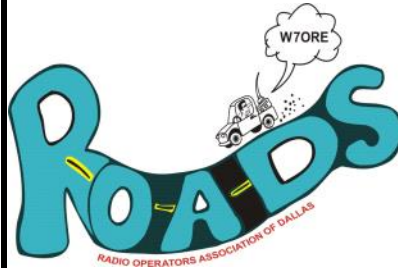


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The Prez Sez by Jack Schult



*The night was clear and the moon was yellow
And the leaves came tumbling down
I was standing on the corner
When I heard my bulldog bark
He was barkin' at the two men
Who were gamblin' in the dark
It was Stagger Lee and Billy
Two men who gambled late
Stagger Lee threw seven
Billy swore that he threw eight*

Well, it's easy to tell what kind of a mood I'm in. Quoting lyrics from Lloyd Price to begin this month's Prez Sez. The fog will lift shortly

as we circuitously draw closer to the point that I promise to make.

STAGGER LEE is a traditional folk song that was first published in the early 1900's. The song was recorded by many artists, including Lloyd Price whose version was first released as a single in December 1958. For those that have experienced the pleasure of listening to it back in the day on your favorite AM radio station, cranking up the volume to be sure to capture the background female vocals of "Go Stagger Lee" while thumping the steering wheel, know the value of the moment. What does that have to do with Amateur radio?

There are those club members who never heard of Lloyd Price, knew the words to the first censored rock n' roll record to become a #1 hit, or even listened their favorite tune on an AM radio station while thumping on the steering wheel, perhaps they never will, unless....

Let's face it, a lot of us are getting rather long in the tooth, what we have experienced and acquired in our beloved hobby could be lost if we don't share what we've learned. How about sending our editor a story about your Ham adventures we can publish, maybe spend five

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or ten minutes at each meeting letting each member contribute. Well, that's the point that I tried to find the words to make. Our past is very important to the future of the hobby that we like so well.

The Hamfair was for me, fantastic! I spent less than I thought I would and brought home more than I thought I could. ROADS had good visibility and made new friends along the way. Dave, MZM and all who helped out made it special. Thanks for caring about your club.

Since I brought it up I guess I should share a link to enjoy Mr. Price, maybe for the first time.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCPutYaGFIE>

Ten meters is open!! I know Bob, QXG will have a lot of info on that.

Here n' There
By
Bob Peschka, K7QXG



Our meeting on October 16th was visited by a guest who is interested in becoming an amateur operator. We were also pleased to see new member K7AA, Ray, and his

wife N7EJO, Diane. They are very pleasant folks who presently reside in Dallas Retirement Village. As mentioned in previous issues of the Report, Ray has 369 countries confirmed.

Our New Website...

I was very impressed with the appearance and organization of ROADS new web site. Check it out at www.w7ore.com. There are many resource links here that all of us can use.

WA7MZM graced us with his presence following his return from Bar Harbor, Maine. Dave and wife Linda drove 7,300 miles on the trip and made it there and back in record time. They did take time to visit Niagara Falls and some other points of interest along the way.

N7WWH Earns Certificate

N7WWH, Jim, of Falls City was presented with a certificate recognizing his formal entry into the DX Hunters Society. Jim finally garnered his 200th DXCC entity confirmed and now joins several other ROADS members in the Society.

W7RIS gave us a short presentation on his upcoming DXpedition to Grenada and then followed up with a video presentation on the Peter 1 expedition.

Rare Tubes & Parts

Go to the **UR4LL** website at

www.ur4ll.net. The good doctor has a huge inventory of hard to find transmitting tubes and other electronic things... but NO 572B tubes.

Swaptoberfest ...

There was a huge turnout and it seemed the economy had improved judging by the number of sales. Our club had a gross of \$101.90.

Oregon Trail Net...

We had a tough time on Sunday the 26th because of the DX contest that was underway. Even so, we had a good turnout, including **KA9PCU** who visits our net from time to time.

Windows XP.... R.I.P.

As you should know, Microsoft ended all support for XP in June. There are still a lot of folks using XP, but they do so with some degree of risk. If you are connected to high speed internet, and leave your computer on for an extended period of time, the hackers will love you if you are still using Windows XP. Without all the security updates each week, your machine could be vulnerable. Some ROADS members have taken on the challenge and moved forward to Windows 7 and Windows 8, 8.1. For those who selected 8 or 8.1, you can have a desktop with an XP start button by downloading "Start Menu 8". It will be friendly territory and look just like XP or WIN 7, including the Control Panel. Another is named "Classic Shell", and it does the same thing.

Now about CW... I have mentioned

in my columns from time to time the advantage of knowing CW. Now one of our members, **AE7OA**, has decided to learn the code so he can expand his ham radio horizons. He is presently sporting a beautiful Vibroplex Iambic Keyer on his operating desk. I checked it out today and worked **3Z6M** with it from Mike's operating position.

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Backyard DX
by
Bob Peschka, K7QXG

Announced DXpeditions

Nov 2 – 9: Niue E6 2 op
3 – 30: Seychelles S79VR 2 ops
5 – 10: Brunei V84YL 4 ops
8 – 22: **Macquarie** VK0MH 1 op
15 – 30: Andaman VU4KV 10 ops

Of course there are several other events, but not as significant as the above. Good Luck!

DX Hunters Who Moved Up

AE7OA - 150 conf.
N7WWH - 204 conf.

Never Too Late ...

"Got LoTW confirmation for 3 QSOs made in March 1982 with KP2A/KP1 (Navassa Is.) It's never too late.

Thanks to the guy who transfer the paper log into an electronic log and uploaded it to LoTW." Remarks by an HB9.

And Yes, KP1 Navassa Will Be On The Air!

A late news flash came out in the last issue of QST and a DXpedition group has been given permission to operate from KP1 for a week or two. More info later.

And The Winner Is.....

We all await the arrival of the mailman each day and hope that a long sought QSL from a rare country is part of the heap of bills and advertisements. One of our members, **AE7OA**, hit the jackpot and received 10 in two days. Amazing!

YES YOU CAN!

Yes, you can work DXCC in just 15 days with 100 watts and a simple antenna (dipole or GP vertical) if you are patient and dedicated. Of course, getting the QSL cards is another matter! You may be able to do it in just 7 to 10 days if you can operate CW and don't mind getting in a big weekend contest. Think about it... DXCC in just 10 days!

W7LOU was heard working **ZS4A** on 10 meter SSB. The ZS4A was 57 here in Dallas.

W7RIS expedition on CQ WW

We have had lots of problems. Half our team got struck in Miami for a day and did not arrive in Grenada until late Friday night. At this time all our Amps

have failed. We are running 100 watts on each station. Our primary 4 band beam is stuck pointed to the EU. During mid day (12:00 - 2:30) D-layer absorption shuts down 20,15,10 meters. Never seen it this bad.

Despite all these problem we are still making lots of contacts. With no power, we are having to do hunt and pounce. Which makes it hard to find us. We are fairly consistently on 10, 15, 20 meters. Late in the evening and after 10 m shuts down we move up to 40-80m. To find us, look for our spots (J3A) on your favorite DX cluster.

Its only 9:30 in the mornings and D-layer absorption is starting to shut down 20m.

I received a later report from Mike and things had really opened up. Sounds like they had all the action they wanted on Sunday.

Western Sahara was on 10 meters in the contest on Sunday, and fairly strong at this QTH, but my amp was out of action and I did not want to fight the pile up trying to get a contact with 90 watts. It would have been a first time all time new one for me. I guess in my old age some things seem to lose their importance.

Quiz Question For DXers...

Do you know what an **ATNO** is? Answer next month... if I can remember. Real die hard DXers will know....

5R8M worked be nearly everyone in town. Missed him on 17 RTTY when

he was very strong, but the pile up was horrible.

TWO RARE DXpeditions ANNOUNCED

by Doc KX5W

I just received word that two really rare countries will have operations in them as follows:

1. Iran EP6T--the Rockall DX Group made of ops from The Netherlands, Belgium and Greece will go to Kish Island IOTA AS-166 in Iran for a 10 day operation in January 2015. 10 operators; 4 to 5 stations, all modes.

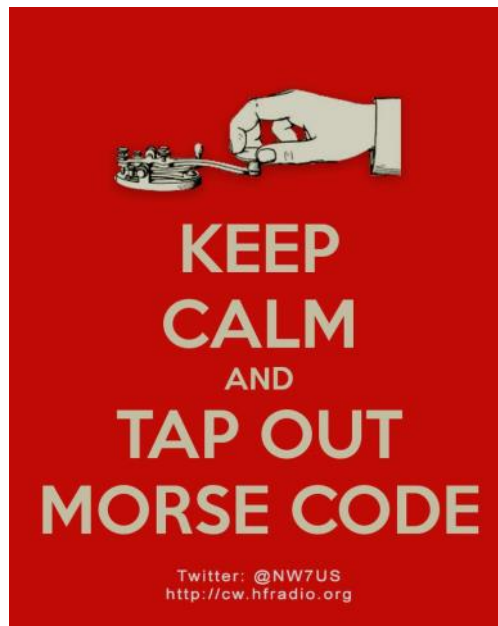
2. Bouvet 3Y/B January to April 2016 announced by the Norwegian Polar Group.

No more info on this yet. I am sure most or all of us need these entities.....

Spectacular results....

Mike, **K7CIE**, has been playing with his Optibeam and obtained outstanding results chasing VK9DLX. He filled 12 of the 25 band slots and is ranked #88 in the top one hundred world wide. On CW he worked the expedition on 10 through 160 meters, with the exception of 80 meters. You can view all the results on the Club Log website by typing in K7CIE and then make VK9DLX the inquiry.

And also... after the 10 meter net on Sunday W7SCT, Jack worked W1AW/4 on 10 meter **AM!** How about that!



Your 2014-2015 ROAD's Calendar

- 8 November 2014** **V.E. Testing @ Polk County Courthouse**
- 20 November 2014** **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—
Program—TBD**
- 18 December 2014** **Club Dinner Meeting—6 pm—TBD**
- 10 January 2015** **V.E. Testing @ Polk County Courthouse**
- 15 January 2015** **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—
Program—TBD**
- 14 February 2015** **Salem Hamfair & Computer/Electronics Swapmeet,@ Polk
County Fairgrounds, Rickreall**
- 19 February 2015** **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—TBD**
- 14 March 2015** **V.E. Testing @ Polk County Courthouse**
- 19 March 2015** **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—
Appoint Nominating Committee**
- 16 April 2015** **Club Dinner Meeting - 6 pm—TBD**
- 9 May 2015** **V.E. Testing @ Polk County Courthouse**
- 14 May 2015** **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House**
- 5 June—7 June 2015** **Sea-Pac—NW Division ARRL Convention @ Seaside, OR**
- 18 June 2015** **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—
Elections**
- 27-28 June 2015** **ARRL Field Day**

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