

|| THIS JUST IN: ||

Cedar Rapids, Iowa - The Federal Communications Commission at noon today formalized a program to assist amateur radio operators in achieving better operating practices. The "UP Monitor" program will pair each DX radio operator working "split frequency" with one official representative of the U.S. federal government. The representative's duties are to constantly monitor the DX station's transmit frequency. If an operator – hoping to work the DX– accidentally transmits simplex, the "*UP Monitor*" will announce "HE'S WORKING SPLIT! HE'S WORKING SPLIT."



"We closely examined current operating procedures," says FCC Field Agent John Ranklestein. Based at the FCC's California bureau, Ranklestein says, "We have recordings of hams who were rude, crude and downright obnoxious when someone accidentally transmitted simplex. In fact, the list of obscenities would fill a binder the size of most ham's logbooks."

Ranklestein adds the FCC opted to provide the service as a means of cleaning up the bands and eliminating crass language and QRM.

For a small fee, U.S. hams may request an "UP Monitor" be assigned when they activate special event 1X1 call signs (and operate split).

A spokesperson for the Eastern Joe H. says they support the what all the hams now performing with their time.



Iowa DX Association (*EIDXA*) program, but are concerned about this function as volunteers will do

"Removed from their police duties, we doubt seriously they will make actual QSOs," says the agency.

Ranklestein says the "UP Monitor" program is open to CW, SSB, and RTTY DX operations, but is not available to QRP operations, since "no one can actually hear those signals anyway."



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I hope you enjoy this newsletter. The views expressed in the EIDXA newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of the Eastern Iowa DX Association, or the editor. All newsletter contributions, comments and suggestions are welcome at WWØE@q.com.

Thanks in advance for your newsletter input.

~ WWØE ~

President's Propagation, Pronouncements & Pontification**EIDXA President *Joe Hungate, K8OM***

Now that we've put the snow blower away for the season it's time to get to work on those antenna projects, that if you're like me, have been putting them off for far too long. With the upper HF bands taking its cyclical siesta now's a good time to get a few more dB (or more likely tenths of a dB) out of those 160, 80 and 40 meter wire antennas. My goal for this summer is to butter up a couple of my neighbors and see if they will let me use a few feet of their back property line this winter and string a 160 meter Beverage On Ground (BOG) receive antenna.

I hope everyone had a good time at the April joint meeting with the Collins Amateur Radio Club, Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club and local scouts. We had a great turnout and Glenn's presentation on the DXpedition to Palmyra was excellent. Thanks to everyone that attended, supported and donated which made this meeting something special.

Speaking of excellent DXpedition presentations, don't forget that Roger Hoffman – N4RR will be making a presentation at our next meeting on July 29. His presentation will be on the DXpedition to VP8STI/ VP8SGI. This should be quite interesting hearing about the pileups, life on the islands and the suspense of whether or not they would make it back home.

Are you having fun with the EIDXA User Survey? We now have had more than 50% of our members participate in the survey so if you haven't done so yet, please follow the link Craig – KØCF has posted on EIDXA.ORG that will take you to the survey. I'll present the results of this first club survey at the July 29 club meeting and announce the next survey. So far the results are quite interesting!

If you haven't done so yet, please send me pictures of your antennas and / or shack so we can use them in upcoming Shack-of-the-Month (SOTM) postings on the web site. I've received pictures of some really nice, well equipped stations! You don't have to have a world class station to be included in the SOTM postings. Actually, it's very interesting to see how well our members can do with simple "card table" setups and wire antennas.

So make sure to put the next EIDXA meeting on your calendar. Put a big red circle round July 29. All of the details are posted on the club website (EIDXA.ORG). Hope to see you there!

73, Joe – K8OM President – EIDXA

|| "Now that's DX" ||

EIDXA Vice-president/editor/senior citizen
Jerry Rappel, WWØE



Summertime': and the livin' is easy ... so the song goes. Enjoy the warm weather, BBQ, 6 meter propagation, etc.

Next EIDXA club meeting Friday, July 29, 2016. Time: Doors open at 6:30 PM; Meeting begins at 7:30 PM. Location: Room 1142 Linn Hall, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids. Program: Roger Hoffman - N4RR will present a program on his participation in the recent VP8STI/VP8SGI (South Sandwich/South Georgia Islands) Dxpedition. ***"Special door prize at the next meeting" !***

Congratulations to the prize winners from the last meeting:
one year subscription to NCJ Steve Miller,
K5P banner that was flown on Palmyra, Gary Huff,
ARRL 2016 handbook, Nelson Moyer.

So off we go. Until next time, "**Now that's DX**"
Jerry WWØE

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Minutes

Minutes of the of the April 22 EIDX A Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Hungate, K8OM at 7:28 PM. →



75 hams and guests responded to the call.

Because Cedar Valley ARC and Collins ARC had been invited to join us there was no business meeting.

K8OM gave a brief presentation on EIDX A.

KCØCD gave a short presentation on RCARC.

NØGUD gave a presentation on CVARV.

The scouts from Venture 2000 were welcomed.

A short break was taken for a “greet and meet” session.

When the meeting resumed a drawing for door prizes was held

A one year subscription to NCJ Steve Miller, NØSM.

A K5P banner that was flown on Palmyra Gary Huff, KWØJ.

2016 ARRL handbook Nelson, KUØA.

A lottery for a Flex discount certificate was held. The winner was Rick Hadley, WØFG.
The \$102.00 proceeds will be used to support future DXpeditions.

WØGJ gave a brief run down on the status of potential DXpeditions to most wanted entities.

WØGJ gave a presentation on the Palmyra DXpedition he participated in.

WØGJ brought with him a Flex 6500 available for people to examine after

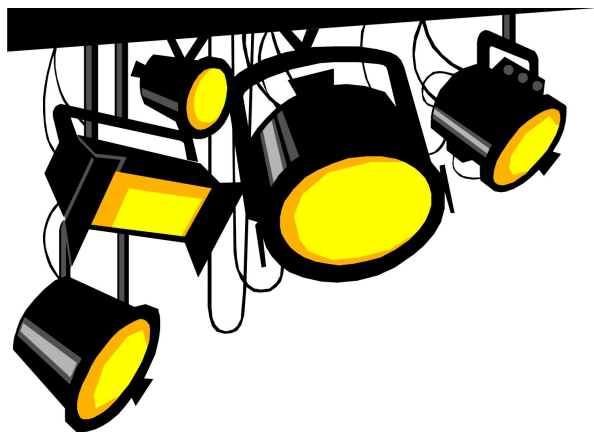


which was the presentation.

Submitted April 26, 2015.

David Christ KØLUM

Member Spotlight || Returning EIDX member (Charter)



KØFLY Gayle Lawson



FIRST LICENSED: 1961
(KNØFLY)

LICENSE CLASS: Extra

ARRL: Life Member

Clubs: Returning EIDX member (Charter), CVARC, Collins ARC (Charter Member), AMSAT Life Member Collins Collectors Assn.

DXCC: NO

DXCC COUNT: 206/207
LOTW, 81 Current Cards (not checked), 13 Deleted (cards not checked yet)

RIGS: Elecraft: K2, K2-100, K3, KX3/KXPA100, Signal Link USB Collins S-lines, KWM2s, KWS-1/75A4, KWM-380, KWM-1, 51J-, 310B, 75A- Numerous E F Johnson, Barker & Williamson, Hallicrafters Boat Anchors

AMPS: 30S-1 (2), 30L-1, SB-221, KPA-500



ANT: Dipoles 160/80/40. HB Interlaced 20/15 Yagi (3 el each band)



OTHER HAM INTERESTS: 1) Traffic nets (SSB/CW), Current manager of IA 75 meter SSB Traffic net both Evening and Noon 2) Collecting/restoring Collins 3) Collecting/restoring AM boat anchors (dream rigs of my teenage years).

NON- RADIO INTERESTS, 57 Chevy's (have his and hers), Complete Bullseye Pistol shooting, Competitive Clay target shooting (Current Treasurer of Otter Creek Sportsman's Club).

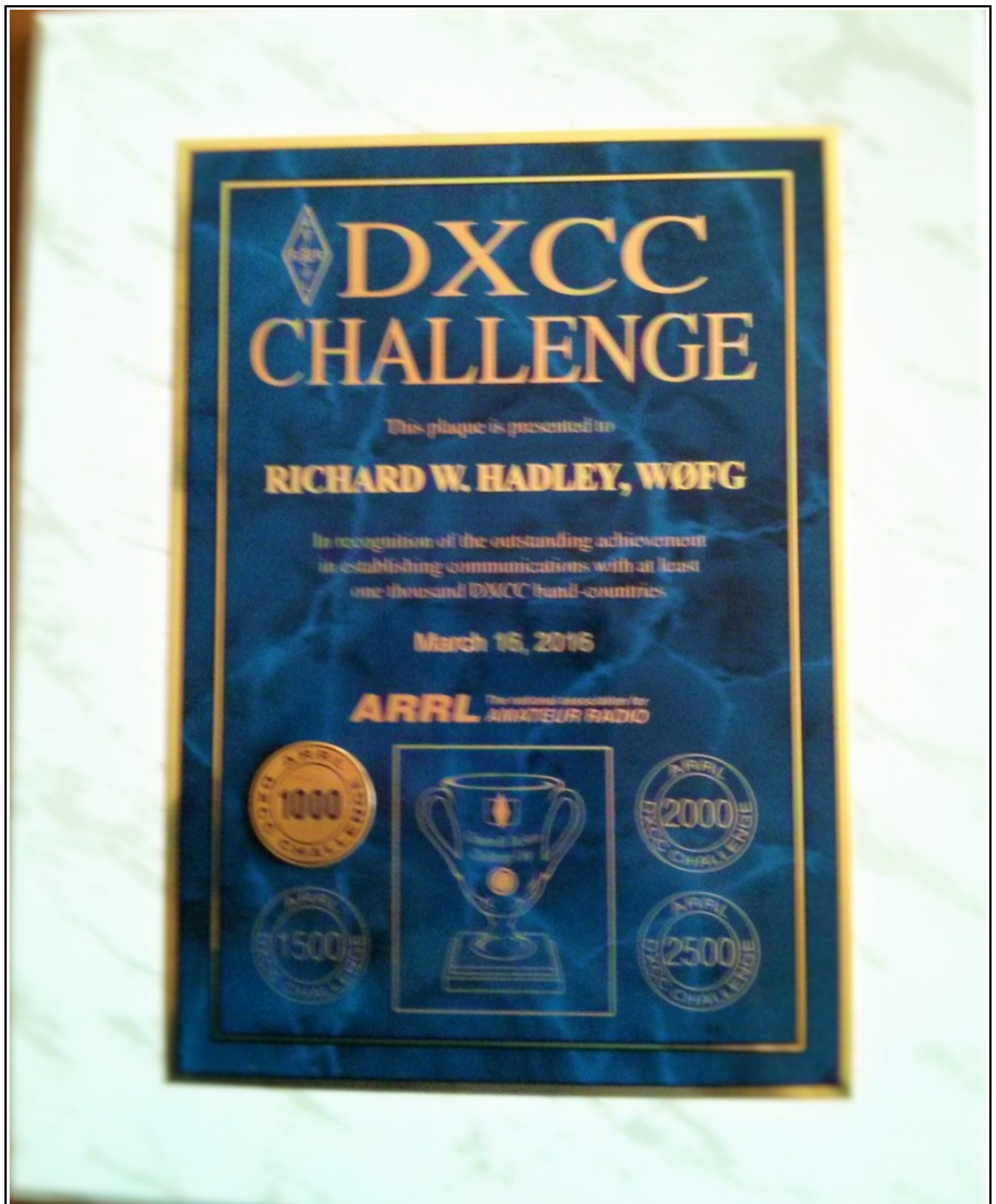
PERSONAL INFO: AGE 69, Retired Rockwell Collins, Married.

In late 2010, when I decided I wanted to get back on HF after a 15 year absence, my first stop was to see my neighbor Tom Vavra. We talked about my goals for DXing etc... His advice was that if I wanted 5B DXCC, start high and work down the bands to make full use of the sunspot cycle.

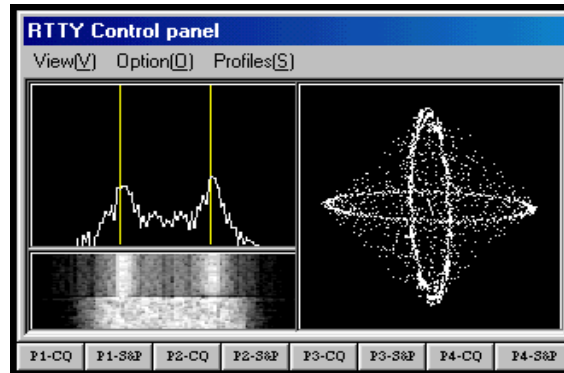
So, after getting DXCC-CW, I set my sights on single band endorsements and quite literally started on the high bands and worked my way down to 80m. I probably could have done this in less than five years, but I was OK with the progress. During the process, I picked up 268 total on CW. The station evolved as I worked through the bands. I did 10/15m with wire antennas. Adding a beam helped me finish off 20m and finally using beverages and an amplifier was key to getting 40/80m. Now that this is out of the way, I can spend more time focusing on contesting.



Bob Lee
WØGXA "CW forever"



RTTY Corner - Jerry Rappel WWØE

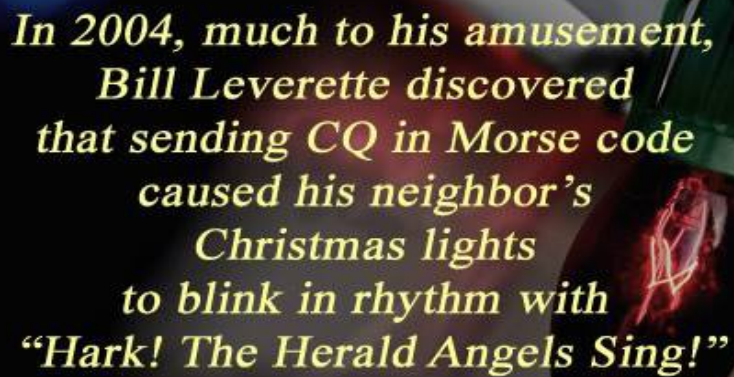


SO HOW PRINT ?

- W3ACO: HVØA, XT2IVU, LX1HD, RP7IT, FG5LA, PU2TRX, YO9HP, MWØEDX, XRØYS,
- Tom NYØV: TX7EU, T32CO, 5JØP, 4S7GWG, C31MF, 8Q7NC, GD4SKA, FH/F2DX, EI1916E, JT1DN, FP/KV1J, FT4JA, 4L8A, 5V7D, VKØEK, EY7AD, 4W/7K4QOK, 3D2SE, FW5JJ, EP2A, ET7L, 5WØXG, MJØKUC, OHØ/PA0VHA, 9QØHQ, XT2IVU, 9V1XX, EA6/S55OO, TK/S54KM, T88RF, VK9NT, XRØYS. VKØEK was the hardest to work. This was primarily due to the generally poor band conditions during their stay there.
- Glen KØJGH : Here is my RTTY log for past few months.

17:25:26	23 Feb 16	Gibraltar	ZB2R	15M	21087.91		RTTY
17:10:00	08 Mar 16	San Andres & Providencia	5JØP	10M	28087.20		RTTY
13:12:02	17 Mar 16	Isle of Man	GD4SKA	20M	14083.82	EU-116	RTTY
18:56:41	20 Mar 16	Maldives	8Q7NC	17M	18106.41	AS-013	RTTY
21:43:17	27 Mar 16	Bolivia	CP4IC	15M	21081.66		RTTY
02:12:22	07 Apr 16	Juan de Nova & Europa	FT4JA	30M	10145.49		RTTY
05:02:09	07 Apr 16	Heard Island	VKØEK	30M	10132.10	AN-003	RTTY
14:44:04	15 Apr 16	Thailand	HS7BHK	20M	14084.60		RTTY

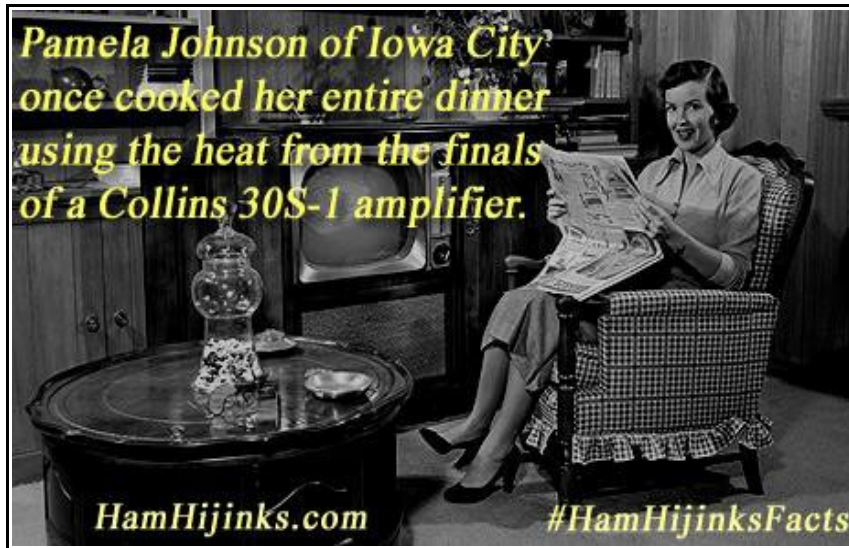
- Joe: K8OM 5JCØP , 8R1/K9KX, SO1WS, GD4SKA , FT4JA, 4W/K4QOK,D2SE, 5B4ALX.
- Craig KØCF: 6Y5WJ, C5GCJ, 5V7D, C5FUD, FT4JA, 8P6DR, OA1F, VKØEK, VK3BM, OM3SEM, TM77C, PYØNY, FS/K9EL



*In 2004, much to his amusement,
Bill Leverette discovered
that sending CQ in Morse code
caused his neighbor's
Christmas lights
to blink in rhythm with
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"*



Fifty
Shades
of Grey Line
Propagation



Jason NRØX, has been working out recently - it's called Boat Anchor Body Building, or "BABB. I walked into the shack and picked up an old HTX 202 and started curling. It all took off from there," he said. now squats two Hammarlund SP-600 Super-Pro receivers and notes improved vigor and confidence. "Let's face it. It's a sedentary hobby, and we all have extra equipment laying around.



SV2RSG Mount Athos**On Air**

Monk Iakovos, lives at Koutloumousiou Holy Monastery on Mt. Athos. He became a radio Amateur in 2015 after been trained by the DX Plus Hellenic Radio Amateur Team and George SV1RP, who is member of the Team. he took and passed exams in the Ministry of Telecommunication. And is a member of DX Plus Hellenic Radio Amateur Team.



Because my main QTH is Koutloumousiou Holy Monastery and I am permanent resident in Mt. Athos, I do not use "/A" when I operate because as everybody knows, "/A" means Alternative location of the station. He is using Icom 735 HF Transceiver. He will operate on HF Bands CW, SSB and he start his activity in May 2016.? He is from Koutloumousiou Holy Monastery. QSL via SV1RP. Adress for direct QSL: George K. Vlachopoulos, Panselinou 26, 11141, Athens, Greece.

Anyone heard/worked him yet?

NASA Astronaut **Scott D. Tingle** has just earned his Amateur Radio license, passing his exam on June 3, 2016. The FCC issued the call sign, **KG5NZA**, to him on June 8.

In January, as he began some NASA training in Russia he requested the license study material. He had heard about ARISS during his astronaut training, and in January, decided to study on his own.

The astronaut training program runs for at least two years, is intense, and heavily loaded with all types of required studies, and Amateur Radio is optional. Tingle earned his technician license and plans to use it to support ARISS during his scheduled time on the International Space Station as part of the Expedition 53 crew. Launch is tentatively planned for fall of 2017. His stay continues into Expedition 54.

Thanks to all the EIDXA members who made this newsletter.

Jerry WØØE

The club has another QSL card checker WØGJ, Glenn Johnson. If you look on the ARRL web site under searching for a checker, he shows up with a Calmar, IA address, but a MN phone number. If you look in the master list, he is still listed in MN.

EIDXA members can get their DX QSL cards checked for DXCC credit from the following club members:

- ARRL former Midwest Division Vice Director, and EIDXA member, Cliff Ahrens KØCA attends EIDXA meetings as his schedule permits. You may also send your cards to him by surface mail. Contact Cliff via e-mail for more information and/or to make arrangements to check your cards: KØCA@arrl.net or cliff.ahrens@gmail.com.

EIDXA member Tom Vavra WB8ZRL. Tom is able to check any cards for DXCC. In addition he can check cards for WAS, WAC, and VUCC. Contact Tom via e-mail for more information and/or to make arrangements to check your cards: wb8zrl@arrl.net.

EIDXA member Mike Nowack NA9Q. Mike attends EIDXA meetings as his schedule permits. Contact Mike via e-mail for more information and/or to make arrangements to check your cards: na9q@arrl.net.

2016 EIDXA Meeting & Events Schedule

Look for this information on the club web-page www.eidxa.org. Meeting information on the web site is up to date to ensure everyone has timely access to the information between newsletters.

CEDAR VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAMFEST 2016

Sunday August 7th – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Teamsters' Hall – 5000 J Street SW – Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Inside, air-conditioned trade floor with well-known vendors such as

Radio City D&L Antenna Dit and Dash

RF Adapter Guy WBØW WØTOK Books

LARGE open-air flea market with plenty of parking!

Handicap parking on grounds

Forums and presentations

QSL Card checking on-site

Homemade food and drinks plus **FREE COFFEE!**

On-site ARRL VE testing – Walk-ins Welcome

HamFest ticket purchase not required if you are only taking a test

Registration 9:30 AM – Testing starts at 10:00 AM

Testing Questions? Contact: Darrel Peterson (WAØKHH@arrl.net) (319) 393-8667

Inside tables only – \$10 each until July 15th, \$15 thereafter (subject to availability)

Call early for Table Reservations: Bob Klaus – NØYWB

n0ywb1@gmail.com – (319) 521-1134

Inside vendor setup Sat. Aug 6th from 3-7 PM, Sunday Aug 7th 6-8 AM

Doors open 8:00 AM – Grand prize drawing 1:00 PM

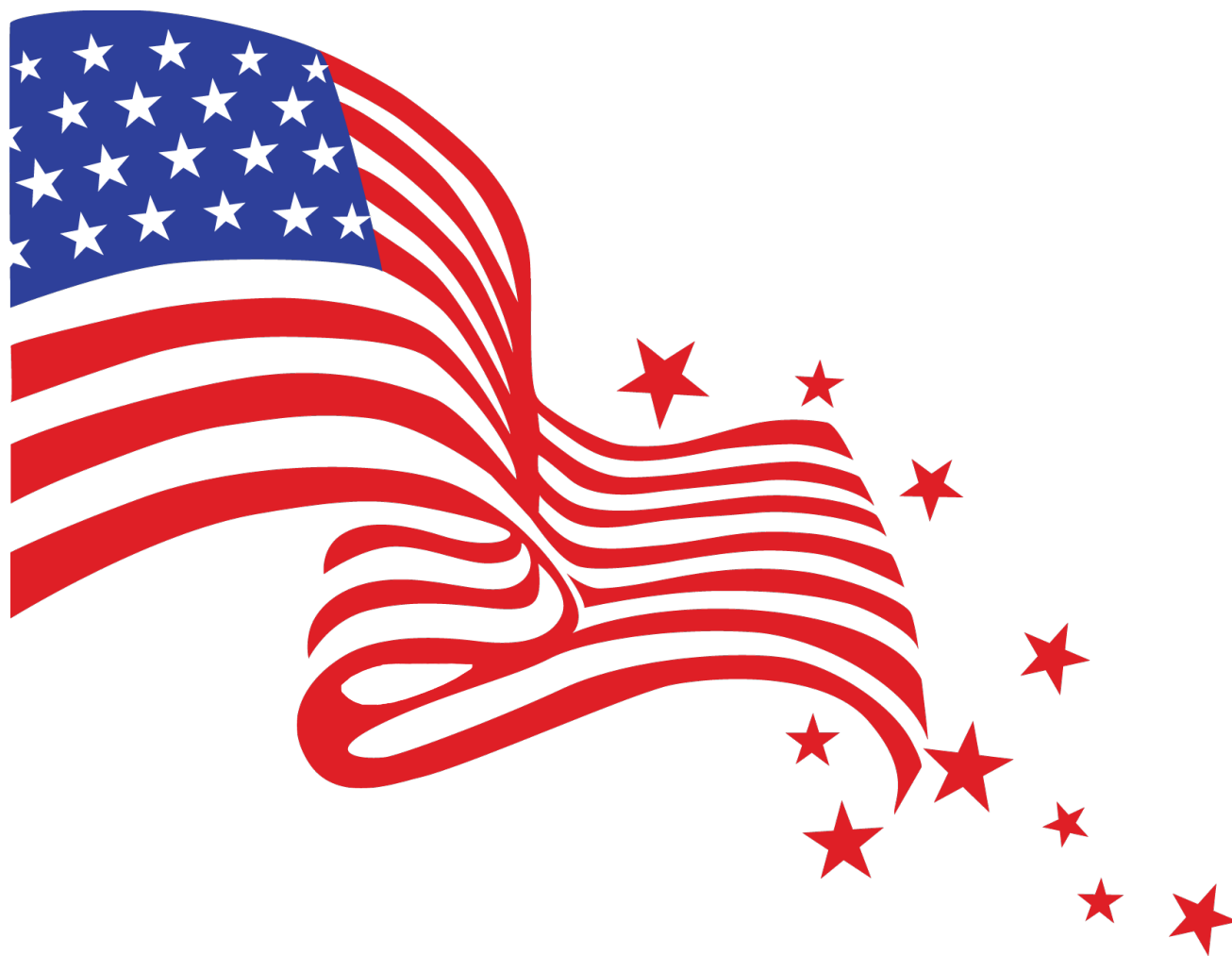
For More Information: Dave Wilson – KØRN

krk9840@msn.com – (319) 393-3776

Talk in WØGQ repeater 146.745 (no tone) <http://w0gq.org>

Directions: From I-380, take Exit 17(33rd Ave). Proceed East on 33rd Avenue to the first 4-way stop (J Street) and turn right. Proceed one mile south on J Street SW to Teamsters' Hall (on right).

Admission is only \$7!



Dayton 2016.



An earthquake in 1964 caused the ground beneath Ronnie Treat's tower to rise 15 feet.

He confirmed 50 new DXCC entities the next day.

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The first dipole was invented when Marconi connected his mother's clotheslines to his spark gap transmitter.



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