



The DX HUNTER

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TVDXA CLUB INFO

MEETINGS: 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
MAR. MEETING: 3/13/08 - 6:30PM @ WALLY'S
APR. MEETING: 4/10/08 - 6:30PM @ WALLY'S
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“More than a Club – We are Friends”

CLUB NEWS

FIELD DAY 08:

We checked out two **FD Sites** and both look promising.

Starting with the March meeting, we will have some **“lively”** give and take on what we are going to attempt this year. We will need everyone’s input for **FD**, as it will be like starting from the beginning, we need everything:

- Tent/shelters for operators
- Generator(s)
- Antennas to use

Additionally, we need to know:

What you can bring to the table? to help us have another wild and crazy Field Day.

Don’t forget the SSB team took the top spot last year.

“Dues are Due!!”
Please get them to Dick N4LT

TVDXA PERSONALITY

Max Holland - W4MEA

Max was raised in Urbana, OH, and first licensed in 1954. He graduated from Univ. of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS., in 1965. He worked his way thru college as a DJ/Engineer at local radio stations.

Max is a retired electronics teacher. He enjoys tinkering and building electrical/electronic projects along with DX’ing. His DX count is about 120 confirmed and he has been a TVDA member for three/four years.

He has been married to Joyce (WA4WZL) for 37 years and has one daughter.





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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 0000 - Sun 2400	ARRL International DX Contest - SSB	
1	Sat 0600 - 0800	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint - CW	
1	Sat 2200 - 2359	Open Ukraine RTTY CS Low band (1) - RTTY	
2	Sun 0000 - 0159	Open Ukraine RTTY CS Low band (2) - RTTY	
2	Sun 0800 - Sun 1159	Open Ukraine RTTY CS High band (3) - RTTY	
2	Sun 1100 - 1700	DARC 10 m Digital Contest "Corona" - Digi	
4	Tue 0200 - 0400	ARS Spartan Sprint - CW	
4	Tue 1900 - 2100	AGCW YL CW Party - CW	
6	Thu 0230 - 0400	Pesky Texan Armadillo Chase - CW	
6	Thu 1800 - 2200	10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/Digi	
7	Fri 1830 - 1930	HA3NS Memorial Contest - CW	
8- 9	Sat 1000 - Sun 1000	RSGB Commonwealth Contest - CW	
8	Sat 1200 - 1700	DIG QSO Party (10 - 20 m) - SSB	
8	Sat 1400 - 2000	AGCW QRP Contest - CW	
8- 9	Sat 1400 - Sun 0200	Oklahoma QSO Party (1) - All	
8	Sat 1800 - 2400	SOC Marathon Sprint - CW	
8- 9	Sat 1900 - Sun 1900	Idaho QSO Party - All	
9	Sun 0000 - 0400	North American Sprint Contest - RTTY	
9	Sun 0000 - 2359	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon - CW	
9	Sun 0700 - 0900	DIG QSO Party (80 m) - SSB	
9	Sun 0700 - 1100	UBA Spring Contest - CW	
9	Sun 0900 - 1100	DIG QSO Party (40 m) - SSB	
9	Sun 1200 - 1600	NSARA Contest (1) - CW/SSB	
9	Sun 1300 - 1900	Oklahoma QSO Party (2) - All	
9	Sun 1800 - 2200	NSARA Contest (2) - CW/SSB	
9-10	Sun 1800 - Mon 0100	Wisconsin QSO Party - CW/SSB	
11-12	Tue 1700 - Wed 1700	CLARA & Family HF Contest (1) - CW/SSB	
15	Sat 0001 - 2359	10-10 International Mobile QSO Party - All?	
15-16	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	DARC HF-SSTV Contest - SSTV	
15-16	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	Russian DX Contest - CW/SSB	
15	Sat 1500 - 1700	Feld-Hell Club Sprint - Feld-Hell	
15-16	Sat 1700 - Sun 1700	CLARA & Family HF Contest (2) - CW/SSB	
15-17	Sat 1800 - Mon 0200	Virginia QSO Party - All	
16	Sun 0700 - 1100	UBA Spring Contest 6 m - CW/SSB	
16	Sun 1400 - 1500	SSA Månadstest nr 3 - CW	
16	Sun 1515 - 1615	SSA Månadstest nr 3 - SSB	
17	Mon 0100 - 0300	Run For The Bacon QRP Contest - CW	
19	Wed 1900 - 2100	MOON Contest - CW/Digi/SSB	
20	Thu 0030 - 0230	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint - CW	



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22-24	Sat 0200 - Mon 0200	BARTG Spring RTTY Contest - RTTY
23	Sun 1200 - 1600	9KCC 15m-Contest - CW/SSB
24	Mon 0000 - 0400	QRP Homebrewer Sprint - CW/PSK31
24	Mon 1400 - 2000	Low Power Spring Sprint - CW
25	Tue 1800 - 2000	BCC QSO Party - CW/SSB
26	Wed 0000 - 0200	SKCC Sprint - CW
29-30	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	CQ WW WPX Contest - SSB
29-30	Sat 1800 - Sun 1800	QCWA QSO Party - All

OPERATING TIP

Many new contesters, HF or VHF+, are looking for those elusive secrets of the Big Guns that will magically propel them into the Top Ten boxes. What is it that makes these stations stand out? George K5TR contributes a few simple observations:

- They stay in the chair.
- They tune the bands.
- They move or switch between antennas for different directions.
- They call a lot of CQs.
- They have better antennas and signals.
- They have operated many many contests and learned from their experiences and gained knowledge of callsigns and operating habits of the other stations.
- Much of what they have learned has become second nature to them. Don't be seduced by the latest gadget or short-change the honing of your own skills in favor of relying on the Internet. If the magic of radio happens between the headphones, the achievement of that magic must be done there, too.



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ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS

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DATES		LOCATION/CALL	QSL VIA	INFO
2008 Mar01	2008 Mar06	San Andres & Providencia	5J0E LotW	By WF5W W5PF K5WAF NM5G W5PR N4AL; HF; SSB CW; QRV for ARRL DX Phone; QSL also OK via W5PF
2008 Mar01	2008 Mar08	Netherlands Antilles	PJ4 W3HNK	By N0VD as PJ4/N0VD fm Bonaire (SA-006); spare time operation
2008 Mar01	2008 Mar14	Antigua	V26CC	By M0AJT; mainly CW, some SSB; 100w; vertical; QRV for BERU Contest fm Boggy Peak
2008 Mar01	2008 Mar15	Brunei	V8 SM5GMZ	By SM5GMZ; all bands; all modes; spare time operation; exact begin and end dates uncertain
2008 Mar03	2008 Mar10	St Kitts	V4 G4FAL	By G4FAL as V4/F4FAL fm NA-104; 80-10m (no WARC); CW; QRV for RSGB Commonwealth Contest
2008 Mar03	2008 Mar31	Reunion	FR	By F5HIJ as FR/F5HIJ fm Bernica; 20m dipole; 18:00-20:00z
2008 Mar05	2008 Apr27	Solomon Islands	H44MS DL2GAC	By DL2GAC fm Honiara, Guadalcanal (OC-047, LH-0086); QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2008 Mar06	2008 Mar20	Madeira	CT3 Home Call	By DL3KWR DL3KWF as CT3/homecall fm AF-014; 30 17 12m; mainly CW, also RTTY PSK31
2008 Mar07	2008 Mar17	Clipperton Island	TX5C TBA	By N6OX N7CQQ K4SV + international team; emphasis on EU + AF
2008 Mar09	2008 Mar11	Egypt	SU0ARA	By DL1BDF; HF; permission is pending for 80m activity
2008 Mar11	2008 Mar17	Antigua	V25 Home Call	By W4OWY W9OP as V25WY and V25OP; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY
2008 Mar11	2008 Mar18	Iceland	TF RV3ACA	By RA3MR RD3MA RA3MF RV3ACA RZ6AU UA1ANA as TF/RK3MWL TF/homecall and TF4Y (Russian DX Contest); focus on low bands + WARC; all modes
2008 Mar13	2008 Mar22	St Barthelemy	FJ F6CMH	By F6CMH as FJ/F6CMH fm NA-146; mainly 40 20m, SSB
2008 Mar15	2008 Mar23	Honduras	HQ8R HR2RCH	By WQ7R KC4CD HR2DX HR2DMR HR7REA HR2J HR2PAC fm Swan Is (NA-035); 160-10m; 2 SSB stns, 1 CW stn, 1 digital (RTTY PSK31) stn
2008 Mar16	2008 Mar27	Rwanda	9X0R EA5RM	By international team; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY



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2008 Mar16	2008 Mar27	Senegal	6W	IK4ALM	By IK4ALM as 6W/IK4ALM; 40-10m; 100w; ground plane; holiday style operation; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2008 Mar16	2008 Mar30	Mauritania	5T	DH7WW	By DK8YY DL2JRM DL3JJ DL4JS DL5SE DL7ZZ; 3 stations; verticals + yagis; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2008 Mar16	2008 Mar31	East Malaysia	9M6	SM5GMZ	By SM5GMZ fm Sarawak; all bands; all modes; spare time operation; exact begin and end dates uncertain
2008 Mar18	2008 Apr07	Juan Fernandez	CE0Z	DL2AH	By DL2AH as CE0Z/DL2AH; 40-10m; mainly SSB RTTY; FT-897; holiday style operation; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2008 Mar19	2008 Mar21	Isle of Man	MD	Home Call	By K8PT K3PLV as MD/homecall
2008 Mar20	2008 Mar26	Jersey	MJ	Home Call	By 2E0WWMG 2E0WWMG as 2J0WWMG and MJ0MJH fm EU-013; perhaps also fm Les Minquiers Reef (EU-099)
2008 Mar20	2008 Apr02	Vietnam	3W3M	F6BUM	By F6BUM fm Con Co (AS-185, new, Mar 20-23), Phu Quoc (AS-128, Mar 25-28), Dao Con (AS-130, Mar29-Apr02); 40-10m; SSB CW; 100w; vertical
2008 Mar22	2008 Mar27	Jersey	MJ	Home Call	By K8PT K3PLV as MJ/homecall
2008 Mar22	2008 Mar30	Spratly	9M0	K2RET	By N1UR; 160-10m; CW SSB; callsign TBD
2008 Mar23	2008 Mar30	Lord Howe Island	VK9ALH	Home Call	By ON5AX ON3AX; CW SSB PSK31; 100w; ground plane; dates tentative
2008 Mar24	2008 Mar28	Virgin Islands	KP2	KF6JQJ	By W6DXO as KP2/W6DXO; 20-10m, perhaps 40m; SSB, some CW; holiday style operation
2008 Mar24	2008 Apr01	Turks & Caicos	VP5	Home Call	By KX4WW W4VIC W9RN W4OV as VP5/homecall; QRV for CQ WW WPX SSB as VQ59W (QSL via KX4WW Direct (SASE or \$1)
2008 Mar25	2008 Apr01	St Barthelemy	FJ	W2RZS	By WB2NVR WA2VQW N2DVQ N2DHH; 160m + WARC; QRV for CQ WPX SSB; QSL OK via Buro or direct; W2RZS Amateur Radio Club; special callsign requested
2008 Mar27	2008 Apr01	Lesotho	7P8FC	ON4CJK	By ON4AEO ON7BK ZS6GC ZS5AYC ZS6ACT ZS6TMO ZR6AP; 80-10m; SSB RTTY PSK
2008 Mar27	2008 Oct08	Jan Mayen	JX9JKA	LA9JKA	By LA9JKA fm EU-022; 160-6m; SSB + digital
2008 Mar30	2008 Apr17	Madagascar	5R8HT		By F4DBJ fm Ivato (AF-013); also fm Nattes Is (AF-090)