2SPACE	03/21/2012:51	20mCW
65	P4	Aruba P49V	01/25/2022:02	20mCW
66	PA	Netherland PF7DKW	04/01/2014:38	20mRTTY
67	PJ2	Bonaire,cuPJ2T	02/21/2012:35	20mCW
68	PY	Brazil PR7AR	04/03/2023:21	20mRTTY
69	PY0-F	Fernando PY2XB/PY	01/25/2022:39	30mCW
70	S5	Slovenia S50R	02/14/2014:45	20mRTTY
71	SM	Sweden SM5CIL	02/21/2012:48	20mCW
72	SP	Poland SO8A	02/21/2013:16	15mCW
73	SV5	Dodecanese SV5BYR	04/16/2020:09	20mCW
74	SV9	Crete SV9CVY	03/14/2017:10	15mRTTY
75	TA	Turkey TC18M	03/16/2016:06	17mCW
76	TF	Iceland TF3Y	03/09/2023:26	40mCW
77	TI	Costa Rica TI8II	04/03/2014:27	20mRTTY
78	UA	European RZ3FW	03/08/2015:25	17mCW
79	UAO	Asiatic UA9FAR	03/21/2013:18	17mCW
80	UR	Ukraine UW5U	02/21/2014:49	20mCW
81	V2	Antiqua & V21ZG	04/01/2022:08	20mPhone
82	V3	Belize V31TP	02/21/2014:42	15mCW
83	V4	St Kitts & V48M	02/21/2014:41	15mCW
84	VE	Canada VY2SS	02/28/2002:48	80mRTTY
85	VP2-M	Montserrat VP2MCC	03/15/2010:32	80mCW
86	VP5	Turks & VP5/W5SL	03/13/2017:33	17mCW
87	VQ9	Chagos VQ9LA	03/29/2021:38	17mCW
88	XE	Mexico XE3N	03/14/2016:08	17mCW
89	YL	Latvia YL7X	02/21/2012:23	20mCW
90	YN	Nicaragua YN2EA	03/08/2022:11	20mCW
91	YO	Romania YO8RAA	03/05/2019:09	20mCW
92	YS	El Salvador YS3CW	04/01/2022:25	20mCW
93	YU	Serbia YU5RY	04/04/2014:37	20mRTTY
94	YV	Venezuela YV8AD	04/13/2023:36	20mCW
95	Z3	Macedonia Z36T	03/10/2020:06	20mCW
96	ZB2	Gibraltar ZB2FK	03/15/2022:07	30mCW
97	ZD8	Ascension ZD8RH	02/06/2020:53	160mCW
98	ZF	Cavman ZF2AM	02/21/2017:25	15mCW
99	ZK3	Tokelau Is ZK3YA	03/08/2012:24	30mCW
100	ZP	Paraguay ZP6CW	03/09/2019:05	17mCW

Frequency Advisory

ARRL Web site

The Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) has requested that 7.050 and 7.060 MHz be kept clear to allow for emergency communications (at times when there might be propagation to the affected area) following the 7.1 earthquake in the Yu Shu District, Qinghai Province on April 13. A team of Chinese amateurs are already active in supporting the rescue and recovery efforts; on April 15, they flew to Qinghai to deliver communications equipment and provide communications support.

K7RA Solar Update

ARRL Web site

Weakened sunspots faded this week, and we were buffeted with more geomagnetic instability, but without the dramatic geomagnetic storms of the previous week. The average daily sunspot numbers fell more than 20 points to 12.1, and the average solar flux dropped nearly three points to 75.1. Sunspot numbers for April 8-14 were 23,

11, 11, 0, 14, 14 and 12, with a mean of 12.1. The 10.7 cm flux was 75.7, 76, 75, 74.6, 74.5, 74.9 and 75.1, with a mean of 75.1. The estimated planetary A indices were 11, 6, 3, 8, 22, 3 and 9, with a mean of 8.9. The estimated mid-latitude A indices were 9, 4, 3, 8, 18, 2 and 8, with a mean of 7.4.

April 11 saw no sunspots, with group 1061 appearing April 5-10, and sunspot group 1062 showing April 12-14. By Thursday, group 1062 was gone and we may see still more days without sunspots. The predicted solar flux for April 16-24 is 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 84, 80 and 80. The predicted planetary A index for those same days is 5, 7, 12, 8, 7, 8, 5, 5 and 5. Geophysical Institute Prague predicts quiet conditions for April 16, quiet to unsettled April 17, active conditions April 18, quiet to unsettled April 19, quiet April 20-21 and quiet to unsettled April 22

Station wiring at K2NNY

K2DB

(And I thought I had a messy shack - N2CK)







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Al 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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