



The DX HUNTER

AUGUST 08

TVDXA CLUB INFO

MEETINGS: 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
AUG. MEETING: 8/14/08 - 6:30PM @ WALLY's
SEP. MEETING: 9/11/08 - 6:30PM @ WALLY's
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"More than a Club - We are Friends"

CLUB NEWS

2008 FIELD DAY REPORT

Here is the A.A.R. (After Action Report) on another eventful TVDXA FD. Here are the highlights:

We owe David & Joan Broome a **THANK YOU** for providing the club a wonderful FD location and enough food to feed a small country. Joan doted over everyone, made sure we had more of everything and it looked wonderful. David's two BBQ'ed briskets were a **Knockout**. They both made the club members "feel at home", stayed up until 1:00AM talking and stoking the fire, and made friends with everyone that came to operate or watch.

- FD was just like any other, we had a reasonably good club turn out but we did miss some of our regulars. We were able to have both stations up and operational by noon, rather than sometime after the start time of FD as in the past. This year we were relaxed and ready for the opening gun.
- Gary got the FD-ARRL message via RTTY and Howard got the FD Public Service message on US-101. Both got the club extra points.

- The HF wire antennas, matching OCF Dipoles, worked well, even tho we didn't work a ton of west coast or Hawaii. The best part was installing them:

It took next to no muscle to install them
You were not bone tired after installation
It didn't take 10 people to muscle them into place

They were a lot safer and easier to install
Lots of good comments on how well they worked

- Greg setup our 6-meter station using a small beam @ 10FT and wouldn't you know it, we made ~50 contacts.
- Our overall FD operating QSO totals were nearly the same as in past years with:
CW 644 (**Well done CW ops**)
SSB 549
6-M 49
TOTAL 1242 Q's

TOTAL PRELIMINARY FD SCORE 4222 Pts

As you can see the CW guys beat the SSB guys, like a drum.

- Talk about a thunderstorm - we had a frog-strangler for about 30-45 minutes before things got back to just wet-normal and then humid-normal. In the end, we lost about an hours (+) operating time with some additional drying of people & equipment. Not something we could control.

As with any endeavor, there are some low points that may need review in the future.

- We had a fair but lower than normal turnout of club members for FD setup, operating and especially the BBQ dinner. Are members losing interest in FD? If so, what can be done to improve participation?



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- We didn't use towers with beam antennas - Comparisons to past years w/beams
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| 2008 | 1242 QSO's: |
| 2007 | 1640 w/GOTA |
| 2006 | 1290 w/o GOTA |
| 2005 | 1730 w/GOTA |
| 2004 | 1424 |
| 2003 | 1364 |
| 2002 | 1477 |

Not much difference overall for all the extra effort

- Until we can get an increased number of visitors or younger hams, the GOTA station may need to be on hold, along with the extra hundreds of points for visitors, info table, and special interest stuff. This will affect our overall point performance and placement in FD scoring.
- On the other side, many clubs don't get as many QSO's as we get but they work harder at getting all these "near free" points, which can equal up to hundreds of QSO's and a much better score for FD.

Finally, after heading up FD for the past 6+ years, I feel its way past time for someone else to take over the reins. This will allow new and different ideas to be introduced and tried to see how well they work. It has been a good run and a pleasure working with everyone; I have enjoyed the challenges and changes, and have learned a lot about FD. I hope you have enjoyed FD as much as I have and I will continue to be available to provide the info from the past successful years of FD. Thanks for the confidence in letting me lead such a talented group of operators, both CW & SSB: It's been a blast!

73 Howard KE4MBP

SEDXC

This is a really interesting idea and a way to introduce a new member to DX'ing from the SEDXC. How can we reach out and help new (DX'ers) members get their station setup, their DXCC or feet wet in contesting?

If you're new to DX chasing or even if you've already worked your share, this page is meant to help you learn those skills that lead to working the most DX you can.

Information on this page will be provided by successful DXers -- many who are on the DXCC Honor Roll. But the direction of the page is to help *everyone interested in DX* whether or not you have an elaborate rig or an elaborate antenna farm. Anyone can work DXCC in a short time with modest equipment and simple, easily hidden wire antennas; we aim to show you how.

If you have any questions about DXing, we'll be happy to fix you up with the answers; just click [HERE](#) and ask away. One of our members will respond quickly.

Do you live in the Southeastern US? Would you like a mentor? It's easy to get one; just push the button:



This page will be expanded dramatically in the next few weeks; return often! While we develop content (and we've got a **LOT** of ideas!) you can click [HERE](#) for some great DX-related links. ..73 es gud DX!



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CONTESTING NEWS

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DATE	WEEKDAY - TIME UTC	CONTEST NAME	MODE
2	Sat 0000 - 2400	TARA Grid Dip - PSK/RTTY	
2-3	Sat 0001 - Sun 2359	10-10 Int. Summer QSO Party - Phone	
2-9	Sat 0001 - Sat 2359	National Lighthouse-Lightship Week - All	
2	Sat 0700 - 0900	AM-test - AM	
2	Sat 1200 - 2359	European HF Championship - CW/SSB	
2-3	Sat 1800 - Sun 0600	North American QSO Party - CW	
3	Sun 1300 - 1630	SARL HF Contest - SSB	
7	Thu 1700 - 2100	10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/Digi	
9-10	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	Worked All Europe DX-Contest - CW	
9-10	Sat 1600 - Sun 0400	Maryland-DC QSO Party (1) - All	
10	Sun 0000 - 2359	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon - CW	
10	Sun 1600 - 2359	Maryland-DC QSO Party (2) - All	
13	Wed 0030 - 0230	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint - CW	
16	Sat 0000 - 0800	SARTG WW RTTY Contest (1) - RTTY	
16-17	Sat 0800 - Sun 0800	RDA Contest - CW/SSB	
16-17	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	Keymen's Club of Japan (KCJ) Contest - CW	
16	Sat 1400 - 2400	Feld-Hell Club Sprint - Feld-Hell	
16	Sat 1500 - 1800	QRP ARCI Silent Key Memorial Sprint - CW	
16	Sat 1600 - 2400	SARTG WW RTTY Contest (2) - RTTY	
16-17	Sat 1800 - Sun 0600	North American QSO Party - SSB	
16-17	Sat 2000 - Sun 0700	New Jersey QSO Party (1) - CW/SSB	
17	Sun 0700 - 1100	SSA Portabeltest Höstomg. - CW/SSB	
17	Sun 0800 - 1600	SARTG WW RTTY Contest (3) - RTTY	
17-18	Sun 1300 - Mon 0200	New Jersey QSO Party (2) - CW/SSB	
17	Sun 1400 - 1500	SSA Månadstest nr 8 - SSB	
17	Sun 1515 - 1615	SSA Månadstest nr 8 - CW	
18	Mon 0100 - 0300	Run For The Bacon QRP Contest - CW	
20	Wed 1800 - 2000	MOON Contest - CW/Digi/SSB	
23-24	Sat 0700 - Sun 2200	Hawaii QSO Party - All	
23-24	Sat 1600 - Sun 0400	Ohio QSO Party - CW/SSB	
27	Wed 0000 - 0200	SKCC Sprint - CW	
30-31	Sat 0600 - Sun 1159	ALARA Contest - CW/SSB	
30-31	Sat 1200 - Sun 1159	SCC RTTY Championship - RTTY	
30-31	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	YO DX HF Contest - CW/SSB	
31	Sun 1400 - 1600	SARL HF Contest - CW	



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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>
2008 Aug01 - 2008 Aug02	Lebanon OD5ARZ	K3IRV	By Radio Amateurs of Lebanon (RAL) fm the Cedar Mountains (2000m ASL); all bands; all modes
2008 Aug01 - 2008 Aug15	Crete J49K	G4XUM	By G4XUM fm KM25CK; 6 4 2m; JT6 SSB; possibly fm KM15
2008 Aug02 - 2008 Aug03	Guam KH2	Home Call	By K6IAA as K6IAA/KH2 + JJ1CCE JH3AAZ JK7TKE with KH2/homecall; holiday style operation; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2008 Aug04 - 2008 Aug17	Guadeloupe TO8S	F8CRS	By F5IRO F8CRS fm Les Saintes I (NA-114); 80-10m; mainly CW, some SSB RTTY; 2 HF stations; also 3 or 4 days with FG/homecall fm NA-102; holiday style operation; QSL OK via REF Buro or direct
2008 Aug05 - 2008 Aug24	Bermuda VP9	IK2RZP	By IK2RZP as VP9/IK2RZP; mainly WARC; digital modes; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2008 Aug06 - 2008 Aug18	Cape Verde D4	IZ4NCJ	By IK2NCJ as TBD fm D4C contest station; M/S in WAE CW w/ YL2KL; QRV for SARTG WW RTTY Contest; will watch for 6m openings
2008 Aug08 - 2008 Aug22	Senegal 6V7L	F8ATM	By F8ATM; HF; SSB RTTY; QSL OK via REF Buro or direct
2008 Aug09 - 2008 Aug23	Corsica TK	F5TGR	By F5TGR as TK/F5TGR fm Porto Vecchio (EU-014, DIFM TK-001, MIA MCO-001, WLOTA LH-1390); 40-10m; SSB CW; possibly also fm coastal islands
2008 Aug10 - 2008 Aug16	Ogasawara Is JD1BLX	J15USJ	By J15USJ fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 160-6m; CW SSB + digital + satellite
2008 Aug10 - 2008 Aug16	Ogasawara Is JD1BLY	J15RPT	By J15RPT fm Chichijima I (AS-031); 160-6m; CW SSB + digital + satellite
2008 Aug11 - 2008 Aug17	Dodecanese SV5	OE3GEA	By OE3GEA fm Rhodes (EU-001) as SV5/OE3GEA; 40-10m; CW; 30w; QSL OK via OE Buro or direct



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2008 Aug12	2008 Aug13	Svalbard	JW	OZ8KR	By OZ8KR as JW/OZ8KR; check 14220 + 14260 kHz
2008 Aug12	2008 Aug25	Maldives	8Q7AK	G7COD	By G7COD fm Embudu, Kaafu Atoll (AS-013); 40-12m; CW SSB; QSL OK via RSGB Buro or direct (expect Buro delays)
2008 Aug12	2008 Aug29	New Caledonia	FK	LotW	By F5NHJ as FK/F5NHJ fm Grande Terre (OC-032); 30m; CW + digital; possibly also fm other FK islands; QSL also OK per instructions
2008 Aug15	2008 Aug20	Palau	T88TX	J12TXU	By J12TXU; 40 20 15 12 6m
2008 Aug15	2008 Sep14	Ascension I	ZD8LP	VP8LP Direct	By VP8LP; 40-10m; vertical
2008 Aug15	2008 Aug17	Kenya	5Z4		By IK8VRH as 5Z4/IK8VRH fm AF-040; 40 20 17m; CW SSB RTTY
2008 Aug15	2008 Aug22	Market Reef	OJ0	TBA	By SM team as TBD; 160-2m; CW SSB RTTY WSJT + satellite; exact dates uncertain
2008 Aug15	2009 May01	Marion I	ZS8T	LZ3HI	By ZS6GCM; exact begin and end date uncertain; no antennas as of Jun 3, 2008
2008 Aug16	2008 Aug17	Svalbard	JW	OZ8KR	By OZ8KR as JW/OZ8KR; check 14220 + 14260 kHz
2008 Aug18	2008 Aug21	Martinique	FM	F8CRS	By F5IRO F8CRS as FM/F5IRO and FM/F8CRS; fm NA-107; 80-10m; mainly CW, some SSB RTTY; 1 HF station; holiday style operation; QSL OK via REF Buro or direct
2008 Aug20	2008 Aug22	Kenya	5Z4		By IK8VRH as 5Z4/IK8VRH fm AF-067; 40 20 17m; CW SSB RTTY
2008 Aug21	2008 Aug26	Jersey	MJ	Home Call	By OE5OHO OE5HDN OE3GEA as MJ/OE5OHO and MJ/homecall; HF; CW SSB; holiday style operation; QSL via OE Buro
2008 Aug22	2008 Aug29	Cocos (Keeling)	VK9CJW	I5JHW	By I5JHW fm OC-003; 40-10m; SSB RTTY; amplifier; multiband vert; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2008 Aug27	2008 Sep11	Ascension I	ZD8N	G3ZVW	By G3ZVW fm AF-003; HF; SSB CW RTTY; 100w; dipoles; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2008 Aug31	2008 Sep07	Dodecanese	SV5	PA1FJ	By PA1FJ as SV5/PA1FJ/p fm Kos (EU-001, MGD-016, LH-1730); 5w; Buddistick or dipole; QSL OK via Buro or direct