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TVDXA CLUB INFO

MEETINGS: 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
APRIL MEETING: 4/12/07 - 6:30PM @ WALLY'S
MAY MEETING: 5/10/07 - 6:30PM @ WALLY'S
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CLUB NEWS

The Wrights have done it right again, as they are again proud Grandparents. Matthew David was born 3/2/07. Congratulations to the whole family.

INCORPORATION

The By-Laws have been under scrutiny of the lawyer and his comments are being discussed and incorporated. We will vote on approval within the next couple of meetings, so if you have comments please call or e-mail them to me.

FIELD DAY JUNE 23-24

TVDXA will again setup 2-HF stations, a GOTA and 6-Meter station. **PLEASE PLAN NOW** to attend the festivities. If you have not experienced the fun of FD with us, you are missing a great weekend of the **3 F's** (Fun, Food, and Friends). Don't let your SSB or CW team down, as the **QSO Plaque** will once again be up for grabs. The **CW Operators, Winners of 06**, will try to repeat. We will assign "Captains" for CW & SSB stations and Power Grid/Computers. These captains will be responsible for their station setup, erecting their antennas and for setting up the generator, routing power to each station and computer setup. We will continue to define our F.D. plans at future meetings. Let's have your ideas on better F.D. task management, workload and fun.



TVDXA PERSONALITY

TOM MORGAN – K4VCM

Tom is the owner in-charge of CT Morgan Radioland, which is a real asset to our local ham community. He is very active in both TVDAX & CARC. He is the owner or trustee of a number of local repeaters used by everyone in the valley. However, Tom is really best known for two things:

His unique hat – which has become his trademark. He can be spotted in a crowded hamfest by just locating "The Hat".

His second claim to fame is his love for cigars. I don't know if he smokes 'em or chews 'em, but he is never without one. I always wondered if he sleeps with one, but let's not go there.

He has been licensed since 1958, is a General who enjoys all aspects of amateur radio. He was born and raised right here in Chattanooga.

Some of his unique experiences include building his own 432Mhz moon-bounce antenna out of copper tubing as teen and then calling the weather bureau to find the location of the moon on a cloudy nite and hearing his own signal return after going around the world on 75 meters.



Tom, the watchmaker



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CONTESTING NEWS

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>WEEKDAY - TIME UTC</u>	<u>CONTEST NAME</u>	<u>MODE</u>
1-2	Sat 1400 - Sun 2200	Kids Roundup -	Phone
1-2	Sat 1500 - Sun 1500	SP DX Contest -	CW/SSB
1-2	Sat 1600 - Sun 1600	EA RTTY Contest -	RTTY
1-2	Sat 1800 - Sun 0500	Missouri QSO Party (1) -	CW/SSB
1-2	Sat 1800 - Sun 1800	QCWA QSO Party -	All
2	Sun 1800 - 2400	Missouri QSO Party (2) -	CW/SSB
4	Tue 0100 - 0300	ARS Spartan Sprint -	CW
4-6	Tue 1400 - Thu 0200	YLRL DX to NA YL Contest -	CW
6	Thu 1700 - 2000	SARL 80 m QSO Party -	SSB
6	Thu 1700 - 2100	10 meter NAC -	CW/SSB/FM/Digi
8-9	Sat 0700 - Sun 1300	Japan International DX Contest -	CW
8	Sat 1200 - 1700	DIG QSO Party (10 - 20 m) -	CW
8-9	Sat 1200 - Sun 2400	QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party -	CW
8	Sat 1600 - 1959	EU Sprint Spring -	CW
8-9	Sat 1800 - Sun 0359	Georgia QSO Party (1) -	CW/SSB
8-9	Sat 2100 - Sun 2100	Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest -	CW
9	Sun 0600 - 1000	UBA Spring Contest -	SSB
9	Sun 0700 - 0900	DIG QSO Party (80 m) -	CW
9	Sun 0900 - 1100	DIG QSO Party (40 m) -	CW
9	Sun 1400 - 2359	Georgia QSO Party (2) -	CW/SSB
11-13	Tue 1400 - Thu 0200	YLRL DX to NA YL Contest -	SSB
12	Wed 0030 - 0230	NAQCC 80M Straight Key/Bug Sprint -	CW
15	Sat 0000 - 2359	Holyland DX Contest -	CW/SSB
15	Sat 0000 - 2400	TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest -	PSK
15	Sat 0500 - 0859	ES Open HF Championship -	CW/SSB
15	Sat 1600 - 1959	EU Sprint Spring -	SSB
15-16	Sat 1600 - Sun 0400	Michigan QSO Party -	CW/SSB
15	Sat 1700 - 2000	EA-QRP CW Contest (1) -	CW
15-16	Sat 1800 - Sun 1800	Ontario QSO Party -	CW/Phone
15	Sat 2000 - 2300	EA-QRP CW Contest (2) -	CW
15-16	Sat 2100 - Sun 0500	YU DX Contest (1) -	CW
16	Sun 0700 - 1000	EA-QRP CW Contest (3) -	CW
16	Sun 0900 - 1700	YU DX Contest (2) -	CW
16	Sun 1000 - 1300	EA-QRP CW Contest (4) -	CW
16	Sun 1400 - 1500	SSA Månadstest nr 4 -	SSB
16	Sun 1515 - 1615	SSA Månadstest nr 4 -	CW
17	Mon 0030 - 0430	Run For The Bacon QRP Contest -	CW
17	Mon 1400 - 2000	Low Power Spring Sprint -	CW



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22-23	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	SP DX RTTY Contest -	RTTY
22-23	Sat 1600 - Sun 0159	Florida QSO Party (1) -	CW/Phone
22-23	Sat 1700 - Sun 170	Nebraska QSO Party -	CW/SSB
23	Sun 1200 - 2159	Florida QSO Party (2) -	CW/Phone
24-28	Mon 0001 - Fri 2359	EUCW/FISTS QRS Party -	CW
29-30	Sat 1300 - Sun 1259	Helvetia Contest -	CW/SSB/DIGI
29-30	Sat 1700 - Sun 0500	Alabama QSO Party -	CW/Phone

K1AR CONTESTING HINT

Speaking of technology, have you given any thought to giving your equipment tune-up? Like a car, your station equipment needs preventative maintenance, too. Consider having a qualified technician (assuming that's not you!) run your transceiver (s) through its paces. Maybe you'll learn that that weak Asian station on 10 meters (you know, the one everyone else could hear) was really a problem with your receiver. No matter how proficient at operating you may be, you're only as good as your equipment.



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ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS

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<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION/CALL</u>	<u>QSL VIA</u>	<u>INFO</u>
2007 2007 Apr01 Apr08	Mali TZ	ON4LN	By ON4LN ON4FG ON5CD ON3VK; QSL OK via Buro or direct (w/ 2 USD or 2 new IRCs + SAE)
2007 2007 Apr01 Apr13	St Lucia J68WI	WB5ZAM	By WB5ZAM; HF; SSB CW
2007 2007 Apr02 Apr19	Micronesia V63	Home Call	By IT9YRE (V63RE), I1SNW (V63WN), K9AJ (V63J) fm Ngulu Atoll (OC-180), Sorol Atoll (OC-277), Woleai Atoll (OC-132)
2007 2007 Apr04 Apr15	Swains Island N8S	YT1AD	By YT1AD K3LP K1LZ N3KS N6TQS RK3AD RA3AUU SV2BFN UA3AB RZ3AA YZ7AA YZ1BX; all bands and modes
2007 2007 Apr05 Apr09	Swaziland 3DA0FC	ON4CJK	By ON4AEO ON7BK ZS6VWD ZS6EMH
2007 2007 Apr07 Apr09	Swaziland 3DA0	ON4CJK	By ON4AEO ON7BK ZS6VWD ZS6EMH + others; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2007 2007 Apr07 Apr13	Turkey TA4	DJ6JH	By DJ6JH as TA4/DJ6JH; 20-10m; mainly RTTY PSK31; holiday style operation
2007 2007 Apr10 Apr27	Syria YK1BA	N5FF	By N5FF; mainly 80 40 30m; SSB CW RTTY; spare time operation, 3-4 hours/day; check 2000-2300z, 0200-0500z, and less often 1200-1400z
2007 2007 Apr12 Apr23	Svalbard JW	F8DVD	By F8DVD as JW/F8DVD fm Longyearbyen (EU-026); SSB CW; QSL OK via Buro or direct (SAE + 1 IRC)
2007 2007 Apr14 May03	Mongolia JT1Y	I0SNY	By I0SNY I5NOC I8YGZ fm Ulanbaatar; 160-10m; CW SSB PSK31 RTTY; also plan to visit 8, 9, and 0 call areas along w/ members of JT1KAA
2007 2007 Apr16 Apr19	Samoa 5W5AA	YZ7AA	By YT1AD + others fm OC-097
2007 2007 Apr20 Apr30	Scarborough Reef BS7H	KU9C Direct	By a large multinational team; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; begin and end dates tentative
2007 2007 Apr25 May10	Indonesia YB9		By PA5CW as YB9/PA5CW fm Bali
2007 2007 Apr27 May03	Fiji 3D2	See Info	By UR3HR UR7HTX UR7HTZ UT5UY UX0LL as 3D2AP 3D2TZ 3D2UY fm Taveuni Is (OC-016); QSL: 3D2UY via UT5UY, 3D2AP via UX0LL, 3D2TZ via UR7HTZ
2007 2007 Apr27 May08	Senegal 6V7		By SM5GMZ; all bands and modes, with emphasis on 160 80m
2007 2007 Apr28 May11	Malta 9H3RT	DL9MWG	By DL9MWG; HF; mainly CW



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DX Stories by Paul M. Dunphy, VE1DX

Full Calls Only

We were sitting on the verandah with a split video feed running from the computer in the shack. We had long since learned never to be out of range of the cluster spots and the Internet. After all, this was DXing and we were convinced that to DX, one had to have a computer. Absolutely. No self-respecting DXer gets on HF without a computer. All DXers know this, although some have been slower than others to see the elephant.

The bands had been flat for the last few days and we were taking a break from tuning. If anything showed up, we'd know within ten seconds. DX IS! And our computers tell us where it is and probably how to work it! This is one of the new Enigmas of DXing.

While we were contemplating this, one of the local QRPers made his way around the bend and beat his way up the hill. This one had been by a number of times before and he wasted no time getting to the point, "What's all this about using your last two in a pileup being illegal?" he asked, glaring at us with his beady little eyes. "Haven't we all been doing that for years?"

We tried to recall how many times we had heard this argument before and it seemed to top the number of DXCC countries on VE1YX's confirmed list. Even counting the deleted ones! The QRPer continued on, "There's talk on the Internet and on even on the DX repeater that this is a clear violation of the FCC rules and that you have to ID with your full call every ten minutes. How can I work DX that way? And suppose, just suppose, something I need comes up on a list. How else can I get on that list unless I follow the rules? If all this is illegal, why hasn't something been done to stop it?" He was pacing back and forth, and starting to sweat.

We looked at him for a moment, then glanced over at the monitor. Nothing interesting had been spotted on the cluster so that avenue of escape was blocked. "Well", we replied cautiously, "this isn't the first time this issue has been raised and there has never been a clear cut answer. Some say it's OK and others claim the FCC and the ARRL both find it in violation." The QRPer nodded in agreement, "That's the point! I asked about ten different Big Gun DX types and I got ten opinions. I even wrote to the FCC and all I got back was a letter saying they would look into it and let me know. That was six months ago! You've been around a lot longer than I have. What is the right answer?"

Son of a Gun! Where was Judge Judy when we needed her? Given that we likely weren't going to get a ruling from the judge on this one, we did the next best thing and hauled the QRPer up the hill to see the Old Timer. The age-old question was repeated again, this time with a fist smacking into a palm to drive the point home. The Old Timer looked at the QRPer for a moment, then at us. "Who knows?" he replied. We had to admit that this was not what we expected, but we knew better than to ask for clarification. The QRPer was not so self-restrained. "What do you mean, who knows? If I'm in violation of an FCC rule, I want to know! I might get a citation . . . or if the DXCC Desk finds out that I worked some of my DX by using my last two, might they not take away my membership? I want to follow the rules . . . all I want to do is to find out what they are!"



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The Old Timer looked at the QRPer for a few seconds and then said, "Son, there will always be opinions offered by those who judge others by their own standards. Remember that. When one of these DXers who have almost everything worked, and likely a lot of deleted ones as well, tell you that you can't use your last two, they might be right. Don't discount their knowledge. Don't argue with them." The QRPer looked more confused than ever. "But are they right?"

The Old Timer had flipped on his rig and began tuning 15-mertes for the polar opening to Asia. He looked over his shoulder at the QRPer and said, "Memory is often purified as time goes by. I think you will find that the higher their country total and the more times these Big Guns have been around the track, the less often they will recall using their last two. And you might even find that those with monobanders at 100 feet pushing out the full legal limit and a little extra can't recall ever using anything but their full call . . . and usually only once." And that was it. He put his headphones on and was off to see who was causing all the fuss between 21300-310 MHz.

We walked back down the hill with the QRPer. We had understood what the Old Timer had been getting at, but we weren't sure about the QRPer. "So it's OK for me to use my last two in a pileup, right?" he asked. We shrugged our shoulders and repeated what the Old Timer had said, "Who knows? For as Albert so often said, 'all things are relative, although some more than others' and this is another practical example of the Special Theory of Relativity."

The QRPer glanced at us with a puzzled and frustrated look as he walked off down the hill. "What's the use?" he muttered as he made his way around the corner and back down into the village. We though about it for a second and shrugged again. What more could we say? The QRPer just didn't understand the Mysteries of the Ages and the Eternal Enigmas of DXing. We sat back down on the verandah and thought about the new towers in our antenna farm that had sprouted up over the past few years. And it seemed that we couldn't recall ever using anything other than our full call in a pileup. Perhaps we should have told the QRPer not to use his last two . . . for surely it is not legal anymore!

73/DX Paul VE1DX

If you have articles or information of interest and would like it published in the NEWSLETTER, send or e-mail them to me. Pictures are also needed. This is YOUR Newsletter.

PS – I'm running out of material for the Newsletter



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TVDXA CLUB BBQ RECIPE THE BALD BBQ'er



Black Jack Barbecue Sauce

Yes, this barbecue sauce actually calls for coffee.
The coffee helps to give the sauce a unique flavor, which works well on beef.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1 cup strong black coffee
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup hot chili peppers, minced
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons salt

PREPARATION:

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan and simmer for about half an hour.
Let cool. Pour into a blender and puree until smooth.
Store in a glass container in the refrigerator

**I need your favorite BBQ Recipe(s) or side dish to have them published in the Newsletter.
Let everyone enjoy an afternoon family BBQ of good eats.**