

The Monitor

Voice of the Twin State Radio Club

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Message from the President

Little did I know that when I warned of the coming storm in the last news letter that I was about to endure more than 5 days without power! Being well prepared made all the difference. The generator got a good workout and the ham radios were my main conduit to the outside world since phone and Internet were also down. It comes as no surprise that many ham friends and club members offered much assistance. This is where the rubber meets the road. Thanks to everyone and remember: always be prepared.

See you at the meeting!

William Daugherty
KX1Y

A Rather Unusual QSO

Here's an email I sent to KD4TZG after our on-air conversation Christmas Eve 2008.

"Hi Glen!

Just wanted to QSL re: our conversation on 2m fm this evening. Amateur Radio always seems to surprise me with something wonderful when I least expect it. Just for the record, I worked you on 146.52 simplex FM at 5:25 pm from my home in Plainfield, NH. Which is a little over 100 air miles from Logan Airport. You mentioned that you were enroute from Rochester to Boston I think. You also mentioned that you started your day in Antigua, right? Man, that's a lot of frequent flyer miles!

I was in my living room wrapping the last few presents for my 7 yr-old son and I heard you on my

Upcoming Events

TSRC Meeting	January 10 2008, 9:00 am EBA's, Hanover, NH
TSRC Meeting	February 14, 2008, 9:00 am EBA's, Hanover, NH

FT-90r in my office. I scan many freqs with that rig so I wasn't at all sure how I was getting you. When I heard you describe your situation I was very keen to make the contact so I bumped the power to 50w and managed to work you before you went out of range. I believe you said you were on an HT running 5w. Fine business indeed.

I work in the Information Technology business managing a department of Systems Engineers. We build and maintain computer networks for small to medium businesses in the Dartmouth College Region of New Hampshire/Vermont. I've been a ham since 1992 and love it. I am very involved in ARES and am president of the Twin State Radio Club www.w1fn.org.

I hope my message finds you safe and home and enjoying this most special holiday.

Merry Christmas!

William Daugherty
KX1Y"

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I heard back from Glen two days later:

“Hello William,

Yes I had quite a few days I started out in Atlanta on 12/23 Christmas shopping with my children when I got the call I was needed for a Medflight to the Island of Antigua! I had to power shop with my kids for about an hour (I am a last minute shopper / procrastinator). Then fight the holiday traffic to the airport.... Once aboard the jet N400GJ we cruised to the Island via Miami, FL.... Unfortunately we got there late so we had to stay over night....

Darn the bad luck ! I did manage to get a Island Beer and a Cigar in (although I had dressed for cold weather I couldn't resist playing in the sand and water at midnight!). But all good things must end, we were up and out at about 6AM, and picked up our patient and flew to Rochester via Miami (customs).... So I started my day in the sun and ended it in the cold! The reason we flew over to Boston was to swap out some crew - so that some could get home to their families. And I believe that's where you caught me on simplex.

I did manage to get home, have a late Christmas Eve dinner and open presents, because I had to be up and on duty at the Fire Department for 24 hours on Xmas day I didn't get much rest there yesterday... And now I am behind the microphone for my other part time job in dispatch....

Your absolutely correct about Amateur Radio, it does surprise me too! I had actually bought that HT awhile back just to goof off with, and have hardly used it... I was very active in Ham Radio in Tennessee when I lived in Knoxville, but when I moved here I didn't know anyone so I rarely ever pick up the radio.... But

my friend in Tennessee (N4YSV) encouraged me to try and contact him on 147.525 Simplex on one of my trips. So when I was programing the radio I thought I would put in Simplex and “Listen.” I never anticipated having so many wonderful Hams wanting to make contact with me! I probably sounded a lil nervous, because I haven't talked on it in SOOOOOO long! A mistake I wont make again! I had a BLAST I talked the battery dead at least twice ! And I did make contact almost at home with N4YSV in Knoxville! He heard me, but couldn't communicate well because we were dropping to 24K due to weather. And I never made it over Tennessee!

It was strange to hear my friends voice just like yesterday on the radio miles away. A treat I will hardly ever forget. He drug me out for my testing many years ago, and I have enjoyed our friendship ever since.

OK I have rambled.... I enjoyed the QSO, and will be carrying the radio with me from here on out! I work full time for DeKalb County Fire Rescue as a Fire Medic and catch as many flights as I can with Critical Care Medflight.

Hopefully we can keep in touch, and who knows have another QSO!

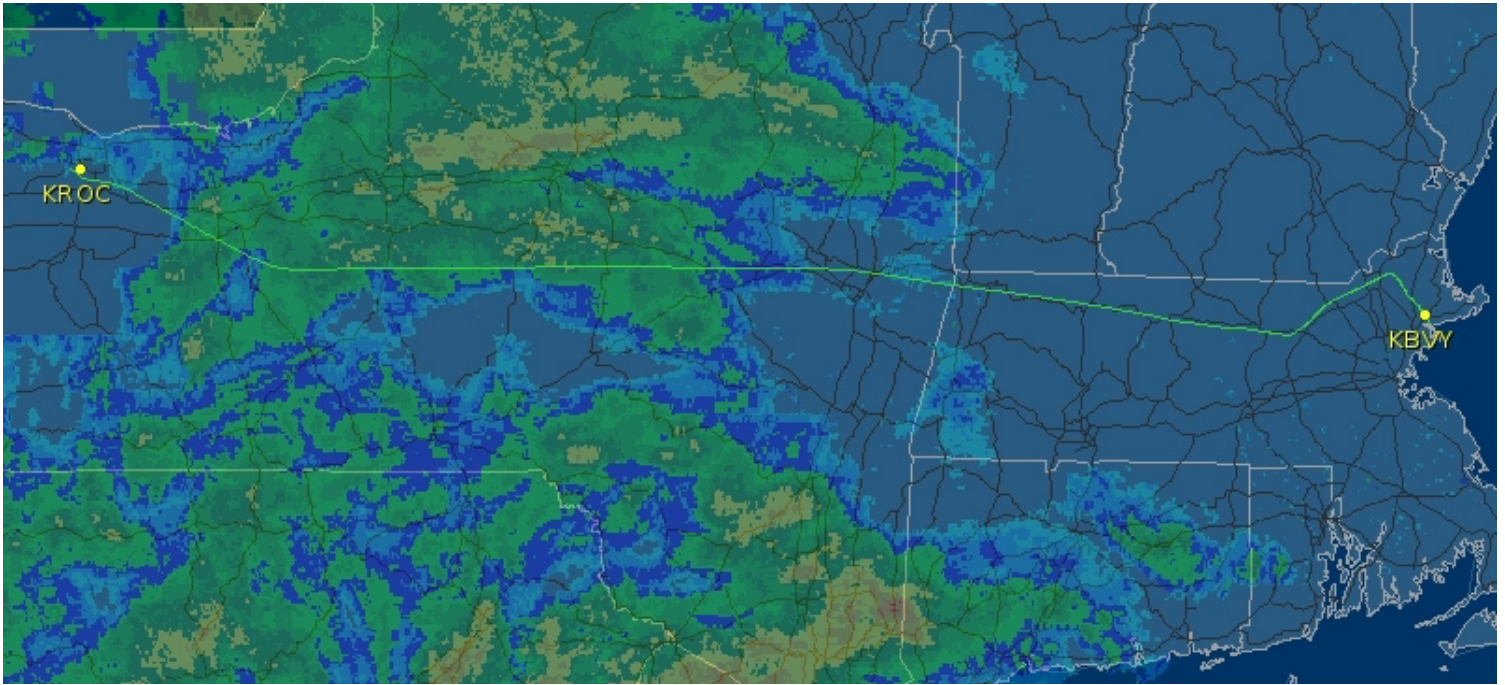
Glen---
KD4TZG”

QSO	DATE	TIME UTC	MHZ	Altitude
KK1Y	24 DEC 08	2225	146.520 SIMPLEX	38,000

“Saving Lives and Broadcasting from High Above”
“Aeronautical Mobile”



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Glen's flight track. Our QSO was during the last 50 miles or so I suspect.

ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes

17 January 1900 UTC to 19 January 0400 UTC
(Saturday, January 17, 2PM to Sunday, January 18, 11PM- Local time)

All bands- 6M and up
SSB and CW
Exchange- Grid Square

Sponsored by the American Radio Relay League
Local Operating Opportunity-
QTH of KA1LDS and WB1BRE
328 Old City Falls Rd
Strafford, VT
(Directions available)
Planned operation-
6M, 2M, 222Mhz, 70 CM

Some overnight accomodations available
To participate- contact Bill or Dot at william.a.burden@valley.net
Or call 802 333 4623

Vermont QSO Party 2009

Date and time:

0000Z Feb 7 - 2400Z Feb 8

Expressed in local time, This is Friday February 6th,
7:00 p.m. to Sunday February 8th, 7:00 p.m.

QSO Party Coordinator: Fred Messer, WA1LIE

Frequencies:

160M-10M

50 MHz and up

CW: lower band edge + 40 KHz

SSB: lowest 25 KHz of the General band

VHF SSB: 50.200 and 144.200

VHF FM: 146.690 and 146.500

Exchange:

Call sign, Name, RS(T) and Vermont County or State/
Province/DXCC Entity

Log due to coordinator no later than: 1-March

Address for logs: Fred Messer WA1LIE, 317 Meadow
Road, Waitsfield, VT 05673.

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From WB1ABB:

I'm cleaning out a storage unit. Here's the list.
All the prices are entirely negotiable.

1. Drake Tr-4, AC-4, MS-4, one owner, original
finals.....\$350.00
2. Collins 30S-1 Plate Xfrmr.....\$250.00
3. Homebrew 813 RF Deck (160-10), link cou-
pled tuned grid input, TVL coils in pi-net final.
\$175.00
4. Oil filled filter caps. 32 ufd 4.5KV\$40.00 ea.
(2)
5. Hy-gain 15M monobander (3 element)
\$75.00

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