

THE ECDXA PILEUP

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Club Callsign — K2VK

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ECDXA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAYTON, FIELD DAY, NEW DXCC ENTITY, CONTESTS, & MORE!

Working in the ARRL EXPO in Dayton this year, I got to meet and greet people from all over the world! Thanks to the efforts of many, including the ARRL Public Relations Committee, the HELLO Campaign has certainly taken off and surpassed everyone's expectations.

DXing took on new meaning, as George, KC2GLG and I took the ICOM 7000 on the road as we traveled to Dayton. I was able to complete my WAS Award....no, no, no....not my Worked All States, but My Worked All Steve's Award! That's right. The 3 Steve's ARC was on DXpedition in St. Croix during Hamvention. I was able to make contact with all three of them from the hotel room in Dayton, Ohio. More information about the 3 Steve's is in this newsletter. Thanks guys!

My Kenwood TS940S developed a few problems over the last year. After an initial phone call to Kenwood, brought me some unpleasant news, I found a very reputable person to service the radio. Hal Gueretsky, K6DPZ from Queens, NY was able to work on the radio and bring it back to original specs and to full life again! Thanks Hal, the 940 performed very well in our Field Day operation.

Field Day 2006 is history! For those of us on the East Coast, it could be summed up in one word – WET! At the last minute, my Field Day plans changed and Hudson Division site visitation was severely curtailed due to the heavy rainfall and flooded roads. After visiting a few local clubs, it was decided that putting ECDXA up on the air was the safest option. So, around 4:30pm Saturday, K2VK was on the air as 3D using the two Kenwood transceivers and the ICOM 7000. We had a wonderful time operating and the conditions were not bad either. It was great to contact some of the local clubs on 40 and even 6 meters! My daughters even joined in the fun for some late night operating! We heard quite a few YL's and kids on the air. This is a good sign of the growth in our hobby. We made 175 contacts working less than 12 of the 24 hours. Hopefully, most of you got to participate in some way either by operating at home, or perhaps visiting a local club at their Field Day site.

It looks like we are going to be able to work a 'new Entity' very soon. Montenegro has been in the DX news lately. The separation of Montenegro from Serbia is what will change the DXCC list. Ultimately, this will also change Serbia's status as well. Look for stations on the air using callsigns: 4O3DX, 4O3NT, 4O3T AND 4O3A. More info on Page 3!

Cook Islands have been spotted on the air working with a new prefix – E5. ZK1 stations have been using this prefix beginning June 1, 2006. The callsign series: E5A – E5Z has been allocated to New Zealand for exclusive use by the Cook Islands (formerly ZK1). Don't forget to add this prefix to your logging programs!

Conditions earlier this month made for some exciting times during the ARRL VHF Contest. ECDXA members KA2ANF and KC2GLG, got behind the mics once again to operate 6m, 2m, 1.25m and 70cm. This also was the debut of our latest antenna, a hamstick style dipole for 6 meters! (with it we were able to easily work 6m into Washington, Oregon, Texas, Florida and more!!!)

The first 6 months of ECDXA's re-birth have been very exciting and rewarding for all of us. It was a dream realized to put the club station 'on-the-air' after Andy's death in 1999. So far this year, we have seen many changes in Amateur Radio. And the Goals of ECDXA have been realized as we concentrate on introducing more people to Amateur Radio. Through the promotion and mentoring in many operating events, we have been able to help get folks licensed and on the air safely. I'd like to think we are offering first-time operators a chance to see what lies before them after they pass their license exam. A big thank you goes to the team of Volunteer Examiners that come out each month to help at the sessions. They all have been very positive supporters of the ARRL/VEC and their dedication to making Amateur Radio grow is evident. Thank you all for giving up your Saturday mornings and for traveling where you are needed.

By the way, one of our members has a new 'harmonic'. Congratulations to Paul, W2PWE, his YL Adriana and William (big brother), as they have a new baby daughter (baby sister) born this month!

So as we look to the next 6 months, we will do even more operating, VE testing, mentoring, hamfesting, and teaching operating procedures and safety. In general, we will share what we have learned in our Amateur Radio lives, with others. Remember, if you are DXing, Contesting, Mentoring, or just plain having fun with Amateur Radio, promote East Coast DX Assn as your affiliated club. Be sure to keep up to date by frequently visiting our website: www.ecdxa.org



Upcoming Contests, DXpeditions And Special Events:

IARU World Championships
July 8-9 2006
www.arrl.org/contests/

International DX Festival—
Montenegro
July 20-August 12 2006
Work Montenegro-The New-
est DXCC Entity
(more info on Page 3!)

ARRL September VHF QSO
Party
September 9-11 2006
www.arrl.org/contests/

CQ Worldwide DX Contest
October 27-28 2006
www.cq-amateur-radio.com

'Why I Love Ham Radio'

"Ham radio is a reflection of our world in miniature. There are so many wide ranging interests, so many fascinating people all with so much dedication and passion for the service they love. And just think of it, decades of public service and friendships that extend across town across the country and around the world. And you'll find every walk of life and every generation in ham radio. It's fascinating and challenging and rewarding! It's unique! So say "Hello", get on the air and see for yourself!"

Mary Hobart - K1MMH

From The ARRL's Hello Campaign
www.hello-radio.org



"Amateur Radio IS Public Service"

Dayton Hamvention's 2006 Theme

Remember The Goals Of ECDXA:

ECDXA's Goals:

- To introduce new people to ECDXA and to Amateur Radio
- To keep communications open and frequent among Club Members
- To support, promote and participate in as many operating events as possible
- To plan to get together in person at least once every couple of months
- To share thoughts, operating successes, new contacts, etc with each other.
- To submit our contest scores — using East Coast DX Assn as our Club affiliation
- To keep up to date with events in the world of Amateur Radio via the ECDXA webpage
- To take part in ARRL Field Day every year
- To HAVE FUN! and to make a commitment to do something radio-related everyday!

3 STEVES DXPEDITION TO ST. CROIX, US VIRGIN ISLANDS
ECDXA MEMBERS N2IFA, KB2ENF & KF2TI
- THEY ARE ONCE AGAIN ON THE MOVE & ON THE AIR -

From Thursday, May 18 to Sunday, May 21, the DX operation of the 3 Steves (N2IFA, KB2ENF and KF2TI), handled almost 1500 Q's from the Island of St. Croix located in the US Virgin Islands.

Be sure to look and listen for the 3 Steves annual trip to and operating session at W1AW between Christmas and New Years and earn a WAS from ARRL headquarters.

73—The 3 Steves

From the ham shack of Brian and Ann Keegan (KP2HC and KP2YL), and signing their homecalls/KP2, the Steves were on the receiving end of a DX pile up on DXCC soil.

Instead of their annual trip to Dayton, they opted to travel to the beautiful Island of St. Croix this year and hand out as many coveted WAS certificates as possible. (WAS meaning of course, Worked All Steves) In all, almost 100 lucky amateurs, including ECDXA President, KA2ANF, qualified for this fun award.

The Steves are already planning next year's 2007 WAS DX Expedition weekend. More information will be on their Website!

<http://3stevesandkurt.dynu.com/>



ARRL HUDSON DIVISION AWARDS DINNER 2006

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDER NOW!

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 11 2006

Reserve your seat now for the 2006 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Dinner and plan to join in with your fellow ECDXA members at our Club Table!



Use The Links Below For Information On
The ARRL Hudson Division Awards Dinner
Holiday Inn—50 Kenny Place—Saddle Brook NJ
GPS Coordinates: N 40.90327—W 74.10130

For 2006, the event will be sponsored by the Bergen Amateur Radio Association (BARA), and it will take place on Saturday evening, November 11, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Saddle Brook NJ. Seats are limited order as soon as possible to be assured a seat!

Ticket Order Forms are now available on these Websites:

www.bara.org
www.ka2anf.com

Ticket Ordering And General Dinner Information

www.bara.org/events/hudsondinner/hudsondinner.html
www.ka2anf.com/HudsonDivAwardsDinner2006.htm

Customized Driving Directions To The Dinner

www.ka2anf.com/HudsonDivAwardsDinner2006.htm

Mapquest Map For The Dinner

www.ka2anf.com/HudsonDivAwardsDinner2006.htm

Photos From The 2005 Awards Dinner

www.ka2anf.com/HudsonDivAwardsDinner2005.htm



Where's The DX?

DX During July 2006

SV5, Dodecanese
T7, San Marino
VE1, Canada
XX9, Macao
YI, Iraq
YJ, Vanuatu
YR0, Romania
Z2, Zimbabwe
ZA, Albania

IOTA July-September 2006

DU, Mindanao Is, Philippines
I, Vivara Island (EU-031)
IS0, Sardinia Island (EU-024)
IS0, Maddalena Island (EU-041)
IS0, San Pietro Island (EU-165)
JA, Oshima Island (AS-076)
JW, Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard
SM, Stora Karlso Island (off Gotland Island) and lighthouse
SV9, Crete Island (EU-015)

This is just a sample of some of the upcoming DXpeditions in the next few months. If you need to improve your country count, visit the following for current updates:

The 425 DX Page:

www.425dxn.org/

The OPDX Bulletin:

www.papays.com/opdx.html

AMATEUR RADIO AND PUBLIC SERVICE

ECDXA Sets Up A Last Minute Field Day Operation As K2VK—3D—NNJ

6:00 AM Saturday morning June 24 2006, the NWS Upton NY updates its Flood Warning for NNJ, indicating that up to 5 inches of rain is possible in the next 36 hours.

A quick look at the Doppler Radar confirmed that the rain was quickly approaching from the south and it appears that



it will be a long lasting event.

Plans for ECDXA's President and ARRL Hudson Division Vice Director Joyce Birmingham—KA2ANF to operate Field Day as a 1C station as she travels throughout NJ and NY visiting Field Day sites are quickly reassessed.

While it was possible for Joyce to visit several NJ Field Day sites by late afternoon there is no letup in the rain, and it is determined that

ECDXA's club Station would be activated as K2VK 3D NNJ for the remainder of FD 2006.

On the air for less than 12 hours, over 175 contacts were made by KA2ANF, KB2MER, KB2ZMM and KC2GLG.

More info and some pictures on the Website at: www.ecdxa.org



WORK THE NEWEST DXCC ENTITY—IN RESPONSE TO MONTENEGRO'S NEW NATION STATUS, INTERNATIONAL DX FESTIVAL MONTENEGRO HAS BEEN SET FOR JULY 20 UNTIL AUGUST 12 2006

Plans are being put into place for several international operators -- headed by well-known DXer Martti Laine, OH2BH, and including ARRL's David Sumner, K1ZZ (and XYL Linda, KA1ZD), and Wayne Mills, N7NG -- to join forces with Montenegrin Amateur Radio operators from at least three different stations using a common call sign in an effort to meet the DX community's need to work the newest DXCC Entity. International DX Festival Montenegro—July 20 thru August 12, 2006.



More information is available at these Websites

www.yu6scg.cg.yu/international-dx-festival.html
www.yu6scg.cg.yu/international-dx-festival-montenegro-2006/

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THE 2006 ARRL HUDSON DIVISION AWARD WINNERS

Frank Fallon—N2FF, ARRL Hudson Division Director, announces the Hudson Division Award Winners for 2006:



Amateur of the Year—Barry Cohen, K2JV

Grand Ole Ham—Bob Raffaele, W2XM

Technical Achievement—Elmer Sharp, WA2YSM

Special Recognition For Public Service Excellence
Jeff Schneller, N2HPO

The Awards will be presented at the 2006 Hudson Division Awards Dinner hosted by the Bergen Amateur Radio Association at the Holiday Inn, Saddle Brook, NJ on Saturday evening, November 11 2006

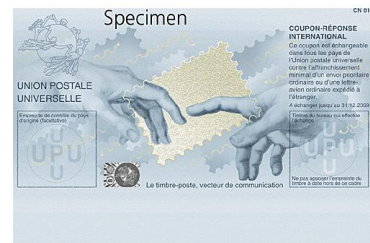
More information about the Dinner as well as Links to Ticket Information and Driving Directions can be found on Page 3 of this Newsletter.

!!! THE NEW IRC IS HERE !!! AVAILABLE AS OF JULY 1 2006

The international reply coupon (IRC) is getting a makeover! Two fingers about to touch, framed in a postage stamp - this image inspired by the famous Michelangelo work adorning the Sistine Chapel ceiling symbolizes the notions of communication and exchange that the international reply coupon represents.

The new reply coupon, called Beijing model No. 2, will be sold commercially in more than 70 countries starting July 1 2006, and will be exchangeable up to December 31 2009 in all Union member countries.

www.upu.int/irc/en/index.shtml



!!! Attention All ECDXA Members !!!

Do We Have Your Current Email Address And Updated County Count?

Send Your Current Info To: info@ecdxa.org

Remember ECDXA's VE Team Can Process Your FCC License And Vanity Callsign Renewal

With the FCC's Vanity Callsign program reaching its 10 year anniversary soon, many will need to not only renew their Amateur Radio License but also their FCC issued Vanity Callsign.

The ECDXA VE Team is now not only able to help you through this process but also they are also able to file your paperwork and payments via the ARRL VEC. Complete information is available from links on the EXCDA VE Webpage at:

www.ecdxa.org/ecdxaVE.htm

If you have any questions about renewing your FCC Amateur Radio License or Vanity Callsign be sure to contact the ECDXA VE Team via Email at:

ve@ecdxa.org



Future ECDXA Sponsored VE Sessions

Saturday—July 15 2006
9:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Saturday—August 12 2006
9:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Both Sessions will be at the
Paramus Congregational Church
205 Spring Street, Paramus NJ

Visit the ECDXA VE Webpage for the latest information on upcoming VE Sessions.

www.ecdxa.org/ecdxaVE.htm