



The DX HUNTER

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TVDXA CLUB INFO

MEETINGS: 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
MAY MEETING: 5/10/07 – 6:30PM @ WALLY's
JUNE MEETING: 6/14/07 - 6:30PM @ WALLY's
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CLUB NEWS

Island Hoppers:

It appears the TVDXA gang will be going to Follys Island, SC. Contact **Barbarra (WA4RMC)** if you are interested and for additional information. I have been there, it is beautiful and the Charleston area is very historic.

Another Big Gun:

It appears that Tony has rubbed-off on yet another Kill-a-watt wan-na-be. Kenny (AB4GG) is now running high-power and has forsaken his QRP (100W) roots for a KW or two linear. So for those of us little guns in North Hamilton County, set your AGC, get in the DX lineup and be prepared to wait (a long time) for the smoke to clear.

Field Day: - Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24

It is never too early to start planning.

We have already discussed teams for F.D. setup, operating and schedule. We will have: HF-CW & SSB stations, a GOTA and VHF stations. Captains for CW & SSB stations and Power Grid/Computers have had their responsibilities defined. We will continue with our family BBQ dinner but allow station operations. We are a small club and need everyone's help both at Field Day and our workday.



TVDXA PERSONALITY

ALAN BREWER – N4HL

Alan can always be counted on to help the club and its members. He is a 'regular' at the meetings, antenna parties and Field Day. He also has participated in the Island DX-peditions.

Alan is an Extra Class, has been a ham for 40 years starting at age 14 and is a Big Gun in the pileups, as he beats me out regularly. He works both CW & SSB and his DXCC count is 318. He has WAS and WAZ in both modes. His dad was also a ham and they shared the radio shack.

Alan, retired now, has had a varied working career; He has been a lawyer in Chattanooga, and a judge in East Ridge before becoming a Pastor. He received a Doctorate of Ministry and served at churches in Kentucky and South Carolina for 13 years.

He and his wife, Janet, have two wonderful daughters.





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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	Tue 1300 – 1900	AGCW QRP/QRP Party - CW	
3	Thu 1700 – 2100	10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/Digi	
4	Fri 0230 – 0300	NCCC Sprint (NS Ladder) - CW	
5- 6	Sat 0000 - Sun 2400	MARAC County Hunters CW Contest - CW	
5- 6	Sat 0001 - Sun 2359	10-10 Int. Spring QSO Party - CW/Digi	
5- 6	Sat 1300 - Sun 0700	7QP - 7th Call Area QSO Party - CW/SSB	
5	Sat 1400 – 2000	US IPARC Annual Contest - CW	
5- 6	Sat 1600 - Sun 0400	Indiana QSO Party - CW/Phone	
5- 6	Sat 2000 - Sun 1959	ARI Int. DX Contest - CW/SSB/RTTY	
5- 6	Sat 2000 - Sun 0500	New England QSO Party (1) - All	
6	Sun 1300 – 2400	New England QSO Party (2) - All	
6	Sun 1400 – 2000	US IPARC Annual Contest - SSB	
8	Tue 0100 – 0300	ARS Spartan Sprint - CW	
11	Fri 0230 – 0300	NCCC Sprint (NS Ladder) - CW	
12	Sat 1100 – 1200	SL Contest - CW	
12-13	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	A. Volta RTTY DX Contest - RTTY	
12-13	Sat 1200 - Sun 1159	CQ-M Int. DX Contest - CW/SSB	
12	Sat 1230 – 1330	SL Contest - SSB	
12-13	Sat 1600 - Sun 0400	Mid-Atlantic QSO Party - CW/Digi/Phone	
12	Sat 1700 – 2100	FISTS Spring Sprint - CW	
13	Sun 1400 – 1500	SSA Månadstest nr 5 - CW	
13	Sun 1515 – 1615	SSA Månadstest nr 5 - SSB	
17	Thu 0030 – 0230	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint - CW	
18	Fri 0230 – 0300	NCCC Sprint (NS Ladder) - CW	
19-20	Sat 0000 - Sun 2400	US Counties QSO Party - SSB	
19-20	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	EU PSK DX Contest - PSK31	
19-20	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	H. M. The King of Spain Contest - CW	
19-20	Sat 1500 - Sun 2359	CWJF Manchester Mineira AA CW Contest - CW	
19-20	Sat 1500 - Sun 1500	Portuguese Navy Day HF Contest - CW/SSB	
19	Sat 1500 – 2100	Portuguese Navy Day HF Contest - PSK	
19-20	Sat 2100 - Sun 0200	Baltic Contest - CW/SSB	
20	Sun 0700 – 1100	SSA Portabeltest Vårömg. - CW/SSB	
21-25	Mon 0000 - Fri 2400	AGCW Activity Week - CW	
21	Mon 0100 – 0300	Run For The Bacon QRP Contest - CW	
26-27	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	CQ WW WPX Contest - CW	
27	Sun 2000 – 2400	QRP ARCI HootOwl Sprint - CW	
27-28	Sun 2300 - Mon 0300	MI-QRP Club Mem. Day CW Sprint - CW	



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ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS

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DATES		LOCATION/CALL	QSL VIA	INFO
2007 May03	2007 May07	Fiji 3D2RI	UR3HR	By UR3HR UR7HTX UR7HTZ UT5UY UX0LL fm Yanuca Is (OC-189); QSL OK via Buro or direct: Leonid Babich, PO Box 55, Poltava, 36000 Ukraine
2007 May04	2007 May18	Malta 9H3	Home Call	By DL3KWR DL3KWF as 9H3RZ and 9H3EZ; focus on WARC bands; mainly CW, also RTTY
2007 May08	2007 May14	Netherlands Antilles PJ2	KC2PZ	By KC2PZ as PJ2/KC2PZ fm Signal Point, Curacao (SA-006)
2007 May10	2007 May13	Mariana Islands KH0WW	JP1IOF	By JP1IOF fm Saipan Is; 160--6m; CW SSB; 500w; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
2007 May10	2007 May15	Nepal 9N7	Home Call	By JA2AAU JA2AIC JA2ATE as 9N7AU, 9N7IC, and 9N7TE; 40-10m; SSB CW RTTY PSK31
2007 May13	2007 May15	Guam KH2	JP1IOF	By JP1IOF as WH7P/KH2; 160--6m; CW SSB; 500w; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
2007 May14	2007 May19	Mexico 4A3IH	IT9EJW	By XE1IH XE1KOF XE1YJL XE1XR XE2ML XE2AUB fm Roqueta Is (NA-183, ARLHS MEX-069); HF + 6 2m; CW SSB digital + sat; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2007 May15	2007 Jun05	Bermuda VP9KF	See Info	By G4BKI fm Hamilton Parish (NA-005); QRV for CQ WW WPX CW; QSL: Paul Evans, 6809 River Road, Tampa, FL 33615, USA
2007 May21	2007 May26	Mexico 4A3IH	IT9EJW	By XE1IH XE1KOF XE1YJL XE1XR XE2ML XE2AUB fm Guerrero Is (NA-183); HF + 6 2m; CW SSB digital + sat; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2007 May26	2007 May30	Liechtenstein HB0		By DL team fm nr Triesenberg at 1200m asl; 160-10m + 2m & 440mHz; SSB FM CW PSK31 RTTY WSJT
2007 May26	2007 Jun01	Guernsey GP8LED/p		By M0DOL 2E0TSW + others fm castles, islands, and forts on Guernsey

K1AR CONTESTING HINT

Do you really know your radio? I found myself totally befuddled the other day when I temporarily got stuck in a strange memory mode with my "borrowed" TS-950DX. The thought occurred to me: (1) How well do I really know this radio? and (2) What features am I missing out on that could improve my contest score? The reality is that most of us use the volume, VFO, and RIT functions and call it a day. However, there are more features in most modern transceivers that are worth checking out. I *may* be the only contester who hasn't taken the time, but I'd guess your score might improve a bit if you take a test drive via the radio's manual!



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TVDXA CLUB BBQ RECIPE THE BALD BBQ'er



TEQUILA PORTERHOUSE STEAKS

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 4 oz. good quality tequila
- 2 pound choice porterhouse steak, aged (or your favorite steak)
- 1 crushed garlic clove
- 2 tbsp. lime juice
- 2 tbsp. pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- dash of balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp. lemon pepper
- 2 tsp. Lawry's seasoned salt

Mix the soy sauce, olive oil and 2 ounces of the tequila together in a small container and shake until well mixed. Put steak into Ziploc bag, pour in marinade, and marinate at room temperature for 1 hour. Drain the steak discarding the marinade.

Mix the remaining ingredients in a small bowl. Apply to both sides of the meat, rubbing in well with your hands.

Place steak on grill over hot mesquite fire (600 to 700 degrees F), and cook until you reach the desired state, approximately 6-8 minutes per side for medium-rare.

(Optional) Place meat on a platter and drizzle the extra tequila over both sides of the steak just before serving.

**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.**