

Kilo - What



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Field Day

July 2007

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Field Day has come and gone this year and a good time was had by all. This year I included the family and made a camping trip out of it for the weekend. This was a great way to include the three year old and make a new ham in training. This field day also included some new experiences for all.

One new experience was operating a PSK31 digital mode station next to our morse code station courtesy Gary Chaffin N5GRC. PSK31 can be operated very simply with as little as a computer, HF rig, soundcard, some interface circuitry, and of course an antenna. By operating this new station, we changed classes this year to a 3A class. Time will tell with our scores.

We were able to operate a morse code station with the help of several operators who deserve some thanks. These included Bill Tarn AE5AW who provided the

station mated to the clubs beam and tower. Other code operators included a surprise visit from Pastor Alan Williams K8SIN, and Charlie Royall WB5T serving as backup (didn't actually see you operate Charlie, but you were on someone's list). Thanks to all who helped maintain an operational code station for the year, and sorry if I missed anyone.

Other standards included a GOTA station in a borrowed camper and SSB voice in Bob W7IKT & Carol N5CBQ Heiser's motor home, as well as a 6M station under a canopy with my ICOM and some tower and antenna rounded up by Hughbert Robinson KC5NPC.

Last but not least, thanks to Joe Kent KC5ILD and his helpers (credits not known at time of writing) who practically did my job for me in setting up field day.

Lastly lets thank the weather, which waited till after we packed up, before it rained.

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Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2007

Bob Freeman KD5PIX

The regular meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc. was called to order by President David Behrend/KB5FNK, on June 14, 2007 at 1937.

Introductions were made with 19 members and 5 visitors in attendance.

The May 2007 Minutes were approved as printed in the June Kilo-What. The Treasurers Report was approved as read.

Old Business

David/KB5FNK has tried to contact the Airport Manager. He is relocating his family to this area. David will try again Friday June 15, 2007.

Joe Kent/KC5ILD and

Bob/kd5pix will try to obtain donations for Field Day. We will have the exercise at the Spillway. There will be no charge for staying overnight for SAARC members. The great cooks that we have had in the past have offered to prepare the Saturday evening meal. LaRae Kent/KC5KXY, Carol Heiser/N5CBQ, Sharon Mecklenburg, xyl Ronnie Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ and Associate Member Louise Hall.

Breakfast for Sunday morning will be prepared by Hughbert Robinson/KC5NPC.

We have another Section Manager, John Dyer/AE5B. He has been our section manager before. He always gives out a Field Day award to give us all a little extra incentive to do well.

David/KB5FNK heads up RACES in Area 44. Should anyone have questions or want an application, please contact David.

Chad Goodman/KD5SMK received a thank-you letter for the communications work club members volunteered for Rebuilding Together.

New Business

The Civil Air Patrol will be giving a Technician License class July 7-8, 2007. For times and location, call David Wolfe. City Councilman Emilio Perez Jimenez has offered the club space to set up a display table at the Paseo on July 4, 2007. There will be no charge for the space. This will be a family setting, giving everyone the opportunity to meet one another. There will be food booths as well as refreshment booths available.

Good of The Order

Split-the-Pot was worth

\$13.50 for the winner Tom Austin as well as for the club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2046. The next meeting of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, Inc., will be held July 12, 2007 at 1930 at the clubhouse.

Lajitas Trouble

Charlie Royall WB5T

San Angelo Standard Times on 6-12-2007 reported that the millionaire owner that purchased the town of Lajitas a few years ago has been served with repo papers nailed to the doors of the

buildings in the city.

He attempted to turn it into a millionaire resort and it has failed. The first thing that he did as the new owner was to cancel all of the bike races that were on tour and competed there for many years.

Scanner Jacks Corner

Freq's to monitor when sirens sound
City's 800Mhz trunk system
860.9375;859.9375;860.4625;859.4625;858.4625;857.4625;856.4625;855.4625
Tom Green Co
Sheriff's Office Dispatch : 155.700
Fire Dispatch : 154.190

CQ DX

Bill Richards WB5ZAM

Upcoming/Ongoing DXpeditions during July:

9V; VQ9; VP6; OD; 3V8; 5X; 3A; J7; VP2; OJ0; A2; HB0; PJ2; YJ0; TO5; PJ7; FS; SV5; ZF; V6. According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 17th/June, through Sunday, 24th/June there were 199 countries active.

Island of the Month-St Eustatius PJ2:

Sint Eustatius (also Saint Eustace and Statia) is one of the islands making up the Netherlands Antilles; it is in the northern, Leeward Islands portion of this territory, to the east of the Virgin Islands at 17°30'N, 62°58'W. It is named after the legendary Catholic Saint Eustace. The regional capital is Oranjestad. The island has a land area of 21 km² (8.1 sq. miles).

Although not noted for its beaches, it also lacks the "madding crowds" of the larger islands. At the 2001 Netherlands Antilles census, the population was 2,292 inhabitants. In 2004 the population was estimated at 2,498 inhabitants. The island was seen by Christopher Columbus in 1493 and claimed by an astonishing welter of nations over the next 150 years. In 1636 it was colonized by the chamber of Zeeland of the Dutch West India Company. As of 1678, the islands Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten and Saba fell under direct command of the Dutch West India Company. At Sint Eustatius a commander was stationed, who also governed over the islands Sint Maarten and Saba. At the time, the island was of some importance for sugar cultivation. The island was also home to one of the first Jewish settlements in the

New World, dating back at least to the early 18th century. The Honen Dalim Synagogue, built in 1739, currently undergoing renovations and restoration. In the eighteenth century the island became known as the Golden Rock, since the island's economy flourished by ignoring the trade embargoes between the great powers.

Since the island sold arms and ammunition to anyone willing to pay, the island was one of the few ways for the rebellious thirteen colonies to obtain weaponry. This good relationship between Sint Eustatius and the United States resulted in the famous "flag incident" of 16 November 1776, when Commander Johannes de Graaff of Sint Eustatius decided to return the salute fire of the visiting American brigantine Andrew Doria.

The United States gave the answering salute great publicity because the salute was the first international acknowledgment of the independence of the United States. In 1778, Lord Stormont claimed in Parliament that "if Sint Eustatius had sunk into the sea three years before, the United Kingdom would already have dealt with George Washington". The British took the incident seriously, and sent Admiral Rodney to Oranjestad where he plundered the city. The official state Holiday is November 16, Sint Eustatius Day, also known as Statia-America Day. The trade between Sint Eustatius and the United States was the main reason for the Fourth Anglo-Dutch War, which was disastrous for Dutch trading. As a result of the war, Sint Eustatius was taken by the British on 3 February 1781. Commander de Graaff, who at the moment was not informed about the declaration of war but seeing that he was facing superior forces, surrendered the island to the British Admiral Rodney. Ten months later the island was conquered by the French, allies of the Dutch in this war. The Dutch regained command over the island in 1784. The island changed hands 22 times during these tumultuous years. At its peak Sint Eustatius may have had a population of over 20,000 people. In the time since, this has gradually slumped to 3,600, and Sint Eustatius was eclipsed by other Dutch ports on Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

Geographically, the island is saddle-shaped, with the 602 meter-high Mount Mazinga, colloquially called the Quill (a dormant volcano) (from Dutch Kuil, meaning 'pit' - because of its crater) to the southeast and the smaller pair Signal Hill/Little Mountain and Boven Mountain to the northwest. The Quill Crater is a minor tourist destination. The bulk of the island's population lives in the "dip" between the two areas, which crosses the center of the island. Dutch the primary language

with English is a strong second. Interesting note is the University of Sint Eustatius, School of Medicine. Established in 1999 it has approximately 150 students in the Basic Sciences and 260 in the Clinical Medicine Program. They tout one professor per 10 students, and students are from all over the world and they are ECFMG-accredited. Visiting this tranquil little outpost is like stepping back into the Caribbean of the past - islanders strike up conversations, stray chickens and goats mosey in the streets and the pace is delightfully unhurried. Sint Eustatius is comfortably warm all year, though prices are lower during the summer months (April



through August) when most potential visitors (North Americans) tend to keep to their own latitudes. When prices skyrocket on other Caribbean islands during the prime winter months (December through April), low tourism keeps Sint Eustatius affordable. Electricity is 110V/60 cycle, time zone is GMT -4, and their airport is a thrill to get into and out of (STOL aircraft only). The Island residents get their drinking water from collecting rainwater in

cisterns. Additional drinking water is supplied from wells by local entrepreneurs or from the reverse osmosis plant from the oil terminal and delivered by truck. Hints: the beaches are small, don't bring the golf clubs just yet, drink bottled water, and if you go with a radio and antennas you will be very popular on all the bands. The main tourist activities are hiking and scuba diving. And just plain relaxing! Ecotourism is becoming popular and groups do go to work with turtle monitoring and working in the protected areas of the island. See the link to "working abroad" below.

QSL OF THE MONTH- GX4AAX:

This is the qsl from the North Umbria ARC in England. Nice small radio house. Looks like the original W5QX shack on Caddo. See you on the bands chasing dx. 73 de Bill.



Resources

- <http://www.santiagovermment.com/conomy.htm>
- <http://www.frommers.com/destinations/statustatius/2386010029.htm>
- http://en.wikidpedia.org/wiki/Sint_Eustatius
- <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/destinations/caribbean/sint-eustatius/>
- <http://www.workingabroad.com/page/28/statia-project-caribbean.htm>

From the Editor

Greetings to all the readers. Some of you may know me and some may not. Let me begin with an introduction to all. My name is Chad Goodman KD5SMK. I've agreed to take over the editing duties for the Kilo-What from Glenn.

I was originally licensed as a No-Code Technician in May of 2002 while in college for a degree in Computer Networking and Electronics. I recently upgraded to a General Class license in March of this year. I work for West Central Net installing wireless high speed Internet. If you see a brown Nissan WCN truck running around your neighborhood, that's me.

This is my first newsletter for the club obviously and I welcome suggestions and criticism from all. I'm specifically looking for thoughts on new articles. If you wish to contribute my e-mail is at the end of the newsletter. If you don't have e-

mail give me a call and we'll work it out (ignore the answering machine message, it's me). I would love to have some articles on homebrewing and such, as well as general news. I'm also open to a "swap meet" sort of classified space for members, wishing to exchange equipment unless there are objections. Remember, I want to hear both the "yays" and "nays" so I have an accurate idea of the wants and needs of the members. I'm just the guy who assembles the newsletter, it's not mine, but yours. Consequently I will try to limit the editing of submitted articles or ask the author to edit them if space requires.

One thing to take note of, since this is my first newsletter, expect some evolution in the design and layout. I would like to squeeze out some more space, and have room for all my ideas and yours. This will come with time, new design ideas, and further education in my publishing software. Also if you

have any problems viewing or reading this newsletter, please let me know. There may be an unknown bug in my software. Of course all of this will sort itself with time.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the fruits of my labor and that of the contributors.

73 DE KD5SMK

Chad

PS. Please send me some photos of yourself with your contributions if you want and I will attach them to your articles.



Local Repeaters

6 Meter

53.630 - San Angelo (88.5)
147.300 - 2 meter input (88.5)

2 Meter

145.27- San Angelo (88.5 SWL,
100.0 Local)
146.94- San Angelo (103.5)
147.06+ San Angelo
146.72- Eldorado (100.0)

146.88- San Angelo
147.34+ Robert Lee (PL 88.5)

70 cm

441.750+ San Angelo (162.2)
444.225+ Robert Lee (162.2)
442.250+ San Angelo (162.2)
444.350+ San Angelo (162.2)
442.300+ Big Lake (162.2)



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Monday Night Net

Statistics:

Date	Check-ins
6-4-07	12
6-11-07	14
6-18-07	15
6-25-07	16

Schedule

1st Monday is David Behrend/KB5FNK
2nd Monday is David Wolfe/KA5VTG
Other Times: Jack Roberts (Scanner Jack)
KB5TMY

2007 SAARC Officers:

President - David Behrend/KB5FNK
Vice President - Kent Frazier/K5KNT
Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Freeman/KD5PIX
Emergency Coordinator - Jack Roberts/KB5TMY
Activities Manager - Chad Goodman/KD5SMK
Grounds Custodian - Ron Mecklenburg/KD5WXJ

SAARC Monthly Meetings: 2nd Thursday,
1930, clubhouse, 5513 Stewart Lane

Annual Dues: \$20, Sr. & Jr. \$10