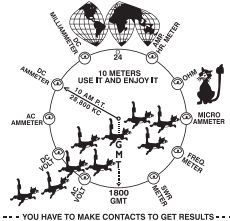


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From The Editor

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This last quarter has been a busy one for me. Of course toward the end of each quarter there is the push to assemble this newsletter and get it ready for review and publishing. But other than that, between my local radio club, on-air activities like contests and nets, plus the “honey-do” list and the care around the property, I’m exhausted. Of course digging a 7 foot hole for my crank-up tower doesn’t help much either. And somewhere in all that I found time to get to this year’s Hamvention in Dayton.

Having never been before, the Hamvention was a real eye opener. And I mean bulging eyes at all the gizmos and gadgets one can get there. Met lots of people and heard lots of different stories. I guess that is just part of the ambiance of a hamvention. I hardly ever get to hamventions.

One very interesting part of my trip was being able to attend the 10-10 International Board meeting in Tipp City the day before the Hamvention opened. It was a pleasure to meet the board members who attended the meeting and spend some non-business time with them during meals and in the booth at the Hamvention. A very diverse bunch of people who have a strong desire to keep the 10-10 International Net not only going, but growing as well. As you will read in this newsletter, some interesting ideas were proposed and acted on that I am sure will help the organization move forward and grow. A very challenging goal when the band is pretty dead most of the time and the number of calls in the SK list keep growing each quarter. I am in total support of this team’s goals and hope you will do the same. Please let them know where you stand and thank them for their dedication and efforts.

As I close this quarter’s column, I want to encourage all members to get on the air and participate. Help bring in some new hams, both young and old. As I understand it, the number of licenses issued last year was up with more hams licensed now than before. A good trend in my mind. Let’s find those new hams and get them involved in 10 meters. Even though the 10 meter band isn’t cooperating very well at the moment, let’s get the local chapters on the air and do what we can to make contacts.

73

Randy - AJ7B #7675



From The President

Mel Sojka, KD5DE
(#33513)

UPPER LEVEL QRM

It seems as if the days are getting shorter. Or maybe we are time traveling. I am certain I was writing the April article last week. Maybe age is involved. Who knows? It appears that the current solar cycle is beginning to wane and since it was not the best of cycles, ten meters always gets the worse of it. Listen for the beacons, get your digital modes set up, and dust off the key. No matter what, call CQ. Don't just listen. 2015 has been a good year for me on CW. From my location, I never considered China on ten, but worked it twice this Spring. With a new member in India, I look for that contact as my lifelong goal on ten. I could have made the contact at Dayton but that would not count for anything.

As with many Amateur Radio organizations, it has been a struggle to maintain membership since 2009. That was when instant electronic communication became a worldwide phenomenon. Our problem is that the majority of our members are from the "Baby Boomer" generation. Numbers are declining due to age. Look at the SK listing in this edition. You will see many that were very active on the band. NOKDB recently sent me an update. One of the members listed had just taken first place in a QSO party and may have passed before his certificate arrived. It has been a struggle to maintain current membership for several years.

In response to this problem I made a concentrated effort last year to attend as many events as possible. Most of the time I manned the booth alone. The results were better than expected. I felt that the secret was renewals. Many expressed that they had lost the thrill of instant access. The Internet and social media present no challenge. The thrill was gone. This has given rebirth to the DIY experience. We had significant results from the outings. Nearly 10% of the renewals last year were a result of personal contact at hamfests. We also signed up 6 new members. (It is probable that there were more than 6 new members, it is just hard to track.)

With this in mind, a motion was made at the BOD meeting to equip the

Officials to attend events. The President and Vice President are required by the Bylaws and Operations Manual to represent Ten-Ten at events and respond to personal appearance requests. It is now apparent that all Officials need to share in this responsibility. This created a problem; how to fund this. As a result, it was moved that in the future the BOD would meet as the need arose via on-line conference. Several organizations have gone this route. This would allow BOD meeting costs to be channeled to membership growth and renewals.

The event attendance would, of course, be on a volunteer basis. Most of our Directors are now Seniors and even with time available there are limits to their travel. Due to issues here at home my travel in the future will be very limited. The age factor within the BOD and their family members is at play. Next year is election year and we need some new and younger Officials. Seventy is not considered old nowadays, but wait until you get close!

The BOD meetings will be announced and will be short sessions to deal with motions or needs when required. Access by the general membership will be possible, but limited to instant messaging the moderator of the session. Details will be announced via Breaking News on the website and over social media.

The BOD did consider the requirements to make a valid Ten-Ten exchange when operating mobile, using some digital modes, and CW. It was reaffirmed that the exchange will continue to be required during the contact. A program to allow after the fact look-up during QSO Party events of other organizations and DXpeditions is being investigated. This type of contact would have some requirements beyond normal Ten-Ten events.

It was moved that barring legal issues, Ten-Ten would sponsor and fund, in part, two DXpeditions during the Summer QSO party in 2016. These would be two member teams at two different locations. The members would be chosen by lottery draw. As soon as legal requirements are cleared, this will be announced and implemented on the web page.

The high point of the BOD meeting was the approval of the Scouts on Ten program. Many of you may be aware of the Stem Initiative developed to motivate and empower our young people to meet the demand for scientists, engineers, and technology specialists. History reveals that Amateur Radio has been a source of these skills and what better pool of candidates than the Scouts. Many of our members are Scouts, Scout leaders and/or have been Scouts. The Stem Program has tapped the Scouts as a source and it was voted that Ten-Ten become involved. This effort began at the ARRL 100 in Hartford when I was approached by a Scout Leader involved with the Stem program in New Mexico. I have appointed Director Moyer to establish our program. He is a retired Scout professional and highly qualified for this task. You will find a paragraph elsewhere in the News from him and his request for input.

It is my pleasure to announce that due to increased donations, next year

the Ten-Ten Scholarship Foundation will award, through FAR, five \$2000 scholarships. This is a significant increase from the three \$1500 scholarships awarded when I became your President. A little note; I spoke to the manager of FAR at Dayton. This year they awarded \$135,000 in scholarships.

The complete minutes of the BOD meeting will appear in the October News.

The official Gathering was a bit better than last. We will continue to hold one every other year as it appears to be successful. The Gathering should be held where we have a large Chapter presence. Maybe in 2017, the Texas Ham Com event would be a good choice. On the subject of Chapters, in 1991 we had 141 active Chapters affiliated with Ten-Ten. Currently that number is less than 60. During the minimum solar cycle, Chapters make the organization strong. Facebook and other social media do very little to create activity on 10 meters.

I mentioned earlier that my travels in the future will be limited. I will only be able to travel to events within a 200 mile radius of home. Family is a priority that must be accepted. I will continue to make as many events as possible and hope to have you sign the log at the events. The greatest thrill would be to work you on 10 meters.

God Bless & 73

Mel KD5DE

PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2015

Annually it is my pleasure to select the one member that has contributed to the organization beyond expectations. With such a large group of volunteers, all making efforts to maintain and strengthen the organization, it can be a stressful obligation. This year it is my pleasure to Award Clifford Taylor K5FBS #48461 the President's Award. Over the past 15 years Cliff has had to endure personal



loss, physical issues and most recently a major emotional crisis. Through all of this, he has continued to place a high priority on the status of our affiliated chapters. Historically, the Ten-Ten chapters gave the organization unity through local activity. We have gone from 150 chapters in the 90's to under half that many. This decline has caused problems that affect the very strength of Ten-Ten. We are beginning to discover that the social media can not replace local activity and does nothing to make use of the 10 meter band. Maybe it is time to organize and build local chapters? Ten-Ten owes a debt of gratitude to Cliff and his committee for the effort to maintain and grow chapters. May his efforts harvest many new chapters in the coming days.

Mel Sojka KD5DE #33513

President

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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20946	K5PX	James B Burnette	OK
64313	N5YOH	Lonnie W Philpott	SC
64337	KB5UNX	Morrie C Pickler	TX
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Ten-Ten Top Operator Award

This award is based upon the number of times a member's call appears on new applications. Quarterly winners are awarded a certificate. The overall winner for the year will be awarded a plaque. There are two categories; one for Net Control station and one for the current members at large.

The Top Operators for Q2 are:

Operator - **N5MT Mike Davidson #24949**

Net Control - **K7CWS Ray Roberts #50288**



Chapter Coordinator

Cliff Taylor, K5FBS
(#48461)

GENERAL NEWS

1) If your chapter is planning a special sometime during the months of October, November or December, please let me know and I will announce it in the next newsletter.

2) During the months of March, April and May, the following chapters have sent in either quarterly reports or chapter updates, and, therefore, are alive and well: Alii, Aloha, Arizona Desert, Branding Iron I, Branding Iron II, City of Lights, Houston S.H.O.T., Keystone/Keystone Stars, North Georgia, Oregon Trail, Portland 500, Republic of Texas, Tango, Traildriver, and Windfarms. Many thanks to the officials of these chapters for keeping us up-to-date.

3) Over the years I have gotten queries about whether chapters are still going on or if chapter seals are still valid. There are a couple of places to check on chapters. The first place to look is on the 10-10 International Net, Inc., web site in the "10-10 Chapters" section under CHAPTERS.

Another place to look is on the internet on the WIN1010DL website and scroll down to the CHAPNAME listing. While there you can also view the SEALNAME listing for all current seals. If you are a Chapter Head or Certificate Manager, you will certainly want to look at the SEALNAME listing to insure that K4HAV through the Chapter Coordinator has your seals either shown or deleted as appropriate.

4) Some chapters are now, or will be going, on Summer hiatus until about Labor Day. The chapters that have notified me of this are the Colorado Centennial, Hanse and New Waterkant.

Just a Reminder for Quarterly Reports Due During the Next Few Months; (July '15) 10-Bar-X.

Quarterly Reports Currently Due: (This article was sent to the Editor on 31 May so any quarterly reports sent after that date will be noted on my notifications of "Changes to the 10-10 Chapters" section of the 10-10 website and included

in the next newsletter) (June '14) Channel Islands, (February '15) Route 66, (March '15) Kentucky Cardinal, Springbok, (April '15) New Mexico Mud Ducks, (May '15) Maine-iacs, Minutemen/Old Ironsides, (July '15) Chesapeake Bay, Fort McHenry/Cornerstone/Yodar Kritch;

CHAPTER NEWS

1) Chief Seattle: Several changes have been made to the chapter net times. Check the "Chapter Net Guide" for the current dates and times.

2) Major League Baseball: The Certificate Manager's new address is 23417 S 180th St., Gilbert, AZ 85298.

3) Neanderthal: The CM is PA2NJC, Nick Cox, Vlodropperweg 1 A, 6061AB Posterholt, Netherlands. Email address remains the same for upgrades to cm.neandthal@t-online.de.

4) North Georgia: The net frequency for the chapter is now 28.410 MHz.

Chapters that Accept Upgrades Via Email (As of 1 June 2015)

All of the listed chapters generally need previous, new, and total points and seals claimed. Any transaction with the CM that requires that a certificate be issued, and most worksheet specials, should still be handled via US Mail. Also to be on the safe side, a detailed listing of the upgrade should be kept in the event that the CM should require verification. Requirements peculiar to a particular chapter are noted.

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As of June 1, 2015

DAY	ZSUM	ZWIN	Chapter Name	Location	Freq	DAY	ZSUM	ZWIN	Chapter Name	Location	Freq
SUN	0300	0400	Chief Seattle	Seattle, WA	28430	TUE	1800	1800	Electric City	Melbourne, FL	28425
SUN	1300	1400	Arlington	Arlington, VA	29200	T/W	2330	0030	Republic of Texas	Eules, TX	28560
SUN	1400	1500	Neanderthal/ Springbok	Leichlingen, DL	28355	T/W	2330	0030	Minuteman/Old Ironsides	Saugus, MA	28409
SUN	1430	1430	Cincinnati Area Ten Tuners	Milan, IN	28960	WED	0001	0100	Castle Craig	Meriden, CT	28375
SUN	1630	1730	Possum Trot	Raeford, NC	28345	WED	0100	0100	Cincinnati Area Ten Tuners	Milan, IN	28800
SUN	1700	1800	Major League Baseball	Gilbert, AZ	28375	WED	0100	0200	Houston SHOT	Houston, TX	28488
SUN	1800	1900	Portland 500	Portland, OR	28350	WED	0100	0200	Gateway	St Louis, MO	28650
SUN	1900	2000	Oregon Trail	Dallas, OR	28803	WED	0200	0300	10 Bar X	Canutillo, TX	28445
SUN	1930	1930	North Georgia	Atlanta, GA	28610	WED	0300	0400	Chief Seattle	Seattle, WA	28430
SUN	1930	2030	Steel City	Eubank, KY	28420	WED	1430	1430	Branding Iron	Bergamen, DL	28345
SUN	2030	2030	Santa Fe Trail /Springbok	Galesburg, IL	28380	WED	1700	1700	Gold City	Rutherfordtown, NC	28425
SUN	2100	2200	Possum Trot	Raeford, NC	28150 CW	WED	1700	1800	Channel Islands	Oxnard, CA	28340
MON	0001	0100	Chesapeake Bay	Chestertown, MD	28435	WED	1930	1930	Route-66	Boonville, IN	28370
MON	0100	0100	Arizona Desert 10-10 Net	Phoenix, AZ	28445	WED	1930	1930	Windfarms	Livermore, CA	28485
MON	0100	0100	Milwaukee	Milwaukee, WI	28365	W/T	2359	0059	Battle Road	Mason, NH	28390
MON	0100	0100	Lonestar	Arlington, TX	28460	THU	0001	0001	Cradle of the Confederacy	Pike Road, AL	28350
MON	0130	0230	Bauxite	Benton, AR	28470	THU	0100	0200	Gateway	St. Louis, MO	28650
MON	2030	2030	Space Coast	London, KY	28355	THU	0100	0100	Cow Town	Arlington, TX	28460
MON	2330	2330	Sky Bl Wtr/Tn Lzz /Twin City	Inver Grove Heights, MN	28380	THU	0100	0200	Milwaukee	Milwaukee, WI	28365
TUE	0001	0001	Branding Iron	Kemper, TX	28325	THU	0100	0200	Channel Islands	Oxnard, CA	28340
TUE	0001	0100	Ft McHenry /Cornerstone /Yodar Kritch	Arbutus, MD	28370	THU	0230	0330	Windfarms	Livermore, CA	28485
TUE	0100	0200	CO Centennial /Frontier Gang	Lakewood, CO	28340	THU	0230	0330	Up The Crick	Eugene, OR	28450
TUE	0100	0200	City of Lights	St Charles, IL	28150 CW	THU	0300	0400	Chief Seattle	Seattle, WA	28430
TUE	0130	0230	City of Lights	St Charles, IL	28720	THU	0300	0400	Speedway	Rainer, OR	28350
TUE	0130	0230	Bauxite	Benton, AR	28470	THU	1930	1930	Branding Iron	Kemper, TX	28345
TUE	0130	0230	OK Route 66	Oklahoma City, OK	28390	THU	2000	2000	Fort McHenry /Cornerstone /Yodar Kritch	Arbutus, MD	28370
TUE	0300	0400	Bay Area	Hayward, CA	28475	FRI	0001	0100	Pikes Peak Ten Ten	Colorado Springs ,CO	28390
TUE	0430	0430	Aloha	Hilo, HI	28490	FRI	0310	0410	Kentucky Cardinal	Russellville, KY	28600
TUE	1500	1600	New Mexico Mud Ducks	Albuquerque, NM	28835	FRI	0310	0410	Kentucky Cardinal	Russellville, KY	28480
TUE	1630	1730	Chief Seattle	Seattle, WA	28430	FRI	1400	1400	New Waterkant	Boerm, DL	28355
						FRI	2230	2130	Down Under (Summer in NZ is Winter in US)	Auckland, ZL	28530
						SAT	0001	0100	MAINE-iacs	North Haven, ME	29777
						SAT	0300	0400	Chief Seattle	Seattle, WA	28430

DAY	ZSUM	ZWIN	Chapter Name	Location	Freq
SAT	1330	1430	Springbok	Abingdon,, VA	28385
SAT	1430	1530	Steamboat Plus	Shreveport, LA	28430
SAT	1400	1400	Hanse	Hamburg, DL	28355
SAT	1500	1600	Republic of Texas	Eules, TX	28460
SAT	1510	1610	Louisiana Pelican	Livingston, LA	28450
			10-10 Net		
SAT	1600	1700	City of Roses	Ridgfield, WA	28835
			Portland Bridges		
SAT	1630	1730	Boomtown	Burkburnett, TX	28402
SAT	1730	1730	Tango	Buenos Aires, LU	28650
SAT	1800	1800	Keystone/Keystone	Brea, CA	28765
			Stars		
SAT	2000	2000	Restoration Project	Port Alberni, BC	28750
			/Feline Friends		
SAT	2200	2200	Alii	Lihue, HI	28730

All changes to the above times and/or frequencies should be referred to the Chapter Coordinator if you desire your net information to be accurate. Chapter Coordinator: K5FBS, Clifford A Taylor, 179 Mystic Lane , London, KY 40744. E-mail: k5fbs@yahoo.com.

There are also various 10-10 daily SSB nets (except Sunday) on 28.800 and 28.380 MHz. Information on these nets showing day of week and net control stations is listed under the category "Daily Nets" on the website.

SCOUTING ON TEN

Yes, Scouting on Ten is a new Chapter that will be developed as part of the Ten-Ten International Net. The Board of Directors voted to begin this great Chapter.

Our first task is to identify any of the Boy Scouts that may already be part of Ten-Ten and all the Scouter's that are involved in both Ten-Ten and Scouting. Also we are looking for suggestions on how we can involve the Scouts in our local Chapters, contests and other events like their JOTA, (Jamboree on the Air). What can Chapters do to merge Scouting into your Chapter? Looking for your thoughts, ideas and potential plans in your Chapter or area.

Ideas

1. Special Category just for Scouts
2. Worked all Scouts Awards
3. Promote Scout Events like JOTA
4. Local Chapters add Scouts to award programs
5. Awards available for working scouts, scouters, events and camps

Let's get started

1. Who are Scouts and Scouters
2. Ideas for Awards
3. Ideas for their involvement

Please contact Ray Moyer WD8JKV #20805

wd8jkv@ten-ten.org

QSL Bureau News

Are you wondering if you have QSLs and/or envelopes at the QSL Bureau?

On the 10-10 Web page is a tab for "Resources". Under that is a tab for "QSL Bureau". On the QSL Bureau page is a box that if you type in your call sign, it will tell you the number of cards and envelopes that are at the bureau.

<http://www.ten-ten.org/index.php/resources/qsl-bureau>

With poor band conditions the past few years, QSL activity have been slim. With the current band improvements, I expect activity to pick up. With this improved activity, I recommend that you get 1 or 2 envelopes on file at the bureau.

Before sending QSLs to the bureau, it is a good idea to check to see if those hams have envelopes at the bureau. You can do this by using the box mentioned earlier in this article. If you send QSLs to hams without envelopes at the bureau, your QSLs will just sit at the bureau.

It should be noted that you do not have to be a current paid 10-10 member to use the QSL Bureau.

You can make QSOs on any band with other 10-10 members and use the bureau for your QSLs.

Please direct all questions/comments to the QSL Bureau Manager. Terry Webb, at n0twterry@yahoo.com.

Use the following address to send QSLs and envelopes to the Bureau.

Terry Webb
1103 Fulford Road
Monticello, FL 32344-4352



DX News

Mike Davidson, N5MT
(#24949)

The solar flux numbers in mid-May were down from an average of 156 to 123 from the previous month. The number of sunspots drifted lower reducing the solar flux energy accordingly and our ten meter propagation! Sunspots do not equate to solar flux. The solar flux is an electrical measured number and sunspots are counted on the surface of the sun. Do an internet search and check out the differences between sunspots vs solar flux.

The **10-10 Spring CW QSO Party and the Digital Party** were not popular events by our members this past quarter. During the CW weekend, I could not operate on Saturday and only made a few DX contacts on Sunday. My digital setup is still not ready to make contacts but that project will get fixed soon as I do not want to miss the rare DX that might only show up on Digi.

I am getting ready for the big HamCom weekend two weeks from now on June 12-13 in Irving, Texas which is actually Dallas. The old Plano facility was not big enough for a Texas size convention so they moved it this year to Irving which is near the big airport. There will be a 10-10 table at HamCom, so come out to the Irving Convention Center, say hello and sign the book.

In the summer months the Earth tilts and in the USA we usually do not hear Europe or Asia on Ten meters. The other factor that is affecting propagation, is a lower solar flux, so our chances of talking to these DX places as been greatly reduced. There is not as much flux to bounce our radio signals across the ocean. We will have to wait until winter time to hear Europe and Asia.

The next big operating event in the USA will be Field Day on June 27-28th. I expected a solar flux of 110-115 for the Field Day this year and even though this is an ARRL event, please get on and make some ten meter contacts! The band should be open for one hop skip in the USA. You can always ask for a 10-10 number when you work a home station or mobile. Most club stations at Field Day will not have a 10-10 to swap, unless you find a member that happens to be operating.

I received an email from a friend Max **KE5JA** #5185 who moved to A9 Bahrain in November 2014. Max works in Jubail, Saudi Arabia for an oil

company which is just across the border from his weekend home in Bahrain. His Saudi call sign is **7Z1JA**. Max has full residency in both countries so he is just waiting for the A9 license. He will operate from A9 for future contest on weekends and hopefully the call will be A93JA. Max expects to be living in Bahrain for the next three years as he just moved from UA9 Asiatic Russia where he had call sign RA/KE5JA. His new address in Bahrain is not posted on qrz.com. Just use the LoTW for a QSL.

Editor note: In the 1980's, Keith A92P #35025, lived in Bahrain for about six years but he moved back to England. Max may soon provide us with a much-wanted contact from A9 Bahrain. I still need A9 in my log.

I am posting this to the 10-10 website on June 1st.

Countries Award: There was one Basic Countries Award and five upgrades issued to four members this past quarter. We have a new record for 10-10 countries worked, 300 by myself N5MT. When you apply for any 10-10 award, you must have your dues paid up, use a form at the 10-10 website or special software that prints the correct 10-10 forms for emailing.

GENERAL 10-10 DX REPORTED IN THE PAST QUARTER

3D2 Figi Island. Wes **ZL3TE/W3SE** #53431, was back in Viti Levu using call sign 3D2SE from April 10-13th. Wes uses only CW and digital modes. LoTW.

8R Guyana. Esmond **8R1AK** #72405, used a special call sign 8R8AK during May 2015.

A6 United Arab Emirates. Andy **DK5ON** #54260, was active as A6/DK5ON from Abu Dhabi and Dubai, between March 18-27th. Activity was on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31.

A9 Bahrain. Chuck **KY4P/A92AA/S9SS** #16955 was active on SSB and Digital using call A92AA from Manama, Bahrain in April and May. He used a special call sign A9150ITU in May.

C6 Bahama Islands. Eric **K9GY/C6AYM** #22330, was on the main island from May 27 to June 1st plus in the WPX CW contest. LoTW. Dan **N8YSZ** #69426, was on Long Island from May 9-16th using SSB and Digi.

CU Azores. Dave **K1ZZ** #4852, operated as CU4DX from Graciosa Island in the CQ WPX CW contest.

EA6 Balearic Islands. Juerg **HB9BIN** #40947, was portable using EA6/HB9BIN from April 8-16th on CW from the Balearic Islands.

DU Philippines. Hannes **OE3SGU** #61527, operated from Luzon Island, from March 25th to April 20th mostly on CW but also digital and SSB. LoTW.

DX0P/1S Spratly Islands. A DXpedition to Pagasa Island in the Spratly group from April 16-23rd. Billy **WE6DX** #64115 was the only 10-10 member.

E3 Eritrea. A DXpedition to Eritrea in East Africa took place from March 6-17th using call E30FB. The 10-10 members were Paul N6PSE #68859 and Dmitri KP2P/RA9USU #54234. There were eight ops total, using beams and amps from this rare country.

E5 South Cook Islands. Doug W6HB/E51DLD #68854 and Claris W0VFT/E51VFT #33058, were active from South Cook from May 19-24th but the DX packet cluster did not show any ten meter contacts.

FP St. Pierre & Miquelon. Eric FP/KV1J #31247 was on the island from February 26th to March 10th on CW, SSB & RTTY.

FS St. Martin. Otis NP4G #36218 operated CW on Saint Martin from May 24-29th and using low power.

HP Panama. Tim HP3/NL8F #32796, was a guest of HP3AK from February 27th to March 9th using the amp and good antennas of his host on SSB.

P40 Aruba. Dave K3LP #13394, was back in Aruba at the P40V station from May 19-23rd. Dave NU4N #26802, was active from P49V, <http://www.p49v.com> on Aruba from May 26th to June 2nd including the CQ WW WPX CW Contest.

T4 Cuba. Doug CO8DM #72112, was active in the WPX CW contest from May 30-31st as T49A.

TF Iceland. Rene DL2JRM #69623, operated from Iceland for a short time on March 20-22nd.

V6 Micronesia. Sho JA7HMZ #30900, was in Pohnpei, Federal States of Micronesia and operated with call sign V63DX from April 17-24th exclusively on CW.

VQ Diego Garcia Island. Bob N7XR/VQ9XR #26991, was using an IC-7600 into a SpiderBeam, was back on Chagos operating from March 19-27th.

YJ Vanuatu. Haru JA1XGI/E6XG #55571 operated as YJ0XG from Port Villa, Vanuatu from April 12-18th. This was just after the typhoon hit the island in March.

UPCOMING DX AND NEW 10-10 ACTIVITY

4U1 UN Geneva. The 4U1ITU #11111 club station will use a special prefix call 4U0ITU the rest of 2015.

C6 Bahamas. Ed AA7A #11185 and Larry WO7R #43471, will be on Eleuthera Island from June 7-16th.

E5 South Cook Islands. Haru JA1XGI #55571, will operate from the South Cook as E51XGI from December 2-10th, which is just before the ARRL Ten Meter contest.

FK/TX3X Chesterfield Island. A DXpedition to Chesterfield Island will happen from October 1-12, 2015. The 10-10 members are: Arnie N6HC #29959 who is their team doctor, David N6HD #13064, Gene K5GS #15119 and Ross K6GFJ

#32680. Arnie has operated from places like: St. Brandon, Clipperton, Midway, Kanton, Kiribati, Swains, Banaba, Christmas and FT5ZM Amsterdam Island. Chesterfield is the 23rd most wanted country with past 10-10 activity but do not miss this DX adventure to put a new one in your log. Web site is: <http://www.tx3x.com>.

HP Panama. Jose HP2AT #42071 will use the special call H32AT all year during 2015.

KP2 US Virgin Islands. Craig VE3OP will use club call KP2M #75928 during a July 11-26th trip. Ask for the KP2M club number as Craig is not a 10-10 member.

OZ/5P Denmark. Volker DJ8VW #69216, will be on Romo Island from December 6-21st, 2015, using call sign 5P8VW on CW and SSB. LoTW.

T30/T32/T33 W. & E. Kiribati & Banaba. Haru JA1XGI #55571, has changed his plans to go to the T3 islands. He will be on South Cook Islands in December.

VP2M Montserrat. Ken W0ETT #9620 and Greg W0ZA #15171, will be active as VP2MKV from June 10-18th. LoTW.

VR Hong Kong. Dave K3LP #13394 is expected to use call sign VR2KF sometime in October 2015. From there he will be on a cruise ship for two weeks ending up in Singapore. He may visit A6 Dubai in October.

W USA. Leslie AD5WB #74524, will be on Galveston Island, Texas, from June 6-7th next to the tall ship Elissa for Museum Ships Weekend mostly SSB but some digi.

XW Laos. Ken K4ZW #18573 operated in Laos last year and expects to return to Laos later in 2015.

Miscellaneous Items & Notes

Propagation forecast: <http://www.solen.info/solar/>.

DX Calendar: <http://www.dxwatch.com/>.

More propagation: <http://dx.gsl.net/propagation/>.

DX: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4dJcK-WVRw>.

Propagation: The maximum flux was 193.5 in February 2014, 181.4 in November 2014 and in 2015, the highest was 172 on January 29th. No one knows why we had two solar flux peaks in this cycle similar to the previous cycle. I expect the solar flux to range from 90-145 this next quarter, which is down from the past three months. Since the change of season for the USA, we are not hearing Europe this summer, and QSO scores have been down for the CW and Digi QSO parties. If the solar flux remain lower, the Summer QSO party may have less than the 118 members who participated in 2014. Remember the Open Season event runs the first weekend in June 6-7th. The

Spirit of 76 party runs for seven days during the July 4th week and ends on Sunday the 5th.

On June 1st the solar flux was 94, the A index was 5 and K index 1. That is a 33 point drop in the solar flux since last quarter! In the next four months, look for the best conditions: June 2-3rd, July 1-3rd & 27-30th, August 23-26th and September 22-26th. Conditions for the 2015 Field Day look great for a flux of 110-115 for the June 27-28th contest which will be down 30 points from the 2014 FD level. Over the next four months, for USA stations, expect no chance of DX to Europe or Asia. In the afternoon, look for South America and into the South Pacific later in the day or after sundown. Just listen to the beacons from 28.175-28.300 (especially 28.200) so you will know which direction the beacon is transmitting from and the DX is open towards.

NEW 10-10 DX MEMBERS MARCH TO MAY 2015

March: 77295 VE2BR; **April:** 77311 KH7MS, 77315 EA3GCT, 77318 DO8LEO; **May:** 77341 VU2RBI.

Thanks to the QRZ-DX, The Daily DX by W3UR #25731 and the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletins. Info to Mike Davidson, 3518 Bellefontaine, Houston, TX 77025 USA Email: N5MT@aol.com.

HOW I MADE 300 DX CONTACTS ON 10 METERS

The long road of 10-10 DX chasing started in 1979 when I received my General class license and became a 10-10 member. I soon found out that if you want to be a serious DX'er, and work all 340 ARRL countries, that I would need all the available radio spectrum possible. So by 1982 I had received my Extra license. I set my sights on getting to ARRL DXCC and began to work on the new 10-10 Countries award. 10-10 requires 25 countries for the Basic Countries Award whereas the ARRL requires 100 countries for their DXCC Award. Back then I had a four element antenna on a 75 foot tower, a good radio and amp so I was in great shape as to my equipment. My QSO records were kept on paper but I had a IBM computer at my office with punched cards and a printer for making applications and certificate lists.

My first five bar awards were submitted using the IBM computer, for my 500 bar award where I am still at today, even though I have worked over 17,300 members, 2,200 USA counties, 1,600 prefixes and 300 countries! It just takes so much time to keep the computer records up to date, participate in the QSO parties as Chapter head and weekly net control for the Houston SHOT chapter, plus doing the DX News each quarter and manage the 10-10 Countries Award. So, I limit myself to what awards that I try to keep correct and submit so that means the DX Countries Award!

When the Countries Award began in September 1981, there were 52 members that submitted at least the minimum 25 contacts on their application for the new

award. All members that qualified were put in a pool to have their certificate number assigned by lottery. Alan Sherman K1AS/sk #10781 was the first Countries Award manager which is the ARRL equivalent of the DXCC desk. In the early days of 10-10 DXing you had to collect the QSL cards to verify your contacts. All the rules for ARRL DXCC were used by the 10-10 Countries Award. The Basic award required 25 contacts and 25 QSL cards to be checked. The upgrades began in increments of 10 contacts for 35, 45, 55, 65 and 75 bars. At 80 countries, the increments changed to 5 contacts. Several of us submitted more than the minimum of 25 contacts so I got 35 Bar #18, and 45 Bar #10. Five members got their 55 Bar the next month, but it took me until May 1982 to get my 55 Bar #10. It was not until April 1984 when I got to my 100 Bar #6 so there were six other members chasing the Countries Award!

In April 1983, Bernice Tielemann N9CDO/sk #20025 got to 100 countries first! Bernice's picture was on the next issue of the 10-10 News and what I would like to name the 10-10 DX Hall of Fame which is anyone who talks/works 100 countries, swaps 10-10 numbers and submits for the countries award, should be in the 10-10 DX Hall of Fame! We have 52 members that qualify for the DX Hall of Fame as of today and there are only 13 members that have 150 countries. There are only 3 members with 175 countries and one of them is a silent key, Josef Pusch DJ4BE #49153. The other members are Mike Warnock K7XN #41483, who is still at 175 countries and myself. Joe DJ4BE made it to 210 countries before he died in 1994. I had 225 countries in August 1993, 250 countries in May 2001, 275 countries in Feb 2003 and finally last month in March 2015, I received my 300 countries Bar #1.

The quarterly DX articles that I have been publishing in the 10-10 News and more recently on the 10-10 Website, started in June 1990 so this is my 25th year being a DX editor. Thanks to a fast personal computer, a good word processor, email and 10-10 software from Jim Hardy K4HAV #17605, I have been able to keep myself and our members informed about members going to DX places around the world for the past twenty-five years. When I took this job I had about 175 10-10 countries in my log and like everyone else trying to get a QSL card for all the new ones. At the same time, I was working on the ARRL DXCC award and I was on the DXCC Honor Roll which is defined as within ten of working them all. ARRL Number One Honor Roll took place in September 2002 when I worked Ed Giorgadze P5/4L4FN #72722 who was in North Korea with the UN Food Program. I helped get Ed his membership as I did all his paperwork and sent it to the DX manager Carol Hugentober WA8YL/sk #29588. Carol issued the 10-10 number and sent it to me so I could give it to Ed over the air for a new 10-10 country. I took care of his dues at the same time that I sent in the membership paperwork to Carol. Over the years I have helped about ten DX members get their membership, like Jim VK9NS, Tony T77C, Marion Island ARC ZS8MI and others.

The radio has changed in my radio room several times but the 4 element Yagi antenna on the tower is still the same. It has worked 325 countries for ARRL DXCC. For 10-10, I missed a few that others have worked but about 20 countries have never had a member operate from their boundaries.

More history of the Countries Award: The second manager of the award was President Tom Henderson K4CIH/sk #33233, who began to computerize the records from Alan K1AS. Russ Gathier N5EJS #1525 took over and completed the computerization of all records in 1996. Russ found a count of 283 countries in 1998 composed of 449 US awards and 94 DX members representing 23,000 contacts. Since April 2001, I have been the Countries Award manager and I have been keeping track of all new countries. Will we ever work them all, probably NO! All the rare places are restricted, have no one living there or some problem: like Mount Athos, Jan Mayen, Vatican, and Arctic islands. All these places do not have a 10-10 member so it will take a visitor to get on and have permission to operate before we can put these rare places in the worked column for 10-10. Anyone want to get Monk Apollo his 10-10 membership? There are 640 Basic Countries Award certificates issued so search through your records and submit for the award.

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Mike N5MT #24949

2 ELEMENT 10 METER QUAD ANTENNA

This article is geared towards 10-10 members who may be interested in building an antenna with gain and directivity.

The Quad antenna is simply 2 square wire elements mounted on a 5 foot boom. A chain link fence post makes a suitable boom although aluminum pipe (1 ¼ to 1 ½ inches in diameter) works well also.

For a design frequency of 28.4 MHz, the Reflector element needs to be 36'-3" in length while the Driven Element needs to be 35'-5". The Driven Element requires an insulator to break up the wire loop while the Reflector Element is continuous (no insulator).

Now the Quad has a feed point impedance of about 100 ohms. If you connect your coax cable directly to the Driven Element there will be a problem with SWR. It is possible to use Gamma, Omega, Delta and other type matches to get the SWR down to close to 1 to 1 SWR. However, any adjustments made with the Quad near the ground will be affected once the antenna is raised to its operating position off the ground. The matching method that I use is the quarter wave matching transformer.

While its name sounds complex, in reality it is really simple to build the quarter wave matching transformer. Let's start with a design frequency of 28.4 MHz.

The wavelength for this frequency is 34.65 feet. ¼ of this length is 8.66 feet. Now, we have to multiply 8.66 feet times the velocity factor of the matching coaxial cable.

The matching coaxial cable impedance can't be the same impedance as the 50 ohm feed line coax. To determine what impedance it needs to be, take the quad impedance (100 ohms) times the feed line impedance (50 ohms) = 5000. Take the square root of 5000 and it is 70.7 ohms. RG11 and RG59 are both 75 ohm coaxial cables and will work well for this application. Which ones to use? Well, if you plan to only run 200 watts or less, use RG59. More than 200 watts, use RG11.

If we use RG11, the matching section becomes $8.66 \times .75 = 6'-6"$. Simply connect the matching section to the feed point of the quad and plug the 50 ohm feed line into the other end of the matching section and you are matched. No adjustments necessary and it works great once the antenna is hoisted to its final height.

Regarding spreaders, they need to be slightly less than 7 ft in overall length. Fiberglass makes excellent spreader material while pvc pipe does not. Google fiberglass on the internet and you will find companies selling this product. I use 4 ft 3/4" O.D. fiberglass tubing with 4 ft 1/2" solid round fiberglass for end sections. This allows 1 ft of overlap of the solid stock inside the tubing.

This article is not a complete design article in that it does not contain photos or a complete description for how to mount the spreaders to the boom, etc. It is my desire that any 10-10 member who wants to build a quad e-mail me and I will answer any construction questions regarding the build.

I run a 4 element 4 band quad with the top of the antenna at 80 feet. It should be noted that the quad also works well at lower heights. I am sold on the Quad's performance.

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DAYTON 2015 HAMVENTION

The 10-10 International Net was well represented at this year's Hamvention in Dayton. A number of board members and I stayed after the board meetings and spent some time in the 10-10 booth. This year 279 people signed the log and 39 members renewed their 10-10 membership.



Mel KD5DE explains the 10-10 pins to a visitor. Also in the booth are Larry Berger WA2SUH and Roger Olson AD4RX.

A real bonus this year was the addition of two new members. One of those new members is Bharath VU2RBI from India. Mel said it was a banner year for us this year.



From left: Gerry WA6POZ, Mel KD5DE, Bharath VU2RBI, Jerry N9AVY, Ray WD8JVK, Roger AD4RX

As this was my first time to the Dayton Hamvention, I was impressed with its size and vendor depth. I understand that the attendance was much more impressive in size and scope in the past, especially the flea market area. It was difficult to keep my wallet in my pocket. At least I didn't have to get a second mortgage on my house.

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Randy - AJ7B #7675

THE AMATEURS CODE by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA (1928)

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LOYAL..... offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

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Net Report

Bob Farrow, N6OPR
(#45715)

Net reports for first quarter 2015

MONDAY NETS

----- 28.38 MHz -----			----- 28.80 MHz -----		
DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#	DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#
5-Jan	2	0	5-Jan	16	0
12-Jan	2	0	12-Jan	18	1
19-Jan	2	0	19-Jan	21	0
26-Jan	2	0	26-Jan	22	1
2-Feb	32	1	2-Feb	14	0
9-Feb	9	0	9-Feb	26	1
16-Feb	23	2	16-Feb	17	0
23-Feb	4	0	23-Feb	29	1
2-Mar	53	11	2-Mar	16	0
9-Mar	36	3	9-Mar	17	0
16-Mar	14	1	16-Mar	21	1
23-Mar	2	0	23-Mar	17	2
30-Mar	2	0	30-Mar	22	2

TUESDAY NETS

----- 28.38 MHz -----			----- 28.80 MHz -----		
DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#	DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#
6-Jan	29	6	6-Jan	10	1
13-Jan	34	6	13-Jan	11	0
20-Jan	19	2	20-Jan	12	0
27-Jan	34	3	27-Jan	11	0
3-Feb	32	2	3-Feb	10	0
10-Feb	50	14	10-Feb	16	0
17-Feb	44	6	17-Feb	14	0
24-Feb	37	3	24-Feb	11	0
3-Mar	31	3	3-Mar	11	0
10-Mar	31	5	10-Mar	18	1
17-Mar	4	0	17-Mar	9	0
24-Mar	24	6	24-Mar	16	2
31-Mar	41	8	31-Mar	31	8

WEDNESDAY NETS

----- 28.38 MHz -----			----- 28.8 MHz -----		
DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#	DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#
7-Jan	8	1	7-Jan	7	0
14-Jan	23	3	14-Jan	16	1
21-Jan	27	2	21-Jan	14	1
28-Jan	30	4	28-Jan	7	0
4-Feb	40	7	4-Feb	10	0
11-Feb	42	5	11-Feb	10	0
18-Feb	37	5	18-Feb	11	1
25-Feb	35	5	25-Feb	25	3
4-Mar	43	2	4-Mar	14	1
11-Mar	42	7	11-Mar	9	0
18-Mar	36	7	18-Mar	11	0
28-Mar	22	3	25-Mar	11	0

THURSDAY NETS

----- 28.38 MHz -----			----- 28.80 MHz -----		
DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#	DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#
1-Jan	0	0	1-Jan	20	1
8-Jan	2	0	8-Jan	25	3
15-Jan	2	0	15-Jan	14	3
22-Jan	23	4	22-Jan	22	2
29-Jan	28	2	29-Jan	15	1
5-Feb	0	0	5-Feb	10	0
12-Feb	34	4	12-Feb	15	2
19-Feb	27	2	19-Feb	11	2
26-Feb	33	3	26-Feb	13	0
5-Mar	44	9	5-Mar	14	2
12-Mar	34	8	12-Mar	10	0
19-Mar	4	0	19-Mar	16	2
26-Mar	40	15	26-Mar	8	0

FRIDAY NETS

----- 28.38 MHz -----			----- 28.80 MHz -----		
DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#	DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#
2-Jan	37	12	2-Jan	12	0
9-Jan	31	5	9-Jan	16	2
16-Jan	25	1	16-Jan	10	1
23-Jan	31	4	23-Jan	12	0
30-Jan	51	4	30-Jan	8	0
6-Feb	42	8	6-Feb	18	3
13-Feb	40	5	13-Feb	10	1
20-Feb	53	11	20-Feb	15	1
27-Feb	46	6	27-Feb	13	2
6-Mar	42	4	6-Mar	17	0
13-Mar	33	5	13-Mar	4	0
20-Mar	42	10	20-Mar	10	0
27-Mar	39	5	27-Mar	13	0

SATURDAY NETS

----- 28.38 MHz -----			----- 28.80 MHz -----		
DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#	DATE	TOTAL	NO 10X#
3-Jan	42	11	3-Jan	0	0
10-Jan	34	2	10-Jan	0	0
17-Jan	23	1	17-Jan	0	0
24-Jan	43	10	24-Jan	0	0
31-Jan	46	5	31-Jan	0	0
7-Feb	56	13	7-Feb	0	0
14-Feb	35	4	14-Feb	7	0
21-Feb	38	0	21-Feb	4	0
28-Feb	42	5	28-Feb	10	1
7-Mar	*	*	7-Mar	17	0
14-Mar	51	7	14-Mar	4	0
21-Mar	24	2	21-Mar	10	3
28-Mar	*	*	28-Mar	16	1

* Contest

10-10 NET CONTROL STATIONS

ALL NETS BEGIN AT 1800Z

Mon (28.380)	Alan, WB9WZI	#76209	IL
Mon (28.800)	Doc, WB6OJB	#70675	CA
Tues (28.380)	Ray, K7CWS	#50288	AZ
Tues (28.800)	Ann KE6OIO	#68997	CA
Wed (28.380)	Marilyn, WM2W	#76400	FL
Wed (28.800)	Louise, N6ELK	#36654	CA
Thu (28.380)	Bob, N6OPR	#45715	AZ
Thu (28.800)	Robert, KQ4PK	#63201	NC
Fri (28.380)	Terry N0TW	#36547	FL
Fri (28.800)	Bob, K6DNR	#75386	CA
Sat (28.380)	Dan KC8IM	#31959	MI
Sat (28.800)	Open. Contact N6OPR for info		
Alternate	David, N4WDT	#76237	KY

Sunday **NEVER ON SUNDAY**

30 YEARS AS 10-10 NET CONTROL

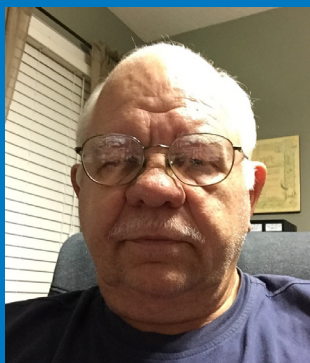


Hello there. My name is Louise Chapman. N6ELK #36654 VP1528. I reside in Long Beach CA. This is my 30th year to be an NCS on Wednesdays at 1800 UTC on 28.800 my anniversary. I have been the longest NCS in the history of 10-10. I joined 10-10 in 1983. I received a call from Sherm K6PTF #17977 Net control manager in 1985. He asked if I would call the net on Wednesdays and I said sure, and have been doing so ever since. Later I received a call from Morrie Goldman W6EHM #4189. He was the trustee of the 10-10 club station in 1996. He asked if I would give out the 10-10 # W6OI #10-10 109 and VP56 until I became a SK. Then when the Technician class licenses became available, Technicians could operate phone on 10 meters between 28.300 and 28.500. I called Sherm K6PTF to ask him if it would be OK to start a 10-10 net on 28.380. He said no problem. So as you know that has brought new members to 10-10. Has been a great success having a net on 28.380. I am also a VE since the hams took over the task to test would be amateur radio operators.

On Wednesdays when I close the net, I say "Thanks all for checking into the net today and all of you for assisting me. Tomorrow calling on this frequency will be Robert KQ4PK of NC on 28.380 will be Bob of AZ N6OPR. 73 to all. N6ELK closing the net and returning the frequency to regular use. Bye Bye everyone."

NET CONTROL STATIONS NEEDED

Needed: Net Control Station for the 28.380 and 28.800 MHz Nets at 18:00 UTC Monday-Saturday. If interested contact N6OPR via e-mail: n6opr@msn.com.



QSO Parties

Dan Morris, KZ3T
(#41015)

2015 SPRING DIGITAL QSO PARTY

April 25 - 26

TOP TEN

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
1. WA2HMM	40510	32	97	161
2. KJ4RV	37776	46	40	132
3. AJ7B	7675	44	39	127
4. KC7RG	24383	45	36	126
5. KD7ZLF	75782	46	22	114
6. KZ3T	41015	26	50	102
7. K7QXG	5956	41	16	98
8. LU1BJW	39329	29	38	96
9. AB6QM	63114	39	16	94
10. LA7VK	72716	13	64	90

CALL AREA ORDER

CALL AREA 1

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
N1API	25468	22	20	64
KD6FEC	77131	6	13	25

CALL AREA 2

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
WA2HMM	40510	32	97	161
W2VTV	71275	18	34	70
W2IUC	7860	5	3	13

CALL AREA 3

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
WA3GM	46927	15	47	77
K3URT	77112	18	11	47

CALL AREA 4

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
KJ4RV	37776	46	40	132
KZ3T	41015	26	50	102
N3GTY	50585	26	26	78
AK4YS	75328	32	14	78
K4ARS	22483	23	26	72
N4ERM	34524	24	23	71
KA5VZG	46596	28	15	71
KF4LVF	72214	22	22	66
K4SQC	75350	8	1	17
KJ4OFD	75796	8	0	16

CALL AREA 5

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
KD5DE	33513	19	13	51
K5CC	50708	13	0	26
KM5FF	50356	5	10	20
NS5R	36388	5	0	10
KD5HIP	71476	3	4	10

CALL AREA 6

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
AB6QM	63114	39	16	94

CALL AREA 7

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
AJ7B	7675	44	39	127
KC7RG	24383	45	36	126
KD7ZLF	75782	46	22	114
K7QXG	5956	41	16	98
WA7HDZ	13307	27	5	59
KA7IVB	36769	24	8	56
N7AME	27859	20	8	48
KE6K	26831	9	10	28
W7JSD	76248	12	2	26
W7RTL	74645	11	1	23
W7WBB	76700	9	1	19

CALL AREA 8

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
KJ8O	75942	16	34	66

CALL AREA 9

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
K9DEB	53502	5	14	24
AI9IN	76189	8	4	20

QRP

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
N3GTY	50585	26	26	78
KE6K	26831	9	10	28
W7WBB	76700	9	1	19

COUNTRY ENTRIES**ARGENTINA**

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
LU1BJW	39329	29	38	96

CANADA

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
VA2MO	75296	19	1	39

NETHERLANDS

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
PA2NJC	30903	16	10	42

NORWAY

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
LA7VK	72716	13	64	90

CLUB ENTRIES

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL	OPS
W1NRG	29650	22	20	64	N1API
PA6TEN	75925	16	10	42	PA2NJC

CHECK LOGS

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL	OPS
VE7HBS	72711	23	7	53	
K7RWF	0	11	6	28	
W9RF	0	2	0	4	
KU7Y	0	1	0	2	

CHAPTER ENTRIES

CHAPTER	LOGS	PTS
POSSUM TROT	7	543
CASTLE CRAIG	2	128
OREGON TRAIL	1	98
TANGO	1	96
NEANDERTHAL	2	84
STEAMBOAT	1	51
NM MUD DUCKS	1	20
NORTH GEORGIA	1	17
REPUBLIC OF TEXAS	1	10

2015 SPRING CW QSO PARTY**May 2 - 3****TOP TEN**

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
1. KN4Y	17757	47	28	122
2. ZL3TE	53431	34	41	109
3. KJ4RV	37776	41	25	107
4. AC4ZM	72780	19	13	51
5. WB6OJB	70675	15	2	32
6. AB6QM	63114	10	10	30
7. N5MT	24949	6	12	24
8. KU4W	20986	10	2	22
9. KD5DE	33513	9	4	22
10. KZ3T	41015	3	15	21

CALL AREA ORDER**CALL AREA 3**

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
WA3GM	46927	4	2	10

CALL AREA 4

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
KN4Y	17757	47	28	122
KJ4RV	37776	41	25	107
AC4ZM	72780	19	13	51
KU4W	20986	10	2	22
KZ3T	41015	3	15	21
N4ERM	34524	7	1	15
AK4YS	75328	6	0	12
N3GTY	50585	4	0	8
KA5VZG	46596	2	1	5
KW4BG	47350	2	0	4

CALL AREA 5

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
N5MT	24949	6	12	24
KD5DE	33513	9	4	22
K5CC	50708	4	0	8
N5AF	1919	2	2	6

CALL AREA 6

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
WB6OJB	70675	15	2	32
AB6QM	63114	10	10	30
KI6OY	50948	6	0	12
WA6LTH	70045	1	0	2

CALL AREA 7

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
N7RD	44933	7	6	20
AJ7B	7675	1	1	3

CALL AREA 9

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
NA9A	31121	2	0	4
AI9IN	76189	1	0	2

COUNTRY ENTRIES**ARGENTINA**

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
LU1BJW	39329	5	4	14

NEW ZEALAND

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL
ZL3TE	53431	34	41	109

CLUB ENTRIES

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL	OPS
NM5H	68588	3	8	14	N5MT

CHECK LOGS

CALL	10-10#	CTX W	CTX WO	TOTAL	OPS
HP1AC	10107	21	4	46	
K6DGQ	0	5	5	15	
K6CSL	71078	1	3	5	

CHAPTER ENTRIES

CHAPTER	LOGS	PTS
POSSUM TROT	7	189
HOUSTON SHOT	2	38
STEAMBOAT	1	22
TANGO	1	14
WINDFARMS	1	12
CITY OF LIGHTS	1	4

W6OI #109 ON THE AIR**REPORT FOR THE 10-10 INTERNATIONAL CLUB STATION W6OI ENDING 06/01/2015**

W6OI was on the air for all the 10-10 party events so far in 2015, with not a whole lot of success from here in Wisconsin! Only a couple contacts in each event. Band conditions are ever changing and you don't know how it will be unless you take time to turn on the rig! Listen of course, but do make calls too, since if everyone just listened there would be no contacts made by anyone!

I am usually on most mornings around 1400Z to 1500Z primarily around 28355. And I try to hit some of the daily nets as time permits. Most of the time someone is on! Listen for W6OI around the band and modes and give a call! Catch me during the various 10-10 QSO Parties too.

The 10-10 Club Station, W6OI, is available to any current (dues paid) member or chapter for use as a special event station. AND, also available if any member would like to operate W6OI during any of the 10-10 QSO Parties. Just send your request along with copy of license and paid up membership to:

Jerry Kopstein
W6OI License Trustee
8041 W. Lakeshore Drive
Burlington, WI 53105

W6OI is one of three official club stations, the others being VE9TEN (trustee Rob, VE9KM) and DL0X (trustee Henry, DL8YBM). W6OI is operated on CW by Brad, K0DBK who makes available FISTS and SKCC numbers. W6VY, Bob operates on Geratol nets to give out W6OI Geratol number and promote 10-10.

Louise, N6ELK continues to operate W6OI on the 10-10 daily nets, which meet at 1800Z on 28.380 and 28.800. Bob, N6OPR also gives out W6OI details on the daily nets if Louise is not available.

Paper chasers working W6OI can request a list from Jerry, N9AC. It is available in ML format or just plain text. LOTW and eQSL are being updated 'slowly' with current contacts.

W6OI – VE9TEN – DL0X

2015 SPECIAL EVENT

The 2015 W6OI – VE9TEN – DL0X special operational event is scheduled for **NOVEMBER 21 AND 22. Mark your calendar now!** It falls on the weekend before Thanksgiving so hopefully folks are free to operate a bit! Plan to participate for as short or extended as you like with any mode. Will be seeking 4 operators from each call area so we dominate the band from all regions, many modes, and throughout the day or evening.

Anyone wanting to volunteer to operate W6OI during this Special Event contact Jerry, N9AC.

Enjoy the band. Look for W6OI, VE9TEN and DL0X in upcoming 10-10 party events. Keep 10 alive!

73's Jerry, N9AC

10-10 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS

We encourage all of our members to support the 10-10 International Net Scholarship Foundation. Our goal for the 2014-2015 fiscal year was to fund four \$2000 scholarships entirely through member donations outside the dues structure, and we achieved our goal. These will be awarded shortly. At the recent Scholarship Foundation meeting in Dayton, the Foundation Board voted to guarantee the funding for five \$2000 scholarships to be awarded in 2016. The Foundation was created in 2001 and is a qualified 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and contributions are tax deductible. Why not consider a donation as a Chapter or an individual in memory of a fellow ham or loved one. If you haven't donated before, we want you to know that all donations are appreciated and they do add up. At the time you make a donation to your favorite charity, please consider a donation to the 10-10 Scholarship Foundation. If you have an employer matching program, please let us know.

If you make a donation of \$15 or more you will receive the current year pin. For a donation of \$25 or more we will also send you one of the older 10-10 pins. To

pay by credit card see payment information on Page 31 or send your check to me or the Data Manager. Our addresses can be found on Page 30.

The members listed below became 10-10 Scholarship Foundation Supporters during the months of March, April and May, and we appreciate their support.

Platinum (\$1000 or more)

None

Gold (\$500 to \$999)

K4QYC Joe Sport 51459

Silver (\$100 to \$499)

WB0CON Eva Donaldson 53964

Bronze (Up to \$99)

WB2ZFG Philip Crepeau 00294
K3TC Joseph Calomiris 33876
W1HGY Thaddeus Figlock 65453
W6HST Wilbert Harris 71857

You too can become a 10-10 Scholarship Foundation Supporter by making your check payable to the 10-10 Scholarship Foundation. Please send to:

10-10 International Net Scholarship Manger
Larry Berger WA2SUH
9 Nancy Boulevard
Merrick, NY 11566-3119

See the form at the back of this issue if you want to pay by credit card.

10-10 Scholarship Applicant Information

Each year the 10-10 International Net, through our nonprofit corporation, the 10-10 Scholarship Foundation, funds a number of scholarships, which are administered on our behalf by the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR). Four \$2000 10-10 Scholarships will be awarded shortly. Next year, five \$2000 10-10 Scholarships will be awarded. It is suggested that every 10-10 member encourage qualified college-bound amateur radio operators to take advantage of this opportunity.

The four most recent winners are featured in the fall issue of the 10-10 news. Over the past 27 years, 10-10 has funded 99 scholarships valued at \$109,000.

Applicants must be licensed amateurs. There is no restriction on the course of study, but applicants must intend to seek at least an Associate Degree from a college or university. Non-U.S. amateurs and those seeking graduate degrees

are also eligible, as well as students who study outside the United States. Completed applications must be received by FAR prior to April 15th of each year. Download an application from FAR's website: <http://www.farweb.org> or request an application from:

FAR Scholarships
P.O. Box 911
Columbia, MD 21044-0911

10 Meter Beacons

As 10 meter operators one should be aware propagation frequencies are coordinated.

I would appreciate a message from anyone with thoughts of activating a beacon. wj50@amsat.org

73 Bill WJ5O

IARU Region 2 HF Beacon Coordinator

<http://www.qsl.net/wj5o/bcn.htm>

DB, DBI, AND DBD

Editor's note: This article is a reprint of an article done by L.B. Cebik, W4RNL, #41159 in a previous issue of this newsletter.

A most convenient way to compare power is as a ratio between two powers. For this purpose, we have the decibel or dB. One dB = 10 log (P1/P2), where P1 and P2 are any two powers that is relevant to compare. A power ratio of 2 is 3 dB; a ratio of 4 is 6 dB; a ratio of 10 is 10 dB. These marker points will guide you to intermediate values. Your transceiver output is 100 watts. Your linear output is 800 watts. Hence, your power gain is 9 dB to the antenna. Table 1-1 shows a few common values of the dB scale to acquaint you with the logarithmic curve.

Table 1-1

Power Ratio	dB	Power Ratio	dB
1:1	0.0	7:1	8.5
2:1	3.0	8:1	9.0
3:1	4.8	9:1	9.5
4:1	6.0	10:1	10
5:1	7.0	20:1	13
6:1	7.8	30:1	15

Antennas measure their power gain in the forward direction in dB. Since gain requires 2 powers to make the ratio, where does the second power come

from? It comes from a standard reference. For most theoretical studies, the most common reference is dBi, decibels over an isotropic radiator. An isotropic radiator is a geometric point in space, with no material losses, that radiates equally well in all directions. The isotropic radiator is a theoretic standard that we can only approximate with some specially designed antennas. My rotatable aluminum backyard dipole at 35 feet over soils with average losses has a gain of over 7.5 dBi.

A second standard is dBd, decibels over a dipole in free space made of lossless infinitely thin wire. This equally theoretic antenna has a gain of 2.15 dBi. Hence, my backyard real dipole has a gain of over 5.35 dBd. Ground reflections add that much gain relative to free space, given the specific soil conditions.

For many, if not most of the decisions you will make about antennas, neither dBi nor dBd are the real references. Suppose you wish to buy a 3-element monoband Yagi for 10. What improvement can you really expect over your dipole? Now your own antenna—an aluminum tube (with losses)—becomes the standard.

Unfortunately, manufacturers do not rate their antennas by testing them on your mast in your yard. How can you use your knowledge of dBi and dBd to estimate the improvement the prospective antenna will make?

One way is to make antenna comparisons theoretically and extrapolate to your yard. Table 1-2 shows the gain figures for 3 antennas: a pretty good 3-element Yagi, a pretty good 2-element Yagi, and a dipole, all in free space. The 2-element Yagi has a forward gain of about 4.3 dB over the dipole, while the 3-element Yagi adds another 1.8 dB, for a total of 6.1 dB over the dipole. In the favored direction and in front-to-back ratio for nulling out QRM, you can expect similar performance from equivalent antennas mounted at the same height over the same terrain.

Table 1-2.

Relative Antenna Gain using dBi and dBd and Antennas in Free Space

Antenna	----- Gain -----		
	In dBi	over Dipole	over 2-el Yagi
Dipole	2.1	----	----
2-element Yagi	6.4	4.3 dB	----
3-element Yagi	8.2	6.1 dB	1.8 dB

Antenna	----- Gain -----		
	In dBd	over Dipole	over 2-el Yagi
Dipole	0.0	----	----
2-element Yagi	4.3	4.3 dB	----
3-element Yagi	6.1	6.1 dB	1.8 dB

Do not expect much more improvement than the numbers in the charts indicate, even if the manufacturer cites much higher numbers. The beams in this example can be tweaked for a little more gain or a little more front-to-back ratio, but not much and not both at once. In addition, the ability of the antenna to hold both its gain and its front-to-back ratio over the entire 10-meter band will suffer. In fact, the antenna designs used in generating the numbers in the table are among the finest in their respective classes. Any improvements without adding elements or increasing boom lengths will be difficult at best.

As you might expect after reading the table, it does not matter whether you make the gain comparison starting with figures in dBi or figures in dBd. You will get the same result. The only requirement is that you use the same reference for all your comparisons and calculations.

Since we started with a dipole, the charts seem to prefer dBd. That is an illusion, since we might have as easily started with a quarter-wave vertical, a 2-element Yagi (as column 3 shows), or ZL-Special. Moreover, had we placed the models over real ground, the gain numbers would have been intrinsically higher, beginning with a dipole gain of over 7.5 dBi or 5.4 dBd. But the differences among the antennas would have been very similar to the numbers in the charts.

Figure 1-1 shows the azimuth patterns for the three antennas at a height of 1 wavelength above ground.

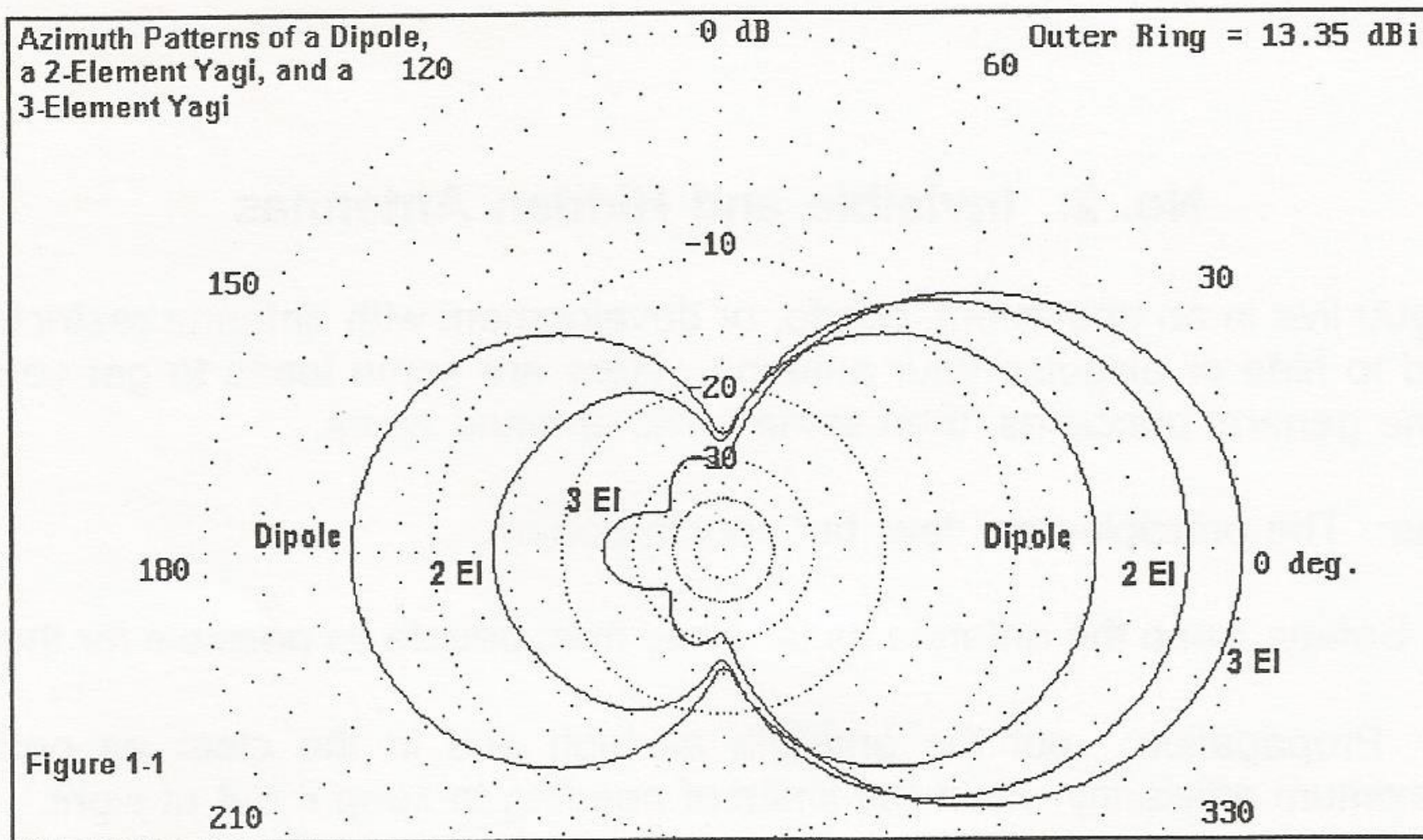


Figure 1-1. Azimuth Patterns for Three Antennas at 1 Wavelength Above Ground

Figure 1-2 shows the elevation plots for these same three antennas. Although the maximum gain of the 3-element Yagi is shown in dBi, the relative proportions of the 3 antennas would be identical no matter whether we register

the gain values in dBi or dBd. The relative gain of the 2-element Yagi over the dipole is evident, as is the relative gain of the 3-element Yagi over the dipole and the 2-element Yagi. This is what is crucial to know.

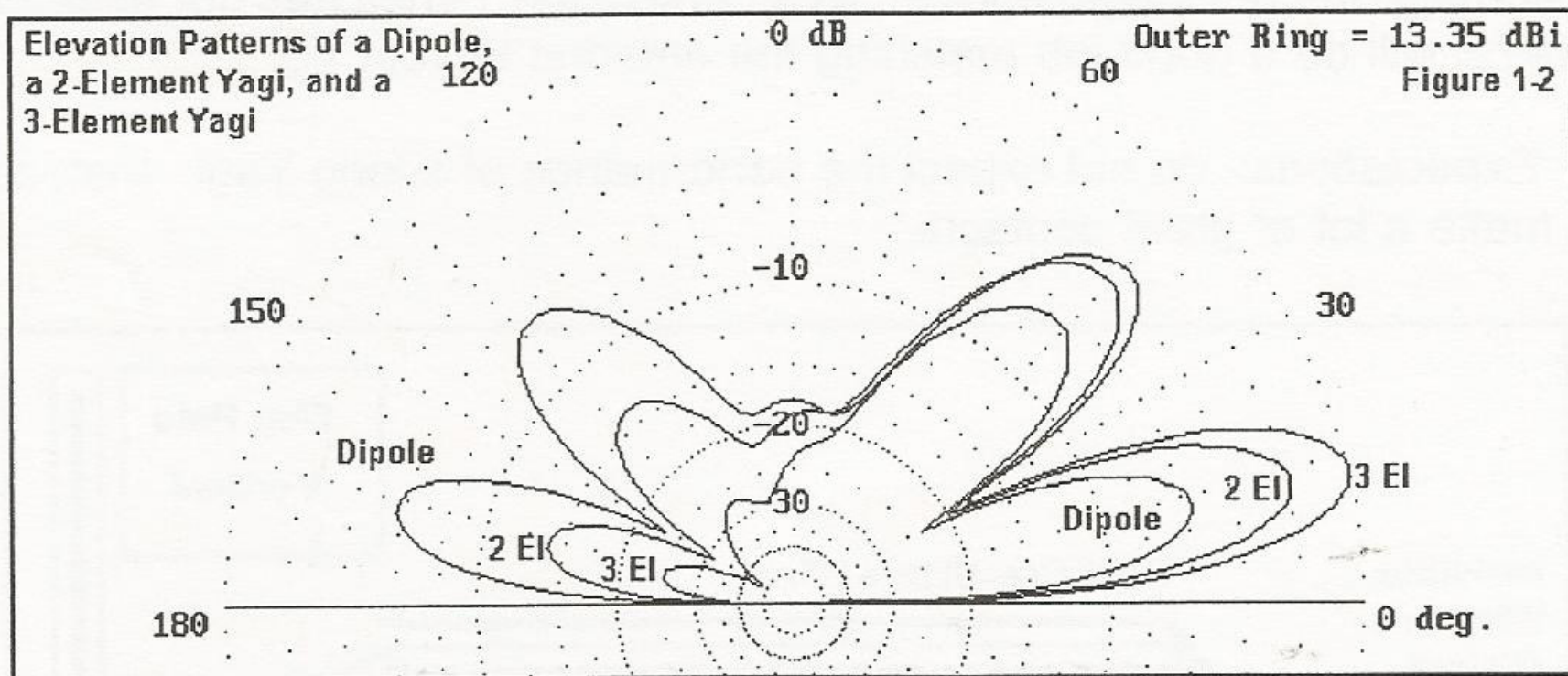


Figure 1-2. Elevation Plots for Three Antennas at 1 Wavelength Above Ground

TEN-TEN AWARDS

To apply for any 10-10 Award, paid-up membership is mandatory. You are not required to send in proof as the Awards Manager has the current membership database. All contacts made for any award must be legal 10-10 contacts (a full exchange of Call, Name, QTH and 10-10 number from BOTH members). An application listing the rules for each award is available from the appropriate Awards Manager listed at the end of the award listings. Please send your request with a #10 (business size) envelope, self addressed and stamped with one unit of first class postage (or enclose one IRC for GB Award), to the Award Manager for the Award you are interested in obtaining. Please no phone calls to Award Managers for an application or list of rules. Contact requirements and rules for all Awards are available on the 10-10 website - www.ten-ten.org

TOP TEN HONOR ROLL

No.	CONTACTS	CALL	10-10#
1.	24600	WA5JDU	3017
2.	11700	K0PV	9902
3.	11700	N5XZ	4530
4.	11200	DL8YBM	36109
5.	10500	N1API	25468
6.	10000	K6PZE	1341
7.	9800	N5DAS	35877
8.	8800	AC6FU	10937
9.	8400	KF7PU	30021
10.	8200	K5FBS	48461

TOP TEN CLUB

No.	CONTACTS	CALL	10-10#
1.	10100	WD0SFT	37933
2.	4400	K6MQ	K6MQ
3.	2700	DL0X	DL0X
4.	2000	W8PGW	W8PGW
5.	1700	W1NRG	W1NRG
6.	1200	NM5MD	NM5MD
7.	1100	W4MNM	W4MNM

1000+ MILESTONE BARS

5000 BAR

NO.	CALL	10-10#
100	LU1BJW	39329

2500 BAR

NO.	CALL	10-10#
434	DL0X	75555

1000 BAR

NO.	CALL	10-10#
1578	KI4YYY	75326

W.A.C.

NO.	CALL	10-10#
631	KA5VZG	46596

COUNTIES AWARDS

100 COUNTIES

NO.	CALL	10-10#
538	KA5VZG	46596

COUNTRIES AWARDS

BASIC AWARD

NO.	CALL	10-10#
640	KA5VZG	46596

35 COUNTRIES

NO.	CALL	10-10#
377	KA5VZG	46596

45 COUNTRIES

NO.	CALL	10-10#
274	KA5VZG	46596

55 COUNTRIES

NO.	CALL	10-10#
196	WM2W	76400

150 COUNTRIES

NO.	CALL	10-10#
12	NM5H	68588

155 COUNTRIES

NO.	CALL	10-10#
7	NM5H	68588

300 COUNTRIES

NO.	CALL	10-10#
1	N5MT	24949

DIGITAL AWARDS**Basic Award**

NO.	CALL	10-10#
121	AJ7B	7675
122	KA5VZG	46596

50 CONTACTS

NO.	CALL	10-10#
67	K0SU	63890
68	KA5VZG	46596
69	AJ7B	7675

75 CONTACTS

NO.	CALL	10-10#
54	AJ7B	7675

200 CONTACTS

NO.	CALL	10-10#
18	PA2NJC	30903

Mobile Award**700 CONTACTS**

NO.	CALL	10-10#
2	DL8YBM	36109

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Meet The Volunteers

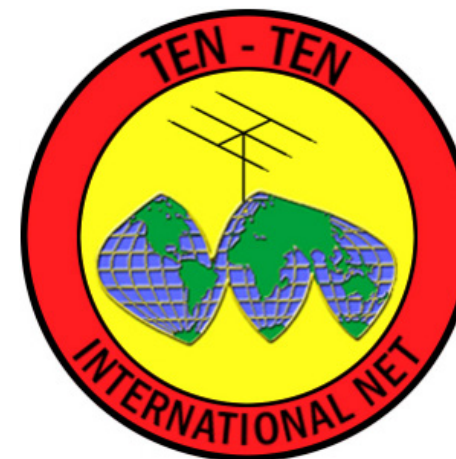
A year-long event to find and make contact with all of the people who devote time to keep 10-10 an active organization!

The goal? Make contact with each of the following volunteers during 2015

AD4RX.....	Director
AJ7B.....	Newsletter Editor
G4BLH.....	Awards - GB
K0DBK.....	Awards - Counties
K1IEQ.....	Committee Member
K4QHH.....	Award Manager-Mobile & VP
K5BKT.....	Committee Member
K5CC.....	Committee Member
K5ERJ.....	Committee Member
K5FBS.....	Director
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K6RDK.....	Data/ Membership Manager
K7CWS.....	Net Control
K7PRZ.....	Committee Member
KA5OVO.....	Historian
KA5VVD.....	Committee Member
KC8IM.....	Net Control
KD4BVG.....	Committee Member
KD5DE.....	President
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KE6OIO.....	Net Control
KI6OY.....	Awards-CW
KM5EH.....	Director
KM5FF.....	Awards-WPX
KQ4PK.....	Net Control
KR7RK.....	Treasurer
KZ3T.....	QSO Party Manager
N0KDB.....	SK Manager
N0TW.....	Director
N1API.....	Committee Member
N3ES.....	Committee Member
N3FNE.....	Director
N4WDT.....	Net Control
N5MT.....	Awards - DX
N6ELK.....	Net Control
N6OPR.....	Director
N7YG.....	Director

N9AC.....	W6OI Trustee
N9AVY.....	Secretary
NZ1I.....	Committee Member
VA7SJ.....	Committee Member
VE3MEW.....	Committee Member
W4GA.....	Awards-WAC
W4MAA.....	Committee Member
W5DJT.....	Committee Member
W7CAR.....	Committee Member
W9HT.....	Committee Member
WA2SUH.....	Vice President
WA6POZ.....	Past President
WB0CON.....	Awards - WAS
WB6OJB.....	Net Control
WB9WZI.....	Net Control
WD4EWB.....	Committee Member
WD8JKV.....	Director
WM2W.....	Awards - 1000+ Bars
WN4AMO.....	Director

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HOW I GOT STARTED IN AMATEUR RADIO & MY INVOLVEMENT WITH 10-10



Ever since I was a young boy, amateur radio was always a part of our household. My father Abe Berger, W2BLH was licensed in 1931. At that time he was living in Brooklyn and was involved with the Williamsburg Radio Club. In the early 50's he relocated the family to South Westbury and had a station set up in a corner in one of the bedrooms. When I was seven, I remember dad trying to teach me the Morse code. I learned many of the letters but never went very far. In 1961, I was involved in a 4-H Club and we focused on electronics. At the time, there were over 5000 kids in 4-H in Nassau County. Dad suggested to the fathers and sons in our club that they should all get ham radio licenses. Before we knew it we were all enrolled in an adult education class at Uniondale High School. Special permission was obtained for the sons to take the Novice course along with the fathers. At the end of the course five fathers and sons received their licenses and I was proud of my new call, WV2SUH. During the next few months I studied the License Manual and in the fall my friend Ronnie Harris, WV2SUM and I went to the FCC Office in Manhattan on Washington Street to take the General test. I remember the old desks and a gentleman named Charlie Finkelstein who administered the test. First up was the 13 wpm code test. I strapped on the old headphones. I passed but Ronnie failed. You couldn't take the written part if you failed the code. He had to wait while I took the written part and I was so excited that I passed. Ronnie had to go back two more times before he passed the code and then the written. We lived three houses apart so we were always at each other's station. My first transmitter was a Heathkit DX 35 and the receiver was a Hallicrafters SX 25. I

worked CW in the Novice portion of 40 meters. Once the General license came in the mail with the call WA2SUH, I went on 10 meters using a 12 watt AM transceiver called a Black Widow made by Rogers Electronics. Back then there were dozens of mobile stations who hung out on the Nassau County ARES and RACES frequency of 28720. They used to run transmitter hunts on that frequency. (I never got away from those hunts). During the next few summers I worked as a counselor at the Nassau County 4-H Camp in Riverhead. I had a small radio shack with some antennas in the trees and since we were on a cliff close to Long Island Sound, I made some great contacts. I taught woodworking and electricity and also tried to teach the boys the code. I know at least five guys who were in my classes back then who are licensed today. The years have flown by, but I will always remember the thrill of being on the radio in those first few years.

After graduating from Cornell University in 1966, I headed down to North Carolina to work on my Masters in City Planning at UNC. I had that Black Widow 10 meter radio in the car and I spent many hours playing on the band. I joined the radio club W4WE but I really enjoyed the mobile contacts. One time I was sitting outside the Music Department and apparently I was getting into their sound system. An enraged professor came outside and told me to transmit somewhere else (I didn't). While I made many contacts I never heard about 10-10 until I was back in NY and started working for the Nassau County Planning Commission in 1968. I was still on AM and finally accumulated 10 contacts to join in 1969. Grace, K5MRU was the person who encouraged me to join. I received my certificate which was signed by Claude, W6LRY. He wrote a note: "Congratulations, your number 407 is now the highest number." In December 1972 I took a trip to the Los Angeles area. I packed a Lafayette HA-410 AM 10 meter radio in a suitcase and put it in a rental car. The band was really dead but a real thrill was being able to check in on ground wave to the daily 10-10 net in Long Beach on 28.800. Back then there was a clear division between those who worked AM and those on SSB so I was limited to working 10-10 contacts only on AM. I finally got my first SSB radio in 1974, a Yaesu FT101B and then I really started making 10-10 contacts. In the next few years I joined the following ground wave chapters: LIARS, Lindbergh, Trotters and Pacers, Brooklyn Bridge and Staten Island. None of those chapters survive today. In 1979, I became the Second District Manager and in 1998 I joined the Board of Directors of 10-10. Both my sons are amateurs. Matt, K2MSB #60606 lives in Syracuse, NY and Michael KC2YPO lives in Manhattan. They are both busy raising families but I hope they will get back to the radio before too long. It's been quite a rewarding experience over the last 54 years and I look forward to many more years of making contacts on the radio, especially with 10-10 members.

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Larry Berger, WA2SUH, #407



Silent Keys

Compiled by
Ruth Bartholomew, N0KDB
(#48715)

It is with sorrow that we note the following Ten-Ten members who are now Silent Keys. We extend our sincere condolences to the families and friends of those SK members whose calls and Ten-Ten numbers will forever be kept in the records of the Ten-Ten Net.

10-10#	Call	Name - City, State
310	WA9TSG	Joseph F Williams - Milwaukee, WI
688	K6DSB	Kenneth P Lange - Gardena, CA
1675	K2QZ	Robert G Farricy - Syracuse, NY
3422	KE6KL	Herbert A Saxton - Huntington Beach, CA
4350	K4UFE	Robert S Williams - Destin, FL
5217	WB0EVE	Dale F Heiserman Sr - Lawrence, KS
6201	K8III	Richard J Kowalczyk - Troy, MI
6960	W3IK	John G Kosmak - Gray, TN
7243	WA1PCJ	Charles H Hemminger - Northampton, MA
8180	K5ACE	Charles R Kingston - Denison, TX
8866	KG8BG	Roger B Snyder - Dearborn, MI
9209	K4KA	Frank Mitchell Jr - Ashville, NC
10018	WA4FLZ	Shepard M Faber - Cutler Bay, FL
10055	K8MC	Lawrence L Cochran - Fullerton, CA
11433	WB9NWO	John E Lewis - Peoria, IL
12321	VE2QI	J Perrotte - Sainte Foy, CAN
12557	N8AX	Michael J Witenko - Springfield, OH
13623	W5FFY	John E Little - Forth Smith, AR
14090	K2FE	Walter Hladky - Chatham, NJ
14119	NJ2J	Richard S O Brien - Sleepy Hollow, NY
14186	W5ZPV	Clarence C Laster Jr - San Antonio, TX
14353	WB0JVQ	Margaret E Tyler - Kansas City, MO
14560	K0WN	Paul M Price - Fort Worth, TX
14942	VE2ATS	J C LaChance - Charlesborgh, CAN
15018	AD6J	Ellis Pilgrim - Santa Barbara, CA
15137	K5NW	John E Hawkins III - Lewsiville, TX
16152	K8WW	David R Vore - Amherst, OH
17804	W1HAC	Robert C Benson - S Daytona , FL
18459	UA9OA	Alex S. Pashkov - Novosibirsk, RUSSIA
20278	N7DN	Dean G Nielson - Pocatello, ID
20979	K4COL	Robert L Hammond - Hilton Head, SC
21585	WA2JCX	Frank W Skutsch - Garden City, NY
22350	NS7I	Palmer Hall - Scottsdale, AZ
22585	WD0BSL	Craig L Tuttle - Eau Claire, WI
22993	KC8E	Dallas T Butcher - Elyria, OH
23007	WA8RZJ	William S Russell - Saint James, MI
23149	N4ADI	Royal V Mackey Jr - Winter Park, FL
23229	WB2VDQ	Willis V Avery - Boulder City, NV
23271	N6ATP	Ronald M Halem - Prunedale, CA
24206	KD9I	William D Coons - Lombard, IL
24880	W4ROA	Charles I Baer - Sunrise, FL
25010	KD6ZR	Richard J'Rick' Lutzinger - Patterson, GA
25163	K0JVN	Roy R Faubus - Mountain Home, AR
25394	AJ8Q	Donald C Niese - Ottawa, OH
25797	AG3H	James A Stivanson - Pittsburgh, PA
26170	WB4PQL	Ledford L Sumner - Spartanburg, SC
26297	WS4V	Kenneth L Sturgill - Marion, VA
26610	KA5CQJ	Camille A Serio - Baton Rouge, LA
26638	N5EBA	Charles E Neal Jr - Village Mills, TX
28482	W5RKK	David J Stephens - Corpus Christi, TX
28861	W6AQR	Leon E Savage Sr - Eureka, CA
30480	WB8NDZ	Samuel J Shearer - Jonesville, MI
31147	N9ETV	Robert W Olson - Racine, WI
31967	WD8OCK	William T Stouffer - Uniontown, OH
32181	KA3FUD	William K Whitlock Sr - Mechanicsburg, PA
32569	KK1RR	Richard L Rumphrey - Pembroke, NH
32987	VE2EZI	Claude Oneill - Sillery QC, CAN
33879	KB3YK	Ronald F Riede Sr - Grove City, PA
33880	KC3AF	Adolph W 'Skip' Hoffman - Dagsboro, DE

34301	W7QCI	Leslie A Darling - Gig Harbor, WA
34849	W2DG	Lloyd F Cook - Cumberland, RI
35737	KC4AJ	Carl J Gates - Forest Park, GA
38084	KD5XX	Carter V Beghtol - Houston, TX
39193	W0KVM	Elden C Miller - Wahoo, KS
39793	KK4GV	Richard P Creager - , Ecuador
40029	N0OHM	Michael R Langford - Iowa City, IA
40250	VE2EBR	Roger Jacques - Quebec, CAN
41735	KA1LTN	William H Dwyer - Winsted, CT
42027	VE5BCS	Harold J Slack - Christopher Lake, SK, CAN
42141	N1GXQ	James M Minor - Rochester, NH
42929	VE2BIA	Clement P Beauregard - Quebec, Can
43094	N1CPX	Kenneth L Mac Laughlin - Concord, NH
43568	KB6LBS	Edward Plummer - Oroville, CA
43728	WA7VGZ	Kenneth A Blaise - Las Vegas, NV
46240	N7JAM	Douglas D Jenson - daho Falls, ID
47086	WB2HHF	Howard Jacobson - Lake Worth, FL
47396	KC4ESC	Frank J Thomas - Mebane, NC
48641	N5MYJ	Herbert Perry Lomax - Tyler, TX
48947	W7LMA	Robert E Phillips Sr - Bonners Ferry, ID
49874	W8AKU	George Matinides - Louisville, OH
50198	N6TXT	Alvin L Britton - Fair Oaks, CA
52197	NG5F	Jacob H Covington - Beaumont, TX
52826	KG8BB	Donald R Youngblood - Hamilton, OH
52945	N0KYZ	Virginia 'Terry' Thompson - Hanover, PA
52949	K0ASK	Robert V Fahnestock Jr - Ottawa, KS
54372	K4MIS	William L Uschan - Appleton, WI
54620	KA7AZY	Byron L Jenison - Helena, MT
55010	N1EEC	Henry F Tetrault - Enfield, CT
55208	K0KKH	Donald W Boehm - Merrill, IA
56020	KA4WWN	John P Heniford - York, SC
56514	K1BHY	Roger P Tavella - Monroe, CT
59080	NE6C	Lee A Mc Coy Jr - Bridgeport, CA
59236	N7MQ	Mark W Perrin - Eugene, OR

59513	WB6TNY	Eugene E Wood - Mt Shasta, CA
59986	AB7D	Loyd C Stout - Sutherlin, OR
60289	KA9JCW	Harold E Lamb - Quincy, IL
60405	N4YNO	James H Dunn - Orangeburg, SC
61244	W7CL	Frank J Materiale - Olympia, WA
61686	W1ARO	Dennis A Hart - Norwell, MA
61689	N1LBJ	Robert A Poor - Berwick, ME
62468	KB1ALX	Ronald S Haynes - Springfield, MA
63053	N3HHM	Warren E Eister Sr - Perkasi, PA
63145	KM6JR	Ernest C Mueller - Palm Desert, CA
63440	HP3BS	Dirk J De Jong - Chiriqui, Panama
63868	KE1KT	Bernard J Cass - Milford, NH
64707	KR4ZK	William M Cappelletti - Stamping Ground, KY
64815	KX8L	Ernest P Mullinax - Portage, MI
65136	KE4BPL	Marlin F Williams - Perry, FL
65580	WA2OLP	Lawrence G Stanecker - Goode, VA
65699	KS4GO	Tommie L Thomason - Elizabethtown, KY
65758	KI7XA	Wayne D Means - Black Diamond, WA
65801	K6EHA	Michael L Bridges - El Monte, CA
66434	KA9RRR	Edward L Nugent - Waterman, IL
66440	KG9AS	Joseph B Borghese - Egg Harbor, WI
67863	KC5AFL	Jimmy F Austin - Jerusalem, AR
68606	KF9AO	Jerry E Clifton - Centralia, IL
69429	W9PJP	Paul J Pasko - Palatine, IL
69796	N3HS	Howard S Staten - Gaithersburg, MD
71215	W1RME	Roger W Doran - Brunswick, ME
72332	K0IKU	John L Galle Sr - Windom, MN
73220	N7FSR	Norman L Gray Sr - Show Low, AZ
73505	N1LUM	David N Spalding - Pembroke, MA
74543	N3BW	George F Siegrist - Mint Hill, NC
75198	N9KH	Keith E Harris - Bedford, IN
75286	K1UOT	Jerry H Laplante - Auburn, MA
75516	KB3KOV	Paul D Keywood - Export, PA
75683	K4AAS	Donya F 'Sonny' Howell Sr - Tampa, FL

SK SALES

During a recent trip to the Dayton Hamvention, I noticed that a person had a table with a sign that said I buy entire SK estates.

That started a thought process, we should do that for our local ham radio club. I brought the idea back to our local ham radio club (Lake Amateur Radio Association) Board of Directors. The board thought it was a good idea, so we set up a program. Whenever a member passed, we told the widow that we would sell the equipment for them or they could donate it to the club and take a tax deduction. We are a 501c3 corporation. The donated equipment is either used at our clubhouse, ARES trailer or sold and the proceeds go to the club treasury.



We have a 4 position operating station that includes such modern equipment as ICOM 746 pro, Ameritron 411H amplifier and many other radios. When we sell the equipment for the widows, we charge a commission of 20% (some give the club a higher commission) and the proceeds go to the estate. We usually sell this equipment at various hamfests or from our web page (k4fc.org).

We had some very nice gold foil stickers made for the members to place on their equipment so their widows would know who to call. From our proceeds selling the equipment, we have purchased a 40 foot shipping container placed at the clubhouse, wired with electricity, lights, hangers and shelves to store the equipment. We had a very large banner made to use at the various hamfests which helps draw folks to our location. Since starting this program, we have sold approximately \$16,000 worth of equipment. Our original idea was to dispose of the equipment for the members. However the program has been so

successful that we now dispose of equipment for any local ham. If you want any additional information on how we set up the program, you can contact me at phemby@hotmail.com WN4AMO.

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Paul Hemby, WN4AMO, #73825

ANNUAL 10-10 INTERNATIONAL NET BOARD MEETING

On May 14, 2015 the 10-10 International Net board held their annual meeting in Tipp City, OH. Following the board meeting there was a meeting of the 10-10 International Foundation Net board. The minutes from these two meetings will appear in the next issue of this newsletter. However, two very important things happened at these meetings. The 10-10 International Net board discussed an idea that may get more people interested in amateur radio as well as the 10-10 organization. In his article, Mel explains a new plan to start a Scout Chapter. See the *Scouting on Ten* article in this newsletter.

The 10-10 International Foundation board agreed to increase each scholarship to \$2,000 and give five scholarships to deserving candidates. See the 10-10 Scholarship Foundation column in this newsletter.



Board members attending the board meeting in Tipp City, OH. Front row (l-r): Marcus Lieberman KM5EH, Mel Sojka KD5DE, Terry Webb N0TW, Paul Hemby WN4AMO. Back row: Jerry Heien N9AVY, Gerry Gross WA6POZ, Larry Berger WA2SUH, Roger Olson AD4RX, Ray Moyer WD8JKV

RAIDING THE HARDWARE STORE

Editor's note: This article is a reprint of an article done by L.B. Cebik, W4RNL, #41159 in a previous issue of this newsletter.

Home-made antennas have no warranties. We build them, modify them, fix them, and then use the pieces for another project. We move them from the roof to a mast and from there to the attic. We fold, bend, staple, and mutilate them with great regularity. We do not have to think like manufacturers when we look for materials for small, experimental antennas. The hardware store will do just fine for 10-meter antennas (except for stock items like coax, ladder line, baluns, connectors, and #14 stranded copper wire).

Think "hardware store" if you build any of the following: attic antennas, portable or field antennas, experimental or short-term antennas, hidden antennas, "hurry-up-and-get-it-in-the-air-because-the-contest-is-about-to-start" antennas. By hardware store, I mean anything from the traditional shop to the giant home improvement depots.

The rule of thumb is this: if it is copper or aluminum, then it may be an antenna element; and if it is plastic—especially PVC or its offshoots—then it may be an insulator.

Here are a few examples to get your creative juices flowing.

1. **Why tubing?** Manufacturers use tubing for at least two good reasons. First, it is relatively strong among available antenna element materials. Secondly, it slips the wind better than most other economically feasible shapes. You can find aluminum tubing in sizes from $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter to 1" diameter in many of the larger home centers. For 20-meter beams, I would stick to aircraft-grade tubing (6063-T832) for strength, but for 10-meter antennas, hardware store stock is very durable. You can find it in 6' and sometimes 8' lengths. Eight feet is just about half the length of a 10-meter element.

Without a good shop, working with tubing is inconvenient for many folks. Lining up holes for connectors is a bear if we only have hand tools. We often crush it with both regular bolts and U-bolts. So, for experimental and field antennas, why not use something else?

Angle aluminum is available in a wide variety of sizes. We can choose 1/16" or 1/8" thickness in half-inch or three-quarter-inch widths. I prefer the 1/16" thickness for its lightness and the $\frac{3}{4}$ " width because I can mount a coax connector right on the element (after grinding off two of the corners of the connector mounting plate).

Some years ago, I put together a collapsible square quad loop made from a combination of angle aluminum for the horizontal members and wire for the vertical. Construction and field assembly were a breeze because all the nuts and bolts went through flat surfaces. Any difference between the radiation of a

tube and a complex angled surface was washed out in practice.

Hardware stores also have flat aluminum bar and often you can find aluminum rods. The bar stock would flap too much as an antenna element, but it makes good connector straps in short lengths. If you can thread aluminum rod, you can link pieces, as I did some time back with a collapsible dipole. A tap and die set is a good investment for the home antenna maker.

While you are thinking about alternatives to tubing and #14 wire, consider both 300-ohm twin-lead and 450-ohm ladder line. You do not have to make folded dipoles out of them. Instead, just connect the wires together at the ends of an element to simulate a fatter wire for a slightly greater bandwidth than you can usually achieve with a single wire. For attic and field antennas, the slight weight difference may be offset by the wider QSY possibilities.

2. **PVC:** The usual steel mast and steel or aluminum tower is a marvel of engineering, and most handbooks show metal plates using metal hardware to mount a metal mast to a metal boom to metal elements. The operative ideas are durability and lightning protection. For many indoor, experimental, and field operations, these ideas are secondary, at best.

Schedule 40 PVC makes a good partial substitute for steel masting in short lengths. It works easily with hand tools. I have experienced no RF difficulties with it at 10 meters. I have used $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " diameters for various element support, mast, and boom exercises. The 2-element Yagi in a past episode used a PVC boom under 6' long, well within the sag limits of the tube. However, white Schedule 40 PVC from the plumbing department varies from one part of the country to another in its resistance to the effects of ultraviolet light. There is also a gray Schedule 40 PVC in the electrical conduit department. This material is certified as UV resistant. It pays to experiment with these materials on a non-critical project to see if they last in sunlight without becoming brittle quickly.

Schedule 40 PVC gives "nominal" or minimum diameters: the actual inside diameters are greater than the listed nominal diameter. 1.25" PVC has closer to a 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " inside diameter and a 1 $\frac{11}{16}$ " outside diameter. 1" nominal will nest inside 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " nominal, but not tightly. However, most other sizes will not nest well or at all.

Consider the following portable dipole. The elements on each side of center are $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 5/8" aluminum tubes that slide into each other for carrying. The center insulator is a 2' to 2.5' piece of 5/8" dowel—a foot or so of antenna element over each end of the dowel. The dowel slides over the end of a section of TV masting. 5' sections of the mast put the antenna as high as safe and feasible, with rope guying. The dipole is turnable by hand over 90 degrees for nulling QRM into the element ends. Wherever the tubing fit is too loose, some electrical tape on the inner tube tightens the grip without gluing the assembly together. It all breaks down into a collection of tubes no longer than 5'

maximum. Nest what you can; then lash the bundle together with the guy ropes for transport. It is possible to drill a hole and fasten a coax connector to the PVC top mast section, or you can make up a little plate for it from some scrap aluminum.

For wire antenna element spacers, portable quad element supports and similar light duty functions, try some of the lighter-weight tubing available. Half and three-quarter inch CPVC tubing is available, as is Schedule 315. For both 90-degree and 45-degree corners, as well as for section couplings, there are fittings that glue together so permanently that I have never had one fail yet.

3. Flat and angled insulators: Sturdy plastic insulating plates are easy to fashion from thick freezer containers. They are temperature impervious for normal use lifetimes. The sides are either straight up or slightly angled, making good mount lips. A hacksaw cuts these 4" square containers into handy sizes, and a 5/8" hole saw for wood can cut a perfect coax connector hole. The uses are limitless, but the first use that comes to mind is as a center insulator for either straight wire or folded dipoles.

However, do not overlook round and "squared" plastic bottles for special uses. The semi-rectangular bottles used for some liquids have rounded 90-degree corners. Cut a pair of round holes (to match a boom, a mast, or an antenna element), one on each surface of a corner section. Squeeze the corner together and slip it over the mast, boom, or tube. Let go, and the corner grips well enough to withstand small loads and winds up to 45 mph. You can use this scheme to space feed line from a boom or mast or to suspend linear loading elements beneath a main element. Another very good material for this application is scrap from house vinyl siding. It has the advantage of being free (if you ask the installer politely).

4. Wood and the "auto" section: For most experimental, indoor, and field antennas, metal mast-to-boom and boom-to-element plates are not necessary (unless you just happen to have a stock of 3/16 to 1/4" thick aluminum). 3/8" or 1/2" plywood will do as well.

Put away the simple outdoor varnish, because it will not last long in the weather. Even marine-grade spar varnish requires regular renewal. Instead, look in the auto supply part or any of the X-mart stores for a can of auto body work fiberglass resin liquid (a two-part mix of resin and hardener). Prepare the wood by being sure that it is rough—to give the resin something on which to "grab." Spread the resin liberally over the plywood piece (already cut and drilled). Give special care to the edges, where plywood is very porous. Once dry, recheck the hole sizes for easy hardware passage and drill again as needed. If your wood plate is lumpy, sand the surface flat, but not down to wood again. If you slip up, retouch the area. Now your plate is sealed against weather much more perfectly than any varnish I have found. Note that I do not use the

fiberglass cloth in this process. It is unnecessary for this application.

The one exception to my "no-paint" rule of thumb is epoxy paint made to seal concrete and similar benches, tables, etc. It does much the same work as auto resin and about as well, but is not always readily available.

5. Hardware: For antenna work, use stainless steel hardware (nuts, bolts, washers, hose clamps, etc.) wherever possible. Stock sizes are now readily available in the depot-type stores, and there are in many medium to large cities specialty suppliers of stainless steel hardware. If it is rustable, do not use it for an electrical connection out of doors. Beware, for example, of those little wire-end rings: most turn to rust in a few months.

For hardware that does only mechanical, but not electrical work, clear sprays can extend their useful lifetimes. Of course, such coatings take the hardware out of the secure grounding system. So if you need a ground lead from your antenna boom to the rod in the earth, run a separate flat braid, strap, or heavy wire. Do not rely on coated or rustable hardware for this job.

Stainless steel hardware generally does not react with other metals, such as aluminum. Different metals generally can produce corrosion even without weather to help the process along. So beware of combining aluminum and copper tubing and fittings.

This small listing is just the start. If you like to play with experimental antennas, especially for 10 meter, just wander around a hardware depot. Buy a few fittings that look promising and cheap just to stare at in your leisure. I am sure you will find a use for some of them in your next project. Remember: antennas do not have to look like commercial versions to do the job you need them to do. They just have to be electrically and mechanically sound enough as antennas and convenient enough relative to your situation.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN 10-10?

Here is what you need:

1. You must hold a valid amateur operator license.
2. Your valid amateur operator license MUST authorize or qualify you for unsupervised transmitting operations in the ten meter amateur band under your own personal call sign.
3. You must make contact with ten members of 10-10 and submit a log listing all contacts, their 10-10 number, call sign, name (as received off the air), date of contact, and QTH (state/province/country). The contact form and membership application is provided on the page that follows.
4. You must remit dues for one or more year's full membership. Fee schedule and payment information can be found in Section 2 of the page that follows.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS

To become a member either fill out the form on the following page and mail to the Data Manager at the indicated address or go on-line to the 10-10 web page, www.ten-ten.org and follow the links from 'membership' to 'application' and select membership category.

Primary Membership

Primary membership is available with yearly dues, although there is a special incentive available when you pay for three years at once.

Family Membership

Family membership consists of a primary member and one or more family members who qualify as a 10-10 member (has made the necessary 10 contacts) and who reside at the same location and postal address. Family memberships run concurrently with that of the primary member. Add \$5.00 for each additional family member for each year. Only the primary member will receive a copy of the 10-10 News.

Life Membership

Life membership is available and may be paid in one lump sum or spread across two or three years. For information refer to the "Life Membership Application" form on the web or contact the 10-10 Data Manager.

Senior Life Membership

Senior life membership is available to anyone who is currently 65 years of age or older. Payment can be made as one lump sum or within a one year period. For information refer to the "Life Membership Application" form on the web or contact the 10-10 Data Manager.

Family Life Membership is no longer available

Club Membership

Club membership is available to any Amateur Radio Organization which holds a valid Amateur Radio License. Application must be made by the club trustee. Dues are the same as the Primary member. No family or life memberships are available. Clubs have all the same rights and privileges as primary members except the right to vote in elections.

Electronic Membership

Electronic Membership is available to anyone who qualifies for any of the types of membership listed previously. Electronic membership means that all communications, including the 10-10 NEWS, from 10-10 to the qualifying member will be conducted via email distribution. The exception to this policy is when a member qualifies for a certificate from either one of the various QSO Parties or from one of the Awards programs.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Either fill out on the following page the top half of Section 1, including your 10-10 number and Section 2 and mail to the Data Manager at the indicated address or go on-line to the 10-10 web page www.ten-ten.org and follow the links from 'membership' to 'renewals' and select the membership category.

DATA MANAGER SERVICES

Call/Name/Address Changes

All changes are to be sent to the 10-10 Data Manager. Please include your address label (or a copy) with necessary corrections. This also can be accomplished at www.ten-ten.org using the membership/update link.

All payments may be made by Check, Money Order or IRC's (\$1USD per IRC). Due to banking regulations Credit Cards cannot be accepted for merchandise. Membership Services and Scholarship Donations can be made via credit card using the secure shopping cart at www.ten-ten.org

Mail to:

Data Manager, 10-10 International Net, Inc.
1349 Vernon Terrace
San Mateo, CA 94402-3331

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Donations to the 10-10 Scholarship Foundation are encouraged by our members to help fund five \$2000 10-10 Scholarships that will be awarded next year. For donations of \$15 you will receive a current year's lapel pin as a thank you gift, and for \$25 or more a second pin from a previous year will be sent. To pay by credit card, see the payment information on page 31. Your check should be made payable to the 10-10 Scholarship Foundation and sent to the Data Manager (address shown above) or the Scholarship Manager:

Larry Berger, WA2SUH
10-10 Scholarship Manager
9 Nancy Blvd.
Merrick, NY 11566-3119

TEN-TEN QSO PARTY RULES

5.2 10-10 QSO PARTIES

10-10 QSO Parties are events that are held for fun and to meet old, new and prospective members around the world. The rules listed here are for all general QSO parties. The Spirit of 76 and Open Season QSO Parties are specialty events and do have additional rules. The Anniversary and Meet the Volunteers are year long contact events.

5.2.1 WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

QSO Parties are open to all amateurs with operating privileges on the 10 meter band, however, logs will be accepted only from active members as of the date of the event with the following exception: Open Season event logs will be accepted from all amateurs. Other logs received will be handled as check logs. Check logs are used to validate (check) other logs, but do not qualify the sender for any awards. A QSO party contact log submitted by an Amateur that intentionally submits erroneous contact information to cause errors on membership applications and awards, will be considered an invalid log. Ten-Ten will not accept any log of contacts from an Amateur who had his or her membership/1010 number revoked.

5.2.2 WHEN ARE THE QSO PARTIES?

There are currently nine QSO Parties held throughout the calendar year:

Winter Phone - held on the first full weekend in February

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Spring Digital - held on the last full weekend in April.

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Spring CW - held on the first full weekend in May.

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Open Season (PSK) - held on the first full weekend in June

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Spirit of 76 - 7 day, 6 mode event around 4 July each year

0001 UTC Monday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Summer Phone - held on the first full weekend in August.

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Sprint - a 24 hour event held on October 10th (10-10).

0001 UTC through 2359 UTC.

Fall CW - held on the third full weekend in October.

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Fall Digital - held on the second full weekend in November.

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

5.2.3 FREQUENCY AND MODES

Direct unassisted contacts only are permitted. Repeater, Satellite, IRLP, Echolink, or any other similar type of assisted contacts are NOT allowed. Based on the appropriate band plan for the country of operator, CW QSO Parties should be operated in the CW area of the 10 meter band and operated using CW only. Digital QSO Parties should be operated in the digital area of the 10 meter band and operated using Digital modes only (RTTY, PSK, etc). Phone QSO Parties must be operated in the PHONE area of the 10 meter band and may be operated using any approved method (SSB, FM, AM). The SPRINT utilizes all operating modes in the 10 meter band. NOTE: A QUIET ZONE between 28.490 and 28.510 shall be in effect during QSO Parties using the Phone portion of the 10 meter band to allow for others to use the band.

5.2.4 ENTRY CLASSIFICATION

Entrants may submit a log in ANY of the following classifications:

INDIVIDUAL: Includes single station operators and can also include OM/XYL teams or any families or groups of people using individual call signs and 10-10 numbers.

QRP: same as an individual as listed above except that output power does not exceed 5 watts with CW/Digital operations and/or 10 watts with Phone operations during the entire event.

CLUB: A Club must have a valid club station license issued by their National Licensing Authority and must have an active 10-10 membership. Club entries must list the call, name, and 10-10 number (if any) for all operators using the club call. Club operations will take place at one location using one set of equipment. Operators entering under a club entry may also enter an individual log for contacts made using their own call sign.

MOBILE: A mobile applies to car, truck, RV, motorcycle, boat, airplane or other mode of transportation. Use of a base station antenna, amplifier or commercial power is not permitted. Operation while your vehicle is parked across a county line, occupying two counties, counts as two counties and two contacts. Marine and aeronautical mobiles must be able to establish counties of operation. Safety is paramount while operating mobile. If you are unable to park near multiple county lines due to safety issues (i.e. on a bridge, on a freeway, etc.), please move to the closest area which would provide the best operating conditions and still be able to give out multiple counties. Duplicate entries are allowed when working in multiple counties. In addition to the normal log information provided the County Worked from and County worked must also be included. Mobile stations will receive awards within their own category and will not be included in the individual sections or Top Ten in the World. Mobile entries will only be accepted for Winter & Summer Phone and 10-10 Sprint QSO Parties.

5.2.5 TRANSMITTER INFORMATION

An operator may operate mobile, portable or fixed. If they change their exchange QTH during the QSO Party, the operator must show same in their log. The operator may enter a log from one call district, province, or DX country. Multi-transmitters (two or more transmitters operating simultaneously, sharing one call sign) are NOT permitted in any QSO Party. If a single transmitter becomes inoperable, it is permissible to change to a replacement transmitter.

5.2.6 EXCHANGE

10-10 members send call sign, name, 10-10# and QTH (State, Province or Country). If received exchange does not have a 10-10#, then record a zero(0) in the log.

5.2.7 QSO POINTS

Two (2) points are awarded for contacts WITH a 10-10 number. One (1) point is awarded for contacts WITHOUT a 10-10 number. Duplicate entries should be retained in log and show a zero (0) for points. Any log showing 10% or more errors may be handled as a check log. A station may be counted only once regardless of mode except during certain specialty events.

5.2.8 CHAPTER SCORE ASSIGNMENT

Any entrant who is a chapter member and whose operating location is within 150 miles of the primary net location of that charter, may assign the entrant's score to that chapter.

QSO Party scores for the Sprint may not be assigned.

5.2.9 QSO PARTY ENTRIES

Logs shall be forwarded to the QSO Party Manager as identified in the 10-10 NEWS or on the 10-10 web site. It is strongly suggested that logs be sent as soon as possible after the close of the event. It is also recommended that DX logs should be sent AIR Mail to insure they are received in good time. Any logs received with a postmark date AFTER the deadline date will be handled as a check log. Any logs received more than 15 days after the entry deadline, regardless of postmark, will be discarded. All logs may be sent via Email. Logs (if cabrillo, adif, or text) may also be uploaded at www.hamclubs.info/scorer/. Please no .Q95 files.

5.2.9.1 ENTRY DESCRIPTION

Entries must contain a Cover Sheet, Log and Dupe Sheet as described here: COVER SHEET will list the Event Entered, Entry Classification, US Call Area (W0-W9 or DX Country), Chapter Score Assignment (if any), number of contacts and points with 10-10#, number of contacts and points without 10-10#, and total contacts and points claimed. LOGS must be listed in date/time order and list UTC Date, UTC Time, Call, Name, 10-10# (zero (0) if none), QTH and Contact Point Value. A DUPE SHEET is required for any logs exceeding 50 contacts. It may be either a list of all calls contacted in call sign order or hand entered on a dupe sheet grid.

5.2.9.2 ENTRY DEADLINES

Entries for all QSO Parties listed EXCEPT the Sprint shall be postmarked no later than 15 calendar days (this will always be a Monday) after the close of the event. Mailed entries for the Sprint (held on 10/10) shall be postmarked no later than October 25th, unless that day falls on a Sunday, then the postmark deadline shall be October 26th.

5.2.10 QSO PARTY RESULTS AND AWARDS

QSO Party results will be posted on the 10-10 web site about 15 days after the closing deadline for the event and also printed in the 10-10 NEWS in the appropriate issue. Awards will be issued by the certificate manager for Top Ten Individual scorers in the World, the top individual scorer in each US Call Area (W0-W9), each DX Country, and for top QRP, CLUB, MOBILE and CHAPTER. Electronic certificates will be sent to the 2nd and 3rd place scorers in these categories.

5.2.11 ANNIVERSARY and MEET THE VOLUNTEERS EVENTS

These events run from January 1 0001 UTC to December 31 2359 UTC. In the Anniversary event, entrants may submit a log of contacts with members that have the anniversary year contained in their membership number. Example: 2010 is the 48th anniversary year of 10-10 International Net, Inc. Contact with members containing a "48" in their membership number (i.e., 72048, 69485, 64854, 48126, 00487) would count toward the event. Each year the anniversary number changes, making a new group of members the focus of the event and promoting the use of the 10-meter band. All general rules are applicable with the following exceptions: During the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) make legal 10-10 contacts with 10-10 Number, Date, Call Sign, QTH with members containing the anniversary year in their membership number as described above. In the MEET THE VOLUNTEERS event, entrants may submit a log of contacts with members listed in the 10-10 NEWS as being a 10-10 volunteer. One contact per volunteer is permitted, regardless of mode of contact. In both events, contacts must be made on the 10-meter band with any legal mode (AM, SSB, FM, PSK, CW, etc.). All submitted logs must contain only one entry for each 10-10 number contacted. Contacts MUST be listed in 10-10 number order and each entry must list the 10-10 Number, Date, Call, Name, QTH

and Mode, in that order. These events are for Individual entries as described in section 5.2.4 and certificates will be awarded for the TOP Ten, however all entrants will be listed in the 10-10 NEWS. Logs MUST be postmarked no later than January 15th of the year following both the Anniversary and Meet the Volunteers events. Only members in good standing (with dues paid) are allowed to submit logs.

5.2.12 SPIRIT OF 76 (7 Days, 6 Modes) QSO PARTY

This event will run for 7 days and be around July 4th of each year. Make as many contacts as you can during the week using 6 modes. The modes that will be used are as follows as well as the suggested frequencies to monitor:

1. USB (28.345) 2. RTTY (28.086) 3. CW (28.050)
4. FM (29.600) 5. PSK (28.120) 6. AM (29.000)

Scoring will be as normal for QSO Parties, 2 points for members and 1 point for non-members. Dupes will be allowed once for each mode. It will be possible to work the same call 6 times in each of the various modes for a maximum total of 12 points per call. All other normal rules apply. Logs shall be forwarded to the QSO Party Manager.

5.2.13 10-10 SPRINT (October 10) QSO PARTY

An award will be issued for working all 10 USA Call Districts.

5.2.14 W6OI/VE9TEN/DL0X SPECIAL EVENT

This event is held during the 3rd weekend of November each year from 0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday. This special event operation is where volunteers operate the 10-10 official club stations (W6OI/VE9TEN/DL0X) seeking to work anyone anywhere. Any mode of operation is permitted. Many operators will be authorized to operate W6OI from most US states and VE9TEN from various Provinces/Territories simultaneously. DL0X is operated by Henry, DL8YBM. The purpose is to have fun promoting 10-meter activity making contacts with 10-10 members and of course, non-members. This is a great way to increase membership! Exchange is similar to any 10-10 party event - name, call, QTH, 10-10 number if one is available. As contacts are made, provide info on 10-10 organization and where to find our website - www.ten-ten.org. If anyone wants to volunteer to operate W6OI during this event contact Jerry, N9AC. Members in Canada should contact Rob, VE9KM for permission to operate VE9TEN.

5.2.15 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Current information about 10-10 and upcoming 10-10 QSO Parties and events are always available on the 10-10 web site. Cover sheets, logging forms and dupe sheets are also available for downloading or printing at <http://www.ten-ten.org>. Any unanswered questions regarding the QSO Party rules may be forwarded to the QSO Party Manager.