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#### MDXA CLUB INFO

MEETINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

<u>We want to invite you</u>, your family, friends and neighbors to come out and visit us. <u>Everyone</u> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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
Jui	ne					
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	MOOXO	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

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Wed 0230 - 0300
                       Phone Fray (1) - SSB
   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
                      CWops Mini-CWT Test (3) - CW
   Thu 0300 - 0400
2
   Thu 1700 - 2100
                      10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/Digital
3
   Fri 1900 - 1929
                     HA3NS Sprint Mem. Contest (1) (7 MHz) - CW
3
                     HA3NS Sprint Mem. Contest (2) (3,5 MHz) - CW
   Fri 1930 - 1959
4- 5 Sat 0000 - Sun 2359 10-10 Int. Open Season Ten Meter QP - BPSK31
                     DigiFest Contest (1) - Digital
   Sat 0400 - 1200
4-5 Sat 0600 - Sun 0600 VK Shires Contest - CW/SSB
                     Wake-Up! QRP Sprint (40/20 m) - CW
   Sat 0600 - 0800
    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
                      CZ-EPC Activity - PSK31/PSK63/PSK125
6
    Mon 1600 - 1900
6
    Mon 1630 - 1729
                      OK1WC Memorial Activity 1 (80/40 m) - CW/SSB
                      RSGB 80 m Club Championship - PSK/RTTY
6
   Mon 1900 - 2030
7
                      ARS Spartan Sprint - CW
   Tue 0100 - 0300
8
   Wed 0230 - 0300
                      Phone Fray (2) - SSB
                       CWops Mini-CWT Test (4) - CW
8
   Wed 1300 - 1400
8
   Wed 1700 - 1859
                       Mini-Contest (2) (40/80 m) - CW
8
   Wed 1900 - 2000
                       CWops Mini-CWT Test (5) - CW
9
                      CWops Mini-CWT Test (6) - CW
   Thu 0300 - 0400
   Thu 1700 - 2100
                      NAC 50 MHz (Aktivitetstest) - All
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Sat 0000 - 0759
                      DRCG WW RTTY Contest (1) - RTTY
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     Sat 0600 - 0659
                      PGA-TEST (80 m) - CW/SSB
                      Asia-Pacific Sprint Contest - SSB
11
     Sat 1100 - 1300
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
     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
                       FISTS Ladder Activity 1 - CW
 12 Sun 1400 - 1600
 12 Sun 1400 - 1500
                       SSA Månadstest nr 6 (40/80 m) - SSB
                       SSA Månadstest nr 6 (40/80 m) - CW
 12 Sun 1515 - 1615
 12 Sun 1800 - 2000
                       FISTS Ladder Activity 2 - CW
     Mon 1630 - 1729
13
                       OK1WC Memorial Activity 2 (80/40 m) - CW/SSB
                        NAQCC Straight Key/Bug QRP Sprint - CW
15
    Wed 0030 - 0230
                        Phone Fray (3) - SSB
15
    Wed 0230 - 0300
    Wed 1300 - 1400
                        CWops Mini-CWT Test (7) - CW
15
15
    Wed 1700 - 1859
                        Mini-Contest (3) (40/80 m) - CW
                        MOON Contest (6 m) - CW/Digital/SSB
15
    Wed 1800 - 2000
                        CWops Mini-CWT Test (8) - CW
15
    Wed 1900 - 2000
15
    Wed 1900 - 2030
                        RSGB 80 m Club Championship - CW
    Thu 0300 - 0400
                       CWops Mini-CWT Test (9) - CW
16
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
                       WAB 50 MHz Phone - Phone
 19 Sun 0900 - 1500
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
                        Phone Fray (4) - SSB
    Wed 0230 - 0300
                        CWops Mini-CWT Test (10) - CW
22
    Wed 1300 - 1400
22
    Wed 1700 - 1859
                        Mini-Contest (4) (40/80 m) - CW
22
                        CWops Mini-CWT Test (11) - CW
    Wed 1900 - 2000
23
    Thu 0030 - 0230
                       NAQCC Straight Key/Bug mW Sprint - CW
                       CWops Mini-CWT Test (12) - CW
23
    Thu 0300 - 0400
                       RSGB 80 m Club Championship - SSB
23
    Thu 1900 - 2030
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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
    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
                       RSGB 50 MHz Contest CW - CW
 26 Sun 0900 - 1200
 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
    Mon 1630 - 1729
                       OK1WC Memorial Activity 4 (80/40 m) - CW/SSB
27
28
    Tue 1700 - 2100
                       50 MHz Open Cumulative Contest - CW/SSB
                       RSGB 50 MHz UKAC - CW/SSB
28
    Tue 1900 - 2130
29
    Wed 0230 - 0300
                        Phone Fray (5) - SSB
29
    Wed 1300 - 1400
                        CWops Mini-CWT Test (13) - CW
29
                        Mini-Contest (5) (40/80 m) - CW
    Wed 1700 - 1859
                        CWops Mini-CWT Test (14) - CW
29
    Wed 1900 - 2000
30
    Thu 0300 - 0400
                       CWops Mini-CWT Test (15) - CW
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