



Shark's Teeth



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Let Freedom Ring

President's Letter

Dan Emblidge, W2HQ

What a wonderful field day. The accommodations were exceptional. KA2KQP hosted the best field day I've ever attended. Working from his air conditioned garage was ideal. It made for excellent conditions. Thank you Mike KA2KQP. We were very comfortable which made it easy to work through the night. Thanks to Mike W2OP for letting me use his FT-990 again. It performed exceptionally for the SSB station. The logging program from N3FJP was superb. Very easy to use, and networked with our three (3) laptops flawlessly. My Dell running XP professional served well as the network server. We were able to be connected to the Internet for whatever use we needed.

Refreshments were plenty! Mike had plenty of salted munchies, and a special thanks to Caren for bringing dessert that went well with our Chinese takeout. We all worked very hard and it should show when the results come out. The 3D category should show K2FA on top. We didn't hear many 3D's out there. We all had a lot of fun. Another special thanks to Eric and Norm, our non-ham operators which helped out a lot on the SSB side of things.

Check out the K2FA web site for some pictures from field day. I hope everyone enjoys the summer, it ought to be a hot one.

73 cul de W2HQ

Field Day Musings

Pete Vetter, KF2U

Well, Field Day 2002 has come and gone. We, as a club, with modest preparation, did fairly well for three operators. Amassing around 3000 points, this was clearly our best effort yet. I would like to take my hat off to Dan, W2HQ, who hammered the SSB station like a union carpenter with an attitude. And Mike, KA2KQP, who very patiently put aside his dreams of contest craziness and coached two non-hams through many SSB contacts.

We lasted about 18 hours each at our individual posts. With a couple of breaks, a

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lot of coffee, and some goodies from Dan's lovely wife Caren, the time went by quickly. But, a big thanks goes to the Bucklaew family for allowing our club to invade the garage, backyard, and the occasional flowerbed. Salute!!!!

Let Freedom Ring

Submitted by Pete Vetter, KF2U

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that

these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln

Hamfest

Greater Buffalo Hamfest & Exposition
Western New York ARRL Section Convention
Sunday August 4, 2002

Huge Flea Market * 20 Acres

Pancake Breakfast* Club Contests
Trophies * **Vehicle Antenna Array Contest**
* Satellite Truck * Drawings * Fireman Demos
* **Continuous Entertainment** * Prizes * ARRL
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* VE Test Session * Vendors * **Communications**

Hamfest Web Site: <http://larc.hamgate.net>
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By Phone: (716-681-4419) or hamfest web site
Table Reservations: n2gdu@arri.net
By Phone: 716-634-4667 days ask for Luke

Advance Admission Tickets: can be ordered on the hamfest web site (Gate \$7 / Advance \$6)
Test Session Reservations:
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SHRC Roundtable Net

Mike Bucklaew, KA2KQP

There hasn't been that many check-ins to the Monday night net. I have been broadcasting the Amateur Radio Newline news before the net but I'm not sure anyone is listening. If there isn't much demand for it I'll probably stop rather than putting all that wear and tear on the radio.

Don't forget to check-in Monday evenings at 10:00 p.m.

Propagation Predictions

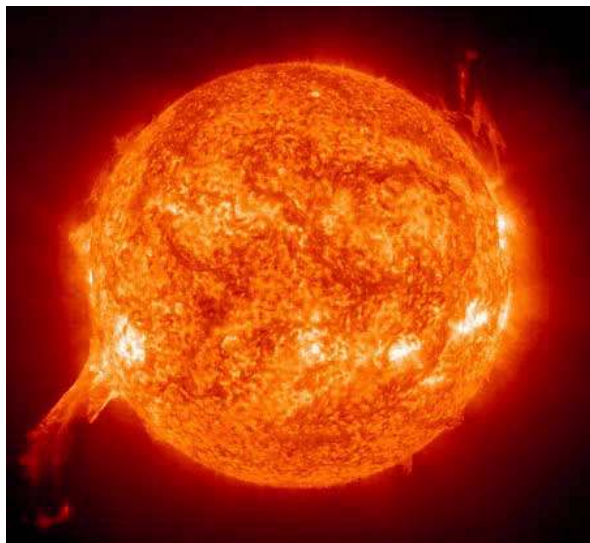
Mike Bucklaew, KA2KQP

The big news is the massive solar eruption. Check out this Reuters article and photo about it.



WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A massive solar eruption, more than 30 times the length of Earth's diameter, blasted away from the sun on Monday, and a satellite captured graphic images of the event.

The eruption occurred at 9:19 a.m. EDT and showed up in a picture taken by one instrument of the SOHO satellite as a fiery-looking "leg" in the lower-left corner of



the image, scientists said in a statement.

Pictures taken over the following 90 minutes by another SOHO instrument show a loopy-looking eruption taking place and then dispersing. All images are visible at the SOHO Web site, <http://soho.nascom.nasa.gov>

The "leg" is what astronomers call an eruptive prominence, which is a loop of

magnetic fields that trap hot gas inside. As this prominence became unstable, it erupted into the area around the sun and appeared to dissipate.

If eruptions like these are aimed at Earth, they can disturb Earth's magnetosphere, but this one was not directed at our planet, a spokesman for SOHO said by telephone.

SOHO -- short for Solar and Heliospheric Observatory -- is run by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the European Space Agency.

DX News

From NJDXA website

5W, SAMOA.

Tuesday July 2 through July 12

Ted/K8AQM and David/K8AA will be active as 5W0TR and 5W0AA, respectively, July 2-12th. Activity will be 40-10 meters mainly CW, Digital and some SSB. QSL both callsigns via K8AA.

JW, SVALBARD.

Saturday July 6 through July 21

Tom, LA4LN, informs OPDX that he will again be operating as JW4LN from Spitsbergen (IOTA EU-26) and Bear Island (IOTA EU-27), July 6-21st, while on work. Check the lower CW portions, especially the 40, 30, and 20 meter bands (or other bands which may be open); and 6 meters (50150 kHz, +/- 15 kHz). Please QSL direct to Tom's home address: Tom V. Segalstad, P.O. Box 15 Kjelsaas, N-0411 OSLO, NORWAY

OJØ, MARKET REEF.

Monday July 8 through July 11

Roland/K9LA and Vicky/AE9YL will be active from here July 8-11th, using the callsign OJØ/AE9YL. They will be active on all bands on or near the ARLHS frequencies (1970, 3970,

7270, 14270, 21370 and 28370 kHz). QSL to home call.

3DAØ, SWAZILAND.

Thursday July 11 through July 18
Frosty, K5LBU, will once again operate from here between July 11-18th as 3DAØCF. QSL via K5LBU direct or bureau. SASE or SAE and USD or IRC.

TY, Benin.

Monday July 15 through August 14
TY, BENIN (Update). The French team has provided more information on their July 15th to August 14th operation to Grand-Popo, just near the southern border of Togo. The DXpedition now has a Web page available at:
<http://perso.wanadoo.fr/f5cwu/html/benin02.htm>

HKØ, SAN ANDRES.

Tuesday July 16 through July 29
They hope to get the callsign HK0ZZ. Activity will be on 160-6 meters and the satellites on all modes. They will also be active in the IOTA Contest. QSL via DH7WW. Pilot-station is: DL3JJ@t-online.de

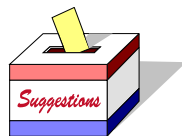
Contest Calendar

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| RAC Canada Day Contest | Jul 1 |
| DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest | Jul 7 |
| IARU HF World Championship | Jul 13 - Jul 14 |
| FISTS Summer Sprint | Jul 13 |
| Pacific 160m Contest | Jul 20 |
| W/VE Islands Contest | Jul 20 - Jul 21 |
| North American QSO Party, RTTY | Jul 20 - Jul 21 |
| CQ Worldwide VHF Contest | Jul 20 - Jul |
| IOTA Contest | Jul 27 - Jul 28 |

News, Pics, Articles or Suggestions?

Send them to:
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Field Day 2002



Mike Bucklaew, KA2KQP

SHRC had their best Field Day ever in my opinion. We seem to learn from each contest we enter as a group and make the appropriate modifications to our plans for the next one. Thanks to everyone who helped out and participated! Here are a few photos of our 2002 FD operation. I'm looking forward to 2003.



KF2U and W2HQ hoist the 40 meter antenna into the tree.



Norm watching the action after delivering some home-made smoked sausage for the crew. Having adequate provisions is important in any ham radio contest.



Norm on the mic while KA2KQP coaches and KF2U pounds the brass on 40 m CW.

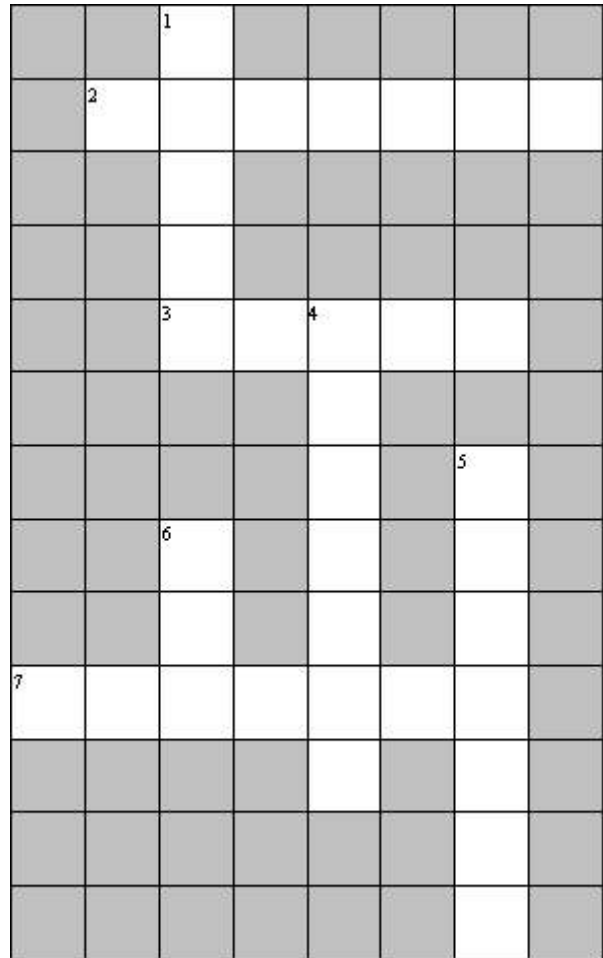


Eric working stations on 75 m SSB while KF2U still pounds brass on 40 m CW.



W2HQ hammering away on SSB.

Hamword Puzzle



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Across

- 2. Aug 4, 2002
- 3. Log Author
- 7. Honest Abe or Town Car

Down

- 1. Dessert hostess
- 4. Rings
- 5. FD dinner
- 6. Power Nailer