



The DX HUNTER

JUNE 16

MDXA CLUB INFO

**MEETINGS: 2nd SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
7:30 AM @ GOLDEN CORRAL HWY 49
GULFPORT**

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“More than a Club – We are Friends”

CLUB NEWS

Megin, K5IJ, has up-dated the clubs website. If you have not seen it lately, you need to take a look at it. She spent many hours re-designing and adding to it. We now have a very professional looking site that will rival any radio club on the internet. Many Kudos to Megin.



On Saturday, June 4, 2016, MDXA is participating in National Parks on the Air from Davis Bayou in Ocean Springs, MS. We will be operating as W5NO with two stations primarily on 40m, 20m and 17m. Modes will include SSB, CW and hopefully RTTY and PSK31. Come out enjoy the day, bring the family and enjoy the DX/Pileup.

MDXA Field Day Progress Report - 2 Success Community Center, Saucier

Power: We will be running generator power for all rigs.

Ancillary equipment: fans, lights and computers will be run off commercial power that will be delivered to each station via drop-cord.

Shelter: All stations will be under cover of the shelter and air-conditioned with real bathrooms.

Activities: We will have three (3) areas of activity broken down as follows:

SSB Mode HF Communications Station

CW Mode HF Communications Station

Guest and Participant Sign-In and Public Information Station

Equipment: All stations will be equipped with one antenna. Rigs are being supplied by various members and we still need some back up rigs and tuners.

Contact KE4MBP (Howard) at 228*222*5184 if you can provide additional equipment, antennas, tuners, tables, fans (etc) or see the Equipment Signup Sheet on the (new) MDXA website.



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MDXA Field Day Progress Report cont.

Schedule: Friday 6/24 5:00PM at the Success Community Center to set up antenna pull ropes

Saturday 6/25 10:00 AM Begin station building on site at Success Center

Saturday 6/25 1:00 PM Field Day Communications begin

Saturday 6/25 6:00 – 7:00 PM Temporary shutdown for dinner (Club will provide entrée & members/family provide covered dish)

Sunday 6/26 1:00 PM All stations officially shut down and begin dismantling the site

Sunday 6/26 3:00 PM everything packed and we call it a great event

We want to invite you, your family, friends and neighbors to come out and visit us. **Everyone will have an opportunity to talk on the radio**, make contacts and learn about our hobby. This is our second new Field Day beginning for our club. Last year we learned a lot and finished 4th in 2A MS. **PLEASE come out and help support your club** - teach ham radio to someone new.





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Continued from last month, DXing from AA0MZ. This is a good guide for those starting in DX and us ole timers that think we know it all.

11. It is common for DX stations to say "West Coast only" or "East Coast only." They forget the U.S. is a big country and there are many in the middle (0,5,8,9). This is like a U.S. IOTA station working a European pileup and saying, "CT, EA, F, and G only" and then saying, "EZ, RA, UJ, UN only." This wouldn't make the DL, ES, I, LA, LY, OE, OH, OK, OM, ON, SM, YL, YO, YU etc etc etc very happy. (Are you reading this DX stations?) Anyway, it is hard to tell what is West Coast or East Coast (sometimes referred to as "The Wall"). Some people think 6's and 7's ONLY are the west coast. So a guy in Cheyenne, WY is west coast and a guy 40 miles south in Ft Collins, CO (a 0) is not. Doesn't make much sense does it? Some think the East coast is 1's, 2's, 3's and 4's. If you are waiting for DX to say "Midwest only" you will never work a country. You be the judge if Omaha, Nebraska or Oklahoma City qualifies as west coast or east coast. I think the general consensus is the Midwest is neither east or west coast and gets passed over unless there is a generic CQ call. Not fair? Yeah, and it isn't fair that North Dakota is colder than Florida. It would be better if they said "East (or West) of the Mississippi." Needless to say, a zero answering a call for "West coast only" may generate some complaints from 6's and 7's. Until the DX learns to say "Midwest only" or "West of the Mississippi" you're on your own here. I figure if the DX meant 6's and 7's only he'd say so. Probably what they really mean is, "I would like to get beyond the East (West) coast Wall calling me." If you are a 1, 2, 3, or 4 don't answer "West Coast only" and if you are a 6 or 7 don't answer "East Coast only." If you think that is a mess, the middle provinces of Canada don't get a fair shot in either "by the numbers" or "by the coasts."

12. If you can't hear the station give his callsign or instructions then you can't work them. Don't interrupt the pileup with dumb ass questions such as "Who is the DX?" "Who is the manager?" "Where's he listening?" etc.

13. "Work first, worry later" (WFWL). If you aren't sure if the station is real or a pirate/slim work them anyway. You can always figure out later if it was a waste of time. Too often this has become "Work First, Listen Later" (WFLL) which is bad operating. Listen and know what you are doing. Nothing is more stupid than an operator asking, "Who did I just work?" (The correct answer is "no one" because if you didn't get their call....you didn't work them. To get the call from someone else is an assisted, spoon-fed contact).

14. If you have already worked the guy, give someone else a chance. Keeping a guy from working a new one so you can tell a DX station he is louder than he was yesterday makes you a DX pig. Too often the DX pigs will say, "I just wanted to jump in here and tell you that you have a terrific signal today." The DX knows this; that's why he has a pileup.

15. If the DX is working pileups don't try to engage him in lengthy conversation. "So what rig are you running? How's the weather?" You probably really don't care and are just showing off to the 1,000s of hams waiting that you are an ass with a lot of money wasted on a huge station. If you really care about the weather and such then look it up on the internet.

16. If the DX station is having ragchews then don't interrupt for a contact. DX stations should be allowed to enjoy their hobby too. Contacts with family and friends are part of that. It could be a missionary or serviceman who is having an important and rare contact home. They too may be chasing their own awards. Don't be a jerk by interrupting every exchange with "break" just so you can get another country.



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ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Reported by	Info
June						
2016 Jun02	2016 Jun07	Marshall Is	V73HA	EB7DX	DXW.Net 20160514	By CX3AN fm Majuro Atoll; 40-6m; CW SSB; holiday style operation
2016 Jun03	2016 Jun17	Cayman Is	ZF2MN	M0OXO	DXW.Net 20160517	By 2M0JMN fm NA-016; HF; holiday style operation
2016 Jun05	2016 Jun23	St Martin	FS	LotW	DXNews 20160112	By K9EL as FS/K9EL fm NA-105 (DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383); 80-6m, including 60m, focus on 6m; CW SSB RTTY; 500w; 3 ele yagi on 6m, dipoles, vertical; QSL also OK via K9EL and Club Log
2016 Jun07	2016 Jun09	Micronesia	V63AN	EB7DX	DXNews 20160514	By CX3AN fm OC-011; 40-6m; CW SSB; holiday style operation
2016 Jun09	2016 Jun14	Palau	T88AN	EB7DX	DXNews 20160514	By CX3AN fm Koror I (OC-009); 40-6m; CW SSB; holiday style operation
2016 Jun11	2016 Jun25	St Martin	FS	W5LAC	DXNews 20160307	By W5LAC as FS/W5LAC, also fm Sint Maarten as PJ7/W5LAC; HF
2016 Jun14	2016 Jul15	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LotW	W5JON 20160505	By W5JON fm St Kitts; 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB; verticals, yagi on 6m; QRV for IARU HF Contests; QSL also OK via W5JON direct
2016 Jun15	2016 Jul14	Mauritius	3B8	EB7DX	DXNews 20151204	By M0RCX as 3B8/M0RCX; 40-6m; SSB RTTY JT65 PSK31; 100w; QSL also OK via eQSL
2016 Jun17	2016 Jun29	St Barthelemy	FJ	Home Call	W9DR 20150910	By W9DR as FJ/W9DR and W9AEB as FJ/W9AEB; W9DR on 6m, CW SSB, beacon at 50.115,7; W9AEB on 40-10m; CW SSB
2016 Jun20	2016 Jun28	Maldives	8Q7HW	DK1HW	DXNews 20160125	By DK1HW fm Mushimasgali I (AS-013); HF; CW SSB PSK31; 100w; verticals in seawater
2016 Jun22	2016 Jul11	Dominica	J79XE	WB4WXE	WB4WXE 20160506	By WB4WXE fm Upper Salisbury; 6m when open, 40-10m when not; 600w and 5 ele yagi on 6m
2016 Jun23	2016 Jul08	Bahamas	C6AUX	VE3IKV Direct	VE3IKV 20160108	By VE3IKV fm Mayaguana I (NA-113); 6m, possibly some HF; CW SSB; 8 ele yagi
2016 Jun28	2016 Jul04	Malta	9H3G	JH3FUK	JA3FVJ 20160514	By IT9BTI JH3FUK JA3TJA JA3QWN JA3FVJ; 40-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK; Spiderbeam, vertical dipole; QSL also OK via Club Log



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CONTESTING NEWS

DATE WEEKDAY - TIME UTC CONTEST NAME - MODE

1-31 Fri 0000 - Sat 2359 CQ DX Marathon - All
Jan-Dec

- 1 Wed 0230 - 0300 Phone Fray (1) - SSB
- 1 Wed 1300 - 1400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (1) - CW
- 1 Wed 1700 - 1859 Mini-Contest (1) (40/80 m) - CW
- 1 Wed 1900 - 2000 CWops Mini-CWT Test (2) - CW
- 2 Thu 0300 - 0400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (3) - CW
- 2 Thu 1700 - 2100 10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/Digital
- 3 Fri 1900 - 1929 HA3NS Sprint Mem. Contest (1) (7 MHz) - CW
- 3 Fri 1930 - 1959 HA3NS Sprint Mem. Contest (2) (3,5 MHz) - CW

- 4-5 Sat 0000 - Sun 2359 10-10 Int. Open Season Ten Meter QP - BPSK31
- 4 Sat 0400 - 1200 DigiFest Contest (1) - Digital
- 4-5 Sat 0600 - Sun 0600 VK Shires Contest - CW/SSB
- 4 Sat 0600 - 0800 Wake-Up! QRP Sprint (40/20 m) - CW
- 4 Sat 0800 - 1200 LZ Open 20 m Contest - CW
- 4-5 Sat 1200 - Sun 1200 SEANET Contest - CW/SSB
- 4-5 Sat 1300 - Sun 1300 UKSMG Summer Contest - All
- 4-5 Sat 1400 - Sun 1400 LZ DX VHF/UHF Contest - CW/FM/SSB
- 4-5 Sat 1500 - Sun 1500 Dutch Kingdom Contest (DKC) - CW/SSB
- 4-5 Sat 1500 - Sun 1500 IARU Region 1 Fieldday - CW
- 4-5 Sat 1500 - Sun 1459 IARU Region 1 Fieldday (DARC) - CW
- 4-5 Sat 1500 - Sun 1500 IRTS HF Field Day - CW
- 4-5 Sat 1500 - Sun 1500 RSGB National Field Day - CW
- 4-5 Sat 1600 - Sun 0400 Alabama QSO Party - CW/Phone
- 4-5 Sat 2000 - Sun 0400 DigiFest Contest (2) - Digital
- 5 Sun 1200 - 2000 DigiFest Contest (3) - Digital

- 6 Mon 1600 - 1900 CZ-EPC Activity - PSK31/PSK63/PSK125
- 6 Mon 1630 - 1729 OK1WC Memorial Activity 1 (80/40 m) - CW/SSB
- 6 Mon 1900 - 2030 RSGB 80 m Club Championship - PSK/RTTY
- 7 Tue 0100 - 0300 ARS Spartan Sprint - CW
- 8 Wed 0230 - 0300 Phone Fray (2) - SSB
- 8 Wed 1300 - 1400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (4) - CW
- 8 Wed 1700 - 1859 Mini-Contest (2) (40/80 m) - CW
- 8 Wed 1900 - 2000 CWops Mini-CWT Test (5) - CW
- 9 Thu 0300 - 0400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (6) - CW
- 9 Thu 1700 - 2100 NAC 50 MHz (Aktivitetstest) - All



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- 11 Sat 0000 - 0759 DRCG WW RTTY Contest (1) - RTTY
11 Sat 0600 - 0659 PGA-TEST (80 m) - CW/SSB
11 Sat 1100 - 1300 Asia-Pacific Sprint Contest - SSB
11-12 Sat 1200 - Sun 1200 ** ARR PSK63 Contest - BPSK63
11-12 Sat 1200 - Sun 1200 Portugal Day Contest - CW/SSB
11-12 Sat 1200 - Sun 2359 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon - CW
11-12 Sat 1500 - Sun 1500 WWSA CW Contest - CW
11-12 Sat 1600 - Sun 1600 DDFM 50 MHz Contest - CW/FM/SSB
11 Sat 1600 - 2359 DRCG WW RTTY Contest (2) - RTTY
11-13 Sat 1800 - Mon 0259 ARRL June VHF Contest - All
12 Sun 0800 - 1559 DRCG WW RTTY Contest (3) - RTTY
12 Sun 1400 - 1600 FISTS Ladder Activity 1 - CW
12 Sun 1400 - 1500 SSA Månadstest nr 6 (40/80 m) - SSB
12 Sun 1515 - 1615 SSA Månadstest nr 6 (40/80 m) - CW
12 Sun 1800 - 2000 FISTS Ladder Activity 2 - CW
- 13 Mon 1630 - 1729 OK1WC Memorial Activity 2 (80/40 m) - CW/SSB
15 Wed 0030 - 0230 NAQCC Straight Key/Bug QRP Sprint - CW
15 Wed 0230 - 0300 Phone Fray (3) - SSB
15 Wed 1300 - 1400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (7) - CW
15 Wed 1700 - 1859 Mini-Contest (3) (40/80 m) - CW
15 Wed 1800 - 2000 MOON Contest (6 m) - CW/Digital/SSB
15 Wed 1900 - 2000 CWops Mini-CWT Test (8) - CW
15 Wed 1900 - 2030 RSGB 80 m Club Championship - CW
16 Thu 0300 - 0400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (9) - CW
- 18-19 Sat 0000 - Sun 2400 All Asian DX Contest - CW
18-19 Sat 0000 - Sun 2400 ** SMIRK Contest - CW/Phone
18-19 Sat 1200 - Sun 1159 Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest - RTTY
18-19 Sat 1400 - Sun 1400 50 MHz IARU Region 1 Contest - CW/FM/SSB
18-19 Sat 1400 - Sun 1400 RSGB 50 MHz Trophy Contest CW/FM/SSB
18-19 Sat 1500 - Sun 1500 Stew Perry Topband Distance Challenge - CW
18-19 Sat 1600 - Sun 0200 West Virginia QSO Party - CW/Digital/SSB
18 Sat 1800 - 2359 Kid's Day - SSB
18 Sat 2000 - 2159 Feld-Hell Club Sprint - Feld-Hell
19 Sun 0900 - 1500 WAB 50 MHz Phone - Phone
- 20 Mon 0100 - 0300 Run For The Bacon QRP Contest - CW
20 Mon 1630 - 1729 OK1WC Memorial Activity 3 (80/40 m) - CW/SSB
22 Wed 0000 - 0200 SKCC Straight Key Sprint - CW
22 Wed 0230 - 0300 Phone Fray (4) - SSB
22 Wed 1300 - 1400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (10) - CW
22 Wed 1700 - 1859 Mini-Contest (4) (40/80 m) - CW
22 Wed 1900 - 2000 CWops Mini-CWT Test (11) - CW
23 Thu 0030 - 0230 NAQCC Straight Key/Bug mW Sprint - CW
23 Thu 0300 - 0400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (12) - CW
23 Thu 1900 - 2030 RSGB 80 m Club Championship - SSB



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- 25-26 Sat 0000 - Sun 2400 VERON SWL SLP Contest (5) - SSB
25 Sat 0600 - 0659 PGA-DIGI (80 m) - PSK63/RTTY
25 Sat 0600 - 0900 UFT QRP Contest (1) - CW
25 Sat 0800 - 2200 SCAG Straight Key Day (SKD) - CW
25-26 Sat 1200 - Sun 1200 H. M. The King of Spain Contest - SSB
25-26 Sat 1200 - Sun 1200 Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest - RTTY(75 bd)/PSK63
25 Sat 1400 - 1700 UFT QRP Contest (2) - CW
25-26 Sat 1800 - Sun 2059 ARRL Field Day - All
26 Sun 0700 - 0759 RCWC 4 Seasons Contest (1) (20 m) - CW
26 Sun 0900 - 1200 RSGB 50 MHz Contest CW - CW
26 Sun 1400 - 1600 FISTS Ladder Activity 3 - CW
26 Sun 1600 - 1659 RCWC 4 Seasons Contest (2) (40 m) - CW
26 Sun 1800 - 2000 FISTS Ladder Activity 4 - CW
26 Sun 1900 - 1959 RCWC 4 Seasons Contest (3) (80 m) - CW
- 27 Mon 1630 - 1729 OK1WC Memorial Activity 4 (80/40 m) - CW/SSB
28 Tue 1700 - 2100 50 MHz Open Cumulative Contest - CW/SSB
28 Tue 1900 - 2130 RSGB 50 MHz UKAC - CW/SSB
29 Wed 0230 - 0300 Phone Fray (5) - SSB
29 Wed 1300 - 1400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (13) - CW
29 Wed 1700 - 1859 Mini-Contest (5) (40/80 m) - CW
29 Wed 1900 - 2000 CWops Mini-CWT Test (14) - CW
30 Thu 0300 - 0400 CWops Mini-CWT Test (15) - CW