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THE STEEL CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Prez Sez.....

Funny how a simple email can set a chain of events in motion and then have an impact upon so many lives.

It is not because of technology. A letter written with pen and paper sent through the Postal system would have the same effect.

Earlier this year Tim Marsh W3WTW forwarded an email to me that was sent to our club's web site from a young man, a college student now Alumni, filling the role of Movie Producer.

The request was simple and straightforward: Corey Schnieder, Producer, was asking for help finding a suitable location for a short film and most people would probably just ignore this as bothersome or not their cup of tea. While intrigued by this request I was not 100% sure this was not a joke, so I corresponded with Corey. A few emails and pictures later, we met and discussed further the possibility of using Steel City as a movie shoot location.

Our clubhouse, having the right "look" of what could be a commercial, small market, "Mom 'n Pop" radio station was perfect in Corey's eyes. So after more discussion with Corey and but a handful of club members, it was decided to "loan" the clubhouse for a weekend of movie shooting for the short film "Arriving at Night". (CONTINUED ON PAGE 26)



CornRoast 2010 a smashing success!

People came from far & wide to partake in some serious noshing of good corn, chicken, dogs, desserts, etc, etc. And nosh they did! The weather was perfect, the food was perfect and we had a great turnout for CornRoast 2010! A big "Thank you" goes to Richie, N3SBF & Carol, KB3GMN for supplying the goodies! If you brought something to share with the gang, thanks to you also! Many thanks to my roving reporter/shutterbug Nate, W3SVJ for supplying the pics, which can be seen starting on **page 18**. And last but not least, thanks to all who showed up and especially the big guy upstairs for giving us a perfect day to enjoy good food and company! We'll do it again next year! 73 de NB3C et al.....

NEXT VE SESSION: SEPT 20. CONTACT MARK:
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Deadline for the October (already? Yeesh!) newsletter will be October 8. The newsletter will be published on or about October 10.

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W3SVJ, WA3TTS, VE1DX, NCDXC,
ARRL. THANKS ALL, FOR
YOUR EFFORTS DE NB3C.**

Business Meeting Minutes: Aug.'10

The meeting was conducted by the President WB3HDI Bob at 8 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence for our Silent Keys. 31 members and 3 visitors answered the Roll Call. The Minutes of the July Meeting was accepted as published in the August newsletter. The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer KA3YNO Walt and accepted by the membership. His report included expenses to locate and transport the new shed and receipt of a bill from Collier Township for the club's assessment for placement of a sewer line on McMichael Rd.

Committee Reports

- ⇒ **Clubhouse** WA3VXJ Karl reported that KB3GMN Carol and OM N3SBF Richey are preparing the after meeting repast and he had the lawn tractor repaired and serviced. The AC needs repaired as it is not functioning after recently adding needed refrigerant.
- ⇒ **Technical** WA3TTS Mike has made repairs to the Thunderbolt Amplifier.
- ⇒ **Contest** WA3TTS Mike reported that the club worked 60 QSO's yielding 10,580 points in the recent UHF contest. Six members and 1 guest attended the contest.
- ⇒ **Newsletter** NB3C Greg needs an updated roster and requested the beacon frequencies for insertion in the newsletter.
- ⇒ **Public Service** KA3MSE Lloyd will run the net tomorrow night. KA3JKS Sue reported that the Skyview ARC has a Hamfest this coming Sunday followed by ARES and ARRL section meetings.
- ⇒ **Ways and Means** WA3FWA Joe will collect any QSL cards for the ARRL outgoing bureau and run the 50/50 raffle after the meeting. Mailed donation requests and bill payments were forwarded to the Treasurer.
- ⇒ **PC/Web Site** W3WTW Tim said Echolink is working OK and that the web cam will not function if it is powered off by any means and not reset when powered back on. Tim reported that a security system is available with 4 cameras and a deck which can email images if the motion sensor is tripped, complete with necessary cables. This system would replace the previous agreement to buy a single camera. The membership voted to buy this 4-camera system.
- ⇒ **Volunteer Exams** AI3V Mark said that the next session will be held on Mon. Sept. 20.
- ⇒ **Good of the Order** Tim would like to have Boy Scouts visit the club house during their September Jam-boree to demonstrate ham radio for them. He and some members will be on hand to assist. NU3Q Bob mentioned that he was able to make an Echolink contact from the train while traveling to the ARRL HQ and he will give a slide presentation of that trip after the meeting. N3EQP John received an ARRL License Manual from K3LAB Doug for the library. W3SVJ Nate talked with K3RYA Bill who is in rehab and is adjusting to using a wheelchair. Sue has a card for all of us to sign and send to Bill. The Rennerdale VFD is soliciting funds and the members voted to send them a donation. Bob (HDI) and Nate considered buying new fire extinguishers and a fiberglass ladder. KB3GMN Carol proposed a food menu for the Corn Roast. Funds were appropriated for this event.
- ⇒ **Motion to Adjourn** by Carol, KB3GMN.
- ⇒ **50/50 raffle** won by NB3C Greg who donated \$ 10.00 back to the club.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary WA3FWA Joe.



**Next meeting:
Sept. 21, 8PM.
Hope to CU
there!**

ARRL WPA Section News

This weekend presents some activity for us here in W. Pa. On Sunday September 12 the Butler County ARA will sponsor their swap and shop hamfest. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend since I will be attending the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency meeting in Lancaster along with SEC Larry Keller. This meeting will be discussing the finishing touches on the new Auxiliary Communications Service to combine various forms of radio services for emergencies. I will provide additional information after the meeting to interested parties. On October 3 the Monessen Amateur Radio club will hold their hamfest. Information for all hamfests is available at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests>.

October 9 and 10 is this year's PA QSO Party sponsored by the Nittany Amateur Radio club. This is one of my favorite operating events. This is a great opportunity to not only take part in a contest but also to chat with friends in Pennsylvania and see how your station performs working stations throughout the Commonwealth. The QSO Party administrators have just announced that K3MJW, the Skyview Amateur Radio Society will be the Special Event station for this year. This is a good chance to prepare for the Simulated Emergency Test that will take place on October 30. A planning meeting is scheduled for October 2 for the SET. Individuals interested in ARES operations are invited to join the WPA ARES yahoo group. You can join this group by sending an email to wpaares-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and putting the word "subscribe" in the subject line. Another website I recommend is located at <http://www.wpanbems.org>. This site has valuable information about NBEMS, which is the sections digital communications platform. Harry and Dave also have new presentations to inform you about updates to the program. One feature I value is the fact that we now have the ICS-213 form and the ARRL traffic form available to complete and send via NBEMS.

I would like to remind members that they should go to the league web site and log into the members only section to update their profile. When the new website was placed into service, member's privacy was considered and you now need to opt-in so as to get the various bulletins and also to make your information public. I encourage everyone to do so in order to be kept up to date on important information.

There is still time to schedule a visit from myself to your club meeting. I have some open dates for the remainder of the year. As I have stated previously I do not just pop in but prefer to be scheduled so that adequate time is available for me to report on activities as well as answer member questions. Drop me an email at n3mse@arrl.org with available dates.

As always I encourage you to join one of the various traffic nets and help deliver messages to individuals in your community and throughout the country as operators struggle to keep this activity running strong. The section net is on 3983 every evening at approximately 6:00 PM local time. The CW net is at 3585 at 7 PM local time. Also please check in on the Saturday morning ARES net. This net is conducted at 9 AM local during the summer and 10 AM in the fall on 3983 KHz. Please check in for valuable information. There are also several traffic nets on various VHF-UHF repeaters. Join the nets and let's all get Radio Active.

73 John V. Rodgers, N3MSE W. Pa. Section Manager



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News From The National Front.....

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⇒ OKLAHOMA TOWN AGREES RFI ORDINANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO HAMS

Acting on behalf of an ARRL member in Midwest City, Oklahoma -- who had been sent a notice by the town asserting that he was in violation of a town ordinance regarding radio frequency interference -- the ARRL notified Midwest City officials that only the FCC is empowered to regulate such matters. On August 4 -- two weeks after ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, sent the letter to town officials -- Midwest City Assistant City Attorney Randal D. Homburg sent an e-mail to the ham to let him know "the previously delivered notice is hereby rescinded. There will be no citations issued and thus, the issue is moot." Midwest City is in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

⇒ ARRL COMMENTS ON FCC 5 MHZ PROPOSALS

On July 13, the ARRL filed its comments in response to the FCC's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in ET Docket No. 10-98. The *NPRM* was issued in response to an ARRL *Petition for Rule Making* -- RM-11353 -- filed in October 2006. In its 2006 *Petition*, the ARRL had sought modest improvements in operating privileges in the so-called "60 meter" band, which presently consists of five channels on which General, Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees may use upper sideband (USB) emission and no more than 50 W effective radiated power (ERP) relative to a dipole antenna. Amateur use of these five channels is on a secondary basis and must not cause harmful interference to authorized stations in the mobile and fixed services. US amateurs were first authorized to operate on 60 meters in 2003-- thanks to agreement by the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration -- that with such limits, amateur use would be compatible with federal government requirements.

⇒ ARRL AMENDS PETITION TO DENY TO INCLUDE 16 ADDITIONAL RECON SCOUT APPLICATIONS

On August 16, ReconRobotics -- in response to the ARRL's *Petition to Deny Applications*, filed with the FCC on August 4 -- filed an *Opposition to Petition to Deny* with the FCC, arguing that the ARRL's *Petition* is "frivolous." The ARRL's *Petition* asked the FCC to deny 68 pending Public Safety Pool license applications associated with the ReconRobotics

Video and Audio Surveillance System, specifically the Recon Scout device. The Salina (Kansas) Police Department had asked the FCC for a waiver to operate the Recon Scout in the band 433-445 MHz. The FCC returned the waiver request to Salina, noting that the frequency band requested was not consistent with the waiver *Order* that requires that the first unit licensed to an eligible entity operate in the 436 -442 MHz band.

⇒ AUTHORITIES BELIEVE GARY HAAS, N5VGH, AND WIFE KILLED BY ESCAPED CONVICTS

The remains of Gary Haas, N5VGH, and his wife Linda of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, were found in a charred camper on a remote ranch in eastern New Mexico on the morning of Wednesday, August 4. Authorities believe they were killed by convicts, along with an accomplice, who had escaped from an Arizona prison on July 30. Authorities said that the Haas' bodies and camper were found by a rancher on his property, not far from Santa Rosa, one of the New Mexico cities that the couple frequented; their truck was found in Albuquerque, 100 miles away.



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⇒ PAKISTANI AMATEURS TEAM UP TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS, RELIEF SUPPORT FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

According to the Pakistan Amateur Radio Society (PARS) -- that country's IARU Member-Society -- radio amateurs in Pakistan have teamed up with the Islamabad Jeep Club and Pakistan Academy of Family Physicians to provide relief activities in those areas of Pakistan devastated by floods. The groups will supply food, tents and medical support to the northern flood affected areas of Nowshera, Charsadda and central Sargodha districts.

"The cellular services are down and so is the landline," the PARS Web site reports. "Last week, the joint team carried out a survey in the north and the center of the country, and to its dismay, the situation isn't promising. Restoration of cellular services and landlines could take months."

On August 21, hams reached the town of Dharkhanawala, looking to set up communications, but had to turn back because the equipment had not arrived; however, teams were able to distribute food in Dharkhanawala and Chauki Darab.

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- ⇒ **NETHERLANDS, PD.** Jelle, PD5JFK and Bernard, PD7BZ will be active as PD6MILL from the "De Eendracht" windmill from September 16 to 20. They will be QRV on SSB and digital modes on 40, 20 and 10 meters and on 2 meter FM. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQCL.cc. Direct cards should be sent to PD7BZ.
 - ⇒ **PALAU, T8.** Operators Takio, JH3QFL and Haruki, JH3KEA will be active as T88TB and T88KH, respectively, from September 19 to 22. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct to their home call sign or via the bureau.
 - ⇒ **TRISTAN DA CUNHA AND GOUGH ISLANDS, ZD9.** John, ZS1LF will be active as ZD9GI from Gough Island (AF-039) between September 2010 and September 2011. Activity will be on 160-10 meters mainly on SSB, but possibly some digital modes later. QSL direct to: Johan Sevenster, 2 Roozeboom STR - de Bron, Bellville, 7530, South Africa, or via the bureau.
 - ⇒ **OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT.** The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: 9UXEV, Burundi, 2010 Operation. (Yes, that's the call.)
 - ⇒ **KH0AC, LEN KAUFER, SK.** Dr. Leonard Kaufer, KH0AC became a silent key on August 12. Len moved to the US Trust Territory in the 1960's and was a Jesuit priest until he married a local girl. Thereafter he went to work at the Department of Education for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1970. He was very active in the DX contests and had 304 DXCC countries confirmed on SSB. If you need a QSL, better do it soon. They go to K7ZA, Jon. Since the logs are not on computer, there will be no LoTW confirmations. **SHORT STORY BY YE OLDE EDITOR:** One day while driving home in the morning from work, I heard KH0AC calling 'CQ' on 20M SSB. I figured 'What the hey, I'll give 'em a call'. Believe it or not, he answered me! 100 watts mobile from Neville Island to Saipan: 7600 miles or so! We were both amazed!
 - ⇒ **FRANCE, F.** Special event station TM400H is QRV until September 26 in remembrance of King Henry IV. QSL via F6KDU.
 - ⇒ **RWANDA, 9X.** Tom is QRV as 9X0TL and has been active on 20 meters using either CW or RTTY between 2200 and 0000Z. QSL via DL2RUM. He's there until Sept. 28.
 - ⇒ **LUXEMBOURG, LX.** Special event station LX750D is QRV until June 30, 2011 in celebration of the 750th anniversary of the City of Diekirch. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via bureau.
 - ⇒ **AUSTRIA, OE.** Special event stations OE50AMRS, OE50XAM, OE50XCL, OE50XCW, OE50XLC, OE50XMA and OE50XRM will be QRV from September 1 to December 31 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Austrian Military Radio Society in Peace Support Missions. Activity will be on all bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via bureau.
 - ⇒ **FRANZ JOSEF LAND, R1FJ.** Jack, UA4RX is QRV as R11FJ. QSL via operator's instructions.
 - ⇒ **HAITI, HH.** Roberto, YS1RS and Fazlay, S21RC are QRV as HH2/home calls while working for UNICEF in the ICT area. Activity is mainly on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via operators' instructions.
 - ⇒ **CENTRAL AFRICA, TL.** Pat, LA0HF is QRV as TL8PB and has been active on 20 meters around 1830z. QSL to home call.
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- ⇒ **ASIATIC RUSSIA, UA0.** Sergey, UA0FUA is QRV from Kurilsk on Iturup Island, IOTA AS-025. Activity of late has been on 20 and 10 meters using CW and SSB around 1200 to 1730z. QSL to home call.
 - ⇒ **ALBANIA, ZA.** Dik, ZA1E has been active on 20 meters using CW around 1730z. QSL via I2MQP.
 - ⇒ **APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT.** The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: 9X0TL, Rwanda, 2010 operation.
 - ⇒ **MADAGASCAR, 5R.** Franck, F4DBJ will be QRV as 5R8HT from September 5 to November 28. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.
 - ⇒ **MALTA, 9H.** Alex, SQ9UM will be QRV as 9H3UM from Gozo Island, IOTA EU-023, from September 8 to 22. QSL to home call.
 - ⇒ **SINGAPORE, 9V.** Loren, AD6ZJ is QRV as 9V1/home call in September. Activity is on the HF bands, preferring the newer bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY mostly during his nights and weekends. QSL to home call.
 - ⇒ **ANGOLA, D2.** Craig, MM0SSG is QRV as D2SG near Luan-da for about six months. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL direct to home call.

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ARRL 10GHz Test de WA3TTS.....

My barebones 10uW 3cm xvtr made 3 qsos on 10GHz across the lake into EN92op (60 miles) and EN92sn (62 miles) from EN91kt or about 100km paths. 20 QSOs total with both the 10uW and 200mw transverters before the rain came in around 4pm for WA3TTS. The uW transverter horn is 23db and the 18 inch dish around 30 db. Worked KB8VAO in FN02 for grid number 5 for VUCC at the EN91kt location. A total of five grids were worked on Sat from Perry Park, OH were EN81, EN82, EN91, EN92, FN02. A few photos.....very tired, good fun! Those attending were K8JA, WA8VPD, WB8TGY, VE3CRU, KD0AR, WA3TTS and visitors W3BC, K8DIO, and KB8TAP. No, Bill, VE3CRU does not drive down the road with the dish on the roof!!

73, Mike, WA3TTS

Sez VE3SMA: the turnout on Lake Erie was great! I've never before seen so many contacts made randomly as a result of someone calling CQ on 10 GHz. I suppose my chief memories of this weekend will include:

- working WA3TTS's 3 micro-watt rig at ~100 km
- best dx of 341 km with WW8M as the last QSO on Sunday night (my best ever distance with Don)
- a tough rainscatter QSO with K2LDU on a path that normally works well on tropo (made possible by VE3FHM having his dish pointed well off the correct



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bearing and thus hearing the rainscatter signal when the rest of us thought there was nothing there!)

- several 10 GHz IF rig failures (temporarily fixed in the field at least 3 times), partly due to a broken lead on the LO VCO transistor as I discovered Sat. night!
- rain, rain and more rain (but mostly not heavy enough for rainscatter except where I was set up!).

- VE4MA reports 68 QSOs, best dx 1045 km (with N4PZ) and a score of over 20k after the first weekend. All that from his home station! Best tropo in 20 years, he says.



PITTSBURGH – August 18, 2010 – Handling emergencies well is an art form and the fastest way to turn any emergency into a total disaster is to lose communications according to Bob Mente. Mente will be demonstrating the capabilities of Amateur Radio (also known as “ham radio”) under simulated emergency conditions at the 9th annual *Art in the Park* presented by the Mt. Lebanon Sunrise Rotary Club along with their primary sponsor, *Bill Few Associates*.

Mente is a licensed Amateur Radio operator and an officer with the Mt. Lebanon Sunrise Rotary Club and a member of the Rotarians of Amateur Radio (R.O.A.R.). His group will provide visitors with a demonstration of how a simple piece of wire and a 12 volt battery can facilitate emergency Amateur Radio communications – a skill that is often necessary during emergencies. Rotarians (and non-Rotarians) involved with the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES®) assist local, state and federal public safety officials and other response organizations when traditional communication channels are overwhelmed or destroyed.

Special Event Station K3R will be on the air on 10/2 from 10 AM to 6 PM and 10/3 from 10 AM to 5 PM in Mt. Lebanon Park, Commissioner's Lot. It is in the same location as last year. I will be prowling 20 and 40 meters for contacts – listen for my K3R call! Yinz guys and gals are welcome to stop by and work my station as well. (ARTICLE COURTESY OF BOB MENTE, NU3Q)

“Illustrating how Amateur Radio operators can help the community in a time of crisis goes hand in hand with the concept of giving back to the community which is what the proceeds from Art in the Park does.

It also illustrates the Rotary credo of “Service Above Self,” said Mente.

The 9th Annual *Art in the Park* presented by the Mt. Lebanon Sunrise Rotary Club will be held October 2nd and 3rd at Mt. Lebanon Park. The two-day event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The event features more than 50 artists, several food vendors, live music, children's activities and more. Perfect for a fall family outing, this yearly regional event highlights artisans from Pittsburgh and beyond and includes exhibitors showing oil, watercolor and pastel paintings; textiles and weaving; needlework and florals; glass, ceramics and jewelry; photography, woodcarving and furniture.

Art in the Park presented by the Mt. Lebanon Sunrise Rotary Club serves as a charitable endeavor. Over the last two years the event has raised more than \$30,000 for local organizations in the South Hills of Pittsburgh.

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⇒ AE3JM	JASON	⇒ KD7HR	GREG	⇒ W3WTW	TIM
⇒ A13J	MARK	⇒ KR8Q	MARK	⇒ W6LAC	BOB
⇒ AK3J	STEW	⇒ KT3L	DOC	⇒ WA3BKD	ART
⇒ DC3RJ	JUERGEN	⇒ N3DQ	DELLA	⇒ WA3CYU	BOB
⇒ DL4ZAA	RALF	⇒ N3DXE	BILL	⇒ WA3FWA	JOE
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Wanna see your name & call added to the list? Come see us! We have a business meeting every third Tuesday of the month, and a club social every Wednesday night except the Wednesday after the business meeting night. Contact info is on [page 2](#) of the newsletter. Shoot an E-Mail to any one of us and we'll give you all the poop on becoming a member!



I Remember Don.....

YE OLDE EDITOR'S NOTE: While I was writing my Website-Of-The-Month (page 10) article for this installment of the newsletter, I saw a NCDXF newsletter supplement on their site about the process involved in accrediting the 701YGF operation, and why it took 9 years to do so. This got me to thinking about an article I read online about Dr. Don Miller, W9WNV. Those of you who were active in the 60's and 70's will probably remember Don and his exploits as a DX'er and how he activated TONS of new ones for the deserving. At least one of his operations was later found to have been faked and was disallowed, and that's why, even today the ARRL requires proof positive that activity from a rare entity, did, in fact, take place from said rare entity.

After a stint in prison in 1980, Don was released in the 90's and currently holds the call AE6IY. The W9WNV call currently belongs to the Don Miller DX Club in Los Angeles. (No, it wasn't for faking DXpeditions.....)

This is the first of a two-part article on Don, his DXpeditions, and how they changed the face of DX'ing, even today. It originally appeared in the NCDXC newsletter, the "NCDXC Dixer" some years back. (1990's, I think.)

Many thanks to the VE1DX website, and the NCDXC (Northern California DX Club -- NOT THE SAME AS THE NCDXF) for posting this to the public domain. OTHER THAN SOME MINOR SPELLING CORRECTIONS, THE ARTICLE APPEARS IN ITS ENTIRETY. Hope you like.....73 de NB3C.....

I REMEMBER DON By Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD (SK)

Twenty seven years ago this June 9th the NCDXC held its monthly meeting at the Fork and Cork in San Mateo. Don Miller was the speaker for the evening. It was possibly up to that time the largest attendance at a Northern California DX Club meeting ever. Ninety four true blue DX types came from far and near to meet Don and hear of his adventures.

It was a time of change though this is probably realized more in retrospect than it was at the time. DXing was going through a major change; things never would be the same again. It was Don Miller who brought about the changes; he and no one else. He was a superb operator who brought loads of needed DXing and new countries to the Deserving. Just ask any Old Timer about Don but don't stand close. Some are still mad. And they intend to stay that way so just don't argue with them. They were there and they are the ones who bear the scars from those years. It was terrible. Even today some of the elders have difficulty in talking about it.

We first worked Don Miller as HL9KH in Korea where he was a captain in the U.S. Army medical corp. Don Miller was a physician. He was in every contest and ran up big scores. He would operate a key with his left hand and simultaneously log with his right hand. He was among the best if not the absolutely best operator. Never let anyone tell you anything less about Don Miller.

Back in those days, actually not too long after WWII,

DXing was not the 800 pound giant that it is today. It was, as some would often then note, an aberration. The heart and soul of amateur radio was elsewhere. If you really understood, you could find the real meaning of amateur radio in the traffic nets, in the emergency preparedness organizations and all those other good endeavors. DXers were weird. The ARRL DXCC Desk was a minor chord in a minor opus. It was a peripheral operation and seldom recognized or even understood by the real amateurs.

In those days the ultimate praise for an amateur was: "...he's a good traffic man". When the biennial elections for ARRL directors were held the general consensus was that the one who was "...a good traffic man" came with the highest qualifications. In the ARRL itself all the activity was under the control of "The Communications Department". To study the organization setup of the ARRL in those days is to quickly recognize that the ARRL was: 1. The Communications Department: 2. QST and anything else. And DXing was handled by the Communications Department whose main interest was traffic handling. And don't try to argue on this, this is the way it was. Absolutely. Just don't try to argue with history. You will always lose.

In those days the DXCC desk was primarily interested in the authenticity of QSL cards. Then, it was not smart to try to slip any bogus counters past the DXCC Desk. They had their "black light" and any card at all that was suspicious brought a hot warning that any future transgressions would be dealt with by banishment to the outer darkness. And with no avenues of appeal available. Slip--and you were gone. Permanently. There was no argument or opportunity for any explanation.

All amateurs were considered absolutely honest. They had to be or they would not be holders of the amateur license. Normally if you said you were in a country, that was sufficient. Even in countries where amateur radio was prohibited, good DXCC counters could be had from working surreptitious operations. The DXCC criteria clearly said that cards would be honored from countries where "amateur licenses were not issued in the normal manner". When Benito M. was the Italian tyrant, amateur radio was prohibited. But underground stations were operating from the sacred Italian soil and they were accepted for DXCC. After all, DXers were amateurs and amateurs were honest. If they said they were there, of course they were. They were honest. Perhaps traffic operators were the most honest of all.

In short, DXing was different. Don Miller changed things. It was never the same after Don.

Don got out of the service and took off to make life a bit happier for Dxers. He started showing from new countries. Don did his research and compiled a list of places which should qualify for country counters, a good many never have been previously considered as even wild possibilities. Don knew the rules and he exploited them. He even worked from Okino Tori-Shima long before the JA-jubilee year. His operation there was not accepted.

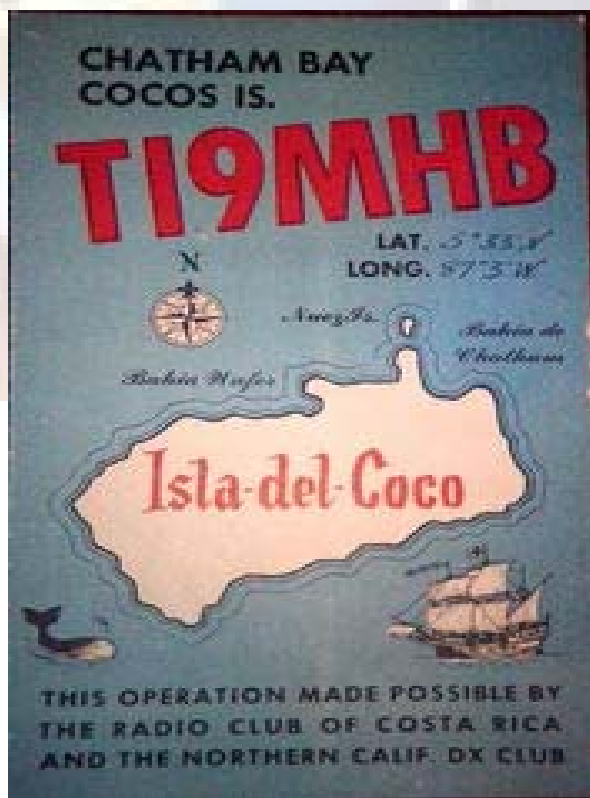
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A (semi) frequent feature where I try to highlight websites that I hope you'll find interesting & informative. **YE OLDE EDITOR'S DISCLAIMER:** I have no interest, either pecuniary or monetary, in the websites reviewed here. I'm just lookin' for ways to enhance this here newsletter. 73 de NB3C.

My pick this month: The Northern California DX Foundation.
<www.ncdxf.org>

The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) is a very well known and respected group, that is responsible for many famous DXpeditions and for activating new DXCC countries for us deserving DX'ers. It's probably the premiere DX'ing group in the US. Just some of the DXpeditions they've funded and sponsored include: K4M Midway, E44M Palestine, K5D Desecheo, VK9XX Christmas Island, TY1MS, Benin, and some of the future ones: VP8O South Orkney (Jan/Feb 2011), ZL8X Kermadec (Nov/Dec 2010), CY0 Sable Island (Oct 2010) & PJ7 Sint Maarten (Oct 2010 when it becomes a new DXCC entity).



Since 1972, they've been assisting amateur radio AND scientific projects with funds and equipment. It's a non-profit group whose mission is to promote and encourage amateur radio activity around the globe. Their website is very well organized, and contains links where you can learn more about their mission. By far the coolest link is the QSL card gallery. Here you can see some really nice color QSL cards of trips the NCDXF has sponsored.

Also available are videos that the foundation can loan to clubs/individuals for your viewing pleasure. There are many titles available to borrow for simply nothing more than postage each way. Videos of DXpeditions all the way back to 1979 are available.

Think this newsletter is nice? Check out theirs by clicking on the 'Newsletter' link. It's a semi-annual publication, with issues available all the way back to the Spring/Summer 2008 issue.

Also available is an all-in-one link to the many DX publications available, such as 'The Daily DX', '425 DX News', RSGB IOTA news, QSL Manager lookups, and many others.

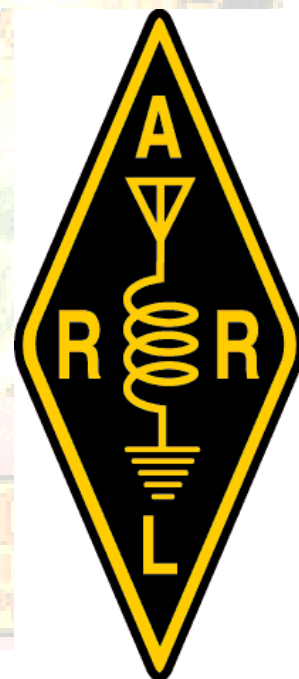
Did you know that the NCDXF in cooperation with the IARU constructed and operates a worldwide HF beacon system? Very useful in determining which bands are open and where. Using this in conjunction with the computer program 'Faros' (maybe I'll describe it in a future 'Software of the month' column), you can determine which bands are worth checking out. There's also a link available so you can see which beacons are operational and which ones are off the air, along with photos of the various stations. By clicking on the 'Beacons' link, you'll see all kinds of info pertaining to this important DX'ing tool.

Membership is open to anyone interested in joining. Like I said the group appeals to amateurs worldwide, not just in California. Currently dues are set at 50 bucks, which helps them to sponsor all them there rare DXpeditions.

So, check out their site; support 'em if you can. DX'ing would be a whole different story without the enthusiastic support of groups like the NCDXF activating all those rare entities for us to work.

That's it this time around.....Thanks for reading.....73 de NB3C.

Website Of The Month.....



Software Of The Month.....

A (semi) frequent feature where I try to highlight software that I hope will enhance your operating time in the shack. **YE OLDE EDITOR'S DISCLAIMER:** I have no interest, either pecuniary or monetary in the software described here. I am simply attempting to keep the newsletter from becoming the same old boring schtick month after month.....Thanks for reading.....73 de NB3C.

My topic this month: CW Skimmer.....What exactly is it?
<<http://www.dxatlas.com/CwSkimmer/>>

Short answer: Probably the most controversial software program ever to be developed for us Radio Amateur types.

But, the short answer does not make for an interesting article, so here I go with my "long" answer.

CW Skimmer is written by Alex Shovkoplyas, VE3NEA, and is a tool that can not only be used to decode CW, but can also be used to see the CW activity on any given band. This is especially useful in a contesting environment, where you can see all the calls of every station your receiver is currently hearing. Again; what is displayed is coming from your receiver, so it is actually a display of what you are hearing. In other words it's not coming from a DX Cluster. The advantage here is, instead of playing hit-and-miss with the cluster, tuning to a spot you can't hear, you simply tune to the spot shown on CW Skimmer and log them. Think of it as a band-map of stations currently being heard at your location. Or maybe as your own personal DX Cluster of stations YOU CAN ACTUALLY HEAR AND WORK.

Under normal circumstances, you'll see a 3KHz or so swath of the band displayed, along with all calls currently being heard. But you guys & gals out there with an SDR radio, you'll be able to see & hear 10KHz or so. In the main window (the dark blue one), you will see a waterfall-like display that actually shows the dots & dashes displayed. In the window to the right of that is where the calls will be displayed. In the small band below both of these windows, is where you will see the decoded text displayed.

Setup is relatively easy & straightforward. You'll need to know which soundcard you're using (if you're like me and have multiple soundcards in your machine), and you'll need to know what COM port your rig is connected to, so the program knows which band you are on. Setup is a onetime deal, do it at initial startup and you're done. One of the really cool things is that you can send Skimmer directly over to your logging program. A fine tutorial on this program is available at: <<http://www.dxatlas.com/CwSkimmer/Files/Skimmerintro.pdf>>

The nice thing about CW Skimmer is that it has the try-before-you-buy feature; you can download it free for 30 days and play with it to see if it is software worth purchasing for your operating environment. Currently, the software is priced at \$75.00. But, if you're a serious tester, you might find it to be indispensable. It's a pretty versatile program. I've only given a very brief description here; it's capable of much more.

Earlier I said that its "Probably the most controversial software program ever to be developed for us Radio Amateur types." Why?? Because it has changed CW contesting forever. For instance: If a contest distinguishes entries between single op and single op assisted, you'll be classed as assisted when using a tool like CW Skimmer. And, if you're a really serious tester, you can locate a CW Skimmer outside the 500 meter circle that most contests define as your station. By doing so, you can eliminate interference from your station. Not only that, but a club could situate a CW Skimmer on the property for use by its members. If you wanted, you could even locate a remote Skimmer in Europe, or Asia. However, in the instances listed above, if you're gonna take advantage of these scenarios, EVERYBODY has to have the same and equal access to it. It can't be just for your personal use, or a few club members use. So, as you can see, using it in a contest has the potential of giving you the edge over others and increasing your score dramatically.

Those in the know say that CW Skimmer in a contesting environment will deliver between 10 AND 100 TIMES MORE SPOTS THAN THE TRADITIONAL DX CLUSTER. If you search and pounce (like I do), you'll achieve impressive rates, because since the spot is local (your receiver), you know it'll be there; no guesswork like on the cluster. Simply click on the spot, work 'em and log 'em.

Here's another way CW Skimmer is being put to use: In April of 2008, the reverse beacon network was started. This simply takes advantage of CW Skimmers ability to copy and report what it is currently hearing. With the reverse beacon network, since it is a network of stations listening to the bands, it will report what stations they hear and how well they hear it. So instead of listening to a beacon and determining how loud and well you can hear it, someone else is listening to your signal and determining how loud you are. By tuning to the network, you can call CQ, and hear which reverse beacons are hearing you and how strong they are hearing you.

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charts for years but which sailors had difficulty in finding a second time. Don showed from places where amateur radio was forbidden. Don showed from places that were practically inaccessible in those days. And Don worked twenty or thirty thousand contacts at every stop. Don was DX personified and no one would dare argue with that premise. There naturally were some malcontents. One has to expect these even in the best of times. Some said that Don was charging for his contacts, that if you were high on the DXCC Honor Roll listing, you were expected to pay accordingly. If you did not help with the great work, Don would have difficulty in hearing your signal.

Some DXers were outraged at this. Here they had this big cloud of aluminum in the sky and all the power the mains could handle and and sometimes a bit more and Miller could not hear their signal. But if they used the call of the non-DXing XYL or other members of the family, Don could catch it on the first call. Recognize the fact that working Don using an in-family call did not help with the DXCC counters, it only helped drive up the blood pressure. It was a time when more than one big-gun DXer was driven to the wall. It just was not fair.

Don showed from places like Burma, China, Thailand, Heard Island, Spratly, the Laccadives, Navassa, Serrano Bank, St Peter and Paul Rocks and Chagos and Blenheim Reef. Most of these were either prohibited countries or possibly new ones that Don had discovered. He showed from just about every needed country known and a good many places which had not previously been considered as DXCC possibilities. He proved they were. Don even showed from Minerva Reef, Maria Theresa and Baja Nuevo. He was everywhere. And the fact that was hard to dispute was that he often mailed his QSL cards for operations right from the country where he had been operating. Who could dispute such clear evidence of his authenticity.

Some in the ARRL started to ask questions, possibly this coming with prompting from some knowledgeable DXers. The easy going, laissez faire days of DXing were nearing an end.

For years you could still trace a record of Miller's activities in the ARRL Country List. These could be recognized in the Deleted Countries List by the notation: "Deleted because of lack of supporting documentation". That happened so long ago that the current DXCC Countries list no longer has such notations. The glow of those happy days and the misery that followed are long gone.

In June 1967 Don was on a grand tour of the states. He worked his way across the country telling of his adventures in foreign lands and the excitement encountered in bringing new countries to the needy Deserving. It was a good show. The NCDXC crowd that heard it that June evening enthusiastically cheered Don at every possible occasion. The opportunities were many.

It was a jammed meeting, far more than the usual dining room could accommodate. The late arrivals had to dine in remote splendor out in the main dining room. From there they could hear the background noise from the good times in the regular meeting room, the voices raised in loud and good cheer. But Don Miller did not forget the DXers in the outer darkness, he came out to greet and shake the hand of every single one of them. Don was the great friend of every DXer. Believe that. A real hand-shaking DXer!

Then the regular meeting room was jammed as everyone crowded in to hear Don speak. He told of his recent adventures, some of his older and more memorable ones and made only a passing reference to the troubles developing with the ARRL. There in downtown Newington they just did not get it. Possibly they never would.

Don told of some of his recent operation from the Indian Ocean and

especially from the needed Laccadives. This was a needed one for DXers because India would not allow amateur operations there. Don had a fine slide show; he showed the approach by boat to the Laccadives, coconut palms sticking up out of the sea. Then there was a crowd of natives waiting on the coral strand, Don assuring the meeting that this was the headman and chief in this part of the Laccadives and he was waiting to welcome Don to his domain.

There were pictures of Heard Island. One showed the glacier covered mountain, Big Ben, that towered behind the old cable station and the old and decaying buildings of the station itself. Don noted one of the more habitable buildings that was the base for his activity. He was careful to note the feed-through connections that brought the old Australian cable service into the building. Heard Island was one the ARRL was moving to disallow.

Don also talked of some of the other stops along the Indian Ocean in East Africa. He told of arriving at one back-water shipping port in a small country to learn that the elder son and heir of the ruler was seriously ill with an arm infection at the inland capital. Don told of immediately gathering his doctor's satchel and traveling through the jungle and across hardly charted mountains all night long, he arrived at the bedside of the sick youngster at dawn. He immediately applied his wide medical knowledge and pulled the youngster through what had promised to be a fatal illness. It was a touching story.

Amateur radio had not been permitted in this backward country but now, as Don told it, the ruler was so grateful for the saving of the favorite son that he was going to allow Don to operate there any time he wished and that there would be steps taken to lift the ban on amateur radio operations in that country.

Unfortunately, because of the delicate nature of the matter, it was neither feasible nor possible to tell the name of the country at the NCDXC meeting. But as soon as the word was received, Don would be on the way to the new one and the NCDXC would certainly be the first among equals to know. Absolutely.

It was a joyful meeting. Don was cheered and the ARRL condemned. Taking firm action in the Don Miller matter the club had previously adopted unanimously, six ayes and no nays, at a regular meeting a formal resolution advising the ARRL that their actions in suspending credit for some of Miller's operations was premature. That resolution has never been rescinded.

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Software Of The Month..(from pg 11)

For more info on the reverse beacon network, check out this website: www.reversebeacon.net. Coverage is currently in Europe and North America, and they're always on the lookout for more stations.

So right away, you can see how this revolutionary software is changing the way we work contests and chase DX. Using it will give you a big advantage in contests over those that don't. If you want to read more on CW Skimmer, I can highly recommend the article that appeared in the July/August 2009 issue of the National Contest Journal (NCJ) published by the ARRL. It's also available on line. Click on this link to read it: www.ncjweb.com/julaug09feat.pdf

Another good link is the E-Ham reviews: <http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/7573>

I've just scratched the surface here; it's pretty intense software for the Amateur, but it's not for everyone. Like I said, download it, play with it for 30 days and then make your decision. But if you enjoy CW contesting, you may just find it an indispensable tool in your arsenal to achieve the best score possible. Whether you can copy CW in your head at 35WPM, or need assistance (like I do), CW Skimmer will help you to enjoy this popular mode even more, and maybe even get you involved in some of them there CW contests. What with contesting season upon us, it'll be the perfect time to see what it is capable of during your 30 day trial period. It's a relatively simple program, but man-oh-man, it sure has changed contesting and DX'ing.....

The site also has all kinds of other good software with the 30 day trial, download some of it and play with it. He has a wide variety of stuff available for you to try out.

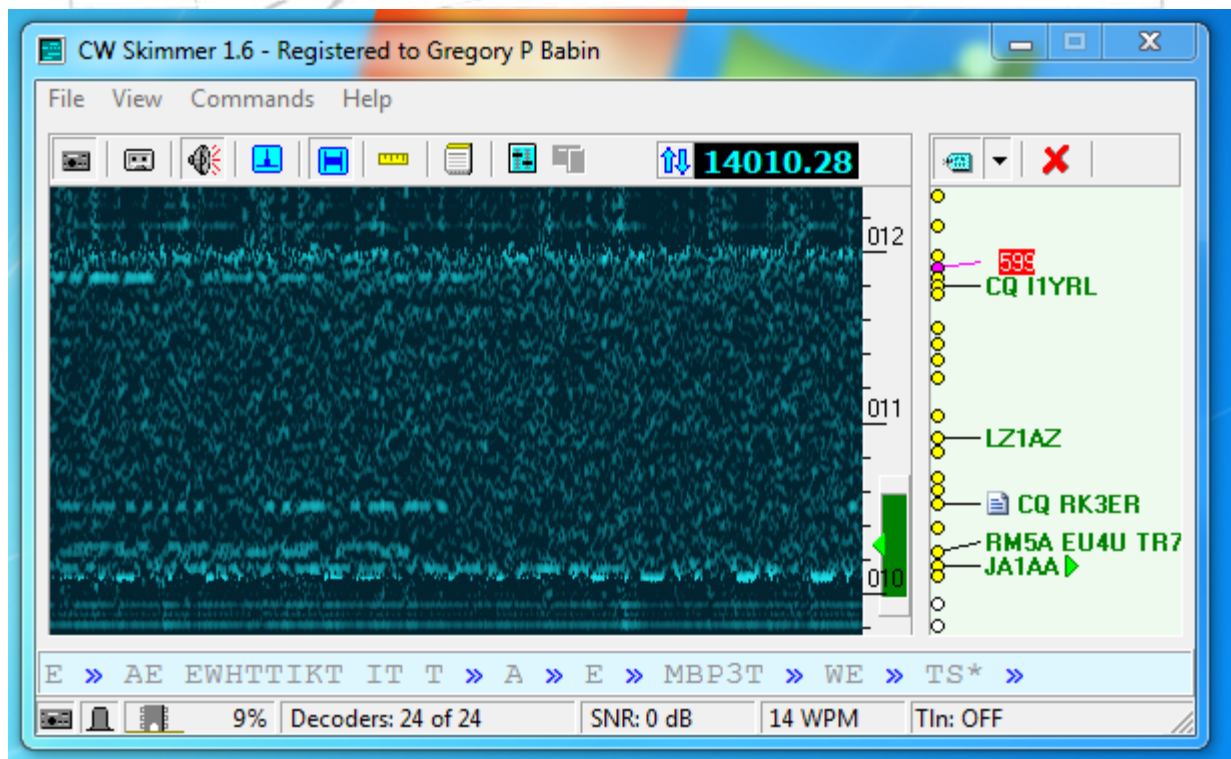
That's it for my dissertation on CW Skimmer. Thanks for reading along! 73 de NB3C.....

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This is the program running on my shack computer. As you can see on the right, those are the calls of stations active, with my rig set to a frequency of 14010.28 (as indicated in the right corner above the waterfall). Right away you can see who is calling 'CQ', and you can even see someone giving 11YRL a '599' signal report. Wanna work RK3ER? Simply click on his call and your rig will change to that frequency. If you look closely in the waterfall, across from RK3ER, you can see the dots/dashes displayed. Down at the bottom, you'll see decoded text scrolling across the screen.

SCARC Congratulates Skyview ARC on their 50th Anniversary.....

Dear Members and Officer Corps of the SKYVIEW RADIO SOCIETY, we extend to you a most "Happy 50th Anniversary."

To have survived and flourished in such an endeavor is indeed an accomplishment to be recognized.

We are well aware of the time, energy and assets that require the maintenance and growth of a "club" organization and how many times that is multiplied when the club is owner and "maintainer" of clubhouse with the ensuing equipment and land property that requires constant attention.

Your founders and the ongoing membership and elected officers have done just that. Our most sincere congratulations to you on this milestone and our wish for continued success in the future years of amateur radio.

Sincerely, your "brother / sister" amateur radio club, a couple of river crossings to the east, the members and officer corps of the STEEL CITY ARC, W3KWH

Bob Lenfestey, WB3HDI president

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DX News (from page 6)

- ⇒ **DENMARK, OZ.** Ulli, DD2ML and Martina, DD7MR will be QRV as 5P5L from Lolland Island, IOTA EU-029, from September 4 to 18. QSL via DD2ML.
- ⇒ **CORSICA, TK.** Operators F5MCC and F4FGJ will be QRV as TK/home calls from September 4 to 24. They will also be active on IOTAs EU-014, EU-104 and EU-164. QSL to home calls.
- ⇒ **SYRIA, YK.** Saad, N5FF will be QRV as YK1BA from September 6 to 17 to assist those who may need Syria on a specific band or mode. QSL direct to home call.
- ⇒ **CURACAO, PJ2.** Look for Skyview ARC ops to be active from the PJ2T contest station during the CQ WW RTTY contest, September 25-26. They'll be signing as PJ2S. QSL via K3MJW. (Good luck guys!)
- ⇒ **TUNISIA, 3V.** A group of operators will be QRV as TS7TI and TS7TI/p from Plane Island, IOTA AF-091 and Kuriat Island, IOTA AF-092, respectively, from September 13 to 23. Activity will be on all HF and VHF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via operators' instructions.
- ⇒ **MADAGASCAR, 5R.** Franck, F4DBJ is QRV as 5R8HT from Ivato, IOTA AF-013, until November 28. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

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I Remember Don.....(from page 12)

At the end of the meeting a basket was passed around for voluntary contributions to the great cause. The basket was enthusiastically filled with currency. Many were ready to put their money where their trust was. In Don Miller.

Don went east from this June meeting. He had filed a law suit against the ARRL asking for damages for their actions. Actually one of the NCDXC club members, a prominent bay area lawyer, was hired by the ARRL in the team to handle their side of the case.

With all the uproar about some of Miller's operations being disallowed, Don announced a Caribbean tour he was setting forth on. This included a stop at Navassa and some other promised needed ones. The hint was that St Peter and Paul Rocks might be visited.

Navassa was controlled by the U.S. Coast Guard. You needed their permission to land on the island. Don Miller did not get this okay but went to Navassa anyhow. The ARRL said the operation would not be accepted. Then Don moved onto Serrano Bank and Baja Nuevo. He operated from these needed ones. Then he disappeared for some weeks. No word at all.

Suddenly, there he was. Operating from St Peter and Paul Rocks in the Atlantic east of Brazil. This turned out to be the Achilles Heel of the Miller Story.

Things in the lawsuit got to the deposition stage. That was where the whole thing blew up. It blew up so hard and loud that some of the DXers, the more trusting and faithful ones, never recovered fully their hearing nor their faith in the goodness of mankind. If Don Miller was flawed, the whole world was flawed. Even one major amateur magazine was so shaken that the word was given to never mention that name again in the columns of that publication. The Don Miller photo had been turned to their editorial wall. It probably is still there.

In the deposition stage and under oath, Miller's partner on the trip admitted that they had never been on St Peter and Paul Rocks but actually operated on a boat off the coast of Venezuela and some 1800 miles west of the supposed operation. The legal case blew up.

Don Miller had also been giving depositions when his partner spilled the beans. With this development the taking of the sworn statements was put on hold; some signs that a willingness to settle the whole thing started to show. After some discussion between the lawyers involved, an agreement was signed and the matter more or less was ended.

In some aspects the matter has never ended. The DXing you practice today is largely directed and controlled by ARRL actions taken after the ending of the lawsuit. The good old days of believing in the goodness of man and especially the nobleness and honesty of DXers came to an end. The ARRL issued changes which initially were so strict that foreign amateur associations protested them most loudly. Eventually things eased up a bit but the basic rule that came forth is that you must be ready to prove some things in an operation, things such as licenses, permission to operate and proof that you were there.

Years ago I got the definitive word right out of the mouth of Bob White, W1CW, who was then running the ARRL DXCC Desk. An effort was ready to go out and put the Spratlys on the air but there was some nagging question on the call sign. They wanted to sign 1S1A. A phone call came from Hong Kong asking if that point could be clarified and would the call 1S1A be accepted?

In turn a phone call was made to Bob White in downtown Newington who phrased his reply so succinctly that there could be no doubt as to his meanings or wishes. "I don't give a damn what call they sign", Bob roared into the telephone, "just as long as they can prove that they were there!"

Who could argue with such clarity?

Inevitably steps were taken to straighten out what obviously had been a misuse of trust. The DX Advisory Committee was the first of several such advisory committees authorized to help the ARRL Board of Directors better understand some of the more exotic practices within amateur radio. Other Advisory Committees followed. The Don Miller matter had found the Board in many instances just unable to comprehend what was going on. Something was but it was not easily understood by a non-DXer. Only a few of the board in those days had any understanding of DXing, most of them were lost when the nuances of the great undertakings were explored. Completely lost. The Advisory Committees were the road to understanding if not to better decision making.

Don Miller persisted for awhile but the bloom was off. There were a number of his operations later disallowed, these because of the lack of supporting evidence. In some respects these were ex post facto demands, the original presentations had been accepted for DXCC credits. Don could not or would not prove the operations had taken place; the ARRL could not prove they were not. Supporting documentation was not forthcoming; the questioned countries were dropped from accreditation.

Some will even yet ask why the Miller caper happened. It happened because of the internal handling within the ARRL of what was then considered a minor activity. In retrospect, many of the more ancient DXers will speak guardedly among themselves of other DX operations which, when carefully reviewed in later years, raised some very strong questions. That time is now long gone but back at the height of the Miller problem there was some talk that the ARRL was concerned that any legal hearings might bring some of the then long gone operations back out into daylight for scrutiny. It appears that the point would be raised that if such operations in the past had been accepted, why were Millers questioned when these others had not been.

In short, it actually was a situation that had developed over the long years. Don Miller brought it to perfection. He had the skills and the willingness to travel. He did his home work. Unfortunately he started cutting corners. One who accompanied Don on some of his later trips even said that he got lazy.

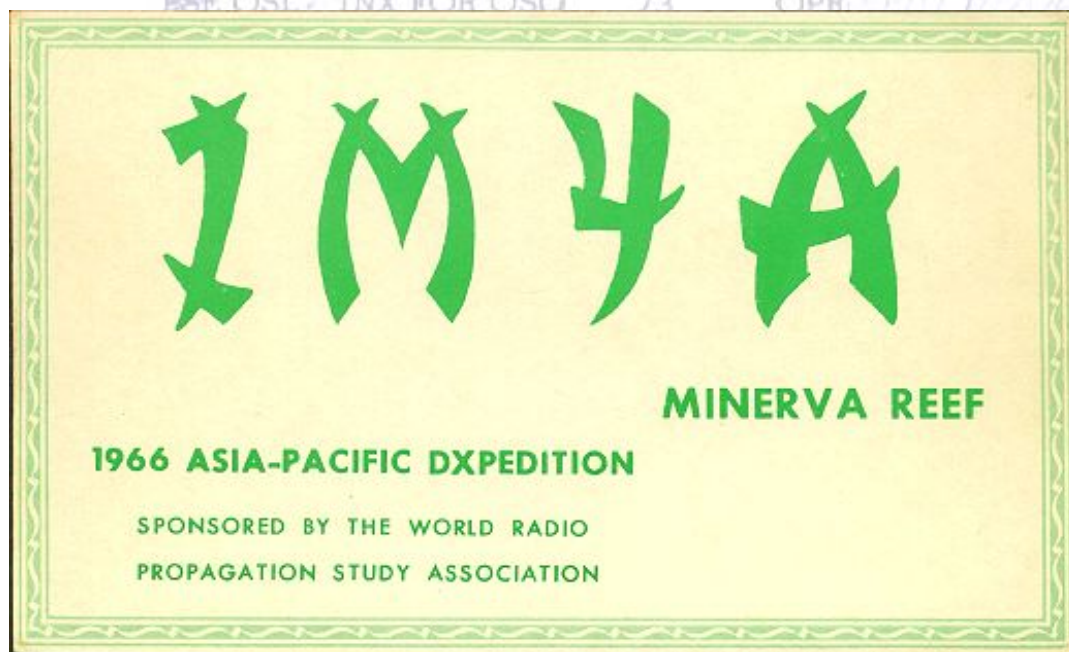
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Even when a legitimate operation could have been mounted with no great effort, it was felt that the happy DXers back home would never know the difference in that the operation was not from where it was claimed, so why go to all the trouble. Often he did not.

Don Miller should be remembered for the big changes that were wrought within DXing by his activity. He made it what it had never been before and possibly has not been since. It was perhaps an early full time effort. A "World Radio Propagation Study" it was called. It did happen once; it is doubtful if something like this could ever happen again.

Some will still always be ready to denounce Don Miller yet some of the castigators probably have QSLs from him which gave them new DXCC counters and new countries. Others denounced Miller because

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they felt then, and still do, that their trust in him was betrayed. Even today over a quarter century some cannot find a good word to say about him. Yet others will still remember him as superb operator who could figure out places that would count for new countries. There are plusses and minuses all up and down the line.

But that night at the NCDXC meeting at the Fork and Cork there was little dissent or little disbelief shown. Perhaps the only word whispered aside was: "With all those photos of the Laccadives and Heard Island, how come none of them show Don Miller in the picture?" A good question.

Some time when the times are slow and someone talks about the Miller years, ask what operations actually were nailed by the ARRL as frauds. It may be surprising even yet to some but it does seem that the St Peter and Paul Rocks was the only one. The other Miller efforts that were deleted were on the basis that the requested supporting documentation had not been supplied.

In later years a lot of things went wrong for Don Miller but that in itself is another story. For some years he was the brightest star in the DXing firmament. He blazed out along the way.

After twenty five years it may be well to remember what happened, how one can trust and lose and how one of DXing's top operators fell from the pinnacle.

And above all else, remember that DX as you know it today has a lot of it's earmarks and parameters directly traceable to Don Miller and what he did.....and what he claimed he did.



The green couch is now in couch heaven

From W3SVJ:

"A bit of reminiscence and a few words about an "sk" member, Bill Hall, K3VSL.

We will share a few experiences with those that remember him and those that don't.

A brief and informal "ceremony" about 7:30 PM prior to the September 21st. SCARC meeting."



Witness the passing of a familiar SCARC fixture, the green couch, that sat many an ass in comfort at the monthly SCARC meetings and socials. (HA HA, I know what you're thinking; I didn't mean it that way!) Alas, it was decided to retire it and send it to couch heaven, which was done at the Sept. 1 social night. Farewell couch, and we thank you for your many years of devoted service to the SCARC group.

You know you're a hard-core ham when: You plan your wedding so future anniversaries don't coincide with a major contest weekend!





Another super Corn Roast,
thanks to the efforts of
Richie and Carol. THANK
YOU FROM THE SCARC
GANG!



CornRoast! 2010



About 50 people showed
up this year, with enuff
food to feed an army!



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THANKS TO BILL N3DXE
FOR THE FINE COOKIN'!



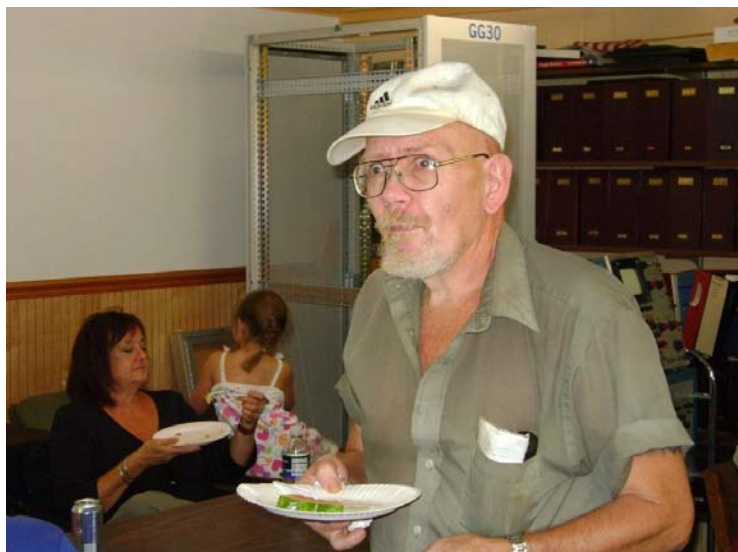
WB3HDI sez:
Thanks to
Toni McKee
for helping
slice onions!
Next year,
we do just
ONE though!!



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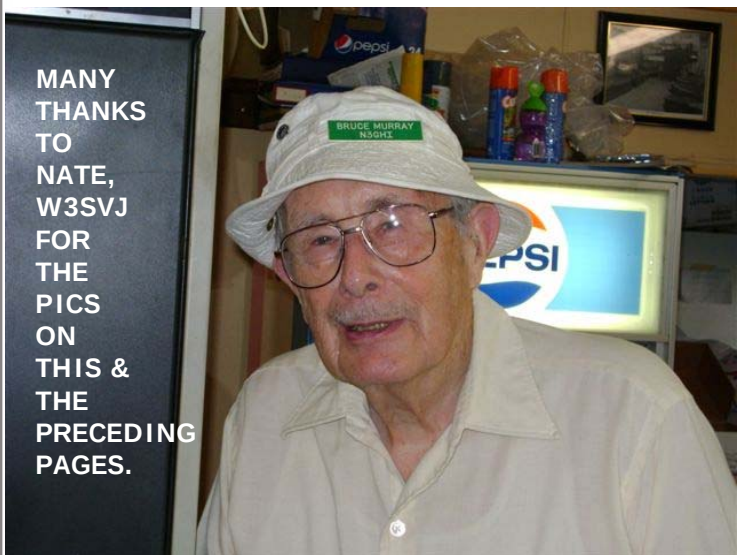
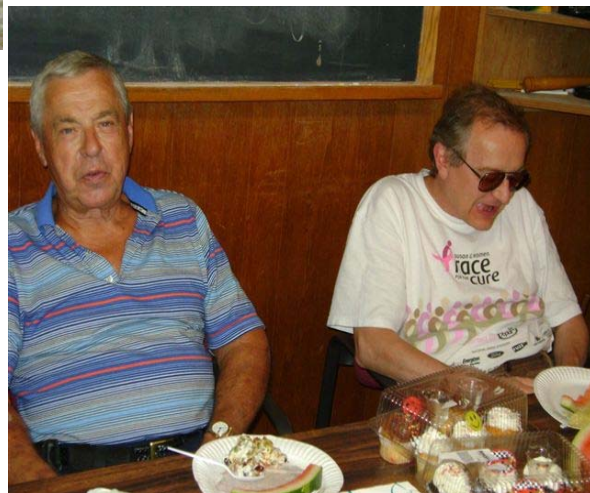
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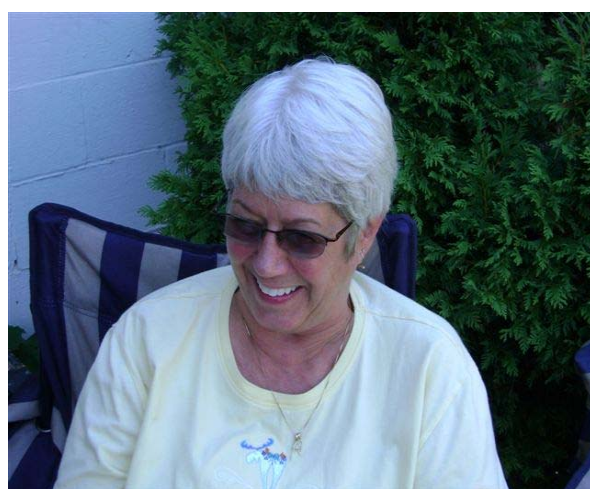
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Great food, people and weather! It all came together for CornRoast 2010. Thanks to all those who brought goodies, ESPECIALLY RICHIE AND CAROL N3SBF/KB3GMN! Thanks to all who showed up and made it a success again!

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MANY THANKS TO JOE, WA3FWA FOR THE PICS ON THIS PAGE.



Jarvis Island, KH5: November 2011

On 2010 August 31 the Refuge Manager at US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) notified the Radio Expeditions Inc team that it will receive a permit to conduct the next DXpedition to Jarvis Island (KH5).

The selection of a team to visit Jarvis is the most recent step in a long procedure that began in 2009 June with a visit by Radio Expeditions management team members to the Honolulu FWS office.

The administration of the Jarvis Island National Wildlife Refuge is conducted according to goals set in the Comprehensive Conservation Plan, which was finalized on 2008 Sep 24. You can read this plan here:

http://www.fws.gov/pacific/planning/main/docs/HI-PI/HBJ/JARVIS_Final%20CCP.pdf >

During the first half of 2010 the FWS staff developed a draft "Compatibility Determination for Amateur Radio Operations at the Jarvis Island National Wildlife Refuge". This document contains the rules and constraints for DXpeditions at Jarvis. Simultaneously Radio Expeditions Inc. submitted an initial application for a permit and, together with the owner of the "MV Braveheart", met again with the refuge management staff in April to discuss plans, constraints, and options.

The draft compatibility determination was made available on the FWS website on 2010 June 21 and public comments were solicited. Radio Expeditions Inc was among the groups commenting on the draft. The public comment period closed on 2010 July 5.

The FWS Honolulu office staff reviewed the comments, made a number of changes, and submitted a final draft for approval at their regional office in Portland, Oregon. On 2010 July 28 the final version was released and is attached to this message. Among the many constraints is the limit of one DXpedition per 5-year period.

Revised applications for a permit were accepted until a deadline of 2010 August 25. Attached are the application documents submitted by Radio Expeditions Inc. The constraints in the Compatibility Determination required a radical restructuring of our plans, reducing both the number of stations and the time on the air.

Since more than one group submitted an application which met the requirements of the compatibility determination, a lottery among the qualified groups was held at the FWS Honolulu office by the refuge manager on 2010 August 30. Radio Expeditions Inc was fortunate to be selected.

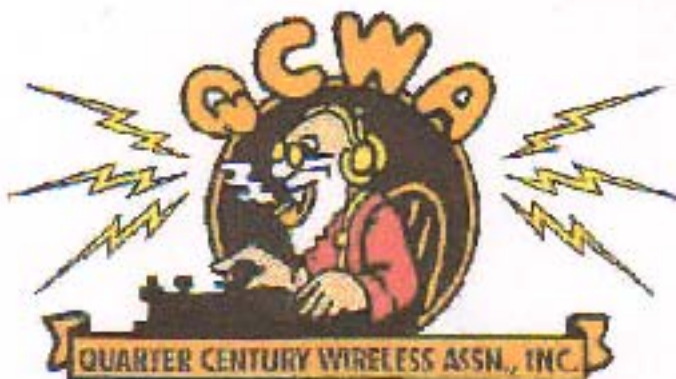
Due to the time required to establish the rules for amateur radio operations in the Refuge, the late selection date, and the lead time required to schedule and prepare the MV Braveheart, the expedition has been postponed one year until 2011 November. November remains the best month to visit Jarvis Island from a propagation standpoint, with the largest combination of openings predicted to Europe on both 160/80 and 12/10 meter bands.

Members of the email distribution list will receive additional messages over the next few months on the DXpedition plans, including details about how the project will comply with the many restrictions imposed on amateur radio operations at Jarvis.

YE OLDE EDITOR'S NOTE: Apparently 2 groups applied for a permit to land on Jarvis, but the US FWS will only allow one group to DXpedition there every 5 years. Believe it or not, the winner was decided by a coin toss by the US FWS!



You know you're a hard-core ham when: You pay more attention to the solar forecast than you do the local weather forecast.



Our Next meeting

***The next meeting of the QCWA Chapter 6 will be held on
Saturday, September 25, at Noon. Doors open at 11:30 AM.
We will be returning to our previous venue of:***

***Rocky's II
1562 Island Ave.
McKees Rocks, PA***

***For those of you not familiar with Rocky's II, it is located on
Route 51 (locally known as Island Avenue) in Stowe
Township near the bridge on the east end of Neville Island.***

***Agenda items will include the presentation of the 75 year
certificate to Art Kunst, W3WM, and the business item of
nominating Chapter officers to be elected in December.***

***Suggestions for future programs are solicited, as well as
volunteers to present them.***

73, Brian K9VKY



WHEN: September 24-26, 2010

WHERE: Moraine State Park South Shore

WHAT: Ten local Boy Scout Councils from around Western Pennsylvania are joining to sponsor a unique area wide celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

WEB PAGE: <http://www.campaganza.org/>

Fellow Hams,

Amateur radio volunteers are needed to help with communications for this special year of Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America is celebrating 100 years. *Campaganza* is part of the yearlong celebration of scouting in USA. Sixty hams are needed to provide communications. Operators and their two meter VHF HTs are needed for the whole weekend or Saturday only. Please consider helping make this celebration fun and safe.

Campaganza Online Registration: <http://www.campaganza.org/volunteer.asp>, then, please contact:

Stephen Zelenko, N3ZX

Phone: 724-287-6791

email: stephen@crex.net

or

Brad Parola, N3TXG

Phone: 724-865-2307

email: bradparola@scouting.org

- Register as *Auxiliary Staff* without charge.
- Serve on the Saturday only or during the pre and post event logistics.
- Receive meals in the Commissary (online request) or bring your own food and drink.
- Receive service credit.



- ⇒ **MALDIVES, 8Q.** Steve, M0XVT will be QRV as 8Q7SB from Komandoo Island, IOTA AS-013, from September 11 to 18. Activity will be on 20 and 17 meters. QSL via operator's instructions.
- ⇒ **PAKISTAN, AP.** Hussain, AP2GH is generally QRV on 20 meters using SSB around 1700z. QSL direct to home call.
- ⇒ **CANARY ISLANDS, EA8.** Al, DJ5AA and Bernd, DL2DXA are QRV as EA8/home calls from La Palma Island, IOTA AF-004, until September 24. Activity is holiday style on 80 to 10 meters. QSL to home calls.
- ⇒ **SVALBARD, JW.** Lars, SM4TUV will be QRV as JW8XSA from September 14 to 22. He will try to be active on 30 meters using PSK31 in his spare time. QSL to home call.
- ⇒ **MARKET REEF, OJ0.** Pasi, OH3WS will be QRV as OJ0W from September 12 to 22. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.
- ⇒ **TURKEY, TA.** Karl, WA2KBZ is QRV as TA0/home call from Buyukada Island, IOTA AS-123, until the end of September. QSL to home call.
- ⇒ **CENTRAL AFRICA, TL.** Christian, TL0A is QRV from Bangui and expects to be here until early 2011. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL direct.

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I have to apologize for not letting the cat out of the bag to everyone because other locations had been possible candidates. The decision to keep everything on the QT for the moment was made because having just the necessary people onsite would have been hectic enough!

August 20-22, 2010 saw our club host a small group of college students from Ohio University wishing to make an, "Ultra-low budget", movie depicting the demise of the traditional "Mom & Pop" commercial radio station. Vanishing before our eyes, as well as ears, are the traditional radio stations and "Jocks" in favor of a box of silicon chips and personality-less programming.

In today's world, would you ever expect to see or hear 20 year olds lamenting the demise of such things? After all, should they not be embracing 21st century technology like satellite radio, commercial-free this, and only programming-I-demand that?

While this is / was a school project for these young men and women, most if not all of them, actually do believe in the message this short movie, co-written by Andrew Ford (Director) and Corey Schneider (Producer), hopes to get across to the audience. I believe they will succeed!

Myself, and Rob Lenfestey (Jr) KB3NZX were present for the entire weekend keeping an eye on the place while Greg Babin NB3C, because of his work sked, was able to open the club up in the early morning hours. Joe Fenn WB3AGB, Karl Pastorak WA3VXJ, Tim Marsh W3WTW were also present to help out. Visits by club members Gary Vega KB3CWE, Art Mueller WA3BKD, and Mike Crochunis KB3UEE left them with a 'WOW, this is 'neat stuff" kind of feeling.

It is amazing how much goes into such a production that we the viewer never see or even think of. Chad Kean, Director of Photography, had gotten the backing of his Mums' production company to make this happen. Since this group is non-profit, they needed this backing for all liabilities and legalities common to such undertakings. Raising money for equipment rental, food, lodging, and supplies was their biggest hurdle.

From across this country and this GLOBE a small group of students wishing to make a dream come true got together, many having met for the first time on set, to put this dream into action. From Texas, Alabama, Ohio, Pa. and even China came some of the most talented people I have had the pleasure of meeting and working along side.

Looking at the pictures you can see how much went into this undertaking. Now just imagine being at the club, no AC and only fans moving stale air, deodorant failing, windows closed so external sounds were not recorded, black plastic taped over them to shield outside light, and about 20 people milling about in what can, only be, described as controlled chaos.

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Trying to impart to you, the reader, of all the needed items to do a movie is difficult at best. Even with the minimal 21st century equipment they used, the club looked like a bomb went off inside. Cords, lights, tape, people, tripods, sand bags and just about anything else you can think of getting underfoot leaves one to wonder how this all works so well? It does because these young people know how! This rather reminded me of Field Day!

When Corey first saw the club, he was immediately taken by the equipment and Ham Radio overall. To him, looking at all the goodies in the HF & VHF rooms was like what most of us felt when first exposed to Amateur Radio, NEAT STUFF!! But, neat stuff does not a movie set make.

Props are key elements to such an endeavor and without something credible in the background, it all falls apart. Samantha Levy, as Production Designer, had the task of creating a realistic looking set. With Technical input from Joe Fenn on Commercial Studio layout, the loan of some studio equipment from Rich Sperling WB3JLK, an "On Air" light from my junque box and a very old mic from Karl as background fill. A very nice mic boom from Greg along with some of his vintage album covers coupled with what Sam had brought along with her went into making our VHF Studio into a credible movie set that looked the part. However, the look of the VHF Studio was the canvas that made this all possible. The aged look of the walls, the windows, and the actual layout of the room is what allowed it all come together!



Now what would any movie be without some star talent to fill the lead role? Locations and props are nice but the human element is necessary to bring it to life.

Enter Chad, who had lived for a few years in the Peters Township area and while attending High School, Chad became friends with the son of an actor, many of us know and who still lives in the Peters area.

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Tom Atkins was tapped to help these young folk in their quest for fame, notoriety, and a good grade! Tom is native to the Pittsburgh area and you may remember him as Lt. Diehl from the Rockford Files TV series, films like Lethal Weapon, Night of the Creeps, Striking Distance- shot in the Pittsburgh area- and at the Pittsburgh Public Theater Tom played a one man show, "The Chief" in which Tom depicted Art Rooney. Between takes of Arriving at Night, Tom spoke of the challenges of doing "The Chief" and how he had to keep the dialog in his head and not flub his lines. Apparently, he did just that. A friend of mine had the chance to see this show and his opinion was that Tom's performance was one of the best he had ever seen.

Upon meeting Tom, I found him personable, interesting and able to command your attention while having a grandfather like soft side. I can tell you that after working with him he is good!

The basic story: Character Phil Redman, played by Tom, is an aging radio jock, past his glory days and like the station at which he works, a bit run down. Surrounded by memories of his past hung on the walls, cluttering his desk, and relegated to late night talk radio, he has no love for this type of work, but the bills still have to be paid. The fictional station is sold to a "Corporate Radio Syndicate" and Phil is given his walking papers by finding a note on his studio console by Lowell the station manager, leaving him angry and bitter. Phil knows he has much left to give and hates that his craft is being reduced to "Springer" trash-like programming. Station Manager Lowell, played by yours truly, has jumped ship in favor of remaining employed by the new owners of the station. Phil even manages to alienate his young intern Robin, played by Chelsey Pippin, by lashing out at her though he isn't trying to be mean. On the other side of the coin, he can relate to one of his loyal listeners, who calls into the station and admits he has recently lost his job. Chad Grooms plays the caller, Kurt.

For his last "on air" broadcast, Phil invites his replacement, "his nemesis" Jackson Marks, played by an equally talented actor David Lawrence, for an on air interview to discuss decent programming, versus the new wave of trash programming with no heart or soul.

During Phil's last on-air performance, riddled with his discontent and despair, wondering what happened to "his" world attitude, he allows himself to slip into a "salty mood" and grills Jackson.



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After the interview and in a final act of defiance to the politically correct corporate ideals of today's world, Phil fires up a cigar and has one last phone call with, what seems like, his last loyal listener Kurt.

During the filming, Joe Fenn watched from the HF studio where the sound crew Tate Galbraith and Matthew Johnson set up their equipment. I asked Tom during a long break if I could introduce him to a "real life Phil" and he was eager to do so. Joe's comment to Tom about the character and story line was, "You nailed it"!

Apparently, the writers got something right. Our own Joe, having been through such treatment, related to me after watching Phil's interview with Jackson that he wanted to put a tire iron through the Jackson character's head. Even David mentioned he hates this Jackson guy, but being a serious actor he stayed in character and did it quite well.

At the last moment, I agreed to help by playing the Lowell character. There were no lines per say, this being a dramatic visual effect showing Phil's dislike of how he was treated and the manor of notification of his recent unemployment. I was nervous how this would work and whether I would be up to the task. Little did I realize I had little to fear as Tom took control of the scene and he made it work. All I had to do was sit there, and wonder if I would survive!

We had no rehearsal for this, just a quick back and forth between Tom and I to set the mood. The director called for a run through of the scene at which point Tom yelled, "No, we'll do it in one take and it'll be good". Everyone was taken aback a bit by his comment, not knowing what to expect and little did we all know he was right! For all the takes of other scenes, all the different angles, line flubs, and minor mistakes done that weekend, Tom knew what was needed and pulled it off in one shot that had the entire group WOWED!. I can tell you being on the receiving end that is was a powerful thing to behold and participate in. Imagine my surprise that the kids were telling me how good I did! Who'da thunk it? All I really had to do was be there. It was cool tho!

The Master showing them how it's done and he is good at his craft! However, Toms' desire to get out of the building for just a wee bit of fresh air was his motivation for a 'one take scene', as we were all hot, tired and sweaty.



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Overall, this was a rewarding experience and a fitting tribute to the “old look” of the VHF studio. Planning and coordination around SCARC activities by the Spruce-Up / Fix-Up committee, the movies' Producer and SCARC personnel lead to what I think is a fitting farewell to that “old look”.

Who would have ever imagined that the hallowed walls of SCARC would be host to such a project that touched the lives of a group of young college age Professionals? Well, maybe not Pros yet, but they sure do act like it. Young minds, hearts and attitudes with the devotion to their craft any seasoned Pro would envy!



I would also like to pass along these words written in a thank you card from the Crew and Cast of “Arriving at Night.”

To Everyone at SCARC:

“We never thought in a million years that a location could work out as greatly as this one has and on top of that, we could have never anticipated the generosity, enthusiasm and expertise that would come from all your help. You guys are what makes independent film making possible. Our experience has left us with stories that will last a lifetime and we all hope that you can say the same. This could never have been done without all of your personal sacrifices and for that we are all sincerely grateful.”
-The Cast and Crew of Arriving at Night.

In a subsequent email from Corey:

“All of you at the club were instrumental in the success of 'Arriving at Night.' I could have never anticipated just how friendly, knowledgeable, and accommodating each one of you were, especially in sacrificing your personal club to a group of students whom you knew little about. This kind of thing rarely happens anymore. People going out of their way to help others purely out of generosity and the reward of the final product. You guys were just as essential components to the crew as the director, producer, or cast. It was an privilege and joy getting to know all of you over the club during shooting. Believe me when I say you helped spark an interest in HAM radio that I think will continue for years. We are trying to plan a premiere in Pittsburgh, and I can only hope all the guys at the club will be able to make it out. (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

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Again, this could have never been done without you, and I just want to express our gratitude and appreciation for all your hard work!"

Your friend, Corey Schneider

If you would like to have a look at the Web Page for this movie, here is the address:

<<http://arrivingatnight.com/>>

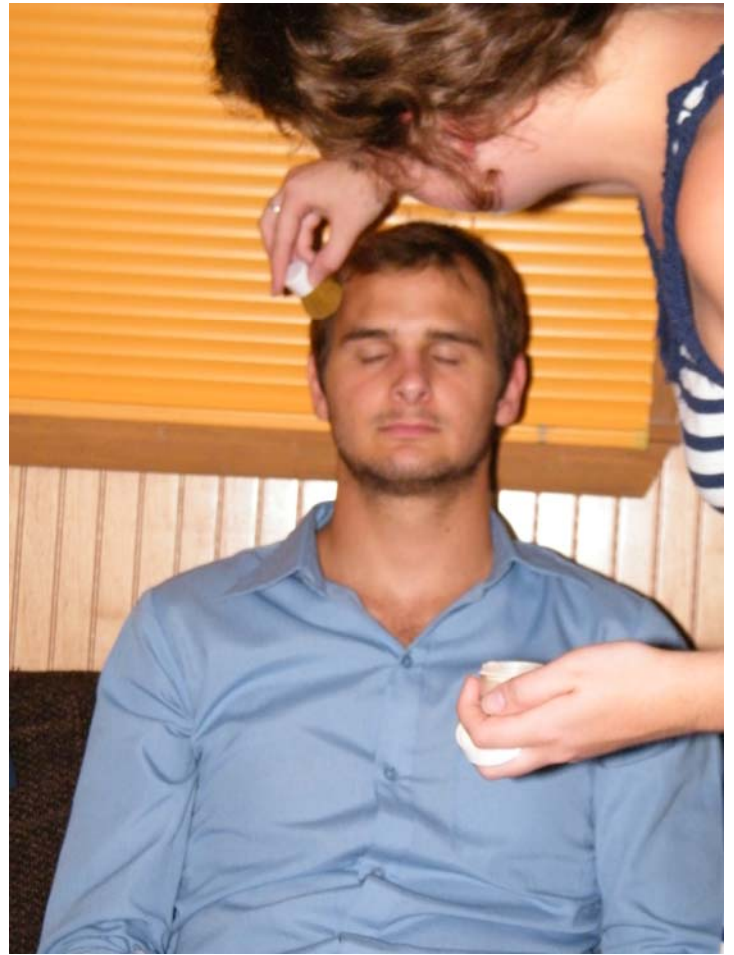
Crew:

Corey Schneider-Producer, Andrew Ford-Director, Chad Kean-Director of Photography
Samantha Levy- Production Designer, Scott Peters- Assistant Director, Kyle Hollar- 1st Assistant Camera,
Ben Volk- 2nd Assistant Camera, Tate Galbraith- Audio, Matthew Johnson- Audio, Jinwei Zeng- Head Gaffer,
Erin Malone- Script Supervisor, Mark Adelsberger- Key Grip, Eli Osman- Editor

Cast:

Tom Atkins- "Phil Redman", David Lawrence- "Jackson Marks", Chelsey Pippin- "Robin"
Chad Grooms- "Kurt"





How to transform a
radio station
into...uhh.....a radio
station.....

Just a few pics on this and
the next few pages of the
movie shoot at the SCARC
clubhouse the weekend of
August 21-22.









- ⇒ **POLAND, SP.** Special event station SN140MPR is QRV until the end of September in commemoration of the 140th anniversary of the Polish Museum in Rapperswil, Switzerland. QSL via SP9KDU.
- ⇒ **EGYPT, SU.** Gab, HA3JB is QRV as SU/ home call until November. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW RTTY contest. Activity is on all HF bands using CW, RTTY, PSK31 and some SSB. QSL direct to home call.
- ⇒ **BONAIRE, CURACAO, PJ2.** Geoff, W0CG will be QRV as PJ2DX on Curacao, IOTA SA-006, from September 11 to 23 while doing maintenance work. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL direct to home call.



National News..(pg. 5)

⇒ GAREC 2010 TO CONVENE NEXT MONTH

The 2010 Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference (GAREC) -- supported by the ARRL, the IARU and all three IARU Regions -- is scheduled for October 11-12 in Curacao. With its theme of *Learning through Practicing*, this year's conference is an opportunity for emergency communicators to discuss recent events, discover technical solutions to problems and how to cooperate with professional partners. One of the highlights of the 2010 conference will be an actual EmComm exercise during the conference, exploring how information sharing across borders can be improved.

⇒ ARRL GOES ANOTHER ROUND WITH RECON ROBOTICS

As reported earlier, on August 16, ReconRobotics -- manufacturers and marketers of the Recon Scout, a remote-controlled, maneuverable surveillance robot designed for use in areas that may be too hazardous for human entry - filed with the FCC an opposition to the ARRL's *Petition to Deny Applications*. The ARRL petition asked the FCC to deny dozens of pending Public Safety Pool license applications for the Recon Scout device, which operates in the 430-448 MHz band. On September 1, the ARRL filed its reply.

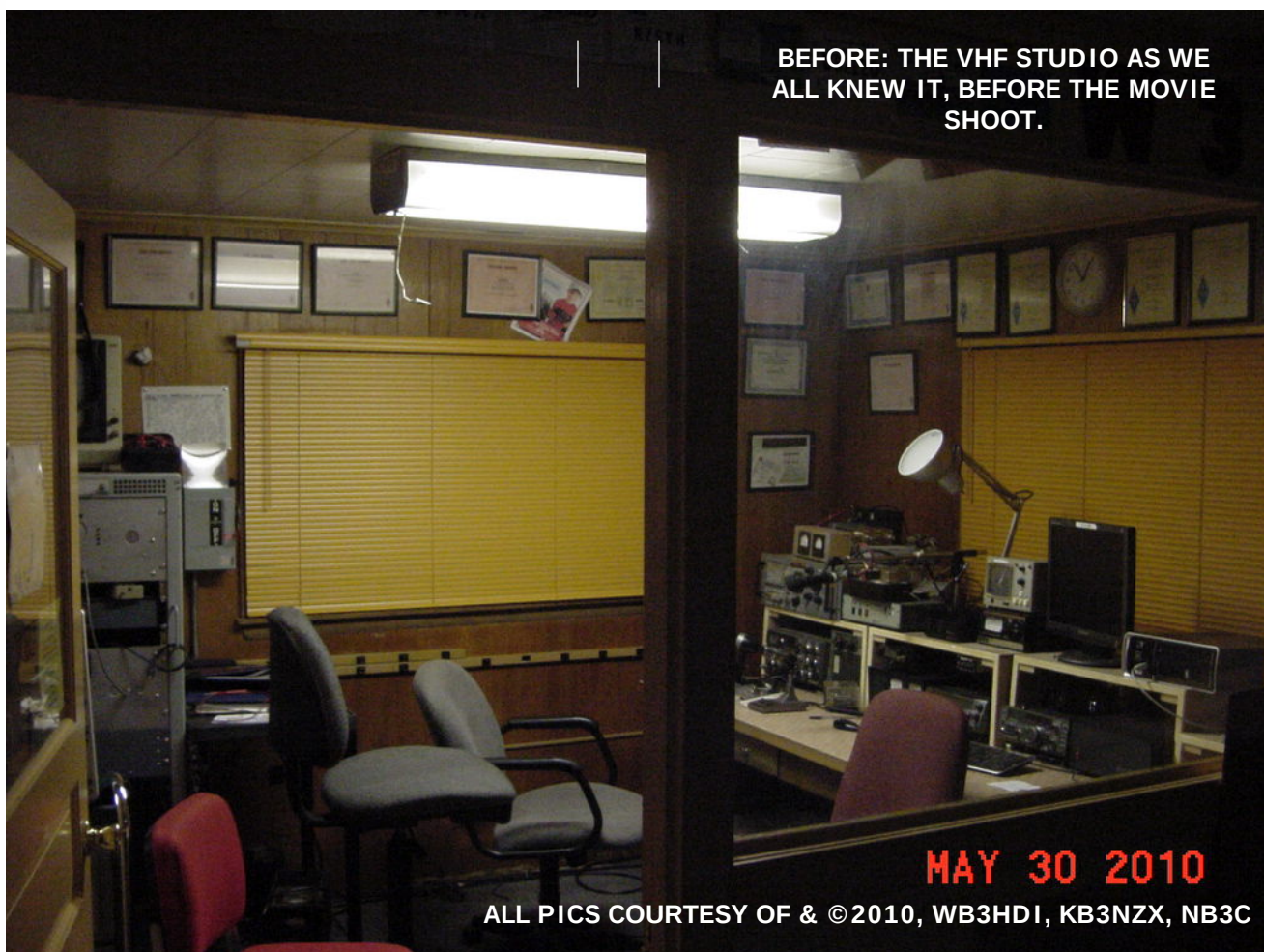
⇒ ARRL COMMENTS IN FCC REVIEW OF CB RULES

In June the FCC opened a proceeding -- WT Docket No. 10-119 -- "to simplify, streamline, and update the Part 95 rules to reflect technological advances and changes in the way the American public uses the various Personal Radio Services." The Citizens Band (CB) Radio Service is one of several Personal Radio Services regulated by Part 95. Three of the CB-related issues raised in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* are of interest to the Amateur Radio Service. On September 3, the ARRL filed comments limited to these issues.

⇒ ARRL SEEKS TO PROTECT 2304 MHZ OPERATION

In May, as a partial implementation of its National Broadband Plan, the FCC adopted amendments to its rules for Wireless Communications Services in the 2.3 GHz band to permit mobile broadband services, in addition to fixed services, in the bands 2305-2317.5 and 2347.5-2360 MHz. The *Report and Order* in WT Docket No 07-293 was published in the *Federal Register* on August 2, 2010, triggering a 30 day window for petitions for reconsideration. On September 1 the ARRL filed a *Petition for Clarification or Partial Reconsideration*, asking the FCC to "clarify, or partially reconsider a single aspect" of its Report and Order.









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5 <i>TN QSO Party</i> <i>ARRL EME Test</i> <i>All Asian DX SSB Test</i> <i>CO QSO Party</i> <i>RSGB SSB Field Day</i> <i>IARU Region 1 FD</i>	6 <i>Breezeshooters Net</i> <i>GPVHF Society Business Meeting</i> <i>TN QSO Party</i> <i>MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint</i>	7 <i>WACOM 2M Net</i> <i>WACOM 10M Net</i> <i>222 Tuesday</i> <i>Skyview Business Meeting</i> <i>MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint</i>	8 <i>SCARC Social Nite</i> <i>Alleg Co. ARES Net</i> <i>WACOM YL Net</i> <i>144 Wednesday</i> <i>QRP Fox Hunt</i> <i>CW Ops CWT Mini Test</i>	9 <i>SkyView 2M Net</i> <i>WASH Business Meeting</i> <i>CW Ops CWT Mini Test</i> <i>RSGB 80M Club Sprint</i> <i>SSB</i>	10 <i>FISTS Feet Wet Weekend</i> <i>NCCC Sprint Ladder</i> <i>Jay Hudak PSK 80M Sprint</i>	11 <i>WAE DX SSB Test</i> <i>ARRL Sept VHF QSO Party</i> <i>FISTS Feet Wet Weekend</i> <i>AR QSO Party</i> <i>OH State Parks On Air</i>
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19 <i>WASH 2M Net</i> <i>ARRL 10GHz + Test</i> <i>SC QSO Party</i> <i>Scandinavian CW Test</i> <i>QCWA Fall QSO Party</i> <i>NA Sprint SSB</i>	20 <i>Breezeshooters Net</i> <i>Run For The Bacon Test</i> <i>144MHz Fall Sprint</i>	21 <i>SCARC Business Meeting</i> <i>WACOM 2M Net</i> <i>WACOM 10M Net</i> <i>222 Tuesday</i>	22 <i>Alleg Co. ARES Net</i> <i>WACOM YL Net</i> <i>144 Wednesday</i> <i>SKCC Sprint</i> <i>RSGB 80M Club Sprint CW</i>	23 <i>SkyView 2M Net</i>	24 <i>NCCC Sprint Ladder</i>	25 <i>CQ WWDX RTTY Test</i> <i>TX QSO Party</i> <i>WASH Breakfast</i>
26 <i>CQ WWDX RTTY Test</i> <i>WASH 2M Net</i> <i>TX QSO Party</i>	27 <i>Breezeshooters Net</i> <i>QRP Homebrew Sprint</i>	28 <i>WACOM 2M Net</i> <i>WACOM 10M Net</i> <i>222 Tuesday</i> <i>222MHz Fall Sprint</i>	29 <i>SCARC Social Nite</i> <i>Alleg Co. ARES Net</i> <i>WACOM YL Net</i> <i>144 Wednesday</i>	30 <i>SkyView 2M Net</i>		

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