

ROADS Report

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Dates To Remember

Meeting: May 20 @ 6 PM***
at Farrol's on Hwy 99 in Rickreall

Field Day in June @ Helmick Park

VE Testing: 2nd Sat/Bimonthly

The Prez Sez....



We had another good meeting last month and made a few more decisions. First the club voted to have Field Day at Helmick Park and Abe was given the \$100 to get us registered.

Instead of our regular May meeting at the Court House, the club decided to have a social event, a dinner at Farrol's, at 6pm on Friday May 20. Spouses, significant others and other guests are more than welcome. Let's have a good visit.

Before the dinner starts we will have a brief report by the Field Day Committee and also our one man Nominating Committee as nominations have to start this time and then again in June with the election also at our June meeting.

We have VE testing scheduled for May 8 and haven't heard from Ron, Bob or others as to the disposition on that.

Our ROADS Go Fishing contest had moderate participation. Most of the activity occurred on the 10 -- 10 net on 28.450. I guess I'll leave

that to Bob P to tell us the results. A big thank you to Bob P for organizing it.

Still need more input from the Field Day Committee to Dean and myself concerning set up, equipment available, who's coming, etc.

Hope to see you all at the dinner 6 pm the 20th at Farrol's!!!

W7HO, Ron Schlitzkus: May Station Of The Month



As you know I spend most of my operating time on 10 meters and looking for DX. I have several awards on the walls for operating in 10-10 contests over the years during the Phone and CW/Digital QSO Parties. (They include Several First Place awards for 7th call Area and 1 for Second in the World and 1 for Third in the world.)



I do not know if you can see my 43 ft vertical for 40 and 80 just to the right of the big tower. It is on the corner of my property and has three counterpoise (1 -250 ft south, 1 263 ft west and 1 1500 ft north).

My first radio was a heath kit transmitter and separate Heath Kit receiver with a small hand full of crystals. I finally upgraded the a TS-520 and a three element quad while I was living in Shell

Beach, California. Then, when I moved to San Jose, I upgraded to a FT-900, A3 Yagi, and 40 ft tower (the tower is still on property in Monroe Oregon).

I am now using a IC-756 Pro 3, with a FT-900 as my back up and digital radio, AL-80B and AL-1500 amps, and LDG-1000 Auto turner.

Some of my calls in the past have been WB6EVQ and KK7UU.

I was one of the founders of the group at HP that created the K6FB club and then later was the one that built the controller for the K6FB repeaters located in the Santa Cruz Mountains (Still there today). I was also one of the monkeys that climbed trees to put up the 440 antenna. When I left the group we had 2 meters, 440 and Packet repeaters located at the site.

Editor's Note: Ron is the current VE Coordinator for Polk County; Certificate Manager for the Portland 500 and the Oregon Trail Chapters of 10-10 International; and all around good guy.

Special 10 Meter Program

The Hoodview Amateur Radio Club of Gresham is presenting a special program at their May meeting entitled, "Ten Meters Is Alive And Well."

KE7QFN, who is Vice President of the club, will conduct the presentation with assistance from K7KTP and K7PRZ. This is a professional program loaned to KE7QFN by 10-10 International. The meeting will be held May 20th, at 7:30 PM, in Room 1001 of Mount Hood Community College, Gresham, OR. (That is the night of ROADS dinner)

Coming This Summer To The ROADS Report

Mobile stations! A feature article on mobile stations used by members of ROADS with photos of 3 or 4 of them. The special needs will be discussed, along with safety issues and battery requirements.

Remember Those CW Paddles?

K7CIE, Mike, owns two of the wonderful Italian Bengali CW paddles and he has agreed to bring them to a future ROADS meeting later this year so we can all see why CW operators consider them the "Cadillac" of CW equipment.

If you promise to be VERY careful, he might even let you touch one (break it and you buy it...)

Important Meeting Notice!!!

ROADS May meeting will be a dinner with limited "meeting". It will be held on May 20th at 6 PM at Farroll's Restaurant, located on Hwy 99 adjacent to the Polk County Fairgrounds. The event will be held in the banquet room and will NOT include the usual business meeting. Bring your wife, girl friend, significant other, and as many guests as you can round up. Be there or be square!

DX News by KX5W

There are two quite rare DX Peditions scheduled beginning May 15 with ZS5M on Marion Island.

The other begins May 28 until June 6 in Palestine as E4X.

I did work T32SI on both CW and SSB on Starbuck Island in Eastern Kiribati. I heard that a few others like John, Ron and Bob got him too!! Otherwise April was quieter for DX than we all want.

I also had a long conversation with Thelma DU1IVT in the Philippines. I was her first contact on 20 phone and after our QSO she worked a pileup of US hams for 3 hours and went to bed at her time - 2:30am. She lives in the town my friend was born in over there, a suburb of Manilla.

Other DX Peditions announced of note are as follows:

S97LR Seychelles;

JD1BMH Ogasawara from May 2 -- 14;

8Q7SR Maldives;

TL0A Central Africa Republic reportedly May 18 to 23; but I heard that callsign on already, maybe a slim, maybe not;

T31X Central Kiribati from May 22 to June 1;

5W00X Samoa just May 18 -- 19;

TK9E Corsica May 26 to 31; and

ZK3X Tokelau from June 2 to 6 (you won't have the next newsletter by then).

So work 'em first, worry later as the saying goes. Best of DX and I hope to see you all at the dinner meeting on the 20th!!

Editor's Note On DX:

Things are getting lively in the evenings with 20 meters open until 8:30 PM local time. On Saturday, May 1st, while 7 QP was underway, it was difficult to work USA stations because of the UA6 and UA4 stations pounding in on CW.

For those of you with the license class and CW skills, give 30 meters a try. It has provided me with some excellent USA and DX QSOs during the past year. I use a ground mounted vertical on this band, so it shows that you don't need an elaborate antenna system for 30 meters.

Stations worked at this QTH in the last 30 days included: XU7, T32, YB4, EW8, UN7, UN5,CN8, LX9, XV2, BD1, 5N7 (long path) JT1,9K2, and lots of other EU stations. My antenna is a modest triband at 30 feet.

About QSLs: I have been receiving more and more eQSLs from all stations.

ROADS Fishing Scores

W7LOU	86	1st Place
W7HO	82	(Tie 2nd Place)
WA7MZM	82	(Tie 2nd Place)
N7WWH	82	(Tie 2nd Place)
KE7JNT	82	(Tie 2nd Place)
KA7HBB	77	3rd Place
K7QXG	77	*
W7TDN	65	4th Place
KX5W	64	5th Place
W7NAT	58	6th Place

Two entrants, W7RIS and W6SVP, did not submit logs. K7QXG is a "check log" * (Contesters know what that is) because he is ineligible for a certificate in his role as the Contest Chairman.

There was a lot of activity on 10 meters on the 18th, and those who did not show up missed out on a lot of humorous chit chat as everyone traded their point values.

A review of all logs submitted indicates a serious need for a class on log preparation and scoring. More important, everyone should use a calculator to tabulate their final score. Even so, a good time was had by all.

de K7QXG, ROADS Goes Fishing Contest Chairman

Monday Morning Coffee Klatch



Every Monday Morning at 8 AM

At Washington Street Steak House in Dallas

May Propagation... Forecast... Good and getting better, with evening openings to European Russia and Far East countries. 10 meters will begin to open daily . See the May issue of CQ magazine for an in depth look at what causes Sporadic-E and why things are improving.

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