



Just
for the
Fun of It!

Oklahoma DX Association

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From Da'Prez

By JIM HOOD, K5TT

Hello everyone! The fall DX and Contest season has finally arrived with conditions that look favorable for great band openings this year. The solar flux is high and the static levels are going down. DX is already being worked on 160 Meters from this part of the country. After 43 years in this hobby, I still have so much yet to learn and accomplish. If you are on the verge of becoming a little stale, just look around. Get on a new band, a new mode, pursue a new award or enter a contest. Get excited! Amateur radio has never been better.

By the time you read this, the Banquet will be over. I know Wayne Mills will have filled us in on the new "Logbook of the World" as well as many other ARRL DX subjects. Thanks, Wayne! Our very own Secretary / Treasurer, Jerry Chouinard, **K5YAA** was named the **OKDXA HAM OF THE YEAR FOR 2001**. Congratulations! Jerry has made many contributions to the OKDXA and has brought significant recognition to himself, the OKDXA, and to Oklahoma through his many contest achievements. The OKDXA is very proud to add his name to the plaque for this year.

At the Banquet you will have heard that a date has been set for the Oklahoma QSO Party. I hope each of you will get excited about this and contribute some effort to give it every chance for success. The Tulsa group is pulling this together and they will be calling on you for your help. Be sure to put it on your calendar so you can activate your county or, even better, go portable to activate one of the rare counties. This is going to be a lot of fun!

You also heard that Bob, **K5SIT** has set up an Internet reflector for the club. This will enable us to have near real time communications within the club. Anyone who subscribes can post notices (like for coffee on a Saturday morning), post DX heard or worked, post DX news, post technical info, or ask a question. Then, all subscribers will receive the posting in their

email within a few minutes. We will also archive the postings so they can be found later. I think this will significantly improve our communication abilities without spending a lot of money.

Another activity I hope we can get going is club contesting. The OKDXA has done quite well nationally because we have some pretty good testers in the Club. Only a few people can win awards in any contest, but with club contesting we can combine our scores into a club score. So, we can contribute individually as much as we want whether it be 50 QSO's or 1000. They all add up. This can make a contest fun for you, even if you don't have the equipment or time to compete with the serious testers, plus you might pick up several new countries at the same time!

Remember – turn on that receiver. The bands are hot! See you next month...

—K5TT

Secretary / Treasurer's Report

By JERRY CHOUINARD, K5YAA

Thanks to your excellent response to the OKDXA renewal mailing we now have 50 members renewed for the upcoming year. I've instructed **AC5UP** to call off the incessant renewal reminders as a reward for your swift action. For those of you who are still thinking about it, the sooner you renew, the sooner we can both get back to what we enjoy most... DX'ing!

—K5YAA

Who Are These Guys?

(This month we'll introduce our new OKDXA Vice President of Activities, Dave Ratliff, **W5ATV**)

—AC5UP

Greetings, OKDXA Members!

Let me start by saying *Thanks* for your confidence in me... I will try to do a good job for the club, and you shouldn't believe everything Nelson says about me!

Years of short wave listening finally led to my first amateur license in 1996 as **KC5TRF**. I upgraded to General last year with my current call of **W5ATV**. I'm studying for my Extra ticket and breaking that dang self-imposed 13 wpm CW barrier (maybe 15 on a good night) will be one of my wintertime projects. I do get tired of seeing all the rare ones on the DX cluster in the Extra portion of the band!

I am active from UHF through 160 Meters (including ATV) and I am a past Vice-President and President (two terms) of the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club. I have **WAS & WAC** and I'm workin' on the ol' **DXCC**. I am a system operator for **PSO** (those nasty electric company folks!) for 26 years, so if you need a Lo-Z shunt across your meter you'll need to call someone else. I have been married to my first wife for 28 years. We have three grown kids, three grandkids and a 40 pound lap dog that covers a lot of lap. I keep telling my wife, Louise, that I'm going to trade her in for a current model, but that doesn't seem to scare her at all. Maybe I shouldn't say that while I'm patching up one of my old rigs? She says I am exactly like Hagar (the comic strip Viking) and she may have something there. Anytime any of you are in the Tulsa area, you're invited to come by and we'll have a cup in my humble shack.

—W5ATV

(Whiskey Fivers Always Take Viagra?)

From Da'Editor

By NELSON DERKS, AC5UP

On Tuesday evening, September 18th, I had the pleasure of attending the Tulsa ARC's *Ice Cream Social* at Chandler Park. This is the second year for the event and is a break from the usual club meeting that's timed to take advantage of the early fall weather. Despite threatening skies around midday, the clouds cleared off and treated us to a very comfortable evening. OKDXA members in attendance included myself, **KB5BQA**, **KB5BQB**, **KB5HMZ**, **KD5DLL**, **N5PMP**, **W5ATV** and our new President, **K5TT**. Jim gave a presentation promoting the OKDXA that included our Annual Banquet and we got a mention in the newsletter. The TARC is an active club and I'm glad Jim was able to see the club doing what they do best... Having fun!

The festivities included an SK auction called by **W5ATV** and half the fun was in listening to 'ATV trying to figure out what some of the stuff was. Much of it was 50's and 60's vintage and old timers will be pleased to know the pile included ARC-5's and ceramic tube sockets. As you should know, it's not a 'Real' Ham auction unless at least one of those items is present. **K5TT** hauled off a collectable piece of Hallicrafter's gear while I picked up a BC-221-J Frequency Meter for the three-bedroom Ham museum. I'm glad I found it as my frequency counter will only measure Hertz, but the BC-221-J measures *cycles*...

The Big Spender for the evening was **KB5HMZ** (who's now a Swan Man) and **N5PMP** probably scored the best overall deal with a profoundly large Yagi antenna for cheap. I haven't heard if 'PMP will refurbish the antenna or use the tubing to become the HF J-Pole King of Kellyville. Either way, I'm sure it will radiate again.

You can participate in the next TARC event as it's the Oklahoma County Shoot-Out, October 20th & 21st. The object is to accumulate as many counties in the state of Oklahoma as possible in a single 24-hour period. The rules are posted on the TARC web page at www.qsl.net/w5ias. For more information contact George Huffstetler, **AC5WX** at 918-447-1231.

I'm writing this two weeks before the OKDXA Annual Banquet and with reports of brisk ticket sales early on, I think we're going to have a winner this year! Thanks should go to our new Vice President, Jim, **N5PMP** for taking the time to line up the location in Bristow as well as Larry, **W0PAN**; Cliff, **N5UW**; Jerry, **K5YAA**; and Coy, **N5OK** for their part in arranging the presentations and taking care of all the detail work. The first rule for a successful event is to make sure it's worth attending and the folks involved made sure it was!

I'd be remiss if I didn't include a reference to the terrorist attacks in New York, NY and Washington, DC on September 11th. This is a difficult time for our country and I encourage all of you to continue your full support for the victims, survivors and rescue workers dealing with this tragedy. I have little doubt that NYC will rebuild and ultimately come out of this stronger than ever. I also hope we'll have the courage and wisdom to defend our constitutional rights against political expediency lest we all come out of this permanently injured. I'm appalled by the reports of violence against Americans who are guilty of little more than looking "foreign". Mindless retribution is not the solution; vengeance is not a substitute for justice.

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you

cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate.... Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. - Martin Luther King Jr.

Many of us became interested in the hobby for the opportunity to "Work The World". Ham Radio has a tradition of international political tolerance that I hope will continue in the months and years ahead, regardless of what the future holds. We are the radio ambassadors to the world. —**AC5UP**

Licenses have been issued with the calls **3DA0DF** and **3DA0FR** for their activity between September 30th and October 13th. Listen on all HF bands (plus 6M) CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on the usual frequencies +/- QRM, always using split. QSL via DL7DF. An online log with more info will be at: <http://www.qsl.net/dl7df>

3W, VIETNAM

Robert, **N4CD** expects to be active from 3W6-land October 2-15th. No call was mentioned. Activity will be on 20 / 15 / 10 Meters and maybe 40 Meters (No other bands possible at this time). QSL via **N4CD** to CBA or via overseas bureau.

5U, NIGER

The same crew that aired 5U2K, 5U3T and 5U5A in March of 2001 will return to Niger in January / February of 2002 for a two week DX'pedition. The group will be larger this time with participation of 3 to 4 new operators from Italy and the USA. At least three stations will be on air with special attention to 80 and 160 Meters. Operations will be heard on 160-10 Meters CW / SSB / RTTY / PSK31 and 6 Meters using CW & SSB.

Call signs to be announced later.

6Y, JAMAICA

Harry, **AC8G**; Richard, **N6NR**; Elsie, **N7YX**; Ron, **WA8LOW** and Ron, **W8ILC** will activate **6Y6L** as a Multi-Multi entry in the CQ WW SSB Contest, October 27-28th, from a site near Montego Bay. The group plans to have four complete stations with amps and a selection of antennas. QSL's go to **WA8LOW** - SASE preferred. Do not send to the **6Y5** bureau. The group expects to begin limited activity under the operator home call/**6Y5** by late October 23 using SSB, CW, PSK31 and may include **6** Meters. QSL to the appropriate home call. Do NOT send QSL's to the **6Y5** bureau.

9K2USA, KUWAIT

Effective September 15th, the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (KARS) in conjunction with the Kuwait Ministry of Communications authorized use of the call **9K2USA**. The call was heard on all bands and modes and used by "all Kuwait Amateurs" simultaneously. As a small token of the sympathy and support for the

OKLAHOMA DX ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Dave, **W5AO**; Jim, **K5TT**; Connie, **K5CM** and Pam, **N5KW** will be operating from **VP5** (North Caicos Island) November 8th through November 27th, 2001.

They will operate on all bands from 160 through 6 Meters and compete in the CQWW CW Contest as **VP5V**.

— You are cordially invited to work them! —

QSL information - **VP5/K5TT**, **VP5/K5CM**, and **VP5/N5KW** cards go to their respective home addresses; **VP5V** and **VP5/W5AO** cards go to P. O. Box 88, Morris, OK 74445

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3B8, MAURITIUS

A couple of **3B8** stations are active on the WARC bands. Taher, **3B8DB** generally hangs around 24896 kHz between 1115-1330z before he moves to 10 Meters. Also, Abid, **3B8FG** can be found on 30 Meters around 10105 kHz between 1300-1400z.

Jack, **PA3BAG** and Hans, **PA0VHA** will be calling DX as **3B8/PA3BAG** and **3B8/PA0VHA** from October 1-16th. Activity will be on RTTY, PSK31, CW and SSB on all bands including the WARC bands. QSL Manager for this event is **PA0VHA**: Hans Vernhout, Ph.de Goedestraat 54, NL 3132 XR Vlaardingen, The Netherlands. See the **PI4CC** contest group home page for more: <http://www.pi4cc.nl/>

3DA, SWAZILAND

Siegfried, **DL7DF** and crew will target Swaziland for their DX'pedition this year.