
Shark's Teeth



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Web Site Kick-Off Issue

President's Letter

My how time flies while having fun. The Fall/Winter season is fast approaching. Along with that comes the season for Amateur Radio contests. Hopefully K2FA will be a force to reckon with out there. I hear that one of our members is presently affiliated with the ARRL, and is receiving the QST rag. So KF2U let us know the contest schedule so we can do some planning.

On the local front here. My 26th (hi hi) Birthday brought me a new Kenwood TH-79AKSS. The first day out was a trial and error day, mostly error, learning a new radio. Needless to say, no contact with the satellites. But, after the weekend it all paid off. Made my first contact with the new radio on AO-27 this morning. It was a scary endeavor though. Because I actually forgot the almighty Diamond antenna (which was also part of the Birthday present) that my super Elmer (KA2KQP) touts so often. I made contact with the stock duck that Kenwood supplied with the radio. I was impressed.

The K2FA web page is in place. I have been playing and

learning on it. Nothing amazing or awesome to date, but soon. Check it out at www.k2fa.org Any suggestions or recommendations please let me know. It is a difficult and time consuming challenge placed upon me, but a doable one. Soon to be a WEB page we can all be proud of and take pride in.

73 cul de W2HQ

Editorial

I'll try to keep up a monthly schedule for the newsletter. Plan on it being available the first or second week of the month. Since we're just starting out, there is a lot of stuff I can put in the newsletter that needs to be distributed anyway.

www.k2fa.org

Well we are definitely a real club. We have members, a club license, and finally a web-site. We have no treasury but that is for another issue. Dan has volunteered to be our webmaster. We registered k2fa.org for two years. We chose DerendaNet Consulting to be our outside internet consultant. For a very reasonable fee we now have a web-site and e-mail server. Our registration fee was \$24.00 for two years. The case of Blue Light was \$14.00. Check out www.k2fa.org and watch for updates. Members can get an email address in the form of "callsign@k2fa.org". Send an e-mail to info@k2fa.org for more information. Any comments, suggestions or submissions for the web site should be addressed to webmaster@k2fa.org.

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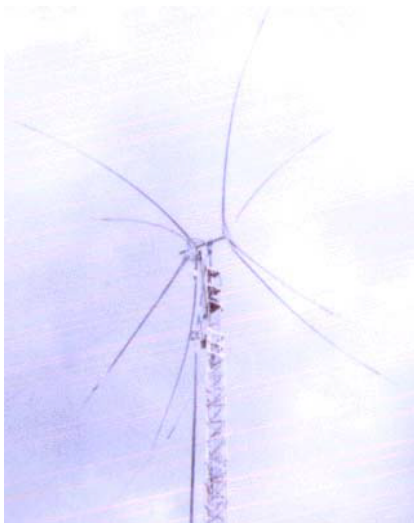
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Field Day Report

Our entry is in the mail. Our score as submitted is 2314. We only had 30 days to submit our entry. ARRL only needs about six months to tally the results. We'll report them here as soon as possible. Now that Pete has joined ARRL, he will be able to access the members only section and download the results.

More UFO Sightings

We last reported that the UFO sightings in North Tonawanda were thought to be a homebrew quad at KF2U. We have now received photo evidence that seems to confirm that hypothesis. With the recent fireball incident in the northeast, we wanted to make sure that a Martian amateur wasn't attacking Earth because ARRL wouldn't accept their eQSL cards for DXCC.



UFO?

Call for Articles

Still calling. It's like calling CQ on 144.200 when the band is dead.

From QRZ.COM

The meaning of "HAM" radio

K5XYZ writes " This may seem like a very simple question, but one that has a not so simple answer.

Where, when, and most importantly, why did Amateur Radio suddenly become known as "Ham" radio?

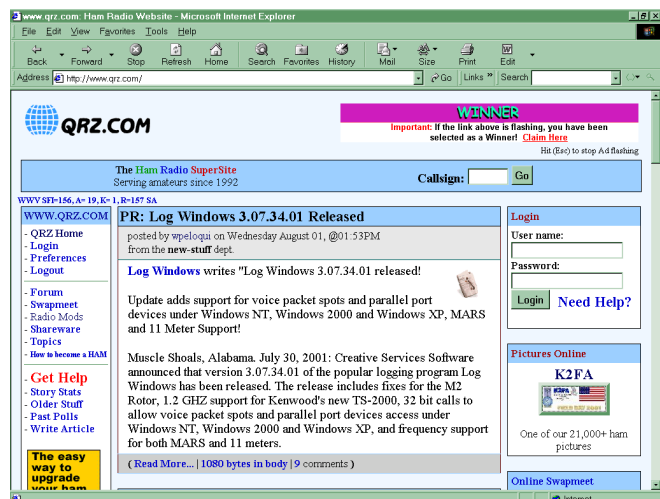
KA1KJZ replied "Its a rather uncomplimentary term actually...

The story goes... during the early days of spark, a naval or commercial operator was heard to exclaim on CW "those ham fisted amateurs!"

Ham fisted, meaning the operator had blocks of pork byproducts at the ends of his arms. No finesse in his CW operating style. "

More from QRZ.COM

FLASH! K2FA was featured in QRZ.COM's "Pictures Online". By some stroke of luck I managed to catch our 30 seconds of fame. We noticed that our lookups on QRZ.COM were up to 120. Someone must be looking at these.



K2FA in "Pictures Online"

From ARRL

Newington isn't sure it should accept the membership application of KF2U. It seems that several of the HQ staff disapprove of Pete's new callsign. They've petitioned the FCC to remove all F and U combinations from the callsign pool. Top ARRL staffers frequently hear this combination directed at them and it's hoped that this will help.

Up, up and away

There is a proposal floating around to set up some 900 Mhz FM equipment for use as a club intercom system. 900 Mhz baby monitors are coming down in cost and would enable us to get on with only minor modifications. Mike (KA2KQP) has begun researching the availability of equipment and the practicality of this idea. Dan (W2HQ) has created a map of showing each members location and distance from each other. The FM simplex calling frequency is 906.5 Mhz. Imagine some parents reaction to hearing Pete (KF2U) extolling the virtues of "No-coders" on their baby monitor. The joy of shared allocations.

From the QSL Bureau

Nothing. Same as last month and the month before...