

ROADs REPORT*

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Newsletter of ROADs

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PRESIDENT'S SCREED...

I seem to have slipped a cog and did not get around to putting together this issue of the ROADs REPORT until the first week of June so we are missing the May issue. If I have another senior moment, we might even have two June newsletters.

Oh Well...

I asked Bob QXG to be a committee of one to put together a slate of officers to run for election at the June meeting. However, after contacting almost everyone on our roster, he has not been able to get anyone to run for vice-president. I think this is a sad commentary on ROADs that we cannot get someone to serve ROADs in a no stress, no-effort position. We have been discussing a change in our policies to remedy the situation.

On a happier note...Yearly dues are being accepted at the June meeting. Everyone paying at the meeting will receive a ROADs pen.

Don't forget Field Day...June 28-29; come prepared to make final plans for the big event. We need to have commitments for equipment and "labor".

Next ROADs Meeting June 12th, 2008 at 7:00PM
Next VE Session July 12th, 2008 at 9:00AM
We meet and test at the Polk County Court House in Dallas

Check out our web page WWW.W7ORE.COM for details

PRESIDENT	DAVID	KD7VLP
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VE SESSION REPORT by W7HO

We had a great VE Session at the Polk County Courthouse on May 10th, with 6 individuals showing up to take exams.

The youngest was 10 year old Daniel Gibbel got his Tech License taking only 15 minutes (almost took us longer to grade it and fill out the paper work). He is holding up the family tradition by missing one question. David Gibbel and his older son Stephen took their Tech License exams together last year and both father and son aced their exams. They came back for their General and Stephen aced it and Dad missed only one. And this session, David and Stephen passed their Extra exam.

Those getting new licenses or upgrades were:

Craig Dueist - Passed Extra
Stephen Gibbel - Passed Extra
Daniel Gibbel - Passed Tech
David Gibbel - Passed Extra
Richard Kiter - Passed General

A special thanks to the VE Examiners that helped with the session today. They were: Bob W7LOU, Trent W7TDN, Bud N7BUD, and John KE7JNT. Trent filled in as our paper work processor with the tutorage from Bob.

HELP!

I have received two emails asking for help with some aspects of radio. Hopefully someone will be able to help them.

Tait Sougstad" <guitarninja@gmail.com

Hello!

I have a question and I'm really not sure where to take it, so I'll shoot it your way. Maybe you can direct it to someone in ROADS who will have an idea.

What applications does Ham Radio have for a hiker or backpacker? I recently got my Tech license, and I'm all excited to have a useful piece of equipment to take with me on hikes and camping trips, but since I don't have any on-air connections, I really am not sure how I'd use it. If I broke my leg, what should I do to contact help? Just scan the frequencies and call for help on each one? How to I practice emergency preparedness with the radio so that in the event that something does happen I'll know how maximize the chances that I'll make contact?

I live in Albany and love hiking in the Cascades along Hwy 20 and 22 and in surrounding areas.

Can you point me in the right direction?

Sincerely,

Tait

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"Jason Conolly" <conolly@ieee.org

Hello, David!

My family and I have recently moved into the Dallas area. I am a General class ham, N7IME. Over the years, I have been involved in ARES (Linn and Deschutes County) as well as other ham radio pursuits. Over the last 5 years or so, I've kept a pretty low profile as we have moved around quite a bit. But I think we are settled now, and would like to start getting connected with local hams. I did have a couple questions you may be able to help me with. Maybe these could turn into interesting meeting or newsletter topics, as well!

- Do you know of any Polk county hams experimenting with the "Hinternet" (high speed IEEE 802.11 operated under part 97 rules)? I would be interested in getting in touch with anybody active in the field.

- Do you know of any Polk county hams experimenting or regularly operating QRP portable?
- Using WinLink (either HF or VHF)?

I am hoping to get my station back in operation and get active again, primarily on HF PSK31, QRP portable, VHF WinLink and APRS, and possibly ARES.

Also, I have some older equipment I am consider re-purposing. I have an FT-301D HF station that my grandfather gave me when I started out in ham radio that has been gathering dust. If there is a school radio club or young ham in the area, I would like to pay it forward. I could possibly expand this with a tuner and multimode TNC. I also have a couple HF linears in need of some TLC that I'd consider trading / sharing / donating depending on the circumstances... an SB-220 sans tubes and an MLA2500B with one remaining good Eimac 8875 (at last check). Along the same lines, I have several older computers that may turn out to be of interest. I'm not especially concerned with making a profit off of any of this equipment, but would like to know it is going to good use in a good home. Please let me know if you are aware of any opportunities in our community. We have two young children at home and keep pretty busy, but I have noted your meeting schedule on my calendar and will try to make it out soon. I would appreciate any updates on your Field Day plans!

73,

Jason / N7IME

DX COMMENTARY BY KX5W

Some of the upcoming announced DXPeditions are as follows for June and beyond:

Uganda 5X 5X7FN thru June. QSL to DC7NF.

Mozambique C9 C9IR Rodrigo, thru August. QSL to CT1BXT.

China BY BT1OB, BT1OJ, BT1OH, BT1OY, BT1ON Special event stations celebrating the 2008 Beijing Olympics. QSL to BA4EG.

East Malaysia 9M6 9M6/KE5CNK for the next 3 months. QSL home call.

Timor-Leste 4W 4W6R June 10 -- 24. QSL to EA4URE.

Some DX worked locally in the last 30 days are:

V73PX in Kwajelain; BY1V in Taiwan; N6XQ/OA4 Jack in Lima, Peru at the Lima club station; HC8N Galapagos Is; TG9ADM in Guatemala; 3D2A in Fiji; JW7CFA in Svaalbard Is; and ZS6BJH in South Africa.

Please tell me on 2 meters or email at BDocBowers@cs.com what you have worked if you'd like. We can list them in the ROADS REPORT and make you famous.

There is a local DX Convention at the Monarch Hotel in Portland, OR August 1 -- 3. More info is available from wvdx.org/dxconvention or contact Al at K7AR@arrl.net.

There are websites with a lot of infomation on past, present and future DXPeditions. Here's two of them:

Rwanda (9X0R) <<http://www.9x0r.com>>

Clipperton (TX5C) <<http://www.clipperton2008.org>>

If you have any questions or subjects you'd like covered on the general subject let me know. Things like incoming and outgoing QSL Bureaus; IRC's; postage; DX clusters; techniques in a pileup; alpha and kilo indices; and more can and will be discussed as time and space in the ROADS Report permits. Have fun !!!

GOOD LINKS:

W7NAT sends in some interesting links for new licensees as well as for some of the old timers:

IS-100 and IS-700 FEMA courses:

<http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>

Federal Register for FCC actions:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont06.html

Physics information: <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/emcon.html#cl>

Emergency preparation: <http://theepicenter.com/howto.html>

Coax feedline information: <http://www.timesmicrowave.com/cgi-bin/calculate.pl>

Latitude/longitude information: <http://www.stevemorse.org/jcal/latlon.php> or

<http://www.terraserver.microsoft/>

I will leave you with this thought to ponder:

A clever person solves a problem.

A wise person avoids it.

--- Albert Einstein

Until next month (or so)...KD7VLP
