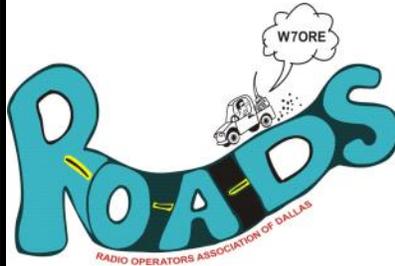


The ROAD Report

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The Prez Sez by Jack Schult

Hello once again. Spring is in the air and a Ham Radio Operator's fancy turns to outdoor things like antenna construction, that ground system that somehow got put off for the last few years, or maybe a new tower to reach into heavens where those hard to get distant signals can be arrested. It's all good. If we were not in the hammy field we might be reduced to setting for hours in front of the TV or some other non constructive mode.

There is satisfaction and enjoyment in our hobby that is hard to find these days. I believe it important to recognize that. I have noticed that there are a few that are so caught up in the myopic quest for DX or contest numbers that they

have desensitized their ability to enjoy what their hobby has to offer. It's OK to occasionally laugh on the air. Part 97 of the rules does not prohibit or restrict that, in fact it encourages development of this electronic art, and with that, satisfaction and enjoyment. A funny bone is a terrible thing to lose.

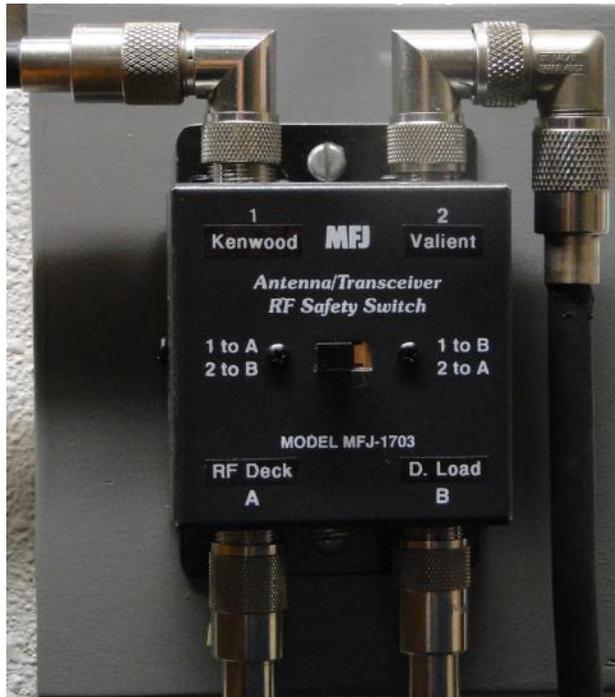


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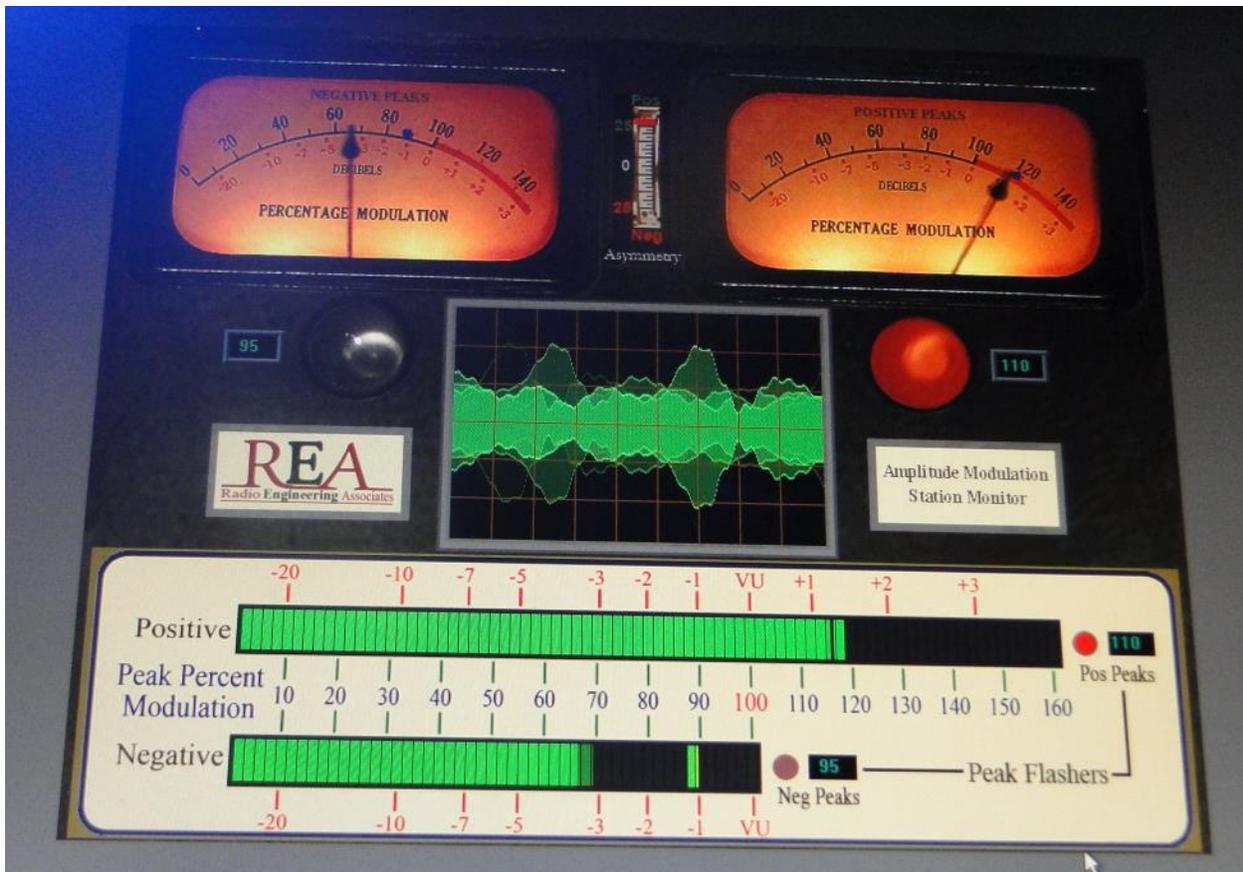
A new ROADS member is on the way! Our secretary will be having a baby, August 18th. Congratulations KG7ITR Emily and KF7SEY Troy!!

It's time to share what we have built with the rest of the guys. Send your shack photos to our editor so they can be included in the ROADS report and be seen by all.

I submit for your visual approval three of my newest additions. Photo #1 is something you may really like. I was going to build it but was able to find it in the MFJ catalog. This RF management device splits my shack in two (metaphorically). The nightmare of sending the output of a solid state rig un-terminated or one rig's output to another's is prevented with

sions. There is nothing more time consuming than sanding off arc buildup on a loading condenser's (sic) plates in a PI network because the RF had nowhere to go. It gives new meaning to being in the tank.

Photo #2 is a well engineered AM Modulation monitor from Radio



this *RF Safety Switch*. When the Viking Valiant is being used, the output of the Kenwood is sent to the dummy load where it cannot get into any trouble. When I'm on the Kenwood the Valiant finds that same safe harbor for its emis-

Photo #2

Engineering Associates. I have had some interesting conversations with Steve Cloutie developer of the program, software, hardware and marketing. Many commercial broadcast stations are using this monitor. It

provides a visual display of both Positive and Negative modulation, peak flashers and hold markers, a sinusoidal envelope display and detected audio for monitoring of the actual sound being transmitted. It allowed me to identify the final audio issues with the Valiant.

Photo # 3 is something I had to have! The economy being what it is, the barter system is returning to this Ham Shack. Jim, N7WWH had a 1939 RCA radio that he wanted restored, he also had this magnificent item that was growing moss next to the shop. After a couple of weeks cleaning, aligning, stripping, restoring and refinishing the RCA, the exchange was made. KE7JNT may have a big hex beam to hear distant DX , but I have a Big mechanical audio amplificatory to deliver the goods! Got dem Voo Doo audio coming through the horn!



In closing, one member of have a smile on his face. Funny oldest member, an inspiration.

Photo #3

ROADS always seems to bone intact, Fred is our

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Here n' There By Bob Peschka

Spring has arrived and 20 meters has been staying open most nights until at least 9 PM and sometimes later.

Field Day Participants

The following stations have advised me they will participate in ROADS Field Day event this June: **W7SCT, KW7DSP, K7AA, N7EJO, W6KXA, KT7H, AE7OA, N7ATQ, N7WWH, KX5W,** and **KA7HBB**. Four other members were not sure if they would be available, and one more did not respond but usually participates (**W7NLI**). All other members of ROADS will not be present because of health reasons; participation with other clubs; not interested; or busy with other commitments.

10-10 Net Activities continue with a good turn out for the Sunday net. Several "outside" stations have checked into the net from KY, GA, MI, CA, ME, and communities down the valley, like Albany and Corvallis.

7 Land QSO Party (7 QP) is the first weekend in May. Once again it

promises to offer some exciting action for those of us who live in 7 land. Remember, you can operate on SSB and/or CW and do not need to send in a log if you are not so inclined. Just get on the air and give out the contacts. As before, the exchange will consist of our state and county, which will be given out as OR POL (Oscar Romeo and Papa Oscar Lima is usually the terminology used over the air.)

Thanks Red Cross ! The presentation by the American Red Cross at the March meeting was very enlightening and certainly worth attending. My wife attended with me and I noticed that N7WWH's XYL was there too. The Red Cross provided an excellent handout that I have found very useful.

Elections just around the corner..... it's your club, but sometimes you would think the club belongs to everybody else. I held the President's position once, and have served as the newsletter Editor before. Yes, it takes a bit of effort, but without officers there will be no club. Don't count on your current officers to run for reelection time and time again because burnout will occur sooner or later. On the flip side of the coin, I read an interesting treatise on the subject by a very successful CEO and he says not everyone is fit to lead, so leadership of an organization is best left to those who bring willingness and

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know-how to the position.

N7BUD, Bud Smith, Silent Key

For those of you who are new to the area, N7BUD, **Bud Smith**, was very active in Polk County Amateur radio. Bud served as the ARES EC in Polk County when I first moved here 14 years ago, and he was also very active with the Sheriff's Office SALT organization. He was active in MARS and could often be found taking care of repeater maintenance. In his earlier years he was an Associate Professor at Western Oregon University and was very active with Scottish Rite in Salem.

ARRL Elmer Award...

K7QXG was very surprised when he received this award certificate in the mail recently. It was proposed by WB7TAZ, Jim, in Albany, OR. K7QXG, Bob, had assisted Jim with installation of LoTW on a laptop and then provided extensive information about 10-10 nets and how they operate. As a result, Jim is a regular check in on the weekly Sunday Oregon Trail net. The Elmer Award certificate is now waiting for a frame so it can be displayed in Bob's station.

Backyard DX By Our Master of DX Bob Peschka

Congratulations to KE7JNT who hit the **300** mark when he worked Eritrea and was confirmed in their online log – not just once, but three times. Other stations working Eritrea were **K7QXG** for an **ATNO**, **KX5W** for an **ATNO**, and **N7WWH** for an **ATNO**. QSL cards are a certainty because the expedition is using a very reliable QSL manager in England. Needless to say, the pile ups were huge, and manners went out the window. Such a shame, because the childish behavior of some DXers will eventually lead to the demise of ham radio DXing as we know it today. So where do our erstwhile DX chasing members stand with their country totals? Let's take a peek.

DX Hunters Society

300 or more

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| K7AA | 369 | |
| K7QXG | 336 | |
| KX5W | | 334 |
| KE7JNT | 300 | |

250 – 299

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| K7CIE | | 293 |
| W7LOU | 278 | |
| W7HO | | 261 |

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200 – 249

N7WWH 222

Associates

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| AE7OA | 160 |
| KF7SEY | 103 |
| W7RIS | 98 |
| KW7DSP | 66 |
| W7SCT | 39 |

KX5W Scores Big time

March was only half over and I received this nice report from Doc: *"Worked Navassa on 6 band slots awhile back; recently Borneo, Gambia, Laos, Thailand, Namibia, Malaysia, Lord Howe and yesterday the Republic of Congo DX- pedition 9Q0HQ, which is nearly as hard to get as Eritrea."*

I must have slept through the openings! These are some really great DX catches.

10 Most Wanted DXCC Entities

(Courtesy Of Club Log)

In order of "most sought": P5, KP1, 3Y/B, VP8S, FT5W, VK0H, KH5K, FT/J, VP8G, and KH5.

How many do you have? Within the next year at least 5 of them will be on the air. I have 5 of them so opportunity will be

knocking at my door. I still need P5, 3Y/B, VP8S, FT/J and VP8G.

P5 – North Korea

Yes! Dom has done it !!! He will be in North Korea from Jan. 15, 2016 to Feb. 15, 2016 operating 20 SSB ONLY!

April DX Happenings...

Watch for DX0P on Spratly Island (2 stations) and in **June** watch for 8Q7CQ, a one op expedition.

Tromelin QSLs are out now!

KE7JNT brought his to Monday Coffee. Special French postage stamps were used on the envelope which added a nice touch.

Your 2014-2015 ROAD's Calendar

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| 16 April 2015 | Club Dinner Meeting - 6 pm—TBD |
| 9 May 2015 | V.E. Testing @ Polk County Courthouse |
| 14 May 2015 | Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House |
| 5 June—7 June 2015 | Sea-Pac—NW Division ARRL Convention @ Seaside, OR |
| 18 June 2015 | Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—Elections |
| 27-28 June 2015 | ARRL Field Day |

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