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HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

Program for our May Meeting

This month the club membership will be introduced to the Dayton Hamvention. We will be showing a video about the world famous Dayton Hamfest. This hamfest is likely the largest in the United States and maybe in the world. The hamfest hosts new product suppliers and tailgaters as well. There are many technical talks and presentations. The evenings are filled with dinner dances and technical conferences. Some of our members have already been to the Dayton Hamfest and maybe they will share their experiences.

Dates to Remember

May 1	Regular Membership Meeting
May 4	Wrightstown Pennsylvania Hamfest
May 5	Club Luncheon
May 10	VE Session
May 19	Club Luncheon at the diner
May 28	Executive Board Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Joe Militano 05/11



Anniversaries

Irv and Millie Gietter 05/31

Kevin and Kathy Wagner 5/20



The President's Corner By Larry K2QDY



At our April meeting, John Hann, Ray Lauterbach, Dave Ottenberg, Don Smith, and myself, provided the membership with a look into the past with a fine display of Heathkit equipment. On the display table there were VTVMs, SWR Bridges, Oscilloscopes, Transceivers, Signal Generators and a QRP radio. Each owner described that piece of equipment and how it was constructed, tested and then put into service. Some had the original construction manuals and described the step by step instructions. I think the group would all agree this was a fine example of participation by the club members in this show and tell presentation. It certainly brought back some wonderful memories for me.

Field Day is coming and our Field Day committee, Bob Forshee, Murray Goldberg, John Hann, Steve Jackson, Dave Ottenberg, Ed Picciuti, and myself, convened a meeting to discuss the Field Day activities for this June 28th. The club will be setting up at 9:00 AM at the park with operation commencing at 2:00 PM the official start time of the ARRL sponsored contest. There will be three transmitters operating and the antennas will be G5RV dipoles. Bob Forshee will be operating from his pickup truck while the other two transmitters will be placed under the gazebo as in the past. We will be operating as Class 3A and will be generator powered. Steve Jackson reviewed a contest software logging program called Squirrel. Steve demonstrated the program and told us how to download this free logging program. We anticipate the club will be using this logging program to track the contacts made during Field Day. The program is very simple and only requires the station contacted call sign and their location to be entered. The program will identify dupes and will alert the operator before it is entered. It also has provision for putting up a picture of the US and Canada and as contacts are entered into the program a number is placed on the map where the station is located. Looks like the club is about to enter the 21st century moving up from paper logging to mechanized logging.

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NEXT MEETING: May 1, 2008

Thursday 7:00PM

**Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse**

Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

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Some of the club members have a date on April 26 to go to Camp Evens to visit the Antique Radio Museum display and the International Marconi Day operation. We will be telling the rest of the club members about the trip and our experience at the Camp at the May meeting. I am anticipating an interesting time.

Don't forget Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM, on the 146.880 repeater. Additionally, club members access the repeater each day at 10:00 AM for some good rag chew and technical discussion. Those of you that don't have HTs can also access the repeater by using Echo Link. Echo Link is a free download off the internet.

Well that's all for this month's column and I am looking forward to seeing you at our May 1st 2008 meeting.

73

Larry
K2QDY

American Radio Relay League Letter.

FCC ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth sent a Warning Notice to Edward R. Drone, W0NYF, of Sycamore Hills, Missouri alerting him that "the trustee of the St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club repeaters K0STL (146.940 MHz), N0TYZ (146.910 MHz), W0FF (146.970 MHz) and W0SRC (146.850 MHz) has requested in writing that you refrain from use of the repeaters." These requests, the Commission, noted, were due to Drone's "failure to follow operational rules set forth by the licensee/control operators of the repeaters for their users." Hollingsworth reminded Drone about a past conversation they had in which Drone "acknowledged that [he] had been directed to stay off of the repeaters and stated that [he] would comply," but, according to the Warning Notice, Drone "utilized the K0STL repeater on March 31, 2008 and stated that [he] would not refrain from using it." Drone was told he was expected "to abide by the request to stay off of the above-listed repeaters and any other such request by a repeater licensee, control operator or trustee." Drone was warned that the FCC would initiate enforcement action against his license -- which could include revocation, monetary forfeiture or a "modification proceeding to restrict the frequencies on which [he] may operate W0NYF." Fines normally range from \$7500-\$10,000.

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The club's official badge maker is the Capital Engraving Co. in Longview, WA. To order a badge, simply call Capital at 1-800-628-4985 after 1PM M-F. All that is required is to give your call and first name and your mail address. Use your credit card to pay. Cost is \$12.50 plus \$2 S&H. Al Ross WA7UQE will take care of you and create an official logo and club name on your personal badge.

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Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required.

Dues are \$20.00 per year, payable Jan. 1st. Members joining during the year will have the dues prorated. Family membership \$10.00

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, at 7:00 pm.

Location: Meeting Room #1 in the Holiday City South Clubhouse.

Directions: Go to Mule Rd. and to the corner of Santiago Drive. Turn into Santiago Dr., then into the parking lot in front of the pool. Enter bldg. on right.

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Hollingsworth also sent a Warning Notice to David R. Henry, W2DRH, of Cuddebackville, New York alerting him that "the K3TSA repeater system operating on 145.350 MHz has requested in writing that you refrain from use of the repeater." These requests, the Commission, noted, were due to Henry's "failure to follow operational rules set forth by the licensee/control operators of the repeater and FCC rules." Hollingsworth reminded Henry that the trustees had "previously requested verbally [to Henry that he] refrain from using the system, but [Henry has] apparently ignored both verbal and written requests." Hollingsworth also noted that Henry "complained that on February 13, 2008, the control operator of the K3TSA repeater shut down the repeater while [he was] engaged in emergency communications. [Henry] had previously been warned not to use the repeater and, moreover, three of the five control operators of the K3TSA repeater witnessed the communications and reported that there was no emergency situation." Henry was warned that the FCC would initiate enforcement action against his license -- which could include revocation, monetary forfeiture or a "modification proceeding to restrict the frequencies on which [he] may operate W2DRH." Fines normally range from \$7500-\$10,000. Hollingsworth also pointed out that Henry's Amateur Radio license was set to expire on April 21, 2009. "Please be advised," Hollingsworth said, "that your license will not be routinely renewed unless this matter is resolved."

Hollingsworth sent a Warning Notice to non-licensee residential owners concerning interference from a flat screen television unit to a licensed amateur in Edgewater, Florida.

New DX Entities

The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island entity number 338 with an effective date of December 14, 2007. Cards with contacts dated December 14, 2007 or after will be accepted for DXCC credit. New card submissions for St Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1, 2008 in order to allow time for administrative adjustments.

On February 21, 2007 the French Ministry issued a decree making St Barthelemy an Overseas Collective, where its status is now equal to that of Guadeloupe, Martinique and other French territories currently on the DXCC List. On November 8, 2007 the President of Association Des Radio Amateurs De St Barthelemy, Philippe Delcroix, FJ5DX, contacted the DXCC Desk, requesting that St Barthelemy be considered a new DXCC entity.

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How's DX By Russ Young

Here is the DX news from March 22-April 14.

Joe Militano KC2QLA Worked:

20 Meters SSB: IC8DAK Italy, IM0/K0FMB Sardinia, CO6LC Cuba, GI0AIJ Northern Island, LY2ZZ Lithuania and VE3DWH Canada.

Ed Picciuti W1EAP Worked:

20 Meters SSB: VE6CQ Canada, IZ4DJD Italy, 9A4W Croatia, CO3VK Cuba, DL4ARW Germany, YZ1AU Serbia, UX1UA Ukraine

Russ Young WA2VQV Worked:

On 30 Meters CW : 5T5DC Mauritania, 6W1SJ Senegal, E76AQ Bosnia, EA6SX Balearic Islands, GI0KVQ Northern Ireland, OT4A Belgium, SY8JZ EU-174 Sweden, VP2EFB Anguilla, VP5/W5CW Turks & Caicos Islands, XE2S Mexico & ZF2UL Cayman Islands.

On 20 Meters CW: 5T5DC Mauritania, 7X4AN Algeria, 9A5MT Croatia, 6V7I Senegal, E72AA, E75AZ Bosnia, EA5/UT2XD Spain, FG/OM3LA Guadeloupe, FM/I2GPT Martinique, HA800NAR, HA9RT Hungary, HH4/AF4Z Haiti, OG6N Finland, P49V Aruba, RK3BL European Russia, SF0F Sweden, UA2FCC Kaliningrad, US5XD Ukraine, V31MR Belize, VP2EFB, VP2E Anguilla & YO22NATO Romania.

On 17 Meters CW: HH4/K4QD Haiti, TO5RZ St. Barthelemy, TO1C Martinique, AH6V Hawaii, PJ4/W9NJY Bonaire/Curacao, V31MR Belize & ZF2UL Cayman Islands.

On 15 Meters CW: VP2EFB Anguilla.

Russ also heard YK9G Syria (DXpedition by G3TXF & G3SXW) on 20 Meters CW on two different occasions but QRN and QSB was heavy so no QSO there.

Larry Puccio, K2QDY worked the following DX:

On 80 Meters SSB: P4/WA2NHA Aruba, PA0GMW Belgium, OZ2PBS Denmark, England, EI4IB Ireland, SP3SLA Poland, J8/DJ7ZG St. Vincent and EA8CDG Tenerife.

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On 40 Meters SSB: 4X/N2TA Israel.

On 40 Meters CW: 5T5DC Mauritania, Africa

On 20 Meters SSB: TO5RZ St Barthelemy

On 30 Meters CW: V31MR Belize, SV2AVP Greece, T77C San Marino and EA6SX Spain.

On 17 Meters CW: E7/DK6XZ Bosnia, VQ9JC Chagos, IZ1DXG Italy and EA1AKS Spain.

Larry worked 60 different countries in the CQ WPXSSB contest, but unfortunately did not work any new ones to increase his DXCC status.

I would like to hear what other Club members have worked to include in the column.

73, Russ, WA2VQV

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The "event date" that caused St Barthelemy to be added to the DXCC list was December 14, 2007, the date the US State Department added St Barthelemy to the "List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty" with its Administrative Center in Gustavia, qualifying it under DXCC rules in Section II - 1 Political Entities (c): "The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government, and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the 'permanent population' and 'administered by a local government' criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the U.S. Department of State's list of 'Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty' as having a local 'Administrative Center,' or (b) the United Nations list of 'Non-Self-Governing Territories.'"

French St Martin (FS), while also added to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty, will remain on the DXCC List, but it is now considered a Point 1 Political Entity under the same classification as that of St Barthelemy.

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