



## Our October 15th Meeting will feature a presentation by Bill Fontes, W6TEX on “Low-Tech DXpeditions” (Madeira and Santo Porto Islands)

Bill Fontes, W6TEX, our NCDXC DXer of the year in 2000, will be here to present an exciting look at the planning, travel, setup and operation of running a “Low-Tech” DXpedition.

Focusing on his numerous trips to Madeira and Santo Porto Islands, Bill will share the in’s and out’s of such a trip. He will be bringing lots of photos and countless stories. This will be a great presentation indeed and should not be missed.

Please make sure you arrive early to get a good seat and have a great meal prior to the start of the presentation. As always, dinner begins at 6pm with the meeting at 7:30pm. This meeting will be held at Holder’s Country Inn. 998 S. De Anza Boulevard, San Jose, CA.

## President’s Message

By Craig Bradley, AE6RR

Hello Everyone,

Well by the time you read this the dust will have settled on Glorioso, the turtles will be back to what ever turtles do when people are not watching and FT5GA will be in the history books. There are some happy local DXers and quite a few disappointed ones. Those of us that did not get in the log can only hope that there will be another DXpedition to the island that coincides with sun spots some day. Maybe next time I will have a real antenna and actually hear them. My ESP didn’t work at all.

I will not get into the operating issues of the expedition regarding zone 3 as this has been well covered on the reflector. We did get some sun spots during the expedition and the SFI actually got up to 75 at one point. That may have improved the propagation some, but it was more likely that what ever propagation we had was due to the fall conditions.

Time to dry the tears and get ready for Midway 2009, the team is flying out of Hawaii the morning of October 9th and

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Be sure to drop off your bureau cards to Doug, W6JD at our next meeting. The club will then send them all to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau for free. Be sure to take advantage of this excellent FREE service to club members.

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plans to be QRV through the 19th. This is our turn to stack up the band modes while our EU friends cry in their beer! However, I am sure that we will all stand by patiently and wait our turn when the ops send "dit di-di-da".

I really enjoyed Dave Smith, W6TE's talk on the Echoes of Apollo event from the Stanford Big Dish at our September meeting. It was very well done with great audio clips. I would like to again thank Dave for an excellent talk.

Last Call! If you are not a life or honorary member and have not already paid your dues, this month is it; those that have not renewed by the 15th will be dropped from the membership rolls and will not be listed in the 2010 roster. If you still need to renew, you can find all of the information you need on the club web site and you can pay via PayPal if you wish. You can even bring your check to the meeting on the 15th and get in under the wire.

See you at the October meeting and BYOSP (Bring Your Own Sun Spots)!

For now, 73 and good DX!

- Craig, AE6RR



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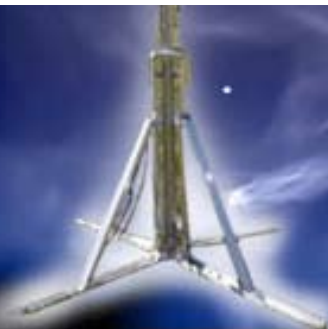
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The Dayton Amateur Radio Association says that 18,877 people attended last May's Dayton Hamvention. That was up by almost a thousand from the approximate 17,800 that showed up in 2008 but still nowhere near 25,000 to 30,000 mark of the latter 1980's through the mid-1990's.



Dayton in the United States and the Ham Radio show in Germany have long been considered the bellwethers of the economic health of the service by the worldwide amateur radio business community.

This year Ham Radio had approximately 17,400 visitors which was also up by some 300 over 2008. As such there is growing belief that the increased attendance at these shows is a sign that the economy of ham radio is improving even if all else lags behind.

Hamvention 2010 will be held next May 14th to the 16th. More about the Dayton Hamvention is on-line at [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org). (DARA RF Carrier and other sources)

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**(Nov 7th will be the next event)**

## DX Information

UNITED NATIONS HQ, 4UxUN. UN Headquarters station 4U64UN is active until mid November in celebration of the 64th annual UN general Assembly. Activity is on all band and modes. QSL via HB9BOU.

SENEGAL, 6W. Martin, OK1FZM and Lenka, OK1WZM will be QRV as home calls/6W from October 3 to 15. Activity is holiday style on all HF bands. QSL to home calls.

MALAWI, 7Q. Ely, IN3VZE is QRV as 7Q7CE from the south shore of Lake Malawi until October 20. Activity is holiday style on all bands using SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

CHINA, BY. David, BA4DW/4 is QRV from Dongxilian Island, AS-135. He is active holiday style on 20 meters. QSL to home call.

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Marco, IK1RAE will be QRV as C91VM from October 5 to 23. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. He plans to be active from some of the offshore islands. QSL direct to home call.

AZORES, CU. Look for OH2BH, OH8NC and OH2UA to be QRV as CU2KG, CU2KH and CU2KI, respectively, from October 5 for one week while they perform maintenance work on contest station CR2X. Activity will be on a variety of bands. QSL to home calls.

SWITZERLAND, HB. Special even station HB9SPACE will be QRV from October 4 to 10 during World Space Week. QSL via HB9ACA.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Bill, N7OU will be QRV as E51NOU from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, from October 5 to 30. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.

LUXEMBOURG, LX. A group of operators will be QRV as LX/PA6Z from October 4 to 10. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via PA9M.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Special event station PD55EA is QRV until October 28 in celebration of the 55th anniversary of the Museum Ellert and Brammert in Schoonoord. Activity is on 40, 20 and 10 meters using SSB and digital modes. QSL direct via PD7BZ.

BONAIRE, CURACAO, PJ2. Fred, PA1FJ is QRV as PJ2/home call from Curacao, IOTA SA-006, until October 7. QSL direct to home call.

SOUTH GEORGIA ISLANDS. Lars, MM0DWF is QRV as VP8DIF from Husvik on South Georgia, IOTA AN-007, until mid November. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY in his spare time. QSL via DJ9ZB.

CAMBODIA, XU. Pete, NO2R is QRV as XU7ACY for at least a year. He is active on 40 meters using CW and will soon be active on 160 and 80 meters as well. This includes being entries in both upcoming CQ WW contests. QSL via W2EN.

ZIMBABWE, Z2. Mikhail, RW3AJX is here on work assignment for two to three years. He is licensed as Z23MS and is active on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. He may be active using PSK as well. QSL via UA3DX.

*From the ARRL Oct 1st DX News*



## CLUB MEETING THURSDAY OCT 15th

6pm – 7:30pm Dinner/Social  
7:30pm Club Meeting

Featuring the presentation

### “Low-Tech DXpeditions” by Bill Fontes, W6TEX

Our Meeting Location:

**Holder’s Country Inn**  
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## Upcoming Fall Speaker Meeting Schedule

Oct. 15 - Regular Club Meeting

Presentation - **Low-Tech DXpeditions (Madeira and Santo Porto Islands)** by **Bill Fontes, W6TEX** - Held at Holder’s Country Inn - 998 S De Anza Boulevard, San Jose, CA. Dinner 6pm / Meeting 7:30pm

Nov. 19 - Regular Club Meeting

Presentation - **Antenna Forum - Part 2**  
Featured presenters: **Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, Jim Brown, K9YC & Dean Straw, N6BV**, Moderator **Craig Bradley, AE6RR**  
Held at **Harry’s Hofbrau - 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, CA**. Dinner 6pm / Meeting 7:30pm/

Dec. 12 - 2009 Holiday Luncheon

The holiday lunch will be held at **Michael’s Shoreline Restaurant, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View. 94063. 650-962-1014**  
Begins at 11am.

Featured Presentation - **Midway Island 2009 - K4M** by **Kevin Rowett, K6TD & Tom Berson, ND2T**

Jan. 21 - SPECIAL CLUB MEETING

Presentation - **The Physics of DX**  
Featured presenters: **Cliff Stoll, K7TA**

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