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August Regular Meeting Announcement Mozambique 2006 by Frosty K5LBU/C91CF



Thursday August 10th at 7:00 PM is the time, Tracey Gee Center is the place. Come see the story of the 2006 African DX Safaris DXpedition to Mozambique. Frosty, K5LBU, will present the story of the trip to this rare African location. Included will be their participation in the IARU contest. Be sure to join the pre meeting dinner group at Pappas' BBQ (formerly known as Luther's) at Gessner and Westheimer starting around 5:30.



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Condolences:

TDXS extends heartfelt condolences to the family of Retta Cashen, KD6KOO/VK4KOO, wife of TDXS member John Cashen, W6KNC. Retta passed away on July 24th. John will be at the meeting this Thursday if possible.

Birthdays:

TDXS wishes "Happy Birthday" to these August babies -

Jim Lane - N5DC, Evie Lane - W5XYL, Frank Wyatt - KC5M, Richard King - K5NA
George Wagner - K5KG, Bill Wibker - WI5P, Kirk Kridner - KV5Q, Randy Thompson - K5ZD
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Upcoming Events:

August 19-20 North American QSO Party SSB
September 6-13 Straight Key DXpedition to Belize
September 23-24 Texas QSO Party

PREZ Sez:

The program this month will be by Frosty K5LBU, who will be showing slides and talking about his latest DX trip to South Africa and the surrounding countries that he visited in June.

Thanks to Steve W9DX for taking over for me last month at the meeting. I was out of town on vacation in Louisiana and had a good time.

I got back in time to work both Montenegro and Swain's Island for an all time new one. I know that several of you were worried about missing the KH8SI group on Swains as they were only going to be there a few days and that got extended. Several of you put them into your logs on several bands. I heard them on fifteen and twelve meters but the signals were too weak for me to work. Actually on twelve, I could only hear the report back to them. On fifteen, I started listening to them too late in the day and the band closed before I could get another band. They are in my log on thirty, twenty, and seventeen both modes.

As for Montenegro, the big 4O3T group is gone for now after making a lot of contacts. Several other local operators have been active, like YU6AO and others, so you will be able to find more stations on the air from Montenegro as the winter months approach. Several stations have been on the higher bands like ten but working mostly Europe, Asia and Africa. The US east coast has had some propagation with Europe during the past month so there is some hope that we might work Montenegro this winter on ten but it will be one of those openings that will just happen for an hour or so.

Likewise, this weekend is the 10-10 Summer QSO Party and I am looking at a mid-day Sunday log of about one hundred contacts. The band closed both days about ten am local time and I do not expect it to reopen until after six or seven pm local time, just when the contest is over today. The E skip we are getting has been to the East and to the North but signals are mostly weak with a few exceptions. A QRP friend locally has been working the contest with five watts and his dipole antenna up twenty feet, now has twenty-five contacts. One of the big gun east coast stations had twice as many contacts when we talked late Saturday night. So I probably will not make another contact unless it's someone local that finds me on the band.

So come out and eat some BBQ at Pappas/Luther's located at Gessner and Westheimer before the meeting and then over to the meeting at 7 PM to see what Frosty brought back from the dark continent.

73 Mike N5MT