



OKLAHOMA DX ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Peter I.....

Wow, what an undertaking. I hope everyone had a chance to work these guys. By the time you read this, they will be all packed up and headed home. I was really glad to see all the "Peter I" activity on the reflector. The DX Community really needed something to peak everyone's interest again. Even der Froggy (K8FU) worked those guys on several bands and I saw where Ken, K5KA got them on 160. Great job guys!

OKDXA Supports the Peter I and Andaman efforts

The OKDXA club was a sponsor of the Peter I DXpedition. Actually, we contributed \$500 last year to the effort. But that one was cancelled, so we just told them to apply the money to this DXpedition. We also contributed \$500 to the VU4, Andaman effort that was happening when the Tsunami hit in December of 2004.

OKDXA sends aid to Mississippi Hams

Your OKDXA made a contribution along with money from the W5 QSL

Bureau and additional funds from individuals to the Mississippi Hams that were hit hard by Hurricane Katrina. K2FF, Glen was the contact for the distribution of Ham relief efforts. One of our members, Alan, N5PA, lives in Laurel, MS. He had a tremendous amount of trees down and was without power for an extended period of time. Laurel is quite a distance inland from where Katrina came ashore. I received word that some of the hams in the hardest hit area are still living in FEMA trailers.

DUES ARE DUE.....

It is that favorite time of the year, time to pay the piper. Jerry, K5YAA tells me that it is now time to collect our dues for 2006. The annual rate is **\$20** for individuals and **\$10** for seniors (65 and over). Please mail your

check to: **Jerry Chouinard,**

7477 E. Heather Dr

Claremore, OK 74017

Your dues go toward DXpeditions that we help sponsor, the Oklahoma QSO Party, and special projects such as the Mississippi Hams.

OKLAHOMA QSO PARTY- MARCH 11 & 12

It is almost that time again. Time for the start of spring, the sound of distant (and not too distant) thunder, Tornados and the QSO party. Last year we had 90 logs submitted, with 77 of those being from out of state. We sent out eleven plaques for the winners and eight individuals earned Tee Shirts. If you made 300 or more Q's, you qualified for a Tee Shirt.

This year we want to make the QSO Party even bigger and better. But right now we need ROVERS. We want to put every county, all 77 of them, on the air. As of the present time, we only have one Rover Route turned in. If you would like to be an ROVER/OVER (as my wife calls them), contact **Gene, W5LE** with your route as soon as possible. He can be reached via Email @ genew5le@aol.com. Additional information about the QSO Party can be found on the OKDXA website @ www.OKDXA.org. We look forward to hearing everyone during the QSO Party!

Where did the Banquet go?

Well, sorry guys and gals. Here is the story. The Banquet was to be held in the Oklahoma City area last year. So, I thought that I had better see how much interest there was going to be. I sent out a request on

the reflector (my apologies to you guys that are not on the reflector) just get a feel for participation. Well, I received eight replies back from people saying they would come.

Eight is not very many from a club that has around one hundred members. It was executive decision time. I made the decision NOT to have a Banquet for so few members. I felt like it was too much effort to coordinate and plan everything, for a Banquet that was going to be one hundred miles from my QTH for so few people.

I guess I was like Harry Thurman. "The buck stops here" If I offended anyone by this decision. I'M SORRY. This is why you people pay me the big bucks.

GREEN COUNTRY HAMFEST

The Green Country Hamfest will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 17 & 18 in Claremore at the Expo center. We will have our semi – annual meeting on Saturday. I don't know what time the meeting will be yet. The Hamfest committee has not set up the schedule as of today. Check the Hamfest website @ <http://Greencountryhamfest.com> for details.

We will have a club table set up, come by and say hi.

HAM(S) OF THE YEAR

One thing that is really a pleasure of being President of the OKDXA is having the honor to choose the "OKDXA Ham of the Year". Well, this past year, I changed things up a bit. Instead of having one "**Ham of the Year**" I chose to have **two**. These two individuals have qualities that we, as Amateur Radio Operators, should all aspire to have. They attend every function the OKDXA has, they are seen at almost every hamfest/flea market, and they both are superb operators. And, they both have a quite, caring demeanor that radiates from within.

During the Hurricane Katrina catastrophe, they loaded up their truck with gas, ice and other items that were in short supply, and drove them to Mississippi. No one ask them to do this, this was an example of their caring attitude for their fellow man. They took these supplies to Alan, N5AP in Laurel, Mississippi. This was all done at their own expense and time. I received several Emails from Alan, praising their efforts. We all need to take a deep look inside ourselves and strive to exhibit this type of caring behavior.

With all of this said, I take great pleasure in presenting the **OKDXA Hams of the Year for 2005 to Bert and Carmen Aaron, K2BA & K5ADI.**



Bert Aaron, K2BA was first licensed in 1956 as KN8CDV then K8GXY. He moved to N.J. in 1958 and became K2IZN. In 1976 when the FCC offered unassigned

call signs to Extra Class hams he received K2BA. Over the years he has held/used numerous calls: BV1USA (63-64), ZP5AQ (71-73), PY7ZAV (74), PT2ZBS (75), K2IZN/4X, (75), K2BA/4X (76), SV1FT (76), P40E (82), K2BA/PJ2 (82), HS0A (84-88), & 9N1MM (88). He has lived in or visited 50 DXCC countries. Bert is an avid DXer (Honor Roll) with **335** confirmed and contesteer with many awards. **He holds DXCC from four different countries.**

Carmen Aaron, K5ADI is an extra class operator who has been licensed as KA3TOP in 1988. She holds DXCC, (**304 countries**), WAZ, WAS and is an occasional contesteer with a couple of awards. Her first ham radio experience was running pileups in the CQ WW SSB contest at HS0A in 1988. She climbs towers and was invaluable in the erection of the two 150 foot towers and antennas at their station.



PREZ SEZ:

That is it from here DX Hounds. Hope everyone enjoys this newsletter, or at least, reads it. I am going to try and get out at least two per year, maybe four. Your comments are welcome. Any info that you would like published is also welcomed. Hope to see everyone in Claremore next month.

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