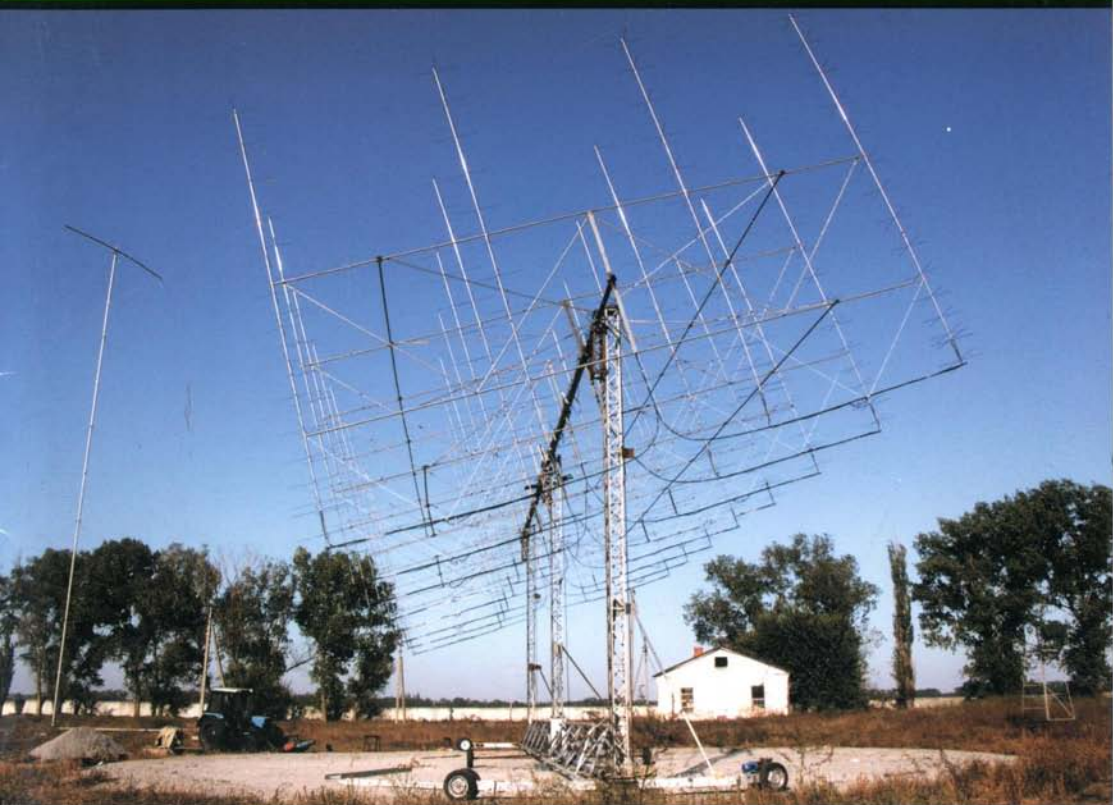


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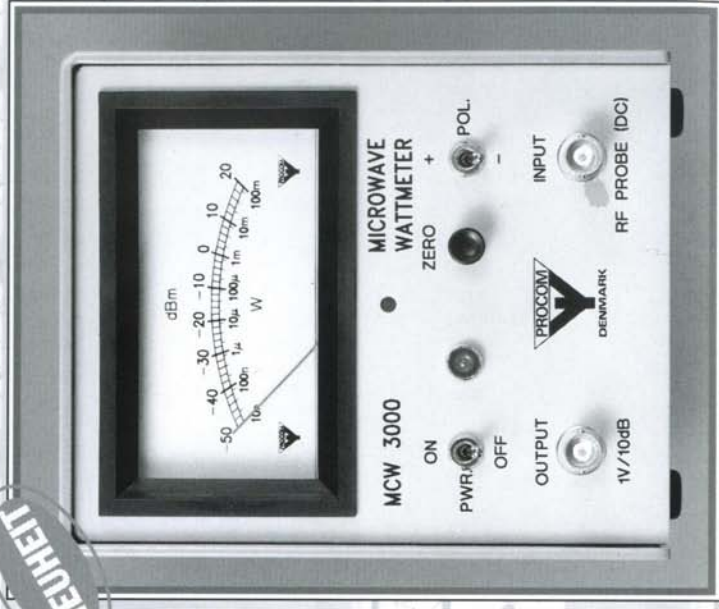
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Editorial

Dear DUBUS Reader!

Here is the last issue for 2004 and it is time again to ask you to renew your subscription for 2005 with your national distributor (or directly with us) as soon as possible.

We would be happy to see all subscriptions renewed again for 2005, of course.

Furthermore we would like to ask you to consider to sponsor subscriptions for VHF newcomers. May be this will result in more weak signal OPs in interesting squares! For sure it will help to keep this magazine alive. To be honest we need something like this otherwise DUBUS magazine will be history in a couple of years thanks to the web and decreasing amateur radio activity.

Please check the new rules for the EU WW EME contest 2005 on page 67. We hope to satisfy as many of you as possible with the new rules.

With JT1 to come very soon EME will become a mode that can be worked by any average Tropo station. So let's hope for a boost in EME activity in 2005!

Please keep sending your reports and technical articles for the benefit of all readers. Thank you!

Seasons's Greetings to all readers and friends and all the best for 2005

from Joe, DL8HCZ / CT1HZE
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Liebe DUBUS Leser!

Hier ist nun die letzte Ausgabe für das Jahr 2004 und es ist schon wieder Zeit, das Abo für 2005 zu verlängern. Wir bitten alle unsere Bezieher in DL zu unserer Arbeitserleichterung, das Abo für 2005 möglichst zwischen dem 1. Januar und dem 28. Februar 2005 zu verlängern. Der Abo-Preis beträgt 22 Euro für 2005. Wir würden uns freuen, wenn uns möglichst alle Leser auch im Jahr 2005 weiterhin treu bleiben.

Darüberhinaus möchten wir unsere Leser einmal bitten, zu überlegen, ob nicht eventuell auch einmal ein DUBUS-Abonnement für einen VHF-Newcomer gesponsert werden könnte. Vielleicht resultiert das dann in mehr VHF-DX-Aktivitäten aus seltenen Feldern etc. Und es würde natürlich DUBUS helfen, „am Leben“ zu bleiben. Denn ehrlich gesagt, ohne eine derartige Aktion wird DUBUS sonst in einigen Jahren „Geschichte“ sein.

Auf Seite 67 finden sich die neuen Ausschreibungsbedingungen für den EU WW EME Contest 2005. Wir hoffen, es damit möglichst vielen Recht zu machen. Mit dem in Kürze kommenden JT1-Mode wird EME eine Betriebsart, die sogar von nahezu jeder kleinen Tropo-Station gearbeitet werden kann. Also: Hoffen wir auf eine explodierende EME-Aktivität in 2005!

Wir bitten weiterhin zahlreich Aktivitätsberichte und technische Artikel einzusenden, damit alle Leser davon profitieren können.

Wir wünschen unseren Lesern und Freunden alles Gute für 2005!

vy 73 von Joachim, DL8HCZ / CT1HZE
und vom ganzen DUBUS-Team!

Septum Feed – History in OK

by Frantisek Srihavka, OK1CA

The need to control MAGION science satellites launched in 1992 by the Geophysical Institute of the Academy of Science of Czech Republic, ASCR, created the requirement for a dish antenna feed with both circular polarizations. Franta, OK1CA, an employee of ASCR, asked J. Kysela, OK1AHH /silent key 2001/, a professional RF antenna designer at the Radioelectronic Institute of TESLA Pardubice, now ERA Pardubice, to help to design and develop the required feed. Kysela designed the septum feed for a 10 m dish in 1992. This feed was used for receiving telemetry from MAGION 4 and 5 satellites on 1.6 GHz.

At the same time, members of radio club OK1KIR were looking for a feed suitable for EME applications at 5.7 and 10 GHz. Kysela designed these septum feeds for both bands, probably based on IEEE references. A feed for 10 GHz, designed by Kysela, was first built by Antonin, OK1DAI, in early 1993 with construction of the 5.7 GHz feed beginning in the later half of the same year. Feeds for other amateur radio bands have been designed basing on these two examples. Antonin published technical information on the 5.7 and 10 GHz feeds in the French magazine "HYPER" for the 1998 EME conference in Paris. Additional information on septum feed was published by Zdenek, OK1DFC, on a CD ROM prepared for the 2002 EME conference in Prague.

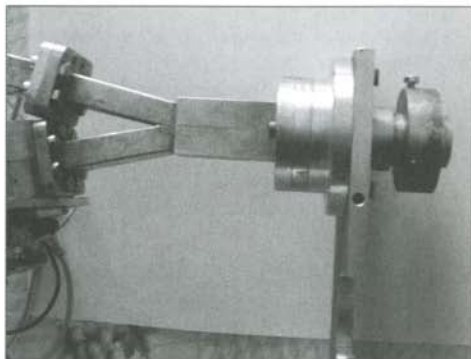
Franta designed and built a 10 m dish antenna incorporating a septum feed in a Cassegrain configuration in early 1995. The first QSO on 23 cm was established on 7 May 1995. The first contact on 13 cm was made by Franta on 27 March 1999.

All feeds described above were manufactured according to Kysela's design, using a square shaped waveguide coupled to a circular aperture. Feeds were of simple design or perhaps included a multi-collar choke. The septum feed described by Zdenek for the 2002 EME conference in Prague employed a square shaped aperture. This type of septum feed is mechanically simple to manufacture and is suitable for deeper dishes with f/d ratios of 0.35 to 0.40.

Septum feed design continues to evolve with further improvements being made to the basic configuration, such as the modified feed developed by R. Galuscak, OM6AA, which is described in the following article.



OK1DAI 5.7 GHz Septum Feed



OK1DAI 10 GHz Septum Feed



Measurement preparation, left OM6AA, right Mr. Bartik, head of the anechoic chamber of CTU in Prague

Die Gechichte des Septum Feed in OK

von **Frantisek Srihavka, OK1CA**

Um die MAGION Wissenschaftssatelliten, die 1992 vom Geophysikalischen Instiut der Tschechischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (ASCR) gestartet wurden, steuern zu können, wurde ein Spiegel-Feed benötigt, das beide zirkularen Polarisationen liefern kann.

Franta, OK1CA, ein Angestellter der ASCR, fragte J. Kysela, OK1AHH (silent key 2001), der als professioneller HF-Antennen-Entwickler beim Radioelektronischen Institut TESLA in Pardubice, jetzt ERA Pardubice, arbeitete, ob er helfen könnte, das benötigte Feed zu designen und zu entwickeln. Kysela entwickelte also 1992 das Septum Feed für einen 10m Spiegel.

Dieses Feed wurde dazu benutzt, die Telemetrie der MAGION 4 und 5 Satelliten auf 1.6 GHz zu empfangen.

Zur selben Zeit suchten Mitglieder des Radio Club von OK1KIR ein passendes Feed für EME-Anwendung auf 5.7 und 10 GHz. Kysela entwickelte für beide Bänder Septum Feeds, die wahrscheinlich auf IEEE-Referenzen zurückgehen.

Ein 10-GHz-Feed nach Kysela wurde dann erstmalig von Antonin, OK1DAI, Anfang 1993 gebaut. In der zweiten Jahreshälfte wurde dann das 5.7 GHz Feed gebaut. Feeds für andere Amateurfunkbänder wurden dann basierend auf diesen beiden Feeds designed. Antonin publizierte erstmals technische Informationen über das 5.7 und 10 GHz-Feed in dem Französischen Magazin „Hyper“ anlässlich der EME Konferenz 1998 in Paris.

Weitere Informationen über das Septum Feed wurden von Zdenek, OK1DFC, auf einer CD ROM für die EME Konferenz in Prag 2002 zusammengestellt.

Franta, OK1CA, designte und baute einen 10m-Cassegrain-Spiegel mit einem Septum-Feed Anfang 1995. Das erste QSO auf 23cm wurde damit am 7. Mai 1995 gestätigt. Das erste 13cm-QSO folgte am 27. März 1999.

Alle oben erwähnten Feeds wurden basierend auf Kyselas Design unter Verwendung eines quadratischen Wellenleiters gekoppelt an

eine runde Öffnung hergestellt. Die Feeds blieben einfach so oder wurden ggf. mit einem Choke aus mehreren Ringen versehen.

Das Septum Feed, das von Zdenek, OK1DFC, zur EME Konferenz 2002 in Prag vorgestellt wurde, arbeitet mit einer quadratischen Öffnung.

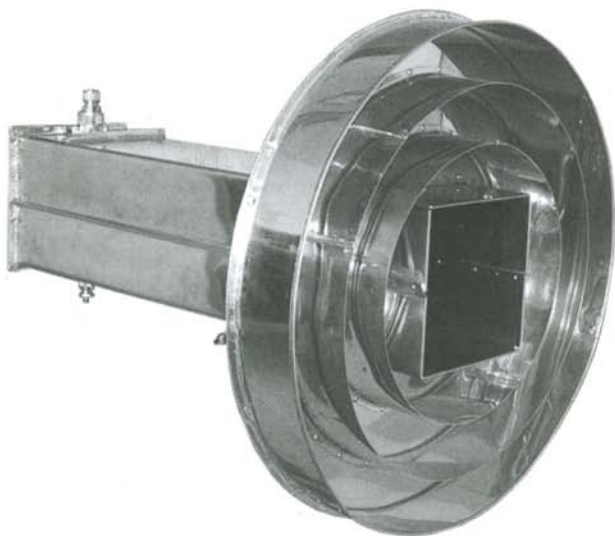
Diese Ausführung des Septum Feed ist mechanisch einfach herzustellen und brauchbar für tieferen Spiegel mit f/d-Verhältnissen von 0.35 bis 0.40.



**OM6AA's Modified Septum Feed
in anechoic chamber**

Das Design von Septum Feeds geht weiter und Verbesserungen zur Grundkonfiguration konnten erreicht werden, wie bei dem modifiziertem Septum Feed, das von Rastislav Galuscak, OM6AA, entwickelt wurde, und das im folgenden Artikel beschrieben wird.

OM6AA's Feed – close view



Septum Feed Revisited

by Rastislav Galuscak, OM6AA

Introduction

Septum feed was evaluated when I considered new feed configurations for my larger dish antenna. Franta, OK1CA, developed and Zdenek, OK1DFC [1], described septum feed for hams working on 23 and 13 cm. Computer analysis of this feed configuration performed by Paul Wade, W1GHZ [2], gave good results. Paul's analysis inspired me to improve the efficiency of my septum feed by adding "multi-collar rings," also referred to as a "choke." This type of modified circular feed is known as "Chaparral" style feed [3].

According to this reference, I have added three rings with minimal spacing between rings of 0.22λ , so as not to block a relatively small dish diameter of 16.4λ . Dimensions of the resulting modified feed assembly for 23 cm are shown in FIG 1. The feed assembly was made from 0.8mm thick polished stainless steel plate. Stainless steel was chosen for its superior anti-corrosive properties, unlike those of copper or aluminum. Incremental loss is minor; only a few thousandths of a dB on 23 cm compared to copper. However, at higher frequencies a material with higher conductivity should be used.

Inside the feed assembly, the septum is soldered to the feed body on both sides and is attached by rivets to the plate at the closed end. The end plate is also soldered to the feed body. The area around the connectors is mechanically reinforced by a second plate formed in a "U" shape on which the coaxial connectors are mounted. The rings are affixed with rivets and the widest one is soldered from the outer side as well. The TX port employs a 7/16" female connector and its probe is a 6mm diameter silver plated brass rod. Minimum VSWR is adjusted by the probe length and also with a tuning screw that is perpendicular to the probe. The RX port employs a male, "N" type, connector and its probe is a 2.3mm diameter rod, also of silver plated brass. Minimum VSWR here is adjusted by the probe length only.

My interest in studying the performance of the modified septum feed led me to Czech Technical University (CTU) in Prague, where I was able to take advantage of their interest in this device. Thanks to Prof. Miloš Mazánek, head of the Department of Electromagnetic Fields, I was able to perform and publish these measurements.

All measurements were performed in an anechoic chamber at CTU. The feed assembly being tested was placed on a rotating turntable as a receiving antenna, for all pattern measurements.

A wide-band horn was used as the transmitting antenna. The measurement configuration is shown in FIG 2. Both antennas were able to rotate 90 degrees longitudinally for specific measurements. The feed assembly probe orientation (vertical or horizontal) was used to define elevation and azimuth planes. Similarly, v or h polarization defines the orientation of the transmitting antenna.

"FEEDPATT" software, written by W1GHZ [4], was used to evaluate the feed efficiency in a dish antenna. The "ANT-PC" program package, developed by Miroslav Procházka [5] and "PARACUP.for" software, developed by Thomas Milligan [6] and modified by Miroslav Procházka, were used to calculate the dish antenna's resulting radiation pattern and directivity.

The following measurements have been performed:

- I. Impedance Match at RX and TX Ports
- II. Impedance Match Changes against a Conductive Plate
- III. Comparison of Radiation Characteristics at RX and TX Ports
- IV. Radiation Patterns at both Ports with various choke positions
- V. Feed Pattern Frequency Dependency
- VI. Isolation Between Ports
- VII. Phase Center Position

I. Impedance Match at RX and TX Ports

Measurement condition: Choke flush, free space. An ANRITSU S400A Site Master transmission line and antenna analyzer was used for these measurements. Results are shown in FIG 3.

The return loss at the RX port is about 40 dB. This very good impedance match can be viewed as a trade-off for narrower bandwidth. A return loss 33 dB was achieved at the TX port, with wider bandwidth.

II. Impedance Match Changes against a Conductive Plate

Measurement condition: Choke flush.

These measurements were made to investigate VSWR changes that may be encountered when assembling the feed to a dish. A 1m x 1m conductive plane plate positioned normal to the feed's longitudinal axis was used to simulate the dish. The distance between the feed and plate was varied from 50 cm to 90 cm. The resulting VSWR performance is shown in FIG 4 and FIG 5.

At distances over 90 cm, VSWR changes were negligible.

Shorter distances between the feed and conductive plane simulate the effects of a deeper and smaller dish. At these shorter distances, VSWR ripple was observed. This indicates that when assembling the feed to a deeper and smaller dish, probe length adjustments may be necessary.

III. Comparison of Radiation Characteristics at RX and TX Ports

Measurement condition: Choke flush.

These measurements, which compare radiation patterns at both ports, gave the first indication of feed circularity. Radiation patterns were measured with vertical feed orientation and both horizontal and vertical transmitting antenna polarizations. Initially, the feed's vertical axis of rotation was placed at the geometrical center of the feed assembly, midway between the closed end and the open end or aperture. With the axis located there, the observed radiation pattern was narrower than it actually was.

For all further pattern measurements, the feed's vertical axis of rotation was placed at the feed's aperture, where the phase center position is expected. Results are shown in FIG 6.

Essentially identical radiation patterns were observed between the angles of 125 and 235 degrees with very good axial ratio, so good circularity is achieved at 180 degrees. The difference between ports is a maximum of only 0.7 dB at 180 degrees. From the graph, it is obvious that levels at the RX and TX ports are equivalent and the choke in this position does not degrade the circularity of the feed.

IV. Radiation Patterns at both Ports with Various Choke Positions

Measurement condition: The choke position was varied along the feed body toward the closed end according to FIG 7.

Feed radiation patterns were measured at both ports for the following choke positions:

1. Flush with open end, $x = 0$
2. Choke 30 mm back, $x = 30$
3. Choke 60 mm back, $x = 60$
4. Bare feed, no choke

Normalized radiation patterns at the RX port for vertical and horizontal feed orientations and for vertical and horizontal transmitting antenna polarizations are shown in FIG's 8 through 11. Patterns were normalized to their respective maximums. We can see how the choke position affects the beam width as well. Moving the choke back toward the closed end of the feed assembly makes the beam wider, but differences between the polarizations increase.

The resulting dish antenna efficiency for the RX port with various choke positions was calculated

using FEEDPATT software. These results are shown in FIG's 12 through 15. These calculations are based on average values from vertical and horizontal polarization measurements for the appropriate plane with adjustments made for variations in symmetry, since both software programs assume symmetrical radiation patterns. From these figures it is apparent that the ring choke improves the efficiency of a dish of this size. Additionally, the use of a choke gives us the opportunity to tailor the feed's beam width appropriately for a given dish. For very deep dishes, good efficiency may be achieved, but with some associated degradation of circularity.

The dish antenna's directivity, S_a and resulting radiation pattern were calculated using ANT-PC and PARPACUP for software. The PARPACUP for program does not use actual measured values, but calculates the approximate radiation pattern using $\cos^N \theta$. The exponent, N , is based on dish edge illumination. FIG 16 shows calculated results for the bare feed configuration where the dish aperture is partially blocked by the square waveguide supported by four 14 mm diameter struts. In FIG 17, calculated results for the feed configuration having the choke 30 mm back and the same dish aperture blockage are shown. The program does not perform calculations using feed efficiency.

Similar results were obtained at the TX port. This port generates opposite, left-turn circular polarization. Radiation patterns are shown in FIG's 18 and 19. As the patterns are nearly identical with those obtained at the RX port, only one plane was measured. Also, because of only minor differences between ports, antenna efficiency for the TX port was not calculated.

For all calculations, a phase center position at the feed's aperture was assumed.

V. Feed Pattern Frequency Dependency

Measurement condition: Choke flush

This test provides information on how the feed radiation pattern depends on frequency. These measurements are useful for the 13 and 3 cm bands, where split frequency EME operation is common. Feed dimensions scaled according to frequency should not have an influence on the radiation pattern. The feed pattern's response to frequency is shown in FIG20 and FIG21. Only a small enlargement of the pattern is observed, especially on the TX port at higher frequencies.

VI. Isolation Between Ports

Measurement condition: TX port driven by HP 8350 B signal generator, RX port analyzed with HP 8564 E spectrum analyzer.

Very good isolation between ports, 31 dB, was measured on a bare feed assembly beaming to

free space. This isolation decreased to 21 dB when a choke in the flush position was added.

Mounting the feed assembly onto a dish resulted in a further reduction in isolation between the ports. This is due to a portion of the reflected signal, which exhibits opposite rotational polarization, radiating back into the feed assembly. Dish antenna efficiency is reduced by approximately this amount. This is not a problem unique to septum feed, but in general, to most feed configurations that work with reversed polarization. To investigate this, a feed assembly having a choke in the flush position was tested against a conductive plate, which was again used to simulate a dish. Isolation was seen to vary with the feed-to-plate distance and isolation ripple of between 16 and 30 dB was measured. A worst-case isolation of 16 dB was measured with short distances between the feed assembly and the plate. A diagram of this is not available.

In the case of high transmitting power, such as 1kW for example, a signal of about 25W may appear on the RX port. Because of this, a good isolation switch with adequate power handling capability must be used in front of the LNA.

VII. Phase Center Position

Measurement condition: Choke 15mm back.

Two methods were applied to locate the feed's phase center. The first was based on relative changes in radiation patterns with various distances between the feed's aperture end and its vertical axis of rotation and the geometry of appropriately positioned antennas. This method yielded somewhat imprecise results. Some of the calculations indicated that the phase center position for this feed configuration is located about 2 cm inside the feed's open aperture.

To confirm this, a second method based on constant phase was applied. An Agilent Technologies E8364A network analyzer was used, but no special antennas for circular polarization were available at that time. Consequently, the second measurement also yielded an imprecise result.

Phase center position measurement is very complex and requires special equipment. Perhaps the best method is to use a "sun noise measurement." Regardless, previous measurements indicate that the overall efficiency of the dish assembly is less sensitive to phase center position than to adjustments made for reflected power of reversed polarization.

Summary and Conclusion

Despite favorable computer analysis, some asymmetry between azimuth and elevation planes was detected and investigated. Neglecting manufacturing inaccuracy and measurement error, this property of the feed assembly is most likely inher-

ent to the square shape of the waveguide. To improve the axial ratio and phase characteristics, some authors report using a series of tuning screws following the septum. Performance is controlled by adjusting the depth of these screws [7]. Others report controlling circularity with additional corner brackets and stiffeners employing a small ground plane [8]. Another solution, mounting a dielectric slab of Teflon behind the septum, was also described [9]. For higher frequencies, a solution employing a corrugated waveguide section following the septum was published [10]. To reduce the asymmetry problem, a circular feed assembly with septum polarizer can be used. This is an area open to further experimentation.

In spite of these problems, septum feed has many advantages for deep-dish applications. A multi-collar ring choke improves efficiency for dishes 10λ and larger. To find the optimum choke position for a dish, the graph of FIG22 was compiled. This graph, for EME use, is based on "low noise" edge illumination of 13 dB. I regret that because of my time schedule, I am unable to discuss practical experience with this feed configuration or to compare it to my present VE4MA style feed at this time.

I plan to place all measurement data on my web site, www.webpark.sk/om6aa, in Excel format. Until this time, measurement data can be obtained by sending me an e-mail request at OM6AA@martinet.sk.

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Septum Feed - überarbeitet

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Einleitung

Als ich neue Möglichkeiten eines Feeds für meinen größeren Spiegel erwog, wurde auch ein Septum Feed untersucht. Franta, OK1CA, entwickelte und Zdenek, OK1DFC [1], beschrieb Septum Feeds für den Amateurfunkbereich auf 23 und 13 cm. Computeranalysen dieser Art des Feeds wurden von Paul Wade, W1GHZ [2] durchgeführt und ergaben gute Ergebnisse. Pauls Analyse inspirierte mich die Effektivität meines Septum Feed durch Hinzufügen mehrere konzentrischer Ringe – auch als „Choke“ bezeichnet – zu verbessern. Diese Art des modifizierten zirkularen Feed ist auch als „Chaparral“ Feed [3] bekannt.

Basierend auf dieser Referenz habe ich drei Ringe mit einem minimalem Abstand von 0.22λ zwischen den Ringen hinzugefügt, um nicht den relativ kleinen Spiegeldurchmesser von 16.4λ zu blockieren.

Die Abmessungen des resultierenden modifizierten Feed für 23cm sind in Abb. 1 dargestellt. Das Feed wurde aus 0.8mm poliertem Edelstahlblech angefertigt. Edelstahl wurde wegen seiner im Vergleich zu Kupfer und Aluminium überragenden Korrosionsfreiheit ausgewählt. Die Verluste sind nur gering und liegen bei einigen wenigen tausendstel eines dB auf 23cm im Vergleich zu Kupfer. Auf höheren Frequenzen sollte jedoch ein Material mit besserer Leitfähigkeit verwendet werden. Im Inneren der Feed-Konstruktion ist das Septum auf beiden Seiten an den Körper des Feed gelötet worden und mit Nieten an der Platte des geschlossenen Endes befestigt worden. Die End-Platte wurde ebenfalls mit dem Feed-Körper verlötet. Der Bereich um die Anschlussbuchsen wurde

mechanisch durch Anbringen einer zweiten U-förmigen Platte verstärkt, auf der die Koax-Verbinder montiert werden.

Die Ringe sind mit Nieten befestigt und der größte Ring wurde außen auch verlötet. Der TX-Eingang ist eine 7/16" Buchse und die Einkopplung besteht aus versilbertem Messing mit 6mm Durchmesser. Auf minimales SWR wird abgestimmt durch die Länge der Einkopplung und außerdem auch durch eine Abstimm-Schraube, die sich lotrecht zur Einkopplung befindet. Der RX-Eingang ist ein N-Stecker und die Einkopplung besteht aus versilbertem Messing mit 2.3mm Durchmesser. Hier wird auf minimales VSWR nur durch die Länge der Sonde abgestimmt.

Mein Interesse die Performance dieses modifizierten Septum Feeds zu untersuchen, führte mich an die Technische Universität Prag (CTU), wo ich von deren Interesse an diesem Teil profitieren konnte. Dank Prof. Miloš Mazánek, dem Leiter der Abteilung für Elektromagnetische Felder, war ich in der Lage diese Messungen durchzuführen und hier zu publizieren.

Alle Messungen wurden in einem reflektionsfreien Raum der CTU durchgeführt. Das zu testende Feed wurde für alle Messungen auf einem drehbaren Tisch als Empfangsantenne platziert.

Als Sendeantenne wurde ein Breitband-Horn verwendet. Die Meßanordnung ist in Abb. 2 dargestellt. Beide Antennen konnten für besondere Messungen auch 90 Grad longitudinal gedreht werden.

Die Orientierung der Sonde (vertikal oder horizontal) der Feed-Konstruktion wurde benutzt, um Elevation und Azimuth-Ebenen zu definieren.

Genauso definiert v oder h Polarisation die Orientierung der Sendeantenne.

"FEEDPATT" Software, die von W1GHZ [4], geschrieben wurde, wurde benutzt, um die Effektivität des Feeds in einem Spiegel zu untersuchen.

Das "ANT-PC" Programm-Paket, das von Miroslav Procházka [5] entwickelt wurde, und "PARPACUP.for" Software, entwickelt von Thomas Milligan [6] und modifiziert von Miroslav Procházka, wurden verwendet, um die resultierenden Strahlungsdiagramme und Direktivität des Spiegels zu berechnen.

Folgende Messungen wurden durchgeführt:

- I. Impedanz-Anpassung bei RX und TX Ports
- II. Änderungen der Impedanz-Anpassung gegen eine leitende Platte
- III. Vergleich der Strahlungscharakteristiken am RX und TX Port
- IV. Strahlungsdiagramm an beiden Ports bei unterschiedlichen Choke-Positionen
- V. Frequenzabhängigkeit des Strahlungsdiagramms des Feed
- VI. Isolation zwischen den Ports
- VII. Phasen-Mitten-Position

I. Impedanz-Anpassung bei RX/TX Ports

Messbedingungen: Choke flush, Freiraum.

Für diese Messungen wurde eine ANRITSU S400A Site Master Transmission Line und ein Antennen Analyzer verwendet. Die Ergebnisse zeigt Abb. 3. Der Returnloss am RX Port liegt bei 40dB. Diese sehr gute Impedanzanpassung wird durch schmalere Bandbreite „erkaufte“. Am TX Port werden 33 dB Return Loss bei breiterer Bandbreite erreicht.

II. Änderungen der Impedanz-Anpassung gegen eine leitende Platte

Messbedingungen: Choke bündig.

Diese Messungen wurden durchgeführt, um VSWR-Änderungen zu untersuchen, die eventuell auftreten, wenn das Feed in einem Spiegel montiert wird. Dazu wurde eine 1m x 1m große ebene leitende Platte längs der Feed-Achse positioniert, um einen Spiegel zu simulieren. Der Abstand zwischen Feed und Platte wurde zwischen 50 und 90cm variiert. Das resultierende VSWR ist in den Abb. 4 und 5 dargestellt. Bei einem Abstand von 90cm und mehr wurden die Änderungen des VSWR unbedeutend.

Kleinere Abstände zwischen Feed und Platte simulieren Effekte eines tieferen und kleineren Spiegels. Bei diesen kürzeren Abständen konnte ein VSWR Ripple beobachtet werden. Diese zeigt auf, dass man bei Einbau des Feeds in tiefe und kleine Spiegel eventuell die Sondenlänge nachjustieren sollte.

III. Vergleich der Strahlungscharakteristiken am RX und TX Port

Messbedingungen: Choke bündig.

Diese Messungen, die die Strahlungsdiagramme an beiden Ports vergleichen, gaben einem ersten Eindruck der Zirkularität des Feeds. Die Strahlungsdiagramme wurden mit vertikaler Ausrichtung des Feed und vertikaler und horizontaler Ausrichtung der Sendeantenne gemessen.

Anfänglich wurde die vertikale Rotations-Achse des Feed in der geometrischen Mitte des ganzen Feed – also in der Mitte zwischen offenem und geschlossenem Ende – positioniert. In diesem Fall wurde ein engeres Strahlungsdiagramm gemessen als es tatsächlich ist.

Für alle weiteren Messungen der Strahlungscharakteristik wurde die vertikale Rotationsachse an der Öffnung des Feeds platziert, dort wo die Phasen-Mitten-Position erwartet wird. Die Ergebnisse zeigt Abb. 6.

Grundsätzlich gleiche Strahlungsdiagramme wurden im Bereich von 125 bis 235 Grad beobachtet bei einem sehr guten axialen Verhältnis, so dass gute Zirkularität bei 180 Grad erreicht wird. Die Differenz zwischen den Ports beträgt maximal nur 0.7 dB bei 180 Grad.

Von der Abbildung ist ersichtlich, dass der Level am RX und RX Port äquivalent ist und der Choke in dieser Position die Zirkularität des Feeds nicht verschlechtert.

IV. Strahlungsdiagramm an beiden Port bei unterschiedlichen Choke-Positionen

Messbedingungen: Die Position des Choke wurde verändert entlang des Feed-Körpers in Richtung des geschlossenen Endes, entsprechend Abb. 7. Die Strahlungsdiagramme des

Feed wurden an beiden ports gemessen für die folgenden Choke-Positionen:

1. Bündig mit dem offenen Ende, $x = 0$
2. Choke 30 mm zurück, $x = 30$
3. Choke 60 mm zurück, $x = 60$
4. Feed alleine, ohne Choke

Normalisierte Strahlungsdiagramme am RX Port für vertikale und horizontale Feed-Orientierungen und für vertikale und horizontale Polarisation der Sendeantenne zeigen die Abb. 8 bis 11.

Die Diagramme wurde auf ihre respektiven Maxima normalisiert. Man kann nun auch sehen, wie die Position des Choke den Öffnungswinkel beeinflusst.

Wenn man den Choke zurück in Richtung des geschlossenen Endes des Feeds bewegt, wird der Öffnungswinkel größer, aber die Unterschiede zwischen den Polarisierungen werden größer.

Die resultierende Effektivität des Spiegels für den RX Port wurde für verschiedene Choke-Positionen mit der FEEDPATT Software simuliert. Die Ergebnisse zeigen Abb. 12 bis 15. Diese Berechnungen basieren auf Durchschnittswerten von vertikalen und horizontalen Polarisationsmessungen für die jeweilige Ebene mit Justierungen bei dem Symmetrieabweichungen, da beide Programme symmetrische Strahlungsdiagramme annehmen.

Anhand der Abbildungen ist ersichtlich, dass der Ring-Choke die Effektivität eines Spiegels dieser Größe erhöht. Zusätzlich ermöglicht die Verwendung eines Choke, den Öffnungswinkel des Feed an einen vorgegebenen Spiegel anzupassen. Für sehr tiefe Spiegel kann eine gute Effektivität erreicht werden, es müssen dann aber einige Abstriche bei der Zirkularität gemacht werden.

Die Direktivität des Spiegels, S_a und die resultierenden Strahlungsdiagramme wurden mit ANT-PC und PARPACUP for simuliert. PARPACUP for verwendet nicht die aktuellen Messdaten, sondern errechnet die ungefähren Strahlungsdiagramme mit Hilfe von $\cos^N \theta$. Der exponent N basiert aus der Ausleuchtung der Ränder des Spiegels.

Abb. 16 zeigt die simulierten Ergebnisse für das Feed alleine, wobei der Spiegel partiell blockiert ist durch quadratischen Wellenleiter und vier 14mm Streben.

In Abb. 17 wird die Simulation für dieselbe Konfiguration mit dem Choke 30mm zurückgesetzt und derselben Blockierung des Spiegels gezeigt.

Das Programm ermöglicht keine Berechnungen aufgrund der Effektivität des Feeds.

Ähnliche Ergebnisse wurden am TX Port erhalten. Dieser Port generiert entgegengesetzte, linksdrehende zirkulare Polarisation. Die Strahlungsdiagramme zeigen Abb. 18 und 19. Da die Diagramme nahezu identisch mit denen des RX Port waren, wurde nur eine Ebene gemessen. Und, weil es auch nur kleine Unterschiede zwischen den Ports gab, wurde die Effektivität der Antenne für den TX Port nicht berechnet.

Für alle Berechnungen wurde angenommen, dass sich die Position des Zentrums der Phase an der Öffnung des Feeds befindet.

V. Frequenzabhängigkeit des Strahlungsdiagramms des Feed

Messbedingungen: Choke flush.

Dieser Test liefert Informationen darüber, wie die Strahlungsdiagramme des Feed von der Frequenz abhängen. Diese Messungen sind sinnvoll für das 13cm und 3cm-Band, wo Split-Betrieb bei EME üblich ist.

Die Feed-Dimensionierung im Maßstab auf die Frequenz sollte keinen Einfluß auf die Strahlungsdiagramme haben. Die Frequenzabhängigkeit der Strahlungscharakteristik des Feed ist in den Abb. 20 und 21 dargestellt. Nur eine kleine Vergrößerung des Diagramms konnte beobachtet werden, dies besonders am TX Port bei höheren Frequenzen.

VI. Isolation zwischen den Ports

Messbedingungen: Am TX Port ein HP8350B Signal-Generator, RX Port analysiert mit einem HP 8564 E Spectrum Analyzer.

Eine sehr gute Isolation von 31 dB zwischen den Ports bei einem Feed ohne Choke, das in den Freiraum strahlt, wurde gemessen.

Die Isolation sank auf 21 dB, wenn ein Choke in der Flush-Position hinzugefügt wurde.

Wenn man das Feed in einen Spiegel montierte, wurde eine weitere Reduzierung der Isolation gemessen. Dies ist verursacht durch einen Anteil des reflektierten Signals, das zurück in das Feed gelangt. Um etwa diesen Betrag wird auch die Effektivität des Spiegels gemindert.

Dies ist kein spezielles Problem des Septum-Feed sondern allgemein bei den meisten Feed-Anordnungen vorhanden, die mit umgekehrter Polarisation arbeiten.

Um dies zu untersuchen, wurde ein Feed mit einem Choke in Flush-Position getestet gegen eine leitende Platte, die wieder einen Spiegel simulieren sollte.

Die Isolation variierte mit dem Abstand zwischen Feed und Platte und ein Ripple von 16 bis 30 dB wurde gemessen. Im schlechtesten Fall wurde eine Isolierung von 16 dB bei kurzen Abständen zwischen Feed und Platte gemessen. Hiervon gibt es keine Abbildung.

Im Fall von hoher Sendeleistung, wie z.B. 1 KW, kann dann am RX Port ein Signal von 25 Watt anliegen. Deshalb muss vor dem LNA ein entsprechend gut isolierender und für diese Leistung ausgelegter Schalter vorhanden sein.

VII. Phasen-Mitten-Position

Messbedingungen: Choke 15mm zurück.

Zwei Methoden wurden angewendet, um Phasen-Mitten-Position des Feed zu lokalisieren.

Die erste Methode basiert auf relativen Änderungen der Strahlungsdiagramme mit verschiedenen Abständen zwischen der Feed-Öffnung und der vertikalen Rotationsachse und der Geometrie passend positionierter Antennen. Diese Methode ergab etwas ungenaue Ergebnisse. Einige dieser Berechnungen ergaben, dass die Phasen-Mitten-Position dieses Feeds etwa 2cm innerhalb der Feed-Öffnung liegt.

Um dies zu bestätigen wurde eine zweite Methode basierend auf konstanten Phasen, angewendet.

Ein Netzwerkanalysator Agilent E8364A wurde verwendet, aber es waren zu diesem Zeitpunkt keine besonderen Antennen

für zirkuläre Polarisation vorhanden.

Folglich ergab auch die zweite Methode ungenaue Ergebnisse. Die Messung der Phasen-Mitten-Position ist sehr komplex und erfordert spezielles Equipment. Vielleicht ist die beste Methode dafür, das „Messen des Sonnenrauschens“

Jedenfalls zeigen die vorherigen Messungen, dass die Gesamt-Effektivität der Spiegel-Konstruktion weniger empfindlich in Bezug auf die Phasen-Mitten-Position ist, sondern mehr in Bezug auf Justierungen hinsichtlich der reflektierten Leistung und umgekehrten Polarisation.

Zusammenfassung und Fazit

Entgegen ermutigender Computer-Analysen wurde etwas Asymmetrie zwischen horizontaler und vertikaler Ebene entdeckt und untersucht. Lässt man Ungenauigkeiten bei der Herstellung und Messfehler einmal aussen vor, ist diese Eigenschaft des Feeds höchst wahrscheinlich auf die eckige Form des Wellenleiters zurückzuführen.

Um das axiale Verhältnis und die Phasen-Charakteristik zu verbessern, beschreiben einige Autoren die Verwendung von einer Reihe von Abstimmungsschrauben entlang des Septums.

Die Performance wird nun durch Justierung der Tiefe dieser Schrauben kontrolliert [7].

Andere berichten davon, die Zirkularität mit zusätzlichen Klammern in den Ecken und Streben, die eine kleine Masse-Fläche bewirken, kontrollieren zu können [8].

Eine andere Lösung, nämlich ein dielektrische Platte aus Teflon hinter dem Septum zu montieren, wurde auch in [9] beschrieben.

Für höhere Frequenzen wurde eine Lösung publiziert, bei der eine geriffelte Wellenleiter-Sektion dem Septum folgt [10].

Um das Asymmetrie-Problem zu reduzieren, kann ein rundes Feed mit einem Septum-Polarisator verwendet werden. Dies wäre ein Gebiet für weitere Experimente.

Trotz dieser Probleme hat das Septum-Feed viele Vorteile bei der Anwendung in tiefen Spiegeln.

Ein Choke mit mehreren Ringen verbessert die Effektivität für Spiegel von 10λ und größer.

Um die optimale Position des Choke für einen Spiegel zu finden, wurde Abb. 22 beigefügt. Dieser Graph – für EME-Verwendung – basiert auf „low noise“ Ausleuchtung der „Ecken“ von 13 dB.

Leider kann ich zeitbedingt momentan keine Diskussion meiner praktischen Erfahrungen dieses Feeds veröffentlichen oder es mit meinem vorhandenen VE4ME-Feed vergleichen.

Ich beabsichtige alle Messdaten im Excel-Format auf meiner Webseite www.webpark.sk/om6aa zu Veröffentlichen. Bis dahin könne die Daten auch per email bei mir angefordert werden: OM6AA@martinet.sk .

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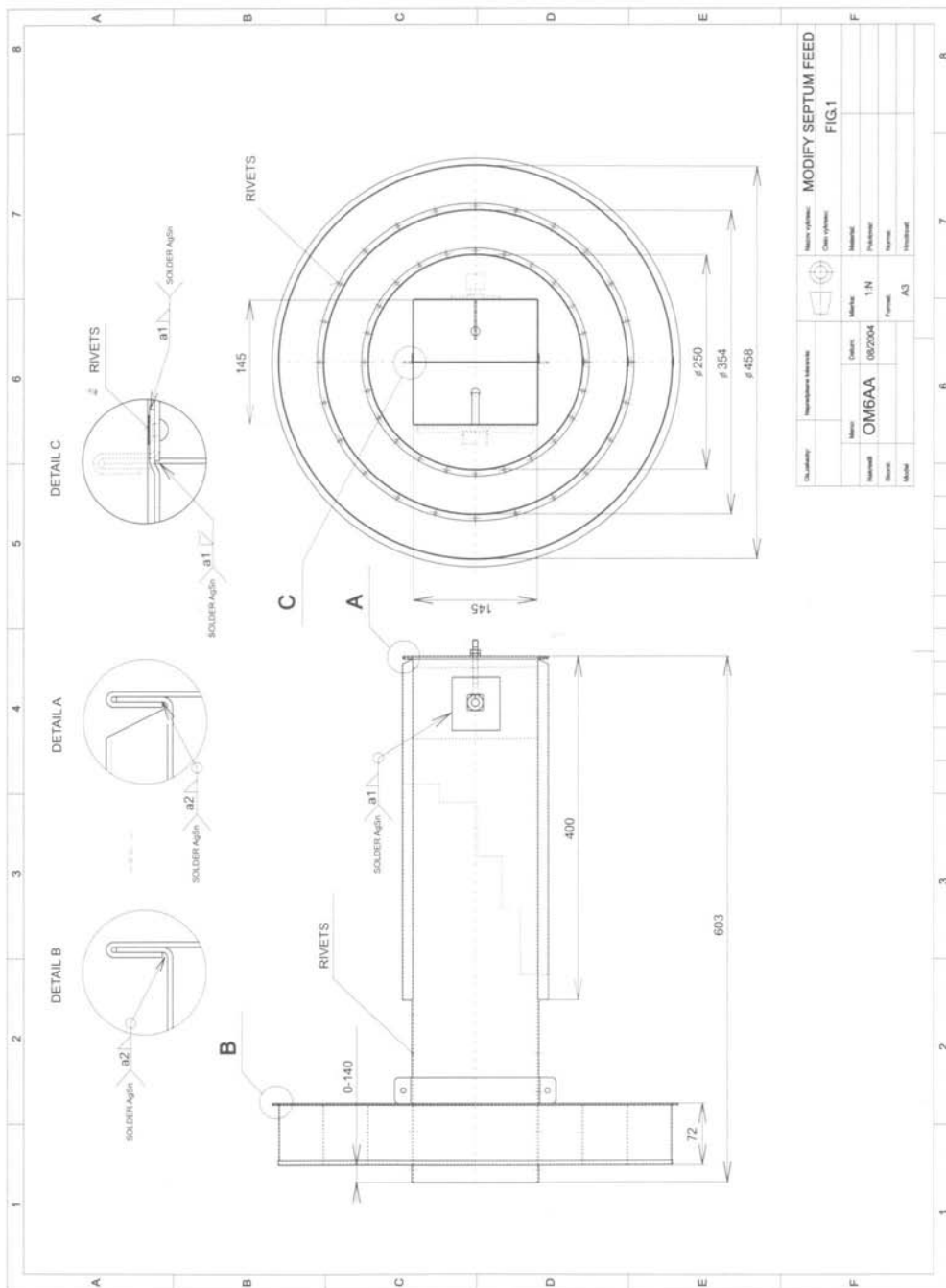


Fig. 1

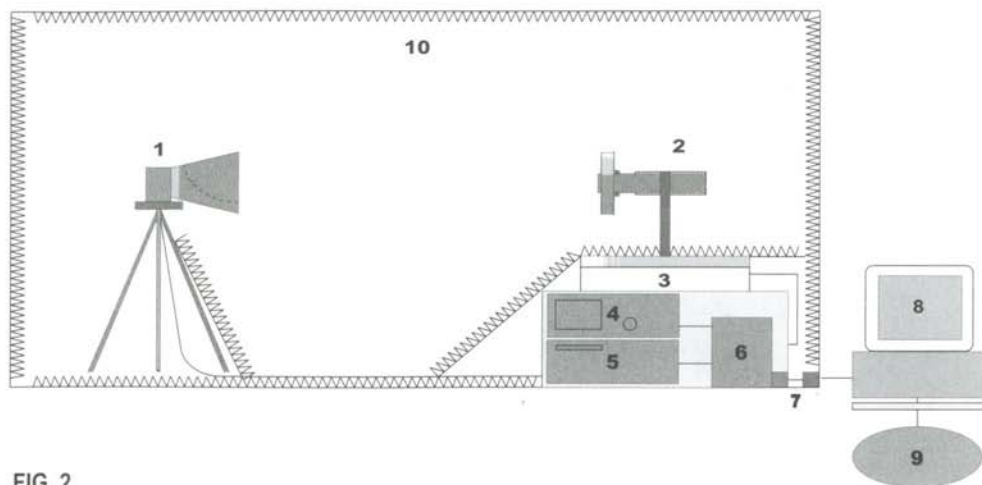


FIG. 2

1- TX ANTENNA, 2- RX ANTENNA, 3- ROTATOR, 4- HP 8564E SPECTRUM ANALYZER, 5- HP 8350B SIGNAL GENERATOR, 6- PC, 7- AC FILTERS, 8- CONTROL COMPUTER, 9- INTERNET, 10- ANECHOIC CHAMBER.

FIG 3
Feed VSWR/50 Ohm

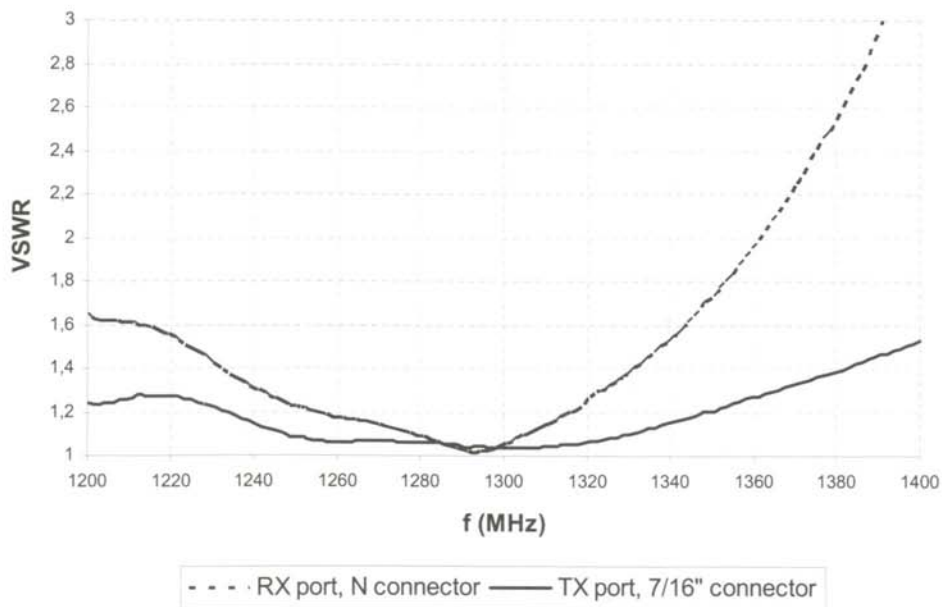


FIG 4
Impedance Match Changes against a Conductive Plate
RX port

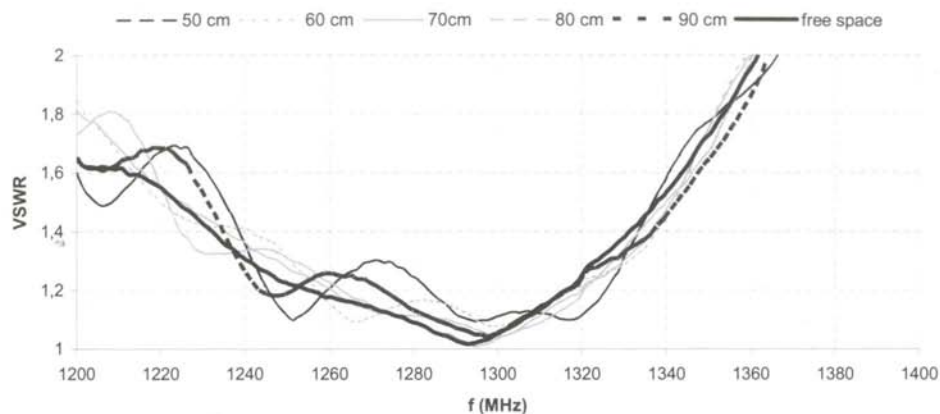


FIG 5
Impedance Match Changes against a Conductive Plate
1 x 1 m, TX port

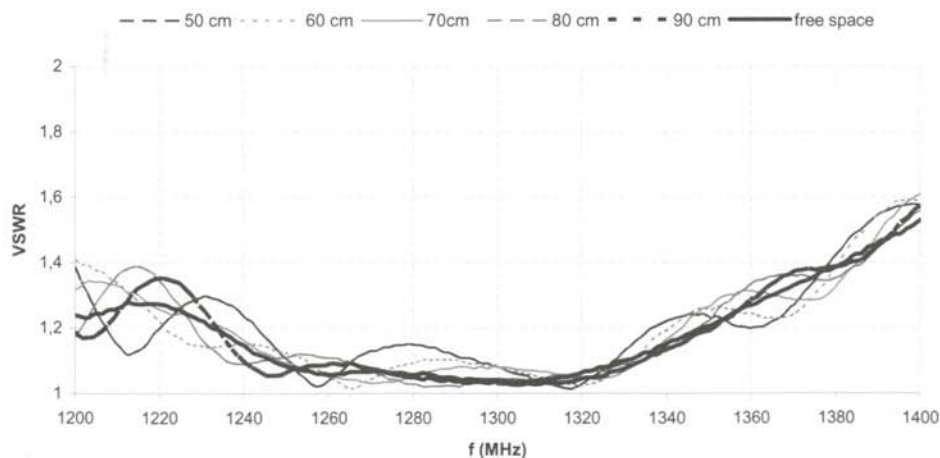


FIG 6
Radiation Pattern, RX + TX Ports, Feed Oriented Vertically
Transmitted Hor. + Ver. Pol.

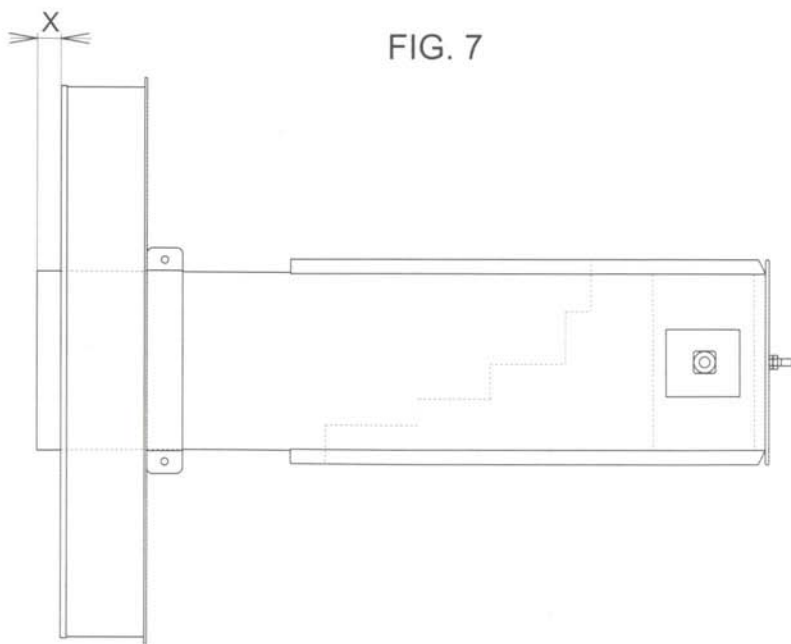
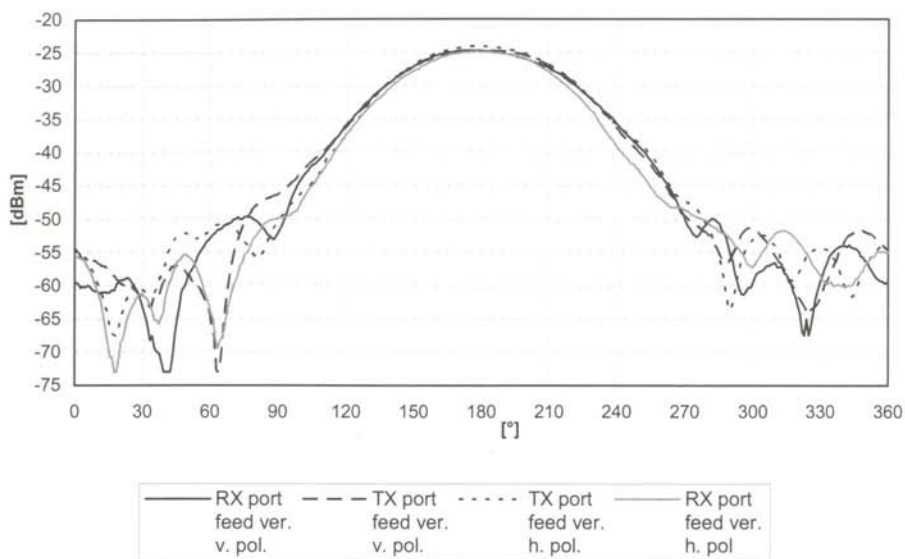


FIG. 7

FIG 8
Radiation Pattern, RX Port, Feed Oriented Horizontally
Transmitted Vert. Pol.

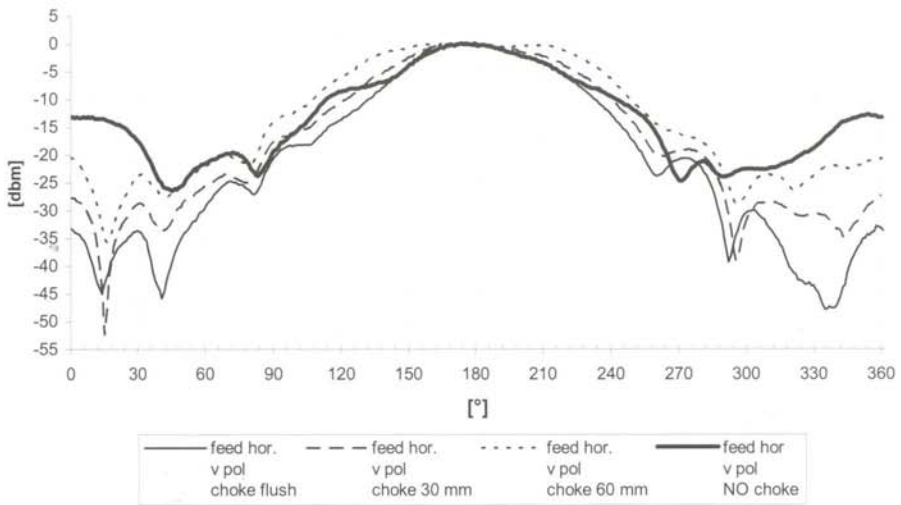


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Radiation Pattern, RX Port, Feed Oriented Horizontally
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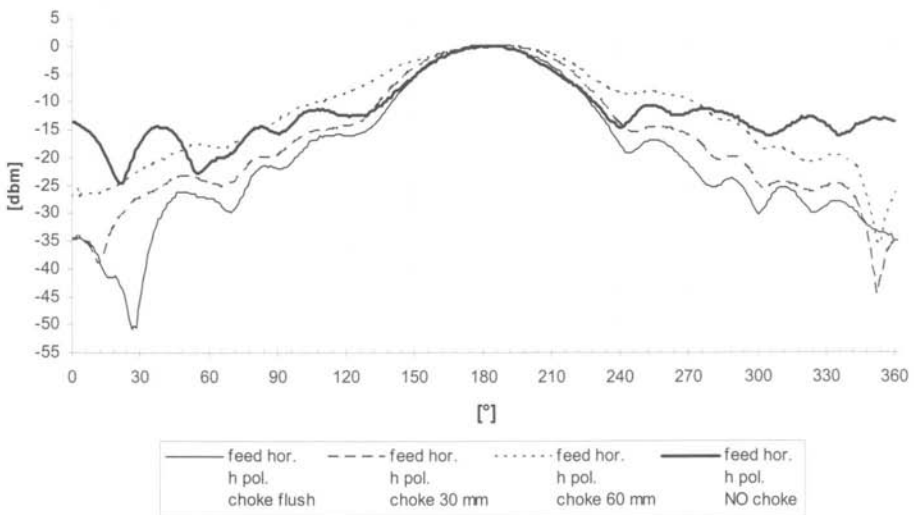


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Radiation Pattern, RX Port, Feed Oriented Vertically
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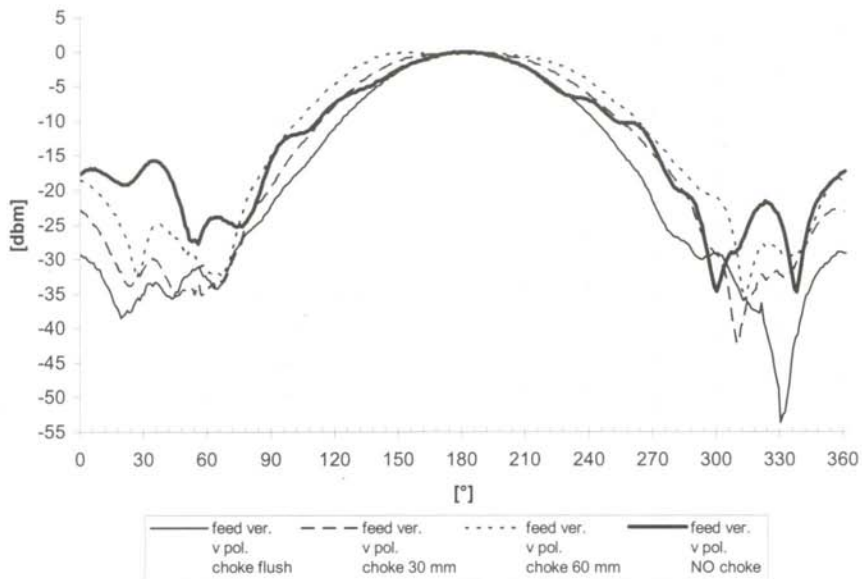
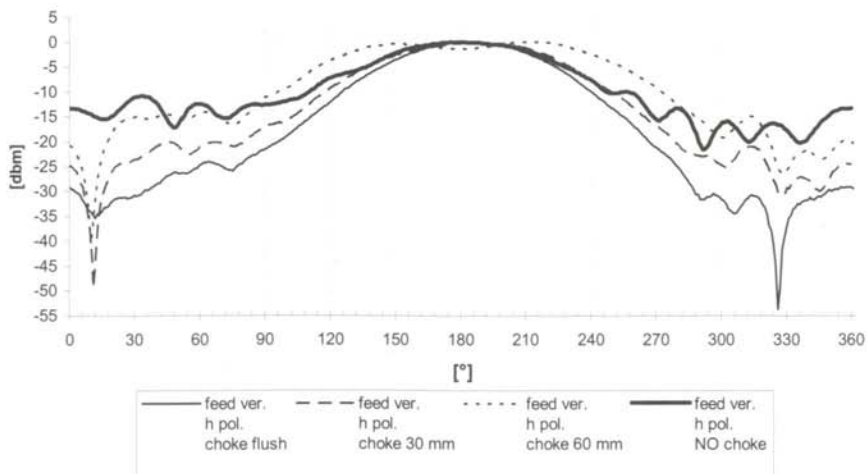
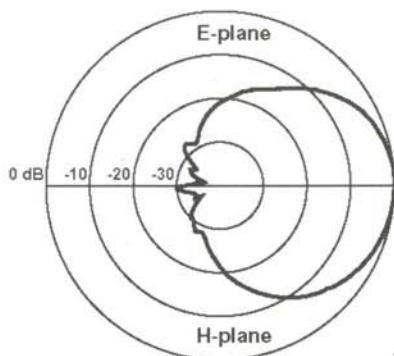


FIG 11
Radiation Pattern, RX Port, Feed Oriented Vertically
Transmitted Hor. Pol.



Septum Feed, OM6AA modification, Choke flush



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Dish diameter = 16.4λ

Feed diameter = 2λ

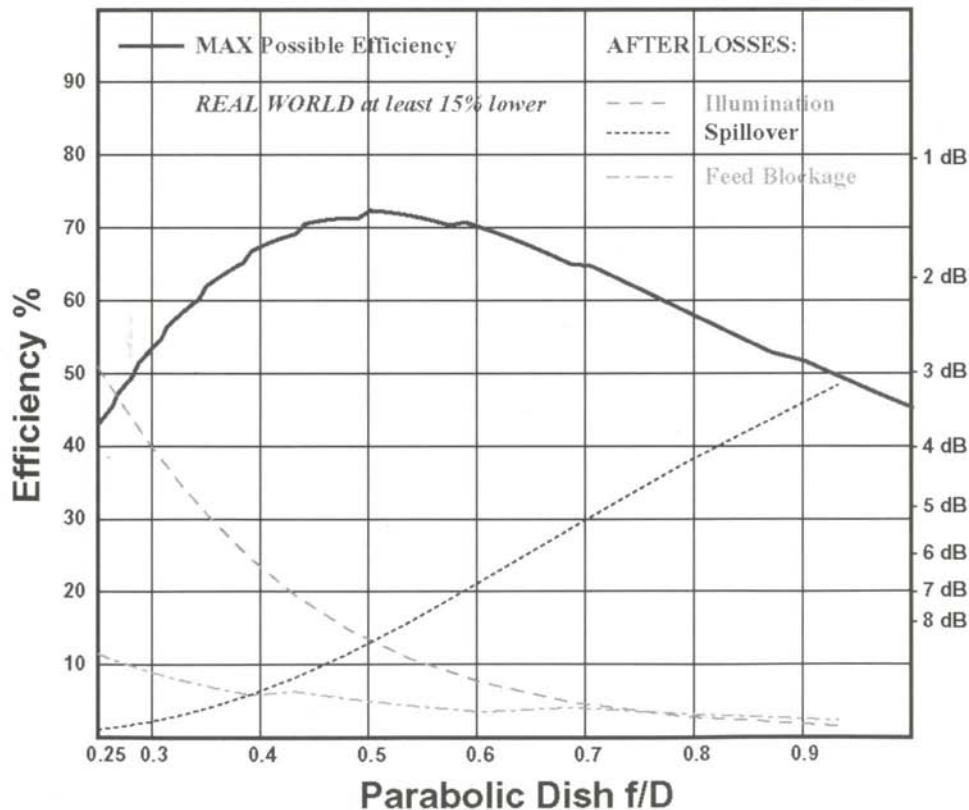
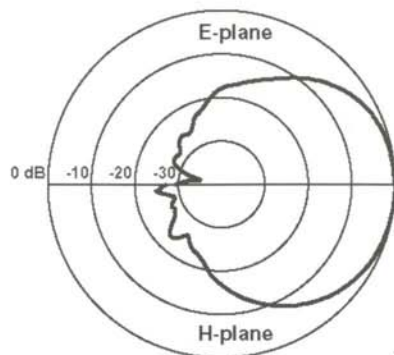


Fig. 12

Septum Feed, OM6AA modification, Choke 30mm back



N1BWT 1997

Dish diameter = 16.4λ

Feed diameter = 2λ

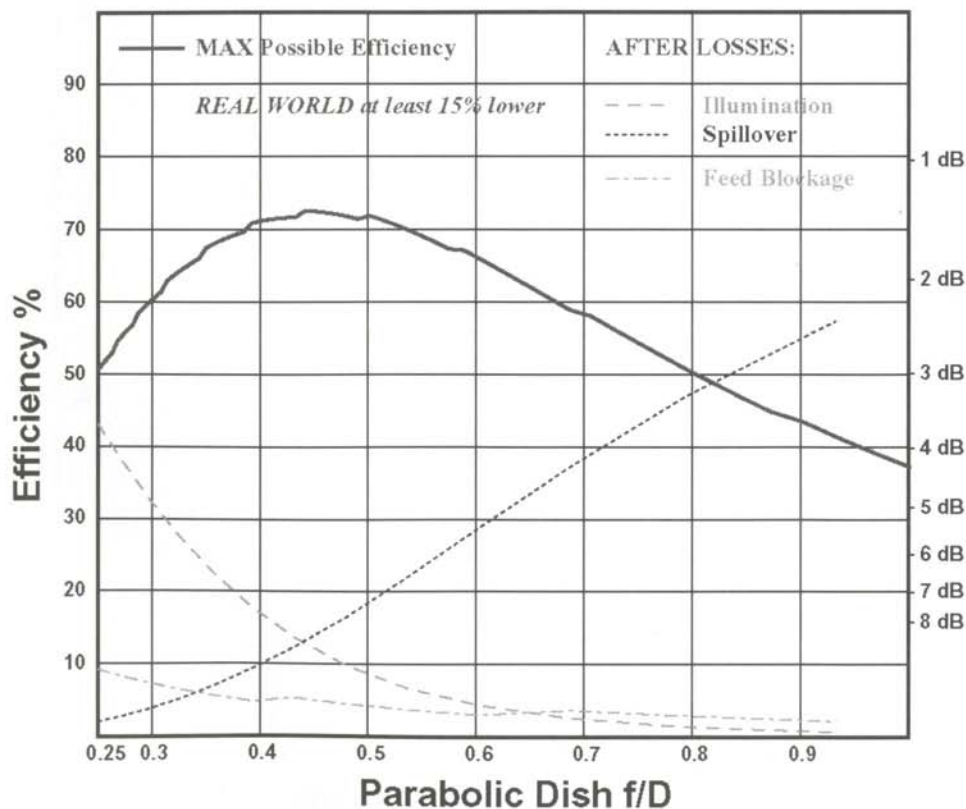
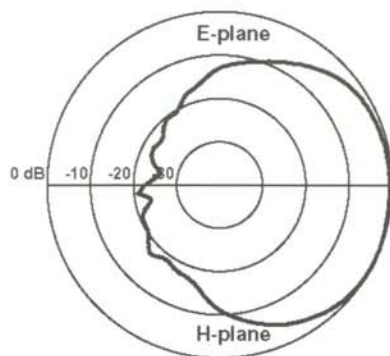


Fig. 13

Septum Feed, OM6AA modification, Choke 60mm back



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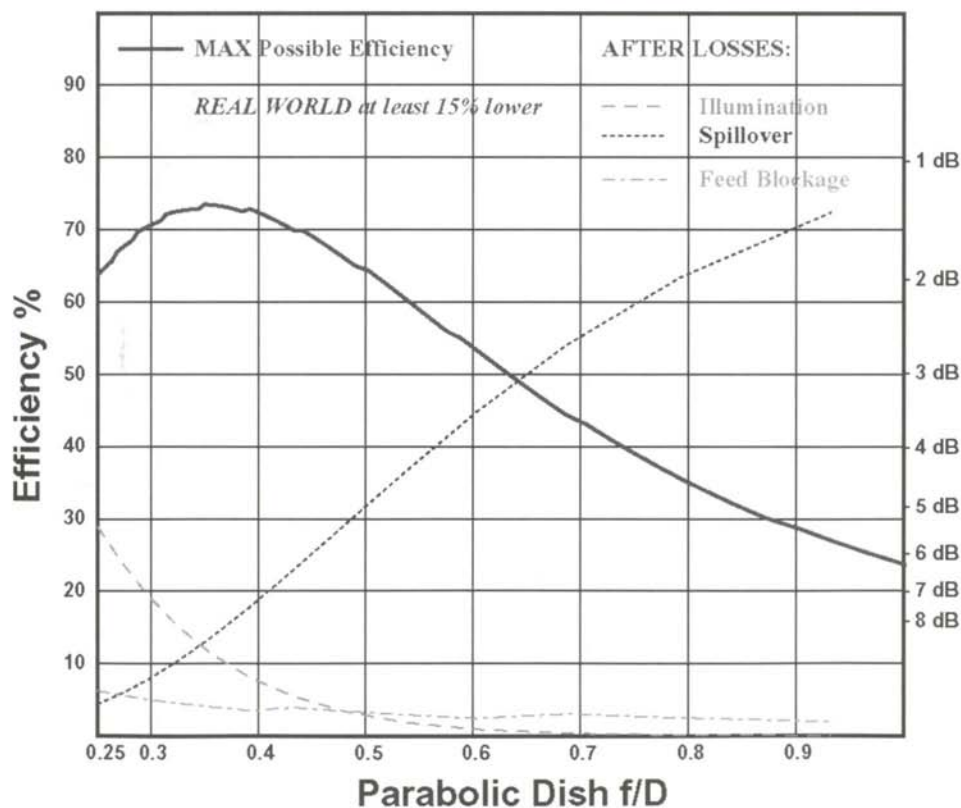
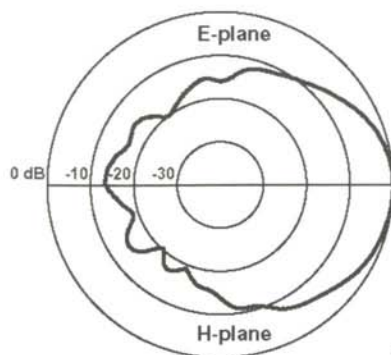


Fig. 14

Septum Feed, RX port, NO Choke



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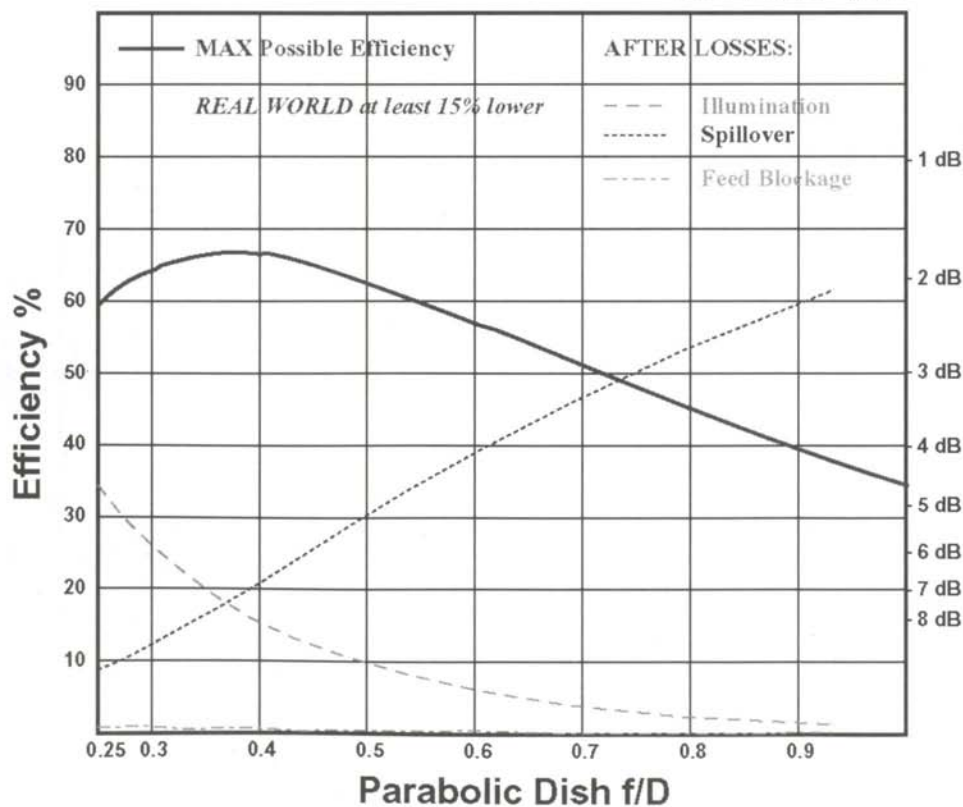


Fig. 15

Parabolic Antenna

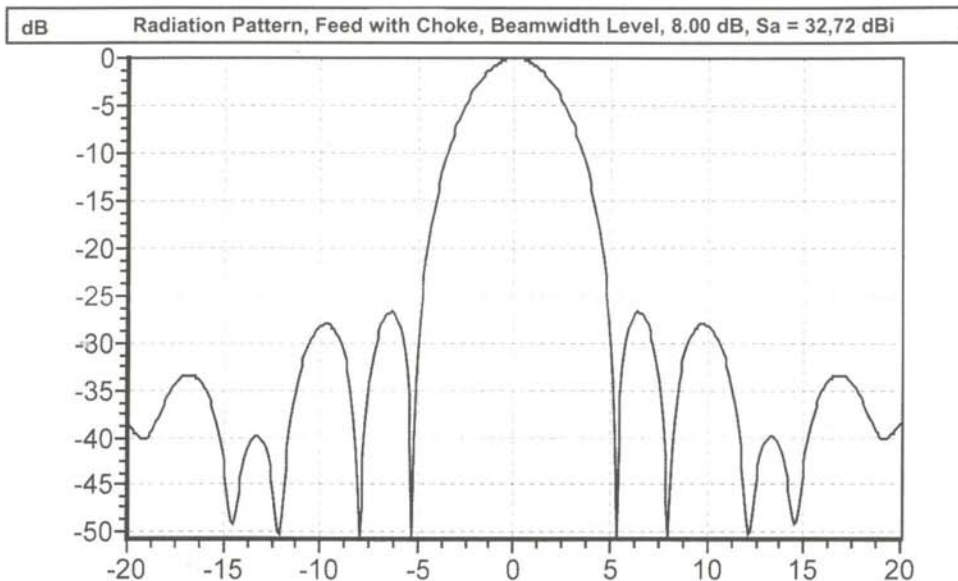


Fig. 16

Parabolic Antenna

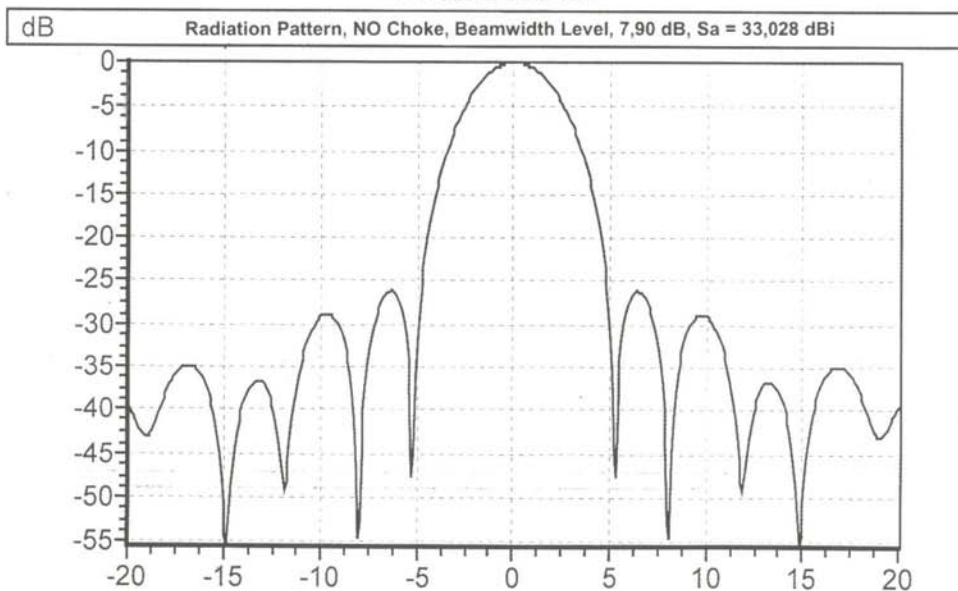


Fig. 17

FIG 18
Radiation Pattern, TX Port, Feed Oriented Vertically
Transmitted Ver. Pol.

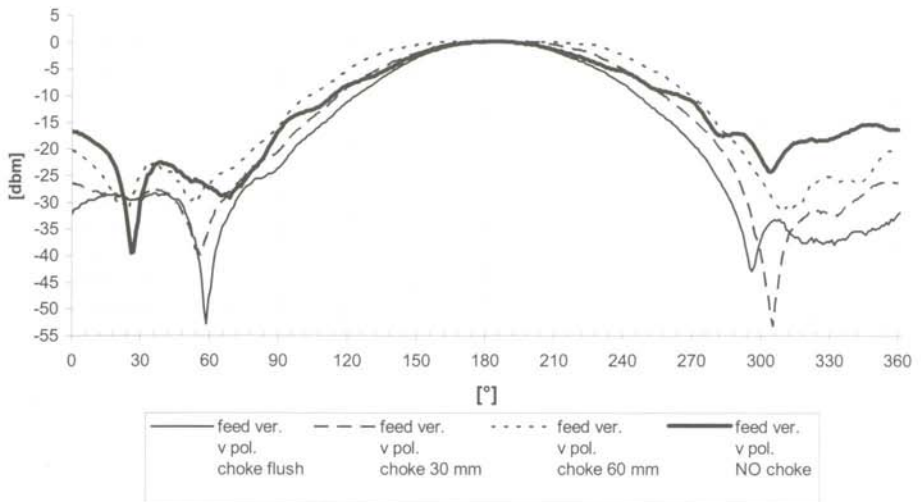


FIG 19
Radiation Pattern, TX Port, Feed Oriented Vertically
Transmitted Hor. Pol.

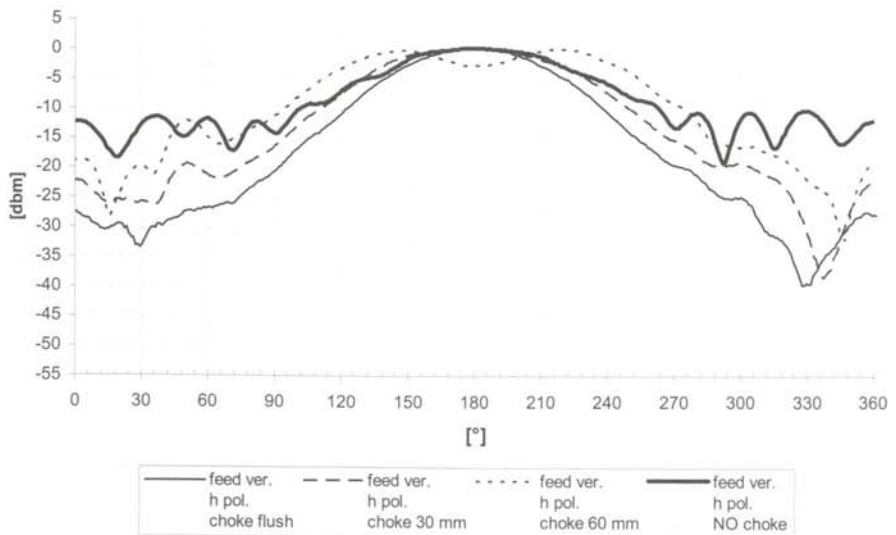


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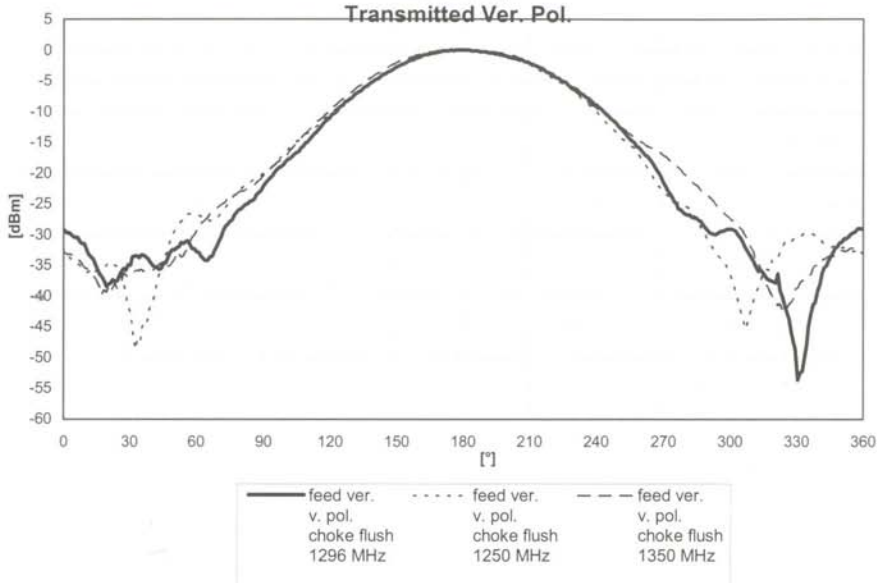


FIG 21
Radiation Pattern, Frequency Response, TX Port, Feed Oriented Vertically,
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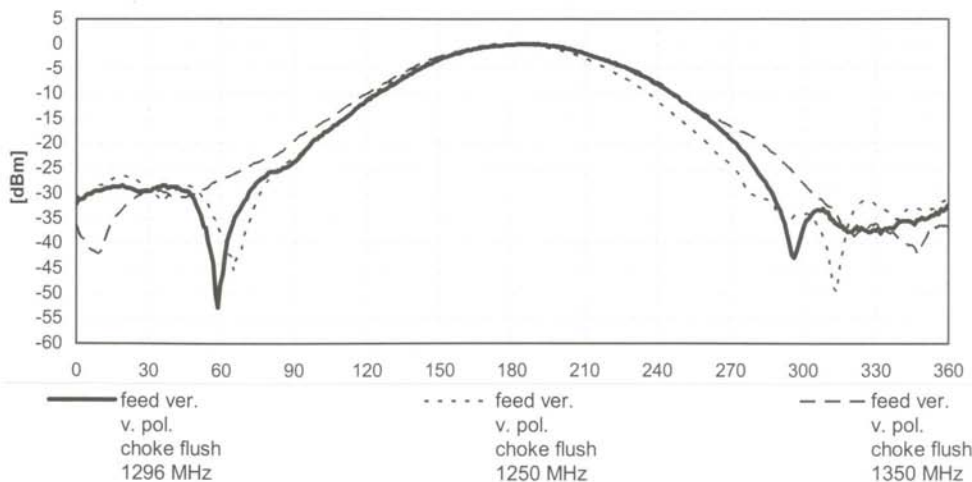


FIG 22

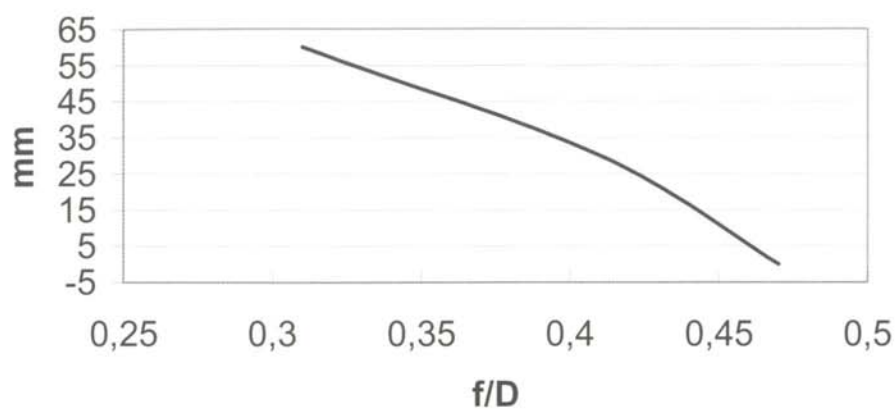


Fig. 23 Septum Feed in chamber

High Power PIN Diode Switch

5 KW on 144 MHz

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PIN diodes are regularly used as power switches in radio transceivers. The advantage of a PIN diode over a mechanical relay is the very high speed and absence of moving parts. The advantage of a PIN diode compared to an ordinary switching diode is that a PIN diode is non-rectifying, and it can carry much more RF current than the DC current used for biasing. Both of these features are due to the PIN diode's very long carrier lifetime, typically several hundred nanoseconds or more. When the applied RF voltage is reduced or even reversed, current carriers still persist in the PIN junction, so the diode continues to conduct.

PIN diodes are typically operated in 50 ohm systems and many different configurations are possible. When high power is desired and narrow bandwidth is not a problem, a switch like the one shown in Fig 1 is a common solution.

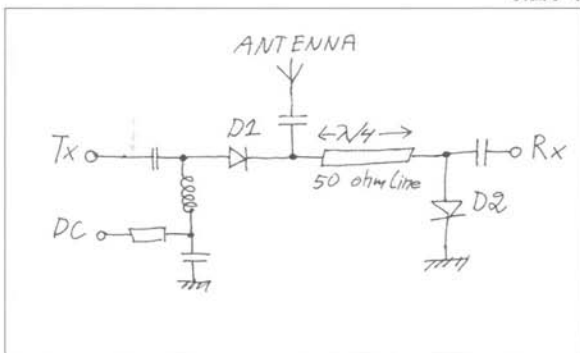


Fig. 1 Typical PIN diode TR switch

In receive mode, the DC voltage is zero and the PIN diodes have a very high RF resistance. In transmit mode, a suitable DC voltage drives current through both diodes, so they have a very low RF resistance. D1 connects the transmitter to the antenna, and D2 shorts the receiver input to ground. The quarter-wave line is shorted at the receiver end, so exactly at the design frequency, the impedance is purely resistive and extremely high. It will not affect the load impedance of the transmitter much, as long as the frequency of op-

eration is within about 5% of the design frequency. One advantage of the TR switch of Fig 1 is that there is no need for a high-voltage diode. Biasing is also very simple. The switch of Fig 1 is described in the data sheet of the high-power PIN diode UM9415, and the data sheet says that this switch can handle 1 kW safely.

At a power level of 1 kW the RF current through D1 is 4.5 amperes. The current through D2 is similar. We can see the quarter-wave line as a transmission line through which 'forward' and 'reflected' waves of half the amplitude flow. At the antenna end the currents cancel and the voltages add; while at the Rx end, the voltages cancel and the currents add. The UM9415 diode can carry 10 amperes of RF current, so the switch in Fig 1 could handle 5kW into 50 ohms. But if we attempt to transmit into a high SWR, then even at lower power the RF currents may be much higher than 10 A, and may destroy the diodes.

How can we improve this, to make a PIN switch that will handle EME powers in real life? It is really very straightforward - we use quarter-wave impedance transformers to allow the diodes to operate at lower RF currents. Look at Fig 2. There is a 50 ohm coax from Tx to antenna. Along this cable there are two T connections separated by one quarter-wavelength. At each T a high impedance quarter-wave coax stub is connected. These two stubs are made from specially constructed 100

ohm coax, with a centre conductor diameter of only 3 mm and an outer conductor diameter of about 45 mm (taken from a 2-inch 50 ohm cable). Two spacers made from 1 mm teflon hold the centre conductor in place, one near the midpoint and one a few centimetres from the PIN diode. At the T connection the centre conductor is well kept in place by being soldered to the much thicker centre conductor of the 50 ohm Tx cable.

At the end of each high impedance stub there is a PIN diode from the inner conductor to an RF ground point to which the DC for the diode is routed. The RF ground point is a piece of thick copper to keep the PIN diode cool, which is well decoupled to chassis ground (the parasitic inductance of the decoupling capacitor adds to the diode inductance, but is balanced out by a little coil; see below).

Figs 3a and 3b show the construction. Fig 3a is the Tx side. A shielding box of something like 60*90*30 mm is soldered to the end of the large outer conductor of the 100 ohm stub. A 15 mm hole allows the centre conductor of the stub to pass through into the box.

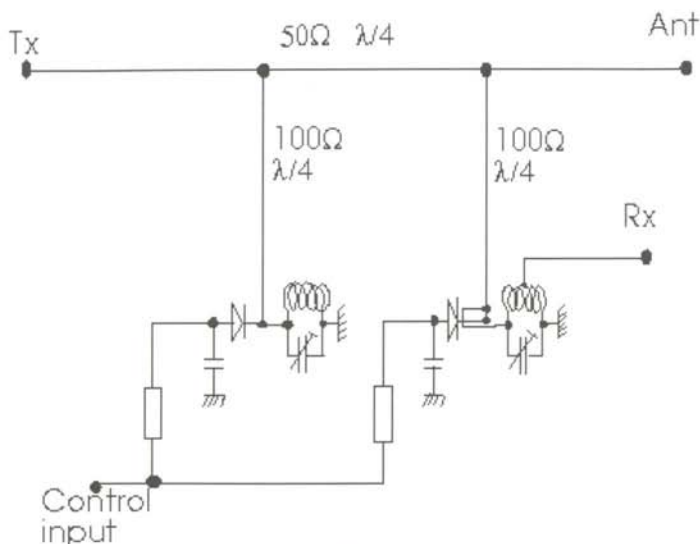


Fig. 2 Schematic diagram of high power PIN diode switch

A 1 mm thick copper plate, something like 50*25 mm, is sitting a few mm above the base of the box. The plate is positioned towards the right in Fig 3a, so that the diode can be soldered between the end of the coax centre conductor and the edge of the plate with practically zero lead lengths. The purpose of the plate is to provide good cooling for the PIN diode, and to distribute the RF current equally between several bypass capacitors. The capacitors have to carry 10 amps in total, so the number that you need will depend on what current each one can take. Silver mica was the only "high current" capacitors in my junk box - I would think that the capacitors used in transistor amplifiers in the 100W range would also be suitable for currents in the 10A range.

For transmit, the wirewound resistor is selected to give 1A forward DC current through the diode when 5V is applied to the control input. In receive, both diodes have 12V DC backwards.

From the centre conductor at the same point as where the PIN diode is connected, there is a LC circuit for 144 MHz, that can be tuned to make each quarter-wave stub exactly resonant for maximum isolation.

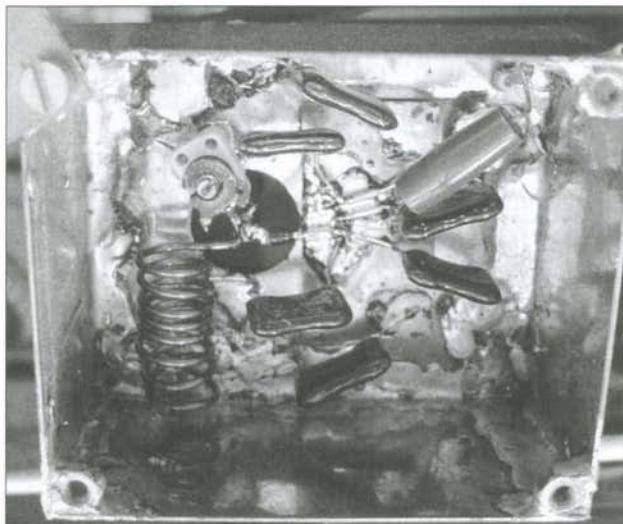


Fig. 3a The PIN diode at the Tx side.

Immediately right to the hole is the 50*25 mm piece of 1 mm thick copper, the purpose of which is to remove heat. The PIN diode is soldered between this copper sheet and the inner conductor of the stub, with less than 1 mm lead lengths

The coil has many turns (8) so it is tuned with a very small capacitor (above the coil). The impedance is VERY high at this point in receive mode, which is necessary to make the impedance VERY low at the other end of the quarter-wave, so any noise from the transmitter is well suppressed. A very high L/C ratio makes the isolation good over

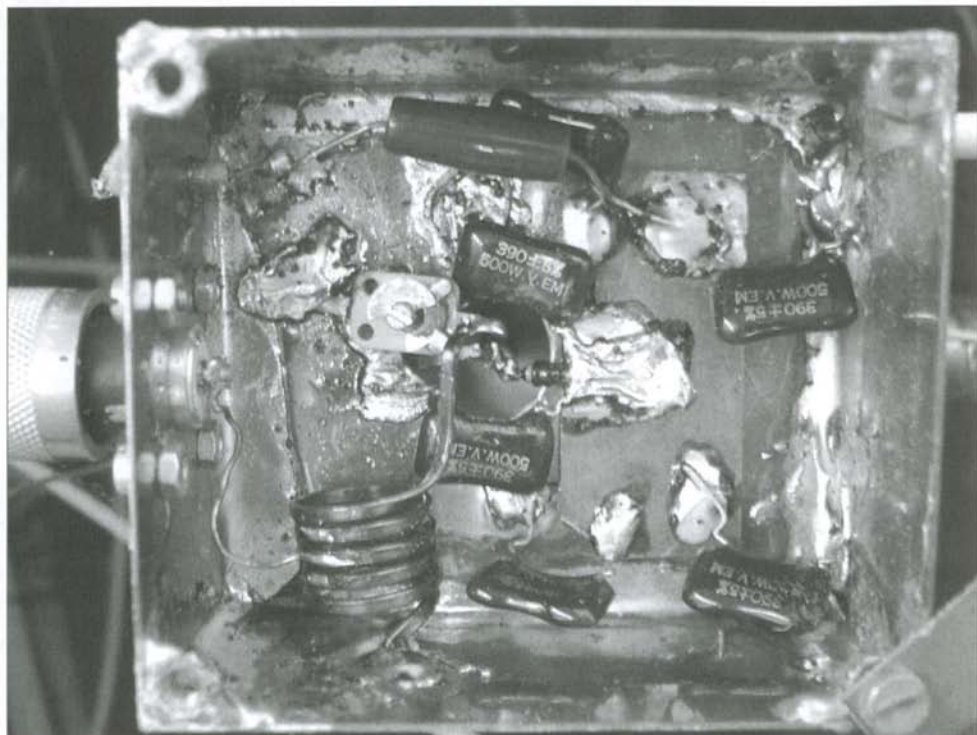


Fig. 3b The PIN diode at the Rx side

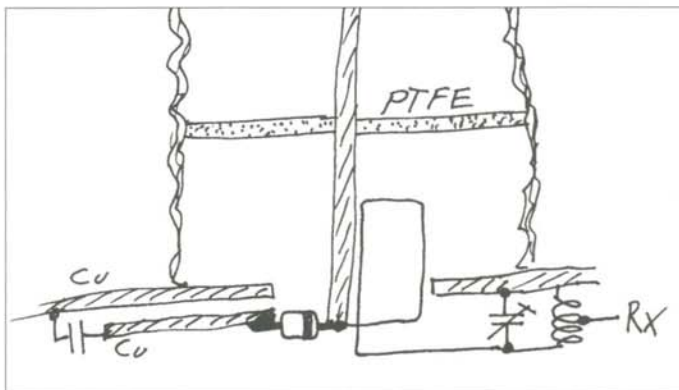
a reasonable bandwidth. The coil and trimmer capacitor are connected to the 3 mm inner conductor of the 100 ohm coaxial stub where it enters the little box containing the components.

The Rx side in Fig 3b is basically the same, except that the Rx output is connected to a tap on the coil. The L/C ratio here is much lower because the impedance is only 200 ohms, and the coil is used to transform the impedance down to 50 ohms by a centre tap. To make the isolation from the transmitter better, a small rectangular loop, about 8 by 20 mm, is positioned alongside the inner conductor of the stub as illustrated in Fig 3c. (This loop is indicated in Fig 2 but not visible in Fig 3b.) The loop couples to the current flowing through the diode, and when adjusted correctly, it balances the voltage due to the inductance of the diode. The loop is adjusted for maximum isolation in TX mode.

Operation in RX Mode

With 100 ohms impedance in the coax stubs, the impedance in a 50 ohm system becomes 200 ohms at the PIN diode, so a tap halfway up the coil restores 50 ohms. When the Rx is connected, the PIN diode is loaded by 200 ohms, so at the other end of the 100 ohms quarter-wave, 50 ohms is obtained.

Fig 3c Details of the Rx side



This point will see 50 ohms towards the antenna, and an open circuit towards the transmitter - a quarter-wave to the short circuit created by the other open quarter-wave stub.

To check the position of the centre tap, just measure the SWR (low power) of the Rx port in Rx mode. The reactive part of the impedance is tuned to zero with the tuning capacitor (or the total number of turns). The real part can be adjusted by moving the tap. You may also tune and tap for minimum (=0dB) loss in a 50 ohm lab system. That will give an identical result.

If the diodes are not reverse biased for Rx, the loss is about 0.5 dB, because the resistance is about 1.5 kohms at zero volts. With 12V backwards bias, the resistance is maybe 5 times higher and the losses in Rx mode is maybe 0.1dB. The reverse current causes no measurable noise in the Rx path. The carrier lifetime is very long, 2 microseconds, so noise is not produced at VHF - or at least, I can not measure it.

TX Mode and Power Handling

The PIN diode makes a very good RF short circuit (0.1 ohms) when 1A DC is flowing through it. The two quarter-wave stubs operate in identical fashion in Tx mode. The HF power coming from the Tx will see 50 ohms towards the antenna, and 10000/R ohms towards the PIN diode at both T points (where R is the resistance of the PIN diode). Other losses are negligible compared to the diode losses.

At SWR=1, this PIN switch should allow at least 20kW continuous wave, and much higher peak powers, based on the following analysis (with thanks to Steve Harrison, KO0U, for corrections). At 20kW and SWR=1, 20A will flow towards the antenna with 1000 volts at each T junction. The diode UM9415 has an RF resistance of 0.1 ohms at 1A DC bias, so the impedance at the T junction is transformed to 100,000 ohms due to the quarter-wave stub made from 100 ohm line. 1000 volts over 100,000 ohms is transformed by the stub to 1 volt over 0.1 ohms, so the current is at the limit of 10A for this PIN diode. The power dissipated in the diode is 10 W, which is permitted if both leads are extremely short and kept below 50 degrees C, which is not really a problem.

Of course, the power rating has to be reduced at higher SWR values. For example, at SWR=4 with an unfavourable phase angle, the current through the diode may reach 10A/10W at a much lower power level of 5kW; and higher SWR values will reduce the allowable power level further. However, in several years of practical experience with this PIN diode switch, it has plenty of power margin for

EME operation, even when the antenna is detuned by wet ice.

The UM9415 diode can be bought in small quantities at www.antennspecialisten.se. It is manufactured by Microsemi, who have an excellent booklet *PIN Diode Designers' Handbook* describing the use of PIN diodes for various purposes including phase shifters and high power switches (30kW).

Preamp Cable Length

The GaAsFET preamp is connected directly to the PIN diode switch with no additional protection. BUT the PIN diode switch is a source of a very low impedance at the Rx port in transmit mode (like all shorting relays), so the cable length between the PIN diode switch and the preamp is important, to minimise the power feed-through from the Tx. At full power I get about 1 volt rms across a 50 ohm resistor if I connect it instead of the preamp. This is only 20 mW, so one might think it is not any problem. BUT if a 1 ohm resistor is connected, with a cable of an electrical length of a half wavelength, the voltage is still the same, and the power is then 1W. When the preamp is driven into saturation the impedance is far from 50 ohms. If the cable length is badly selected too much power may be transferred.

The practical solution is as follows - and it may be useful also if you use normal mechanical relays for Rx/Tx switching. I assume a GaAsFET is used as the active component.

1. Switch off the DC voltage to the GaAsFET at the same time as the current through the PIN diodes is switched on. There is no need to heat the chip with power from drain current.
2. When you have verified that the Tx/Rx switch does not give more than say 5 volts in a 50 ohm resistor at full output power, lower the power by 20dB and connect the preamp. Measure the voltage across the source resistor, which gives the gate current - remember, no DC to the drain. If you can not see any gate current, increase power until you can.
3. Try some different cable lengths between the preamp and the Tx/Rx switch. For each length, start at low power. There will be a very sharp minimum in the gate current at a certain length, and that is the correct length to use.

The MGF1502 which I use could take 30 mA of gate current for a very long time - but not forever. I had been running the system for two years before it failed. That was before I realised that the cable length is important. Now the gate current is below 5mA after I inserted a quarter-wave more cable. I did not really worry to look for the exact minimum since I think the margin is good enough.

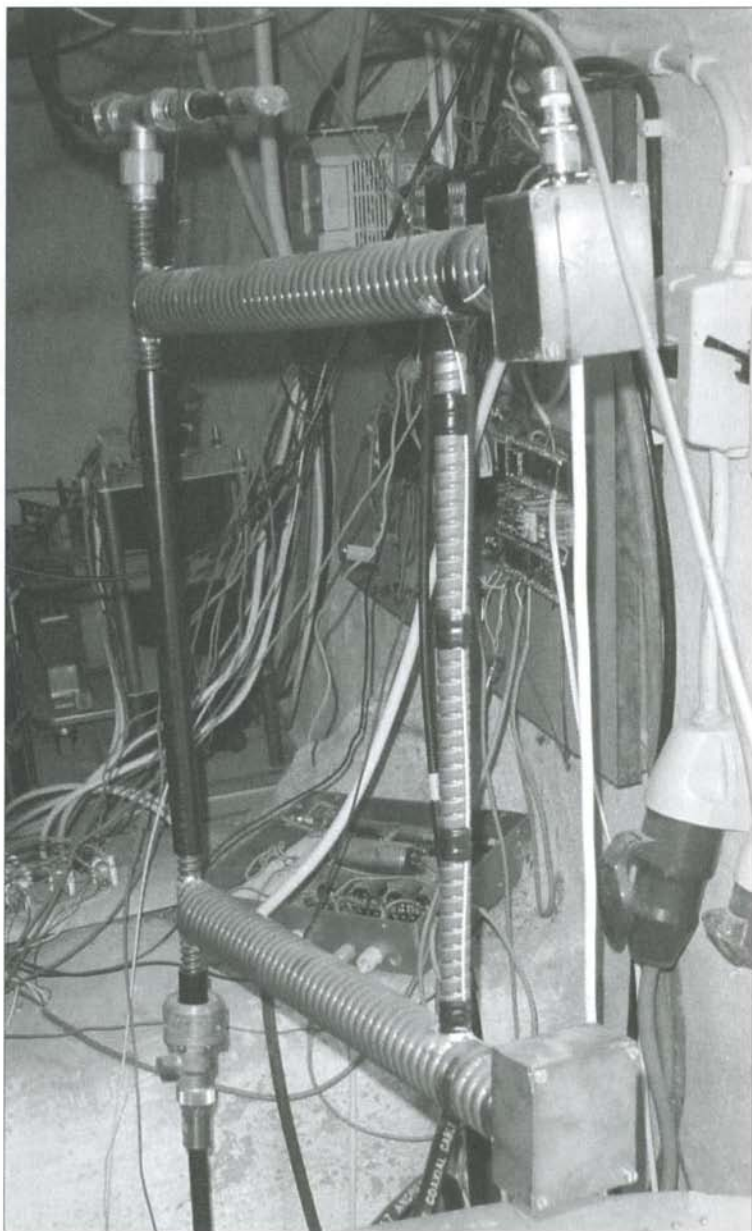


Fig. 4 The high power PIN diode switch

The control unit in the open aluminium box supplies the PIN diode switch with +5V or -12V. It also supplies the control grid of the QBL5/3500 with -400V to prevent it from generating noise in Rx mode, or it gives the normal DC bias for a suitable idle current in Tx mode. (Above the switch

you can see an open quarter-wave stub, not mentioned in the article, that eliminates 432 MHz. There is a second stub further up the cable to provide a really deep notch at 432 MHz.)

High-Power PIN-Diodenrelais

5 KW auf 144 MHz

von Leif Asbrink, SM5BSZ

PIN-Dioden werden häufig als Leistungsschalter in Funkgeräten eingesetzt. Der Vorteil einer PIN-Diode gegenüber einem mechanischen Relais liegt in der sehr hohen Geschwindigkeit und dem Fehlen beweglicher Teile. Der Vorteil einer PIN-Diode gegenüber einer normalen Schaltdiode ist, dass die PIN-Diode nicht gleichgerichtet und sie viel mehr HF-Strom verträgt als Ruhe-DC-Strom. Diese beiden Eigenschaften sind in der sehr langen Carrier-Lebensdauer der PIN-Diode begründet, die typisch bei einigen hundert Nanosekunden oder mehr liegt. Wenn die anliegende HF-Spannung sinkt oder sogar umgepolt wird, bleibt der Strom-Carrier im PIN-Übergang immer noch bestehen, d.h. die Diode bleibt leitend.

PIN-Dioden werden normalerweise in 50-Ohm-Systemen eingesetzt. Viele verschiedene Schaltungen sind möglich. Wenn hohe Leistung benötigt wird und eine schmale Bandbreite kein Problem darstellt, ist ein Schalter wie in Bild 1 dargestellt, eine gängige Lösung.

Abb. 1: Typischer PIN-Dioden S/E-Schalter

Im Empfangsmodus ist die DC-Spannung Null und die PIN-Dioden haben einen sehr hohen HF-Widerstand. Im Sendemodus wird durch eine geeignete DC-Spannung Strom durch beide Dioden geschickt, so dass sie einen sehr geringen HF-Widerstand haben. D1 verbindet den Sender mit der Antenne, D2 legt den Empfängereingang an Masse. Die Viertelwellenleitung wird am RX-Ende so exakt auf die Sollfrequenz abgestimmt, dass die Impedanz sehr hoch und nur resistiv wird. Die Last-Impedanz des Senders wird kaum beeinflusst solange die Arbeitsfrequenz nicht um mehr als 5% von der Design-Frequenz abweicht. Ein Vorteil der Schaltung von Bild 1 ist, dass keine Hochspannungsdioden benötigt werden. Die Vorspannungserzeugung ist auch sehr einfach. Der Schalter von Bild 1 ist im Datenblatt der Hochleistungs-PIN-Diode UM9415 beschrieben. Das Datenblatt gibt an, dass dieser Schalter 1 KW sicher verarbeiten kann.

Bei einer Leistung von 1 KW beträgt der HF-Strom durch D1 4,5 Ampere. Der Strom durch D2 ist ähnlich. Wir können die Viertelwellenleitung als Transmission-Line betrachten, durch die vor- und rücklaufende Wellen halber Amplitude laufen. Am

Antennenende löschen sich die Stöme aus und die Spannungen addieren sich. Am RX-Ende löschen sich die Spannungen aus und die Ströme addieren sich. Die UM9415-Diode kann 10 Ampere HF-Strom vertragen, so dass der Schalter aus Bild 1 5 KW bei 50 Ohm vertragen könnte.

Wenn man aber versucht, in ein höheres SWR zu senden, dann kann sogar bei niedrigerer Leistung der HF-Strom viel grösser als 10 A und die Dioden könnten zerstört werden.

Wie kann man das verbessern, d.h. einen PIN-Schalter für EME-Power im täglichen Leben realisieren?

Es ist wirklich ganz einfach: Wir benutzen Viertelwellen-Impedanz-Transformatoren, damit die Dioden bei niedrigeren HF-Strömen arbeiten können. Schaltung siehe Abb. 2.

Da läuft ein 50-Ohm-Koax vom Sender zur Antenne. In diesem Kabel sitzen zwei T-Stücke im Abstand von einer viertel Wellenlänge. An jedes T-Stück ist ein Viertelwellenstück-Koax (Stub) mit hoher Impedanz angeschlossen. Diese beiden Stubs werden aus speziell konstruiertem 100-Ohm-Koax angefertigt, das einen Innenleiter von nur 3 mm Durchmesser besitzt. Der Außenleiter stammt von einem 2-Zoll-Kabel für 50 Ω mit einem Durchmesser von 45 mm. Zwei Abstandshalter aus 1 mm Teflon halten den Innenleiter im Zentrum, einer in der Mitte und einer wenige Zentimeter von der PIN-Diode entfernt. Am T-Stück wird der Innenleiter durch die Verlötlung mit dem wesentlich dickeren Innenleiter des 50 Ω -Kabels gehalten.

Am Ende jedes Viertelwellenstückes sitzt eine PIN-Diode zwischen dem Innenleiter und einem Stück dickem Kupfer, über das die Gleichspannung für die Diode zugeführt wird - Kupfer aus Gründen der besseren Kühlung. Ansonsten ist nur eine gute elektrische Entkopplung wichtig. (Die Induktivität der Entkopplung (Entkoppel-C) addiert sich zu der Diodeninduktivität und wird durch eine kleine Spule ausgeglichen, siehe weiter unten.)

Abb 3a und 3b zeigen die Konstruktion. Abb. 3a zeigt die TX-Seite. Ein Metallkasten von ca. 60 x 90 x 30mm wird zur Abschirmung auf das Ende des großen Außenleiters des 100-Ohm-Stub gelötet. Ein Loch von 15mm Durchmesser ermöglicht die Einführung des Innenleiters des Stubs in den Kasten.

Abb. 2: Schaltbild High Power PIN-Dioden Schalter

Eine Kupferplatte von etwa 60x90 mm wird an das Ende des Außenleiters gelötet. Eine 15 mm Bohrung in der Platte lässt den Innenleiter heraus-schauen. Eine weitere Kupferplatte von ca. 50x50

mm sitzt einige mm über der anderen Platte, und zwar an der Seite, so, daß die Diode praktisch mit Drahtlänge null angelötet werden kann. Der Rand der kleinen Platte ist rundherum mit Abblockkondensatoren versehen, die sich den Strom teilen sollen – der Gesamtstrom beträgt 10 A HF, die Anzahl der C's richtet sich danach, wieviel sie vertragen.

Eine 1mm dicke Kupferplatte von etwa 50 x 25mm sitzt einige mm über dem Boden des Kastens. Die Platte ist rechts in Abb. 3a positioniert, so dass die Diode direkt zwischen Ende des Koax-Innenleiters und der Ecke der Kupferplatte eingelötet werden kann, praktisch ohne Anschlusslängen. Die Platte ermöglicht eine gute Kühlung der Diode und eine gleichmäßige Verteilung des HF-Stroms auf mehrere Kondensatoren. Die Kondensatoren müssen insgesamt 10 Ampere vertragen können, d.h. die benötigte Stückzahl hängt von den verwendeten Typen ab bzw. was für Ströme sie vertragen. Bei mir waren als „Hochstrom-C's“ nur „Silver mica“ in der Basiskiste vorhanden. Ich denke, dass Kondensatoren aus 100W-Transistor-PA's ebenfalls geeignet für Ströme im 10-A-Bereich sein müssten.

In der Betriebsart Senden fließen je 1 A Ruhestrom durch beide Dioden. Ein Drahtwiderstand führt die nötigen 5 Volt zu. Im Empfangsfall liegen 12 VDC Sperrspannung an.

Am Mittelleiter, da wo die PIN-Diode angelötet ist, liegt ein LC-Schwingkreis für 144 MHz, der so abgestimmt wird, dass die beiden Viertelwellenstubs exakt resonant sind für maximale Isolation.

Abb. 3a: Die PIN-Diode auf der TX-Seite

Direkt rechts neben dem Loch befindet sich die 1mm dicke 50 x 25mm Kupferplatte, die zur Kühlung dient. Die PIN-Diode wird zwischen dieser Kupferplatte und dem Inneleiter des Stub eingelötet, wobei weniger als 1mm Zuleitungslänge nötig ist.

Die Spule hat viele Windungen (8), so dass sie mit einem sehr kleinen Trimmer-C (über der Spule) abgestimmt wird. Die Impedanz ist SEHR hoch an diesem Punkt im RX-Mode. Dies ist nötig, damit die Impedanz SEHR niedrig am anderen Ende der Viertelwellenleitung wird. Damit wird jedes Störsignal vom TX gut unterdrückt. Ein sehr hohes L/C-Verhältnis macht die Isolation über eine brauchbare Bandbreite gut.

Die Spule und der Trimmerkondensator werden an den 3mm-Innenleiter des 100-Ohm-Koax-Stubs dort angelötet, wo er in den Kasten mit den Bauelementen eintritt.

Abb. 3b: Die PIN-Diode auf der RX-Seite

Die RX-Seite in Abb 3b ist vom Grundsatz her gleich mit Ausnahme, dass der RX-Ausgang an einer Anzapfung der Spule angeschlossen ist. Das L/C-Verhältnis hier ist viel geringer, weil die Impedanz nur 200 Ohm beträgt. Die Spule wird zur Transformation der Impedanz auf 50 Ohm durch eine Mittelanzapfung benutzt.

Um eine bessere Isolierung vom Sender zu erreichen, wird eine kleine rechtwinklige Schleife von ca. 8 x 20mm längs des Innenleiters des Stubs angebracht, wie in Abb 3c zu sehen. Die Schleife ist in Abb. 2 eingezeichnet, in Abb. 3b aber nicht sichtbar. Die Schleife koppelt auf den Strom der Diode und gleicht bei richtiger Einstellung die Spannung aus, die aufgrund der Induktivität der Diode entsteht. Die Schleife wird auf maximale Isolation im TX-Mode abgestimmt.

Arbeiten im RX-Mode = Empfangen

Mit den 100 Ω des Koax-Stubs ergeben sich 200 Ω an der PIN-Diode. Damit kommt man mit einer Anzapfung in der Mitte der Spule wieder auf 50 Ω . Wenn der Empfänger angeschlossen ist, wird die Diode also mit 200 Ω belastet, so dass sich am anderen Ende der 100-Ohm-Viertelwellenleitung 50 Ω ergeben. Dieser Punkt sieht 50 Ω Richtung Antenne, und ist hochohmig (offen) Richtung Sender – $\lambda/4$ zu dem durch das andere offene Viertelwellenstück erzeugten Kurzschluss.

Um die Position der Mittelanzapfung zu verifizieren, mißt man einfach das VSWR (bei wenig Leistung) am Empfängeranschluß im Zustand Empfangen. Der Blindanteil der Impedanz wird entweder mit dem Abstimm-C oder der Anzahl der Windungen auf null getrimmt. Der Realanteil kann durch Verschieben der Anzapfung eingestellt werden. Man kann auch auf Minimum-Verluste (= 0 dB) an einem 50 Ω -System auf dem Labortisch justieren. Das Ergebnis ist identisch.

Abb. 3c: Details der RX-Seite

Wenn die Dioden beim Empfang nicht mit einer negativen Vorspannung versorgt werden, beträgt der Verlust 0.5 dB, da der Widerstand etwa 1.5 kOhm bei 0 Volt beträgt. Mit 12V Sperrspannung ist der Widerstand ungefähr 5x höher und der Verlust im RX-Mode beträgt rund 0.1 dB. Durch den Sperrstrom wird kein messbares Rauschen im RX erzeugt. Die Lebensdauer der Carriers ist mit 2 Mikrosekunden sehr lang, so dass kein Rauschen im VHF-Bereich erzeugt wird, zumindest kann ich keins messen.

Senden und Leistung

Die PIN-Diode erzeugt einen sehr guten Kurzschluß (0.1 Ω), wenn 1A Vorwärtsstrom fließen.

Die beiden Viertelwellenstubs arbeiten in der gleichen Weise im Sendemodus.

Die HF-Leistung vom Sender sieht 50 Ω Richtung Antenne, und 10000/R Ω Richtung PIN-Diode an beiden T-Verbindungen (R ist der Widerstand der PIN-Diode). Andere Verluste sind vernachlässigbar im Vergleich zu den Verlusten der Diode.

Bei SWR=1 sollte dieser PIN-Schalter mindestens 20 kW CW vertragen können und viel höhere Spitzenleistungen, basierend auf der folgenden Analyse (mit Dank an Steve Harrison, KO0U für die Korrekturen).

Bei 20 kW und SWR=1 fließen 20 A Richtung Antenne mit 1000 V an jeder T-Verbindung. Die Diode UM9415 besitzt 0.1 Ω HF-Widerstand bei 1 A Ruhestrom, so dass die Impedanz wegen der Viertelwellen-100- Ω -Leitung an der T-Verbindung auf 100.000 Ω transformiert wird. Die Verlustleistung über der PIN-Diode beträgt dann 10 W. Dies ist noch zulässig, wenn die Temperatur 50 Grad nicht übersteigt, und die Anschlüsse extrem kurz sind, was beides kein Problem ist. Die gesamte Leistung fällt an der 100.000 Ω -Last ab (1000 V über 100.000 Ω transformieren zu 1 V über 0.1 Ω mit einer 100 Ω Viertelwellenleitung). Der Strom liegt mit 10 A am Limit der Diode.

Natürlich muss die Leistung bei höherem SWR reduziert werden. Bei SWR=4 kann der Strom durch die Diode bei 5 kW HF-Leistung 10 A (bzw. 10 W Verlustleistung) erreichen. Das gibt viel Spielraum mit dieser PIN-Diode, auch wenn die Antennen z.B. durch nasses Eis verstimmt ist.

Die UM9415 wird von Microsemi hergestellt. Sie haben eine exzellente Broschüre „PIN Diode Designers' Handbook“. Es beschreibt diverse Anwendungen der PIN-Diode wie Phasenschieber und Leistungsrelais bis 30 kW. Die Diode kann in kleinen Stückzahlen von www.antennspecialisten.se bezogen werden.

Vorverstärker und Kabellänge

Ein GaAs-FET-Vorverstärker wird ohne weiteren Schutz direkt an den PIN-Diodenschalter angeschlossen. Es ist wichtig zu wissen, daß die Kabellänge zwischen PIN-Diodenrelais und Vorverstärker entscheidend ist. Bei voller Leistung habe ich 1 Veff an einem 50 Ω -Widerstand anstelle des Empfängers gemessen. Man könnte denken, das sind nur 20 mW und kein Problem. Wenn jedoch ein 1 Ω -Widerstand hinter einer $\lambda/2$ -Leitung angeschlossen wird, ist die Spannung immer noch die gleiche, und damit die Leistung 1 W – der PIN-Diodenschalter stellt am RX-Anschluß im Sendenfall eine Quelle mit sehr geringer Impedanz dar (wie alle kurzschließenden Relais). Wenn der Vor-

verstärker in die Sättigung gefahren wird, liegt seine Impedanz weit weg von 50 Ω . Wenn die Kabellänge ungünstig gewählt wird, sieht der Vorverstärker zuviel Leistung.

Die Lösung für die Praxis folgt – sie ist vielleicht auch für die Verwendung normaler Relais hilfreich, wenn ein GaAs-FET im Vorverstärker sitzt.

1) Gleichspannung zum GaAs-FET in dem Moment abschalten, in dem der Strom durch die PIN-Diode eingeschaltet wird. Es gibt keinen Grund, den Chip mit seinem Drain-Strom zu heizen.

2) Wenn sichergestellt ist, daß der Sender/Empfangsschalter bei voller Leistung nicht mehr als z.B. 5 V an einem 50 Ω Widerstand abgibt, senkt man die Leistung ca. 20 dB ab und schließt den Vorverstärker an. Jetzt wird die Spannung am Source-Widerstand gemessen, woraus man den Gate-Strom errechnen kann (zur Erinnerung: kein Gleichstrom am Drain!). Wenn kein Gate-Strom zu sehen ist, Leistung erhöhen, bis Strom fließt.

3) Nun werden verschiedene Kabellängen zwischen Relais und Vorverstärker ausprobiert. Für jeden Versuch beginnt man bei niedriger Leistung. Es gibt ein sehr scharfes Minimum im Gate-Strom (bei sehr hoher Leistung). Das ist die gesuchte Kabellänge.

Der MGF1502, den ich benutze, kann am Gate 30 mA für eine sehr lange Zeit vertragen – aber eben nicht für immer. Ich habe das System 2 Jahre lang betrieben, bevor er gestorben ist. Das passierte, bevor mir klar wurde, daß die Kabellänge von Bedeutung ist. Heute liegt der Gate-Strom unter 5 mA, nachdem ich das Kabel um ein $\lambda/4$ -Stück verlängert habe. Ich habe mir nicht die Mühe gemacht, das exakte Minimum herauszufinden, ich war mir sicher, dass die Reserve groß genug ist.

Abb. 4: High power PIN diode switch

Die Control Unit in der offenen Aluminium-Box versorgt den PIN-Dioden-Schalter mit +5 oder -12 Volt. Sie versorgt ausserdem das Steuergitter der QBL5/3500 mit -400V, damit bei Empfang kein Rauschen erzeugt wird. Beim Senden wird die normale Vorspannung für Ruhestrom zugeführt. Oberhalb des Schalters sieht man einen offenen Viertelwellen-Stub, der nicht in diesem Artikel erwähnt ist. Er eliminiert 432 MHz. Ein zweiter Stub weiter oben im Kabel ermöglicht einen tiefen Notch bei 432 MHz.

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The Geometry of Aurora Communication

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The phenomena of Aurora are strongly aligned to the Earth's magnetic field. Accordingly, backscattering is a nonisotropic process. The geometric laws have been known for 50 years [1] and are used to support amateur radio [2]. However, the knowledge of this geometry is not widely spread. The following paper has been written to deepen the useful basic knowledge for operation. The described geometry is also valid for connections via Field Aligned Irregularities (FAI).

Scattering

A wave exiting from point A is shown in Fig. 1 as a black ray. The ionization along the magnetic field line scatters this ray in many directions, which lie on the surface of a cone whose axis is the field line. The aperture angle of the cone is given in such a way that the incident ray extending beyond the scattering point lies on the curvature of the cone. This backscatter cone intersects the Earth's surface as a curved line, as shown in Fig. 1. Aurora QSOs can take place between point A and all points lying on the curve of intersection; but in reality the surface of the cone should not considered to be infinitely thin. Backscattering signals can often still be heard some way from the ideal line. Angles of deviation from the ideal cone (difference between the reflected and the incident angle) are given in Figures 3 – 6. A decrease in the signal strength of about 6 dB for each degree of deviation must be expected at 144 MHz.

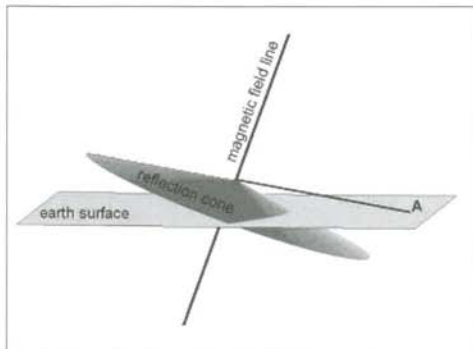


Fig.1. A ray exiting from point A is scattered at the ionized field line to form a cone. The intersection with the Earth's surface shows where the backscattered wave can be received.

The Earth's magnetic field

The Earth's magnetic field is essentially a dipole field (Fig. 2). In the outer regions it is heavily distorted by the solar wind. Even on the Earth's surface the field is complicated in detail and it is time variant. In the case of Aurora communication the field at a height of 100 – 105 km is of importance. For calculations like those done in this work, the International Geomagnetic Reference Field (IGRF) is used. Unlike the simple dipole approximation, the IGRF model gives the important parameters of the Earth's real magnetic field at any place, and also at any past time. It is documented in great detail in the internet. The Earth's magnetic field changes so slowly, that the following depicted graphs look similar from year to year. Significant differences can be noticed only at larger periods of time. The author's Aurora observations started in 1958. At that time, by following the geometry, the most southern theoretically reachable location from Hamburg was Madrid. Today this place is 200 km to the north. During this time the compass needle in Hamburg moved several degrees. Even strong magnetic storms change the field given by IGRF so minimally, that we do not have to consider this in the following.

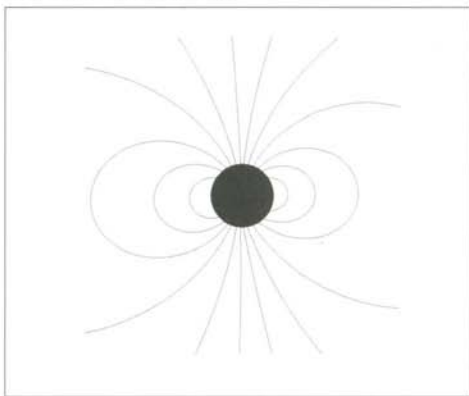


Fig. 2. In a first order approximation the Earth's magnetic field is a dipole field. However, the deviations from this approximation are so serious, that the International Geomagnetic Reference Field (IGRF) was used for calculations in this work.

The geometry of Central Europe

The most directly northern auroral ionization that would allow QSOs in Hamburg (JO53) would be located above Trondheim in JP53. Fig. 3 shows this situation. The upper large circle is the horizon seen from the scattering point. The thick line describes the ideal intersection of the scattering cone with the Earth's surface, evoked by a wave exiting from the transmitter in Hamburg. (The line of intersection is bow-shaped, and not an ellipse, parab-

ola or hyperbola as could be expected from intersection of a cone with a plane. This is because the cone does not intersect with a plane as shown in Fig. 1 but with the globe.) Anywhere along the thick line, a CQ call from Hamburg can be heard if the antenna is properly directed to the scattering point. OH1/2 and parts of UA1 as well as the Shetland islands can apparently be well reached, however, Oslo, Stockholm and the mainland of Scotland cannot.

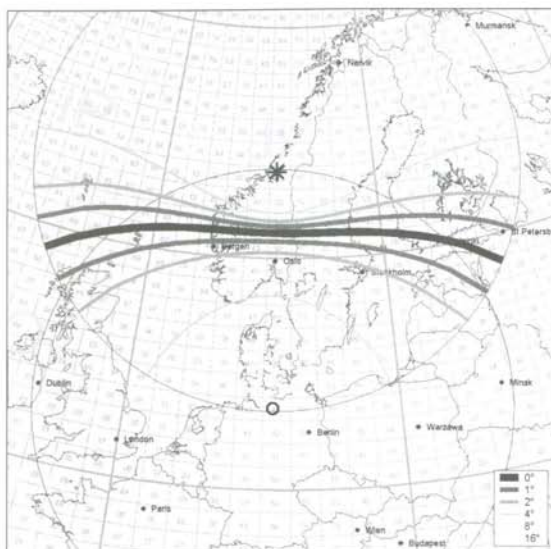


Fig. 3. Point A in reference to Fig.1 is located near Hamburg (JO53). The ionization is above Trondheim (asterisk, JP53). The ideal intersection line between the scattering cone and the Earth's surface is drawn as a thick line. The lighter lines correspond to the angle deviations from ideal reflection as given in the legend.

Moscow can often be reached from Hamburg since the required point of reflection lies relatively far north above southwest Finland, where auroral ionization occurs quite often. However, the elevation angle of the beam has to be very low on both sides, because the distance between the reflection point and both sides is at maximum. Therefore high transmitting power and antennas with small beam widths are advantageous at the limits of DX. Fig. 4 demonstrates this situation. The same reflection point is suitable for easier QSOs with south Norway, Stockholm and Estonia.

The illustration of Fig. 4 is useful if the position of the auroral ionization is known. Frequently the reverse question arises: Where does the ionization

have to be, in order to make communication between A and B possible? For this purpose the author has written a MATLAB program with the parameters: own QRA locator and date (for calculation of the Earth's magnetic field). The destination QRA is defined by a mouse click on the map, initiating a recalculation of the scattering points. The example of Fig. 4 with the QRA of the author and the destination Moscow is shown in Fig. 5. An additional window giving the azimuth and elevation directions of the antenna is inserted. In this case a very narrow beam antenna (EME antenna) directed to 32° azimuth and 0° elevation is of advantage as already stated in discussing Fig. 4.

For stations being closer than those of the last example the possible area of reflections is mostly larger. As an example Fig. 6 gives the destination Budapest from Hamburg. Depending on where the current scattering ionization is located the antenna has to beam between 335° and 85° with an elevation of 0° to 26°. The author has made 21 Aurora QSOs with HA stations within the last 2 years, with 10 of those at an elevation of approx. 5° and QTF 80° to 85°, 9 with an elevation of 15° and QTF 60° to 65°, and 2 with an elevation of 25° and QTF 10° (the 17 dB antenna can be turned from every position to another position by hand within less than 2 seconds, thus allowing a perfect localization even in the hectic pace of Aurora appearances).

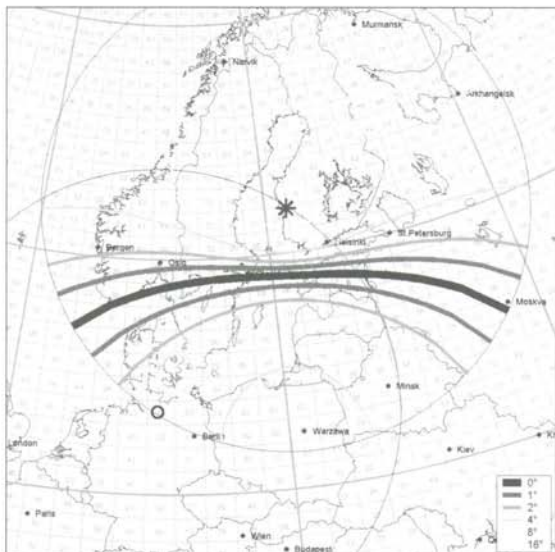


Fig. 4. Auroral ionization above southwest Finland allow QSOs from Hamburg to south Norway, Stockholm, Estonia and –at the limit– Moscow.



Fig 5. Illustration of all possible scattering points for aurora communication between Hamburg and Moscow. Please note that only QTF 32° is possible. A high-gain, narrow-beam antenna is optimum for this case.

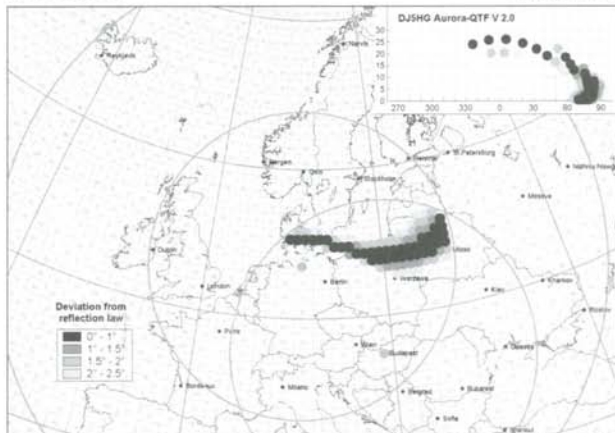


Fig. 6. At shorter distances the region of possible scattering points is mostly large. Only a very restricted part is almost always currently active, if at all. The window at the upper left corner shows the position of the scattering points in the sky for both partners in azimuth and elevation.

Accessible regions

The calculations predict possibilities where I had never believed Aurora QSOs to be possible: the Spanish west coast (IN52) as well as the Crimea (KN65) are reachable from Hamburg. For several days in the last few years the, aurora scattering points were sufficiently far south, although probably not at the suitable position. Regions beyond Moscow definitely do not work, and Iceland cannot be reached from DL while following the ideal geometry.

Deviations of the geometry

For nearly all Aurora QSOs of the author the described geometry was perfectly fulfilled. The maximum deviation was smaller than 2° (Hamburg – Rimini) and this can be explained with the equipment of the stations and with inversion above the Adriatic Sea. Recently it has been reported that some QSOs took place during Aurora openings, which completely deviates from the geometry [3]. If deviations from the ideal geometry of e.g. 20° would be possible, then deviations of 15° would occur more frequently and even deviations of 10°. However, I do not believe this to be the case. I believe the large deviations have to follow a different principle (probably Aurora E). Stations located far north should beam their antennas from time to time on southern located auroras (and please: QTF 110 for people living in Iceland).

For determination of the spectrum of QSOs with obvious deviation of the hereby described geometry an audio record would be very helpful (a few seconds are sufficient). The direction of the antenna should always be determined.

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The programs can be obtained from the author as MATLAB sources. Visit the author's home page at www.qsl.net/dj5hg for download of compiled versions.

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Die Geometrie von Meteorscatter-verbindungen

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Seit Jahrzehnten wird Meteorscatter im VHF-Bereich zur Überbrückung von Entfernungen von 1000 – 2400 km benutzt. Mit der von Joe Taylor, K1JT, durch sein Programm WSJT eingeführten Betriebsart FSK441 ist Meteorscatter – einst eine Methode für Spezialisten – zu einem beliebten Sport geworden. Ziel von K1JT, war, auch die kurzen sogenannten Pings für den Funkverkehr zu nutzen. Diese Pings sind Streuungen an Meteorbahnen, deren Ionisation für eine Reflexion nicht ausreicht. Für die schwach ionisierten Bahnen gibt es ein einfaches Gesetz, das die Geometrie der Streuung beschreibt. Schon McKinley gibt in seinem Buch aus dem Jahre 1961 [1,2] quantitative Formeln an zur Berechnung der Empfangsenergie. Das Wissen darüber wird in der Praxis aber kaum genutzt. Das mag daran liegen, dass bislang die länger anhaltenden Reflexionen von hochionisierten Meteorbahnen bevorzugt wurden. Diese selteneren sogenannten Bursts werden auch für SSB-Verbindungen genutzt. Bei FSK441 jedoch sind die etwa 100 mal so häufigen kurzzeitigen schwachen Ionisationen wesentlich. Deshalb sollte man etwas über die Geometrie der Streuung wissen, um Zeitpunkt des QSOs und Antennenrichtung optimal zu wählen.

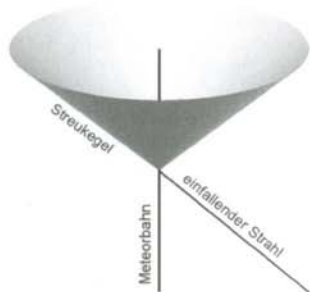


Bild 1 Geometrie des Streukegels
Fig 1 Scatter cone geometry

Das Streugesetz

Das Streugesetz ist qualitativ mit einem Satz zu beschreiben: Die auf die Meteorbahn treffende Welle wird kegelförmig gestreut mit der Meteorbahn als Achse des Kegels, so dass die über die Meteorbahn geradeaus fortgeführte einfallende Welle auf dem Kegel liegt. Dies ist in Bild 1 dargestellt. Ein Meteor ist deshalb für eine gegebene Verbindung nur dann nutzbar,

wenn

1. die Meteorbahn die E-Schicht durchquert
2. die Sendeanenne auf die Meteorbahn in der E-Schicht gerichtet ist
3. die Empfangsantenne auf die Meteorbahn in der E-Schicht ausgerichtet ist
4. die Empfangsantenne auf dem Streukegel liegt.

Die Kegelwand ist allerdings nicht unendlich dünn. Die ionisierte Meteorbahn nutzen wir nämlich als parasitären Strahler. Das Richtdiagramm dieses Strahlers ist der genannte Kegel, wobei die Kegelwand im Querschnitt die Hauptkeule darstellt. Diese Hauptkeule ist wegen der Länge des parasitären Strahlers von vielen tausend Wellenlängen ziemlich scharf. Bei flachem Einfall der Kegelfläche (große Entfernungen!) kann das Schnittgebiet mit der Erdoberfläche dennoch recht groß sein.

QSOs in bekannten Meteorschauern

Wir betrachten zunächst den Fall von QSOs in einem bekannten Meteorschauer. Dann ist der Radiant der Meteorbahnen bekannt. Die zugehörigen Sternschnuppen scheinen radial vom Radianten am Himmel auszugehen (daher der Name). Tatsächlich sind sie alle parallel. Man sieht aber nur die Projektion an die Himmelssphäre. Der Radiant bewegt sich mit den Sternen am Himmel. Die Geometrie einer Verbindung ändert sich deshalb mit der Tageszeit. Es ist dabei nicht nur wichtig zu wissen, ob der Radiant über dem Horizont ist (nur dann gibt es Meteorbahnen), sondern auch, in welche Richtung die Streuung führt. Erst dann kann man sinnvoll CQ rufen, und nur dann begeht man nicht den fatalen Fehler, die Antenne auf einen schon erfolgten Anruf hin direkt auf den Anrufer auszurichten. Das minimiert nämlich fast immer den Erfolg und maximiert die Frustration gleich an zwei Enden. Zunächst betrachten wir den einfacheren Fall, bei dem die Meteorbahn und der Ort des Senders bekannt sind. Daraus kann die Lage des Streukegels berechnet werden und dessen Schnittlinie mit der Erdkugel. Natürlich ist von dieser Schnittlinie nur der Teil relevant, der vom Streupunkt aus über dem Horizont liegt. Bild 2 zeigt als Beispiel den Fall der Quadrantiden morgens um 5.45 UTC. Offensichtlich lohnt es sich vom Standort Hamburg aus in Richtung Barcelona/Mallorca CQ zu rufen, denn für ganz Italien ist das Streugesetz allein schon für einen einzigen Streupunkt erfüllt. Der Autor hat dies probiert und in schneller Folge mehrere I- und S5-Stationen mit QTF=205° gearbeitet, in der Hoffnung dass diese nicht auf die Idee kommen, ihre Antenne nach Hamburg zu drehen.

S5 geht zu dieser Zeit genauso gut. Das Reflexionszentrum liegt dann von Hamburg aus exakt in der selben Richtung, aber etwas näher. Das Streugesetz ist bei den einzelnen Meteoriten meistens nur für höchstens eine Gegenstation erfüllt. Die Tatsache, dass fünfzig Stationen in Europa gleichzeitig auf 144,370 MHz senden können (in der E-Schicht muss ein grauenvolles QRM herrschen) und man dennoch die einzelnen trennen kann, ist die Folge der Gültigkeit des Streugesetzes. Der zweite Fall ist etwas komplizierter. Gegeben seien die Orte von Sender und Empfänger und der Radiant der Meteorbahnen sowie Datum und Uhrzeit. Wir fragen nach der Lage aller Streuzentren, die die Geometrie für perfekte Streu-

ung zwischen den Stationen erfüllen. Als Beispiel für die beiden Orte wurde hier Hamburg und Barcelona gewählt. Meteorstrom und Datum sind wieder die Quadrantiden am 4. Januar. Weil der Radiant morgens um 8:20 Ortszeit im Zenit steht, stellt man den Wecker möglichst früh oder macht gleich die Nacht vom 3. zum 4. durch. Um 3:00 UTC sehen wir das in Bild 3 dargestellte Reflexionsgebiet. Es liegt deutlich neben der direkten Verbindung. Vier Stunden später ist das Reflexionsgebiet noch weiter westlich gedriftet, so dass die beiden Antennenrichtungen sich dort (hoffentlich!) im rechten Winkel treffen wie Bild 4 zeigt. Nach einer weiteren Stunde steht der Radiant zwischen beiden Stationen fast im Zenit. Dann kann das Streugesetz nirgends erfüllt werden außer angenähert ganz am Horizont. Bild 5 zeigt diese Situation. Man bedenke, dass zu dieser Zeit an diesem Ort maximal viele Meteore fallen. Im Jahr 2004 fiel dieser Moment sogar mit dem ziemlich spitzen Maximum des Meteorstroms zusammen und dennoch herrschte nach guter nächtlicher Aktivität plötzlich Ruhe auf dem Band – von wenigen schwachen Bursts abgesehen. Die Ruhe hält nicht lang. Eine Stunde später ist wieder voller Betrieb bei ausgezeichneten Signalen – sofern die Antenne gedreht wurde, denn das Reflexionsgebiet liegt jetzt auf der anderen Seite (Bild 6).

Gut zu sehen ist auf den Bildern, dass stark bündelnde Antennen durchaus angebracht sind. Man muss sich mit dem QSO-Partner nur einig sein. Das ist das Problem. Bei Random-Meteorscatter kann deshalb nur gelten: Hörst (besser: liest) du jemanden in mehreren Pings, so antworte, aber drehe die Antenne nicht. Falls aber in der Antennenrichtung mit Sicherheit kein Reflexionsgebiet ist, dann richte die Antenne auf das Reflexionsgebiet und warte, ob der OM besser ankommt. Erst wenn er aus der geänderten Richtung auch mehrfach kam, sollte man auf Sendung gehen. Vermutlich werden die allermeisten Meteorscatterverbindungen mit verquer stehenden Antennen gefahren, weil man auf einen in einem Burst gelesenen CQ-Ruf antwortet. Dann kann man die Pings nicht nutzen und muss auf weitere Bursts warten, und das kann dauern. Insbesondere QSOs mit Entfernungen unter 1000 km laufen meistens schlecht, weil die Ungewissheit über die Antennenrichtungen wegen der Nähe und Ausdehnung des Reflexionsgebietes groß ist.

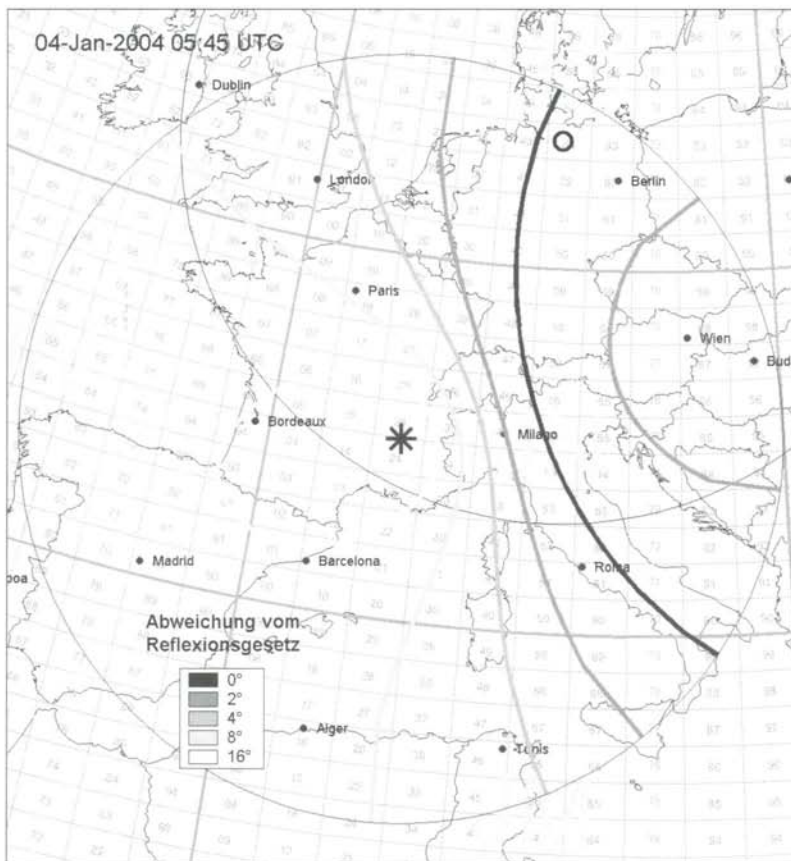


Bild 2 Senderstandort JO53

In Südostfrankreich steil von Nordost einfallender Meteor (Stern). Die Schnittlinie des Streukegels mit der Erdoberfläche ist als schwarze Linie eingezeichnet

Fig 2 TX-location JO53

Meteor falling steeply from northeast to southeastern France (star). The crossing line of the scatter cone with the earth's surface is the black line. Other gray scale lines for alteration from reflection principle.

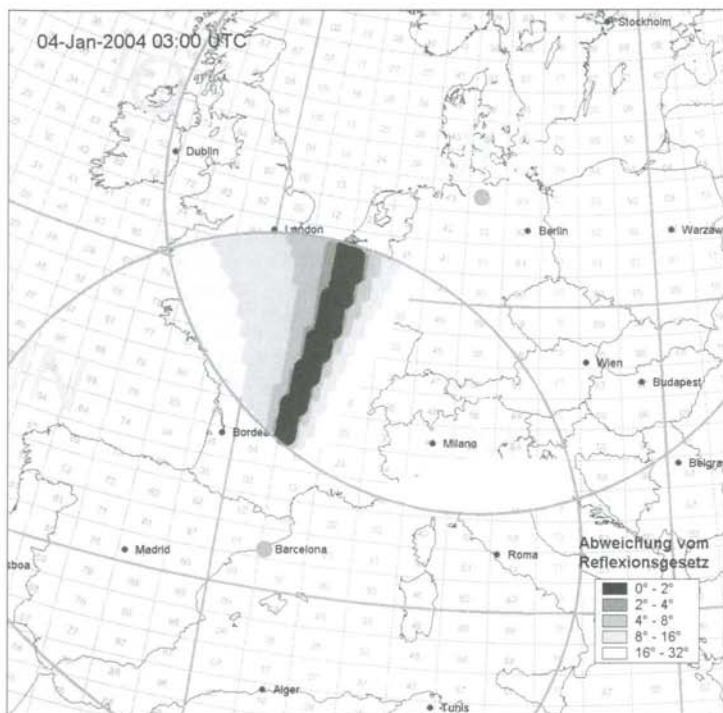


Bild 3

Die Reflexionsbedingung ist für die Strecke Hamburg-Barcelona im Fall der Quadrantiden um 3:00 UTC im markierten Gebiet erfüllt. Die Kreise markieren jeweils die Schnittlinie des Horizonts mit der E-Schicht.

Fig 3

During quadrantids at 03:00 UTC the law of refraction for direction Hamburg-Barcelona is valid in the black marked area. The circles mark the cross-section of the horizon with the E-layer.

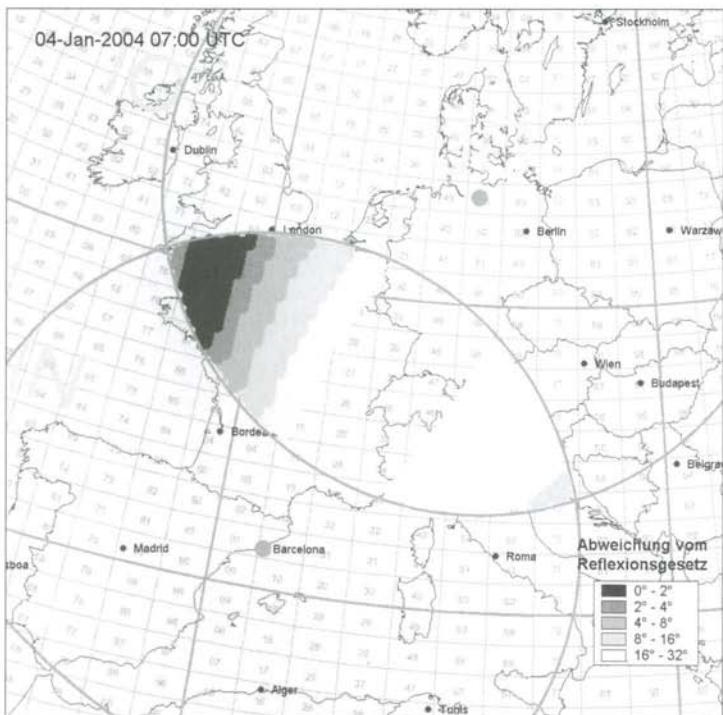


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Je steiler die Meteore einfallen, desto weiter liegt das Reflexionsgebiet von der direkten Verbindung

Fig. 4

With increasing elevation of falling meteors the scatter-point is more off the direct path

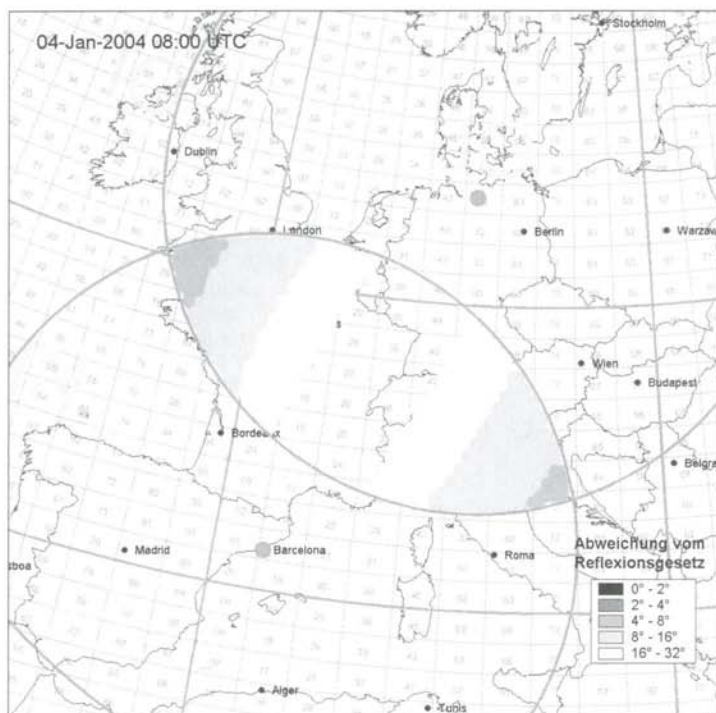


Bild 5

Senkrecht fallende Meteore erfüllen das Reflexionsgesetz für größere Distanzen nie

Fig. 5

Meteors falling perpendicular never fulfil the reflection law for longer distances

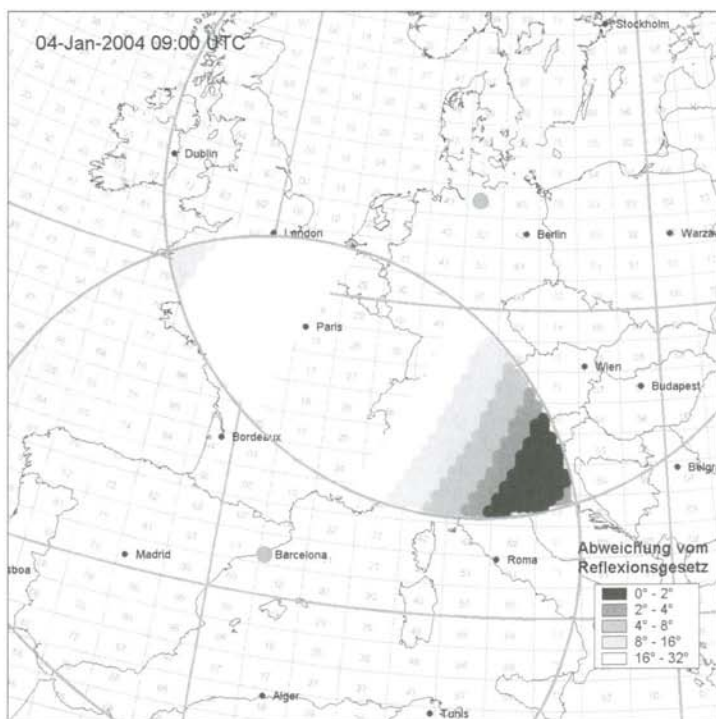


Bild 6

Von Westen einfallende Meteore erfüllen das Reflexionsgesetz nur östlich der direkten Verbindung

Fig. 6

Meteors falling in from the west fulfill the reflection law only eastern of the direct path

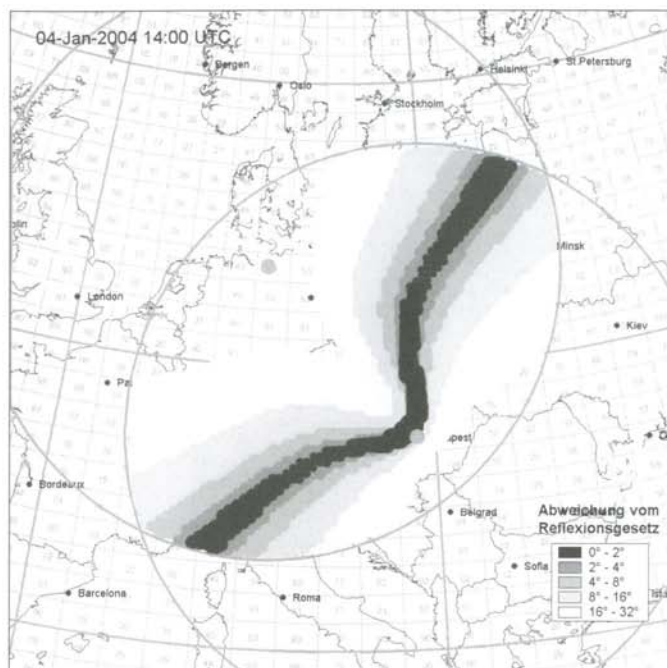


Bild 7

Bei kleinen Entfernungen kann das Reflexionsgebiet sehr groß sein. Im Fall der direkten Antennenrichtung nach JO53 muss die ungarische Antenne in diesem Fall die Elevation von 70° haben. Besser ist QTF = 0°

Fig. 7

For short distances the scatter area can be very large. The antenna in HA needs to have 70° elevation when beaming directly to JO53. A QTF of 0° would be better.

Effizienz der MS-Verbindungen

Die Qualität einer Meteorscatterverbindung lässt sich aufgrund der bekannten Geometrie vorhersagen. Sie hängt ab erstens von der Größe des Gebietes, in dem die Reflexionsbedingung erfüllt ist und zweitens von den aktuellen Winkeln einschließlich der Polarisierung. Man könnte meinen, auch die Höhe des Radianten über dem Horizont müsste wesentlich eingehen, weil pro Quadratkilometer der Ionosphäre bei sehr stehendem Radianten. Tatsächlich sind die Meteorbahnen bei niedrig stehendem Radianten aber länger. Damit steigt die Wahrscheinlichkeit der Nutzbarkeit für eine gegebene Verbindung. Für die nachfolgend beschriebenen Rechnungen wurde eine maximale Länge der nutzbaren Meteorbahnen von 100 km angenommen. Dieser Parameter bestimmt wesentlich die vorausgesagte Effizienz bei niedrig stehendem Radianten. Bei den folgenden Bildern wird nicht unterschieden zwischen großer Häufigkeit der Meteorbahnen einerseits und großen Signalpegeln aufgrund besserer Geometrie andererseits. Beides hebt die Effizienz. Abhängig von den benutzten Antennen, abhängig von der Richtung des Radianten und abhängig vom Meteorschauer selbst sind abhängig von weiteren Parametern wie lokalem Rausch- und Stör-Pegel wirken sich Signalpegel und Häufigkeit der Meteore aber unterschiedlich auf eine Verbindung aus. Die hier angegebenen Werte für die Effizienz sind deshalb nur als Richtwerte anzusehen. Die geschätzte Genauigkeit von besser als 6 dB ist für den Bereich des Amateurfunks ausreichend. Schließlich macht gerade das Gefühl des Angels den Reiz aus bei Random-MS. Der Autor hat alle Faktoren einschließlich der Formel aus McKilby (1961) zusammengetragen und damit eine relative Effizienz der Meteorscatterverbindung berechnet.

Als 0 dB wurde das Maximum der Effizienz einer Nord-Süd-Verbindung über den Äquator bei der Distanz 1000 km gewählt. Radiant ist dabei [0,0] und die Verbindung findet am Tag der Tag-und-Nachtgleiche statt.

Bild 7 zeigt eine typische Situation. Der Leser möge sich zunächst in die Lage des Autors versetzen, der einem mit der nach Moskau gedrehten Antenne gehörten CQ-Ruf aus HA antworten möchte, und anschließend in die Lage des Ungarn, der den Anruf von DJ5HG hört anstelle eines erwarteten aus OH. Man bedenke dabei, dass im Fall der direkten Antennenrichtung auf der ungarischen Seite eine Elevation von 70° erforderlich ist.

Die relative Effizienz lässt sich für jede Verbindung als Funktion der Tageszeit berechnen. Das Ergebnis ist in Bild 8 für die Strecken Hamburg – Barcelona, Hamburg – Sofia, Hamburg – Moskau und Hamburg – Narvik dargestellt für die Quadranten. Auf allen Teilbildern ist die oben beschriebene Lücke aufgrund der gegen 8 UTC senkrecht fallenden Meteore zu sehen. Die Lücke ist bei Verbindungen nach Osten früher und bei solchen nach Westen später. Der Radiant ist im Zeitraum 18 – 22 UTC im Norden tief unten am Horizont. Der Radiant der Quadranten steht mit 49° über dem Himmelsäquator und geht deshalb in unseren Breiten nicht unter. Verbindungen nach Norden (Narvik, Reykjavik, Murmansk) sind deshalb auch um diese Zeit möglich. Die Formel nach McKilby liefert in diesem Zeitbereich besonders gute Signale, wenn die Meteore genau längs der Verbindungslinie fallen. Bild 8 zeigt deshalb für Narvik das Effizienzmaximum bei ca. 19 UTC,

obwohl die absolute Häufigkeit der Meteore dann gering ist. Allerdings liefert in diesem Fall auch feinsten Meteorstaub noch brauchbare Pings, so dass die beobachtete Häufigkeit der Pings bei flachem Einfall sogar zunehmen kann.

Bild 8 gibt für die betrachteten 4 Verbindungen zusätzlich den tageszeitlichen Verlauf der optimalen Antennenausrichtung an. Die größte Änderung findet wiederum statt, wenn der Radiant gegen 8 Ortszeit am Streupunkt von Ost über den Zenit nach West kippt. Am stärksten macht sich das bemerkbar bei Nord-Süd-Kontakten mit QRB unter 1500 km.

Bild 9 zeigt die entsprechenden Ergebnisse für München anstelle von Hamburg als einen der beiden Standorte. Narvik wurde durch Trondheim ersetzt, weil Narvik von München aus mit der angenommenen Höhe der Reflexion von 102 km nicht erreichbar ist. Die grundsätzlichen Verläufe der Effizienz über der Tageszeit sind in beiden Bildern sehr ähnlich. Während aber z.B. Moskau von Hamburg bis 2:30 UTC offen ist, gibt man diese Richtung in München sinnvollerweise schon um 0:30 UTC auf.

Zufällige Meteore außerhalb von Meteorschauern

Das Streugesetz lässt sich natürlich nur nutzbringend anwenden, wenn man die Richtung der Meteore, also den Radianten kennt. Das ist nur der Fall in ganz bestimmten jährlich wiederkehrenden, meist kurzen Perioden von allenfalls einigen Tagen. Zwischen diesen bekannten Schauern fällt aber genügend Meteorregen auf die Erde, um – dank FSK441 – täglich Meteorscatter fahren zu können. Diese Meteore fallen zufällig aus allen Richtungen ein. Über den einzelnen Meteor kann man deshalb keine Aussage machen. Wir versuchen nachfolgend einen statistischen Ansatz.

Bekannt ist, dass in den Morgenstunden wesentlich mehr zufällige Meteore fallen als am Abend. Das liegt daran, dass auf der sich drehenden Erde gerade die Orte mit 6 Uhr Ortszeit in Richtung der Erbahn um die Sonne liegen. Auf der Rückseite ($12 - 0$ Ortszeit) fallen nur Meteore, die schneller als die Erde sind und somit die Erde auf ihrer Bahn einholen können. Statistisch gibt es also einen Radianten in Richtung der Erbahn.

Dieser Punkt liegt auf der Ekliptik (das ist die Linie, die die Sonne im Lauf eines Jahres am Himmel zieht) und zwar 90° rechts der Sonne (gesehen auf der Nordhalbkugel, andernfalls links). Dieser statistische Radiant steht morgens um 6 Uhr Ortszeit im Süden dort, wo drei Monate vorher die Sonne mittags stand. Der Radiant steht damit am Frühlingsanfang am tiefsten. Deshalb ist die Rate der zufälligen Meteore auf der Nordhalbkugel von Februar bis April viel geringer als um den Herbstanfang.

Aus der Tatsache, dass der statistische Radiant nie höher als die Sonne steht, folgt für nichttropische Gebiete: Die zufälligen Meteore fallen im Mittel mehr von Süden ein als von Norden (auf der Nordhalbkugel). Obwohl wir über die Richtung der einzelnen Meteore nichts wissen, können wir daraus immerhin schließen, dass bei west-östlichen Meteorscatterverbindungen nördlich der direkten Verbindungslinie mehr Meteore das Streugesetz erfüllen als südlich dieser Linie. Für Nord-Süd-Verbindungen gilt: vor 6 Uhr Ortszeit liegen im Westen

mehr Streuzentren, danach im Osten. Wie weit die Antennen von der direkten Richtung abweichen sollten, hängt von der Entfernung der beiden Stationen ab. Da diese Betrachtung nur auf Statistik basiert, ist die tatsächliche Verdrehung der Antennen unkritisch. Die Missweisungen der Antennen beider Partner müssen aber auch hier zueinander passen. J. Richardson [2] empfiehlt folgende Werte:

QRB (km)	1000	1250	1500	2000
Missweisung der Antenne (Grad)	13	11	10	10

Bei CQ-Rufen sollte man das berücksichtigen. Wird man angerufen, so heißt es aber auch hier: die Antenne sollte nicht gedreht werden – es sei denn, es ist völlig klar, dass eine Drehung nur Besserung bringen kann.

Bursts

Das Streugesetz gilt für die Streuung an schwach ionisierten Meteorbahnen. Größere Meteore erzeugen hohe Ionisation in zylinderförmigen Gebieten. Modelliert man stark ionisierte Meteorbahnen durch entsprechend dicke Metallzylinder, so ergibt sich in Bezug auf die Geometrie ein ähnliches Gesetz für die Reflexion. Inhomogenitäten und vor allem der örtlich unterschiedliche zeitliche Verlauf des Abklingens der Ionisation, Wind in der Ionosphäre und das magnetische Feld der Erde sorgen aber zunehmend für chaotische Verhältnisse, so dass mehrere Ausbreitungswege zwischen den Stationen entstehen mit schnellem QSB als Folge. Dennoch ist das einfache Modell nicht grundsätzlich falsch, in der ersten Zehntelsekunde ist es sogar korrekt. Die Anwendung der hier gezeigten Bilder auch auf Meteorscatter durch Bursts ist daher durchaus sinnvoll. Wird das Streugesetz von einem Burst eingehalten, so erhält man ein sehr starkes Signal. Brauchbare Reflexionen bekommt man von Meteorbahnen hoher Ionisation aber auch bei größeren Abweichungen vom Streugesetz, und zwar mit zunehmender Degradierung der ursprünglich linearen Meteorbahn. Ein Burst erreicht deshalb seine maximale Stärke u.U. erst nach vielen Sekunden.

Arbeitet man mit WSJT, so sollte man nicht auf CQ-Rufe antworten, die man nur in einem Burst gehört hat. Nur Pings geben Auskunft darüber, ob die Reflexionsbedingung für die gewählten Antennenrichtungen ausreichend erfüllt ist. Wegen der chaotischen Reflexion aller die Bahn treffenden Signale sind Bursts beim Betrieb mit WSJT eher störend als nützlich. Auch für Auroraverbindungen gilt das beschriebene Streugesetz. Anstelle der Richtung des Radianten sind dann die magnetischen Feldlinien der Erde zu nehmen, die nicht mit den Sternen über den Himmel wandern, dafür aber von Ort zu Ort verschieden verlaufen. Diesen Fall behandelt der Autor in einem getrennten Artikel in diesem Heft.

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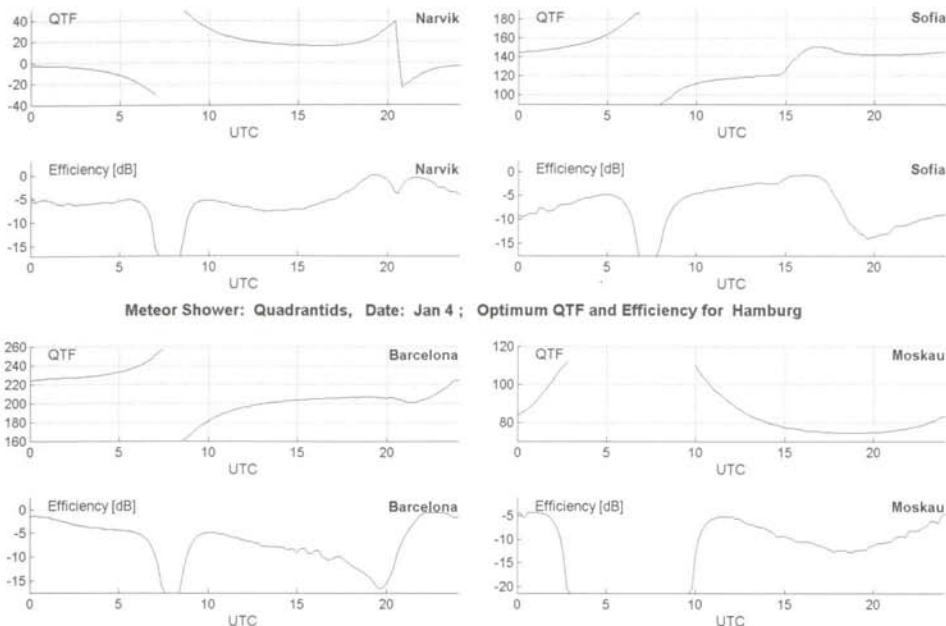


Bild 8 Die Qualität einer Verbindung über Meteorscatter hängt von der Tageszeit ab. Hier ist die Effizienz der Quadrantiden für vier Strecken angegeben sowie die optimale Antennenrichtung in JO53. Andere Schauer ergeben andere Bilder.

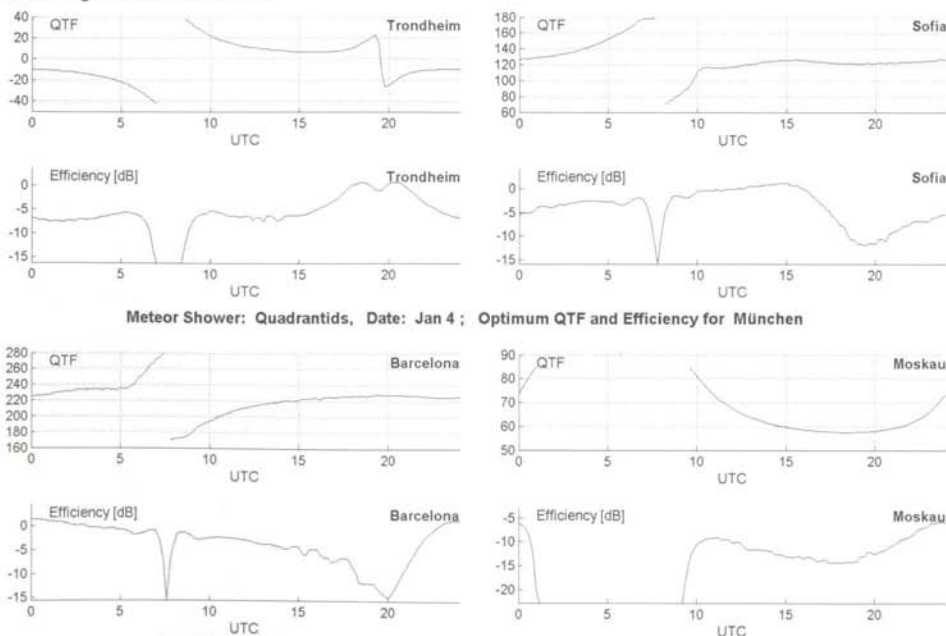


Bild 9 Trotz der relativ kleinen Entfernung zwischen Hamburg und München können sich im Zeitplan der Verbindungen deutliche Verschiebungen ergeben. Hier z.B. München-Moskau gegenüber Bild 8 Hamburg-Moskau

Fig. 8 The quality of a path depends on daytime. Here the efficiency of quadrants for 4 paths can be seen in conjunction with the optimum antenna heading in JO53. This is different during other showers.

Fig. 9 shows the corresponding results for the location Munich. The other location is Trondheim, because Narvik is out of reach with a reflection height of 102 km. The graphs are similar. While Hamburg-Moscow is open until 02:30, Munich-Moscow is only possible until 0:30 utc.

Auch weitere Literatur zu diesem Thema findet man im Internet. Z.B. enthält die aktuelle Seite von DK5YA www.vhfdx.de gute Verweise, darunter auf deadband.htm von Palle, OZ1RH. Lesenswert ist auch D. E. Warren & R. Desourdis: „Meteor Burst Communications The Gap Filler“. Die Arbeit findet man als metburdu.html. Ein weiteres geeignetes Suchwort ist „IMO“, das Akronym für International Meteor Organization.

Die Programme sind vom Autor als MATLAB-Quellen erhältlich. Sie laufen unter Matlab ab Version 6.0. Für Version 5.3 sind nur kleine Änderungen nötig. Octave ist nicht geeignet, da dies die Handle-Graphik mit den unverzichtbaren GUI-Möglichkeiten leider nicht unterstützt.

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Im Web sind unter <http://www.vhfdx.de/mseff/mseffmain.html> den Abb. 8 bzw. 9 entsprechende Grafiken für folgende Städte und Schauer abrufbar:

City/Städte: Barcelona, Berlin, Dublin, Hamburg, Kiev, Madrid, Moskau, Reykjavik, Rom and Sofia

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The Geometry of Meteorscatter Communication

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Since decades meteorscatter is used for VHF-communication at distances of 1000 – 2400km. With the implementation of FSK441 by Joe Taylor, K1JT, in his WSJT-software this type of communication has changed from a task for specialists to a sport for the average amateur. K1JT wanted to make the short reflections (pings) usable for communication. Pings are scattered by meteor-trails whose ionisation is not enough for a reflection. A simple law describes the geometry of those underdense trails. McKinley presented formulas to calculate the received energy in his book [1,2] in 1961. This knowledge is rarely used. In the past mostly the longer lasting reflections of overdense trails were used. Those rare "bursts" are used even for SSB-qsos. FSK441 uses the 100 times more often occurring pings. For optimum timing of a qso knowledge of the geometry of scattering is necessary.

Law of refraction

The law of refraction can be described in one sentence: The wave is scattered into a cone which axis is the meteor-trail while the wave crossing the trail describes the wall of the cone, see fig. 1. A meteor is only usable if:

1. The meteor-trail crosses the E-layer
2. The TX-antenna is pointing towards the trail in the E-layer
3. The RX-antenna is pointing towards the trail in the E-layer
4. The rx-antenna is on the surface of the scatter-cone.

The wall of the cone isn't infinite thin. We are using the trail as a parasitic radiator, whose pattern is the cone and the cross-sectional view is the main lobe. Because the radiator is several thousand wavelength long, this main lobe is very sharp. Looking at the cone at low elevation-angles (great distances) can nevertheless result in a wide reflection plane.

QSOs during meteorshowers

A first look will be done on qsos during a known meteorshower. The radiant of the trail is known. The meteors seem to come radial out of the radiant. In reality they are all parallel. We only see the projection on the sphere. The radiant moves with the stars on heavens. The geometry of a communication-path alters during the day. We have to know if the radiant is above the horizon (only then meteor-trails are possible) and in which direction the refraction points. Only then a cq-call will be effective and the antenna will not be pointed directly onto the partner, which will mostly minimise the chance of a qso and maximise frustration on both sides.

At first we'll investigate the simple case, where tx-location and meteor-trail are known. Then the orientation of the scatter-

cone and its cross-section with the earth-surface can be calculated. Only the part above the horizon is of interest of course. Fig. 2 shows as example the quadrantids at 05:45 UT. Obviously it's effective to call cq in direction Barcelona/Mallorca, the law of refraction spreads over whole Italy for only one scatter-point. The author has tried this and worked very quickly some I- and S5-Stations with qtf 205° hoping that they won't turn their antennas to Hamburg. Working S5 is also possible at this time. The Scatter-point is in the same direction but somewhat nearer.

For a single meteor the law is normally only valid for one partner-station. The fact, that 50 stations in Europe are transmitting together on 144.370 (a terrible qrm must exist in the E-layer) and it's possible to separate them, confirms this.

The second case is more complicated. Tx- and rx-location, the radiant and time are known. We're searching the scatter-points in conjunction with the law of refraction. Example is again Hamburg and Barcelona during quadrantids at 4. Jan.. Because the radiant is in zenith at 08:20, it makes sense to operate the whole night. Fig. 3 shows the scatter-region at 03:00 UT. It's far off the direct path. Four hours later the scatter-point has drifted further west. The qtf of both stations should meet there at an angle of about 90°, see Fig. 4. Another hour later the scatter-point is in zenith between both stations. No scatter-point exists, see Fig. 5. At this time lots of meteors are falling. In 2004 this was the sharp peak of the quadrantids. After good activity during the night, at this time there was nearly silence besides a few weak bursts! One hour later we had good activity with good signals again, the Scatter-point was now on the other side, see Fig. 6.

These pictures show, that antennas with narrow beamwidth should be used. The problem is proper planing with the sked-partner. On random: If you hear some pings from a station, answer, but don't turn the antenna. If there is no scatter area in your antenna direction, beam to the next scatter area and check, if the station produces better reflections. If so, give him an answer. I guess, the most qos are done with wrong antenna positions, because a cq is heard in a burst. Then pings are not usable and one has to wait for the next burst, that's timeconsuming. Especially qos below 1000km are difficult, because the position and width of a scatter area and corresponding antenna direction is not known. Fig. 7 shows a typical situation. The author wants to answer the cq of a HA with antenna pointing to Moscow. The HA hears the call from DJ5HG instead of an expected OH-station. Using the direct path would require 70° elevation at the HA-station.

Efficiency of an MS-path

The quality of an MS-path can be defined by the known geometry. It depends on the width of the scatter area and the angles incl. polarisation. The height of the radiant above horizon is of great importance. There are more meteors per area at a high elevation but the trails of the meteors are much longer at low elevation and therefore better usable for a given path. The following calculations are based on a trail-length of 100km; this parameter is essential for the predicted efficiency

at low elevation of the radiant. In the following pictures no difference is made between number of meteor trails and better signal strength due to better geometry. Both factors are equally good for efficiency. Depending on antennas used, direction of radiant, the shower itself and other parameters like local noise and interference, the signal-level and numbers of meteors have different effects on a qos. The given efficiencies are only rough numbers. Estimated precision of 6dB is good enough for amateur use, searching stations is fun of random operation.

The author has collected all facts incl. the formula of McKilby (1961) and has calculated a relative efficiency of a meteor-scatter-path. 0dB is the maximum efficiency of a north-south path over the equator at a distance of 1000km. Radiant is [0,0] and the communication is taking place at the day of equal day- and night-length. The relative efficiency can be calculated for every path as a function of the time. The result is presented in fig. 8 for the path Hamburg-Barcelona, Hamburg-Sofia, Hamburg-Moscow and Hamburg-Narvik during quadrantids. All figs. show the described gap caused by meteors coming in with 90° elevation at 08:00. The gap exists earlier on paths to the east and later on paths to the west. The radiant is slightly over the horizon to the north between 18 and 22 UTC. The radiant of quadrantids is 49° over the celestial equator and doesn't set in DL. Paths direction north are possible at these times. McKilby's formula brings good results in this time interval, when meteors are falling along the direct path. Fig. 8 shows the maximum efficiency at abt. 19UTC despite the number of meteors are minimum then. In this case even dust produces pings, the number of pings at low elevation can grow therefore.

Fig. 8 shows for the 4 paths the optimum antenna direction with daytime as parameter. The biggest difference can be seen when the radiant goes through zenith at abt. 08 utc. Greatest effect is seen on north-south paths with qrb below 1500km.

Random meteors

The law of refraction can only be used when the radiant is known. This is only true during showers. Between these showers there are daily enough random meteors for successful operation with FSK441. These meteors are falling in from different directions. No statement can be done for a single meteor. I'll try a statistically based statement.

Well known is, that during the morning hours more random meteors are falling than in the evening. Cause is, that every place on earth's surface is heading in direction of earthorbit around the sun at 06:00 local time. On the other side (12-0 local time) only meteors are falling that are quicker than earth and can overtake earth on its orbit. Statistically there is a radiant in direction of the earth orbit. This point is on the eclipse (the line on heavens on which the sun travels during a year) 90° right of the sun position (on north hemisphere, otherwise left). This statistic radiant is in south at 06:00 local time, where the sun has been located 3 month before at noon. The radiant has its lowest elevation at commencement of

spring. Therefore the number of random meteors is much lower from February until April than in autumn on the northern hemisphere.

From the fact, that the statistic radiant cannot be higher than the sun follows for not tropical regions: more random meteors are falling from south than from north (on northern hemisphere). Despite we don't know anything about the single meteor, we can conclude, that for a west-east path more meteors are holding the law of refraction north of the direct path than south of the direct path. At north-south paths holds: before 06:00 local time there are more scatter-points in the west, later more scatter-points exist to the east. The difference of antenna heading to the direct path depends on the qrb of the stations. While this is a statistic statement, the heading offset is uncritical, but should correspond for both stations. J. Richardson [2] presented the following data:

QRB (km)	1000	1250	1500	2000
Heading antenna offset (deg)	13	11	10	10

This should be taken into account during cq-calls. When being called the following holds: don't turn the antenna- despite it's surely known, that turning the antenna will produce better results.

Bursts

The law of refraction holds for underdense meteor trails. Bigger meteors produce high ionisation with cylindrical shape. Modelling meteor trails with metal cylinders produces a similar law for the reflection. Irregularities, the different duration of ionisation in different locations, wind in the ionosphere and the magnetic field of earth produce unpredictable situations with multipath propagation and quick qsb between the stations. Nevertheless the simple model is not wrong, especially in the first tenth second it's true. The shown pictures can be used also for meteorscatter-bursts. If the burst holds the law of refraction, we will have very strong signals. Usable reflections from overdense trails can occur with some deviation from the law, especially with further degradation of the trail, that is linear at first. Often the signalstrength gets maximum after several seconds.

Using WSJT, cq-calls been heard in one burst should not been answered. Only pings show the right antenna-direction for a given path. Bursts are sometimes inconvenient.

The law of refraction holds also for communication via aurora. Here the magnetic field lines of earth have to be taken instead of the radiant. The direction of the magnetic field differs with the location. This is discussed in another article in this issue.

On the web <http://www.vhfdx.de/mseff/mseffmain.html> you can find Meteor Scatter efficiency tables like Fig. 8 and Fig 9. for the following cities and showers:

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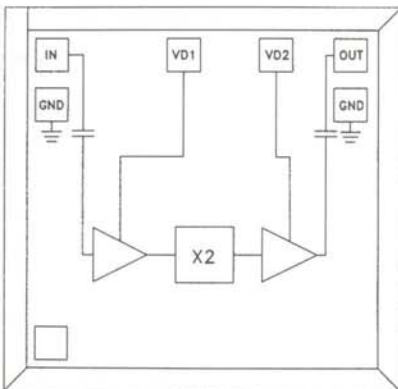
GaAs MMIC x2 ACTIVE FREQUENCY MULTIPLIER, 19 - 25 GHz OUTPUT

Typical Applications

The HMC448 is suitable for:

- Clock Generation Applications:
SONET OC-192 & SDH STM-64
- Pt to Pt & VSAT Radios
- Test Instrumentation
- Military & Space

Functional Diagram



Features

- Output Power: +11 dBm
- Wide Input Power Range: -4 to +6 dBm
- Fo, 3Fo Isolation: >20 dBc @ Fout = 20 GHz
- 100 KHz SSB Phase Noise: -135 dBc/Hz
- Single Supply: 5V @ 48 mA
- Die Size: 1.16 mm x 1.20 mm x 0.1 mm

General Description

The HMC448 die is a x2 active broadband frequency multiplier chip utilizing GaAs PHEMT technology. When driven by a 0 dBm signal, the multiplier provides +11 dBm typical output power from 19 to 25 GHz. The Fo and 3Fo isolations are >22 dBc up to 22 GHz. This multi-rate frequency multiplier can be used in the generation of a half rate clock for 40 Gbps systems or as part of a multiplier chain to generate a full rate 40 Gbps clock. The HMC448 is also ideal for use in LO multiplier chains for Pt to Pt & VSAT Radios yielding reduced parts count vs. traditional approaches. The low additive SSB Phase Noise of -135 dBc/Hz at 100 kHz offset helps maintain good system noise performance. All data is with the chip in a 50 ohm test fixture connected via 0.076mm x 0.0127mm (3mil x 0.5mil) ribbon bonds of minimal length 0.31mm (<12mils).

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{d1} = V_{d2} = 5.0\text{V}$, 0 dBm Drive Level

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range, Input		9.5 - 11.0		11.0 - 12.5			GHz
Frequency Range, Output		19 - 22		22 - 25			GHz
Output Power	5	9		8	12		dBm
Fo Isolation (with respect to output level)		25		15			dBc
3Fo Isolation (with respect to output level)		25		22			dBc
Input Return Loss		9		6			dB
Output Return Loss		5		5			dB
SSB Phase Noise (100 kHz Offset)		-135		-135			dBc/Hz
Supply Current (Idd)		48		48			mA

GaAs MMIC x2 ACTIVE FREQUENCY MULTIPLIER, 19 - 25 GHz OUTPUT

Handling Precautions

Follow these precautions to avoid permanent damage.

Cleanliness: Handle the chips in a clean environment. DO NOT attempt to clean the chip using liquid cleaning systems.

Storage: All bare die are placed in either Waffle or Gel based ESD protective containers, and then sealed in an ESD protective bag for shipment. Once the sealed ESD protective bag has been opened, all die should be stored in a dry nitrogen environment.

Static Sensitivity: Follow ESD precautions to protect against $\pm 250V$ ESD strikes.

Transients: Suppress instrument and bias supply transients while bias is applied. Use shielded signal and bias cables to minimize inductive pick-up.

General Handling: Handle the chip along the edges with a vacuum collet or with a sharp pair of bent tweezers. The surface of the chip has fragile air bridges and should not be touched with vacuum collet, tweezers, or fingers.

Mounting

The chip is back-metallized and can be die mounted with AuSn eutectic preforms or with electrically conductive epoxy. The mounting surface should be clean and flat.

Eutectic Die Attach: A 80/20 gold tin preform is recommended with a work surface temperature of 255 deg. C and a tool temperature of 265 deg. C. When hot 90/10 nitrogen/hydrogen gas is applied, tool tip temperature should be 290 deg. C. DO NOT expose the chip to a temperature greater than 320 deg. C for more than 20 seconds. No more than 3 seconds of scrubbing should be required for attachment.

Epoxy Die Attach: Apply a minimum amount of epoxy to the mounting surface so that a thin epoxy fillet is observed around the perimeter of the chip once it is placed into position. Cure epoxy per the manufacturer's schedule.

Wire Bonding

Ball or wedge bond with 0.025mm (1 mil) diameter pure gold wire. Thermosonic wirebonding with a nominal stage temperature of 150 deg. C and a ball bonding force of 40 to 50 grams or wedge bonding force of 18 to 22 grams is recommended. Use the minimum level of ultrasonic energy to achieve reliable wirebonds. Wirebonds should be started on the chip and terminated on the package or substrate. All bonds should be as short as possible <0.31mm (12 mils).

Mounting & Bonding Techniques for Millimeterwave GaAs MMICs

The die should be attached directly to the ground plane eutectically or with conductive epoxy (see HMC general Handling, Mounting, Bonding Note).

50 Ohm Microstrip transmission lines on 0.127mm (5 mil) thick alumina thin film substrates are recommended for bringing RF to and from the chip (Figure 1). If 0.254mm (10 mil) thick alumina thin film substrates must be used, the die should be raised 0.150mm (6 mils) so that the surface of the die is coplanar with the surface of the substrate.

One way to accomplish this is to attach the 0.102mm (4 mil) thick die to a 0.150mm (6 mil) thick molybdenum heat spreader (moly-tab) which is then attached to the ground plane (Figure 2).

Microstrip substrates should be brought as close to the die as possible in order to minimize ribbon bond length. Typical die-to-substrate spacing is 0.076mm (3 mils). Gold ribbon of 0.075 mm (3 mil) width and minimal length <0.31 mm (<12 mils) is recommended to minimize inductance on RF, LO & IF ports.

An RF bypass capacitor should be used on the Vdd input. A 100 pF single layer capacitor (mounted eutectically or by conductive epoxy) placed no further than 0.762mm (30 Mils) from the chip is recommended.

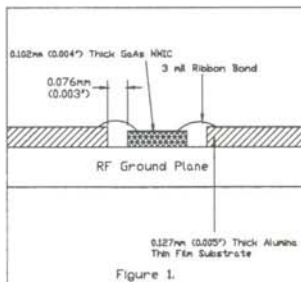


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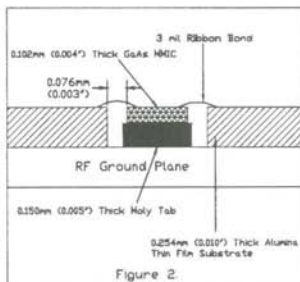


Figure 2.

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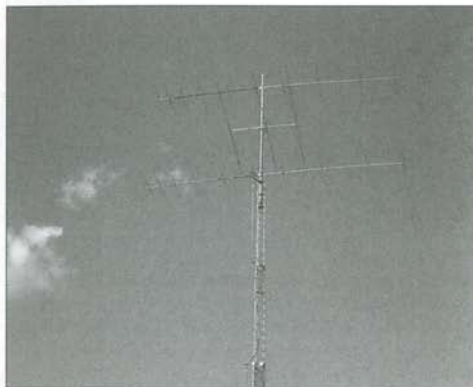
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Two EME Topics

Akira Kumabe, JM1SZY, reports:

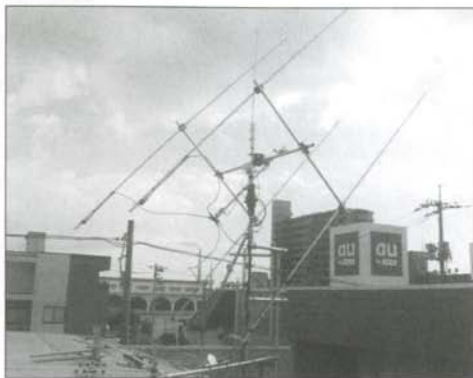
6m EME was permitted in Japan on the 13th of January 2004, as reported in this column of DUBUS 2004-1. We, Japanese moon-bouncers, have worked 64 stations in 13 DXCC entities by the 24th of October as far as I know. These include W, SM, JA, I, ZS, F, LY, GD, ES, OH, LZ, LA, and ZL in 5 continents but South America has yet to be worked for WAC. I worked 19 stations in 13 countries.



JM1SZY - Akira's 6m antenna (2x10)

Hidehiko Matsuo, JH6VAX/4, reports:

I am one of the smallest moonbouncers although I worked HB9Q on 70cm JT44. My output power was only 50 Watts, which is a maximum power of the Japanese portable station. I used a 4x25-element antenna and a HEMT LNA with NF of 0.6dB. Thanks to HB9Q.



JH6VAX - Hidehiko's 70cm antenna (4x25)

'The 10th Annual Microwave Meeting'

by Nobuo Katsuma, JF1WKX

74 Japanese amateur microwavers attended the Meeting on the 14th of November, 2004 in Tokyo. There were four presentations.

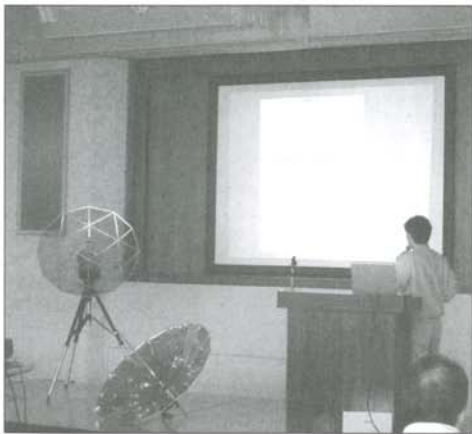
As the first one, a new Japanese digital network called 'D-Star' was presented by Satoshi Yasuda, 7M3TJZ. D-Star is one of the Japanese amateur digital networks, which can connect us in both digital data and digital voice simultaneously. This year band plans were renewed for these high-speed digital experiments. Satoshi described its communication protocol and how-to-use-it. According to him, D-Star can be applied to data communication through internet as well as P2P digital voice QSO.

Yoshiyuki Takeyasu, JA6XKQ, presented a novel dish called geodesic parabola antenna. The antenna components are triangle and it is easy to build and to reproduce. His homepage is written in Japanese but its structure figures can be found in www.terra.dti.ne.jp/~takeyasu/.

The third topic was a PC-based spectrum analyzer called Giga-St, presented by Tsuguo Okamoto, JN1AYV. Giga-St is a cheap spectrum analyzer kit (park7.wakwak.com/~gigast/ in Japanese). He presented a few applications such as adjustment of 1.2/2.4GHz duplexers and measurements of LNA's NF and antenna's VSWR. The Giga-St has a measurement frequency of up to 4GHz.

Finally, Hiroyuki Makioka, JH1UGF, demonstrated his two-band (5.7 and 10 GHz) transverter. Note that he is a president of an amateur microwave manufacturer, Maki-denki Co. Ltd. (www.makidenki.co.jp, partly in English). He demonstrated microwave digital communication, using an Icom's D-Star radio, ID-1, and his transverter.

The flea market was also successful. The next Meeting will be held on 20-11-2005.



JA6XKQ, Yoshiyuki, presenting his geodesic parabola antennas

Microwave Europe

Editor: Simon Lewis, GM4PLM

Hello and welcome to another Microwave Europe column. As I write this it is cold and dark outside and there is snow in the wind – definitely a winters evening! The lovely summer days seem so far away at this time of year especially here in the North Rhein area. Winter is always a good time for projects of course and now is a great time to start thinking about next years tropo openings and thinking about building something new. Which new band will you activate this coming year?

Amateur Linked Long Base line Interferometer Network (ALLBIN)

For Radio Astronomy as well as other applications a large antenna is favourable under the motto the bigger the better, as the Diameter increases the gain improves as well as the angular resolution, the gain seems at first the big advantage of using big antennas but today this may be done with super low noise preamps and in the case of Radio Astronomy by using very wide band widths which multiplied by the Boltzmann constant give very high signal levels indeed. The only reason why one should wish to build a very big dish at all may at first glance be because of the angular resolution possible from the antenna. The dream of having Jodrell bank or an Effelsberg in the garden to play with is honestly not realistic but mounting 2 x 3 meter dishes together with a large base line is more than realistic, in fact a number of such systems exist already by amateurs in this case we talk about a Single site Interferometer with the same target in front of both "Barrels" and 2 mixers fed from the same LO producing the IF at a much lower frequency which may then be transported over larger distances to the middle position where the phase of both signals is added automatically to peak and trough so giving so called 'fringes' which may be seen wonderfully when a target drifts through the beam of the Radio Telescope dishes. The next logical step is to get a larger distance between the dishes as well as more dishes together to electrically and mathematically build a very large dish say as large as Europe itself, we call this Continental Very long base line interferometry which has been for many years, the domain only of very large institutes and universities, their trick has been to clock everything very exactly with different clocks controlling all timing operations at each station using Atomic clocks to even generate the LO signals up to the exact computing speed of processing data. We note here that 2 problems exist. Time which is responsible for the phase of the LO frequency used and computing sync. With the European Radio Astronomy Clubs Project ALLBIN "Amateur Linked Long base line Interferometer Network" we are trying for the first time as Amateurs and Professionals to build up a very low cost network to do high resolution Radio Astronomy. On our web site www.eracnet.org the ALLBIN Project may be seen as well as the powerpoint presentation of how the hardware works, the timing problem has been solved using a very fine improved GPS System as yet not on the web it will be up soon! And the computing problem has been solved

very simply by commanding synchronously the convert command for the A/D Converter which synchronously produces data on the PCI bus to be then asynchronously processed by the very fast computer generation of today, our system improves on the professional systems of today as they still use magnetic tapes which give observational results months later and our system is live on the internet.

With the greatest pride I would like to announce here that ERAC Member in May 2004 Marko Cebokli, S57UUU, from Ljubljana, Slovenia managed to do digital correlation of 2 signals from 2 antenna receiver systems of the sun "the strongest and easiest source" to get wonderful fringes for the first time ever, no single person has managed to achieve this till this date and using very inexpensive equipment.

This is a wonderful step forward to doing Amateur Radio Astronomy with small dishes all over Europe and now that this technology has been proven. Other applications are also possible, for instance EME (please replace the word moon for mars in this acronym!). With ALLBIN technology and linking via the internet this may be possible. Open offer to the ham radio community to work together jointly in both directions. Ham Radio is not only purchasing Japan made black boxes plugging them in and experiencing the next "Kick" that money can buy, ham radio was originally radio science and I would like to invite the very small number of engineers to work together again to cross new borders. If enough interest can be found I am prepared to organize a conference for the first time to discuss using ALLBIN technology for amateur radio goals at Heppenheim, Germany.

Peter Wright, DJ0BI, ERAC President. erac@eracnet.org

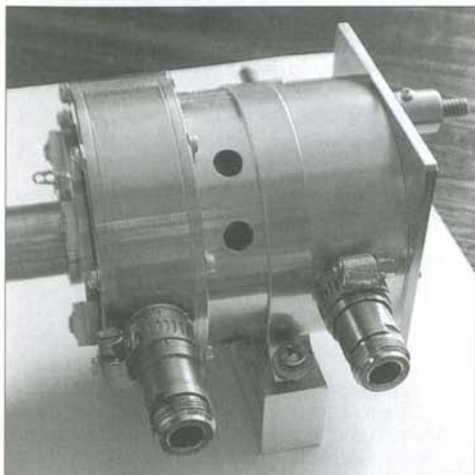
Beacon News

The F1EIT 10GHz beacon, original location in JN03TI, has been moved to a better QTH. The call sign has also been changed. The beacon is now F6CXO (waiting for an official call sign later) Location: JN14EB 650m ASL F1A modulation 1W power, the beacon antenna is a slotted waveguide with 13db gain. The frequency is 10368.950MHz.
73, Dom/F6DRO

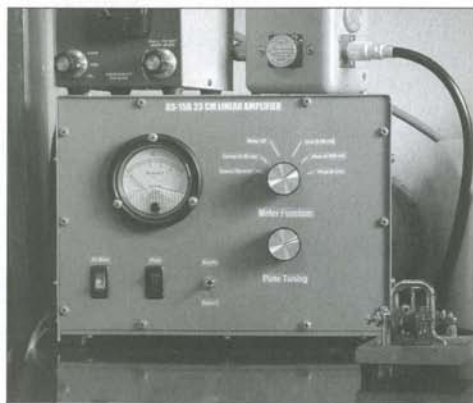
23cm 300W Valve Amplifier

The December 2004 issue of QST carries an interesting article from W6PQL on a 23 cm amplifier (pictured here). It delivers more than 300 watts with 10 watts drive. He actually has driven it to 400w+. It is water-cooled, thermally stable, and features very smooth-tuning. It includes a TR switch, relay sequencer, and all controls necessary to operate the amplifier safely and reliably. At its heart is a Russian tetrode, the GS-15B, modified for water cooling. Running in a well-made cavity he purchased from Mats Bengtsson, KD5FZX. Complete information on the cavity itself can be viewed online courtesy of Mats and Paul ND2X.

http://www.w6pql.com/23cm_amplifier.htm
(see pictures on the next page)



W6PQL Cavity for 23cms



W6PQL's 300W PA for 23cms

Microwave USA

Editor: Kent Britain, WA5VJB

New US 47 GHz Record and World Record

Again another US record – Sunday 19 Sep. during the 10GHz and Up Cumulative Contest W6QI/6 and AD6FP/6 completed a 47GHz contact over a 290Km distance to set a new world record. W6QI operated from Shuteye Peak DM07GI just south of Yosemite and AD6FP operated from Frazier Mountain DM04MS north of Los Angeles. W6QI had to brave 30 degree temperatures and snow while modifying the radio in order to complete the contact. Signal margins were >40 db on the W6QI end and about 8 db on the AD6FP end. The contact was completed using a combination of narrow band FM and CW. The station details are as follows: W6QI: 36" cassegrain dish, 10dbm xmit, 8 db nf, ocoo locked. AD6FP: 12" splash plate dish, 45 dbm xmit, 4 db nf, Rb locked. The weather conditions were quite unusual for September with scattered rain showers in the central California valley between Shuteye and Frazier. Frank W6QI, Gary AD6FP

New 122 GHz record

W0EOM and KF6KGV extended their 11.7km record from May 31st to 24.8km on August 24th when W0EOM/6 (CM97cj) worked KF6KVG/6 (CM87xh).

Long distance QSOs on 10 GHz

XE2/W6YLZ (DL27PT) wkd on August 21st 2004 on 10 GHz via Tropo:

N6RMJ/6 (CM95xv), 1028km

N6CA/6 (DM06cf), 1049km

WA6CGR/6 (DM06bg), 1057km

WB6CWN/6 (CM96om), 1135km

2-m-EME News

Bernd Mischlewski, DF2ZC

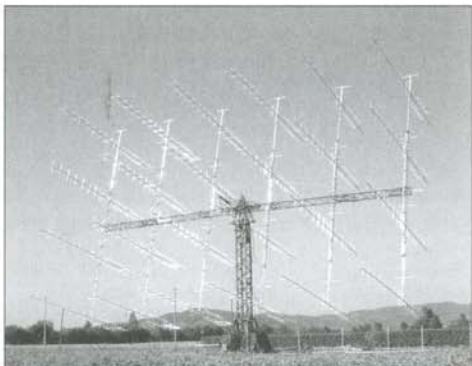
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ARRL EME Contest 2004

EME hams only know few propagation qualities: mediocre, bad and worse. From discussions on the various loggers it can be concluded the first leg of the ARRL EME contest showed conditions closer to "bad" but to "worse". In other words, they were quite o.k. Apparent was the lack of activity from the United States – for whatever reason. And a common thread of discussion afterwards was the use of loggers such as N0UK, W3EME or ON4KST for enabling JT65 contacts. Since JT65 signals can be near or below the noise floor in an SSB bandwidth, the finding of random JT65 signals without the logger is problematic for many. Only, do the rules justify this?

The ARRL rules sections say: "3.10. The use of non-Amateur Radio means of communication (for example, Internet or telephone) to solicit a contact (or contacts) during the contest period is not permitted." Does this wording allow soliciting QSOs via DX-Cluster (in case it is being accessed by packet radio and not by internet)? Or the use of WWV? Maybe it does – at least it looks it – but would this be according to the philosophy of the rules?

Another topic was the mixing of CW and JTxx-contacts where many think they should not be counted equal but put into different entrants classes. For example, the Bavarian Contest Club differentiates between both modes in their annual meteorscatter contest by awarding FSK441-QSOs only half the points awarded to CW-QSOs.



After three years IK3MAC was back just in time for the ARI EME contest in September: 24 x 23 ele LLY and 24 x 10 ele LY

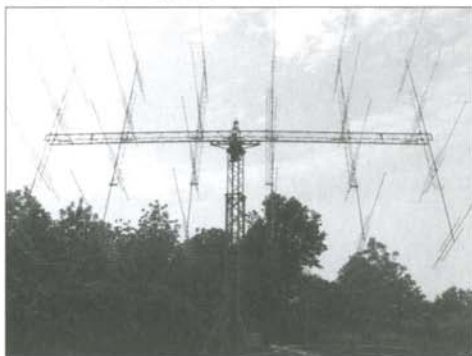
So, should ARRL modify the contest rules? Joe, K1JT, came up with a suggestion: "Firstly, one of the most popular ARRL contests is the annual 10-meter affair. Its rules are set up so that you can enter in CW, SSB or 'mixed' (i.e., both) modes. In mixed mode you can work the same station once in each mode. Such a rule would allow everyone who wants to, to make more QSOs. At the same time, it could create 'CW only'

and 'digital only' categories for those who prefer to stay with one or the other. Secondly, most ARRL contests have a 'single operator assisted' category for people who use the DX clusters. The EME contest could do likewise, rightly preserving the purity of unassisted operation for the 'heavy-weight' class."

Dave, W5UN, made his personal decision for his participation in the 2nd leg of the ARRL contest: He will use the EME Logger, the JT Logger, and any other available means available that will lead to more QSOs. The W5UN log will be submitted as an Assisted Category entry.

Such category is not currently specified by ARRL, but Dave is hoping to help force the issue of clarification at ARRL, and perhaps leading the League to creating an assisted category. Another reason behind is his desire to work as many stations as possible in the given time, and to help the smaller stations make their QSOs. Dave's experience during the first weekend with the JT mode (3 QSOs in 6 hours) has convinced him that logger assistance in spotting and schedule making during the contest is essential to making QSOs using the JT mode. Apparently a number of stations have decided to proceed similarly. No publication of QSO data on loggers while contact still in progress!

Slightly off topic Dave requests to third parties monitoring JT schedules that are in progress NOT to place data on the logger that conveys QSO progress (such as "W5UN SM7BAE OOO"). If QSOs are successful, that success should be a result of information conveyed only by the stations involved, and only via the EME circuit. That is something that applies not just for contests but in general. Even copies such as "050700 4 -23 4.3 -3 3#" contain not only signal strength but also QSO progress information because the "#" says that one station is sending Os to the other.



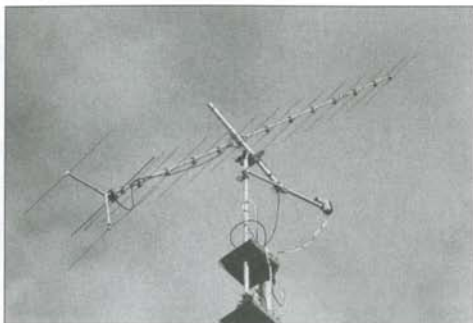
The other big signal from Italy:
I2FAK with 24 x 19 ele LLY

DUBUS EME Contest 2005

The discussions above already led to some results: The DUBUS EME Contest 2005 - sponsored by REF and Dubus Magazine - will not only have different sections for CW, Digital and Mixed for the first time. There are also other changes regarding an "Assisted" regulation. Have a look at the detailed rules and regulations published in this Dubus issue. 144 MHz Contest dates are May 14th 00.00 until May 15th 24.00 UTC

YO3FFF – successful CW EME with just a 16 ele F9FT

Cristi, YO3FFF (KN24ND), reports his success in the first part of the ARRL EME contest. All the QSOs were achieved with his small setup consisting of a single 16 elements F9FT (12 dBd), MGF1302, and 1 kW output – a little more than 12 kW ERP after cable loss. Worked were IK3MAC, RU1AA, I2FAK, HB9Q, K5GW, W5UN, KB8RQ, F3VS, RN6BN, LZ1DP, RN6BN (dupe), YU1CF, LZ2US. His final score are 12 QSO X 100 pts X 9 multi = 10.800 pts.



The good old F9FT-16 still works nicely on EME at YO3FFF

Heard, called but got nothing or QRZ: SV1BTR, SP7DCS, I3DLI, DK3BU, F1FLA, G3ZIG, OZ1HNE, DF7KF, K1CA, K6PF, N5BLZ. So there's enough left for the 2nd leg.

Cristi writes: "Conds were good almost all the time. There was a "silence time"(almost all signals disappeared for a while) on 9 October around 06:42 UTC, from 12:30 - 13:30 UTC and on 10 October around 10:45 UTC.



Cristi's EME QTH

Also I noticed on 10 October at about 12:40 UTC for couple of time LZ2US's echo quite strong when YO4FRJ's (my "neighbor" 100 km away, hi) echos were not detectable. The distance between YO4FRJ and LZ2US is some 300 km). I mention that both signals come to me also on TROPO, LZ2US's very weak.

As a conclusion, again my power was not enough (1 KW). With about 2 KW I think I could count 23 QSOs in CW!). I also feel that I need to upgrade the antenna to 2x F9FT as 4 yagi stations are very hard to work random in the contest in normal condition.

The results are my best ones in a contest (the previous record was last month in ARI EME). I hope that the next leg will be as productive as this one."

EME with the Ultimate QRP-Station

Jürgen, DJ7AL joined the the ARRL contest with a portable setup: 250 watts out and a 17 elements F9FT. Listening to some big guns with his 4 elements yagi mounted on the balcony at his flat in Dresden Jürgen copied I2FAK and RK3FG in JT65. This is particularly remarkable as there were some 25m H100-cable between antenna and IC910, moreover no preamp was used. So even with this roughly 6 dB less system sensitivity both stations were copied. TX tests with 250 watts out were not quite unsuccessful. I2FAK reported at least detecting the signal.



DJ7AL port. EME setup at the remote garden

Now the virus was well planted. Quickly Jürgen put together a station for use in the garden: a portable mast, F9FT-17, 250 watts amp and rx-preamp were now as close as possible to the antenna. During the first leg of the ARRL contest Jürgen more or less easily worked stations like I2FAK, HB9Q, RK3FG, DF2ZC and RU1AA. At times DJ7AL's signal was even that strong that a CW QSO would have been possible.

No question, setting up a EME station has become much easier now. A portable mast, 13-dBd-antenna, some 200 watts, a rx-preamp - and that's it. Jürgen will of course participate also in the 2nd leg of the ARRL contest. Hopefully many others will follow his excellent example...

Some weeks after the contest Jürgen came up with another story. He had completed an EME QSO with his 4 elements! The ultimate QRP: On Nov 6th 09.50Z he called Sam, RN6BN and worked him on Random.



Amp and preamp are being placed as close as possible to the antenna – even if this means on a garden bench

With his 4-elements and 250 W. "A dream has come true" he writes. "Actually I wanted to drive to my garden but the weather was very unpleasant – cold and wet. So I played with my 4-elements. As the trees had dropped their leaves, maybe there was a little less attenuation than in summer?"



Unbelievable: 2m EME is now a QRP propagation – if you try with a matching partner station

New (or back) on 2m EME

I6WJB (JN72)

Pierluigi is back on 2 m EME after many years. From JN72BK he started to listen in JT65 with a single 2.85 wl yagi and heard a few stations and already made some QSOs with S53J, I2FAK, N5BLZ and S52LM. When Pier installed his new PC in July he was even more successful though still using just the small yagi without elevation and his old 1-kW-amplifier. In September finally he could add elevation for the largest moon window and also a second yagi. And there are even more improvements waiting. I6WJB will add two more directors and in next spring he plans to set up 4 yagis. During ARRL contest Pierluigi made 10 CW and 14 JT65B QSOs.

EA6VQ (JM19)

Another come-back is Gabriel, EA6VQ. In the middle of November the setup of the 8 x 17 ele M2 5WL antennas was finished. After 3 years of inactivity when a strong storm destroyed Gabriel's old 8 yagi array EA6VQ is finally back. After learning the first steps of EME with WSJT Gabriel is now QRV in CW as well as in JT65.

HA8V (KN06)

Gabi reports his first two QSOs via moon. Both were made during the ARRL contest: W5UN and K5GW, worked in CW. Only heard were F3VS, OZ1HNE, DF7KF and IK3MAC. HA8V is QRV with some 900 watts out and 4x11 elements yagi. Gabi will also be QRV in the second leg, between 0° and 20° elevation in KN06.

LU8YD (FF51)

Alejandro was taking part in the ARRL contest using a 10 ele yagi, an IC-706 and a mirage amp with 300 watts out. So after LU7DZ and LU6KK no. 3 from Argentina is at the doors.

UA3MBJ (KO88SA)

Nikolaj is QRV in the WSJT modes with a GS35b and 4 x 10 ele yagis. He is on either the JT65-Logger or on the ON4KST chat (www.on4kst.info/chat144/login.php)

KM5PO (EM12KO)

Jim has finished his 4 x 2M18XXX array. He is now QRV with a 8877 and delivers a strong signal via moon.

RN6BN (KN95LC)

Sam is back with a decent array: 32 15-element-xpol-yagis. And they appear to be working very well as the QSO with DJ7AL shows. (See front cover for picture!)

VK6KDD (OG99)

Though many people are using the WSJT software now – mainly for meteorscatter – they don't believe that 90% of the ms stations are also EME capable: They can work at least most of the 4-yagi-stations at rise/set. So they need to be talked into trying it and also need some guidance how to use the JT65 mode and make EME QSOs. A tough task at times, but it pays off every now and then. Joop, PA0JMV, succeeded in persuading VK6KDD (QG99) - 400 W out and a 12 ele-

ments M2 - to try it. And they completed on November 2nd. Shortly after VK6KDD had some rig damage so he won't be QRV for the next time. He plans to show up on the JT65 logger as soon as all systems are go again. Joop is a real lucky man...

XE2AT (DL81UU)

Al popped up at the JT65 logger (www.chris.org/cgi-bin/jt44eme). He is QRV with about 150 watts out and two 3WL-yagis. His tx side might be a problem. Though, if he could arrange for just some 3 dB more XE could be within reach for most. And there are some clues...Al seems to be busy setting up a small 4-yagi-array.

Array destroyed: SP7DCS (JO91) QRT

For Chris, SP7DCS, the nightmare of all EME hams came true - he lost his array: "Hello EME friends! I am very sad to announce that my 2m EME array is now destroyed. There were very strong winds and also snow storms in SP on Nov 18 and 19. As my EME QTH is 50 km from home I drove there today to check if my system is ok. I had planned for some EME activity also tonight.

Unfortunately I found my array badly damaged. My neighbours there told me that they had something like a small tornado in their village. There are broken trees, electricity wires are also damaged. This small tornado was only in an area of few kilometers. Wind picked out of the ground one (of three) of the concrete (!) bases for mast support-lines. These bases were made of concrete and also 1.5m long steel pipes. The mast had fallen down and all 4 yagis are broken. Also the H-frame is partly damaged.

It sacrificed a lot of time for experiments with this array. Only this autumn, after making new phasing lines, for the first time I was totally satisfied with the performance. It worked FB, but it is a part of history now. Right now I have totally no enthusiasm to rebuild the array. I think I have not enough strength for it now. I also wonder if there is a point in building array again if cw random activity is that low.

I would like to thank all the EME community for many great moments and for many FB EME qsos! Good luck to all EME'rs around the world!"

We all hope Chris changes his plans after some time and decides to build a new array.



SP7DCS's array at better times

Software for EME

Most if not all of us use a special EME software to calculate moon path, common windows, degradation, MNR etc etc. Very often we don't need the full capability of the software, just azimuth, elevation, moon-rise and moon-set are enough, and a world map maybe to see who has moon now and who hasn't. Here a little program by Stacey E. Mills, W4SM comes in handy. It doesn't do much more than that and also is not very RAM consuming so you can always have it running while working with the PC. It is available for download at <http://www.keplerian.com/>

This program locates the Sun and Moon in real time using a full set of ephemeris factors. It gives azimuth, elevation, right ascension, declination, and range to each. Also it gives Lunar/Solar Rise/Set times for the current day. Own Latitude and Longitude are saved for future use after being entered at first start.

The new version includes an earth map, a celestial map, and a background radio noise map for the earth and moon. Earth shadows and moonlight can be adjusted as desired. Version 5.0 includes serial and DDE output for tracking in Easycomm1 or Nova formats. In DDE mode the client can also control Track_SM. The new Setup window includes compensations for three offset dish feeds, etc. Version 5.3 allows for output for equatorial mounts as local hour angle (LHA) and declination (Dec). These are adjusted such that at the meridian LHA = 180 deg. and Dec = Dec + 45 deg. in order to prevent negative values that might not be accepted by tracking hardware.

The software runs on Win98, Win2000, WinXP - and it's freeware!

DL7MAT Silent Key

Sad news reached from Wolfgang, DL5MAE who reported that his father Albert, DL7MAT, passed away on Oct. 26 at the age of 74: "Many may have worked him via the moon during the last 18 years as EME was his favorite mode although he



wasn't that active due to other commitments.

Unforgettable is the multi-multi-effort during ARRL EME contest in 1993 with a group of 10 OPs (and himself) when we reached the 2nd place by using his callsign. Albert is the "responsible" person for the antenna farm at DL5MAE's QTH and NONE (!!!) of my VHF-expeditions

would have been possible without him assisting. He even joined the EME-expeditions in SV9 in 1990 and 5B4 in 1996 himself." We all feel with Wolfgang. The EME community suffers a big loss.

Last:

3Y0X (The Peter I Island Expedition, scheduled for January 2005) will not be qrv on EME at all.

70cm + up EME

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EME 2004, fund by DL9KR

Remarks concerning the outcome of EME 2004:

Topic 1 (How to increase activity?): There are several reasons for the declining activity such as an increase of "birdies", lack of excitement due to very few newcomers and dxpeditions, general "saturation", etc.

We don't need additional media to announce planned station activities as we already have:

- a) long term: DUBUS, RSGB bulletin and QST
- b) monthly: 432&above NL
- c) weekly: K1RQG's net & net notes, and
- d) daily or shorter: OH2AQ cluster, EME logger(s), and moon- net to name just a few.

Activities in addition to the "conventional" (hi dec) AW's should be extended to weekends involving perigee, low dec and low Tsky. This could help marginal stations on one's own continent or over N/S pathes, too. "Sociable" hours (where?) probably play a minor role. -- BTW, I don't deem HB9BBD's suggestion as helpful.

Topic 5 (Standings): Conventional modes (CW/SSB) don't require any involvement of digital technology, while digital modes (e.g. JT) are not viable without computers and their sophisticated software. Thus, on purpose, RADIO technology is reduced to a secondary requirement, while such contacts are often assisted if not enabled by parallel exchanges on various dedicated loggers.

Therefore, separate standing lists really should be kept. Thus, over the years, the respective shares of modes in general and/or at individual stations can be evaluated and conclusions be drawn.

A third, "total" list may show the addition of digital and non-digital initials as both modes have the EME path in common.

A reminder: Standing lists are published by HB9Q, and more detailed at DUBUS and DF6NA. A "show of hands" in a 30 people quorum is less than marginal to decide over the structure of future standing lists.

Topic 6 (Hall of Fame): At (my) first thought, this should be reserved for SK's. OE9PMJ is certainly an excellent choice but many others come to my mind such as W1FZJ, KH6UK, W2IMU, W4HHK, OZ9CR etc. I think, we are well aware of the meritorious living.----

Creating a Fund:

A monetary fund on donation basis could support DXpeditions and/or help stations in "rare" countries to become operational on EME.

Example: ON4QJ has already enabled 2m EME at HI3TEJ by buying and transporting miscellaneous

equipment to HI-land on his own expense. He still has 8 yagis for 70cm ready to go but, understandably, is not willing to cover UPS shipping (abt 250 USD). Another example: A SSPA like the Ericsson Compact 9000 (300w, built-in AC PS) in a sturdy, upholstered crate plus 4 yagis in a second crate could be the basis for DXpeditions, be it on 70cm or as addendum for 2m dxpeditions. Overweight expenses could also be absorbed by a fund. --- A number of questions arises: Criteria, committee, treasurer, where, how, fiscal aspects? --- That winds it up. Kudos to Peter G3LTF for his detailed report on the proceedings. 73, Jan DL9KR

ARRL part 1 432/1296

DF3RU was active on contest, lots of problems on 23cm. 30x? on 70cm.. only about 10 contacts on 23cm.. very busy at QRL. 30W, 6 mtr dish.

DL0GER 432 results. We worked the following stations during the first leg of the contest: 09 Oct. VK3UM, OH2PO, HB9Q, SM3AKW, OZ4MM, DL7APV, SK0UX, F6HKM, G3LTF, N2IQ, N9AB, SM2CEW, K1FO, DL9KR, K0RZ, KL6M, 10 OCT SV1BTR, JJ1NNJ, EA3DXU, JA6AHB, DF3RU, PA3CSG, OE5JFL.

We were on for the whole pass in the first night, where conditions were fine. Had SSB echoes at moonrise. The second night started with even better signals. VK3UM was really loud and we worked 2 JA stations. EA3DXU was an easy QSO with his 2 yagis. The night before JL1ZCG was really loud for hours but could not copy me. In the morning, after sunrise, signals got worse (vertical I suppose) and we just managed to work PA3CSG (on sked) and OE5JFL. Went QRT right after the QSO to dismantle the station. Loudest station here was N2IQ on Saturday afternoon, peaking S5 on the meter (don't want to see their electricity bills, hi!) Heard but not wkd: G4ERG, K4EME, YO4FRJ, JL1ZCG, OH2DG?, K2UYH

I found the activity extremely poor, especially of the US boys. We will not be on for the second leg due to time limitations.

DL0GER is our club call and EME operation is portable. I will try to post some pictures of the operation on a website soon. We would also like to exchange some soundfiles to hear what we sounded like on the other end. Have recorded most of the QSOs. Setup: 4x26el Bvopt2, 8mm alu open wire, GS35 amp @ 1,5kW, MGF 1302 + BFP196 preamp (NF 0,8 @ 30dB gain) all home-made.

The ATF54143 preamp (NF 0,3) does not like this cold weather for some reason and starts to oscillate. Crew: DH0SP and DL3IAE. QSL route is via DL3IAE. 73s Daniel

DLOGGER

432 MHz EME



DL9KR 432 Departing to a family reunion (christening of grandson) during the western window on Saturday plus a 4 hour nap, left only 7 hours of operating time during which I worked 44x26. Despite the apogee signals were excellent. Taking their equipment into account, SV1BTR, WA6PY and N2IQ certainly stood out. 2 "weakies" couldn't be identified though they patiently continued to call (TNX!). The YYY-approach is still not in everyone's mind. However, my brief participation was worthwhile because it produced #809 UA3DJG and #810 LA9DL. I'm looking forward to spend more time in December.

EA3DXU This are the first leg results, saturday 9 On 432 MHz the situation was normal conditions and free of QRM. For this reason I spend most sunday time on this band. Finally ended with 42 QSO all random (25 x 144 Mhz + 17 x 432 Mhz). This produced 3 new # 1 on 144 Mhz and 2 on 432 Mhz. Wkd: 9/10 VK3UM, OH2PO, OZ4MM, N2IQ, N9AB, SM2CEW, F6KHM. 10/10 HB9Q, DL7APV, DL0GER # 168, DF3RU, JA6AHB, G3LTF, SK0UX # 169, G4ERG, OE5JFL, K0RZ. Hope the conditions will be better in second leg, this year the weather in Spain is very dry and all QRM sources are running at full power, hi. Equipment was as usual 2 x 38 el M2 + GS23B. See you on the moon 73 de Josep

G4ALH first time on 70cm since DUBUS contest.. increased drive to amp [brick] and half way through QSO with G3LTF died, original brick back and all is well. 9 QSOs.. just finished with SM2CEW..

G4ERG 432 Found conditions quite good at times but activity level down on previous contests. Occasionally there was no polarity peak on a few of the bigger signals from the States. I received a T7 report from JL1ZCG, wonder if anyone else detected anything less than T9 on my signal.? Finished the weekend with 25 x 21.... Station is still: 16 x 10el with polarity rotation, 2 x 3cx800a7. 73 to all, Peter

G4RGK was on a couple hours & worked 10, condx were ok.. but had high winds and had problems with az drive with the wind.. missing a lot of the big stations.. QRT with wind.

HB9BBD very tired.. 23cm activity was good.. more DXCC mult and more mult with Province & states.. 16 states and 24 DXCC, crashed dish feed into the service tower.. but fixed the situation.. only got jammed.. no damaged..

HB9Q first leg: We have worked a total of 175 stations and 85 multipliers on 3 bands (144: 76x32, 432: 72x33, 1296: 27x20). For the detailed logs see our band-pages at www.hb9q.ch. We enjoyed very much to be QRV and to work many new initials. On 432 there was much less activity then last year (JW-DXpedition did help to boost the activity). We were only QRV CW. We spent only a couple hours on 1296, using CW only. vy 73 Dan, HB9CRQ

K0RZ condx very good at times.. 36x22 for last weekend on 70cm. Reminds us that the Dec weekend is also 160 mtr cw contest.

K1FO On 432 I found conditions and activity good on Saturday. But on Sunday conditions and activity were poor. When I QSOd K6JEY at 1530 UTC on Sunday, he had absolutely NO polarity peak. I could find about a 2 or 3dB dip in his signal and that was it. Needless to say, Doug's signals were much weaker than normal. I had 40 QSOs with about 10 hours operating time. 73 Steve

K4EME fun yesterday.. but no more new ones this morning.. weak ones were down .. continually heard a lot of the stations worked yesterday.. 18 so far.. will be on this afternoon.. already worked 2 VK.. missed a few on CQs.

K6JEY 432 It was an interesting two days. I was on more often than I usually am. Aurora was unusually intense according to <http://aurora.n1bug.net/> which may have accounted for some of the signals. Some were 7 S units above the noise on peaks with wide QSB. N2IQ was consistently the loudest. I bid adieu to my old 8938 amp "Kate Smith" and installed a new Henry 3004A to be called "Mario Lanza". You know- portly, stout, sings high notes very well, fairly classy, and always had a good time. So far works fine. 1,500 watts output with no problem. Kate is going to someone else to sing. I'll miss that great pair of lungs. I worked DL9KR, N2IQ, KL7M, OE5JH, OH2PO, HB9Q, WA6PY, K1FO, Hope everyone else had a great time. I hope to be on 1296Mhz for the last weekend and look forward to my first EME QSO's on that band. K6JEY, 70cm, 4x25el K1FO, .22db nf, 1500w, 1296, 7' Dish, .2db NF, 150w

KE2N 432 I seem to have had a lot of trouble hearing things this weekend. It appears that something is raising my noise floor around here by about 3 dB. Not sure if it is my electronics or somebody else's. Could hear my echo's most of Saturday but not a very good SNR. Anyway, worked the big guns on Saturday for only 11 Q's and two more on Sunday. Even the big guns sounded weaker on Sunday, although HB9Q, F6KHM, N2IQ and OH2PO were constantly there. (K1FO and K2UYH were weak!) If you heard me, tried to call me and did not get through, drop me a line. I am trying to get a feel for how deaf my station is. Thanks Ken

PE1ITR 432 Here are the results in the 1st leg with my small EME station. Station: 2x28 el yagi (8.5w) + GS35 PA. The antenna setup is a non-permanent, kind of portable setup in the back garden with manual az and el control. It was my first experience in a eme contest and it was fun. Strange was to notice that the signals N9AB and N2IQ were very strong, but could not hear me. At the other hand the qso with KJ7F -4 yagi station- was very easy and audible on the speaker. 2004-10-09 wk: HB9Q (cw), KJ7F (jt65b, 4 yagi station). 2004-10-10 wk: OH2PO (cw), SM2CEW (cw), F6KHM (cw), K2UYH (jt65c, NC due to technical problems), hrd: N9AB, N2IQ. CU next time on the moon. 73 - Rob

SK0UX Thanks for all qso. Back home after a weekend with a minimum of sleep! This is a small summary of what we worked during the weekend. On 432 and 1296 we had to change the feed, preamps and pa's at the dish when we went from one band to the other. 432 Mhz Total of 23 qsos 21 initials (cw only). This was really the first serious attempt at 432 from SK0UX. We used our 6m dish with a patch-feed (dual polarity) that we made just a few days ago. It seems to work ok, some stations not heard at all in one polarity came up to readability 5 when changing polarity. We used 650w in the feed, that was not enough, we heard and called several more stations that could not hear us. Wkd: VK3UM, OH2PO, HB9Q, DL9KR, VK4AFL, OZ4MM, F6KHM, SM3AKW, DLOGER, OH2DG, DL7APV, JA6AHB, G3LTF, G4ERG, SM2CEW, PA3CSG, N2IQ, K1FO, KL6M, N9AB, K2UYH, DF3RU, EA3DXU. 1296 Mhz This was fun! Good activity and good conditions. We made a total of 41 qsos during the weekend. 10 initials! (cw only) DL0SHF, OH2AXH, F5VHX, HB9SV, HB9BBD, G4CCH, GW3XYW, OK1CA, K9SLQ, IK2MMB, W2DRZ, K5JL, G3LTF, SM3AKW, K5GW, K0YW, VE9DW, K9BCT, W2UHI, PA3CSG, N2UO, PY5ZBU, WA6PY, OZ4MM, K4QI, OH2DG, JA4BLC, OZ6OL, JA8IAD, OM6AA, HA5SHF, LX1DB, K2UYH, W9IIX, WB5AFY, DL1YMK, DL3COJ, DF3RU, F6CGJ,

VA7MM, OE5JFL.

73s from SK0UX crew. Hans, SM0MXO

SV1BTR 432 I reached my eme qth 3 hrs before the contest, fixing things just until 10 minutes before kickoff. I was sleepless for the previous 36 hrs due to travel and work commitments, so I was pessimistic if I could have my eyes+ears open for the 1st moon pass but seemed i did. I operated on 432MHz cw only. My results are 23 qso (21 cw random and 2 cw sked) = 10 initials.

Antennas are: 8*39el. 13wl H pol. My locator is KM18no since November 2003, so that makes me a new initial I suppose. On 432 conditions were excellent, many signals were in the range of 559-579 but on Sunday's moonrise signals were heavily distorted, so even if they were strong, I had trouble decoding them. Expected much more activity from US stations. 432 MHz: PA2CHR OH2PO DL9KR DL7APV # KL6M # OZ4MM F6KHM # G3LTF SM3AKW G4ERG HB9Q N2IQ SM2CEW DJ6MB # DL0GER # VK3UM # SP6JLW # JA6AHB DL1YMK # DF3RU I5CTE # N9AB # VE6TA. 73 Jimmy

S52CW 70cm: I was qrv only during 1st pass and found conditions quite ok in first few hours. I think that polarization was shifted later on and only a few big gun stations were heard here. On Sunday we had heavy rain with thunder storms so I was not on the air. Stations worked: DL9KR, HB9Q, OH2PO, F6KHM, OZ4MM, G3LTF, DL7APV, 7M2PDT, N2IQ, SM2CEW, K1FO, K0RZ, N9AB, KL6M. 73 de Uros

VE6TA 432 I was on for about 15 hours total operating time and found conditions quite good on the first moon pass, and a lot of polarity spreading on the second moon pass. Coincidentally, there was a very nice visual aurora Saturday evening. I worked a few less QSO's than last year, and a few more initials than I was counting on, so all in all a good weekend. Stations worked: OCT 9: SM2CEW, DL7APV, DL9KR, F6KHM, N9AB, N2IQ, OH2PO, K0RZ, G3LTF, G4ERG, KL6M, K1FO, HB9Q, K2UYH, VK3UM, JA6AHB. OCT 10: OE5JFL, YO4FRJ #101, SM3AKW, SV1BTR #102, OZ4MM, DL1YMK, JJ1NNJ #103. 73's to all. Grant

WA6PY On 432 with single cross yagi 6.5 w! QSO'd DL9KR, F6KHM, N2IQ, HB9Q, OH2PO, SM2CEW. I QSO'd DL9KR 559/549-559 at the end of QSO. At the beginning of the QSO moon was still 2 degrees below the mountain on the horizon. Moon was at 4 deg and mountain height is 6 deg. Later I heard Jan much stronger. I could not get attention of SV1BTR and N9AB.

On 1296: HB9BBD, K5GW, K9SLQ, K5JL, K2UYH, G4CCH, SK0UX, VE9DW, DL1YMK,

on SSB and JT4465. (He has an accurate time and frequency reference).

DL8YHR Frank reports that his 70 cm EME station (4x13 w/ yagis and YL1050 PA) is currently not in operation. He is planning to move the station to another QTH. **Frank will be traveling next summer to 6W and 5T and wants to try 70 cm EME from these rare locations using 150 W and a 9 w/ yagi.** He promises to keep us informed of his plans.

DL3JUY wk'd his first 70cm EME with VK4AFL.

DL9KR Until now, 2024 yielded initials with **DL3QYM**, **OK1DFC**, **SP2OFW**, **JG2BRI**, **3B9C**, **OZ1DL1EJA**, **OJ10DL8YHR**, **DL0GER**, **SV1BTR** (new qth), **DL3JY**, **ZS6JON**, **UA4AOL**, **DL7FE**, **SK0UX**, **UA3DJG** (ARRL contest), **LA9DL** (ARRL contest) and **SM3JOU** #611.

Activity was generally low during the activity weekends and the Italian EME contest. When applying for my 16m 40 zone WAZ, I learned about the availability of an **EME WAZ** which requires a minimum of 25 confirmed zones. My application on the basis of 28 zones on 432 MHz resulted in **EME WAZ #2** (after OK1IMS #1 for 144 MHz), 73 Jan.

KL7NP concentrating on 70cm now, has 4 antennas & trying to get on within the next month. He has everything but an amplifier.

MOEME should be on 100w and 4x6x2 next activity weekends. Already worked HB9Q but procedures were not right.

NS1TO Dave is ORV on 432 (as well as 2 m) EME. On 432 he is using 4 x 18 KLM yagis with full AZ/EL mounting and 500 W from modified AM-6155 PA. Dave can operate both CW and JT65.

NC6Q (NC) has 16 x 15 yagis FO az/el/pol and GS35B amp. He has 23cm as well: 2 tube 7289 & 10' dish, gabcrc@ncr.com

OH3AWW bought a house in KP11V square and will move antennas from present location to KP21K next summer. On 70 cm he has 2 x 31 el 10.5 w/ JR yagis on a full elevation mount with 300 W PA. Cable loss is > 2 dB. He is available for on the horizon 70 cm skeds on CW and JT44/65. On 9 Oct he made his first 432 JT44 QSO with DL2UYH (sync was 4 and strength -16 dB peak). Matti runs 240 W in the shack with about 120 W at the antenna (2 x 31 el yagis). During the contest he heard N2IQ on CW many times, but not even receive a QRZ in response to his calls.

SS3J ARI EME. I was qrv both days on 432 and only wk'd HB9Q - loud as usual. Only hrd DL9KR.

SS2CW, Rig: FT847, ANT: 4X28 2M9WLA, RX: ATF 33143, TX: GS23B, 73 bzze JN75ev

SM3JOU After a little more than a year of preparation initial #1 is done! Saturday morning I finally managed to get attention from HB9Q on random CW and finished my first EME QSO ever. Thanks! - So I would like to thank SM3RAO for support and advice during the past year that started when building antennas. I met Karl the first time back in 1978 or 79 and saw his arrangement for EME on 432. A dream was born but nothing was done until last summer. Thanks also to SM2BYA for encouraging hints and feedback. Just have to mention for the rest of you that Gudmund is well known in my family from the age of 15 or so, (I must have been 5 or 6 years old then) when he started to hang around and visit my uncle SM3AH.

So when I told my mother that I was hoping listening to Gudmund from Svalbard via EME she knew exactly what it meant for me.

My station is far from finished and for the moment a final PA is under construction together with an antenna switch. Still I've not heard my own echoes, "just" seen them on JT. My station so far: 411W BVO (4733el), PHEMT with unknown NF, GI-7b alt 250W at feed. After been there once I want to go back. But right now I'm just walking around with a stupid smile on my face. 73, Per (JP82qm)

UA4AOL is glad for his first cw QSO with DL9KR (28 Sept) on 432.

VK2SN I hope to be very active on 2M, 70cm and 23cm EME in about a month or two with good power and hopefully good gain. Sean Neylon

WB7QBS, yagis are up and feedline run, 4x22el FO. Looking good in the air & SWR is fine, az/el.

432 & up (net) news

CT1DINK broke right foot on last day of holiday this summer... was stuck on 70cm but due to not able to walk to antenna, could not adjust it because it was off 30 degrees... still not recovered from broken foot so no activity on EME. Hi cannot change feeds or work at the dish.

DL1YMK was on 23cm & 70cm during the Dec weekend. No EME on 13cm, no horn for dish & too busy with QRL.

JAT8MB: Hiroshi, a JA-Samurai 5 band EME'er, has decided to concentrate his activities on only 5.7 GHz and 10.45 GHz EME from now on. He has taken his old 6-m dish, which was located on

top of a large building, out of service. Hiroshi is now using a beautiful 4 m mesh dish.

K9SLQ Wayne writes that he wants to post a testimonial for what the 432 & Above Net has done for him and so many other new EME operators - I am sorry to say that I have been forced to abandon 432 due to interference from a local hospital, but in the record book will go 65 initial contacts to faithful 432 operators. Thanks goes to the skeds arranged by none other than K1RQG and his net. Now that I am ready to operate 1296 and EME, I'm back on the net looking for help to get the word out that K9SLQ is available for skeds anytime.

KU4F temporary qrt. My az/el mounting did not hold up to hurricane Jeanne. Also my fiberglass feed pole snapped in half, even though it was guyned in 2 different places with phytystan. The dish came out ok. Hope to have a crane to drop dish and mount. I plan to build a much stronger mount this time. 73 Les

PY5ZBU Don was active on 23 cm during the contest - I have moved my station to a farm on which I now live and finally all systems are installed, tested and working just fine. I am active on both 70 cm and 23 cm. My dish is 7 m with 1 kW at the feed on 70 cm and 800 W at the feed on 23 cm (good SSB echoes). I am now looking for skeds to show everyone that PY5ZBU is back again!! My grid has changed to GS54dk. My email address is the same, but my telephone number has changed and is 554130326245

SS2CW ARI CONTEST: Poor conditions and very low activity marked this year ARI contest. I made 8 qso's with SP6LJW for #112 and dxcc #30. Worked: HB9Q, VK3JUM, JA6AHB, SP6LJW, K1FO, DK3WG, DL9KR, G3LTF, 73 de Oros,

ZS6AXT: Ivo writes - I have not been too active... I am just busy repairing all the stuff. In addition, I had some health problems (nothing really serious), but I was "under the weather" for quite a while. WX has not been much cooperative tool I will start soon on a mount for a 3 cm dish. I am also working on 24 GHz equipment, but not for EME. John, ZS6JON is now representing ZS on 70 cm. He has most of my 432 equipment and finally has it all working well. He is on CW only - hi.

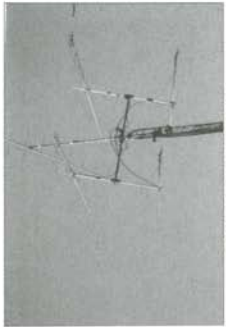
ARRL JW

ESSPC 13cm results: It was a busy and interesting weekend for me as using my new 4.5 m dish setup for the first time in ARRL contest. Built and in-

0YV, W2DRZ, F6CGJ, OH2DG, OK1CA, H2AXH, 4QOI, G3LTF, JH1KRC, JA4BLG, A6CZD, QZ4MM, N2UO, PA3CSG, LX1DB, JE5JFL, IK3COJ, SM6CKU, VA7MM, W9IIX, JBSAFY, JA8JAD, JA6AHB, 73 Paul

IB5AFY worked 21 on 23cm, happy and first time on contest, ready for more. 15 dish 8x7289.

OZ1S Szgiz sends info on the 1st leg of contest I'm glad to report that all went well in my 15th in my participation in the annual ARRL EME Contest. Conditions were quite good on Saturday, but at the best on Sunday, especially after 0400 when my local Moon window started (el > 40 deg). Despite some problems at the start with my Z readout, (always Murphy is around - hi), I was able to log on 70 cm the following random QSOs: L9KR, (579/559), HB9Q (569/539), OZ4MM (694/449), FK6HM (010), OH2PO (559/559), 3LTF (559/549), N2IQ (569/549), SM2CEG (590) and N9AB (010). CWNR were JL1ZCG on 40 and SS2CW (449). Heard were JA6AHB, ORZ, UT3LL and PA3CSG. Some of the signals may have been covered by the multitude of PC rides/noises of my downtown areas QTH. I am so thinking about trying 23 cm EME someday.



SM2ILF 4x32 El 9BV 11w!

132 MHz

L80BU qrt. I gave up amateur radio now (after 2 years of enthusiastic a-work. Well I'm still alive I feel fine, but started a new hobby, which sed as much time as the old one, so decided to leave the old hobby. I wish you and the whole ME-community much fun on EME. 73s Jürgen

L7UAE Tom in JO62ph is operational on 70 cm ME with 4 x 6.5 w/ (22 dBd) yagis with full elevation. His PA is 1.4 kW, but he has a cable loss of about 3 dB due to a telescopic tower that needs xible coax cable. His preamp is mounted at the antenna with 0.38 dB NF (-54 degs K). Tom is not uch of a CW operator, but is willing to take skeds

alled a new preamp and mounted the SSPA at 3 feed. Spent a lot of time making it all controlling from my shack about 40 m away. Finally everything worked fine. All stations worked random without any skids! The station was 16 qso with 15 different stations. Worked OE9ERC also on SSB in HF signals. The stations worked: SK0UX, 46NVQ, G3LTF, G3LOR, F2TU, OH2DG, OE9ERC, OZ4MM, WA9FWD, W5LUA, SM3AKW, 42AXH, K2UYH, WA6PY, JA4BLC (2304/2424 xssband). Hrd IK2RTI, OK1CA. On Saturday morning before the moonset I heard somebody E8TAT) answering my CQ but then suddenly I was not possible to fix it before the moonset, my about that. The weakest station worked, 46FWD. I'm you for all the nice qso!

ough I'm back in Stockholm now it does not that I'm qrt for a while. I just tested the re-ate-control functionality of my dish setup over internet. To my surprise everything worked 0%! I was able to hear my echoes both on 2304 0 2320 MHz from my dish setup in Estonia over Skype internet phone connected to the rig in shack at home. It was exciting to try a real soon using this setup before it breaks! Skeds welcome! 73 de ES5PC / SM0WCM

TU The bad weather in Europe and in Japan lused the participation and stations work only urdays.

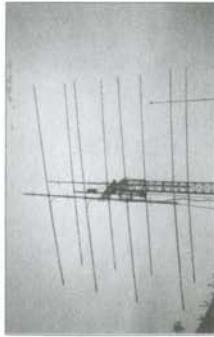
LOH2 I used new transistor's Pa on the feed, work. qv on Oct 30, 3.5 hours, and on Oct. 30 min. QO: ES5PC VE6TA SK0UX #37 46NVQ #38 G3LTF OE9ERC OH2DG #39 13AKW WA6PY W5LUA WA9FWD 040 024MM :1CA JA6CZD #11 OH2AXH K2UYH #42 1 KFOR L10B (ssb/ssb) JA4BLC. Heard IK2RTI 1 30oct 22:00, because bad weather. Results: 16, 6 initials

. GHz: qv 2 hours for 3 qso !!! W5LUA 12AXH LX1DB (ssb/ssb). Results: 3 x 3 GHz: qv oct 31, 3.5 hours only. Qso: IQ4DF KSX OK1UWA WA7CJO OK1CA G4NNS 6PY W5LUA DLOEF PAOEHG LX1DB /ssb/ heard OH2AXH. Results: 11 x 10 31/10/2004 OH2AXH # During all test WX was very bad, especially Sunday morning with strong rain for more hours. Saturday night we had worked with a preamp with 2nd stage failure. Sunday morning we replace with new preamp but all signals were compromised from strong rain. Good activity Saturday 14/10/04

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Best 73. JJ FIEHN



SV1BTR 8°39el, 13w H pol (432)

G3LTF On 13cm 12 qso with SK0UX, ES5PC, OK1CA, OE9ERC, OHNVQ, SM3AKW, G3LOR, F2TU, OZ4MM, K2UYH, W5LUA, JA4BLC. Heard and called on 2320 LX1DB. Heard on 2304 and called on 2320 OH2DG. VE6TA, KA9FWD, OH2AXH, WA6PY, IK2RTI. The * indicates that they had no 2320 rx. Heard on 2424 JA6CZD. To all stations in W4Wd 20. I missed K9KFR it seems. In Dubus this year I worked 9 (one weekend shared with other bands) and in ARRL last year 13 (two weekends, shared with other bands) It will be interesting to hear the results of the 10 GHz gang but my conclusion, from the point of view of a 13cm op, is that the additional activity resulting from a dedicated weekend is pretty minimal. Thanks to everyone for their QSOs... and keep on working on your 2320 Rx capability. 73 Peter

Report of ARRL microwave contest on 10GHz band by IQ4DF group. 14 qso on 30/10/2004: OK1UWA, WA7CJO, OK1CA, IK2RTI, DLOEF (57 57 sss), G4NNS, PAOEHG, 56/53 sss, LX1DB #, DJ5NN, no RR, DLOSHF 54/52 sss, F2TU, 31/10/2004 OH2AXH # During all test WX was very bad, especially Sunday morning with strong rain for more hours. Saturday night we had worked with a preamp with 2nd stage failure. Sunday morning we replace with new preamp but all signals were compromised from strong rain. Good activity Saturday 14/10/04

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K2UYH 13cm It was sure fun! We had a problem the first night due to no sequencer, we lost the front end in the transverter twice and had to quit. I brought up a sequencer from home on Saturday and that solved the problem. We had about 80 watts into the feed, and our own echoes were about 54 - I think they should have been louder but we did not have time for more tuning and we were installing the stuff between rain drops. We started hearing signals when the moon was still in the trees - around 20 degrees. The following stations were worked - thanks to all the FB ops: OH2AXH, SK0UX, W5LUA, WA6PY, SM3AKW, OHNVQ, OZ4MM, OH2DG, ES5PC, OE9ERC, VE6TA, G3LTF, F2TU, DLOSHF (SSB), K9KFR - for a total of 15. The crew at K2UYH this weekend were: Al K2UYH, Russ K2TXB, and Mark N2UO.

OHNVQ 13cm Worked the following stations during the weekend. 30 Oct 04, SK0UX, ES5PC, OE9ERC, G3LTF, F2TU, OH2AXH, OK1CA, 31 Oct 04, K2UYH, OH2DG, SM3AKW, WA6PY, OZ4MM, 12 stations and 6 initials I can not count how many liters of coffee that was consumed to stay awake :-). Missed a few, heard LX1DB, good in the last hours of contest but he disappeared after the JA window! I would like a bigger dish !!! Equipment: here 3m dish, 150W and 40 dB gain, midcoiled sky noise, 12dB sun, 73's Tomas KP13IQ

SK0UX We managed to work 18 stations and 9 initials on 2.3GHz. At the first quick check it looks like 15 multipliers. I do not know if this was good or bad (1st contest ever on 2.3) But I think we worked all that we heard. If someone called us and did not get a reply, please let us know. 14 of the 18 qso were made during the first 4 hours of the contest. Needless to say, the second night was a bit slow. Worked on 2.3: OHNVQ, ES5PC, G3LTF, G3LOR, OK1CA #10, OE9ERC #11, SM3AKW, F2TU #12, IK2RTI #13, VE6TA, W5LUA, WA6PY, OH2DG #14, WA9FWD #15, OZ4MM, OH2AXH #16, LX1DB #17 and K9KFR for #18. 5.7 GHz was a big disappointment, we heard nothing at all of the moon, not even AJW5LUA. Probably we were not pointing accurately enough at the moon. We will give it another try when we have some daylight and can actually see what we are doing. Operators this weekend were: SM0EPO, SM0BSO and SM0MXO. 73's Hans, SM0MXO

WA6PY On 13 cm QSO'd: SK0UX, SM3AKW, OZ4MM, OE9ERC, IK2RTI, VE6TA, W5LUA, K2UYH, ES5PC, OHNVQ, OH2DG, JA6CZD, JA4BLC. Heard: OH2AXH, WA9FWD. On 10 GHz QSO'd: DLOEF, F2TU, WA7CJO, FK5X, OK1UWA and again DLOEF. I will take 13 cm feed down for few months. 73 Paul

23 cm

IK2RTI I made a short appearance on Saturday 9th October on 23 cm because I had some business. I heard several stations, but I only worked five of them, with very good signals, although the noise was strong. This let me test a two concentric helices feed and the result was good, according to me, considering that the feed is placed together with three other W2IMU feeds for 2.3, 5.7, 10 GHz on a homemade 4.8 m dish with ID 0.52. I'd like to know if there are other stations with this kind of feed on 23 cm. 73 Gianfranco

W2DRZ This is our report for the 23 cm only multi operator effort at W2DRZ. Operators were K2TXB and W2DRZ. This was our best weekend ever from this location. We ended up with 42 contacts and 30 multipliers. The station seems to be working very well with the new HB9BBD preamp and the new 500 watt power amp right at the dish. We certainly were hearing much better than ever before although there were still signals I wished I could copy - but I guess that is always the problem. I have never been satisfied that any of my VHF or microwave receiving systems was good enough. The weaker stations we worked were: W9IUX, NA4N, IK3COJ, and JA6AHB. We were right at moonset Sunday when working JA6AHB and ground noise was certainly a factor in making the copy difficult. We also heard and copied the 50 watt signal from SM6CKU, but never heard him call CQ or get an answer to ours. There were some real strong stations as usual, but even stronger here this year: HB9BBD, DLOSHF, K5GW, HB9C, K5JL, all got a 579 from me, and there were a few of the others that were that good later after they were gone. I'd sure like to urge more of the US hams to get on the air for the contest on 23 cm. Once the moon is down in Europe the band becomes a wasteland here. It was fun working Willi, LX1DB on SSB and also caught VE7BBG via JT65B for our first ever digital contact (and only attempt). And we worked 4 JA stations this year which is the most for us, but did not hear some we worked in previous years.

73 all. Russ K2TXB (operator at W2DRZ - FN02, New York State)

DLOSHF in ARRL Contest on 1296 MHz results: I drove to DLOSHF early in the morning after a quite short sleep due to our baby. I used SPECTRAN as visual aid and the built-in filter when signals were marginal like OH3MCK. I am very pleased to work OH3MCK. Signal was very weak but I could copy. Funny enough 23cm EME signals can look VERY different from the ONE signal on 1296.025 which was a clean signal. EME

signals. ALL looked spread over at least 20 Hz. Very easy to see. Some stations I had to chase along the band as they had a bad drift. If I could not have seen in spectran where the weak signal went to I would probably have lost it. Except a few stations I called on their CQ, I stayed calling CQ around 1296.027. Altogether I worked 37 stations. The station worked without any problems with about 1 kW at the feed of the 9.5m solid dish. I know that we had some terrible clicks on the signal making it somewhat unique. It was big fun to work so many old friends again. 73, Christoph, DF9CY



K9SLQ's new dish that he is using on 23 cm

2320 MHz

Current status of JA stations on 13cm

JA8IAD ready with 150W+ and 5m dish, clear sky
JA6CZD ready with 70W and 5m dish, window restriction (EL needs higher than 20deg.) to east and clear to west

JR4ZZS not sure but some possibility to QRV with 60W at TX into -5dB feeder and 9m dish, clear sky. I will do my best to get the club station QRV. Ken

JR4AEP will operate in the contest.

JA4BLC no 13cm feed mounted at the moment. Not sure but some possibility to QRV only on Sunday.

JA7BMB has stopped operation on 13cm, very sorry. GL de Yoshio JA4BLC

13cm in HB9 is on 2308 MHz. Stations need a special permit for EME. HB9JAW and HB9SV got the permit already and plan to become qrv.

10 GHz

9H1ES was active on EME for the first time for experiments during the weekend 4/5 Sept. Parabolic 2m, solid preamp hemt 0.65 db n.f, feed

peramid horn pol. horz., TX TWT 21 watts using waveguide switch, i.f FT 817. Tranverter home design by ssb. 73s Fortunato

G4NNS This was the first test for my new antenna mount and tracking system which gives me longer on the moon than before. I was very pleased with the results with my relatively QRP set up 9W 3.7m. I worked OK1UWA, IQ4DF, WA7CJO, F6KSX, DL0EF, OK1CA and F2TU. I heard but did not work IK2RTI, PA0EHG, W7SZ. If anyone would like to test out of contest hours please let me know as the system will remain set up for the time being. 73 Brian

PA0EHG We where active on 3 cm in the ARRL contest. We made 5 QSO's. Stations worked are WA7CJO, OK1UWA, F6KSX, IQ4DF and DL0EF. The QSO's with IQ4DF and DL0EF where in SSB. We also heard LX1DB and 15PPE. Equipment over here: 3 mtr dish 0.7 dB noise figure and 200 Watt output. Best 73's, Hans

SP7JSG SWL Czeslaw SP7JSG started his first experiences with 3cm eme. His has no power yet (only 1.5w) , but he tested his RX during ARRL EME Contest Microwave Weekend. He has 3m dish and heard: 30/31.10.04 F6KSX, OK1UWA, IQ4DF, WA7CJO. Czeslaw plans to have 25W PA in spring 2005 and hopes to try qos then...

47 GHz

RW3BP saw AD6FP's signals after computer processing them. So we are vy close to the first 2way contact now. Obviously the US guys need just a bit more power.

Toplist

Call	Smal	Sqr	DXC	US-	WAC	WAS	Initi-
432							
DL9KR	405	55	88	50	1978	1987	811
DJ6MB	310	43	63	44	1984	--	368
OK1KIR	254	45	63	44	1982	--	359
DL7APV	175	33	39	42	1984	--	235
OE9ERC	148	30	36	28	1993	--	226
1296							
OE9ERC	168	32	40	30	1993	--	268
DJ9YW	150	30	46	23	1998	--	167
OK1KIR	148	32	39	28	1989	--	190

Changes were minimal!

Due to the lists on the web there seems no demand for an EME list in DUBUS anymore? Only 4 changes since the list in DUBUS 1/04 (p 73). So we cut the list for this issue and show only the changed sections. (DL8HCZ)

73 Bernd DL7APV

EUROPEAN WORLD-WIDE EME CONTEST 2005

Sponsored by DUBUS and REF

The EU WW EME contest is intended to encourage world-wide activity on moonbounce. Multipliers are DXCC countries plus all W/VK/VE states.

1. Contest Dates & Bands:

First weekend, APRIL 16/17, 00 - 24 UTC: 50 MHz, 1.3 GHz, 10 GHz, 24 GHz and up
Second weekend, MAY 14/15, 00 - 24 UTC: 144 MHz, 2.3 GHz and 3.4 GHz
Third weekend, JUNE 11/12, 00 - 24 UTC: 432 MHz and 5.7 GHz

2. Sections and Awards:

QRP 144MHz <100kW EIRP 432MHz <400kW EIRP 1296MHz <600kW EIRP
>= 2300MHz no separate QRP/QRO categories

QRO On 144, 432 and 1296MHz, stations with EIRP equal to or greater than stated above.

PRO Non-amateur equipment or antenna. PRO stations will have scores listed separately.

CW All QSOs in CW mode - no other modes used

DIG All QSOs in digital mode (e.g. all the "JT" modes) - no other modes used

MIX QSOs in CW and digital modes or any other mode

Assisted (ASS): Stations using liaison by any other means (eg DXcluster, logger, internet, telephone) must indicate this and will be marked with an asterisk after their callsign in the result tables. ASS is not a separate section. Also there are no separate multi-operator classes. Multi-operator and QRO stations will be highlighted in the general classifications. All QRP/QRO band winners and QRP/QRO multiband winners will receive a year's free subscription to DUBUS magazine. In each band/section, certificates will be sent to the top five entries and to the highest-scoring station in the southern hemisphere.

4. Contest Exchange: For a valid QSO, both stations must transmit and receive both callsigns+TMO/RST/xxdB + R. There is no restriction on modes, but entrants must not cause inter-mode QRM.

5. Logs: Logs must be separate for each band, and should be in normal "logbook" format. Top line: Your callsign, Band Each QSO: Date/time, Callsign, Report sent, Report received, Points, Multiplier
Bottom line: Total points, Total multipliers, Total claimed score.

5. QSO Points: 100 points for each random QSO completed.

10 (ten) points for each sked QSO completed on 144/432/1296MHz.

100 points for each random or sked QSO completed on 2.3GHz or higher bands.

6. Multipliers: Each DXCC country (except W/VE/VK), or EACH INDIVIDUAL STATE worked in W/VE/VK. States and provinces can be determined after the contest using recent Newsletters, on the Web or in DUBUS.

7. Total Scores: Single band score = [Total of QSO points] * [Total of multipliers].

There will be one QRP winner and one QRO winner on each band.

Multiband score = [(Total sum of points on 144-1296MHz) +

(2 * total sum of points on 2.3GHz or above)] * [Total sum of multipliers on all bands]

There will be one QRP multiband winner and one QRO multiband winner. Multiband stations will also be listed as an entry on each separate band worked, and can also win single-band awards.

8. Contest Entries: Copy of the log for each band with details of points, multipliers and total points.

The following information **MUST** also be included for each band: 1. Output power, transmit cable loss, antenna type and gain. 2. Categories: QRO/QRP - single/multi operator - ASSisted - mode CW/DIG/MIX 3. Name(s) of all operators 4. Locator/State. Other info is welcome: Comments, conditions, locator, station details, photographs, etc.

9. Sending Your Entry: Contest entries **MUST** be sent no later than 28 days after the end of the third weekend (i.e. in the mail or e-mail by 10 JULY 2005).

Mail address: Patrick Magnin, F6HYE, Marcorens, F-74140 BALLAISON, France

You can also e-mail your contest entry in ASCII format to: f6hye@ref-union.org

All email entries will be acknowledged within one week. For further questions contact: info@dubus.de

DO ***NOT*** SEND LOGS TO ANY DUBUS POST OR E-MAIL ADDRESSES!

Good Luck in the Contest!

For REF: Patrick Magnin, F6HYE

For DUBUS: Joachim Kraft, DL8HCZ

Lunar Weekend Calendar for 2005, by G3SEK

At 2400 Sat/ 0000 Sun	Declination (deg)	Signals (dB)	Sun offset (deg)	Sky temp (K, 432MHz)	Comments
Jan-01/02	6.2	-0.3	-110	15	Day (AM).
Jan-08/09	-27.7	0.9	-22	166	Moon in south.
Jan-15/16	2.8	0.2	+74	19	Day (PM).
Jan-22/23	28.0	-0.9	+153	29	Night. Apogee.
Jan-29/30	1.6	-0.3	-129	21	Night.
Feb-05/06	-28.1	1.0	-42	149	Moon in south.
Feb-12/13	6.9	0.1	+54	20	Day (PM).
Feb-19/20	27.6	-0.9	+133	20	Night Apogee (23cm SSB)
Feb-26/27	-3.1	-0.2	-148	20	Moon in south.
Mar-05/06	-27.6	1.0	-60	41	Moon in south.
Mar-12/13	10.6	0.0	+34	20	Day (PM).
Mar-19/20	26.6	-0.9	+114	20	Day (PM). Apogee.
Mar-26/27	-7.6	-0.1	-167	20	Moon in south.
Apr-02/03	-26.1	1.0	-77	41	Moon in south.
Apr-09/10	14.1	-0.1	+14	24	Sun noise.
Apr-16/17	25.0	-0.9	+94	14	Day (PM). Apogee.
DUBUS: 6m, 23cm, 10 GHz					
Apr-23/24	-11.6	0.0	+175	21	Moon in south.
May-00/01	-23.4	1.0	-94	24	Moon in south.
May-07/08	17.5	-0.2	-5	24	Sun noise.
May-14/15	22.8	-0.9	+75	14	Day (PM). Apogee.
DUBUS: 2m, 2.3/3.4 GHz					
May-21/22	-15.1	0.1	+156	26	Moon in south.
May-28/29	-19.8	1.0	-110	20	Moon in south.
Jun-04/05	20.8	-0.3	-22	24	Sun noise.
Jun-11/12	19.9	-0.9	+57	13	Day (PM). Apogee.
DUBUS: 70cm + 5.7 GHz					
Jun-18/19	-18.3	0.2	+137	26	Moon in south.
Jun-25/26	-15.8	0.9	-126	17	Moon in south.
Jul-02/03	23.9	-0.4	-40	24	Day (AM).
Jul-09/10	16.5	-0.9	+39	13	Day (PM). Apogee.
Jul-16/17	-21.4	0.3	+119	35	Moon in south.
Jul-23/24	-11.8	0.9	-144	17	Moon in south.
Jul-30/31	26.3	-0.4	-57	29	Day (AM).
Aug-06/07	12.7	-0.8	+21	14	Sun noise.
Aug-13/14	-24.3	0.4	+101	35	Moon in south.
Aug-20/21	-8.0	0.8	-162	19	Moon in south.
Aug-27/28	27.8	-0.5	-74	35	Day (AM). Apogee.
Sep-03/04	8.7	-0.8	+4	15	Sun noise.
Sep-10/11	-26.7	0.5	+84	66	Moon in south.
Sep-17/18	-4.1	0.8	+178	19	Moon in south.
Sep-24/25	28.5	-0.6	-93	35	Day (AM). Apogee.
Oct-01/02	4.7	-0.8	-16	15	Sun noise.
Oct-08/09	-28.2	0.6	+67	166	Moon in south.
Oct-15/16	0.0	0.7	+160	19	Night.
Oct-22/23	28.5	-0.7	-113	29	Day (AM). Apogee.
Oct-29/30	0.7	-0.7	-36	21	Day (AM). Apogee.
Nov-05/06	-28.5	0.7	+50	149	Moon in south.
Nov-12/13	4.6	0.6	+141	19	Night.
Nov-19/20	27.7	-0.7	-133	20	Night. Apogee.
Nov-26/27	-3.1	-0.6	-56	20	Moon in south.
Dec-03/04	-27.8	0.7	+32	41	Moon in south.
Dec-10/11	9.6	0.6	+123	20	Night.
Dec-17/18	26.4	-0.8	-153	20	Night. Apogee.
Dec-24/25	-7.0	-0.6	-77	20	Moon in south.

Bold: Activity Weekend (Proposal)

Sun Offset vs Time of Day for Visible Moon

-180°	-120°	-30°	0°	+30°	+120°	+180°
Night	Day (AM)	Sun noise	Day (PM)	Night		

Tropo Reports

2m, 70cm and up

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Great tropo event in September '04

A large tropo opening occurred on 4th – 9th of September. This was the first tropo event on all of the VHF-, UHF- and SHF-Bands in the year 2004. Over the North Sea a centre of high-pressure had build up enabling these DX condx. Later, this system moved in southeastern direction. From Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and France, and also from Scandinavia, contacts to G, GM, GI, EI and OY were possible. Many reports of these contacts are listed in this issue of Dubus.

Comment from DL1EJA:

It was nice to see this excellent condx on 2m in the past days. Being back on 2m since a few days I took the chance to work some old and new friends.

G3XDY writes:

The tropo opening at the beginning of September was excellent here, with very loud signals from GM for 3 days. GM8CBQ was 59 on 23cm running 10W to an indoor antenna, and GM4LBV was 59+ on 23/13/3cm and with his beacon on 9cm. Towards the end of the opening it moved round to SM, with SM4DHN the best DX on 4 bands, but despite trying several times over a 20 minute period we heard nothing on 10GHz.



The center of high-pressure over the North Sea

Myself (DJ8ES, JO43) worked stations from G, GM and EI at distances of more than 1000km. The condx on 2m was EI7IW in IO63SS (1046km). Specially There was also a lot of activity on 23cm,

13cm and also 3cm. I had contacts to UK in the range up to 900km. On this frequencies I got 10 new squares!

2m

DC0NAC, JO43VI, wkcd on 7th Sep. (>800km):

G4CBW (IO83UB, 805km), G0FYD (IO83LS, 848km), GW8ASD (IO83LB, 855km), G8JVM (IO82SP, 823km), G4HGI (IO83PL, 828km), G4YTB (IO83RF, 819km), G3NSY (IO82NP, 851km), MM0KOS (IO85CR, 914km), G4ASR (IO81MX, 873km), GM4VGR (IO86AC, 933km), EI3GE (IO63XD, 1052km), G0CDA (IO83SJ, 812km), GM0TGE (IO87TF, 881km), G10PCU (IO74CS, 1027km), GM8MJV (IO85TS, 828km), GM3YOG/p (IO85XT, 809km), G14SJO (IO64SK, 1070km), MM5DWW (IO89ID, 1031km), M5AHO (IO87LN, 933km), G16ATZ (IO74AJ, 1037km), EI2JD (IO63VS, 1056km), G4PBP (IO82WO, 802km), G7RAU (IO90IR, 812km), M0GHZ (IO81VK, 841km), GM4AFF (IO86ST, 868km), 2E0TIA (IO97BL, 866km), GM8GDN (IO87WB, 860km), GM4RGS (IO87WB, 860km), M1AIX (IO83QM, 822km), MW0OPS/p (IO81KP, 894km), GM8BBA (IO75XT, 931km), GM8BDE (IO85TP, 825km), 2E0NEY (IO81VK, 841km), G3UOL (IO83NW, 837km), GM4VVX (IO78TA, 1026km), GM0BQM (IO85CE, 904km), M0JKQ (IO84SN, 812km), MM0JMB (IO87IP, 950km), GM4TOE (IO87HF, 937km), G4DBX (IO83SD, 815km), GM4ILS (IO87IP, 950km), 2W1RSS (IO83JG, 863km), G4IJD (IO83TU, 804km), M1EQN (IO83NN, 838km), GM7EEY (IO87KB, 916km), GW4EVX (IO83KE, 859km), 2E0EUS (IO83RK, 817km), GW3IVK (IO83KE, 859km), G4WXZ (IO83PL, 828km), G6ZME/p (IO82SP, 823km), G1SWH (IO83QO, 822km), EI5FK (IO51RT, 1247km), G8AXW (IO83NU, 837km), GW8JLY (IO81JM, 904km), G4RRA (IO80BS, 976km), GM4BYF (IO85JV, 882km), M0SJV (IO82WM, 804km), G2ADM (IO83MQ, 843km), OY9JD (IP62OA, 1372km), G1KHX (IO81MI, 893km), G14SNA (IO64XM, 1043km), G1WEM (IO83UB, 805km), M0JVW (IO83QK, 823km), GW0GEI (IO73TG, 940km), GW0VNR (IO83HI, 873km), GW4ROV (IO81IP, 905km), M1KGC (IO91BM, 816km), G8TIC (IO82VF, 816km), GW1UJU (IO83JF, 864km), GW8ASA (IO81EM, 931km), G4GHL (IO82UC, 825km), GW3LEW (IO71PS, 995km). Rig: 600 Watt und 2x17 ele M2.
tnx for info Andy (DG3XA)

DF7KF JO30GU, wkcd (>800km):

6.9.04 17:21	OM3RM	53/57	JN87WV
6.9.04 17:29	UA3YOZ	53/59	KO63QQ
6.9.04 19:55	RW3WR	559/559	KO71IM
7.9.04 04:23	OK2MWR/p	59/59	JN99FN
7.9.04 18:25	LA2Z	529/539	JO59EJ

7.9.04 18:31 SK6DK 539/569 JO67EH
 7.9.04 18:39 LA1T 539/559 JO59FB
 7.9.04 18:52 GM4AFF 59/59 JO86ST
 7.9.04 19:03 GI6ATZ 57/59 IO74AJ
 7.9.04 20:25 GM0HTT 59/59 IO89JC
 8.9.04 20:15 GM0EFT 59/59 IO86PL
 New odx on tropo: RW3WR, KO71IM, 1965km
 Rig: 16x 18 ele, 750W, 140m asl.
 tnx for info Dithmar

**DG3GAG, JN47NX, wkd (>700km)
 on Sept 7th 2004:**

18:01 OZ9KY JO45VX 57 53 890km
 18:55 G4PIQ JO01MU 53 55 721km
 19:06 M1IFT IO93NL 55 57 931km
 19:54 GW8ZRE/P IO83JF 57 59 1045km
 20:16 GM4AFF IO86ST 59 55 1254km
 20:53 GM0HTT IO89JC 57 53 1476km
 21:05 G3KUM JO02OD 59 59 730km
 21:23 G4ZTR J O01KW 59 59 735km
 22:00 GM4YXI IO87RJ 59 59 1305km
 22:15 G1JXK IO95CH 53 55 1107km
 22:17 G7ANV IO95CH 53 55 1107km
 Rig: IC-706MKIIG - 200Watt - 2 x 17el.
 tnx for info Erwin

DJ8ES, JO43SX, wkd 7th September (>700km):

15:52 GM3YOG/P IO65XT 55/59 1014km
 15:56 G0GLH IO95FD 55/57 725km
 16:02 GM0LVI IO86JJ 59/59 851km
 23:24 EI7IW IO63SS 59/59 1047km

DK7LZ, JO30MR, wkd in SSB (>700km):

05/09/04 09:20 OM3KEE JN88UU 795km
 06/09/04 21:34 OK2PMU JN99AJ 801km
 07/09/04 19:52 GW8ZRE/P IO83JF 756km
 07/09/04 20:54 GM4AFF IO86ST 921km
 07/09/04 21:56 GM4YXI IO87WJ 953km
 07/09/04 23:14 EI7IW IO63SS 980km
 07/09/04 23:29 GW8ASD IO83LB 740km
 08/09/04 01:37 GI6ATZ IO74AJ 970km
 08/09/04 06:28 MM5DWW IO89ID 1145km
 08/09/04 07:11 GM1LDK IO87WE 936km
 08/09/04 07:22 G1NFT IO94FX 746km
 08/09/04 08:01 GM0HTT IO89JC 1138km
 08/09/04 09:18 G6DDQ/P IO84VI 745km
 08/09/04 19:07 GM3YOG/P IO85XT 828km
 08/09/04 19:12 GM4YXI IO87WJ 953km
 08/09/04 19:22 G1JXK IO95CF 775km
 08/09/04 19:28 GM0HTT IO89JC 1138km
 08/09/04 22:17 GM4AFF IO86ST 921km
 09/09/04 20:20 LA3BO JO59CD 958km
 tnx for info Reinhard

DL1EJA, JO31DS, wkd 7./ 8. Sep. (>700km):

MM0KOS (IO85CR, 794km), LA2PHA (JO38IB, 709km), GM4JJJ (IO86GB, 797km), EI2JD (IO63VS, 866km), GM4AFF (IO86ST, 797km), GM4BYF (IO85JV, 773km), GM0HTT (IO89JC, 1010km), GM8MJV (IO85TS, 722km), MM5DWW

(IO89ID, 1016km), MM3ERP (IO87RJ, 844km), EI7IW (IO63SS, 884km), GM0TGE (IO87TF, 824km), GM4YXI (IO87WJ, 826km), OY9JD (IP62OA, 1383km), MM5AJW (IO88KI, 944km), GM4WJA (IO87MN, 875km), MM0DQP (IO88KI, 944km), GM8XOC (IO87TP, 857km), GI6ATZ (IO74AJ, 867km), GM0LVI (IO86JJ, 804km), EI3GE (IO63XD, 848km), GM4ZUK/P (IO86RW, 810km), GM3YOG/P (IO85XT, 707km), GM1BAN (IO88GO, 978km).
 tnx for info Oliver

DL8EBW, JO31NF, wkd:

11/08 11:11 OK2KZR JN89BO 55 569 662
 11/08 23:55 OK2ZW JN89BO 53 55 662
 12/08 09:05 F1FPL JN05PS 55 55 743
 04/09 16:56 SK7MJ JO65MJ 55 55 607
 05/09 04:46 GM2T IO85RU 55 59 819
 05/09 04:49 G8SRC/P IO91CL 59 59 619
 05/09 04:49 G3CKR/P IO93AE 59 59 655
 05/09 05:01 SK7JM JO65TM 559 579 642
 05/09 05:25 SP6YEN JO81AB 559 59 622
 05/09 05:09 OL2R JN89BO 419 599 662
 07/09 17:06 SK7CY JO65RJ 55 53 625
 08/09 00:21 GM3YOG/p IO85XT 53 57 790
 08/09 00:33 GM0EFT IO86PL 52 53 868
 08/09 16:21 GM3YOG/p IO85XT 54 55 790
 08/09 17:48 GM4ZUK/P IO86RW 57 59 893
 08/09 17:51 G7ANV IO95CH 59 58 746
 08/09 21:21 M5AEH IO93BS 55 56 671
 08/09 21:38 MM5AJW IO88KI 53 58 1027
 08/09 21:45 GM4YXI IO87WJ 55 55 909
 08/09 22:03 MM0DQP IO88KI 52 52 1027
 09/09 20:40 LA3BO JO59CD 51 529 901
 06/11 15:30 OK1VBN JN78FX 559 599 603
 06/11 15:46 OK1FFG JN89IW 599 599 727
 06/11 15:59 OK1KT JO70WE 559 599 663
 06/11 16:28 IV3DXW JN65QQ 599 559 765
 06/11 16:51 OK2KJU JN89SJ 599 55 800
 06/11 17:25 OK1KQI JO80CI 599 599 684
 06/11 17:27 OL9W JN99FN 599 599 859
 06/11 17:29 OK1KHQ JN79PP 599 599 636
 06/11 17:44 OK2BMI JN89NS 599 599 760
 06/11 18:05 OK1KQT JO80CI 599 599 684
 06/11 18:40 OL7M JO80FG 599 599 703
 06/11 19:24 OM3KII JN88RT 599 559 814
 06/11 19:29 SK7MW JO65MJ 599 579 665
 06/11 19:43 OL2R JN89BO 599 599 695
 06/11 19:46 OL1B JO80IB 599 599 724
 06/11 19:54 OK6DX JO80BJ 419 559 677
 06/11 20:49 OM3KEE JN88UU 599 599
 06/11 21:14 IK5ZUW/6 JN63GN 559 599 928
 MMC QSOs on 06/11 from JO30GU!

F1CXX, JN18AT, wkd (>700km):

07.09.2004 2012 OZ2TF JO46PE 954km
 07.09.2004 2030 DL0RSH/P JO44PD 776km
 07.09.2004 2034 DL3TW JO44SK 810km
 07.09.2004 2037 SK7MW JO65MJ 1046km
 rig: IC910H, 100W, 2x11 ele Tonna.
 tnx for info Franck

F6KUP/p, JN29OD, wkcd (>700km):

04/09 16:39	EA2AAZ/P	IN93BF	854km
04/09 17:19	F8DBF	IN78RI	720km
04/09 18:14	DL0BWS	JO64EB	737km
04/09 19:52	F1MOZ	IN93RS	742km
04/09 21:01	M5ADF	IO71TO	732km
04/09 22:03	M0LKB/P	IO84KE	802km
04/09 22:16	G6FSP/P	JO80FP	823km
05/09 02:31	OL7M	JO80FG	818km
05/09 04:31	OK1KPA	JN79US	762km
05/09 05:59	F1BOH	JN03IN	711km
05/09 07:53	F4BWJ	IN93MP	773km
05/09 13:16	F1UCQ/P	JN12IW	717km

tnx for info Stefan

F90E/p, IN78QG, wkcd (>700km):

02/09 08:08	PE1EHX	JO21	802km
02/09 08:11	PA2M	JO21	765km
04/09 07:53	PI25ASV	JO22	809km
04/09 07:54	PA2M	JO21	765km
04/09 08:08	PA3FTX	JO21	735km
04/09 08:25	DG6JF/P	JO33	1024km
04/09 08:30	PD1AIH	JO21	760km
04/09 09:16	ON6LY	JO21	765km
04/09 09:22	PA3AYD	JO21	837km
04/09 10:01	PE1AHX	JO21	802km
04/09 10:08	PA0V	JO33	974km
04/09 21:26	PA6NL	JO21	746km
05/09 07:11	TM1Y	JN36	904km
05/09 07:36	HB9STY/P	JN36	851km
05/09 07:41	F1ERG	JN27	709km
08/09 20:29	DK7BY	JO33	1019km
08/09 20:49	OZ1LPR	JO44	1232km

Rig: 100W, 9el, 50m asl, 100m from the shore
tnx for info Claude**G3NAQ, IO91HL, wkcd (>700km):**

07/09 18:36	OZ9KY	JO45VX	887km
07/09 18:39	DL0RSH/P	JO44PD	775
07/09 18:43	OZ1EP	JO55XU	1002
07/09 18:44	OZ1DLDP	JO45SK	845
07/09 18:47	DL6BCT	JO43LD	726
07/09 18:49	DJ8MS	JO63CT	951
07/09 18:51	DL/UT8AL	JO43HV	725
07/09 18:57	DH9JK	JO33UW	794
07/09 18:40	OZ2TF	JO46PE	873
07/09 18:44	DL3TW	JO44SK	801
07/09 18:45	OZ7CQ	JO55CE	871
07/09 18:50	DH9NK	JO43UW	794
07/09 19:02	OZ1LFA	JO54TU	943
07/09 19:08	OZ1ALS	JO45VA	840
07/09 19:11	OZ1BEF	JO46OE	868
07/09 21:42	DL8LAH	JO44QQ	801
08/09 17:20	F5JNX	JN37PV	739
08/09 21:12	DF2NBN	JN59OP	911
08/09 21:20	OK1VZP/P	JO60LJ	1010
08/09 21:40	OK1TEH/P	JO60LJ	1010

Rig: TS830S+homebrew t'verter, 100W, 17el F9FT
tnx for info Geoff**G4LOH, IO70JC, wkcd on Oct 3rd 2004:**

0949	EA8BPX	59001	59024	IL18sk	2600km
1010	EB8BT	53002	59007	IL18	2600km
1118	EA8BPX	59+++			
1132	CT3/CT1DIZ	53008	55022	IM12nt	2150km

New #/DXCC ufb!!

G16ATZ, IO74AJ, wkcd (>1000km)

06/09 2244	DG3XA/P	JO43VI	1037km
07/09 1815	DC0NAC	JO43VI	1037km
07/09 1930	DK3EE	JO41GU	1006km
07/09 1941	DL8YAU	JO41HS	1015km
07/09 1955	DL8LDN	JO43XU	1037km
07/09 2005	DL8YHR	JO41GV	1004km
07/09 2126	DF1CF	JN57FP	1367km
07/09 2128	DF0CI	JO51CH	1135km
07/09 2129	DL8AKI/P	JO51CH	1135km
07/09 21:42	DJ3HW	JO42LH	1015km
07/09 21:53	DL3LST	JO61FI	1277km
08/09 18:29	DL6NAA	JO50VF	1288km
08/09 18:37	HB9AMH/P	JN37OE	1221km
08/09 21:53	DF2OO	JN39GO	1006km

Rig: PA 2*4CX250B, 400 watts, 13ele boomer.
tnx for info Gordon**HA8V, KN06HT, wkcd (>700km):**

03/09/04	14:24	I6BQI	JN72BK	708km
03/09/04	11:07	DG3FK	JN59OP	765km
04/09/04	16:10	DL0UL	JN48UO	840km
04/09/04	18:11	DL1BUT	JO72GH	752km
04/09/04	20:01	IK5ZUW/6	JN63GN	729km
04/09/04	21:21	DK1KC/P	JN58QH	713km
04/09/04	22:12	DL1ARJ/P	JO60AR	764km
04/09/04	22:59	OK2KKW	JO60JJ	700km
04/09/04	23:03	DL0FO	JN59NU	779km
04/09/04	23:39	I4GBZ	JN54VV	716km
05/09/04	00:13	DL1NFI	JO50VF	753km
05/09/04	02:16	DF0MTL	JO61JF	753km
05/09/04	02:27	DL0HEU	JN47NX	874km
05/09/04	02:36	DL0HZZ	JO61CA	772km
05/09/04	02:36	DK0WM	JO61CA	772km
05/09/04	03:23	DK0HA	JN48WQ	830km
05/09/04	03:57	DL0GTH	JN50JP	837km
05/09/04	04:55	DG3FK	JN59OP	765km
05/09/04	05:45	IK4ADE	JN54OE	789km
05/09/04	07:38	I1BPU/2	JN44OR	914km
05/09/04	10:36	DL4SAV	JN58BR	812km

Rig: 900w, 4x11el. Yagi 35m agl. tnx for info Gabi

I4YNO, JN54KP, wkcd (>700km):

16.05.2004	12.07	OK2PIN	JN99AJ
22.05.2004	11.13	ZA/PA2CHR	JN91SG
27.05.2004	19.45	HA8V	KN06HT
27.05.2004	19.55	YU1IO	KN04IQ
01.06.2004	19.09	OK1KT	JO70WE
01.08.2004	09.31	YU1EV	KN04CN
29.08.2004	10.26	OK1WCF	JO80BJ
05.09.2004	09.24	4N5M	KN03DI
05.09.2004	10.31	LX/PA2CHR/p	JO30AC
05.09.2004	10.42	LX7I	JN29XV

Rig: FT-1000MP Mk V Field + tvtr + 3CX800A7,
phemt preamp, 20 el. Shark. tnx for info Alex

MM0DQP (IO88QI, 808km). Rig: 100W, 9el yagi.
tnx for info Juda

OE8GVK/3, JN88GR, wkd 4./5. Sept. (>700km)

04.09.04	19:10	I6WJB	JN72CK	722km
04.09.04	21:06	DF7KF	JO30GU	755km
04.09.04	22:36	DH8IAB	JO30NO	708km
04.09.04	22:58	SK7JM	JO65TM	780km
05.09.04	02:03	HB9STU/P	JN36GU	775km
05.09.04	04:25	F6KSL	JN28QJ	822km
05.09.04	04:37	DK2MN	JO32PC	754km
05.09.04	04:42	DL2KCK	JO31OA	715km
05.09.04	05:04	DL0RTA	JO30EM	758km
05.09.04	09:24	LZ1ZP/P	KN22GR	910km
05.09.04	09:53	I1BPU/2	JN44OR	714km

Rig: 400W, 12el. M2. tnx for info Gert

ON5AEN, JO10VW, wkd (>700km):

06/09	22:40	LA3BAA	JO38QB	826km
06/09	22:53	MM3ERP	IO87RJ	828km
06/09	22:54	MM0KSS	IO87WB	783km
07/09	17:09	OE2CAL	JN67NT	760km
07/09	17:15	SK7MW	JO65MJ	791km
07/09	17:46	OZ1IEP	JO55XU	769km
07/09	18:08	GM0VLI	IO86JJ	762km
07/09	18:10	GM0TGE	IO87TF	807km
07/09	18:19	GM4JJJ	IO86GB	745km
07/09	18:22	GI6ATZ	IO74AJ	761km
07/09	18:41	GM4AFF	IO86ST	771km
07/09	18:48	OZ6ABA	JO57DJ	833km
07/09	18:56	MM5DWW	IO89ID	1017km
07/09	19:00	GM0HTT	IO89JC	1011km
07/09	19:05	GM4WJA	IO87MN	857km
07/09	19:21	GM4BYF	IO85JV	720km
07/09	19:49	OZ9ZZ	JO46QK	714km
07/09	20:46	OY9JD	IP62OA	<u>1390km</u>
07/09	20:50	GM4YXI	IO87WJ	815km
07/09	20:56	MM3ERP	IO87RJ	828km
07/09	22:00	MM0DQP	IO88KI	937km
07/09	23:02	MM3DDS	IO87VI	813km
08/09	20:19	GM4ZUK/P	IO86RW	785km
18/09	08:49	F1MOZ	IN93RS	861km
18/09	08:53	F1CJW	JN04FH	778km
18/09	08:58	EA1BAB/P	IN73XK	1022km
19/09	08:44	OK1KNG	JN69VN	727km

Rig: FT-225RD, PA GS35B, Ant DJ9-2-4.6L.
tnx for info Hans

OR4A, JO10UU, wkd 4./ 5. Sept. (>1000km):

LA0BY (JO59KC, 1023km), SM6ONH (JO68MN, 1043km), LA9CY (JO59MB, 1024km), SK0UX (JO99BM, 1323km), LA5VNA (JO59JQ, 1078km), LA1DBA (JO59CE, 1013km), LA6MV (JO59FJ, 1040km), LA2PHA (JO58FK, 1045km).

tnx for Info Hans

PA0JUS, JO22OO, wkd (5. - 7. Sep.):

TM8MB (JN35KV, 757km), SK0CT (JO89XJ, 1093km), I2FAK (JN45OB, 889km), OK2PMU (JN99AJ, 966km), OY9JD (IP62OA, 1269km),

RA3AQ, KO85je, wkd:

06/09/04	06:04	OK2BLE	539/539	JN99fn
06/09/04	06:27	OK2BFH	559/559	JN99at
06/09/04	06:37	SP5WCK	55/58	KO12cj
06/09/04	06:40	OK2BLE	57/57	JN99fn
06/09/04	07:12	OK2BFH	59/59	JN99at
06/09/04	07:16	SP5AI	53/55	KO02

RA3WDK, KO81BR, wkd on 6th Sept. (>800km)

20:25	US5WU	KO20di	840km
20:27	SP6GZZ	JO80jo	1350km
21:31	DL6NAA	JO50vf	<u>1704km</u>
21:44	OK2BLE	JN99fn	1265km
21:45	OK2BFH	JN99fn	1265km

In the beginning nobody from the West did hear me on 2m, though RW3WR (KO71im) already worked with Germans.

After 20UTC weak signals from US5WU with 559 (only 850 km), but than SP6GZZ with 559 and QRB 1350km appeared. One hour later heard DL6NAA, JO50vf, on 144.035 in CW and a signal reaching up to 599! 1704 km my Tropo ODX! Then at 21:45 UTC OK2BLE (JN99) and OK2BFH with 559 and 1270 km followed. My rig: 60 watts and 11 el DL6WU. tnx for info Ivan

RN6BN, KN95LC, wkd:

28/10 1603 UA9SL 559 559 LO71ns 1399km

RW3PF, KO93CD, wkd 4./5. Nov. 2004:

16:56	UT3BW	56	55	KN29UA	986 km
17:10	UR5NOY	57	56	KN48KV	806
17:53	UT5OH	58	58	KN28XG	1019
18:04	U5YM	569	569	KN28XG	1019
18:12	ER1AN	569	559	KN46KX	956
18:44	US5WU	55	56	KO20DI	1008
19:08	UR5SKB	55	55	KO28IW	1056
19:17	UR5TW	59	59	KN39MK	880
19:27	UT7NW	56	57	KN49FF	808
19:30	UR5YGC	57	59	KN38KM	948
19:32	US5WDL	56	56	KN19SG	1109
20:40	YO8RNF	59	59	KN37EW	1017
21:21	UR5BFA	59	59	KO20UC	927
21:23	UR5YCU	56	56	KN38RM	914
06:03	UT5ZA	57	53	KN66AX	815
06:31	YO8RNF	59	59	KN37EW	1017
07:14	ER1AN	599	599	KN46KX	956
07:26	U5YM	59	59	KN28XG	1019
07:31	UR5NHG	59	59	KN49JQ	758
07:49	YO4GUH	59	55	KN35XG	1148

Rig: 4x10el BVO-3WL, GI7B. tnx fr info Peter!

UA3YOZ, KO63QQ, wkd 2m:

05/09/04	17:43	SP3IWQ	59/59	JO94gm
05/09/04	19:04	ES6DO	599/599	KO27wx
05/09/04	19:41	SP2WHE	57/52	JO94ht
05/09/04	20:11	LY2BAW	59/59	KO25ka

05/09/04 20:12 EW6AW	59/59	KO45wb
05/09/04 20:38 ES6RQ	59/59	KO28wa
06/09/04 05:09 LY3AX	55/55	KO25db
06/09/04 05:47 OK2BLE	599/599	JN99fn
06/09/04 05:50 OK2BFH	599/599	JN99at
06/09/04 06:15 OK2VDV	57/55	JO80nc
06/09/04 17:06 DK3WG	59/59	JO72gi
06/09/04 17:28 DF7KF	59/59	JO30gu
06/09/04 17:28 SP3VSC	59/59	JO92df
06/09/04 17:59 LY2SA	59/59	KO14li
06/09/04 18:30 SP9APC	59/53	JN99qu
06/09/04 19:11 DL6NAA	559/559	JO50vf

UR5LX, KO50, wkd 6. September (>700km):

03:29	OK2BFH	559/559	JN99fn
03:31	OK2BLE	559/599	JN99fn
20:33	DL2ARD	529/529	JO60ar
20:35	SP8AWL	559/599	KO11gg
20:54	US5WU	559/589	KO20di
21:56	DL6NAA	579/579	JO50vf
21:59	DF0HF	559/579	JO50sf

tnx for info Sergej

70cm

DB5KN, JO31NB, wkd (>500km)

10.08.04	SK7MW	JO65MJ	623km
10.08.04	G3YDY	JO01FQ	469km
10.08.04	G4DEZ	JO03AE	539km
10.08.04	G8HGN	JO01FO	468km
10.08.04	OZ9KY	JO45VX	574km

Rig: 125W + 2x19ele F9FT. tnx for info Mike

DL8EBW, JO31NF, wkd 70cm:

03/10 04:07	OK1VFA	JO80DG	59	59	659
03/10 12:13	SK7MW	JO65MJ	55	53	607

GI6ATZ, IO74AJ, wkd 7th Sep. (>700km)

21:43	DJ3HW	52/55	JO42LH	1015km
21:44	PH7PCF	55/59	JO22JP	736km
22:14	PA2M	52/53	JO21IP	775km
22:46	DJ5BV	559/559	JO30KI	978km
22:58	PA2DW	55/57	JO22GD	741km

Rig: IC706MKII, 30w, 21el F9FT.

tnx for info Gordon

HA2004EU, KN06HT, wkd (>500km)

01/05/04 15:50	OL3Z	JN79FX	575km
02/05/04 09:33	DK1KC/P	JN58QH	713km
02/05/04 10:16	DK0OG	JN68GI	630km
02/05/04 10:27	OE5D	JN68PC	570km
02/05/04 12:06	OL4A	JO60RN	671km
02/05/04 13:01	SN6W	JO80FQ	528km

tnx for info Gabi (HA8V)

HA8V, KN06HT, wkd (>500km):

05/06/04 19:00	LZ9W	KN22GS	545km
05/06/04 22:20	S53D	JN76BD	503km
05/06/04 22:43	DJ2NR	JO50VF	753km

05/06/04 22:47	DH8NAS	JO50VF	753km
06/06/04 10:13	S58W	JN65XM	533km
06/06/04 11:21	DK3WG	JO72GI	756km
20/06/04 12:03	I4LCK/4	JN54PD	785km
20/06/04 12:26	DK3WG	JO72GI	756km
03/07/04 22:58	LZ1KWT	KN32AS	620km
04/07/04 07:29	DK0OG	JN68GI	630km
04/07/04 09:15	LZ9W	KN22GS	545km
04/07/04 12:38	S55M	JN65XM	533km
02/10/04 14:56	LZ9X	KN22NR	576km
03/10/04 04:54	DJ7LH/P	JN58FP	787km
03/10/04 05:14	LZ9W	KN22GS	545km
03/10/04 08:22	DK0GNO	JO60QU	695km
03/10/04 08:26	DG6QF	JO61OA	715km
03/10/04 08:43	IK4ADE	JN54OE	789km
03/10/04 09:46	OL3Z	JN79FX	575km
03/10/04 10:35	DK0OG	JN68GI	630km
03/10/04 10:55	OE5D	JN68PC	570km
03/10/04 11:13	OK1KIK	JO70TQ	565km
03/10/04 11:26	OK1KKD	JO60WD	620km
03/10/04 11:37	DH1NFI	JO50VF	753km
03/10/04 11:47	DL5MAE	JN58VF	681km
03/10/04 12:02	DK3WG	JO72GI	756km
03/10/04 12:34	SP5PIP/5	KO01OX	576km
03/10/04 13:05	SN5R	KO01IP	538km

Rig: 80w, 4x 23el K1FO, 35m agl.

tnx for info Gabi

IZ2FOB, JN45MQ, wkd 3th Oct. (>500km)

06.28	DLØGTH	JO5ØJP	59/59	566km
06.53	S51ZO	JN86DR	59/59	569km
06.55	9A5KK	JN86GF	59/59	582km
07.37	EA3BB/P	JN12IG	59/59	633km
08.50	LX/PA1TK/P	JO3ØBB	57/55	533km
09.18	S57O	JN86DT	59/59	571km
09.57	DLØKC	JO5ØNL	58/54	555km
11.53	EA5YB/3	JN12IK	59/59	621km
12.11	IØJXX	JN61GV	59/59	506km
12.18	DLØRTA	JO3ØEM	59/59	572km
12.52	OK2KKW	JO6ØJJ	55/59	593km
13.55	DH1NFI	JO5ØVF	59/59	545km

Rig: 4x21ft, 500W. tnx for info Roberto

OZ1FF, JO45BO, wkd (>700km):

27/07/2004 14:26	S51ZO	JN86DR	1137km
10/08/2004 17:01	SMØFZH	JO99HI	752km
10/08/2004 18:37	G4YTL	IO92MB	713km
10/08/2004 19:00	OK1VT	JN79IX	765km
10/08/2004 19:16	G4BRK	IO91DP	782km
07/09/2004 21:30	GI4SNA	IO64XM	908km
12/10/2004 17:01	SMØFZH	JO99HI	752km
12/10/2004 19:20	DF9IC	JN48IW	742km

tnx for info Kjeld

RW3PF, KO93CD, wkd 4./5.11. on 70cm:

17:36	UT6UG	56	55	KO50EI	623
20:20	ER1AN	559	559	KO46KX	956
21:09	US5WU	579	599	KO20DI	1008
06:17	UY0UP	44	55	KO50FJ	615

Rig: 4x24el OPT-70, GI7B. tnx fr info Peter!

23cm + up

DB5KN, JO31NB, wkd 23cm (>500km)

06.06.04 OK1ES JO70GU 521km
 06.06.04 OE2M JN67NT 565km
 06.06.04 DK0OG JN68GI 493km
 06.06.04 M1MHZ IO92WV 538km
 08.06.04 G8OHM IO92AJ 644km
 Rig: 100W + 48ele DL6WU. tnx for info Mike

G3XDY, JO02OB, wkd Sep/Oct '04:

23cm (>600km):

OZ1CTZ (JO46OE, 693km), SK7MW (JO65MJ, 860km), SM7GEP (JO77IP, 1061km), OZ8AFC (JO45WV, 708km), SM6DJH (JO58PI, 946km), M6VXB (IO97AQ, 657km), DG2DAA (JO62GU, 772km), DL7YC (JO62PK, 822km), DK1KR (JO53HW, 663km), DM2AFN (JO61WB, 881km), GM8CBQ (IO87WD, 604km), GM6VXB (IO97AQ, 657km), SM4DHN (JP6ØVA, 1176km), SM6DJH (JO58PI, 946km), SM6CEN (JO57XO, 922km), SM6HYG (JO58RG, 947km), SK7MW (JO65MJ, 860km), DF9IC (JN48IW, 633km), DLØGTH (JO5ØJP, 683km), DF9IC (JN48IW, 633km), DK6AS (JO52JJ, 653km), DK9IP (JN48EQ, 631km), OK2KKW (JO6ØJJ, 826km)

13cm (>400km):

DB5KN (JO31NB, 424km), OZ1CTZ (JO46OE, 693km), SM7GEP (JO77IP, 1061km), GM4LBV (IO86RQ, 568km), DK1KR (JO53HW, 663km), DJ8ES (JO43SX, 596km), SM4DHN (JP6ØVA, 1176km), DL3YEE (JO42GE, 500km), DK2MN (JO32PC, 415km), DLØVR (JO31LG, 406km), DL3IAS (JN49EJ, 585km)

9cm (>300km):

DB5KN (JO31NB, 424km), DK2MN (JO32PC, 415km), PA6C (JO33FB, 372km), PAØBAT (JO31FX, 359km), DLØVR (JO31LG, 406km), DL3IAS (JN49EJ, 585km)

6cm (>300km):

DB5KN (JO31NB, 424km), SM4DHN (JP6ØVA, 1176km), PI4TUE (JO21RK, 301km), DK2MN (JO32PC, 415km), PA6C (JO33FB, 372km), PAØBAT (JO31FX, 359km), DLØVR (JO31LG, 406km), F1PYR/P u. F1DBE/P (JN19BC, 335km)

3cm (>300km):

DH8AG (JO31RL, 435km), OZ8AFC (JO45WV, 708km), OZ1CTZ (JO46OE, 693km), OZ1FF (JO45BO, 600km), GM4LBV (IO86RQ, 568km), DK1ZD (JO44WE, 624km), PAØWMX (JO21XI, 336km), PI4TUE (JO21RK, 301km), DK2MN (JO32PC, 415km), PAØBAT (JO31FX, 359km), PA6C (JO33FB, 372km), DLØVR (JO31LG, 406km), F1PYR/P (JN19BC, 335km), F1DBE/P (JN19BC, 335km), DL4BBU/P (JO31LP, 397km), DH8AG (JO31RL, 435km)

tnx for info John

HA8V, KN06HT, wkd (>300km):

05/06/04 17:27 S51ZO JN86DR 330km
 05/06/04 21:15 HA1FV/P JN87FI 321km
 05/06/04 21:16 HG1RJD/P JN87FI 321km
 05/06/04 21:18 HA1KYY JN87FI 321km
 05/06/04 21:19 HA1KVP/P JN87FI 321km
 20/06/04 07:19 S50C JN76JG 450km
 20/06/04 07:36 YO8KRR/P KN27OD 350km
 20/06/04 11:44 S51ZO JN86DR 330km
 20/06/04 13:36 9A2L JN86HF 312km
 20/06/04 13:54 S59R JN76OM 415km
 03/07/04 19:40 OE1SOW JN88FF 350km
 03/07/04 19:58 YU1B JN93RU 341km
 03/07/04 21:29 S51ZO JN86DR 330km
 03/07/04 21:47 S59R JN76OM 415km
 04/07/04 04:47 S50C JN76JG 450km
 04/07/04 08:39 YU1EXY KN04UC 313km
 04/07/04 09:36 OE3JPC JN87EW 344km
 04/07/04 11:04 9A2HW JN75XV 372km
 04/07/04 11:24 OL2R JN89BO 455km
 02/10/04 16:08 OM3W JN99BB 312km
 03/10/04 06:56 HA1KYY JN87FI 321km
 03/10/04 07:25 S51ZO JN86DR 330km
 03/10/04 07:40 S59R JN76OM 415km
 03/10/04 13:12 OL2R JN89BO 455km
 Rig: 25W, 4x 19el loop, 35m agl. tnx for info Gabi

I4XCC, JN63GV, wkd 3cm >300km:

01/08/2004 15.32 OK1JKT/P JO60RN 744km
 01/08/2004 18.02 DL3MBG JN67JX 454km
 03/08/2004 15.35 9A1Z JN86EL 415km
 03/08/2004 15.45 S57EA/P JN76HE 303km
 05/08/2004 16.39 DL6NCI JO50VI 720km
 05/08/2004 16.43 DL3MBG JN67JX 454km
 05/08/2004 16.46 DC8EC JN57UX 458km
 07/08/2004 13.42 9A3AQ JN75WS 335km
 08/08/2004 10.22 S52LO JN76OM 359km
 15/08/2004 19.16 9A3PA JN85EG 340km
 16/08/2004 15.25 OE5VRL/5 JN78DK 522km
 17/08/2004 18.40 DL6NCI JO50VI 720km
 17/08/2004 18.45 OK1DIG JO60XJ 730km
 tnx for info Claudio

OZ1FF, JO45BO, wkd

1296 MHz (>600km):

06/09/2004 09:49 F6DKW JN18CS 859km
 06/09/2004 20:56 GØFYD IO83LS 745km
 07/09/2004 06:25 G4EAT JOØ1HR 655km
 07/09/2004 18:10 GM6VXB IO97AQ 658km
 07/09/2004 18:15 G4KIY IO92WN 635km
 07/09/2004 18:20 GØSEG IO93IQ 641km
 07/09/2004 18:22 G7NCG JOØ2AM 628km
 07/09/2004 18:24 G4EAT JOØ1HR 655km
 07/09/2004 18:37 GM4LBV IO86RQ 671km
 07/09/2004 19:58 G4XUM IO83SB 741km
 07/09/2004 22:03 G4BRK IO91DP 782km
 07/09/2004 22:42 G3FYX IO81RM 836km
 19/10/2004 18:37 DF9IC JN48IW 742km
 19/10/2004 18:41 DB6NT JO5ØTI 629km
 19/10/2004 19:20 DL3IAS JN49EJ 690km

19/10/2004 19:35 SM3LBN	JP8ØIO	749km
19/10/2004 20:36 G3XDY	JOØ2OB	600km

2320 MHz (>600km):

07/09/2004 18:47 GM4LBV	IO86RQ	671km *)
07/09/2004 19:22 G4BRK	IO91DP	782km
07/09/2004 20:03 G4XUM	IO83SB	741km

*) first contact GM – OZ on 13cm

10368 MHz (>300km):

24/08/2004 17:18 SM6BTT	JO58PI	361km
24/08/2004 17:32 PA3CEG	JO33FB	302km
24/08/2004 17:37 DL3YEE	JO42GE	381km
24/08/2004 18:05 SM6AFV	JO67GQ	356km
24/08/2004 18:20 DL1SUN	JO53PN	305km
24/08/2004 18:51 DJ8MS	JO63BR	331km
24/08/2004 19:30 DL4IB	JO64AB	304km
24/08/2004 19:39 SM6UBC	JO57TR	319km
24/08/2004 19:49 SK7MW	JO65MJ	310km
24/08/2004 20:31 SM7ECM	JO65NQ	314km
07/09/2004 06:31 G3XDY	JOØ2OB	600km
07/09/2004 18:26 G4EAT	JOØ1HR	655km
07/09/2004 18:42 GM4LBV	IO86RQ	671km
07/09/2004 19:18 G4BRK	IO91DP	782km
07/09/2004 20:10 G4XUM	IO83SB	741km
28/09/2004 17:18 SM6BTT	JO58PI	361km
28/09/2004 17:52 SM6AFV	JO67GQ	356km
28/09/2004 19:55 PA3CEG	JO33FB	302km
28/09/2004 20:33 SM7ECM	JO65NQ	314km
28/09/2004 20:44 SK7MW	JO65MJ	310km

tnx for info Kjeld

PA0JUS, JO22OO, wkd (5. – 7. Sep.):

1296Mhz:

G7NCG (JO02AM), G4KIY (IO92WN), G4MAP (IO82XH), GM4ZUK/p (IO86RW)
Rig: 15W 1,5m dish

2320Mhz:

GM4LBV (IO86RQ), G4MAP (IO82XH)
Rig: 5W 1,5m dish

10368Mhz:

GM4LBV (IO86RQ), G1SLE (IO93IF), DJ8ES (JO43SX, hrd 41)
Rig: 1W 48cm dish

24048MHz:

PA0EZ (JO22OF)
Rig: 75mW 48cm dish. tnx for info Juda

SP3JBI, JO91BR, wkd on 10 GHz in CW via Rain Scatter > 300km:

03/07 17:00 SP9FG	JN99XF	307 km
03/07 19:28 OE5VRL/5	JN78DK	457
03/07 19:49 OK1UVV	JO60QC	379
03/07 19:58 OE3A	JN77XX	445
03/07 20:03 OK1YA	JO70GC	309
03/07 20:13 OM3LQ	JN88UU	321
03/07 20:18 OL4A	JO60RN	350

03/07 20:22 OK1VHF	JO70EB	322
19/07 17:33 OK1JKT/P	JO60RN	350
19/07 17:37 DM2AFN	JO61WB	304
20/07 18:33 OK1JKT/P	JO60RN	350
20/07 18:43 OE5VRL/5	JN78DK	457
20/07 18:53 OK1VAM	JN79IX	309
20/07 19:06 DL6NCI	JO50VI	468
17/08 16:35 DL6NCI	JO50VI	468
17/08 17:09 DB6NT	JO50VJ	466
17/08 17:20 DM2AFN	JO61WB	304
02/10 20:10 SP9FG	JN99XF	307km, Tropo

Rig: 2W + 60cm dish. Tnx fr info Zenek!

Last Minute Report from Nov. 17th 2004

G4LOH, IO70JC, reports:

I was just chatting with Mau IK2YXK, on WWconverse and thought I should try sending for a minute on 144185 MHz to listen for early meteors from the apparently approaching Leonids storm.... amazing.... no ms but 539 on tropo. No-one else was on, the map showing recent contacts at ON4KST was blank, but there he was.

17-11-2004

16:28 IK2YXK 539 559 JN45op, 53/55 on ssb also
The duct was very selective, only stations within a few km of Mau in Italy appeared all evening:

16:40 IK2GSO JN45np
18:21 IW2DAL JN45nn
18:56 IW2DAL 59+20dB FM
20:11 IW2NOR JN45on

20:18 I2FAK JN45on
20:26 IK2FIL JN45om
21:49 IW2BNA JN45on
21:56 IW2MXY JN45no
All at 1200km +/- not very much.

No other Italian stations were heard, just this duct to about 20km radius of Milan. Tropo skeds with I5WBE (JN53) and I4XCC (JN63) showed only ms. The duct did reach well into France though, nearby stations in Brittany to mid France were not evident on the band so I guess this was an elevated duct. Also the signal strengths did not change much as night fell and the land cooled.

Other highlights were:

16:46 HB9MEY 55 55 JN47bm
17:27 F5SDD JN23fr
19:09 EA1DAX IN53
19:10 EA1DKV IN53th
17:16 F6HZL 55 55 JN23qu

The beacon F5XAV JN24gb was heard for the first time and was good strength all evening, also F5XAL JN12ll was 529 all evening which is impressive given the Pyrenees mountains in the path. I was also delighted to reach:
20:41 F6HTJ JN12kq 1030km, right behind the mountains with just a modest yagi and 40W.

6m News

Reports, Expeditions, Infos

Editor: Joachim Kraft, DL8HCZ

Not much to report about from DL after July.

Since the beginning of September I was qrv again from CT as CT1HZE (IM57nh) and was able to listen to ZD8VHF almost every evening in Sept./Oct. via TEP on 6mts in the timeframe from 1930 to 2230 UTC.

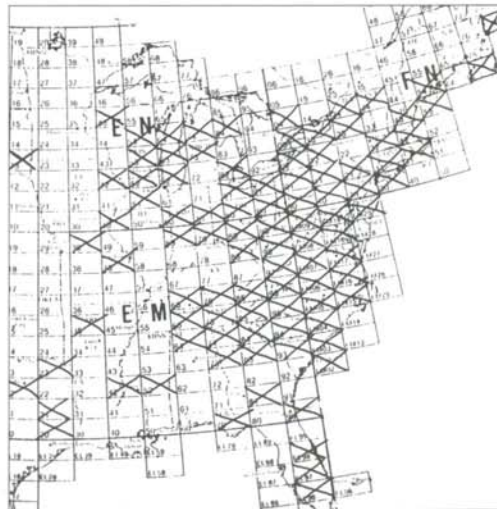
But there is another opening that is worth reporting: On July 5th 2004 there has been an exceptional triple hop sporadic-E opening from CT to the U.S. and Canada from 1900 to 2330 UTC. There have been several of these openings to the U.S. and the Caribbean this summer with many short openings to the usual W1, 2, 3 area but with some very good wide spread openings on June 27th, July 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th to W1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 0, VE1, 2 and 3. The opening on July 5th resulted in >160 QSOs from CT1HZE and the many incoming direct QSLs showed that this has been an exceptional opening because on the cards there were so many comments as: "TNX for first QSO with IM57", "TNX for first QSO with CT" and even "TNX for first QSO with Europe"! Most of these comments came from stations in W8/W9. During this opening CT1HZE had a tremendous pile-up from this area and the QSLs showed that even many small stations with 20 W and a 3 Element Yagi or so worked me. Even mobile stations like VE3IKV/m from FN04 were workable. In order to show the good activity of U.S. stations on six even close to the sunspot minimum here the list of stations wkd by CT1HZE on July 5th, 2004:

1423-1447: W4SO EL96, K4MM EL97, K4RX EM70, KC4PX EL98, N4IS EL96, K4UTE EM90, K5UR EM35, W4BP EL96, N4GM EL96, KA9CFD EN40, NW5E EL98, W5KN EM20.

1900-2330: KS4S FM04, K2WU FM19, N2NB FN30, K3TKJ FM29, K3CHP FM29, N3DB, W4WA EM84, K3KO FN06, WA4NJP EM84, K5AND EM74, K8MFO EN90, K6EID EM73, W8OI EM88, K4UX FM16, K5ZG EN70, K4QI FM03, K4MWB FM05, K4CHT EM86, AD4F EM75, K4WS EM86, K3BTX FN00, AA1K/M, KY5R EM64, W2UDT FN20, N4VA FM18, K1XJ KN31, N8OB EN80, W3COP FN10, K2PLF FM19, W4KVS EM94, K4SO FM18, AI3W FM19, N3OC FM19, W4DR FM17, K3SX EM74, N4XD FM05, K3TC FM19, W8GG EM88, K8MD EN82, W0VHF FN12, WA8WV EM98, WB8KCL EN81, W8RJL FM16, W2DSIH FN31, K8FLY EN63, WN3V FN10, W8DCH EN80, K3XA FM18, W4CBX EM86, N2AU FN12, K8ATQ EN91, K8IU FN20, K2RW FN20, N2FY EM85, N3YX EN91, N8CJ EN84,

AG2A FN30, K3CK FM18, K3WW FN20, W5KI FM29, N4UB FM09, K8MD EN82, W3BBO FN02, W4FQT FM18, WV1K FN41, W2MPK FN23, K1RA FM18, WA8RCN EN91, W9VHF EM89, K8OOK EN73, WB9GYT EN62, W4WTA EM83, K1PXE FN31, K8RYU EM99, N3LL EN90, K9LJN EN52, KE3I FM9, AF9R EN52, K9RZZ EN62, W9RN EN52, WA1MKE EN70, W8TU EN82, KY5R EM64, N3LL EN90, N8UUP EN82, WB9CIC EM69, NM9P EM69, K1VW FN31, N4UB FM09, WA8JOC EN79, AF4HX EM85, K2LZQ FN20, K9RJ EN51, WA0KBZ, K3HX FN00, W9IU EN60, W9JN EN54, K1WHS FN43, N8FF FM15, N4MI FM17, K1RC EN42, N4VC EM66, N4AH FM02, N4BT/2 FN31, K3ONW FM09, W8AU EN90, K1BO EM95, K5GMX FN31, VE3IKV/M FN04, WA2AEY FN23, N8II FM19, KD2I FM29, W9JUV EN62, N9US EN52, N3AM FM19, W3YY FM18, W4TO EM75, NR0X EN42, N4TJ FM04, KF2HC FN20, K5TF EM73, N0PB EM39, VE3FIT FN03, AI3W FM19, KB3IIA FN10, K8GC EN74, WA1RKS, W4LK EM93, W3LPL FM19, K3UL FN11, WB2TPS FN30, WA3WUL, W5UN EM23, N8IN EN82, K3FN FN31, N4JB EM96, K1XJ FN31, VA3NQ FN13, W2BPI FN13, K8GUN FM09, W1TE FN42, W2QO FN02, K4XP EM84, W8JGU EN91, K8HS EN82, AA4U EM64, N3UX FM19, KM0T EN13, N4CH FM07, W1QK FN31, KB1EFS FN42, W4ML FN07, K0IQ, WB9WHQ EN45, W1BS FN32, AE3T FN20, K2GVE FN30, K1QT FN42, W1ARA FN42, W2CNS FN13, K7BV/1.

On July 6th at 2330 C6AGN was wkd during another good opening to W1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.



Map: Almost 100 Grid Squares from the U.S. were wkd by CT1HZE (IM57nh) on 6m via Sporadic-E in the openings on June 27th, July 3rd, 5th and 6th.

November 2004 Auroras:

K1TOL worked OZ4VV on AuE

Lefty Clement, K1TOL in Turner, Maine said he had a tremendous thrill on November 7 when he worked OZ4VV and MM0AMW on 6 meters. This is only the third time in 30 years on 6 meters that he has worked Europe via Auroral-E skip without the assistance of the F2 layer. The OZ QSO was his furthest yet. He was also hearing European commercial television signals S9, and heard via a European chat cluster that G4IGO and an SM6 heard him for a five minute period. (de ARLP)

KH6SX worked KL7FZ on Aurora

On November 8th at 06:30 UTC the first ever Aurora QSO from Hawaii took place when KH6SX worked KL7FZ (Alaska). The QSO was classified as Aurora from the reporters. Anyway we guess to consider AuE.

Expeditions and News:

3Y0P Peter Isl.: The multinational expedition 3Y0X will be qrv from around January 21st to February 4th also on 6 mts.

5A Libya: 5A3A, Ali, may be qrv on 6m next year.

5H Tanzania: JE3MAS is qrv again for another year as 5H3HK also on 6m.

5U Niger: 5U7JB (US-Op) ist qrv on 6m for a longer period. Loc. JK13, QSL via ON5NT.

7X Algeria: 7X0AD (JM16jr) and 7X2RO (JM16) became qrv on 6m for the first time in June. QSOs since June 2nd are accepted now for DXCC.

C3 Andorra: C31JI is qrv on 6m since June 2004. Loc. JN02.

CP Bolivia: CP1FQ. Rene, one of the very few CP's who made 6m-DX-QSOs in the past, is SK

CY9 St. Paul: VY2SS (CY9SS) and others will be qrv from June 7th to around July 7th 2005 on 6m with a good station. Loc.: FN97.

D2 Angola: 4L4FN, Ed, is qrv as D2PFN for a longer period and got his 4 ele yagi for 6m.

EM Antarctica: UX2HO ist qrv again as EM1HO for one year. Also 6m with 100w and 3 ele yagi.

EY Tadjik: EY/F5LYF + EY/F5NHJ are qrv also on 6m until March 2005. QSL via F5NHJ

FM Martinique: F5JKK is qrv on 6m since August as FM5JC from Martinique. He showed up on six in mid September with 100 w and a 5 ele yagi. His Locator is FK94LO.

FR/G Glorioso: F5OGL, F5CW, F5IRO, F5PTM etc. plan a big expedition for several weeks in May 2005 incl. 6m.

FP St. Pierre: VE3IKV plans a 6m trip through several squares in eastern Labrador (FO., GO.) during summer 2005. May be he will also go to FP.

FT1Z Amsterdam Isl.: FT1ZL, is qrv until the end of 2004 on 6m. Loc.: MF82. So far he has not made

any QSOs on 6m and his 6m antenna was destroyed lately. So probably no chance anymore for 6m. Anyway may be the cycle timing was not too helpful either...

HI Dom. Rep.: HI3TEJ is qrv with 100w + 5 ele on 6m. Loc. FK49. QSL via ON4ANT, now ON4IQ.

HK0 San Andres: W6JKV, N0JK a.o. consider a 6m expedition during summer 2005.

HZ Saudi Arabia: There is a new amateur radio law in HZ. 6m operation is no longer permitted!

J3 Grenada: W7XU, K5AND and ON4IQ plan to be qrv QRO from June 24th to July 3rd 2005 on 6m

J6 St. Lucia: J69EN, a resident OP, is quite active on 6m. He is in FK94LA.

JW Svalbard: SP9EMF is qrv as JW0IB from JQ77 until June 30th 2005 also on 6m.

S2 Bangladesh: S2/EI3IO plans to be qrv in May/June 2005 on 6m.

SV/A Mount Athos: SV2ASP/A ist qrv on 6m.

TN Congo: CT3HK is qrv on 6m as TN3S until October 2005. Obviously he NOT active on six!

VK Australia: PE1OZH moved to VK and is very active as VK4KDD/6 on 6m.

V3 Belize: W6JKV plans to be qrv with QRO on 6m in the end of June 2005.

VP2M Montserrat: VP2MEG is qrv with 100w and a 4 ele yagi on 6m. He is a resident.

VP2V British Virgin Isl.: VP2VE, Lee E. Reisenweber became a SK on February 21st 2004. Lee was quite active on 6 m in 2001/2002. He was last heard on HF in Oct. 2003. His locator was FK78qk and QSL via WAZNHA.

VP8 Falkland: G3WOS plans to be qrv on 6m EME in JT1 mode in March/April 2005. He will probably be also active from Ascension as ZD8SIX

YA Afghanistan: G4KUX continues his YA4F activity on 6m until at least April 2005.

ZA Albania: ZA/IK0OKY is qrv on 6m until August 2006. QSL via IW0BET.

ZD8 Ascension: G8WVW is qrv until March 2006 as ZD8I. In the end of October Ian erected his 5 ele yagi temporarily 2m a.g.l. and worked to EA, CT, 9H, FM and PJ2.

4m News

Reports, Expeditions, Infos

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GW3HWR reports that the **MFJ-906 6m tuner** also works quite o.k. on 70 MHz. He writes:

"I use a MFJ-906 for the ATU. this is a 'PI' coupler with a 2-needle power and VSWR meter, intended for 50MHz but quite usable at 70MHz.

The inductor has 7 turns of about 20swg at about

12mm inside diameter and spaced to be 50mm long; if you are making your own, I suggest 5 turns would serve better at 70MHz; the capacitors look about 100pF and are near their minimum settings at 70MHz."

FT847: The sensitivity of this rig on 4m is extremely low. You need a preamp to get results. A software mod for improving the sensitivity does not result in more sensitivity but more noise. The S/N ratio keeps as is and the 6m RX is also affected. Although the TX delivers almost 10 watts output with around 100 watts input the signal quality is reported to be quite problematic.

SP-4000: SSB Electronic offers a masthead preamp for the 4m band.

YO4FYQ from KN44 was wkd on 4m from the U.K. in July. The OP states that he has a licence and 5 w and a 5ele.

OH: A release of the 4m band in Finland is not expected before 2005. OH5XO (KP41) and OH1ZAA (KP01) are qrv for 6m/4m x-band. OH1ZAA is already planning a 4m-beacon in the KP31 area.

OX-OX: The first ever OX to OX QSO on 4m took place on July 30th 2004 between OX3LX and OX3RA as a local QSO in FM.

I: IOJX had a 4m beacon running for a few hours by mistake. The beacon was heard in the U.K...

He still tries to get a 4m licence but says the military does not agree at the moment.

Scandinavian Activity Contest - 4m section

From January 1st 2005 the Scandinavian Activity Contest will take place on 4m every third Thursday from 19.00 to 23.00 ME(S)Z.

New time-duplex repeater in central England

An unattended 'store and forward' single-frequency voice relay was switched on at 1330UTC on Saturday 16 October, operating on 70.4375MHz using the callsign MB7FM, with a maximum 'store' time of 120 seconds. Locator IO91PS, with 10dBW ERP from a dipole antenna at 32 metres above ground.

Voice Relay also in Ireland

Another of voice relay (see MB7FM) is qrv on 70.350 MHz in FM from southern Ireland (40km north west of Cork) IO52) with a vertical. The maximum length of recording is 45 seconds.

New beacon GB3CFG

A new 4m beacon was supposed to be switched on in Nov/Dec from Northern Ireland. Call:

GB3CFG, QRG: 70.027 MHz, Loc.: IO74CR. Antenna: 2 x 3 ele with QTF 45 and 135 deg. Pwr: 20 W.

ZB2/G0JLL Expedition June 2005

G0JLL plans to be in Gibraltar in June 2005 for about 10 days and intends to operate specifically on 4m ssb/cw also 4m/6m crossband with a decent aerial setup and 100W on 4m.

ZB3B qrv 4m FM

Ronald ZB3B (IM76HE), is qrv now on 4m with a FM only rig and a vertical.

G4ASR, IO81MX, reports:

9 November: 1450-2100utc Aurora:

1451 GB3MCB 53A heard IO70 040deg

1452 GB3ANG 54A heard IO86 010deg

1458 70.100MHz GM4BYF 55A 53A IO85JU

1502 70.100MHz G3JYP 53A 55A IO84SN

1538 70.201MHz GD0TEP 59A 57A IO74SD

1542 70.191MHz EI3IO 55A 55A IO63WF

1547 70.201MHz G3NAQ 55A 57A IO91HL

2000 70.100MHz OZ3ZW 41A heard JO54RS

Also heard the stations of G3UKV (IO82) and G4FUF (JO01). Been looking for OZ stations throughout the opening. OZ2LD was worked by G3JYP at 1710utc (whilst I was having dinner!) OZ3ZW popped up at 2000utc around the same time as Au-Es on 50MHz.

10 November: Aurora

Open before 0800utc through to 0900UTC.

Re-opened 1300-1415utc.

0815 GB3ANG 57A hrd IO86MN 030deg

0835 GB3MCB 53A hrd IO70 045deg

1352 GD0TEP 59A hrd IO74SD 045deg 70.100

1357 OZ3ZW 52A hrd JO54RS 040deg 70.105

The auroral opening faded out in IO81MX around 1415utc, followed later by a long Sporadic-E opening to Slovenia from 1700-1830utc.

1705 S51DI 59 59 JN76VL 70.450 FM 1485km

1740 S51DI 59 hrd JN76VL 20.205 SSB

S51DI was heard working many G-stations on 70.450MHz FM.

11 November: 0950-100utc

Another Sporadic-E opening on 70MHz although there were no DX stations active! 50MHz was open to I, S5, T9, YO, 9A from IO81MX at the same time.

0956 S55ZMB 539 hrd JN76VK 70.029+

Rig.: 4CX250B and 6 Ele. Yagi.

Sporadic E 144 MHz - Reports

All reports 59 59 unless otherwise notified.

August 11th, 2004

DK2CF, JO41CG, wkd:

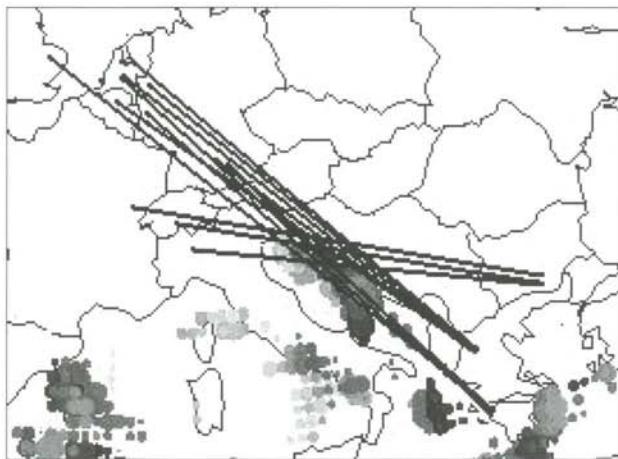
1127-1135 UTC

OH1AYQ KP12JB 1475 km

OH8NXX KP25SB 1815 km

LA8KV JP52QQ 1280 km

(Ed: Quite amazing that this opening was not detected by other stations as activity was quite high due to the Perseid shower. Anyway I guess that the QSO with at least LA8KV was via a long MS burst. DL8HCZ)



Lightning map from November 10th 2004 — strong activity over the Adriatic Sea all day and quite in the center of the path of the Sporadic-E. Just coincidence? Or a trigger together with the simultaneous strong disturbance of the earth's magnetic field?

November 10th, 2004

DG1KJG, JO30, wkd:

1713 SV2DCD KN00NF

DG9YIH, JO32, wkd:

1716 SV3GKE KM08

DF6NA, JN49xs, wkd:

1715 SV3GKE KM08vf

DF8KK, JO30nv, wkd:

1703 SV3GKE KM08VF 1818km

1715 SV2DCD KN00NF 1604km

DH4FAJ, JN49ex:

On 10th of November I listened with ic821 on 144.070 on Aurora signals at 17.00 UTC. Then I turned on the FT857d on 144.300 to listen for some Au signals in SSB. 17:20 some signal on 144.300 very loud. I did not believe to hear SV2DCD with 59+. 2 calls and the QSO was complete! Very surprised about Es in November!

1720 SV2DCD KN00NF 1471km

DL1GGT, JN58ao, wkd:

1707 SV3GKE KM08VF

1719 SV2DCD KN00NF

they have been here 59 for half an hour with deep QSB. Vy nice ES in November.

DL8EBW, JO31nf, wkd:

1715 SV2DCD KN00 57 58 1630

1722 SV3GKE KM08 55 59 1845

G4FUF JO01, wkd:

1720 SV2DCD KN00NF

HB9SJV, JN36bk, wkd:

1714 LZ1ZP KN22id

Rig : 100W + 11 ele 1000m asl

IW2NOR, JN45on, wkd:

1713 LZ1ZP 57 59 KN22id 1297

1715 LZ1GC 58 59 KN21 1400

Rig: Kenwood TS2000 and "enough power", 2X17ele

I8MPO, JN70fp, hrd:

1713 hrd DJ5BV calling somebody on 144.300 via Es for less than one minute.

LZ1ZP, KN22id, wkd:

I have never worked so late Es on 144Mhz! Everything started here around 15.45 when I heard first signals on 50Mhz. Then very fast Es on 6 covered a huge area from 4X to G - some stations were 59 +60 dB and some short distance contacts were made with 9A (abt 700 km). At 16.53 I worked HB9SJV and discussed with him (with a joke...) abt the possibility to work on 144 Mhz. Around 16.55 I checked BC band - what a surprise, band was full with Italian stations up to 108 MHz even more it was a mixture of sounds (one upon another) like during fast rising MUF!! Than...

1710 IW2NOR Hrd

1713 HB9SJV 59/59 JN36

1714 IW2NOR 59/57 JN45

1724 F1DLT 59/52 JN27

That's it. Nice job at the start of the winter! Rig 100W 11ele

PA2CHR, JO22xa, wkd:

1714 SV2DCD KN00NF 55 59

1718 SV3GKE KM08VF 55 59

Very unusual ES in November.

PA3DZL, JO21, wkd:

1730 SV2DCD KN00NF

PA3FPQ, JO22xe

1721 SV3GKE KM08VF.

Heard SV2DCD.

PA5DD, JO22IC, wkd:

1718 SV2DCD KN00NF 1820km

SV2DCD, KN00NF, wkd

1710-1735: DJ7PW, DL5PN, DJ5BV, DL3IAS, PA2CHR, DL8EBW, DF8KK, PA3CNX, PA0JMV, DH4FAJ, PA5DD, DL1GGT, PA3DZL, DL4SDM, DL7QY, ON7BJ, DL0UL, DL5MCG and DG4F?!

Rig: 300w + 2 x 11 ele.

Meteor-Scatter

144 MHz Reports, Editor: DL8LAQ

DJ8ES (JO43SX) wkd in FSK441

2004-08-01
1020 SM3RPQ JP74BT 27 27 #236
2004-08-06
1725 RU1AC KP50EJ 27 27
1750 LY2SA KO14LL 27 27
1920 RW3PF KO93CD 27 27 #237
2004-08-07
0555 HA6VV/P JN97WH 27 27
0715 EA3DXU JN11CM 38 27
0737 EA2AGZ IN91DV 37 27 #238
0905 EI5FK IO51RT 27 27 #239
0948 ES6LBN KO37AW 27 27 #240
1025 ES8A KO28FD 27 27
1045 RX1AS KO59FX 37 27 #241
2004-08-08
1505 OH9O KP18RB 37 27 #242
2004-08-10
0535 RW3WR KO71IM 27 27 #243
1900 RZ3AF KO85BP 37 27 #244
1935 RV3AO KO87VG 27 26 #245
2258 IW0UEI JN40GR 27 26
2355 RA3WDK KO81BR 27 26 #246
2004-08-11
0100 OH9O KP28AB 27 27 #247
2030 LZ1KWT KN32AS 27 27 #248
2120 UA3PC KO84PC 27 27 #249
2215 YU7AA JN95KU 27 27 #250
2245 RA3QTT LO01GQ 27 27 #251 2080km
2327 EA6/DL7AJA JM08pw 38 38 #252
2004-08-12
0720 RU1AA KO48VR 27 27 #253
0725 SM2CKR KP03DQ 59 39 #254 SSB-QSO
0810 YL/DJ4UF KO17NH 27 28 #255
0850 IT9BLB JM68QE 59 37 #256 SSB-QSO
0917 IW2HAJ JN45NO 37 39 SSB-QSO
1140 SM2ILF KP04MM 27 38 #257
1222 SM2CEW/P KP06SA 2728 #258
73, Wolfgang.

DL8EBW (JO31NF) wkd in FSK441:

2004-08-20
0430 0445 LA4XGA JP33 26 27 3 1 0,2 C-RFS
2004-08-26
0355 0410 F/DF2ZC IN77 26 26 3 2 0,5 C
1717 1732 G0KZG/MM JP10 26 27 5 - 0,4 CR#
2004-08-27
0356 0405 LA4XGA JP33 27 27 3 - 0,2 C-RFS
2004-08-28
0525 0541 G0KZG/MM JO09 2726 6 4 0,5 CR#
2004-08-29
0501 0517 G0KZG/MM JO19 2726 5 2 0,6 CR#
1756 1827 G0KZG/MM JO18 3826 6 2 8,0 NC-R
2004-08-30
0510 0532 G0KZG/MM JO08 2626 10 4 1,1 CR

2004-09-03
0429 0500 LA4XGA JP33 26 26 4 2 0,1 C-RFS
2004-09-10
0429 0452 LA4XGA JP33 26 26 6 2 0,4 C-RFS
2004-09-24
0300 0338 9A/OK1YA JN82 26 26 4 2 0,4 C
0359 0419 LA4XGA JP33 26 27 3 0 0,4 C-RFS
2004-10-15
0428 0448 LA4XGA JP33 26 27 4 1 0,2 C-RFS
2004-10-20
0458 0515 I8/DF2ZC JM89 27 27 3 2 0,3 C
2004-10-21
0431 0443 S51AT JN75 27 27 2 1 0,2 NC-R
0500 0515 IK2FIL JN45 26 - 1 1 0,6 NC-SC
2004-10-29
0427 0445 LA4XGA JP33 27 27 8 1 0,6 C-RFS

Remarks: # = new SQUARE for me in a complete QSO; SC = Sidescatter-QSO (my antenna beaming to radiant); RFS = regular friday morning ms-sked each week to LA4XGA, 1300km; R = random QSO. 73, Guy.

I4YNO (JN54KP) wkd in FSK441:

Only the most interesting QSOs listed!

2004-06-10
1828 OH9O/0 KO09CX 27 26 tnx new # 392
2004-06-16
0520 LY2BUU KO15XH 37 27 tnx new # 393
2004-06-30
0736 ES0Q KO17AV 27 26
2004-08-21
2305 SV2JL KN10IO 26 27 tnx new # 395
2004-08-22
1205 LA2AB JO59FV 26 27

I think that WSJT brought a new wave of enthusiasm among MS-fans, but not only. Now I am looking forward to try JT65. 73 de Alex

I8/DF2ZC wkd FSK-MS

on 23.10.2004 from JM87BX

0505-0515	EA3DXU	27/-	JN11CM	NC	1254 km
0515-0530	PA0JMV	R27/27	JO21PM	C	1728 km
0530-0545	EA3DXU	27/-	JN11CM	NC	1254 km
0545-0612	DH7FB	27/R26	JO62SM	C	1628 km
0612-0614	DL7FF	R27/26	JO62TJ	C	1614 km
0617-0619	DF7KF	R27/27	JO30GU	C	1618 km
0620-0629	S51MQ	R27/27	JN75NT	C	874 km
0629-0640	ON4IQ	R27/26	JO20BU	NC	1716 km
0640-0642	DL0UL	R27/27	JN48XK	C	1264 km
0642-0650	DJ7OF	R37/27	JO51HQ	NC	1583 km
0650-0653	DL1GGT	R27/27	JN58AO	C	1278 km
0651-0700	ON4IQ	R27/26	JO20BU	C	1716 km
0703-0711	OE3FVU	R27/26	JN78VE	C	1134 km
0711-0717	DK3WG	R28/27	JO72GI	C	1602 km
0717-0722	ON4GG	R26/26	JO20AR	C	1708 km
0725-0735	PA2CHR	R27/26	JO22XA	C	1750 km
0735-0741	I4YNO	R26/26	JN54KP	C	861 km
0755-0802	IV3GTH	R26/26	JN65ST	C	896 km
0802-0828	DL4DWA	R27/27	JO61QH	C	1497 km
0826-0835	F5JNX	27/R26	JN37PV	C	1315 km

0835-0846 EA3DXU R27/27 JN11CM C 1254 km
 0846-0902 DK3EE R27/27 JO41GV C 1656 km
 0900-0930 OK1FFD R27/27 JO60CF C 1396 km
 0942-0956 DL1RNW R26/26 JO62GH C 1617 km
 1012-1100 DF8IK R26/26 JO30JT C 1605 km
 1042-1100 IW4EHZ R26/27 JN54 C
 hrd IK2DDR 1b, IK0BZY 1b

LA0BY in JO59FW wk:

2004-01-02
 2054 2112 HA2004EU JN96JO 27 27 FSK random
 2338 0008 S53J JN75EV 27 26 FSK random
 2004-01-03
 1208 1218 DJ9CZ JO31BC 27 27 FSK random
 1508 1532 EI5FK IO51RT 27 26 FSK
 1542 1558 SP9LCV JO90KF 27 27 FSK random
 1810 1850 RX1AS KO59FX 28 27 FSK random
 2246 2304 RK1B/1 KO69DI 26 27 FSK random
 2308 2313 RU1AA KP40XD 27 28 FSK random
 2004-01-04
 1020 1030 ON4KHG JO10XO 28 27 FSK random
 1050 1058 GW7SMV IO81LN 27 26 FSK
 1216 1233 GW3LEW IO71PS 27 27 FSK
 1420 1452 G0RRJ IO91FE 26 26 FSK random
 2004-01-06
 2210 2235 OH9O KP17SV 26 26 FSK
 2004-06-05
 1122 1134 OH9O KP38RK 27 26 FSK
 2004-06-07
 2220 2310 TF/SM6CMU IP13AU 2627 FSK random
 2004-06-08
 0605 0620 OH8K KP35LC 27 27 FSK random
 2004-06-11
 1338 1346 OH8K KP45 27 26 FSK random
 2004-06-12
 1114 1131 OM3KDX KN19DB 27 27 FSK
 2004-06-13
 0605 0617 HA6NQ JN98WA 27 26 FSK
 2004-06-23
 0830 1000 UT2HI KN69QC 27 27 CW 1828km
 2004-06-29
 0444 0512 OH8K KP51BW 27 26 FSK random
 2004-06-30
 1540 1558 OH8K KP52BS 27 26 FSK random
 2004-07-20
 0520 0602 OH9NDD KP26UM 27 27 FSK random
 2004-07-31
 0710 0732 RU3ACE/3 KO74FL 27 27 FSK random
 2135 2208 UX5UL KO50FL 27 27 FSK
 2004-08-08
 1514 1531 OH9O KP18RB 27 27 FSK random
 2004-08-10
 1220 1242 OH7HXX KP53HG 27 27 FSK random
 2004-08-11
 0735 0758 OH9O KP28AB 27 27 FSK random
 1108 G7RAU IO90IR 59 59 SSB random
 2004-08-12
 1500 1524 RA3WDK KO81BR 27 26 FSK 1828km
 1915 1945 RU1AC KP50EJ 38 38 FSK random

2105 2125 RK3WWF KO72QI 27 27 FSK
 2133 2150 RU1AA KP48VR 28 27 FSK random
 2200 2300 LZ1BB/p KN33QC 27 27 FSK 2193km
 2320 2346 UR5TW KN39MK 27 27 FSK random
 2004-08-13
 0715 0736 OH9O KP16WN 27 27 FSK random
 0744 0806 OK2ZW JN89HI 48 27 FSK random
 Heard in FSK on 12. Aug.: RA3QTT, RW3PF, RA3AQ, RV3AO, RW3WR, RA3LW, IW5ACZ.
 Note my QTH is not ideal towards East. I was surprised to hear/work so many RA3 stn. The contact with LZ1BB was possible only thanks to WSJT, weak and short reflections over a large distance. RIG: IC-821H, PA 2 x MRF245, 180 W, 9-ele-yagi at 100 m asl.

LA0BY in JO59IX wk via MS on 144 MHz:

(Perseids assumed peak)
 2004-08-11
 2300 2314 RX3QFM KO91FM 39 55 SSB 1954km
 2340 RZ3QD KO91OO 39 59 SSB random 1989
 2004-08-12
 0309 DL5MAE JN58VF 49 49 SSB random
 0525 0528 IK1SPR JN34TQ 37 38 SSB random
 0553 0555 DF1CF JN57FP 38 38 SSB random
 0718 DLOGER/p JN49CC 39 39 SSB random
 0724 0730 F6FHP IN94TR 37 37 SSB random 1850
 0829 F6DRO JN03TJ 37 27 SSB random 1943
 0843 0847 F9OE JN18BP 39 57 SSB random
 0849 0851 F8DBF IN78RI 37 37 SSB random
 0959 F4DXX IN97LH 27 27 SSB random
 1016 EI3GE IO63XD 37 37 SSB random
 1033 G4ASR IO81MX 28 28 SSB random
 RIG: IC-821H, PA 2 x MRF245, 180 W, 2 x 9-ele-yagi at 500 m asl. Note: First time since long not on expedition this year. What a change! When was the peak of the Perseids? Not easy to tell... The advent of WSJT has obviously not only killed HSCW, but seems to have reduced also SSB activity now. That is a pity because the long bursts are all wasted for WSJT. On the other hand there is very good activity on FSK-MS now, also from RA3 or other parts of Eastern Europe.

LA0BY in JO59BA wk via MS on 144 MHz:

2004-08-04 07550815 OM7CM JN98NR 28 27 FSK
 2004-08-04 08150825 HA3UW JN96JO 27 39 FSK
 2004-08-04 08420902 YU7EU KN05HP 27 27 FSK
 2004-08-04 09020910 HA6ZB KN07BV 37 27 FSK
 2004-08-04 09381000 EA3AXV JN01TJ 37 27 FSK
 2047km. All QSOs random! RIG: IC-281H, PA 2 x 4CX250B, 500W, 2 x 9-ele-yagi at 50 m asl. 73, Stefan.

OK1DFC (JN79GW) wk in FSK441:

2004-11-07
 2202 ES1RF KO29IF 27 26
 2004-11-08
 1914 OH6KTL KP02OP 26 27
 1915 OH6GX KP03SD 26 27 #384
 2022 RU3GX KO92SO 26 26 #385
 2036 RW3WR KO71IM 37 26
 2103 RW3PF KO93CD 26 27

2211 OH4GGWK P31PQ 26 26
 2229 SM3PXO JPT3GI 26 26
 2255 YL3GDF KO26XM 27 27
 2315 OH4HXX KP21UM 26 27

73, Zdeno.

RA3IS (KO67HF) wkd in FSK441 on 144 MHz:

2004-08-12
 1700 OK2ZW JN89HI 26 26 NC
 1800 SM5FMX 26 26
 1843 DJ9YE JO43HV 27 27 22dB
 2004 DL8EBW JO31NF 27 26 19dB
 2027 PA2CHR JO21WX 27 27 17dB
 2045 DK1KO JO53CT 27 27 14dB
 2130 OZ1LPR JO44UW 26 27 6dB
 2133 DF2ZC JO30RN 27 26 21dB
 2200 DF7KF JO31GU 26 27 NC
 2200 PA1T 27 27 21dB
 2230 OZ1IEP JO55XU 26 26 NC
 2255 PA3BIY JO22EB 26 26 20dB
 2004-08-13
 0004 PA2DW 26 27 NC
 0640 OZ1IEP JO55XU 27 26 21dB
 0820 SP6GZZ JO81HI 27 27
 0820 DL6BF JO32QI 27 26
 0900 DG0KW JO64MH 27 27 at 0855z
 1800 HB9FAP JN46EW 27 27 18dB 8s
 1900 DL9MS JO54WC 26 26 NC
 1955 DJ9FG JO52UD 27 27 22dB
 2045 DC9YC JO31PI 27 26
 2100 DL9MS JO54WC 27 26 17dB
 2130 DF7KF JO31GU 27 27 NC
 2141 PA0JMV JO21PM 27 27
 2200 DJ9MG JO52TC 27 27 22dB
 2200 DL7FF JO62TJ 27 27 20 sec burst
 2210 DK0OG JN68GI 27 27 NC
 2315 OK1DFC JO60RN 27 26 21dB
 2004-08-14
 0020 OK1MZM JN69PR 27 27 18dB
 0106 DG6JF/P JO31MM 27 27
 0130 PA3DOL JO22MT 27 26
 0142 PA3COB JO32MF 27 27 20dB
 0800 S57TW JN75EX 27 27 20dB
 0813 DL2ARD JO60AR 27 26
 0850 HA3UU JN96JO 27 29
 2040 YU1EV KN04CN 27 27 14dB
 2150 OE6IWG JN77PK 27 27 23dB
 2004-08-15
 0530 S53J JN75EV 27 27
 0630 HA8CE KN06EN 27 27
 0700 HA6NQ JN98 27 26
 0700 PA5KM 27 26
 0710 DF7KF JO31GU 27 26
 0740 DL9MS JO54WC 27 27 NC

RA3LW (KO54MQ) wkd in FSK441:

2004-07-27
 2100 2115 OK1DFC JO80 26 27 C
 2120 2130 HA5OV JN79 27 27 C

2125 2145 SP3VSC JO92 29 NC
 2004-08-06
 0200 0300 PA0JMV JO21 26 27 C
 0300 0400 DL2ARD JO60 29 27 C
 2250 2300 YU1EV KN04 29 27 C R
 2325 2335 S57TW JN75 49 27 C R
 2004-08-07
 0010 0020 DG6JF/P JO33 27 27 C R
 0105 0125 SM7FMX JO65 27 NC R
 2150 2200 PA3FSA JO23 27 27 C R
 2201 2210 HA6NQ JN98 39 38 C R
 2331 2346 OZ1PIF JO65 27 27 C R
 2004-08-08
 2100 2200 PE1GNR JO31 NIL
 2111 2120 DL9AN JO62 49 27 C R
 2122 2140 OK1FFD JO60 29 27 C R
 2200 2300 PE1AHX JO21 27 26 C
 2300 2400 RZ4HF LO43 NIL
 2345 2400 IZ4AIK JN63 26 26 C R
 2004-08-09
 0000 0030 SP6GWB JO80 27 27 C
 0033 0035 HA6ZB KN07 29 27 C R
 2000 2100 RW9FT LO89 NIL
 2200 2300 RZ4HF LO43 TRX is spoiled
 2300 2400 OH2HEJ KP20 TRX is spoiled
 2004-08-10
 2300 2400 DL8EBW JO31 27 26 C
 2004-08-11
 0000 0030 OK2ZW JN89 27 27 C R
 0035 0040 HA6ZB KN07 27 37 C R
 2100 2200 ON4KHG JO10 NIL
 2212 2217 DJ5HG 39 27 C R
 2220 2229 DJ9YE JO43 29 28 C R
 2235 2300 DJ7OF JO51 27 27 C? R
 2311 2324 OE6IWG JN77 29 28 C R
 2004-08-12
 0300 0400 ON4KHG JO10 NO QRV, SRI
 2250 2256 OZ2IEP JO55 27 27 C R
 2306 2314 ON7EH JO20 29 27 C R
 2004-08-13
 0053 0058 RZ6BU KN84 29 27 C R
 2135 2204 HB9FAP JN47 27 27 C R
 2250 2258 DK0OG JN68 29 27 C R
 2345 2350 S53J JN75 29 27 C R
 2004-08-15
 2100 2120 OK1MZM JO 26 26 C
 2128 2136 DF7KF JO30 26 26 C
 2200 2222 OK1FFD JO60 27 26 C
 2216 2222 HA6NY JN98 27 26 C R
 2004-08-16
 0330 0405 S51AT JN75 26 27 C
 73's! de Misha, RA3LW.

YU7EW (KN05HP) wkd in FSK441:

2004-06-25 0638 RA3XAL KO74TR 26 26 #485SQ
 2004-07-17 0850 RN6BN KN95LC 27 27
 2004-07-23 2151 ES1RF KO29IJ 26 26
 2218 UA3ARC KO85SO 27 37
 2004-07-29 2157 RW1AY/1 KO68UK 27 27 #487SQ

2004-07-31	1708	RA3AQ/3	KO74FL	27 26
	2033	RX3QFM	KO91OO	27 27
2004-08-01	0747	RZ3QD	KO91OO	27 27
	1922	ES6RQ	KO28WA	27 27
2004-08-02	2234	OH6KTL	KP02OJ	27 27 1865km
	2308	UX5UL	KO50FL	27 27 #488SQ
2004-08-03	1931	RW3WR	KO71LM	26 26
	2106	UA3ARC/6	LN08VI	27 26
	2214	IS0/K0BZY	JM49UW	27 27
2004-08-04	0844	LA0BY	JO59FW	27 27
	2238	PE1AHX	JO21OS	27 27
2004-08-05	2240	F5NWK	IN97EJ	27 27
2004-08-07	0740	ES6LBN	KO37AW	27 27
	0940	DJ5HG	JO53IM	27 26
	2140	RU1AA	KP40XD	27 27
2004-08-08	2250	EW6GB	KO45CN	27 27
2004-08-10	2240	RA3QTT	LO01GQ	27 27
2004-08-11	0946	IS0GQX	JM49OH	27 27
2004-08-12	1108	OH7HXH	KP53HG	26 27 2061k #490
	2157	ES5DO	KO27WX	38 28
2004-08-13	0753	UA1ARX	KO48VR	27 27
	2240	RV3AO	KO87VG	27 27
2004-08-14	0740	RW3WR	KO71LM	27 27
2004-08-14	0956	DL3YEL	JO41EV	27 27
2004-08-15	1950	RU3ACE	KO95KG	27 27
	2047	RK3FG	KO86HP	27 27
2004-08-17	0851	DL7QY	JN59BD	27 27
2004-08-28	1223	DJ9CZ	JO31BC	27 27
2004-08-31	0649	G8VYK	JO01FO	27 26
2004-09-01	1801	PA5KM	JO11WL	27 27
2004-09-02	0709	DJ9CZ	JO31BC	27 27
2004-09-26	0809	LA5KO	JO59FH	27 27
	1907	PA0PVV	JO22VA	27 27
	1914	PE2RMI	JO23MH	27 27
	2015	PA3FSA	JO23RF	27 26
	2141	DL/UT8AL	JO43HV	27 27
2004-09-27	1209	DG9YIH	JO32QI	27 27
	1224	PA3BIY	JO22EB	27 27
	1235	DK4TG	JO31FF	27 27
	1248	PA1GYS	JO22WW	27 27
2004-09-30	2105	OZ8ZS	JO55RT	27 27
	2128	DL4EBV	JO31HK	27 27
2004-10-01	0616	G8VYK	JO01FN	27 27
2004-10-04	1856	PE1AHX	JO21OS	27 27
2004-10-06	0930	PA2DW	JO22GD	27 27
	0945	F1EBK	JN18BW	27 27
	1112	PD0ORT	JN23RE	27 27
2004-10-09	0802	G0UWK	IO83VC	27 26 1843km
	0851	DK3EE	JO41GV	27 27
2004-10-10	0551	RA3DHK	KO95JH	27 27
	0707	PA5KM	JO11WL	27 27
2004-10-14	0719	F4CYZ	JN38SF	27 26
2004-10-17	0618	DK8ZJ	JO54AG	27 37
2004-10-21	0620	I8/DF2ZC	JM89BC	26 26 #491SQ
2004-10-22	0615	G8VYK	JO01FO	27 27
	0916	PA1LA	JO32BM	27 26
2004-10-23	0718	DK3EE	JO41GV	27 27
	0733	DJ9MG	JO52TC	27 27
	2233	IW4EHZ	JN54ML	27 27

2004-10-24	0532	DK3EE	JO41GV	27 27
	0640	ON4ARF	JO10MV	27 27
2004-10-25	1019	DK9YE	JO43HV	27 27
	1912	DK7BY	JO42KH	27 27

Tnx all for QSO. 73, Pista

SM2CEW/P expedition to KP06SA on Aug. 12th 2004, all QSO's FSK441

0907	RK3AF	KO75	37/27	CR
0912	RX1AS	KO59	37/27	CR
0926	ES6RQ	KO28	39/39	CR
0930	OK1DFC	JN79	37/27	CR
0947	SP2JYR		37/27	CR
0951	DK3BU	JO33AO	39/27	CR
0957	RU1AC	KP50	39/27	CR
1005	OZ1LPR	JO44UW	39/27	CR
1028	PA2CHR	JO22XA	39/28	CR
1035	DF2ZC	JO30	39/27	CR
1053	SP3VSC	JO92DF	39/27	CR
1117	OK2ZW	JN89	39/27	CR
1137	DF8IK	JO30	27/27	CR
1145	PA5DD	JO22IK	27/36	CR
1218	DJ8ES	JO43	28/27	CR
1239	PA3BGM	JO33	39/27	NC R no RRR rcvd
1255	PA1GYS	JO22WL	39/27	CR

Station: IC211E + QQE06/40 PA abt 80W output

Ant: 2 x 7el hb yagis. Power from portable generator

Reflections were absolutely excellent during the short expedition to KP06. This time period must have been the peak of the shower at my location. I was using a GPRS connection to the internet for cluster access, and just announced my CQ FQ one time and from then on the frequency was full of reflections every receive period for hours. My GPRS connection was not very good in KP06 so I lost the cluster ever so often, but it was helpful when connected to be able to control the pileup at times via cluster spots. FSK441 is not brilliant when there is a pileup, and at shower peaks I rather prefer SSB. I listened on 144.200 but there was extremely low activity so I went back to FSK441. I had to QRT at 1300 because of some minor problems with the PA so I went back home to KP15CR for some 432 skeds. Unfortunately I only heard short reflections on 432 MHz and completed no QSO's. 73, Peter, SM2CEW



SM2CEW/p in KP06SA

II0W: One weekend QRV from JN51XX

First of all, we would like to thank the Director of the "Natural Reserve of Macchiaionda" who has made possible this activity from this rare square.

We want to explain to all VHF fans that JN51 is a very difficult square to work from and to activate because the only piece of land in this grid is in this a natural reserve area located near Santa Marinella, about 45 km west of Rome.

The reserve is a square in front of Tirrenian Sea with a dimension of 2 x 4 km, but only 1 km close to the sea is located in JN51. We noted on our GPS, that the road (SS1 Aurelia) in front of the reserve is in JN52 square and the land around the reserve contains 2 Military Bases (maybe some land of them are in JN51). So you understand now that the only possibility to activate JN51 is to have a permit to enter in the Reserve, or a /MM activation.

The park's guards and the director told us that this would be the last activation maybe for the next 10 years, because amateur radio activity is disturbing the wildlife of the reserve (noise and gas from the power generator, antennas and poles that disturb bird's, etc..)

We report these words because we see that many VHF DX-expeditioners want to activate this rare grid. But now you can understand that the only good way to activate this locator in the future is via the sea (/MM).

In 2003 we activated this grid during the IARU 50 MHz contest and we had the luck to complete 720 qsos on 6m and 110 qsos on 2m with also a good Sporadic-E opening to EA7, CN and CT on 2m, but we made only 2 qsos on MS; So this year we thought to give more emphasis to 2m FSK441. Anyway we didn't find good MS conditions during our stay.

Our 2m rig was a 13 element yagi with 100 watt. We were qrv all weekend 19./20. June 2004 starting at 12:30 utc on Saturday till 22:00z and again from 04:50 utc till 14:00 utc on Sunday, calling almost all time on 144.375 MHz.

To our surprise we got very bad conditions especially on the evening to night and in the early morning. When we started on Saturday afternoon we found very good conditions with 5 stations calling us at the same time, but after 4 completed qsos in 1 hour conditions were going down; during Saturday evening from 20 till 22 utc we had only 2 pings, and so in the Sunday morning (we thought that something was broken), but again in the early Sunday afternoon we heard many bursts from 2-3 stations calling us at the same time.

We think that we have done a good work but the final judgement is your opinion. Unfortunately we worked MS in a strange period (not in a good shower peak). We could only imagine what good thing could be done during Perseids or Quadrantids ... but at the moment it is only a dream!

Members of the II0W are: IW0BET John, IW0FFK Marco, IW0GIV Ray, IW0GPN Alex and IZ5EME Marco. QSL via direct or bureau to IW0BET.

73 de Alex, IW0GPN

II0W (JN51XX) wkd on 2m FSK-MS:

19.06.04	1321	144	DK1KO	27	26	FSK441
19.06.04	1326	144	G4FUF	27	27	FSK441
19.06.04	1350	144	DF2ZC	27	27	FSK441
19.06.04	1416	144	PA0V	27	26	FSK441
19.06.04	1526	144	DF7KF	27	27	FSK441
19.06.04	1936	144	DL6KR	27	27	FSK441
20.06.04	1124	144	EA3DXU	27	27	FSK441
20.06.04	1223	144	DK3BU	27	26	FSK441
20.06.04	1233	144	PA1GYS	27	27	FSK441
20.06.04	1359	144	PA0JMV	27	27	FSK441

Hrd: PE1AHX, DG6JF/P, DL5GAC, PA3DOL, PA0O, DL8EBW, DF8IK, DC9YC, DL4DWA and RK2FWA.



The II0W team



II0W antenna farm in JN51XX



IW0GPN operating II0W

PA1TK/MM

2m - Maritime Mobile - Expedition to JO12MI – September 2004

After very nice result back in 1996 as PA3FPS/mm with some 100 watts again it was time to plan for the IARU VHF contest! The only problem was the weather. On August 31 there were still high waves up to 350 cm, not nice for going MM for contesting! Finally there came a go-ahead from the owner of the ship the MV Welsing. At 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4th 2004, we left IJmuiden, during the trip to JO12MI there was time enough to install the equipment and antennas.

Promptly at 14.00 I was qrv without the expected big pile-up, but during the first hour 72 qso's were made, quite nice. Lots of stations did work a new square, however due to heavy qrm from UK coastal stations I missed myself two stations from OH and could not get their calls! Frustrating!

Results: In 18 hours 630 QSOs, best DX: SK6QW JO68WR 982km.

Best qso's on 2m above 700km:

20040904; 1533; SM7WT; JO65QQ; 770 km
 20040904; 1607; LA4YGA; JO48AE; 722 km
 20040904; 1704; OE9MON/9; JN47VN; 719 km
 20040904; 1852; DK1KCF/P; JN58QH; 743 km
 20040904; 1937; LA6VBA; JO48MQ; 799 km
 20040904; 2001; LA0BY; JO59KC; 896 km
 20040904; 2025; SM6V; JO57WQ; 817 km
 20040904; 2110; OZ2M; JO65FR; 720 km
 20040905; 0458; SM7/DL3JIN/P; JO75BJ; 801 km
 20040905; 0510; SM6MPA; JO67AT; 834 km
 20040905; 0820; SM6ONH; JO68MN; 934 km
 20040905; 0924; SK6QW; JO68WR 982 km
 20040905; 0934; SM6MD; JO68VB; 930 km
 20040905; 0945; DF0YY; JO62GD; 647 km
 20040905; 1231; LA6MV; JO59EJ; 906 km

Vy 73 de Theo, PA1TK/MM, (ex PE1ALA)



PA1TK/MM Antenna System



PA1TK/MM on MV Helsing in Sept. 2004



The /MM shack in JO12

Working conditions: Yeasu FT 847 with GS35B amplifier into 9 elements F9FTyagi and 2 times TashK antennas (omnidirectional modified Malteserkreuz).

TF/G4ODA + GM4ODA/p – 2004 Report

G4ODA, Keith, writes about his 2004 activity from Iceland and Foula Island (IP80):

Well there is really not a lot to say. Not really a DXpedition – just a holiday with radio as a side show. Main object was to drive around Iceland to take some photos, do some walking and look at the sites. But each night tried to camp somewhere different with reasonable take off in case of any E's – also monitored 50 MHz when driving just in case.

In TF the main licence permits 1 KW on HF, 500 W on 2m and 70cm but only 100 W on 50 MHz (and no 70 MHz).

I did take TS2000 + 3CX800 PA and 12 EI. Beal for 144 MHz MS but it was often not possible to run generator on campsites and MS conditions were poor so only 3 QSOs this year.

On 50 MHz I just had an IC706 as mobile rig and vertical. I could carry a 3 element beam pre-built on roof rack and be qrv with that in 2 or 3 minutes if the band opened – or extend it to 5 el. if needed.

Not as many openings this year as last but 1 or 2 quite good ones. So tried to give as many squares away as I could.

Foula (IP80) was a different matter. It is served by a very small boat – my land rover is too heavy to be lifted onto it. So here I took smaller hand luggage. – K2, transverters for 6, 4 + 2, small 3CX800 to cover all 3 bands and light-weight yagis.

Also rented a cottage so no tent taken. But the cottage was very poor for VHF, ground rose quickly to south and east. Did manage to have a good look around the island – small area but steep hills – and I certainly plan to go back again, better organized and from a better take off.

6m-Logbook: TF/G4ODA - 2004

IP14MA June 11th 1027-1150 19 x G, 2 x ON

HP85TN June 14th 1853-1920 11 x G, 2 x GM, 3 X GW, 2 x ON, 2 x EI, 1 x F

HP75VN June 15th 1749-1856 43 x G, 11 x PA, 3 x ON, 2 x EI, 8 x GW, 2 x GM, 9 x F, 4 x I, 2 x EH, 7 x DL (DG5YIL, DK2EH?, DF8XR, DL7QY, DJ6XV, DF9OX, DC9YC), 1 x OE, 1 x OK, 3 x 9A;

IP16MD, June 19th 0925-1143: 214 QSOs with: F, G, GM, ON, GW, PA, 1 x LX, EI, 1 x EH, DL (DL1EJA, DB6LJ, DJ9KG, DJ6MB);

IP26AM, June 19th 1610-1842: 71 QSOs with: G, I, EI, GM, GW, F, ON, PA, DL (DJ6MB, DL9GS, DL8YHR, DD3DJ);

IP15UP, June 22nd 0930-1035: 5 x GM, 3 x OZ, 1 x OH (OH2TP), 1 x PA, 2 x G;

IP14UX, June 22nd 1435: LA1NG JP66.

IP35ED, June 22nd 2120-2129 7 x SM0 + SM5 from JO89/99 and June 23rd 0927: OH1MLZ KP10;

6m-Logbook: GM4ODA/p, IP80XD:

June 27th 1006-1022: EH8FC IL28, EH1YO IN73, EH4TK IN70 1327-1432: 7 x S5, 3 x I, 1 x OE, 4 x OK, 1 x DL (DL3LFA), 1 x YU, T77EB, 1840-1845 1 x EH1, 1 x I2, 2140-2145 3 x F, 1 x I5; June 28th 1704-2045: 46 QSOs with F, I, CN8TW IM63, EH7, EH1, PA, G, EI;

June 29th 1807-1833: 11 x SP, OH7PI, 9A2SB, YU1EU
June 30th 1610-1634: F5LRL, IK1ZOF, ON4KST, OH8HTG
2200-2340 via MS: G1ZJP

July 1st 1617-1747: 3 x EH, 3 x I, 1 x HB9, 6 x F, 2 x G;

2m MS Log:

TF/G4ODA, HP84GT, wkd on June 13th:

1305	G1ZJP	R26	R26	JO01
1625	EI5FK	R26	R26	IO51

TF/G4ODA, IP26AM, wkd on June 19th:

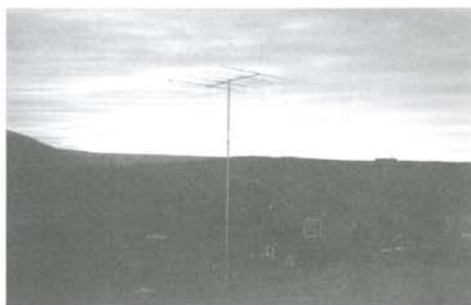
2230	EI5FK	R26	26	IO51
2320	DJ9YE	R27	26	JO43 NC
	DG6JF/p	-	26	hrd



Ferry to Foula Isl., IP80



GM4ODA/p shack on Foula Isl., IP80XD



4m/6m Yagi on Foula Isl.

G0KZG/MM Activity Report 2004

Andy Adams, G0KZG, was qrv again maritime mobile from the CEFAS ENDEAVOUR on 2m and 6m during summer 2004 and made about 850 QSOs during two cruises from many wet squares around the U.K. Here his QSO report for 2004. All QSOs in 2m unless otherwise notified.

1st cruise:

May 31st/June 1st: 10 Tropo QSOs with G from IO94JV and IO95IA.

June 4th: 5 Tropo QSOs with G/M from IO94MQ.

June 5th: 5 Tropo QSOs with PA/ON from JO03TN + UN:

June 6th: 3 Tropo QSOs with PA from JO02VW.

June 6th: 79 Tropo QSOs with G, DL, PA, F, ON, GW, GI6ATZ IO74 from **JO12AU**.

2100-2200 FSK MS: I2FAK 26 27 NC due linear fault

June 7th: 2 Tropo QSOs with PA from JO11BW.

June 7th: 43 Tropo QSOs with G, PA, DL, ON, GW, EI5FK IO51 from JO12DA

June 8th: 1 Tropo QSO with PA from JO01UU.

June 10th: 2 Tropo QSOs with GW + F from JO00LU.

June 14th: 5 Tropo QSOs with G, GW from IO70VH.

June 15th: 1952-2111z: 35 Tropo QSOs with G, GW, EI, F, ON4KHG (JO10), F6DKW (JN18), EA1DDU + EB1DHT (IN73) from **IO60XJ**.

June 16th: FSK-MS from **IO61VD**:

0250-0309 PA0C	26 26	1500ms S5	C
0309-0357 PA2DW	26 26	540ms S5	C
0357-0414 PE1HWO	27 27	180ms S5	C
0440-0450 OZ1LPR	27 27	440ms S5	C
0452-0512 DJ9YE	27 27	200ms S5	C

June 22th to 29th: 3 Tropo QSOs from IO83, 73, 71 and 8 Es-QSOs on 6m with ES, I, CT, EH, SM on 6m from IO72, IO74 and IO83.

June 29th: FSK-MS from **IO60XF/XB**:

1835-1911 PA2DW	26 26	1440ms S9	C (XF)
1912-1952 PE1HWO	26 27	140ms S5	C (XB)

June 29th, 2006-2015z: 4 Tropo QSOs from **IN69XV**:

EI5FK, GW3LEW, G4LOH, **EA8BPX (IL18sk) 52 52, 2539km**

June 29th, 2022-2103z: 8 Tropo QSOs from **IN79AW/CV**:

F, G, GW, EI and **EA8BPX (IL18sk) 52 52, 2546km !**

July 3rd: 34 Tropo QSOs from **JO12BB** with DL, G, PA, ON, OZ, EI7M/p (IO62), 1 6m-QSO with PA.

July 4th: 4 Tropo QSOs from JO13AM with G/GW.

July 4th: 1750-1834: 45 6m-QSOs via Es and Tropo from **JO04VB** with: I, PA, DL, HB9, ON, 9A, EH, 7X, YU1, Z3

July 5th: 72 Tropo-QSOs from **JO15KH** with: PA, GW, G, DL, ON, F.

July 6th: 51 Tropo QSOs from **JO04MN** with: PA, DL, G, GW, F, ON

July 7th: 4 Tropo QSOs from **JO04EG** with: DL, PA, OZ and via FSK-MS:

0405-0413 DL9AN	27 27	500ms S5	C
0416-0448 IK0BZY	27 26	1s S6	C
0528-0539 HA6NQ	26 26	420ms S4	C

2nd cruise:

August 24th: FSK-MS from **IP90PG**:

1955-2023 PA3BIY	26 27	200ms S4	C
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August 25th: FSK-MS from **IP91KB**:

0503-0528 DF8IK	27 27	300ms S4	C
0530-0545 OZ1IEP	27 26	320ms S4	C
0545-0551 OZ1LPR	27 27	580ms S5	C
0556-0606 ON7EH	27 27	420ms S5	C
0609-0640 DL5MCG	27 27		NC

August 25th: FSK-MS from **JP01GG**:

1832-1856 OZ1IEP	26 26	160ms S3	C
1857-1917 DH3YAK	26 26	3s S3	C
1917-1927 DJ9YE	26 27	280ms S3	C
1927-1936 PA5DD	27 28	280ms S5	C
1954-2012 DL4DWA	27 27	220ms S5	C

August 26th: FSK-MS from **JP01OF**:

0458-0502 DL8GP	27 27	840ms S5	C
0505-0528 DF8IK	27 27	260ms S5	C
0528-0539 PA3DZL	26 27	220ms S3	C
0539-0553 PE1GNP	26 26	140ms S3	C
0556-0611 ON7EH	26 27	360ms S3	C

August 26th: FSK-MS from **JP10MD**:

1700-1713 DF7KF	27 27	380ms S5	C
1714-1734 DL8EBW	27 26	220ms S5	C
1829-1836 OZ1IEP JO55	55 55	Tropo	
1849-1902 DJ9YE	27 27	160ms S5	C
1902-1927 DF8IK	26 27	280ms S4	C
1911 OZ1LPR JO44	55 52	Tropo	
1928-1939 I2FAK	27 27	580ms S5	C
1939-1945 DH3YAK	26 26	340ms S6	C

August 27th: FSK-MS from **JP10MA/BG/BA**:

0502-0512 DL8GP	27 27	460ms S6	C
0539-0550 G4FUF	27 27	180ms S5	C
0550-0608 S53J	27 27	220ms S5	C
0608-0630 S53VV	27 26		NC
1658-1712 DL8GP	27 27	1200ms S6	C

August 27th: FSK-MS from **JP00JG**:
 1715-1738 G4YTL 27 26 240ms S5 C
 1800-1823 DF8IK 26 26 440ms S4 C
 1823-1841 DL4DWA NC
 1823-1914 DC9YC 26 26 280ms S4 C
 1914-1933 DH3YAK 26 26 220ms S4 C
 1934-1948 PA0JMV 26 27 280ms S5 C
 1948-2008 DG6JF/p 26 27 380ms S4 C

August 28th: FSK-MS from **JO09HJ**:
 0500-0507 PA5DD 26 27 700ms S4 C
 0507-0525 G4YTL 27 26 260ms S5 C
 0526-0538 DL8EBW 27 26 1500ms S5 C
 0541-0554 DF8IK 26 26 280ms S4 C
 0555-0559 S53J 26 26 240ms S4 C
 0600-0611 DL8GP 27 27 260ms S5 C
 0612-0623 S53VV 27 26 480ms S5 C
 0624-0640 I2FAK 26 - NC

August 28th: FSK-MS from **JO09TH**:
 1701-1717 DH3YAK 26 26 380ms S5 C
 1717-1737 G4FUF 26 27 280ms S6 C
 1737-1753 ON4IQ 27 27 640ms S6 C
 1754-1807 DF7KF 27 27 320ms S5 C
 1816-1855 DJ7OF 26 27 580ms S5 C

August 29th: FSK-MS from **JO19AG**:
 0448-0500 PA0JMV 26 27 160ms S5 C
 0500-0517 DL8EBW 26 27 400ms S5 C
 0518-0537 PA2KW 26 27 220ms S4 C
 0610-0616 ES6RQ 26 27 340ms S5 C

August 29th: FSK-MS from **JO18IG**:
 1714-1745 I2FAK 27 27 280ms S4 C
 1722-1953 Tropho: OZ1IEP JO55, LA4YGA JO48, OZ1LPR JO44, LA2PHA JO38, OZ1DLD JO45, PA3CEE/p JO33, PA1GYS JO22.
 1940-1952 S53J 27 27 2s S5 C
 2000-2010 DC9YC 27 27 380ms S5 C
 2010-2030 HA6NY 27 27 NC

Aug. 30th FSK MS from **JO18IA**:
 0506-0533 DL8EBW 26 26 1460ms S3 C

August 30th: **Aurora from JO99JG**:
 1644 DL9MS JO54WG 57A 57A
 1657 PD0RFU JO32 55A 55A
 1702 MM0CEZ IO75XU 55A 55A
 1708 GM4VVX IO78TA 57A 57A
 1714 DC6BB JO33UK 55A 55A
 1718 OZ1LPR JO44UW 57A 55A
 1723 PA5DD JO22IC 57A 58A
 1727 GW0GEI IO73TG 53A 55A
 1737 DK7BY JO33RQ 55A 55A
 1745 PA2DW JO22 53A - NC

August 31th: FSK-MS from **IO89WC**:
 0458-0511 DJ9CZ 27 26 340ms S5 C
 0511-0522 DL4DWA 27 27 420ms S5 C
 0524-0549 I2FAK 26 26 280ms S4 C

0550-0601 DF8IK 27 27 3050ms S4 C
 0605-0619 DK4TG 26 26 440ms S4 C
 0620-0625 DJ7OF 27 27 440ms S4 C

August 31th: FSK-MS from **IO97IB**:
 1719-1752 DG9YIH 26 26 120ms S4 C

Sept 1st: Tropo from **JO04DD**:
 9 QSOs to G, GM, EI, GI

Sept 2nd: Tropo from **JO14JG**:
 6 QSOs to G, EI, PA, OZ.

Sept. 2nd: Tropo from **JO04SC**:
 78 QSOs to PA, DL, OZ, G, GW, ON, F6DKW JN18, and EI5FK IO51 (already from JO04SB).

Sept. 2nd: FSK-MS from **JO04SB**:
 1927-1950 I2FAK 26 27 1400ms S7 C
 1993-2007 F6DRO 26 27 440ms S5 C
 2010-2019 ES6RQ 27 27 480ms S6 C

Sept. 8th: Tropo from **JO12AN**:
 60 QSOs with G, PA, DL, ON, F, GW, GM, GI4SJK (IO64), EI2JD (IO63).

Sept. 9th: Tropo from **JO13DW**:
 38 QSOs with G, PA, DL, LA, GM, OZ

Sept. 10th: Tropo from **JO13BS**:
 4 QSOs with PA, DL, G.

Sept.10th: FSK-MS from **JO13BS**:
 1710-1731 SP2IQS 27 27 380ms S5 C
 1743-1755 ES6RQ 27 27 360ms S5 C
 1758-1805 SP6GWB 27 27 660ms S6 C
 1911-1951 S53VV 27 27 NC

Sept. 11th: FSK-MS from **JO13BT**:
 0504-0548 OK2POI 26 - NC
 0548-0616 S53VV 26 26 320ms S4 C
 0616-0629 I2FAK 26 27 620ms S4 C

Sept. 12th: Tropo from **JO05MB**:
 40 QSOs with PA, DL, G, GM, ON, OZ. And via FSK-MS:
 1900-1905 ES6RQ 27 27 640ms S5 C

Sept. 13th: Tropo from **JO15HN**:
 10 QSOs with PA, DL, G, ON, OZ. And via FSK-MS:
 0508-0520 I2FAK 26 26 440ms S4 C

Sept. 13th: Tropo from **JO15KP**:
 22 QSOs with DL, PA, OZ, G, SK7MW JO65 and via FSKMS:
 1801-1830 DH7FB 27 27 280ms S5 C
 1832-1848 SP2IQW 27 27 280ms S5 C
 1848-1855 ES6RQ 26 26 320ms S5 C
 1856-1903 OH6MAZ 27 26 380ms S5 C
 1903-1913 RX1AS 27 26 460ms S5 C
 1914-1926 SP6GWB 26 27 240ms S4 C
 1935-1955 S53VV 27 27 360ms S5 C

Sept. 14th: Tropo from **JO15JO**:
 2 QSOs with G and 1 x PA from JO15LQ and via FSK-MS:
 0503-0518 S57TW 27 27 540ms S5 C

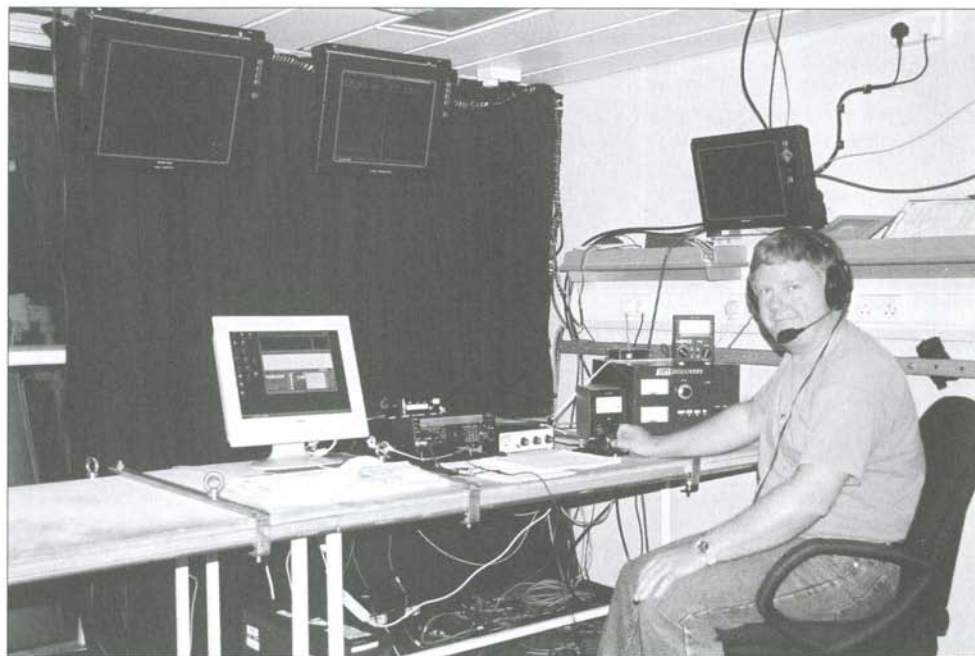
0546-0606 DH3YAK 26 26 100ms S3 C
 0607-0614 DF7KF 26 26 1380ms S3 C

Sept. 15th: Tropo from **JO14GC**:
 32 QSOs with G, DL, PA, ON, OZ, GM, SK7MW (JO65).
 And via FSK-MS:
 1837-1900 RX1AS 26 27 360ms S5 C

Sept. 30th: Aurora from **IO99JG**:
 1650 DL6DAF JO52BB 55A 55A
 1753 PA3CEE JO33JI 55A 55A

Sept. 30th FSK MS from **JO08RE**:
 0540-0545 G4FUF 26 26 400ms S4 C

G0KZG/MM will be qrv again in 2005, of course!
 TNX Andy, for sending log and pictures!



Top: **G0KZG/MM** - Shack

Bottom: **CEFAS ENDEVOUR**
 with 11 ele. Yagi for 2m



Meteor Shower Calendar

by Guido Jünkersfeld, DL8EBW

January to March 2005

Name	Date	Max.	ZHR	RA	DEC	v (km/sec)	Source
Quadrantids	01.01.-05.01.	03.01. 11z	120	230	+49	41	IMO05 *1
Corvids	29.12.-25.01.	13.01.	10	185	-20		BMS50
alpha-Craterids	27.12.-22.01.	13.01.	10	160	-14		BMS50
delta-Cancrids	01.01.-24.01.	17.01.	4	130	+20	28	IMO05
kappa-Cygnids	14.01.-20.01.	17.01.	10	295	+51		BMS50
alpha-Leonids	28.12.-13.02.	29.01.	10	159	+06		BMS50
Cap./Sagittarids	13.01.-04.02.	01.02.	15	299	-15		IMO05
alpha-Centaurids	28.01.-21.02.	07.02.	6	210	-59	56	IMO05
alpha-Aurigids	15.01.-20.02.	5.-10.02.	12	074	+43		BMS50
chi-Capricornids	29.01.-28.02.	13.02.	10	315	-24		IMO05
delta-Leonids	15.02.-10.03.	24.02.	2	168	+16	23	IMO05
alp.-beta-Perseids	23.02.-12.03.	28.02.	10	047	+45		BMS50
zeta-Bootids	10.03.-12.03.		10	218	+12		BMS50
gamma-Normids	25.02.-22.03.	13.03.	8	249	-51	56	IMO05
16-Draconids	14.03.-14.03.	14.03.	7	250	+54		BMS50
Virginids	25.01.-15.04.	24.03.	5	195	-04	30	IMO05
beta-ursa-Majorids	23.03.-27.03.	25.03.	var.	161	+58		BMS50

Kommentar: Liebe Meteorscatter-Funkfreunde, anbei der MS-Kalender für das erste Quartal 2005. Für den ersten Zeitraum im Jahr gibt es kaum größere Meteoriten-Schauer.

Die Quadrantiden (*1) gehören zu den 4 größten jahreswiederkehrenden Schauern. Sie läuten quasi das Frühjahr ein und damit auch die Zeit der geringeren Meteoritenaktivitäten. Im Februar geht es dann in die Zeit, wo wir kaum noch sporadischen Meteoriten verzeichnen und selbst die Schauermeteoriten gehen in deren Anzahl noch mit unter. Die QUA (wie die Quadrantiden von der IMO bezeichnet werden), werden das diesjährige 6-8 stündige Maximum wohl am 03.01. in den Morgenstunden (ca. 1100UT) ausbilden...

Von hier aus ein frohes Weihnachtsfest und recht viel Erfolg für das Neue Jahr 2005!

Auf Wiederhören, von wo auch immer, 73 Guy DL8EBW

Comment: In the first quarter of the year there are almost no bigger showers. Only the Quadrantids on January 3rd are one of the four biggest showers of the year. This year's maximum is expected on Jan 3rd around 1100z. Merry Christmas and many success for 2005! 73, Guy, DL8EBW

Legend / Erklärungen

Name: Name of the meteor shower / Name des Meteoritenschauers

Date: Days of activity / Zeitraum der Schaueraktivität

Max.: Day of the Maximum / Maximum des Schauereintritts

ZHR: Number of meteors per hour during the maximum

Anzahl der zu erwartenden eintretenden Meteoriten im Maximum pro Std

Coordinates: RA/DEC: Rectascension / Declination of the shower's radiant /

Himmelskoordinaten: RA/DEC: Rektaszension/Deklination des Radianten

v in [km/sec]: speed of the meteors / Eintrittsgeschwindigkeit in die Erdatmosphäre in km / sec.

IMO05: Source Int. Meteor Organisation, list for 2005 / Datenquelle: IMO Aufstellung für 2005

BMS50: Source: British Meteor Society, Meteorbook 1950 / Old data, but these showers are still active and the actual radiant can be calculated from RA and DEC.

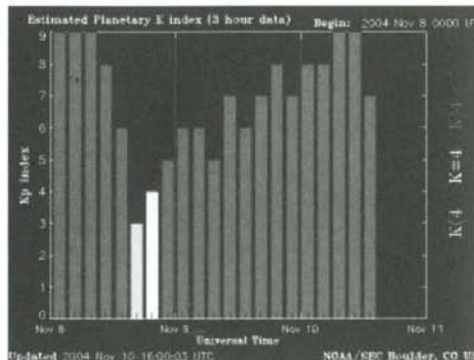
Stammdaten aus dem British-Meteorbook, Grundlage 1950! Zurecht könnte man sagen, die Daten entsprechen nicht dem akt. Stand (sp. Peak-Daten), aber die Schauer sind nach wie vor aktiv und der Radiant kann durch die Himmelskoordinaten (RA/DEC) nach wie vor ausreichend genau berechnet werden!

Aurora Reports

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Editors note:

Until a few days ago it looked like we had to drop this column for the current DUBUS magazine issue. But then the Sun came to unrest and sparked off an impressive amount of particles, and most of them directed to Earth. You all know what this means, just look at the NOAA K-index diagram as copied from the N3KL website on 10.11.2004:



It shows several long periods with very severe storming (K=9). When writing this we were again right in one of these periods. This is good for editing the Aurora column, because there is not much to work from Oslo. But you guys seem very busy ... 73, Stefan (LA0BY)

70 MHz reports

G4ASR in IO81MX wkd on 70 MHz:

2004-11-09

1451	GB3MCB	IO70	53A	hrd	040°
1452	GB3ANG	IO86	54A	hrd	010°
1458	GM4BYF	IO85JU	55A	53A	
1502	G3JYP	IO84SN	53A	55A	
1538	GD0TEP	IO74SD	59A	57A	
1542	EI3IO	IO63WF	55A	55A	
1547	G3NAQ	IO91HL	55A	57A	
2000	OZ3ZW	JO54RS	41A	hrd	

2004-11-10

0815	GB3ANG	IO86MN	57A	hrd	030°
0835	GB3MCB	IO70	53A	hrd	045°
1352	GD0TEP	IO74SD	59A	hrd	045°
1357	OZ3ZW	JO54RS	52A	hrd	040°

tnx for report, David

144 MHz reports

EI5FK in IO51RT wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-07

2050	MM3ERP	IO87RJ	57A	59A	SSB	730km
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2114	MM0CEZ	IO75XU	55a	53a		537km
2137	MM0DQP	IO88KI	53a	57a	SSB	804km
2145	GM1BAN	IO88GO	51A	54A	SSB	820km
2152	GM0HTT	IO89JC	53a	53a	SSB	877km

2004-11-08

0053	G3UTS	IO94CU	55a	52a		561km
0059	OZ6OL	JO65DJ	54a	54a		1425km
0114	OK2PM	JN99AO	52a	53a		1877km
0116	G4DBL	IO91JH	57a	58a		510km
0119	PE1IKX	JO11TL	57a	59a		839km
0124	DL1FAA	JO61MF	52a	53a		1489km
0127	SP6IWQ	JO80HK	54a	57a		1754km

2004-11-09

1619	G4DHF	IO92UU	53a	55a		572km
1630	GW4FRX	IO82MR	51a	54a		393km
1639	G3UTS	IO94CU	52a	55a		561km
1645	EI3GE	IO63XD	52a	52a		225km
1658	SM6FUD	JO68JA	53a	53a		1519km
1719	SP6GZZ	JO80FX	53a	59a		1728km
1944	G4KWQ	IO92AQ	52a	52a		458km
1946	G4RRA	IO80BS	54a	59a		344km
1954	SP1CNV	JO84CF	54a	55a		1668km
1957	SP3MGM	JO73QE	53a	59a		1618km
1958	GM0NAI	IO75RU	55A	55A		520km
2016	PA2DW	JO22GD	52a	55a		895km
2059	OK1DFC	JN79GW	52a	57a		1626km
2122	PA5KM	JO11WL	53a	55a		856km

2004-11-10

1430	GW3LEW	IO70PS	57a	59a		290km
1433	SP6GWB	JO80	55a	55a		1754km
1435	DL1RNN	JO62GH	52a	55a		1437km
1437	OK1VHF	JO70EB	54a	55a		1610km
1440	DL2DXA	JO61VC	55a	55a		1543km
1443	G0EWN	IO93FK	55a	56a		505km
1445	G3JXX	IO82TQ	53a	55a		431km
1447	G3TA	IO81XS	54A	57A		447km
1505	MM0CEZ	IO75XU	55a	58a		537km
1509	G3LTF	IO91GG	55a	58A		493km
1514	G3JHM	IO91LC	55a	56a		525km
1518	GI4SJK	IO64SK	53a	55a		323km
1525	G3WCS	IO83RH	54a	57a		438km

Rig: 400 W, 17-ele-M2.

tnx for report, Charles

G4ASR in IO81MX wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-09

1522	DL1HN	JO43XN	53A	54A	050°
1605	MM0CEZ	IO75XU	55A	57A	030°

2004-11-10

1318	DJ9YE	JO43HV	57A	57A	050°
1324	GW3LEW	IO71PS	56A	57A	050°
1405	DL1RNN	JO62GH	53A	55A	060°
1408	OK1DFC	JN79GW	54A	57A	065° 1243km
1410	PE1GUR	JO22EH	55A	55A	065°
1412	HA5OV	JN97NJ	54A	55A	065° 1660km
1415	ON9CKW	JO20EU	54A	57A	065°
1420	PA0IJM	JO32GP	53A	55A	055°
1423	HA8V	KN06HT	53A	56A	065° 1790km
1442	DF6XD	JO31TS	53A	55A	065°
1445	DK3QZ	JO31LP	57A	57A	065°
1452	PA0AKN	JO31BT	53A	57A	055°

1454	PA1LN	JO32LS	53A	53A	055°	0025	EI5FK	IO51RT	59A	57A	335km
1456	G4CKH	JO02UK	53A	55A	055°	2004-07-27					
tnx for report, David											
GI6ATZ in IO74AJ wkd on 144 MHz:											
2004-07-25											
1140	G8XVJ	IO83RJ	57A	57A	250km	1331	DG5BD	JO43HM	53A	58A	957km
1144	G7DGH	IO83NN	57A	57A	222km	1333	DK7LH	JO43BB	59A	59A	937km
1145	GW3VEW	IO71PS	53A	55A	304km	1334	DK7LZ	JO30MR	59A	59A	967km
1147	SM1SBI	JO97FK	57A	57A	1550km	1335	DL3TS	JO30PX	57A	57A	969km
1149	ON4ARF	JO10MV	57A	57A	720km	1335	DL6BCT	JO43LD	55A	59A	988km
1152	OZ1BEF	JO46OE	52A	59A	979km	1337	PE1JAT	JO22LO	52A	55A	748km
1157	G4LRT	IO92LJ	59A	59A	394km	1338	DL8YAU	JO41HS	57A	57A	1015km
1158	M1IFT	IO93NL	57A	57A	348km	1340	F1EBE	JN09NN	53A	53A	821km
1200	PE9DX	JO33MD	59A	59A	864km	1342	F1ORL	JN08VP	55A	59A	833km
1202	M1EQN	IO83NN	53A	55A	222km	1344	PE1RBG	JO22RM	59A	59A	783km
1227	ON4GG	JO20AR	59A	59A	788km	1344	PD0PSO	JO21VU	55A	59A	832km
1228	DL8YE	JO31M	55A	56A		1345	G0EZY	IO91SV	57A	56A	460km
1230	SP2IQW	JO94GM	55A	56A	1576km	1346	G0MJS	IO93BR	57A	55A	277km
1231	DL8BEH	JO42AH	59A	55A	956km	1347	F6BGR	JO00	57A	59A	639km
1232	DC7BK	JO43XH	55A	55A	1049km	1349	F0EJW	IN78VK	55A	55A	674km
1233	PA9RX	JO32MD	52A	55A	898km	1350	OK1VDJ	JN79SS	57A	57A	1549km
1236	DC6IA	JO30IV	53A	57A	937km	1351	SQ3HMD	JO72WU	53A	55A	1444km
1237	DL2ELM		53A	52A		1354	DL2DN	JN48MX	57A	59A	1193km
1239	PE1RLF	JO32CG	59A	57A	841km	1355	PD0MNF	JO30AV	57A	59A	897km
1240	G8RWG	JO01BN	59A	59A	515km	1357	PD1ART	JO32AU	59A	59A	809km
1241	DJ2JS	JO31SL	59A	59A	959km	1359	ON5GY	JO21LH	59A	58A	808km
1242	GW7SMV	IO81LN	59A	59A	371km	1402	F3VX	IN97PK	55A	55A	856km
1243	MW0CFQ	IO71RT	55A	59A	302km	1403	DG3FK	JO41PG	59A	59A	1079km
1244	G4IJD	IO83TU	59A	59A	241km	1405	PD4JP		55A	57A	
1244	F4AZF	JN38IW	59A	55A	1061km	1406	ON7PO	JO10PU	57A	57A	737km
1246	G1ZJP	IO92WV	59A	59A	419km	1406	DB5ET	JO31OG	59A	55A	949km
1247	DC9YC	JO31PJ	57A	57A	948km	1407	F1AKK/P	JN29PQ	55A	58A	929km
1248	DL4YR	JO31KS	55A	55A	904km	1409	SQ9CWO	JO90	52A	55A	1734km
1249	PA3BRJ	JO32LF	55A	55A	890km	1411	PA3GDN	JO21MN	57A	57A	800km
1251	DL8BEH	JO42AH	55A	59A	956km	1413	PE1EWR	JO11SL	57A	58A	714km
1252	PD2JVE	JO22VJ	55A	55A	809km	1413	DM2SR	JO53HR	55A	57A	1082km
1255	F6HRO	IN88JQ	53A	53A	662km	1416	PA1DYK		59A	57A	
1258	PD4R	JO22XE	57A	58A	828km	1417	DO4MC/P	JO41UA	52A	59A	1117km
1259	F1GDV	JN29AU	55A	57A	848km	1419	PD0ORT	JO23RE	59A	59A	761km
1301	ON7CL	JO20JU	57A	57A	824km	1420	DF5DG	JN58EB	55A	55A	1333km
1302	F9OE	IN78QG	55A	57A	687km	1421	OK2OVJ	JN59LK	52A	55A	1280km
1304	PD2RPT		53A	57A		1423	DC6HQ	JO32QF	53A	58A	916km
1305	PA1BDO	JO21FT	57A	58A	876km	1424	F0DPJ	JN18FW	59A	57A	901km
1307	DG9YIH	JO32QI	57A	55A	912km	1426	PA0KT	JO22CB	59A	59A	724km
1308	ON4DCM	JO11PC	57A	58A	721km	1427	F6GYJ	JN18CU	55A	59A	834km
1310	PD0CIF	JO32GP	53A	56A		1429	DL1NBM	JN49MV	52A	55A	1136km
1314	PE1GUR	JO22TH	57A	59A	802km	1431	ON4NZ	JO21FB	52A	55A	792km
1316	DK2YCT	JO32RG	57A	57A	920km	1436	DL7UHF	JO62SM	55A	55A	1303km
1317	F1CVU	JN09	53A	53A	1037km	1438	DO1EL	JO31JL	53A	57A	912km
1320	OZ1KEF	JO56BC	55A	55A	1034km	1439	F1DUZ	IN97NJ	55A	57A	856km
1322	G4RUW	IO91IJ	52A	59A	457km	1442	F5NXU	IN97MR	57A	59A	819km
1323	DK5QN	JO42FA	59A	59A	994km	1444	F6CCH	IN98BU	53A	55A	677km
2212	OZ1SKY	JO56DG	52A	55A	1046km	1446	F6BEE	JN08WR	55A	55A	830km
2222	EI3GE	IO63XD	59A	59A	139km	1447	OK2UFB	JN99AS	53A	55A	1709km
2224	PA1BVM	JO21RI	52A	55A	836km	1449	SP9KUP	JN99HK	53A	57A	1763km
2227	SM7FMX	JO65KN	55A	53A	1205km	1453	DH8AF	JO31	55A	55A	923km
2310	GM0HTT	IO89JC	59A	59A	550km	1454	F1UBW	IN98GS	55A	55A	698km
2004-07-26											
0019	LA0BY	JO59IX	55A	54A	1176km	1456	ON7LAO	JO20CK	59A	59A	817km
						1458	DM2CKK	JO50ET	52A	55A	1170km
						1459	DK1VI	JN45HH	59A	56A	1448km
						1501	EI7CD	IO63WG	59A	59A	126km
						1503	DL2BRW	JO72GV	52A	55A	1357km

1508 PE2MAR JO22KK 53A 55A 749km
 All contacts in SSB. Rig: Icom 251E + Mutek 2*CX250B
 400 watts 13 Ele boomer. tnx for report, Gordon

HA8V in KN06HT wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-09
 1517 G4KWQ IO92AQ 52A 52A 330 1740km
 2004-11-10

1356 RW1ZC/2 KO04FQ 59A 57A 15 876km
 1401 SK7MW JO65MJ 59A 55A 350 1090km
 1405 DJ9YE JO43HV 56A 55A 20 1157km
 1411 OZ1LO JO55VC 57A 55A 20 1109km
 1422 G4ASR IO81MX 56A 53A 330 1791km
 1434 G3WCS IO83RH 58A 55A 330 1794km
 1437 G4KWF IO92AQ 56A 53A 330 1740km
 1442 G3LTF IO81GG 55A 54A 330 1815km

Rig: TM255E + GS35B 90W 4 x 11el. Yagi 35m a.g.l.
 tnx for report, Gabi

I4YNO in JN54KP wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-07-25
 1549 G4SWX JO02PB 55A 55A 15
 1603 DK3EE JO41GU 55A 55A
 1608 PA1T JO33JF 55A 59A
 1615 DF2JQ JO31HL 55A 57A
 1619 DL5YM JO62XN 55A 57A
 1622 DJ5HG JO53IM 55A 55A
 1630 PA0JMV JO21PM 55A 55A
 Rig: FT1000MP, 3CX800, 20-ele-yagi. tnx for report, Alex

LA0BY in JO59FW wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-07
 2102 PA5DD JO22IC 55A 55A 0 941km
 2202 SM4BDQ JP80FG 51A 53A 10 334km
 2212 YL2OK KO37AS 55A 55A 30 926km
 2217 SP1NQN JO84ML 55A 55A 30 724km
 2218 LY2BJ KO25ER 57A 59A 30 945km
 2223 SP3VSC JO92DF 59A 59A SSB 984km
 2227 SP5ZCC KO02PF 53A 55A 30 1086km
 2235 PA1LA JO32LS 55A 57A 30 825km
 2247 RA3LE KO64AR 53A 53A 30 1411km
 2249 SP2QBQ JO94FL 59A 55A SSB 774km
 2314 ES1AJ KO29HK 57A 59A SSB 795km
 2319 MM3ERP IO87RJ 57A 55A SSB 801km
 2331 DL5CF JO51RO 59A 59A 30 929km
 2332 DM2DXG JO51MV 55A 56A 30 895km
 2334 SP6IWQ JO80HK 54A 57A 30 1125km
 2340 SP8RHP KO10FF 53A 55A 30 1318km
 2343 SP7Q JO91RS 57A 59A 30 1066km
 2346 DL2ROM JO62RI 57A 59A 30 863km
 2351 SP6GZZ JO80FX 59A 59A 30 1064km
 2357 SP7HKK JO91QI 56A 59A 30 1104km
 2004-11-08
 0012 ES5PC KO38HJ 57A 57A 30 935km
 0022 DL8YE JO31MH 59A 59A 10 982km
 2130 YL2LW KO26CW 55A 55A 30 865km
 2138 GM0TGE IO87TF 53A 55A 340 801km
 2140 G16ATZ IO74AJ 55A 55A 330 1161km
 2143 DL1SUN JO53PN 57A 57A 0 711km

2144 MM0CEZ IO75XU 55A 55A 330 967km
 2150 DK8ZJ JO54AG 57A 55A 10 631km
 2159 SM5DYC JO89HW 54A 55A 20 343km
 2201 SM5AHD JO89VG 56A 57A 20 419km
 2203 SM4AIQ JO79BH 55A 59A 20 218km
 2205 SM5AQI JO88CN 53A 53A 20 361km
 2250 SM3DGG JP80MP 53A 57A 10 371km

2004-11-09
 1423 LY2BH KO25DR 53A 59A 30 941km
 1444 DK3EE JO41GU 55A 55A 30 907km
 1721 DL1VPL JO61UA 53A 56A 40 1012km
 1722 SP1FPG JO73GN 55A 59A 40 751km
 1724 DL6DAF JO52BD 53A 55A 40 867km
 1725 DL3CW JO52ST 55A 54A 40 795km

2004-11-10
 1458 DJ9YE JO43HV 59A 57A 40 681km
 1507 DK7BY JO33RJ 57A 57A 10 750km
 1529 DM2SR JO53HR 55A 53A 10 690km
 1532 SM7CZL JO65PU 56A 55A 20 484km

Rig: IC-821H, PA 200W, 9-ele-yagi
 Activity seemed poor, despite the good conditions.

LZ1BB in KN12SS wkd on July 27th on 2m:

1534 DF2ZC JO30RN 55A 52A 1497km
 Rig: FT817, PA 15W, HB9CV 1m above car roof (!)
 Hrd also DK5DQ, DF6NA, DK9OY, ON4KHG, PA3CSG and I
 & HA stn. My first ever Aurora QSO of which I dreamed for 26
 years, finally I made it. Congrats and tnx for report, Harry

MM0CEZ in IO75XU wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-09
 1545 DL1EJA JO31DS 55a 55a
 1545 PA2AKN JO31BT 55a 59a
 1547 PA2M JO21IP 59a 59a
 1551 PA3FPQ JO22X 59a 59a
 1553 DJ9CZ JO31BC 57a 57a
 1600 GW3MFY IO81FL 53a 55a
 1605 PA2DW JO22GD 55a 54a
 1606 G4ASR IO81MX 55a 55a
 1608 G4DHF IO92UU 59a 59a
 1611 OZ8FR JO55SK 54a 55a
 1613 DF2ZC JO30RN 55a 55a
 1615 PA2CHR JO22XA 59a 55a
 1625 DF8IK JO30JN 55a 52a
 1630 G4AJC IO91VJ 52a 52a
 1634 G8VYK JO01FO 53a 55a
 1638 ON4DPX JO10NN 53a 55a
 1644 G3NSY IO82NP 55a 55a
 1646 G3YYD IO91TR 57a 58a
 1649 DK7BY JO33RJ 55a 57a
 1652 DL8EBW JO31NF 55a 55a
 1653 ON4GG JO20AR 57a 55a
 1656 F5APQ JO00XU 53a 55a
 1702 DF9QT JO31OR 52a 53
 1703 ON4LN JO20IV 55a 55a
 1705 G4DCV IO91OF 55a 55a
 1708 G4DBL IO91JH 55a 55
 1715 SP2JYR JO92GP 52a 55a
 1717 F6DKW JN18CS 55a 55a

1721 SP6GWB JO89HK 52a 51
 1722 ON9CKW JO20EU 57a 59a
 1728 DH1NFL JO51VF 52a 52A
 1951 G0ORY IO92KP 54a 55a
 1953 G0CUH IO70LG 53a 55a
 1957 EI7IX IO53FT 59a 55a
 2021 PA5KM JO11WR 54a 55a
 2022 PA1TK JO22IJ 55a 55a
 2038 G7RAU IO90IR 59a 59a
 2039 G3JKX 57a xxx
 2045 PE1GUR JO22TH 53a 55
 2048 DL8YE JO31MH 54a 54a

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2004-11-10

1115 G4FUF JO01GN 59a 59a
 1122 PA5DD JO22IC 59a 59a
 1133 PA0JMV JO21PM 59a 59a
 1138 G3UTS IO94CU 55a 55a
 1140 G4DEZ JO03AE 59a 59a
 1144 GW3LEW IO71PS 55a 57a
 1146 G4BWG IO90WU 55a 55a
 1148 DL1DAX JO31RM 59a 59a
 1153 DL4MO JO50EN 52a 53a
 1207 OZ3TT JO66CB 57a 55a
 1221 DK3BU JO33NO 59a 59a
 1316 DJ9YE JO43HV 57a 59a
 1323 OZ2TF JO46PE 57a 55a
 1326 PA2DW JO22GD 57a 55a
 1337 G4DBL IO91JH 55a 55a
 1339 G3WCS IO83RH 57a 57a
 1352 F1GDV/P JN29AU 57a 57a
 1355 G4AEP IO91NJ 55a 55a
 1356 MM0JMB IO87IP 57a 58a
 1405 PE1AHX JO21OS 59a 59a
 1419 DL0VV JO64AD 57a 57a
 1422 DK9TF JO31NF 57a 55a
 1428 DJ9DL JO31NC 52a 54a
 1429 SK6DK JO67EH 55a 58a
 1450 G4HGI IO83PL 57a 59a
 1507 EI5FK IO51RT 58a 57a
 1517 DK7BY JO33RJ 55a 58a
 1532 ON4BBD JO21NA 52a 55a
 1534 ON4LN JO20IV 54a 56a
 1536 PA3DZL JO21HM 57a 57a
 1542 G0EWN IO93FK 53a 54a

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Rig: FT1000MP, 400 W, 2 x 10-ele-quad.

tnx for report

OK1DFC in JO70 wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-08

0557 LA3BO JO59CD 55a 56a 1060km
 0600 LY2IC KO14WW 55a 57a 841km
 0604 OZ8FR JO55SK 55a 55a 644km
 0606 PA3BIY JO22BN 55a 55a 780km
 0616 PA5DD JO22IC 55a 56a 728km
 0627 SM7SPG JO66MD 53a 55a 697km
 0629 SM7BLO JO67SB 55a 57a 795km
 0632 SM6OPX JO59RG 55a 55a 1056km
 0637 RW3WR KO71IM 55a 55a 1425km

tnx for report

OK2PM in JN99AO wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-07

2345 SM4IVE JO79SD 53A 55A 1072km
 2356 GM4BYF IO85JV 53A 55A 1583km
 2004-11-08
 0002 OZ6OL JO65DJ 57A 57A 751km
 0006 G4KWG IO92AQ 54A 56A 1431km
 0025 GI6ATZ IO74AJ 55A 55A 1717km
 0044 LY2BJ KO25ER 57A 59A 803km
 0115 EI5FK IO51RT 53A 53A 1876km

Rig: FT736R, 80 W, 9-ele-yagi.

tnx for report, Karel

PA5DD in JO22IC wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-07

2100 SMOKAK JO89XK 56A 59A 1161km
 2103 LA0BY JO59FW 55A 55A 942km
 2105 DJ9YE JO43HV 52A 55A 331km
 2112 SM5CUI JO89WW 52A 54A 1193km
 2114 SK6HD JO68SD 55A 59A 876km
 2116 SM6OPX JO58RG 53A 52A 810km
 2255 RA3LE KO64AR 57A 57A 1824km
 2307 G4DHF IO92UU 55A 59A 348km
 2327 RX1AS KO59FX 53A 55A 1809km
 2332 LY2BJ KO25ER 54A 58A 1346km
 2334 G3LTFI O91GG 53A 55A 433km
 2335 SM5CUI JO89WW 59A 59A 1193km
 2341 OH6QU KP03SD 42A 53A 1577km
 2344 SM0EJY JO89SC 54A 57A 1119km
 2350 GI4SRQ IO64RI 57A 58A 788km
 2353 OK1VHF JO70EB 56A 57A 713km

2004-11-08

0006 GW3MFY IO81FL 55A 59A 570km
 0011 DK2JP JO73DB 54A 55A 657km
 0014 ES1RF KO29IF 57A 57A 1477km
 0016 SM0NZY JO89WI 55A 57A 1151km
 0038 SP1NQN JO84ML 56A 59A 862km
 0048 OK1HWU JO70 52A 55A 740km
 0051 SP6GZZ JO80FX 53A 55A 822km
 0109 SP6IWQ JO80HK 56A 57A 850km
 0111 SP7Q JO91RS 55A 57A 1012km
 0113 HB9DFG JN37SM 54A 55A 548km
 0116 SP8RHP KO10FF 53A 59A 1253km
 0118 EI4DQ IO51WU 59A 59A 877km
 0121 SP7HKK JO91QI 55A 59A 1013km
 0125 G4DBL IO91JH 59A 58A 415km
 0601 LY2IC KO14WW 56A 59A 1303km
 0602 SP2FAV JO94MA 55A 57A 981km
 0609 OK1TEH JO70FD 54A 59A 715km
 0612 SP4BY KO13OD 52A 55A 1252km
 0614 SP3MGM JO73QE 54A 59A 731km
 0615 GM3WYL IO75WW 54A 52A 716km
 0617 OK1DFC JN79GW 56A 55A 729km
 0619 RA3LBK KO65QA 54A 57A 1909km
 0621 UA1WCF KO55JR 53A 59A 1746km
 0623 LA5SKA JO48EG 56A 59A 726km
 0632 OZ8FR JO55SK 59A 57A 584km
 0636 SM4IVE JO79SD 55A 57A 1036km
 0639 G0CUH IO70LG 53A 55A 707km
 0641 DM2BHG JO51MW 56A 55A 435km

0644	DJ4TC	JO63PN	56A	57A	600km
0645	OZ3PO	JO65BM	57A	59A	619km
0648	SM7SPG	JO66MD	55A	59A	706km
0650	DJ9CS	JO54DG	57A	57A	445km
0652	SM6CCO	JO78FM	55A	57A	943km

tnx for report, Uffe

RA3WDK in KO81BR wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-07					
1708	RX1AS	KO59fx			
2105	RA1AY	KP50ea			
2121	ES1RF	KO29if			
2004-11-08					
0040	ES5PC	KO38hj			
0042	SM4IVE	JO79sd			
0044	RW1AY	KO59cu			
0046	RY3DE	KO95kl			
0054	RW4HW	LO43qm			
0106	RX9SA	LO71ns			
0114	LY2BJ	KO25ea			
0115	RW3PF	KO93cd			
0118	RA3IS	KO76wt			
0157	RX1AS	KO59fx			
0509	OZ8FR	JO55sk			
0513	RX3AA	KO85po			
0519	RA1AY	KP50ea			
0521	RA3FO	KO86ri			
0522	UA3TCF	LO26iu			
0542	LY2IC	KO14ww			
0544	RA3LBK	KO65qa			
0547	UA4UK	LO14ma			
0551	RX3AA	KO85po			
0603	DK1KR	JO53hw			
0607	RW3WR	KO71im			
0642	RU3ACE	KO95kg			
1537	UA1AJY	KO49vw			
2004-11-09					
1544	ES6RQ	KO28wa			
1958	RX1AS	KO59fx			
2005	OH3BYZ	KP21ua			
2013	YL2OK	KO37au			
2018	RA3IM	KO56um			
2029	OH5TS	KP30ln			
2035	LA4YGA	JO48ae			
2101	ES6DO	KO27wx			

Rig: 50 W, 11-ele-yagi.

ODX 1920km

tnx for report, Ivan

RN6BN in KN95LC wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-08					
0058	RA3AQ	KO85JE	57A	57A	1131km
0105	RW3PF	KO93CD	57A	57A	896km
2004-11-09					
2024	RA3QTT	LO01GQ	55A	55A	741km
2029	UT8AL	KO61WP	55A	55A	818km
2051	RU3GX	KO92SO	59A	57A	835km
2052	RX3QFM	KO91OO	59A	59A	723km
2053	UA4AQL	LO20JB	59A	57A	703km

tnx for report, Sam

RW3PF in KO93CD wkd on 144 MHz:

2004-11-07					
1647	UA1AJY	KO49VW	57A	57A	
1649	RX1AS	KO59FX	59A	59A	
1718	ES1RF	KO29IF	56A	57A	
2225	SM4IVE	JO79ID	59A	59A	
2229	SMOKAK	JO89XK	57A	59A	
2235	YL2OK	KO37AS	55A	57A	
2253	LY2BJ	KO25ER	59A	57A	
2258	RA1AY	KP50EA	59A	59A	
2301	RW3AA	KO85TN	59A	59A	
2303	SM4BDQ	JP80FG	55A	57A	
2305	RA3IS	KO76WT	59A	59A	
2307	RW1AY	KO59CU	55A	55A	
2313	RZ4HF	LO43QM	59A	59A	
2328	DL1SUN	JO53PN	57A	57A	
2335	DL5CF	JO51RO	58A	57A	
2336	SP1FJZ	JO84EE	55A	59A	
2338	PA0V	JO33II	55A	57A	
2339	DL7FF	JO62TJ	59A	59A	
2341	DL2ROM	JO62RI	55A	55A	
2346	SM0EPO	JO89XM	59A	59A	
2348	SP8RHP	KO10FF	59A	59A	
2004-11-08					
0009	UR5LX	KO70WK	59A	59A	
0016	DM2DXG	JO51MV	57A	57A	
0030	SP1NQN	JO84ML	57A	59A	
0039	UA4AQL	LO20QB	55A	59A	
0041	DL1BKK	JO43NA	55A	57A	
0058	RA4AOR	LN29LA	57A	59A	
0105	RN6BN	KN95LC	57A	59A	
0111	OH3XR	KP11TH	59A	59A	
0112	SP6IWQ	JO80HK	57A	57A	
0114	OK1TEH	JO70FB	55A	55A	
0116	SP7HKK	JO91QI	59A	59A	
0126	SP2MKO	JO93CD	55A	59A	
0146	UA4RF	LO64DW	57A	57A	
0159	RX9FB	LO88EA	57A	57A	
0211	RW4WE	LO66PU	59A	57A	
0215	LY3OD	KO24OR	57A	57A	
0218	UA9FU	LO87DX	59A	59A	
0222	RA9FMT	LO87BW	59A	59A	
0230	RW4HW	LO43QM	55A	57A	
0237	RW9FT	LO89TD	55A	55A	
0333	RA3FO	KO86RI	59A	59A	
0504	RX3AA	KO85PO	59A	59A	
0305	UA1WCF	KO55JR	59A	59A	
0315	RW3TI	LO16WG	57A	59A	
0332	ES6DO	KO27WX	57A	59A	
0336	LY2IC	KO14WW	59A	59A	
0338	UA4UK	LO14MA	59A	59A	
0344	UA9SL	LO71NS	55A	59A	
1013	RA3MU	KO97XP	57A	57A	
1015	OH3BYZ	KP21VU	59A	59A	
1019	ES4EQ	KO39CE	57A	59A	
1042	RA1TM	KO67PX	55A	56A	
1055	RA1QA	KO99WF	59A	59A	
1110	UA4NM	LO48UP	58A	57A	
1114	RA3IM	KO56UM	57A	57A	

2086km

1132 RA1TT KO68XJ 58A 59A
 1219 UA1AMT KP50ED 57A 59A
 Rig: 4 x 10-ele, G7B. tnx for report, Peter

----- 432 MHz reports -----

DL1SUN in JO53PN wkd on 432 MHz:

2004-11-07
 2334 RA3LE KO64AR 55a 51a 40° 1352km
 2004-11-08
 0003 SP2QBQ JO94FL 55a 55a 50° 479km
 0008 G3XDY JO02OB 57a 57a 35° 697km
 0020 RW3PF KO93CD 55a 55a 45° 1776km
 2004-11-09
 2010 SK6W JO78FT 57a 55a 25° 615km
 2014 LA4YGA JO48AE 57a 57a 25° 552km
 2015 SK6QW JO68WR 55a 55a 25° 596km
 2019 SK6AL JO67DX 57a 57a 25° 495km
 2035 SM0FZH JO99HI 55a 55a 30° 785km
 2040 SM6X JO67SU 55a 55a 30° 497km
 2044 SM7EOI JO86FP 55a 55a 30° 475km
 2046 OZ1FF JO45BO 55a 55a 30° 305km
 2048 OZ1DLD/P JO45SK 55a 55a 45° 237km
 tnx for report, Norbert

LA0BY in JO59FW wkd on 432 MHz:

2004-11-09
 1949 SM7EOI JO86FP 54A 55A 20 507km
 1951 SK4BX JO79OF 55A 55A 20 279km
 2029 SM0FZH JO99HI 59A 57A 20 463km
 Hrd several other stn, but difficult to work because of Doppler and weak sigs. I noticed we lack a good Aurora beacon on this band. With such low activity the Aurora is not easy to notice. Rig: IC-821H, PA 120W, 17-ele-yagi at 10 deg el.

PA5DD in JO22IC wkd on 432 MHz:

2004-11-07
 2259 RA3LE KO64AR 55A 55A 1824km
 tnx for report, Uffe

RW3PF in KO93CD wkd on 432 MHz:

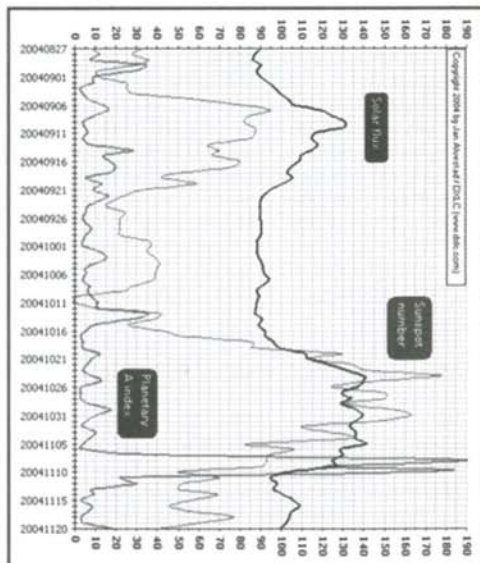
2004-11-08
 0024 DL1SUN JO53PN 55A 55A 1782km
 Rig: 4 x 24-ele, G7B. tnx for report, Peter

SK4MPI, JP70nj, Beacon Reports via Aurora on 2m:

Date	Time	from area
21.8.	2155	SM2 (KP15)
30.8.	1220-2200	OH4, OH6, LA (JO59), DL (JO62)
31.8.	1400-1630	LA(JP33), OH6 (KP02)
	2010	OH1 (KP00)
5.9.	1700-1720	SM2 (KP15), OH1
6.9.	1640-1730	OH6 (KP02), OH7 (KP53), ES
14.9.	1300	OH6 (KP02)
	1540 / 1930	SM2 (KP15)
16.9.	1700	OH6 (KP02)
	+1930	SM2 (KP15)

17.9.	1350	OH6 (KP0)
	2150-2230	SM2 (KP15), UA1 (KO59)
22.9.	1415-1645	DL (JO53), OH6 (KP02), UA1 (KO59)
27.9.	1750-1800	OH6 (KP02), UA1 (KO59)
2.10.	1520-1600	SM2 (KP15), UA1 (KO59)
3.10.	1355-1800	SM2 (KP15), DL (JO43), OH6 (KP02)
4.10.	1700	SM2 (KP15)
5.10.	1935	SM2 (KP04)
8.10.	1520-1610	SM2 (KP15), OH1 (KP00)
13.10.	1355-1640	DL (JO53), UA1 (KO59), GM (IO89)
14.10.	1225-1935	SM2 (KP15), OH6 (KP02), YL
20.10.	1440-1600	DL (JO53), UA1, SM3 (JP82)
24.10.	1735-1805	SM2 (KP15), UA1 (KP59)
29.10.	1705-1930	UA1 (KP59),
31.10.	1320	SM2 (KP15)
2.11.	1525	OH8
3.11.	2050-2130	G (IO92), SP2 (JO93), PA (JO33)
4.11.	1815	UA1 (KO59)
7.11.	1610-1740	DL (JO43), OH1 (KP00), G (IO92)
	2050-2400	G (IO92), PA (JO33), SP (JO92)...
8.11.	0000-1300	OH6 (KP02), PA (JO33), UA1 (KP59)
	2100-2400	PA (JO22), GM (IO87), DL (JO33)
9.11.	0000-0500	OH6 (KP02), G (IO92)...
	1140-2400	OZ (JO47), DL, PA, SP, UA1...
10.11.	0440-1730	OH6 (KP06), UA1 (KP68), OZ (JO47)
12.11.	1855-2100	SM2 (KP15), OH7 (KP53)
16.11.	1750	SM2 (KP15)
20.11.	1250-1850	SM2 (KP15), UA1 (KO59), DL (JO53)
21.11.	1210-1300	SM2 (KP15), LA (JP33), OH6 (KP02)
	2005	SM2 (KP15)
24.11.	2045-2200	SM2 (KP15)
25.11.	1350	OH4 (KP21)

+ = Report of SK2VHF JP94 * = LA2VHF JP53



Geomagnetic activity 27.8. - 21.11.2004

Note the Planetary A index exceeding 180 twice (!) - ed.

More Aurora QSOs on 70cm are possible

Norbert Richter, DL1SUN

In the last big Auroras of October and November 2003 it was possible to work very big distances up to 2000km on 2m and 70cm. I'm shure that we all could have made a lot more QSOs.

In the last more than 30 years I have often worked Aurora on 2m. Since the end of the 80's even tried a little to work on 70cm. After the changes in Eastern Germany I have got an IC402 and made ~100W at a 7 Lamda DL6WU homemade yagi. I started to work Aurora successfully on 70cm too and till today I took part in more than 25 Auroras where it was possible to work on this band too and made more than 200 QSOs. My DX radius in Aurora is ~1300km to north, ~1800km to east, ~1050km to south and ~1350km to west.

On 2m my DX radius in Aurora is ~1300km to north, ~2000km to east, ~1100km to south and ~1350km to west.

More is possible to north- and southwestern areas but there is the Atlantic Ocean. 1460km to northwest (Faroe Islands) should be possible into these directions, too.

Even some unusual Aurora QSOs are possible and may be observed more often as expected (1). In November 2003 again some German stations worked via Aurora on 2m SM2CEW over 1850km! Now this happened again on July 27th 2004. And pay attention on 2m after an Aurora because something else is possible. On August 25, 1987 after a nice but unspectacular Aurora two hours later my RX was still on 144.050 MHz. Suddenly I heard a machine gun in CW with RST 599+++ (really without any scatter). It took a little time to understand: UA1ZCL from KP78TX with his EME array called CQ. I was very happy to work him and so did a lot of us.

In October 2003 on 2m sometimes we heard the russian stations one hour with Tropo and Aurora tone, but we had no Tropo and the duration were to long for MS.

November 10th 2004 with the 2m Sporadic-E after several days with Aurora is another remarkable event. (See p. 79)

In 1991 on 70cm I was surprised, because after my CQ I heard stations calling me very wide away down from my CQ QRG. Very much more than I've known from 2m before. And the RIT adjustment was not enough to hear the station with an optimum of audio. So I changed my QRG ~1kHz down and the other stations used their RIT or 2nd VFO or had a digital scale and changed QRG between RX and TX, but we made QSOs. Today I'm shure that method made QSOs with QRP stations or weak DX stations impossible, because they were out of my RIT and to weak to hear them on the side of my filter. In 1996 when I changed my transceiver on 70cm to another one with a 2nd VFO I started to work another QSO procedure.

I talked with some friends (wellknown DX'ers) in Southern Germany about it, doppler and offset and because they

worked first time Aurora on 70cm they didn't know about it and so I'm shure do even a lot of us.

Volker Grassmann, DF5AI wrote about it and you will find a lot of very good articles on his webpage especially "Doppler effect in auroral Backscatter" (1).

Here are some of my experiences. I made in practice in my area in JO53PN and it is not only important for 70cm. Everybody should check these procedures at his QTH to make his own plan to be more successful in Aurora (5). Note: The possibilities are not the same from different QTH (1).

Equipment

I made my first QSOs on 2m with 8W and 6el yagi and on 70cm had 25W and 10el yagi. Later, some years ago as a QRO man I played with 700W and 10m long yagis.

Today I'm using on 2m 2x 3WL yagis and 100W and on 70cm 2x 9WL yagis and 100W. More power and more gain helps a lot but pay attention and read about QTF and elevation. In November 2003 on 70cm I had a QSO with some QRP stations via Aurora. The highlight was OZZM. He has had 1W at a 9el yagi indoor.

Mode

CW works very good on 2m and 70cm, but I even worked a lot of Aurora in SSB on 2m. SSB should be also possible on 70cm but I think the partners don't know the procedure with the doppler and the possibility of the extreme bad readability of a signal which depends on both QTF's.

It should be possible to work in FM like we know from 3cm rainscatter. On 3cm RS there is no scatter in the audio of a FM signal. I didn't try and don't want to push FM activity.

But for no-CW operators it's in 3cm RS a possibility to make a QSO, because SSB sometimes is not readable during very strong scatter wich depends on both QTFs.

QTF and Elevation

In all the years on 2m in my area I observed the maximum of SK4MPI between 330 to 030 deg, sometimes there were two maximums. I worked stations from the same country with the maximum of strength of signal in different directions between 270 to 090 deg. It is not possible to say: With this QTF I will work this country, because e.g. it could be possible to work I and S5-stations with ~330deg as I did late in the evening in November 2003. I worked this area before only via eastern QTFs ~60deg.

The only problem is: actually the location of special moving scatter areas, their dimensions, homogeneity and density and the QTF of both stations.

The available pictures of satellites on the internet are not quickly enough refreshed and I think the Beam Finder Analysis software helps a lot to understand but needs some more input especially of unusual QSOs to get more accuracy (1).

If I switched over during an opening from 2m to 70cm the QTFs always were correspondend with 2m in that special opening and time and if the antennas had been optimized on 2m just before by both stations.

On 2m in major Auroras (M, X-flare) the audibility of SK4MPI or other scandinavian stations decreased (in northern direc-

tions) but I was able to work hungarian and italian stations on 2m from 60 to 90deg or on 70cm southern german stations. To understand this it is very interesting to have a look at (1) and the picture of the USAF Defense Metrological Sat F15 OLS Visible Imagery from the opening in October 2003 (4).

Owners of vertical stacked longyagis should use elevation as I know from DJ4TC in JO63PN. He elevated often up to 40deg. He was able to make an Aurora DX QSO which was impossible without (even he did so on 2m).

Stations nearby the scatter areas with low beamwidth of the antenna have to change QTF/ elevation more and carefully to find the maximum of the partner or to illuminate the right scatter area as a far station or ones with wide beamwidth of the antenna. Elevation could even make it possible to illuminate higher located Aurora areas than expected (>100km).

Since a couple of years I have no elevation system but all my antennas from 2m to 3cm are fixed elevated. That's not only good to reduce EMC and to have friendly neighbours it is very good for all propagation modes but you have to do it carefully. On 2m and 70cm 5 degrees is quite good. On 3cm two washers put under the lower fixation of the antenna clamp, that will be enough to make 1,5 deg (an old pocket computer with trigonometric functions did a good job).

Doppler and Offset

The doppler in Aurora for the observer is the frequency difference between the Tropo and Aurora signal. All what Volker, DF5AI, wrote about helps to understand this phenomenon in practice (1), (2).

Even by my experiences:

the doppler could be positive and negative

it seems the doppler is not always constant

it seems the doppler is much bigger if the aurora is "bigger".

To get the actual doppler, look for some stations with Tropo and Aurora signals in an opening. But don't be surprised because it could be different in a number of Hz and in sign with the same QSO partner and in the same opening.

Why? The same reasons as before have influence: actually the location of special moving scatter areas, their dimensions, homogeneity and density and the QTFs of both stations. In major Aurora it is possible to hear a station with positive and negative doppler. In practice on 2m the doppler is from time to time some hundred Hz up to 1kHz but on 70cm up to 3kHz.

The offset is the result of "wrong" QRG of the station B in relation to the "Tropo" CQ QRG of station A and only the CQ calling station A get it or an observer. Offset is twice doppler. That means the offset could be on 2m up to 2kHz and on 70cm up to 6kHz in practice.

For instance: On 70cm RA3LE is calling cq on 432.060MHz. DL1SUZ will hear him due to a negative doppler of 2kHz on 432.058 and without RIT or 2nd VFO he will call him on 432.058 MHz. So RA3LE will hear DL1SUZ on 432.056 MHz if he use a RIT or a 2nd VFO.

That means the doppler is 2 kHz, and the offset, RA3LE or an observer will get, is 4 kHz.

If both stations try it without 2nd VFO or RIT, they will step always 4 KHz over the band, because both stations will change own TX QRG to QRG where the other is calling.

I did some crazy QSOs like this with some OM, who didn't know about this problem. If you miss a station after it calls you, look for it some kHz away... (use the 2nd VFO) or the QSO will fail.

This knowledge of doppler and offset is also very important to be successful in pile ups or to reduce QRM for other stations.

During the major Aurora in the end of October 2003 I called for a long time CQ on 2m and all stations came back +600Hz away from my Tropo QRG. I used the RIT and from time to time checked with the 2nd VFO. Later on 70cm all stations came back -4 kHz. I used my 2nd VFO.

During the major Aurora in November 2003 I called a long time CQ on 2m and with the same situation as before but all came back +400Hz away from my Tropo QRG. I used the RIT and from time to time checked with the 2nd VFO. Later on 70cm all stations came back +2 kHz. I used my 2nd VFO.

It seemed that the doppler was constant for a lot of hours in Hz and sign. I worked EI5FK on 70cm with positiv doppler and I heard just before DL1EJA in QSO with the same QTF ~300deg with both dopplers! After the QSO I turned my antenna and heard SK4MPI on 2m with negative doppler in western QTF and with positive doppler in eastern QTF.

Often I have observed CQ calling DX stations and it seemed that they didn't work with a 2nd VFO or RIT. This could be not the only problem but even again: actually the location of special moving scatter areas, their dimensions, homogeneity and density, the QTF of both stations and how the doppler was observed by the DX station in previous QSOs. May be there has been an opposite doppler in QSOs before.

It could be more or no much difference in QRG, too. All as I wrote above depend on different ears of the operators. One likes a deep sound of Aurora the other a higher (like tropo CW 400Hz or 800Hz or in SSB the middle of audio bandwidth much deeper or higher).

And there could be a problem with pile up's, too. DX stations could be called from 10 stations at the same time.

Because the signals are very broad, to be successfull it could be a good idea to call 1..2kHz away from the others...

Note:

A QRO-station makes a very broad and strong signal and does not need this accuracy of QRG management all the time. The - signal like breath of a large locomotive - will be even heard some kHz away.

On 23cm Aurora is possible, but the very small vertical and horizontal beamwidths of our antennas don't allow to find the maximum easily. I'm shure it needs elevation.

A large offset could be in practice more than 25kHz. The CQ

calling station should search in minimum 25 kHz up and down the QRG (three times the 70cm doppler).

Note:

Rainscatter the so called Aurora of the "little man".

A lot of friends thought rainscatter QSOs on 23cm are impossible. But I did it sometimes, switched from 3cm over all bands down to 23cm. It works especially good in forwardscatter with very clear audio. 23cm is a bad weather band too. In big RS the "only" 23cm stations should try.

I'm sure often there is a difference between the theoretical and measurable doppler by EISCAT and the real doppler in Amateur Radio in all cases I wrote.

So what should we do in advance to get more 70cm QSOs during Aurora?

Sked from 2m to 70cm:

both stations should be shure that the 2m and 70cm antennas of their own systems pointing exactly (parallel). Both stations turn the antenna on 2m to the maximum of signal strength of the partner and just switch over to 70cm.

Note: 10 deg antenna off are 3db in minimum. Some rotator controllers are not linear. Test it with Tropo beacons on both bands all 360deg.

CQ calling stations:

Search carefully in a range of 6kHz up and down for answering stations (on 2m 2 kHz).

1. you will get much more success with a 2nd VFO to work answering QRP and weak DX stations.
2. help the calling stations: spot in the DX cluster TX QRG, QTF and offset RX.

S51ZO 432.060 59A/050 JN86/JO53 offset -4

Means that you have called CQ on 432.060 in QTF 50deg and worked S51ZO. You heard him on 432.056 because you used 2nd VFO. The other you calling station has to call on 432.058 (offset is twice doppler).

The offset information is even good to help other stations to call CQ more than 6KHz away from your QRG

3. change QTF in steps of 10deg from time to time to make so called "unusual QSOs" possible (on 2m 20deg)

Calling stations

1. should try it sometimes at first without any RIT and 2nd VFO
2. if you are not successful observe the DX station, DX cluster and look for the partners to make your own plan
3. if you are not successful to get attention transmit 1 to 2 KHz away, up or down in opposite to the observed doppler that you should know now (on 2m 0,5 to 1kHz).
4. if you are not successful try it again not in opposite to the observed doppler.
5. if you are successful let other stations know: spot in the DX cluster RX QRG, QTF and split TX

RA3LE 432.058 59A/060 KO64/JO53

Means that you have worked CQ calling RA3LE in QTF 60deg, heard him on 432.058 and you have called him on 432.058 without RIT and 2. VFO

RA3LE 432.058 59A/060 KO64/JO53 split +1

Means that you have worked CQ calling RA3LE in QTF 60deg, heard him on 432.058 and you have called him due QRM etc. on 432.059 with RIT or 2nd VFO

6. change QTF in steps of 10deg from time to time to make unusual QSOs possible (on 2m 20 deg)

To achieve more Aurora QSOs on 70cm the increasing activity helps because in Eastern Europa more equipment is available. Further more some good tools help like cluster, internet with lot of information and online magnetometers, SAM, SOHO, CANOPUS etc. and may be a little what I wrote here, too.

Norbert, DL1SUN in JO53PN

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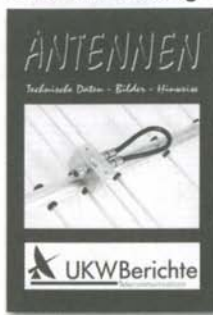
SM2CEW/p car shack in KP06SA
on Aug 12th 2004

New Products

Editor: Joachim Kraft, DL8HCZ

Neu bei UKW-Berichte:

Antennen-Katalog 2004



Die überarbeitete Version des „Antennen“-Kataloges des Spezial-Versenders UKW-Berichte ist in der Ausgabe 2004 erschienen. Nach Herstellern sortiert findet man Stations- und Richtantennen von den Herstellern: M²-USA; FLEXAYAGI; TONNA-F9FT; KONNI; PROCOM-Denmark und anderen. Neben Mikrowellen - Komponenten, Mobilantennen, Geräte-Aufsteckantennen findet man auch

Breitband- und logarithmisch-periodische Antennen jeweils mit Daten und Bildern. Der neue Katalog kann kostenlos angefordert werden bei:

UKW-Berichte, Fachversand für Funkzubehör, Eberhard L. Smolka, Jahnstr. 7, D-91083 Baiersdorf, Tel. +49 9133-77980, Fax +49 9133 779833 eMail: info@ukwberichte.com
www.ukw-berichte.de

(Engl.: The new Antenna Catalogue 2004 is available for free from UKW-Berichte. The catalogue contains all kind of antennas from different manufacturers).

Neu von Hilberling

KW-/UKW-Transceiver PT-8000A



Die Rendsburger Firma Hilberling GmbH, die von OM Hans Hilberling, DK7LG, geleitet wird, hat für das Jahr 2005 die Serienfertigung eines neuen Amateurfunktransceivers angekündigt. Das Gerät trägt die Bezeichnung PT-8000A und befindet sich zur Zeit noch in der Entwicklung. Der Transceiver umfasst neben den Kurzwellenbändern auch den Bereich 50-54 MHz (6m) und 144-148 MHz (2m). Genauere Details zum Transceiver werden nach Abschluss der Entwicklung veröffentlicht. Zumindest auf KW soll das Gerät 600 Watt Output machen.

Info: Hilberling GmbH, Kieler Straße 53, 24768 Rendsburg

Tel.: (04331) 27286, Fax 27287, info@hilberling.de

(Engl.: North German manufacturer Hilberling has announced a new amateur radio transceiver for the year 2005. The PT-8000A contains the HF bands plus 6m and 2m. On HF the rig will have 600 W RF output. More details later on.)

AMLD-1 und -2 SMD-Mischer für großen Dynamikbereich von Synergy

Auf der diesjährigen European Microwave Week in Amsterdam stellte die Firma Synergy Microwave Inc. zwei neue Mischermodule vor, die sich durch ihren hohen IIP3 von über +40dBm auszeichnen. Die neuen, aktiven FET-Mischer sind besonders für Hochpegel-Anwendungen im VHF-Bereich geeignet. Das Modell AMLD-2 ist für eine feste ZF von 62MHz ausgelegt, der Nutzsignalbereich läuft von 0,1MHz bis 32MHz (LO=62-94MHz). Der AMLD-2 arbeitet mit einem LO-Pegel von 0dBm, kann aber von -4dBm bis +10dBm betrieben werden. Mit einem Intercept-Punkt dritter Ordnung von +44dBm (typisch, min. +40dBm) und einem 1dB-Kompressionspunkt von +24dBm eignet sich dieses Modell für hohe Dynamikanforderungen. Das Modell AMLD-1 ist für einen LO-Pegel von +10dBm und eine Zwischenfrequenz von 40MHz optimiert (RF=0,1MHz-30MHz, LO=40MHz-70MHz) und bietet ebenso ein IIP3 von mindestens +40dBm. Beide Modelle überzeugen durch sehr gute Isolationswerte von 25db bis 40dB (selbstverständlich sind auch kundenspezifische Ausführungen möglich). Datenblätter zu den beiden Modellen sind von TSS (Tel. +49 7309 96750, Fax 967520, info@tssd.com) erhältlich.

USB Switch Controller von TAMS für Agilent N1810 Serie

Für die populäre N1810 Schalterserie von Agilent bietet die Firma TAMS Inc. einen per USB-Schnittstelle steuerbaren Controller an. Damit gelingt es, auch komplexe Aufgaben bequem per Software zu programmieren. Unterstützt werden sowohl USB 2.0 als auch USB 1.1 Anbindung, der Controller macht dabei von der höheren Geschwindigkeit von USB 2.0 Gebrauch. Mit Hilfe von Hochsprachen (Microsoft C, Visual Basic .NET) oder graphischen Programmierungsumgebungen (HP VEE oder LabView) können auch komplexe Schaltabläufe programmiert werden. Readback der Schalterstellung wird natürlich unterstützt, so dass das Steuerprogramm flexibel auf verschiedene Zustände reagieren kann. Der TAMS 1887 Controller ist als 19-Zoll-Rack ausgeführt und kann bis zu 12 Switches der Modelle N1810, N1811 und N1812 unabhängig steuern, bei komplexeren Aufgaben können weitere Controller unabhängig eingesetzt werden. Die Verbindung zum jeweiligen



Switch erfolgt über D-Sub-9-Kabel.

Sowohl die 5Volt als auch die

24Volt-Ausführung der Switches wird unterstützt. Informationen erhalten Sie bei TSS, Postfach 1261, D-89259 Weißenhorn (Tel.: +49 7309 96750, info@tssd.com)

News & Comments

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Beacon News

CT1ART improved

The CT1ART beacon on 144.406 MHz has got a new TX and has a clear CW signal now. Loc. IM67ah.

DB0ANU Info

DB0ANU, JN59HH, 564 m a.s.l. is qrv on the following QRGs now: 3400.810 MHz with 10w and 60cm dish to 330 deg. 5769.810 MHz with 10w and slot (omni), 10368.810 MHz with 10w and slot (omni), (Edi, DL6NCO)

DB0FAI QRT

DB0FAI, 144.490 MHz, is temp. QRT since October 4th for maintenance.

DB0NCO qrv on 24 GHz

DB0NCO ist qrv on 24048.905 MHz from JN59NB. 0.8 W and slot (omni). 746 m a.s.l.

DB0OS beacon info

DB0OS is qrv now from JO40CW on the new QRG **432.445** MHz with 0.3W slot 270° 730m a.s.l. Originally 432.417 MHz was proposed. The beacon is also qrv on **10.368,945** MHz since Sept. 23rd with 2W, 12 x slot, 270°, 780m a.s.l. The QRGs 1296.945 and 2320.945 MHz are also still active from 730 m a.s.l.

F5TND/B 6m beacon

F5TND runs a beacon on 50.300 MHz from his shack when he is not on the band himself. Loc.: IN96OL, 10W, 7 ele., SW.

I2M call change

I2M has got the new callsign IQ2CY/B. The beacon is still running on 144.419 MHz from JN55AD.

SK7MHL on new 24 GHz QRG

SK7MHL is qrv on 24048.970 MHz since October 19th from JO65OR with 1 W ERP, omni, 100 m a.s.l.

F5XAR qrv again

The French transatlantic beacon F5XAR is qrv again on 144.405 MHz. Loc. IN87KW.

2m Beacon on D4

There is a good chance that we will have a 2m beacon on Cape Verde Islands (D44, Loc. HK76) in the near future. Tim, G4LOH, plans to organize everything. More info to follow.

JW5SIX qrv again

JW5SIX is qrv again since October from Hopen island, KQ26MM, on 50.0455 MHz

LU1DMA/B qrv

LU1DMA/B is qrv on 50.069 MHz from GF14EX with 10w into a turnstile antenna. LU1DMA confirmed the locator to DUBUS.

LU7YS/B qrv again

LU7YS/B is qrv again from FF49 now on 50.086 MHz.

N3LL/B qrv again

N3LL/B is qrv again since October from EN90WI on 50.0675.

DF0ANN on new 70cm QRG

DF0ANN is qrv now on the new 70cm QRG 432.465 MHz.

VE2YAT/B new 6m beacon

VE2YAT/B is a new beacon on 50.025 MHz, Loc.: FO40SI, 3 Watt, 2 ele quad.

VE9BEA/B new 6m beacon

VE9BEA/B is a new beacon on 50.024 MHz. Loc. FN66.

F1AVY Laser Beacon QRV

A permanent laser beacon is running now from F1AVY's QTH in JN25IV. The output power is 10 mW on 780 nm (laser printer diode). The laser is beamed on the polar star (North and about 45° elevation at Lyon).

The looped signal is "CQ laser from F1AVY JN25IV" in "JASON" code from PC audio card (Jason: Alberto I2PHD program). The center Jason VLF carrier signal frequency is 75Hz. The data rate is less than three characters / minute and "Jason" can extract signal - 15 dB / noise in perfect conditions at 5 km with low clouds, decoding limit seems at - 25 dB with some coherent characters on the screen at 20 km in the best conditions.

Some cloud scattering signals were received from more than 20km away with a 25cm mirror, OSD1-5T PIN photodiode, K3PGP receiver and FFTDSP processing.

The echoes seem the best from low stratocumulus base (ASL about 1200 m) just after rain.

Expeditions, Stations, OP's

7X0AD qrv 2m FSK-MS

7X0AD (JM16) is qrv now also via FSK-MS on 2m since the beginning of November.

IW0UEI/MM Expedition plans to JN30, JN31, JM39 and JM38

IW0UEI is planning already for the summer as follows: Perseids period is sure at 90% for 3 days in JN31XA and 3 days in JN30XN, conditions 100W and 7 ele (home made long 1,1wl abt); for the last days in August 2005 some (2 or 3) days

in JM39XA and JM38XX are planned. For the moment it is only an idea but Tony will have more news in May 2005.

OJ0YC expedition delayed

The originally for September 2004 planned OJ0YC-Expedition was cancelled and is now planned for the end of July in 2005. Ops are OZ1AA, OH6GD, SM3WMV and KU5B. They will be qrv on 6m and 2m incl. FSK-MS. May be also 70cm.

Albania

ZA/K00KY is qrv until August 2006 on 6m, 2m and 70cm from JN91WH. Rig.: FT100D, dipole for 6m, 5 ele for 2m and 10 ele for 70cm. QSL via IW0BET.

G0KZG/MM 2005

Andy Adams, G0KZG/MM, plans to be qrv again on 2m and 6m in 2005. Details will follow later on.

JN81 qrv 2m MS

IW7BEC is qrv on 2m via CW and FSK-MS from JN81GF. Rig: 100w and 14 dBd Yagi.

JM89 qrv 2m MS

Since September I8TUS is qrv on 2m FSK MS from IM89DE.

FM5JC qrv

F5JKK is qrv until August 2007 from Martinique as FM5JC. Locator is FK94LO. Eric is already qrv on 6m. Later on he will put up 2m station for DX operation.

EA1AK/7 now EA7TN

EA1AK/7 (IM66) has got the new call EA7TN. He is on 2m.

IH9YMC on 2m

IH9YMC a resident on Pantelleria (IM56) is qrv on 2m and interested in Meteor-Scatter.

Mazedonia - KN01 qrv

HA1CA is qrv now for 2 years as Z38C. He will soon erect stations for 2m and 70cm. QSL via HA1RS.

Z32UC now Z35Z

Z32UC, Dime, has got the new call Z35Z. He is in KN02 and active via 2m MS.

CY9 - St. Paul 2005

VY2SS (CY9SS) and others will be qrv from June 7th to around July 7th 2005 on 6+ 2m with good stations. Loc. FN97.

SV on 2m EME

SV6DBL is qrv on 2m EME with 4 x 17 ele and 1.3 KW. Locator is KM09KO.

EY8MM on EME

EY8MM plans to become qrv on 2m EME with 2 yagis and 200w. May be he will try 70cm EME also later on.

5T/6W Expedition 2005

DL8YHR plans to be active from Mauretania (5T) and Senegal (6W) during summer 2005 (June/July). He will be active on 6m for Es and on 2m (and 70cm) via EME.

9Z on 2m EME

9Z4BM (Trinidad and Tobago) plans to become active via 2m EME in WSJT with 180w and one yagi.

D4, PJ2, PJ7, FM, FS on 2m EME

ON4IQ plans to activate these countries until July 2005 on 2m via FSK-EME (17 Ele. + 3CX800). More countries to follow. He will be active on 6m also (but no EME).

RW1ZC/MM qrv again

Alex, RW1ZC/MM, finally was still on hold after a long delay in the end of November in Kaliningrad (UA2, KO04). He was supposed to head for North Africa and work /MM for several months. Alex was qrv in the meantime on 2m FSK-MS from KO04 for several weeks. Tropo-QRG always 144.300 MHz. Rig 100w + 8 ele.

VA3LK SK

Larry Kayser, VA3LK/WA3ZIA, of Westport, Ontario, Canada, died unexpectedly October 5. He was 64. Kayser was widely known throughout the Amateur Radio community for his technical expertise as well as his operating skill and accomplishments. In February 2001, Kayser and Laurie Mayhead, G3AQC, made ham radio history by completing the first two-way transatlantic Amateur Radio exchange on 136 kHz. His latest project was the planning of a serious attempt of a 144 MHz transatlantic QSO.

DL1SDN SK

Dieter Stumpp, DL1SDN, became a silent key in October 2004. He was 43 years old. He was very active on 2m Meteor Scatter from the 1980's from JN48. In the past years he was very active on HF collecting DXCC countries.

F6BSJ SK

F6BSJ Silent Key: Jean-Marie Maubland, F6BSJ, died on April 24th 2004 at the age of 56 years after fighting against cancer. He has been very active from the "CG" square on 2m including EME and Meteor Scatter. In the recent years his main interests were DX on 10 GHz and on 6m.

News

SQ Update

A revised version of the QRA database program SQ, described in DUBUS 3/04, is now available. Version 2.1 fixes problems with the import and export of ADIF format files. A new exe file (for existing installations) and a complete install package (for new users) are available for free download from the author's website: www.marsport.demon.co.uk/sq/sq.htm Roger Blackwell G4PMK, g4pmk@marsport.demon.co.uk

Laser Record

On April 21st, 2004 at 19 UTC DB6NT had a contact of about 106 km with DG0EB with laser 660 nm (red) with 56...59 signals (QSB) in AM mode.

DG0EB / DG8EB were on the Fichtelberg (JO60LK) and DB6NT / DB2NP were on the Wetzstein (JO50RK). Output power about 5mW to a 120 mm lens. The previous record was held with 104 km by a French team.

VHF-DATABASE of the VHF-DX-Group DL-West, Vers. 2.10 10/2004

A year is over again and I am able to spread around the new version of the VHF-DATABASE (2.10 10/2004) to privat users as also to all interest DX-cluster sysops (dxc-types: CLX, SPIDER, AK1A or DXNet). Every PRIVATE-USER can get his own VHF-DATABASE. The DATABASE is available for a donation of 5 EURO or 5 Dollar (if possible please stamps with small values or a banknote). Please pass the donation to: VHF-DX-Group DL-West, c/o DL8EBW, G. Juenkersfeld, Gustav-Freytag-Str. 1, 42327 Wuppertal / Germany together with your e-mail address, where I am able to transfer the DATABASE-files to you (mailbox minimum cap. have to be 2MB!). The USER-DATABASE files can be reloaded into standard spreadsheet programs as well as into the VQLog (EA6VQ Logbookprogram), the contest programs OHTest (written by OH6HFX) and TUCNAK (written by OK1ZIA). Also DG0KW, Klaus, has written a VIEWER for it. All links to above programs are available at <http://www.dl8ebw.de>. Every PRIVATE USER will be registered. So I am able to give around news about the DATABASE as soon as there is any change or update! As I said, an update will be necessary from time to time - so please do send us your updates and also the dates of your ham-friends! Specialty the call / locator part have to be updated very often!!! Hope you will enjoy these new VHF-DATABASE and it will help a bit in the day to day dx work... 73 de DL8EBW, Guy, guy@dl8ebw.de

MWS 2005

M[ost] W[anted] 50 + 144 MHz S[squares] + DXCCs Europe

Data survey for the 50 and 144 MHz M[ost] W[anted] S[squares] as well as DXCC countries europe 2005, by Alex IW0GPN, Guido DL8EBW and Chris PA2CHR together with the German magazine "FUNK-TELEGRAMM".

Since 1993 we were running this survey and it is quite nice to see year by year that a lot of vhf-dx-peditioners use and check it for finding a good and wanted square for their expeditions. Again this year we will run this survey.

Please check the following rules and send us your information. Start is on Dec. 19th 2004 and deadline is March 5th 2005. So we will be able to spread out the results in the beginning of April 2005. So everybody will have a good chance to find a recommended square to activate in the next season. Here the rules:

Everybody can send in as many most wanted squares as he wants for one callsign. Of course it will be necessary that the wanted squares have to be in a reachable area from the senders QTH. We recommend:

TROPO 50 MHz: 500 km; 144 MHz: 800 km
WET-SQR 50 MHz: 500 km; 144 MHz: 800 km
MS/ES 50 MHz: 3500 km; 144 MHz: 2000 km
DXCC 50 MHz: 3500 km; 144 MHz: 2500 km

Example: if you are qrv on 144 MHz tropo you might send a list of squares in range of 800 km around your QTH, if you qrv also MS/ES you might send squares in range of 2000 km. Also all "wet" squares are possible to activate but shall be within your tropo range. It is your decision if you count only "not worked square", or if you add the squares pending on confirmation. The preferred method to send your entry in is through a MWD formatted file, that can be made from at least several log-programs. If your logbook program does not support the MWD format (created by Bo, OZ2M), or you do not use a PC based logbook program, you could alternatively submit your entry as an ANSI file (a simple textfile with name: "call".log - you also can request your last years file to change it, if you have been taking part in past year's survey): E.g.

dl8ebw.log (Filename)

[Squares] IO79 IO96 IO98 IP04 IP14 JP91 KN47 KO77

[DXCCs] 1A SVIA [End of file]

Please send in your entry for 2005 to:

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via AX25 BBS: DL8EBW@DB0FHN.BAY.DEU.EU
via AX25 cluster: DB0SUE-7

via eMail: mws@dl8ebw.de (for 144MHz) or

via eMail: iw0gpn@tiscali.it (for 50MHz)

via eMail: c.ploeger@planet.nl (for DXCCs)

The results of the inquiry will be published in FUNK-TELEGRAMM, DUBUS, PR and in different VHF-reflector pages on the internet in the begin of april 2005.

Thanks very much to all for the input in advance.

73 de DL8EBW, Guy, c/o VHF-DX-Group DL-West
(Bo, OZ2M, will start a Most Wanted VUSHF DX survey 2005 for 70 MHz, 432 MHz and up on March, 1st 2005 on the web: www.qsl.net/oz2m/ham)

News from DL

In the meantime some modifications to the expected changes of the German amateur radio law were made. Now we may expect a **secondary allocation of 50.080 to 51.000 MHz** for amateur radio in the future.

Also some changes for some allocations in the higher GHz range are expected:

The secondary allocation from **119.98 – 120.02 GHz** will be **shifted to 122.25 – 123.00 GHz**.

The **145 GHz band (142 – 149 GHz, primary)** will be **deleted and a new band from 134 – 141 GHz** will be allocated.

Also **amateur radio via Laser** will be possible in the future again. Although all frequencies above 275 GHz generally are not allocated it is officially mentioned that the frequencies 444 – 453 GHz, 510 – 546 GHz, 711 – 730 GHz, 909 – 926 GHz, 945 – 951 GHz and all QRGs above 956 GHz can be used by amateur radio stations. This means that Laser-QSOs will be official amateur radio QSOs after the new regulations are adopted. Bad news is that it was not possible to remove from the draft that **all beacons above 30 MHz will be limited to 15 W ERP** in the future!

Threat for the 23cm-band!?

A surprising information comes from Ireland (EI) where 1300 to 1304 MHz was released on a secondary base on Oct. 31st for FM repeater use. Is this another indication for the 23cm-band changes which we have to expect due to Galileo? – There are rumours now that the E6-channel (1240-1300 MHz) that so far has been reserved for commercial use (Galileo "PRS") is wanted by the military!! In DL several 23cm beacons and repeaters had to close down in 2003/2004 because the military did not give permission any more. Coincidence?

50 Years of EME

On July 24th 1954 for the first time an EME voice reception took place on VHF. It was the voice from James Trexler a NAVY engineer and chief of the "Operation Moon Bounce" that was the first reflected off the moon and received back again successfully on earth. Already in the years before 1954 the NAVY sent radar signals to the moon and was surprised about the strength of the reflections. The results inspired the NAVY for a possible use of the moon as a passive repeater. After the success in 1954 a complete system for voice, teletype and picture transmission via the moon was developed. This was used by the Pentagon for worldwide communication with the U.S. troops with the advantage of being quite independent from ionospheric short wave propagation. Later when communication via satellites became available this replaced the moon system. – The first ever EME reception of amateur radio signals took place on July 3rd 1965 when KP4 hams used the Arecibo telescope on 432 MHz. So we will have a 40 year anniversary next year. – Some sources say that in January 1953 Ross Bateman, W4AO, and Bill Smith, W3GKP were working on the 2-meter band when they heard their own echoes come back very weakly to their antenna after reflection on the Moon. So this took place even before the military EME voice reception! (DL8HCZ)

HZ - Saudi Arabia: restrictions

There is a new amateur radio law in HZ now. According to this law the only permitted VHF bands are 2m and 24 GHz and up! So NO 6m and 70cm allocations at the moment!

2m TEP from KP4 to ZD8!

A very late report comes from Ted, G4UPS, who confirmed that he has heard KP4EOR (FK78) in autumn 1981 via TEP on 144 MHz when he was active as ZD8TC on Ascension Island (II22). This is almost crossing the (south) atlantic ocean and should encourage OPs in SW EU to try with SA!

Dates

Scandinavian Activity Contest 2005

From January 1st 2005 the Scandinavian Activity Contest (OZ, LA, SM, OH) takes place as follows:

1. Tuesday 144 MHz 19-23 ME(S)Z (like before)
2. Tuesday 432 MHz 19-23 ME(S)Z (like before)
3. Tuesday 1.2 GHz 19-23 ME(S)Z (like before)
4. Tuesday 2.3 GHz + up 19-23 ME(S)Z (like since 2002)

1. Thursday 28 MHz (like since 1.1.2004)
2. Thursday 50 MHz 19-23 ME(S)Z NEW from 1.1.2005
3. Thursday 70 MHz 19-23 ME(S)Z (OZ/OY/OX), NEW

EME Conference 2006



The 12th International EME Conference will take place in Würzburg (southern DL, JN49) from August 25th to 27th 2006. The conference is organized by Rainer, DF6NA. Check for latest info on the web: www.eme2006.com

Dorsten GHz Meeting 2005

The 28th GHz Meeting in Dorsten will take place on February 12th 2005. Same location as previous years.

Weinheim VHF Meeting 2005

The next Weinheim VHF Meeting will take place on September 10th/11th 2005. Now there will be only one group (from the A20 club) that will organize the meeting. So fortunately there will be no more chaos with two dates etc. in the future. Location will be again the Karl-Kübel-School in Bensheim on Saturday and the A-20-club on Sunday.

G3WOS 6m BBQ 2005

The 2005 6m pig roast BBQ at G3WOS's UK QTH in the UK will take place on Saturday 6th August 2005. There will be several of interesting talks - hopefully including a review of one of the hot 2005 summer DXpeditions - to pass the long hot summer day... Take a look at last year's event - http://www.gare.co.uk/6m_bbq.htm and if you would like to come along in August 2005 please send me an email and indicate whether this would be definite or a possibility. 73 Chris G3WOS, email: chris@gare.co.uk

Tampere Six Meters Forum 2005

The Tampere Six Meters Forum in Finland is being held on the 13th of August 2005.

Microwave Update 2005

The Microwave Update Conference 2005 will take place from Oct. 27th to 30th at Sheraton Cerritos Hotel, Towne Center, 12725 Center Court Drive, Cerritos, CA 90703, USA. Details on the web: www.ham-radio.com/sbms/

SVHFS Conference 2005

The 9th Annual SVHFS Conference will be held in Charlotte, NC, on April 29 & 30, 2005. www.svhfs.org/conf_2005.htm

Comments

VHF DX Event Database

Recently, we discussed the potential benefits from a, say Worldwide VHF DX Event Database. This database would file all sporadic E, Aurora, MS, TEP and other types of VHF dx

QSOs around the world. Joachim, DL8HCZ, editor of the Dubus magazine, considers a dx datapool an important project and he can imagine that Dubus would sponsor it. Gabriel, EA6VQ, argues that this project would however put too much workload on an individual, i.e. he suggests a joint effort by an international group of radio amateurs. Sabine, DL1DBC, offers assistance in software development, i.e. in database engineering and user interfaces. Are there any volunteers in the ham community willing to develop the detailed concept? (From www.df5ai.net). - Currently we are still in the brainstorming stage. Any ideas and comments would be most welcome! Please contact info@dubus.de (DL8HCZ)

144 MHz Transatlantic Propagation Considerations

by Walter G. Obenhofer, NQ2O

I have been following the subject of 144MHz Transatlantic Propagation for some time. I have noticed the great efforts made by European Groups to establish TA Beacons.

These efforts are commendable, especially in the light of great dedication and personal time spent on the project. However one can also see a tremendous amount of club support to the groups from individuals, local and national level. Another especially noteworthy fact is the enormous international cooperation on the European and African Continent to a common goal. Many attempts have been made by individuals to bridge that gap under more or less favorable conditions, be it equipment, locations, weather or personal sacrifice. I tip my hat, to all, with great respect. It seems to follow that one would see a similar enthusiasm and effort on this side of the Atlantic as well. Somehow though, it seems that there is no such efforts underway. If there is, it is one of the best-kept secrets. Communication held in communicato should describe it adequately. Actually, not exactly new here. To be fair one has to mention the efforts by some neighbors to the North, the Canadian Maritimes. It takes no less effort there and the Canadian Hams deserve the same consideration and respect afforded to the Europeans colleagues. I wonder though, if there might not be a hidden problem in all these efforts? I have noted the beacon frequencies and looked at the band plans for Region I and Region II. The beacons are located according to Region I band plans but collide with the band plan in Region II. Here in Region II that part of the band is assigned to digital transmissions and heavily used as such. Thus, reception of beacons or QSO's could prove to be extremely difficult even under favorable conditions. The TA Beacons being located in an FM part of the band and 200KHz + above our standard operating SSB/CW segment is not an overly big inducement to listen intently for them. My considerations do not take into account what agreement our Canadian neighbors might have with the RAC or possible participants to the South, outside, of the US. Analyzing past attempts to bridge the gap one sees a pattern of repeats in methods. Shortest distance to bridge; Highest points plus shortest distance; Higher power plus the above, or larger antennas and all the above. Mixed with all the mechanical efforts were high activity times on the band such as a contest on the other continent. There is no doubt that the attempts were carefully planned, the best equipment available used and great operating skills utilized.

None of the operations would have materialized had the participants hesitated to take risks for fear of failure or disappointment. While it was clear from the beginning that propagation will play a large role it also became clear that propagation is the most formidable part of any undertaking. Clearly, more and exhaustive propagation studies are needed to bridge the Atlantic and possibly even on a more regular basis.

May I suggest a possible alternative to the present approach? Suppose a series of receivers were built, capable of receiving at least one, better two or more beacon signals at the same time. Record time, date, signal strength, temperature and geographical location. Store this info on a media that could later be retrieved and analyzed. The data could be scanned before storage for pertinent info such as the presence of a clear CW sign or other info to ascertain the presence of a signal. Thus allowing for maximum collection of info before overflow or loss of such. How and were to deploy these receivers. I believe that it should be possible to interest some Shipping Companies, in the name of science, to allow the placement of such receivers on their Ocean going Freighters. Many companies cross the Atlantic daily to and from North American Ports. Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Ca. Boston, NYC, Philadelphia, Savannah, Miami USA and others in between. Many Commercial Fishing Vessels operate in and outside the territorial areas of North America. Beacon data could then be analyzed according to geographical location of the vessel, when signal acquired or lost, time of day and prevailing weather condition. Offering the shipping companies free and positive publicity for their cooperation, and especially a fair share of the glory, should almost guaranty success.

In addition to Ocean going Vessels, Air Cargo Carriers might be a useful source of information also. Radios placed on Airplanes could provide information about propagation that ship borne radios cant. Example, Airplanes traveling 10 000 meters above ground have a considerable further reach on certain frequencies versus earth bound vessels. The possibility to compare earthbound data with airborne data is opening new doors. By employing moving targets across the Atlantic, at all times, would fill a void that otherwise would not be able to be filled. The in between areas are just too large to place stepping-stones for incremental exploration. The writer firmly believes that a bridging of the Atlantic on 144 MHz is possible. The efforts, the skills and determination of the European Ham Community are legendary and success can't far behind. He wishes that the same could be said about the Western side of the Atlantic.

Last

EA1DDO wrote on eham.net about DUBUS on Oct. 9th: Rating: 5/5 - Top best VUSHF magazine - Time owned: more than 12 months. - It is the best VUSHf bands magazine. Has a lot of state of the art articles, projects, bands activity, from 2/6 meters tropo up to 249 Ghz, EME, FAI, Meteor Scatter, Aurora, etc. Information from all parts of the world, plus beacons list, high tech advertisements, news, etc. The best information source for beginners and specialist. A "must" for the VUSHfer. 73, Max - EA1DDO/HK1DX (TNX Max!)

Next DUBUS Deadline: March 1st 2005

DUBUS Toplists

50 MHz Toplist

NR	Call	WW Loc	Wkd Sqr	DXCC	Aurora Tropo	Es MS	(ODX) F2
1	K1TOL	FN44	1205	169	0	0	0
2	ON4IQ	JO20	1151	212	1180	1952	1975 9007 16802
3	VE1YX	FN74	1130	170	0	0	0
4	ON4GG	JO20	1125	221	813	1757	1695 8317 16727
5	DL7QY	JN59	1095	215	741	1665	2186 0 27926
6	SM7FJE	JO65	1084	201	0	0	0
7	PY5CC	GG54	1061	219	0	0	0
8	PA0HIP	JO21	1061	213	0	0	0
9	G0UHC	IO83	1054	205	0	0	0
10	IK0FTA	JN61	1053	222	0	0	0
11	IK2GSO	JN45	1051	215	0	0	0
12	W5OZI	EM00	1040	152	0	0	0
13	SM7AED	JO65	1018	198	0	0	0
14	W3EP	FN31	1014	145	0	0	0
15	PA0RDY	JO22	1011	190	750	1804	2041 0 16536
16	G4IGO	IO80	986	200	578	1308	2528 7301 16188
17	EH8BPX	IL18	968	178	0	0	0
18	G4UPS	IO80	965	186	0	0	0
19	G3WOS	IO91	945	206	0	0	0
20	SP6GZZ	JO81	939	173	515	1394	1826 8103 14443
21	DL9USA	JO71	929	188	0	0	0
22	DL7AV	JN58	928	202	0	0	0
23	SV1DH	KM17	904	228	0	0	0
24	ON4AOI	JO21	894	193	0	0	0
25	F5JJK	IN87	881	189	0	0	0
26	PA7MH	JO22	872	182	0	0	0
27	SP6GWB/P	JO80	866	172	696	1774	1880 8583 17887
28	Ti5KD	EJ79	866	135	0	0	0
29	DL8PM	JO40	858	177	0	0	0
30	ON4KST	JO20	856	163	801	1415	1509 8374 16498
31	F80P	JN26	853	170	631	1023	1369 5508 13547
32	IOJX	JN61	846	209	0	0	0
33	IZ5EME	JN52	845	180	583	0	1712 5216 15152
34	OZ3ZW	JO54	844	173	0	0	0
35	OK1DDO	JO60	843	169	620	1423	1340 6100 16266
36	GW3MFY	IO81	842	188	0	0	0
37	G3IMV	IO91	842	185	0	0	0
38	SP4MPB	KO03	839	185	710	1836	1507 8029 17649
39	SM6CMU	JO57	832	175	762	1830	1780 7795 15728
40	ON4PS	JO20	829	164	752	1740	1902 6520 16358
41	DL6AMI	JO50	828	172	0	0	0
42	SP6MLK/P	JO80	821	125	1051	1610	1511 8557 27874
43	OZ8ABE	JO45	821	166	0	0	0
44	9H1BT	JM75	820	229	0	0	0
45	IOWTD	JN61	820	208	0	0	0
46	PA7FM	JO21	817	167	0	0	0
47	DL8HCZ	JO53	777	115	365	1250	1356 3350 15957
48	DL6BF	JO32	771	164	1193	1326	0 4955 11582
49	DL3AMA	JO51	770	160	519	1431	1600 4001 14810
50	PA2V	JO22	764	155	0	0	0
51	GJ4ICD	IN89	758	167	0	0	0
52	DJ6MB	JO30	754	162	0	1058	0 2685 16042
53	OZ1IEP	JO65	739	143	1986	1318	0 5832 0
54	DL1EJA	JO31	732	161	0	0	0
55	IZ1EPM	JN35	724	184	0	0	0
56	G3ZYV	IO70	720	185	0	0	0
57	YO7VS	KN14	718	164	0	0	0
58	PA9KT	JO33	715	177	0	0	0
58	WA1ECF	FN41	714	108	0	0	0
60	EH3LL	JN01	709	169	0	0	0
61	PE9DX	JO33	700	167	0	0	0
62	EH9IB	IM85	696	161	0	0	0
63	F9DI	JN23	695	179	284	2432	0
64	OZ1DPR	JO45	694	145	0	0	0

65	PE1HWO	JO21	682	150	835	2110	1674 6061 15177
66	F5DE	JN05	678	155	860	1074	1651 3638 15789
67	S52SK	JN76	670	188	0	0	0
68	IW1AZJ	JN35	664	166	445	800	1341 3221 15261
69	PA2TAB	JO32	659	152	857	1370	1809 5797 15339
70	OK1FFD	JO60	654	148	580	1231	1380 7450 14773
71	OK1KT	JO70	650	144	0	1545	1486 4377 15999
72	CT1EEB	IN50	644	186	0	0	0
73	DF7RG	JN68	643	136	652	1576	824 4864 14802
74	I4XCC	JN63	630	140	707	0	1427 4456 18627
75	L21AG	KN22	626	159	375	0	1390 3941 10628
76	F5PAU	IN88	624	108	0	0	0
77	OK2ZW	JN89	618	138	1681	0	0 15580
78	IK5JWQ	JN52	616	151	820	0	1485 5908 15237
79	PA3ECU	JO32	612	133	0	0	0
80	YL3AG	KO26	591	131	691	1817	0 8115 14305
81	DL2DR	JO31	577	115	1003	0	0 4769 12047
82	DL6NCI	JO50	570	157	708	1294	505 7815 14239
83	DL7HG	JO62	568	115	0	0	0 15600
84	7Q7RM	KH74	548	119	0	0	0
85	DJ6XV	JO31	560	111	512	1007	1130 4805 11502
86	PA5DD	JO22	541	135	0	0	0
87	SP2IQW	JO94	535	113	0	0	1470 4034 10964
88	OK1VBN	JN78	512	92	455	1496	897 8790 14645
89	ES1CW	KO29	503	104	959	1968	2116 6337 13090
90	H89JQV	JN26	518	140	527	769	1475 5785 27696
91	ES6RQ	KO28	501	107	393	1870	0 5181 12058
92	LY2SA	KO14	478	107	407	1503	904 4031 12947
93	OZ7IS	JO65	475	126	410	1294	850 3100 0
94	YO2IS	KN05	465	109	412	1253	1404 7775 15931
95	S53J	JN75	462	89	0	0	0
96	ES2RJ	KO29	458	88	971	1923	2052 4642 13682
97	ON1IM	JO11	456	106	223	1278	1302 5607 16205
98	OK1FAV	JO60	444	96	0	579	1093 6250 12924
99	ES2WX	KO29	443	85	562	1924	1847 4651 13682
100	ES1AJ	KO29	439	94	415	1710	1850 3340 13694
101	ES1RF	KO29	438	95	340	1250	0 2800 11549
102	ES2QN	KO29	437	81	848	2380	1963 5689 13098
103	YO4FRJ	KN34	436	116	250	0	7306 27184
104	PA2CHR	JO22	431	119	740	1403	0 5212 9322
105	DL4ALI	JO50	431	87	464	628	1850 3969 12195
106	DG1VL	JO61	429	84	430	1336	0 4697 14635
107	OE1SOW	JN88	424	103	0	0	0 11921
108	DL9GU	JN49	402	0	721	450	0 8500 15625
109	ES2NA	KO29	393	80	883	1870	1983 4647 11576
110	OK1MP	JO70	390	82	1125	1077	1753 3541 13452
111	ES2RW	KO29	382	55	410	1896	0 3827 9515
112	OK1BL	JO60	377	77	530	1320	1717 6941 11816
113	ES1II	KO29	367	81	335	1569	1410 3325 13978
114	DL8GAP	JN48	365	73	365	0	0 6924 13801
115	DL3YEE	JO42	354	79	540	1056	1300 2700 149020
116	H89AOF	JN36	350	82	500	0	0 5400 10663
117	DK9KX	JO30	341	190	0	0	0
118	DL1SUZ	JO53	338	71	546	1434	865 5921 11859
119	SM3BIU	JP73	336	77	907	1704	1982 4414 0
120	H89Q	JN47	335	87	0	0	0
121	ES4EQ	KO39	334	63	392	1869	0 4750 13005
122	PE1OGF	JO21	332	76	0	0	0
123	SM7JUQ	JO65	331	84	372	1349	1062 3900 14070
124	F8CS	JN27	313	68	336	0	0 7454 9753
125	ES6QB	KO37	310	74	450	625	0 5145 13410
126	ES3BR	KO29	309	55	387	1900	1600 4536 11530
127	DC9YC	JO31	306	68	666	1154	0 5112 11921
128	I3ZVN	JN55	304	69	532	0	0 5742 8422
129	ES1MW	KO29	298	60	315	650	0 3972 9619
130	DF1EQ	JO31	295	0	279	0	0 2769 11510
131	ES5AM	KO38	289	53	452	1754	1981 4500 12923
132	H89STH	JN36	280	65	367	0	1431 4448 7810
133	ES2QH	KO29	279	60	372	1740	1710 2542 13682
134	CT1HZE	IM57	276	60	0	0	0
135	DL7YS	JO62	275	64	342	461	1086 3547 8767
136	DK2BJ	JO30	275	55	471	805	0 3194 8274

144 MHz Toplist (without EME)

NR	Call	WW	Wkd	DXCC	Aurora	Es	(ODX)
		Loc	Sqr	Tropo	MS	lono	/ AE
1	DK1KO	JO53 722	0	2124 2057 2271	3285 2122		
2	DK3WG	JO72 683	72	2243 2034 2295	2782 1954		
3	PA3BIY	JO22 664	64	1550 2026 2205	3143 0		
4	DL8EBW	JO31 651	67	1454 1918 2225	2305 0		
5	DF8LC	JO53 600	70	2105 2045 2226	3291 0		
6	PA0RDY	JO22 568	67	1582 1979 2272	2819 0		
7	SM6CMU	JO57 566	0	1760 1928 2280	2577 - / 1760		
8	DL8HCZ	JO53 566	60	1615 1976 2096	3527 1500		
9	PA2CHR	JO22 557	69	1514 2171 2240	3212 1732/1971		
10	HA5LK	KP30 548	0	1962 2041 2235	2891 0		
11	I2FAK	JN45 535	0	1935 1512 2405	2995 1645		
12	HA1YA	JN87 526	75	1548 1941 2183	2885 2010		
13	I4XCC	JN63 526	77	1188 1826 2164	3248 1746		
14	PA3FOC	JO21 522	59	1373 2010 2209	2326 0		
15	SP6GZZ	JO81 520	0	1670 1794 2017	2717 0		
16	SP9EWU	JO90 517	63	1710 1927 2154	2871 0		
17	DK6AS	JO52 516	0	1460 1885 2510	2260 0		
18	SP4MPB	KO03 515	59	1886 1959 2090	2697 - / 1886		
19	DD0VF	JO61 510	62	1736 1701 2045	2617 0		
20	KD0OG	JN68 510	67	1708 1975 2172	3322 1543		
21	DL3AMA	JO51 505	61	1785 1803 1925	2403 0		
22	PA3DZL	JO21 504	62	1405 1851 2167	3107 0		
23	DH3YAK	KJ01 498	61	1424 1162 2105	2650 0		
24	YU7EW	KN05 490	67	2460 1868 2179	2430 2082		
25	DJ7OF	JO51 489	63	1512 1518 2152	2156 0		
26	PA3ECU	JO32 484	58	1721 2106 2018	3238 0		
27	LY2WR	KO24 483	57	2051 2075 2347	3007 0		
28	ON4IQ	JO20 469	67	1420 1965 2150	2725 0		
29	DL8LAQ	JO43 465	0	1377 1858 2104	3304 0		
30	ON4GG	JO20 464	68	1420 1965 2150	2124 0		
31	YU7MS	KN05 467	62	1319 1856 2160	2438 2130		
32	IZ5EME	JN52 458	65	1590 0	2090 2893 2030		
33	RA3LE	KO64 455	1	2137 2134 2173	2524 1516		
34	SK6HD	JO68 451	0	1911 1857 2172	2479 0		
35	OH7PI	KP32 451	0	1902 1926 2151	2489 0		
36	PE1HWO	JO21 448	64	1500 1403 2279	2618 0		
37	OK2ZW	JN89 445	56	1417 1775 2113	2471 0		
38	ES6RQ	KO37 438	49	1500 1982 2518	1842 0		
39	F8OP	JN26 432	63	1228 1196 2028	2720 0		
40	OK2VMD	JN89 428	58	1662 1765 2031	3605 0		
41	OK1KT	JO70 421	58	1411 1545 1900	2808 0		
42	YO2IS	KN05 417	67	1360 1916 2130	2556 0		
43	PA4VHF	JO32 416	0	1536 1337 2085	2086 0		
44	ES2WX	KO29 415	40	1370 1950 2270	2071 0		
45	IW1AZJ	JN35 411	62	1115 1188 2151	2780 0		
46	PA5DD	JO22 408	55	1452 2054 2145	2385 1667/2037		
47	OK1FM	JN69 403	56	1843 1438 2200	2150 0		
48	LY2SA	KO14 402	51	1906 1846 2220	2372 0		
49	HB9Q	JN47 391	66	1404 1288 2060	2959 0		
50	OK1JKT/P	JO60 389	52	1701 1764 2121	2269 0		
51	F8CS	JN27 387	54	1161 1468 2124	3231 0		
52	I4YNO	JN54 386	67	1357 1065 2242	2250 0		
53	OE6IWG	JN77 453	68	1221 1110 2220	2126 1214		
54	ON4KHG	JO10 376	54	1507 1936 2247	2348 0		
55	YL3AG	KO26 374	39	1552 1912 0	2452 0		
56	UT5ER	KN78 370	0	1975 2014 2135	2525 1634		
57	F6DKW	JN18 369	53	1526 1823 2051	2780 0		
58	S5OC	JN76 369	62	1463 1817 2233	3356 1608		
59	DL1KDA	JO30 366	59	1388 1924 2011	2339 0		
60	SM7JUQ	JO65 365	41	1902 1646 1921	2332 0		
61	DL6BF	JO32 363	50	1542 1932 1814	2332 0		
62	IK1PAG	JN35 361	57	1186 0	2254 2725 0		
63	DL7YS	JO62 360	53	1512 1528 1826	2136 0		
64	PA0WWM	JO22 359	56	1303 1839 1997	2394 0		
65	ES2RJ	KO29 358	40	1190 1861 2000	2127 0		
66	YT1VV	JN94 337	50	1407 826 1727	2294 1982		
67	OE3OKS	JN87 356	59	1441 1273 1867	2788 0		
68	YU7VA	KN05 355	61	1316 1399 1954	2446 0		
69	SM3BIU	JP73 353	32	1460 1844 2260	2242 0		
70	UR5BAE	KN29 351	53	1994 1924 1866	2492 0		
71	LA0BY/p	JO59 350	44	2043 1661 2196	2676 0		
72	F1FIH	JN23 350	58	1305 999 1926	2934 0		
73	YU1WP (sk)	JN94 346	53	1422 1850 2236	2825 1953		
74	PA2DW	JO22 345	59	1230 1950 2150	2250 0		
75	YU7EF	KN05 345	58	1135 987 2248	2440 2373		
76	YU1PV	JN94 344	52	1319 1650 2137	2440 1982		
77	DK1KR	JO53 341	0	1481 2103 0	2375 0		
78	OK2BFH	JN99 340	46	2092 1929 1699	3790 0		
79	OZ1IEP	JO65 339	52	1638 1542 2177	2328 0		
80	PE1OGF	JO21 338	58	1391 1602 1959	2259 1856		
81	G3LQR	JO02 337	0	1776 2031 0	2406 0		
82	YT1W	JN94 337	50	1407 826 1727	2294 1982		
83	OK1DKS	JO70 334	56	1230 1308 0	3530 0		
84	F5HRY	JN18 331	55	1276 1695 2038	2758 0		
85	ON4PS	JO20 323	53	1449 1878 2082	2364 0		
86	HB9DFG	JN37 323	56	1367 1360 1942	2987 1450		
87	PA0BAT	JO31 322	52	1535 2041 2498	2366 0		
88	OK1FFD	JO60 322	54	1388 1808 1991	2197 0		
89	DB6BX	JO32 321	55	1534 1541 1921	2126 0		
90	ON1IM	JO11 320	42	1420 1310 1865	2306 0		
91	OK1MG	JO70 319	50	1522 1685 1549	2631 0		
92	ON4KST	JO20 314	54	1435 1612 1940	2383 0		
93	DL1SUZ	JO53 313	47	1238 1661 1963	2309 0		
94	PA2TAB	JO32 312	53	1302 1239 2103	2183 0		
95	OK1DFC/P	JO60 310	52	1775 2453 2289	2453 0		
96	DG1VL	JO61 310	48	1373 1223 1817	2325 0		
97	ES2XM	KO29 308	37	1389 2198 0	2222 0		
98	RW3PF	KO93 306	39	2039 2171 2605	2543 0		
99	SP6GWB/P	JO80 306	47	1780 1581 1875	2437 0		
100	G4LOH	IO94 304	46	3130 2143 2045	2480 1831		
101	EA5EQ	KO39 302	39	1541 1840 2240	2245 0		
102	OK1AXH	JO70 300	0	2142 1486 1366	1768 0		
103	DF1IAZ	JN49 299	54	1038 1177 2069	1996 0		
104	OM7AT	JN98 296	50	1484 1982 2085	2483 0		
105	HA8V	KN06 296	43	1062 1807 2062	2162 0		
106	SP2JXN	JO94 289	41	1650 1690 0	2634 0		
107	YO4FRJ	KN34 289	49	908 0	2215 0		
108	DK2BJ	JO30 287	49	1476 1934 1593	2231 0		
109	DH0GHU	JN38 284	49	1170 1170 2117	3067 0		
110	ES3GZ	KO28 281	35	1495 1720 2134	2101 0		
111	ES5WE	KO38 278	32	1406 1695 1934	2530 0		
112	DH8GV	JO33 273	42	1565 1102 1102	2450 0		
113	PA0ZM	JO32 268	45	1156 1771 2061	2246 0		
114	YU7KB	JN94 268	42	1072 0	2137 2367 1634		
115	OK1IBL	JO60 266	50	1438 1462 2033	3398 0		
116	GM4JJJ	IO86 261	44	3253 1804 1868	2858 0		
117	DJ8ES	JO43 258	41	1306 1423 2080	2177 0		
118	F5HGO	JN05 257	46	1782 781 2104	2486 1540 (FAI)		
119	G3LTF	JO02 255	0	2842 1824 1876	3032 1382		
120	RK3AF	KO85 253	35	1244 1870 2022	2605 0		
121	YU1GT	KN04 252	42	1650 1410 1310	2160 0		
122	LZ1AG	KN22 252	43	915 0	1779 2534 0		
123	ES1RF	KO29 252	30	1184 1820 1978	2084 0		
124	DK1VI	JN49 251	50	1270 1215 1604	3165 0		
125	DH9NB	JN49 249	54	1363 1228 1846	2039 0		
126	DC9YC	JO31 247	44	1548 1724 1849	1822 0		
127	G3XDY	JO02 246	41	1693 2049 1835	2135 0		
128	OK1VMS	JO70 246	51	1692 1423 0	2587 0		
129	F5PAU	IN88 246	46	1630 0	0 2425 0		
130	YU7BCL	KN05 246	49	968 1712 2110	2293 1958		
131	HA8MV	KN06 245	38	1062 1736 2026	2162 0		
132	OK1PG	JO70 243	50	1773 1243 0	3488 0		
133	YU7BCX	KN05 242	42	1017 1172 1965	2425 1868		
134	DG3XA	JO43 240	42	1371 965 1832	2333 0		
135	F5DE	JN05 239	44	1891 1671 2066	2399 1610 (FAI)		
136	OK2QI	JO80 238	50	1475 1686 1380	2050 0		
137	OK1KEI	JO70 236	36	1861 1259 1482	2067 0		
138	YZ1KU	KN04 234	45	1039 1214 1849	2299 1634		

139	OK1VBN	JN78 225	45	1578 1682 1915 2209 0
140	YZ7MON	JN95 220	43	1004 0 1837 2279 1536
141	ESSEJ	KO38 218	30	1422 1804 0 2070 0
142	OK1DDO	JO60 218	46	1329 1500 1720 2418 0
143	ES0IW	KO19 216	32	1545 1687 0 1861 0
144	IK4PMB	JN54 213	46	1150 0 2015 2446 0
145	LD2DR	JO31 212	39	1158 980 0 2057 0
146	CT1DYX	IN51 211	0	0 0 0 0 0
147	DL3YEE	JO42 210	45	1574 1450 1690 2348 0
148	OK1DIG	JO60 208	42	1420 1684 1840 2218 0
149	ES0NW	KO19 207	30	1060 1720 1797 1965 0
150	LD0ULP	JN48 207	37	1026 0 1839 2019 0
151	OK1IAS	JO60 205	41	1392 1957 0 2466 0
152	OK1SC	JO70 204	0	1490 1673 0 1729 0
153	YU7ON	KN04 203	37	914 0 1897 2273 1485
154	OE5VRL/5	JN78 202	0	1665 1750 1990 2157 0
155	OH0NC	JP90 201	26	1544 1982 1647 2493 0
156	PA0JUS	JO22 200	38	1409 1050 0 2167 0
157	ES8RO	KO28 199	27	1802 1800 0 1780 0
158	UAA4QL	LO20 199	23	1124 1994 2158 2195 0
159	IT9VDQ	JM68 197	45	1676 0 2169 2491 0
160	ES0SM	KO08 196	31	1578 1767 1991 0 0
161	DK2DB	JN48 195	0	1239 1136 0 3106 0
162	F1HDF/P	JN18 194	0	1452 0 0 2425 0
163	ON4ZN	JO21 194	36	1390 1183 0 2194 0
164	ES1OX	KO29 194	18	1016 1449 1158 2121 0
165	PA3AOH	JO31 191	41	1457 1341 1722 2345 0
166	ES7RDR	KO27 189	31	1200 1750 1000 2101 0
167	ES0HD	KO18 187	23	1550 1918 0 0 0
168	HB9MIO/P	JN37 185	0	1316 975 0 2183 0
169	DG3HS	JO53 184	35	1152 1091 0 2306 0
170	ES5RY	KO38 183	32	1198 1695 2002 1409 0
171	DK5WO	JO30 177	35	1474 1219 0 1993 0
172	SP2IQW	JO94 174	28	1611 1611 997 1877 0
173	OK1KOK	JO80 173	27	1486 1062 0 1920 0
174	HB9AOF	JN36 173	45	1201 670 1675 2166 0
175	OK1VEI	JO70 170	32	1677 1197 1398 0 0
176	ES1AO	KO29 169	25	1162 1176 1792 2136 0
177	DL3IAS	JN49 167	43	988 1123 1829 2171 0
178	OK1KRY	JN69 166	40	1437 977 0 1830 0
179	SP9FG	JN99 164	31	1647 1283 0 1798 0
180	ES1JL	KO29 163	17	1379 1596 0 0 0
181	YU7DP	KN05 162	38	958 1110 1882 2417 1599
182	OK1CDJ	JO70 159	42	1580 0 2066 2655 0
183	DL9MCC	JN58 159	36	1248 1414 2063 2095 0
184	ES1AW	KO29 158	25	1230 1680 0 1924 0
185	OK1CA	JO70 156	0	1540 1065 950 2096 0
186	DJ6XV	JO31 156	34	1337 992 0 2007 0
187	ES0BI	KO18 154	21	1439 1823 1528 0 0
188	ES2QN	KO29 152	22	1175 1460 0 2116 0
189	OZ7IS	JO65 152	38	1128 1294 1901 1845 0
190	ES6PZ	KO38 151	20	1101 0 0 2532 0
191	CT1FAK	IN50 149	25	2129 0 2250 2488 968
192	DK0PX	JN48 147	0	1161 0 1815 1649 0
193	ES1CW	KO29 142	21	1192 1570 0 2143 0
194	DL0GTH	JO50 139	23	1124 0 0 0 0
195	F1PYR	JN19 137	34	1450 0 0 2113 0
196	OK2UFB	JN99 136	27	1526 0 0 1983 0
197	RW4AK (sk)	LO20 136	0	1126 1480 2158 2301 0
198	ES5QA	KO38 135	35	1665 1788 1555 2236 0
199	OK1DTG/P	JO70 127	27	1351 1352 0 0 0
200	YU7AZX	KN04 126	30	914 0 1389 2173 1484
201	OZ1FF	JO45 125	35	974 1239 1520 2357 0
202	OV4VW	JO45 124	28	1275 1007 1400 2225 0
203	F1PYW	JN38 124	30	936 888 1522 1958 0
204	HB9S/P	JN36 123	24	1135 0 0 0 0
205	ES5J	JN75 123	27	1123 1036 983 1984 0
206	OK1VDA	JO70 123	30	938 641 0 2220 0
207	F6FGO	JN25 118	31	1390 0 0 2218 0
208	OL5Z	JN89 118	26	1061 1621 0 0 0
209	OK2JUJ	JN89 115	32	1318 1766 0 1494 0
210	DL0SP/P	JO62 115	23	1315 785 0 1608 0

211	OK2KKW	JO60 115	24	1040 0 0 0 0
212	OE1SOW	JN88 112	32	0 1286 0 2250 0
213	DL5EN	JN59 106	30	748 0 1767 1640 0
214	OK1TEH	JO70 103	30	1191 1474 0 2058 0
215	CT1HZE	IM57 102	15	1250 0 1600 2200 0
216	I3ZVN	JN55 98	32	1212 0 0 2237 0
217	OK2PHM	JN89 97	20	829 1265 0 2262 0
218	CT1DDW	IN60 95	20	2100 0 0 2500 0
219	YU1EBC	JN94 94	28	907 0 1427 2179 1766
220	LA/DL7YS/P	JO37 93	22	1207 0 1673 0 0
221	DK0FLT	JN59 93	18	975 0 0 0 0
222	CT1DIN	IN60 91	18	1218 0 0 2338 0
223	OK1UDX	JN79 91	19	537 0 0 0 2197
224	DK2MN	JO32 87	19	858 0 0 0 0
225	CT1CAD	IM67 85	18	1304 0 0 2249 0
226	YU1AAV	KN04 71	21	828 0 0 2031 0
227	OK1HRR	JO70 66	16	762 0 0 1890 0
228	G7LRQ	IO91 60	19	1088 0 0 0 0
229	OK2DFT	JN79 60	16	805 0 1607 1533 0
230	SP6MLK/P	JO80 58	16	853 756 0 1446 0
231	DG7SFL	JN49 57	11	759 0 0 1750 0
232	OK1VWV	JO70 55	15	913 0 1339 1096 0
233	ZY1EW	JN94 53	21	811 0 0 2182 0
234	F5OIH/P	JN08 49	8	666 0 0 0 0
235	IW3HTU	JN55 43	13	1180 0 0 0 0
236	F1JKY	JN25 41	10	798 0 400 991 0
237	ON6JY	JO20 39	12	929 0 0 0 0
238	I20BXT	JN63 37	12	804 0 0 1946 0
239	YZ1MGN	KN04 14	6	489 0 0 1653 0

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NR	Call	WW Loc	Wkd Sqr	DXCC Tropo	Aurora MS	Es	(ODX) Iono
1	RA3LE	KO64 261	1	2031	1855 1440	0	0
2	DJ9BV	JO43 219	1	2154	1863 1440	0	0
3	DK3WG	JO72 218	43	1547	1591 0	0	0
4	PA0EZ	JO22 211	37	1787	1445 0	0	0
5	PA0RDY	JO22 207	38	1979	1807 1376	0	0
6	G3LQR	JO02 206	0	2031	1613 0	0	0
7	PA0WWM	JO22 202	38	1547	1836 0	0	0
8	HA1YA	JN87 192	43	1438	1221 0	0	0
9	DL8QS	JO43 189	35	1513	1513 0	0	0
10	OZ7IS	JO65 191	33	1663	1048 1294	0	0
11	OK1AXH	JO70 181	0	1861	1239 0	0	0
12	PA3DZL	JO21 181	36	1405	1851 1864	0	0
13	G3XDY	JO02 180	30	1589	1619 0	0	0
14	DB6NT	JO50 174	33	1823	0 0 0	0	0
15	DB6BX	JO32 174	34	1550	662 0 0	0	0
16	DL7QY	JN59 173	0	1640	1848 1292	0	0
17	DJ6MB	JO30 171	0	1278	1733 0	0	0
18	LY2WR	KO24 169	26	1995	1593 1935	0	0
19	F6DKW	JN18 169	24	1519	0 0 0	0	0
20	DK1KO	JO53 167	0	1643	694 0	0	0
21	DL3YEE	JO42 167	35	1574	1728 0	0	0
22	DK6AS	JO52 164	0	1569	775 0	0	0
23	SP6MLK/P	JO80 162	31	1780	0 0 0	0	0
24	SM7ECM	JO65 162	27	1609	1073 0	0	0
25	DF8LC	JO53 161	0	1615	1361 0	0	0
26	PA2CHR	JO22 158	36	1445	1751 1099	0	0
27	OZ2OE	JO45 156	27	2216	1020 0	0	0
28	PA4FP	JO33 156	32	2114	1010 0	0	0
29	DK1KR	JO53 156	0	1400	1827 0	0	0
30	SP6GWBP	JO80 155	30	1780	759 0	0	0
31	SM6ESG	JO67 154	26	1436	712 0	0	0
32	OK2BFH	JN99 153	31	1914	0 0 0	0	0
33	YL3AG	KO26 150	20	1571	1041 0	0	0
34	PA5DD	JO22 148	31	1498	1828 1808	0	0
35	DH3NAN	JO50 147	0	1437	1008 0	0	0
36	OK1CA	JO70 146	0	1670	0 0 0	0	0

37	PA3AOH	JO31	148	27	1530	573	0	0	0	109	OK1KOK	JO80	81	22	1486	0	0	0	0
38	PA0BAT	JO31	143	29	1535	890	0	0	0	110	OK1MG	JO70	81	21	1329	691	0	0	0
39	OH5LK	KP30	142	0	1386	1196	0	0	0	111	DL7YS	JO62	81	18	1100	0	0	0	0
40	ES2WX	KO29	140	17	1232	1415	0	0	0	112	I4YNO/4	JO54	81	17	897	0	0	0	0
41	OK1KEI	JO70	138	27	1682	1185	0	0	0	113	DL5MCC	JN58	80	20	1338	0	0	0	0
42	OZ1IEP	JO65	138	28	1470	0	0	0	0	114	DF1EQ	JO31	80	0	1249	0	0	0	0
43	QP9FG	JN99	137	26	1660	0	0	0	0	115	ESAEQ	KO39	80	16	1160	907	0	0	0
44	OH0NC	KP00	136	20	1598	920	0	0	0	116	ES0IW	KO19	79	17	1342	906	0	0	0
45	OK1VEI	JO70	136	21	1532	811	0	0	0	117	DL5NEN/P	JN59	76	16	964	0	0	0	0
46	SP9EWU	JO90	135	30	1589	1558	1664	0	0	118	OM7AQ	JN98	76	17	922	1503	0	0	0
47	OK1KIR/P	JO60	133	28	1773	0	0	0	0	119	DH3YAK	JO31	75	13	1165	0	0	0	0
48	PA0JUS	JO22	133	26	1340	0	0	0	0	120	OK1FFD	JO60	74	23	1339	0	0	0	0
49	OK1VMS	JO70	131	32	1434	972	0	0	0	121	DG6GP	JN48	74	13	1024	0	0	0	0
50	ON4PS	JO20	129	24	1599	721	0	0	0	122	OK1KRQ/P	JN69	73	16	1091	0	0	0	0
51	PA3ECU	JO32	128	27	1385	808	0	0	0	123	DF5JJ	JO43	72	13	680	1437	1511	0	0
52	OE5VRL/5	JN78	125	1	1524	1031	0	0	0	124	OK1SC	JO70	71	0	1310	758	0	0	0
53	LY2SA	KO14	123	20	1669	946	0	0	0	125	OK2PWY	JN89	70	17	1135	0	0	0	0
54	SM6CMU	JO57	124	23	1640	670	0	0	0	126	OLSZ	JN89	70	15	761	0	0	0	0
55	PA02M	JO32	122	25	1358	1693	0	0	0	127	DLOS/P	JO62	69	13	1018	0	0	0	0
56	KO0OG	JN68	121	32	1493	901	0	0	0	128	YO4FRJ	KN34	69	26	746	0	0	0	0
57	OK2KKW	JO60	120	26	1186	0	0	0	0	129	OK1DTG/P	JO70	68	14	1436	0	0	0	0
58	ON4ZN	JO21	120	22	1173	0	0	0	0	130	DK2MN	JO32	67	13	715	0	0	0	0
59	F5PAU	IN88	119	24	1630	0	0	0	0	131	RW3PF	KO93	66	15	678	1875	0	0	0
60	DF4UE	JN48	119	1	1195	0	0	0	0	132	DD0VF	JO60	66	18	1106	0	0	0	0
61	G3LTF	JO01	116	0	2842	1602	0	0	0	133	SM7JUQ	JO65	65	15	1232	0	0	0	0
62	OK2QI	JO80	114	25	1410	0	0	0	0	134	UR5BAE	KN29	64	18	1517	0	0	0	0
63	DL3AMA	JO51	114	22	1015	1219	0	0	0	135	HB9CRQ	JN47	63	16	1010	0	0	0	0
64	DL0UL/P	JN48	113	22	1238	0	0	0	0	136	DL3IAS	JN49	63	12	886	0	0	0	0
65	DL6BCT	JO43	113	0	1152	0	0	0	0	137	ESSWE	KO38	62	11	1406	0	0	0	0
66	DJ6XV	JO31	113	19	1128	976	0	0	0	138	SK6HD	JO68	62	0	811	0	0	0	0
67	SP6GZZ	JO81	112	0	1549	870	0	0	0	139	DG7SFL	JN49	61	10	947	0	0	0	0
68	PE1OGF	JO21	112	18	1288	0	0	0	0	140	F6FGO	JN25	60	11	1016	0	0	0	0
69	DH9NBB	JN49	109	24	1363	0	0	0	0	141	ES0NW	KO29	59	17	1213	675	0	0	0
70	DL2DR	JO31	109	21	1158	0	0	0	0	142	ES0SM	KO08	59	20	1202	925	0	0	0
71	F1HDF/P	JN18	108	0	1204	0	0	0	0	143	DK2BJ	JO30	59	16	1053	0	0	0	0
72	DL0GTH	JO50	106	20	1113	0	0	0	0	144	OK2UFB	JN99	56	20	1232	0	0	0	0
73	DL4KG	JO31	105	21	1273	0	0	0	0	145	DH0GHU	JN38	56	12	852	0	0	0	0
74	DG3XA	JO43	105	17	1131	0	0	0	0	146	HA8MV	KN06	56	15	831	1500	0	0	0
75	F5HRY	JN18	104	18	1222	583	0	0	0	147	OK1VBN	JN78	56	14	723	753	0	0	0
76	OK1DFC/P	JO60	104	22	1179	0	0	0	0	148	F5DE	JN05	56	8	744	0	0	0	0
77	DK5WO	JO30	104	20	1150	0	0	0	0	149	YO2IS	KN05	55	15	1020	1741	1030	0	0
78	DC4XH	JO43	104	20	1133	808	0	0	0	150	LA/DB1D/P	JO37	55	12	1013	0	0	0	0
79	ES6RQ	KO37	103	19	1452	1148	0	0	0	151	OK1PG	JO70	54	18	1773	0	0	0	0
80	DJ8ES	JO43	103	16	1160	0	0	0	0	152	ES3GZ	KO28	52	10	1035	0	0	0	0
81	OK1AIY/P	JO70	102	0	1490	0	0	0	0	153	RB5EF	KN78	50	0	1805	0	0	0	0
82	ON1IM	JO11	102	20	1410	0	0	0	0	154	SP2JXN	JO94	49	15	1149	0	0	0	0
83	DL1KDA	JO30	102	22	1286	999	1334	0	0	155	OK1TEH	JO70	49	15	912	0	0	0	0
84	OK1DKS/P	JO60	102	23	1118	0	0	0	0	156	S53J	JN75	49	9	688	0	0	0	0
85	PE1HWO	JO21	101	20	1315	369	0	0	0	157	ES1JL	KO29	48	11	1324	0	0	0	0
86	DL1SUZ	JO53	101	18	1218	707	0	0	0	158	DK0FLT	JN49	48	14	695	0	0	0	0
87	OZ1FF	JO45	99	20	1128	633	0	0	0	159	ES1RF	KO29	47	10	875	682	0	0	0
88	ON4GG	JO20	98	23	1407	0	0	0	0	160	F50IH/P	JN08	46	5	651	0	0	0	0
89	F5HGO	JN05	98	17	1237	0	0	0	0	161	DL5NEN	JN59	46	13	630	0	0	0	0
90	ON4IQ	JO20	96	23	1407	0	0	0	0	162	SM3BIU	JP73	45	3	917	763	0	0	0
91	DH8GV	JO33	95	19	1259	0	0	0	0	163	GM4JJ	IO86	44	15	1457	297	0	0	0
92	LA0BY/p	JO59	94	15	1831	790	0	0	0	164	I3ZVN	JN55	43	13	1197	0	0	0	0
93	DL6BF	JO32	94	15	882	894	0	0	0	165	OZ4VW	JO45	43	11	976	0	0	0	0
94	OK1KRY	JN69	93	23	1350	0	0	0	0	166	OE1PLW	JN88	42	12	1114	0	0	0	0
95	DK2DB	JN48	92	0	1331	0	0	0	0	167	OK2KJU	JN89	42	13	731	0	0	0	0
96	ES2XM	KO29	92	11	1271	1259	0	0	0	168	OK1KT	JO70	40	7	1289	757	0	0	0
97	S5OC	JN76	91	18	977	0	0	0	0	169	OK1HRR	JO70	40	13	765	0	0	0	0
98	OK1KPA	JN79	89	0	1176	0	0	0	0	170	OK2PHM	JN89	39	9	746	0	0	0	0
99	DK0PX	JN48	89	0	1168	0	0	0	0	171	G7LRQ	IO91	37	15	1208	0	0	0	0
100	OK1OKL	JO60	88	0	1199	0	0	0	0	172	OK2VMU/P	JN99	36	11	880	0	0	0	0
101	ES2RJ	KO29	87	17	1261	1123	0	0	0	173	ES1AO	KO29	35	12	1131	0	0	0	0
102	DK1VI	JN49	87	21	1125	936	0	0	0	174	DF0RU	JO62	35	9	682	0	0	0	0
103	F1PYR	JN19	87	15	1035	0	0	0	0	175	ES0ZA	KO19	33	8	1077	0	0	0	0
104	I2SEME	JN52	86	20	1458	1670	374	0	0	176	ES1DF	KO29	32	7	511	0	0	0	0
105	DG1VL	JO61	86	16	1245	0	0	0	0	177	ES1CW	KO19	32	7	500	688	0	0	0
106	HB9MIO/P	JN37	84	0	1096	0	0	0	0	178	F1FIR	JN23	30	16	796	0	0	0	0
107	HB9AOF	JN36	84	15	926	0	0	0	0	179	ES0IC	KO18	30	7	673	0	0	0	0
108	ES0HD	KO18	83	19	1565	614	0	0	0	180	OK1DIG	JO60	28	28	640	0	0	0	0

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1	PA0EZ	JO22 141	24	1460	
2	PA0WWM	JO22 136	24	1298	
3	G3XDY	JO02 133	25	1561	
4	F6DKW	JN18 127	23	1452	
5	DB6NT	JO50 125	24	1283	
6	PA0RDY	JO22 124	27	1286	
7	OK1AXH	JO70 118	1	1444	
8	G3LQR	JO02 118	1	1274	
9	SM7ECM	JO65 117	19	1541	
10	HB9AMH/P	JN37 114	1	1351	
11	PA0BAT	JO31 102	22	1368	
12	DL3YEE	JO42 102	19	1136	
13	SP6GWB/P	JO80 101	24	1580	
14	SM6ESG	JO67 101	19	1445	
15	DB6BX	JO32 99	25	1125	
16	OZ2OE	JO45 96	17	1425	
17	PA3DZL	JO21 94	21	1254	
18	SP6MLK/P	JO80 92	23	1580	
19	OESVRL/5	JN78 92	18	1524	
20	OK1KIR/P	JO60 92	22	1208	
21	OK2BFH	JN99 91	20	1713	
22	F5HRY	JN18 91	16	1222	
23	F5PAU	JN88 89	19	1630	
24	G6DER	IO93 89	20	1306	
25	PA5AO	JO31 88	21	1376	
26	PA5DD	JO22 88	18	1302	
27	SM0DFP	JO89 87	16	1155	
28	DL7QY	JN59 86	18	1261	
29	OK1DFC/P	JO60 86	17	1177	
30	DK1KR	JO53 86	1	1097	
31	PA4FP	JO33 86	17	957	
32	OZ7IS	JO65 85	18	1205	
33	DK0OG	JN68 83	19	1161	
34	OK1VEI	JO70 82	14	1313	
35	DL1SUN	JO53 81	15	1087	
36	DK6AS	JO52 81	17	1421	
37	OK1KEI	JO70 81	16	1316	
38	F1HDF/P	JN18 80	9	886	
39	HB9AOF	JN36 77	15	975	
40	DL6NAQ	JO40 76	20	1252	
41	DC9YC	JO31 74	16	1046	
42	DL1BKK	JO43 74	16	995	
43	DL0ULP	JN48 74	17	962	
44	OK1AIY/P	JO70 73	1	1490	
45	OK1VMS	JO70 73	19	1302	
46	PA0JUS	JO22 72	16	1265	
47	HB9MIO/P	JN37 72	1	1000	
48	DH3NAN	JO50 71	1	1143	
49	DH9NBB	JN49 71	13	1016	
50	OK1CA	JO70 70	1	1421	
51	PA0ZM (sk)	JO32 69	16	1329	
52	DK5WO	JO30 69	16	1137	
53	PA2CHR	JO22 68	18	1352	
54	DL2DR	JO31 68	13	1158	
55	DL8BDU	JO43 68	15	905	
56	DC4XH	JO43 67	14	1090	
57	DL0GTH	JO50 67	16	1073	
58	DL4OL	JO52 67	16	995	
59	DF1EQ	JO31 67	1	908	
60	G3LTF	JO01 66	1	1417	
61	DL2DR	JO31 66	12	1251	
62	OK2KKW	JO60 66	18	1128	
63	ON4PS	JO20 65	14	1098	
64	RA3LE	KO64 64	1	1618	
65	OK1OKL	JO60 63	1	1177	
66	DH9NBB	JN49 63	13	1016	
67	OZ1FF	JO45 63	13	981	
68	DL6XV	JO31 63	11	946	
69	SP9FG	JN99 62	17	1492	

70	OK1DKS/P	JO60 62	13	1207
71	DJ8ES	JO43 62	20	1025
72	DF5JJ	JO43 62	13	897
73	DK5WO	JO30 61	15	1079
74	DL1SUZ	JO53 61	14	968
75	OK1FFD	JO60 60	14	1058
76	ON4GG	JO20 60	10	982
77	DL0ULP	JN48 59	17	837
78	OHONC	KP00 57	13	1592
79	DK3RV	JO31 57	14	1252
80	ON4ANT	JO20 57	9	914
81	F1PYP	JN19 56	6	1034
82	DCBUG	JO30 56	10	900
83	DL3IAS	JN49 55	12	1079
84	DG5NEX	JN49 55	11	1061
85	DC0DA	JO31 55	1	1034
86	LY2WR	KO24 53	14	1026
87	PE1HWO	JO21 52	14	1315
88	DL7APV	JO62 51	12	1112
89	DL3NQ	JN49 51	10	920
90	DK0FLT	JN59 51	12	684
91	DL1KDA	JO30 50	12	940
92	DK3FB	JO31 50	13	922
93	DF1EQ	JO31 50	11	887
94	DJ1KP	JO40 50	14	698
95	SP9EWU	JO90 48	12	946
96	DK2MN	JO32 48	10	692
97	DK0PX	JN48 47	1	942
98	F6CGB	JN18 46	1	700
99	HA1YA	JN87 44	14	862
100	S5OC	JN76 43	12	626
101	I25EME	JN52 42	10	1036
102	DL4EAP/p	JO51 42	8	882
103	DJ6MB	JO30 42	1	876
104	YL3AG	KO26 42	11	867
105	DL3NI	JO31 41	12	798
106	F5HGO	JN05 41	5	796
107	OK1KEI/P	JN79 41	10	740
108	ES2RJ	KO29 40	9	765
109	DG0CAL	JO52 39	9	1160
110	OK1KRO/P	JN69 39	11	962
111	DK2DB	JN48 39	1	873
112	LA/DB1DI/P	JO37 38	9	1013
113	DK2BJ	JO30 38	10	886
114	DG1VL/P	JO61 37	7	723
115	ON4KHG	JO10 37	6	642
116	IOLVA/O	JN62 35	1	1152
117	G7LRQ	IO91 35	10	746
118	ES2WX	KO29 35	9	692
119	OH5LK	KP30 33	1	1349
120	DG6GP	JN48 33	7	732
121	DH3YAK	JO31 33	5	715
122	ES4EQ	KO39 33	9	636
123	ES6RQ	KO37 33	9	600
124	HA8V	KN06 31	11	630
125	I4YNO/4	JN54 30	9	754
126	DK1VI	JN49 30	10	717
127	ESSWE	KO38 29	7	1249
128	DL7YS	JO62 29	7	535
129	I3ZVN	JN55 28	9	1197
130	LA0BY/p	JO59 27	7	1098
131	IW3ZQ/4	JN54 27	7	732
132	ES0SM	KO08 26	8	873
133	F6FGO	JN25 26	4	839
134	OK1DTG/P	JO70 24	8	742
135	OK2QI	JO80 23	7	1275
136	F1FIH	JN23 23	6	605
137	OK1VBN	JN78 22	9	950
138	G4LDR	IO91 22	5	593
139	HA8MV	KN06 22	9	576
140	OK1PG	JO70 21	9	985
141	PE1OGF	JO21 21	6	588

142	OK2BFF/P	JO80 21	8	536
143	ON1IM	JO11 20	5	650
144	OK2VMU/P	JN99 20	7	570
145	DL0SP/P	JO62 20	5	430
146	OK1KRY	JN69 19	7	865
147	OK1KPA	JN79 19	1	783
148	OK2BBF	JN89 19	8	563
149	F5DE	JN05 19	2	440
150	OL5Z	JN89 18	6	694
151	OZ4VW	JO45 18	6	676
152	F5OIH/P	JN08 17	5	517
153	IW3HTU	JN55 16	4	838
154	S53J	JN75 16	6	410
155	DL5NEN	JN59 16	16	320
156	ES1RF	KO29 15	5	506
157	DG7SFL	JN49 15	3	358
158	OK1TEH	JO70 15	4	343
159	ES1AJ	KO29 14	5	531
160	ES2XM	KO29 14	5	478
161	DF0RU	JO62 14	3	373
162	ES2WR	KO29 13	5	694
163	ES0Z	KO18 13	5	453
164	YO4FRJ	KN34 13	4	382
165	SM7JUQ	JO65 12	7	1061
166	ES1NJ	KO29 12	4	507
167	OM7AQ	JN98 12	5	426
168	ES1MW	KO29 11	4	507
169	ES0W	KO18 11	5	443
170	OK1SC	JO70 10	1	440
171	OK2PWY	JN89 10	6	357
172	OK2KUJ	JN89 10	6	347
173	OK2PHM	JN89 10	1	341
174	IT9VDX	JN68 9	1	899
175	ES10Q	KO29 9	5	772
176	ES1DW	KO29 9	5	330
177	DG3XA/P	JO43 8	4	664
178	YO2IS	KN05 8	5	472
179	OK1HRR	JO70 8	2	292
180	DL3AMA	JO51 8	3	162
181	ES1TCA	KO29 7	2	246
182	ES2NA	KO29 6	4	349
183	OK1ZVP	JO60 6	1	263
184	ES0NW	KO19 5	2	190

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NR	Call	Loc	Sqr	Dxcc	ODX	Tropo/RS
1	PA0EZ	JO22 85	15	1120		
2	DB6NT	JO50 75	15	1119		
3	PA0WWM	JO22 74	16	1155		
4	PA0RDY	JO22 65	15	1000		
5	G3LQR	JO02 58	1	1006		
6	G3XDY	JO02 57	13	1176		
7	SM6ESG	JO67 56	8	1085		
8	SM7ECM	JO65 53	10	942		
9	PA0BAT	JO31 53	14	923/682		
10	OESVRL/5	JN78 52	13	1291/495		
11	OK1KIR/P	JO60 51	10	1115		
12	F5HRY	JN18 50	6	877		
13	DL7QY	JN59 47	10	1018		
14	G6DER	IO93 46	18	1265		
15	PA5DD	JO22 45	11	1155/397		
16	DL3YEE	JO42 45	14	993		
17	OK1AIY/P	JO70 44	1	1296		
18	DL6NAQ	JO50 44	11	860		
19	PA4FP	JO33 44	12	727		
20	DL0GTH	JO50 42	7	1052		
21	DL1BKK	JO43 42	10	760		
22	PA3DZL	JO21 36	11	928		
23	OZ2OE	JO45 36	8	914		
24	DJ1KP	JO40 36	11	698		

25	DC8UG	JO30	35	8	900
26	DF1EQ	JO31	34	6	889
27	OK1OKL	JO60	34	1	830
28	F1PYR	JN19	34	6	750
29	DL0UL/P	JN48	33	11	961
30	DK0OG	JN68	33	8	721
31	HB9MIO/P	JN37	32	1	744
32	OZ7IS	JO65	31	9	860
33	DC0DA	JO31	31	1	775
34	DC9YC	JO31	30	10	858
35	DL3NQ	JN49	29	8	890
36	DL3YEE	JO42	29	10	520
37	DH9NBB	JN49	27	7	654
38	DL4OL	JO52	27	5	433
39	DK0PX	JN48	26	1	853
40	DL2DR	JO31	26	7	823
41	DK2MN	JO32	25	6	635
42	DL4VA/O	JN62	25	1	612
43	OK2BFH	JN99	24	9	1026
44	DL1SUZ	JO53	24	7	747
45	PA5AO	JO31	23	7	785
46	OK1KEI/P	JN79	23	7	740
47	DL3IAS	JN49	23	6	604
48	DK2DB	JN48	22	1	873
49	DL8BDU	JO43	22	5	635
50	OK1DKS/P	JO60	22	4	602
51	DL3NI	JO31	21	5	788
52	SP6GWB/P	JO80	21	5	650
53	F1HDF/P	JN18	20	3	621
54	OK1DFC/P	JO60	20	6	549
55	SM0DFP	JO89	20	4	520
56	I3ZVN	JN55	19	7	603
57	DJ8ES	JO43	19	7	1025
58	G3LTF	JO01	19	1	902
59	ON4PS	JO20	19	6	574
60	HB9AMH/P	JN37	18	1	933
61	DL4EAU/p	JO51	18	5	810
62	DK1KR	JO53	17	7	864
63	LA/DB1DI/P	JO37	17	7	825
64	S51WI	JN75	17	5	533
65	DG5NEX	JN49	16	4	455
66	OZ1FF	JO55	15	6	624
67	DM2AFM	JO61	15	4	612
68	HA1YA	JN87	15	5	476
69	DF6VB	JO31	15	4	415
70	OK1KRQ/P	JN69	15	4	350
71	DK6AS	JO52	14	4	620
72	PA0JUS	JO22	13	5	800
73	SP9FG	JN99	13	5	747
74	OK2BFF/P	JO80	13	6	418
75	DJ6XV	JO31	12	3	396
76	IZ5EME	JN52	10	3	552
77	G4LDR	IO91	10	2	444
78	IW3FZQ/4	JN54	10	3	403
79	OK1KEI	JO70	9	4	786
80	IW3HTU	JN55	9	2	542
81	OK2VMU/P	JN99	9	4	376
82	F6CGB	JN18	8	1	407
83	S50C	JN76	8	5	346
84	OK1CA	JO70	8	1	291
85	SP6MLK/P	JO80	8	3	272
86	F1FHH	JN23	8	1	239
87	DB1BX	JO32	7	3	422
88	OM7AQ	JN98	7	4	412
89	DG6GP	JN48	7	2	388
90	DG1VL/P	JO61	7	2	262
91	OK1PG	JO70	6	4	855
92	OV4VW	JO45	6	2	548
93	DL7APV	JO62	5	4	529
94	OK1KRY	JN69	5	3	189
95	OK2QI	JO80	4	2	305
96	F5PAU	IN88	4	1	260

97	OL5Z	JN89	4	3	158
98	OK1VBN	JN78	3	3	158
99	DL1KDA	JO30	3	2	98
100	G8BKE/P	IO80	1	1	114

3400 MHz Toplist

1	DB6NT	JO50	44	7	747
2	PA0EZ	JO22	31	8	835
3	PA0WWM	JO22	28	6	850/660
4	PA0BAT	JO31	27	5	729/729
5	DL6NAQ	JO40	25	4	860
6	PA5DD	JO22	24	7	867/645
7	G3LQR	JO02	23	1	924
8	G3XDY	JO02	22	5	980/206
9	DL3YEE	JO42	21	5	501/455
10	PA0RDY	JO22	19	3	643
11	DC0DA	JO31	17	1	660
12	G6DER	IO93	16	7	859
13	PA4FP	JO33	16	5	733
14	DK2MN	JO32	16	3	422
15	DL6NCI	JO50	16	3	413/321
16	DL1BKK	JO43	15	3	703
17	DL3NQ	JN49	15	5	641
18	DL7QY	JN59	15	2	565
19	DF1EQ	JO31	14	3	532
20	DK0OG	JN68	14	3	476
21	DL4EAU/p	JO51	13	3	845
22	DC8UG	JO30	13	6	724
23	DL2DR	JO31	13	3	470
24	HB9MIO/P	JN37	12	1	463
25	DK2DB	JN48	11	1	331
26	DL3IAS	JN49	10	2	414
27	DK0PX	JN48	9	1	632
28	DL0UL/P	JN48	9	1	239
29	DM2AFN	JO61	8	2	662
30	DL0GTH	JO50	7	2	466
31	DB1BX	JO32	7	3	438
32	DG1VL/P	JO61	7	2	320
33	DL0UL/p	JN48	7	1	208
34	OK1AIY/P	JO70	6	1	768
35	OZ2OE	JO45	6	4	772
36	OK1KEI/P	JN79	6	2	306
37	DJ8ES	JO43	5	3	578
38	DJ6XV	JO31	5	3	396
39	S51WI	JN75	3	1	98
40	OK1DFC	JO60	2	2	59
41	G8BKE/P	IO80	1	1	114
42	OZ4VW	JO45	1	1	20
43	SP6GWB/P	JO80	1	1	2
44	SP6MLK/P	JO80	1	2	1

5760 MHz Toplist

1	F5HRY	JN18	54	8	686
2	F1PYR/P	JN19	53	9	893/696
3	DB6NT	JO50	51	16	1083
34	PA0EZ	JO22	49	9	1028
5	SM7ECM	JO65	49	9	960/647
6	OE5VRL/5	JN78	41	10	901/734
7	PA0BAT	JO31	39	11	884/729
8	HB9AMH/P	JN37	38	9	929
9	SM6ESG	JO67	37	7	1390
10	PA5DD	JO22	36	9	867/599
11	DL3YEE	JO42	34	10	993/583
12	PA0WWM	JO22	34	9	863/589
13	HB9MIO/P	JN37	34	1	694
14	G3XDY	JO02	33	9	1240/540
15	F1HDF/P	JN18	30	4	638
16	F1GHB/P	IN88	27	4	779
17	DL6NCI	JO50	27	9	600/521
18	G3LQR	JO02	23	1	949

19	I3ZVN	JN55	19	7	573
20	DK0OG	JN68	18	4	476
21	DL1BKK	JO43	18	8	689
22	OK1KEI/P	JN79	18	7	466
23	SP6GWB/P	JO80	17	5	1024
24	OK1KIR/P	JO60	17	3	393
25	SM0DFP	JO89	16	6	1086
26	OK1UWA/P	JO70	16	1	998
27	S51JN/P	JN65	16	5	557
28	S51WI	JN75	15	4	586
29	HA1YA	JN87	15	6	461
30	DL3IAS	JN49	15	5	458
31	G6DER	IO93	14	8	947
32	OK1AIY/P	JO70	14	1	736
33	DL0UL/P	JN48	14	5	660
34	DL4VA/O	JN62	14	1	557
35	DK2MN	JO32	14	3	422
36	G4LDR	IO91	13	4	444
37	PA4FP	JO33	12	4	733
38	DC0DA	JO31	12	1	660
39	OZ7IS	JO65	12	4	593
40	DM2AFN	JO61	12	6	524
41	DL3NQ	JN49	12	4	383
42	OK2BFH	JN99	11	5	756
43	DC8UG	JO30	11	5	724
44	DK2DB	JN48	11	1	315
45	DL0UL/p	JN48	11	4	308
46	DL7QY	JN59	10	3	565
47	DG1VL/P	JO61	10	4	525
48	OK1OKL	JO60	9	1	611
49	DK0PX	JN48	9	1	409
50	IW3FZQ/4	JN54	9	4	291
51	DL2DR	JO31	9	3	201
52	IW3HTU	JN55	8	3	542
53	LA/DB1DI/P	JO37	7	5	746
54	DL0GTH	JO50	7	2	674
55	F6CGB	JN18	7	1	407
56	SP6MLK/P	JO80	6	4	339
57	OK1DKS/P	JO60	6	1	318
58	DC8EC/P	JN57	6	1	278
59	OZ2OE	JO45	5	5	679
60	DJ8ES	JO43	5	5	578
61	DF1EQ	JO31	5	3	461
62	DJ6XV	JO31	5	2	176
63	DB1BX	JO32	5	2	150
64	OK2VMU/P	JN99	4	2	376
65	OK1KRY	JN69	3	2	175
66	S50C	JN76	3	1	126
67	F6CGB/P	JN24	2	1	375
68	G8BKE/P	IO80	2	1	242
69	OK2QI	JO80	2	1	108
70	ES2WX	KO29	2	2	89
71	OK1KRQ/P	JN69	1	1	96
72	OK1SC	JO70	1	1	10

10368 MHz Toplist

1	F6DKW	JN18	97	14	1452/885
2	PA0EZ	JO22	82	14	1028
3	F5HRY	JN18	78	10	877/757
4	DB6NT	JO50	73	19	1083
5	PA0WWM	JO22	73	14	850/811
6	OE5VRL/5	JN78	71	14	1135/786
7	F1PYR/p	JN19	71	12	893/811
8	OK1JKT/P	JO60	71	16	853/889
9	PA0BAT	JO31	69	13	884/729
10	F1HDF/P	JN18	69	11	867
11	F6DWG/p	JN19	67	11	902/826
12	DK1KR	JO53	65	12	168/725
13	SM7ECM	JO65	64	11	1110/711
14	DM2AFN	JO61	64	18	923
15	DL6NCI	JO50	63	15	671/959

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71	OZ1FF	JO45 2	1	19
72	G8BKE/P	IO80 1	1	139
73	F5OIH/P	JN08 1	1	90
74	CT1DMK	IN50 1	1	84
75	CT1FP	IN50 1	1	82
76	DJ6XV	JO31 1	1	75
77	DJ5VV	JO31 1	1	61
78	OK1OGS/P	JN69 1	1	60
79	F6CGB	JN18 1	1	55
80	DF1EQ/p	JO31 1	1	29
81	DL7QY	JN59 1	1	13
82	SP6GWB/P	JO80 1	1	2
83	SP6MLK/P	JO80 1	1	1

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1	HB9MIO/P	JN37 8	1	166
2	DC0DA/P	JO41 7	1	131
3	IW3FZQ/4	JN54 6	1	188
4	OE5VRL/5	JN78 5	2	201
5	I3ZVN*	JN55 5	1	179
6	HB9AMH/P	JN37 5	3	166
7	DF6VB/p	JO31 4	1	120
8	DH9YAU/p	JO41 4	1	108
9	DF6VB/p	JO42 4	1	105
10	DF2CA/p	JN58 4	1	14
10	DG2MF/p	JN58 4	1	14
12	IW3EHQ/P	JN65 3	1	111
13	DK3RV/p	JO42 3	1	108
14	DL2DR	JO31 3	1	95
15	DL3YEE	JO42 3	1	45
16	OK1OKL	JO60 2	2	96
17	OK1UWA/P	JO70 2	1	96
18	OK1AIY-P	JO60 2	1	96
19	DB6NT	JO50 2	2	95
20	DL6NCI	JO50 2	2	83/12
21	DK0OG	JN68 2	2	74
22	DK0PX	JN48 2	1	62
23	PA0BAT	JO31 2	2	51
24	DK2MN	JO32 2	2	30
25	DC8EC/P	JN57 2	1	29
26	PA5DD	JO22 2	1	20
27	DF1EQ/p	JO30 2	1	10
28	F1PYR/P	JN19 2	1	0
29	DL/HB9AMH/P	JN48 1	1	184
30	GW8BKE/P	IO71 1	1	93
31	IW3HTU	JN55 1	1	87
32	G8BKE/P	IO90 1	1	79
33	DL1JIN	JO60 1	1	59
34	F6DWG/p	JN19 1	1	47
35	F1GHB/p	IN88 1	1	39
36	G4DDK/p	JO01 1	1	39
37	OK1KIR/P	JO60 1	1	5
38	OK1AIY/P	JO70 1	1	5
39	DF1EQ/p	JO30 1	1	2
40	SP6MLK/P	JO70 1	1	1
41	CT1FP	IN50 1	1	1
42	CT1DMK	IN50 1	1	1

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1	HB9MIO/P	JN37 4	1	114
2	DF2CA/p	JN58 4	1	4
2	DG2MF/p	JN58 4	1	4
4	DF6VB/p	JO31 3	1	57
5	DB6NT	JO50 2	1	77
6	DC0DA/P	JO50 2	1	48
7	G8BKE/p	IO80 1	1	79
8	G8BKE/P	IO91 1	1	33
9	DH9YAU/p	JO41 1	1	15
6	OK1AIY/P	JO70 1	1	12
7	DC8EC/P	JN57 1	1	5

8	HB9AMH/P	JN37 1	1	1
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145 GHz Toplist

1	DB6NT	JO50 2	1	3
2	DL6NCI/p	JO50 1	1	58
3	IW3EHQ/P	JN65 1	1	2
4	DC0DA/P	JO41 1	1	1
4	DL1JIN/p	JO50 1	1	1
4	G4FRE	JO01 1	1	1
4	G4FRE/P	JO01 1	1	1

241 GHz Toplist

1	DB6NT	JO50 1	1	2
2	HB9MIO/P	JN37 1	1	1

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1.) Squares 2.) DXCCs

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1.) Squares 2.) Tropo-ODX (on 23cm and up: Tropo or RS-ODX)

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