

Chairman's Corner

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By Jimmy Johnson KD5ZVE



March 13,14 marked the beginning of Hamfest season for me this year and it started with a bang. The Green Country Ham Fest in Claremore Oklahoma is the largest gathering of Amateur Radio

operators in this part of the country. This year there were over one thousand tickets sold for general admission and almost every table in the large convention center was filled. It was a great place to see old friends and meet new ones. This year I set up a table for S.W.O.T. and gave out the fliers that Randon Porter WA5BEG designed for the club as well as fliers with the net information and sign up and renewal forms. There was a great turn out of VHF operators including the oldest S.W.O.T. number I know of still operating - Sam Whitley, K5SW S.W.O.T. #34 of Muskogee Ok. Making the trip to Claremore along with Sam was Larry Fulton, W5VTM S.W.O.T. #3460 from Fort Gibson Ok. and Sid Knox, W7QJQ from Welling, Ok. From Parson Kansas came Rick Tucker W0RT S.W.O.T. #363, and I also saw Gary Gerber,



KB0HH S.W.O.T. #3000 of Byron, Ok. (if you have ever worked a VHF contest around this area you probably have worked Gary)

Also seen was Tommy Henderson, WD5AGO S.W.O.T. #2310 of Tulsa Ok. (and EME operator on the high bands), and from Joplin Mo. Larry Linthicum, N0MST S.W.O.T. #3348 was there selling his Big Wheel antennas. From Jasper Mo. Tom McKay KB0CNI a new VHF operator and regular on my net, another regular on the net Mike Underwood KE5EHH Tahlequah Ok. the Assistant Director of the Cherokees Co. Emergency Management, and Jon Greene WX5NCO S.W.O.T. #3539 one of the hard working people who helped put on a great Ham Fest, Scott Haley KD5NJR S.W.O.T. #3481 Broken Arrow Ok. and another contester out of EM17 Rose Hill Ks. Randy Wing N0LD, and last but not least my neighbor and running buddy at these ham fests - long time vhf operator on the West coast and in Oklahoma Ron Runnels. W6ZI, S.W.O.T. #3501 from Collinsville Ok. had a great time hope to see every one soon.

73 de KD5ZVE S.W.O.T. #3458
Jimmy Johnson

Pictures from the Green Country Ham Fest in Claremore Oklahoma - 2009



K5SW, Sam Whitley



W6ZI, Ron Runnels

More pictures from the Green Country Ham Fest in Claremore Oklahoma - 2009



K0CIY, Bill Jones



W0RT, Rick Tucker



KB0CNI, Tom McKay



W5VTM, Larry Fulton



KB0HH, Gary Gerber



WD5AGO, Tommy Henderson



N0MST, Larry Linthicum



WX5NCO, Jon Greene

Irving hamfest from Randon, WA5BEG, SWOT #3111

We had a SWOT table at the 7th annual Irving HamFest held at the Betcha Bingo Hall in Irving, Texas. Twenty newsletters, five brochures and ten 7db for 7 Bucks articles were handed out. Twenty-eight people signed-in at the table. My guess is about 300 to 400 attended the hamfest. Thanks to Howard Hallman for providing the newsletters.

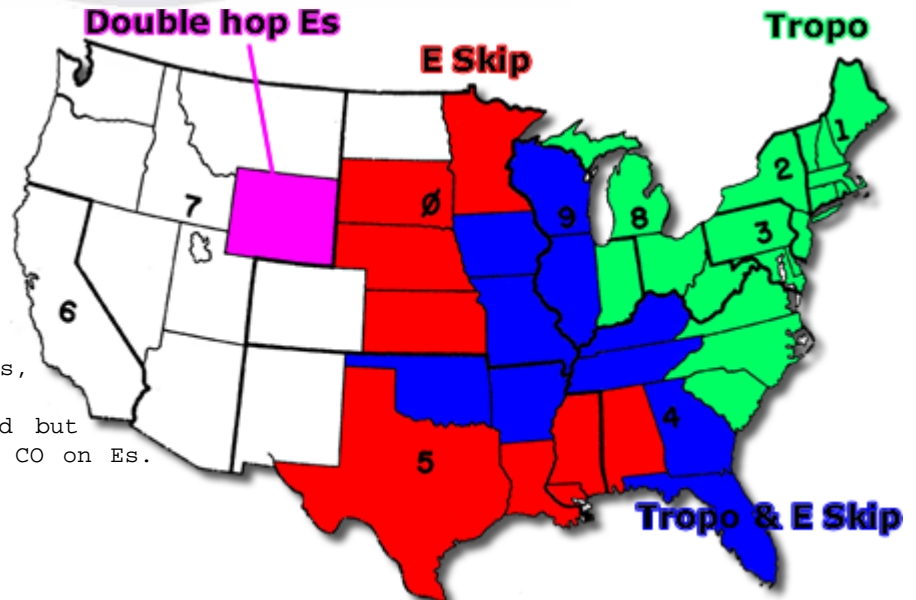
Bob, W5FKN, had the table next to the SWOT table and provided a lot of help in 2-M sideband discussions. Thanks Bob. There were many interested in sideband and I think a few will get on the air.

Randon



WB2CUT - Confirmed states map shows you what can be done on 2 meters !!

WB2CUT, Richard Kaplan of Metuchen, New Jersey, sent a comprehensive set of surveys this month. His 144 MHz "States Worked" data graphs out as shown on the US map to the right. Keep in mind that Richard has been working the 2 meter band since the late 1980's. This is a fine example of what can be done through the two primary types of propagation available to us on 144 MHz, Tropo ducting and E Skip. States which he has confirmed by working stations on both Tropo and E Skip are shown in Blue and note the one state (Wyoming) which he worked on double hop E Skip! Totals=37 states in 9 call areas, 18 on Tropo only, 9 on Es only, and 10 on both Tropo and Es, and 6 Canadian provinces in 4 call areas, 5 on Tropo and 1 on Es. Heard but not worked: AL & Bermuda on Tropo and CO on Es.



Good job Richard !

The annual gathering at the M² facility - pics courtesy of Larry-W6OMF



The BBQ line - can you spot Lyle, K6QG, SWOT #3324 ?



Mike, K6MYC & Chip, K7JA



Heil, HRO, Yaesu, and not shown - High Serria



Drawing time

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SWOT Net Reports

Here are the net reports for Jan & Feb 2009	01/05 30 - 18 - 08 - 05 01/12 16 - 14 - 06 - 02 01/19 18 - 14 - 07 - 04 01/26 no net	E. Oklahoma KD5ZVE (Thursday 8pm) Date CheckIns/Grids/States/ SWOT
Northern California W6OMF (Sunday) Jan: 100 different stations, 3 states and 12 grids.	02/02 26 - 16 - 08 - 03 02/09 19 - 14 - 08 - 07 02/16 26 - 16 - 08 - 05 02/23 36 - 22 - 10 - 06	01/08 11 - 09 - 04 - 10 01/15 17 - 10 - 04 - 14 01/22 16 - 12 - 04 - 13 01/29 10 - 06 - 04 - 10
21 Checked in once 17 Checked in twice 25 Checked in three times 37 Checked in all four nets	North Texas W5FKN (KM5PO sub) (Wednesday 9pm) Date Check-ins/SWOT/Grids/ States	02/05 15 - 09 - 04 - 12 02/12 19 - 10 - 03 - 12 02/19 10 - 07 - 04 - 07 02/26 16 - 09 - 04 - 13
Feb: 95 different stations, 3 states and 12 grids	01/08 26 - 12 - 13 01/15 17 - 11 - 12 01/21 23 - 12 - 17 01/28 21 - 10 - 14 02/04 19 - 08 - 16 02/11 23 - 14 - 15 02/18 26 - 08 - 14 02/25 27 - 11 - 18	Daytona Beach W2RAC/W1LVL (Wednesday 8pm) Date Check-ins No Data
14 Checked in once 22 Checked in twice 26 Checked in three times 33 Checked in all four nets	Southeast Ohio AB8XG KD8DJE Sub) (Tuesday 8pm) Date CheckIns/States/Grids/ SWOT	E. Texas Piney Woods KM5PO (K5LOW sub) (Saturday 7am) Date Check-ins/Grids/SWOT/ States
North California KG6WLW CM87 N.Cal/Bay Area (Tuesday 8pm) Date Check-ins No Data	01/01 22 - 03 - 03 - 06 01/13 20 - 03 - 04 - 06 01/20 15 - 03 - 03 - 06 01/27 07 - 01 - 02 - 03 net on 1/27 short due to wx	01/03 24 - 10 - 12 - 04 01/10 13 - 06 - 09 - 03 01/17 05 - 03 - 03 - 01 01/24 14 - 06 - 09 - 03 01/31 15 - 06 - 09 - 04 02/07 16 - 08 - 09 - 03 02/14 19 - 08 - 10 - 02 02/21 14 - 06 - 08 - 03 02/28 20 - 09 - 10 - 04
NORCAL W6DWI (Thursday 8pm) No Data	02/03 24 - 03 - 04 - 08 02/10 13 - 02 - 03 - 06 02/17 21 - 02 - 03 - 06 02/24 17 - 02 - 03 - 07	Southern California WB6NOA (Sunday 7:30pm/144.240)

Comments from the Weatherford Hamfest, April 4, 2009

The hamfest was held at the Coutts United Methodist Church in lieu of the Armory. The church facility was nice, but slightly smaller than the Armory and the attendance was less than prior events. The visitation and discussions at the table were very good and, as you see in the images, Jim, KM5PO and Tom, N5GE were spreading the gospel. Twenty people signed-in and many newsletters, the Sideband Activity on 2 Meters brochures, and the 7 dB for 7 Bucks antenna article were handed out. Thanks again to Howard Hallman for printing!! I am going to take the blue background out of the brochure because that makes it very costly to print.



Jim set up a projected slide show, notice the projector and screen on the right side of the table near the brochure material. It got a lot of attention and will be a great tool to inform hams about 2 M SSB. Jim and Tom drew a lot of attention and friends to the table.

The most heard comment I about 2M SSB was; "I listen and never hear anyone on". This came from people who had been active and dropped out and from new hams trying to get on. This tells me the best thing we can do to get interest in SSB is get activity on the air so people will join in. The contest idea is great. We also need to get "rag chewing" going as much as possible. -Randon, WA5BEG



Event and Contest Calendar:

April 22 7-11pm:432 Sprint
 May 2 6am-1pm:902+MHz Sprint
 May 9 2300z/4hr:50Mhz Sprint
Sprints info: <http://www.sysadnet.com/vhfsprinrules.htm>

June 6 NORCAL SWOT Brunch
 Sacramento, CA

June 12-13 Hamcom, Plano, TX

June 13-14 ARRL June VHF contest

June 21-22 SMIRK contest (6 meters) <http://www.smirk.org>

June 27-28 ARRL Field Day

July 23-25 CSVHFS conference, Elk Grove Village, IL

What to expect Apr-June Meteors:

Lyrids Apr 16-25, peak Apr 22, 10 zHR with outbursts over 100

Eta Aquariads May 4, 15zHR,

3 days
Halleyids May 7, 25zHR, 5 days
May Arietids May 17, 15zHR, 3 days
Omicron Cetids May 25, 7 zHR
Chi Scorpiids Jun 3-6, ? zHR
Arietids Jun 8 peak, 60 zHR
Zeta Perseids Jun 13, 30 zHR
June Lyrids Jun 15/16, 8 zHR
Phi Sagittariids Jun 18/19, 5 zHR
Ophiuchids Jun 20/21, 6 zHR
Beta Taurids Jun 29, 25 zHR

Full Meteors calendar:

[W8WN](#)

[Gary Kronk](#)

Aurora:

Watch:

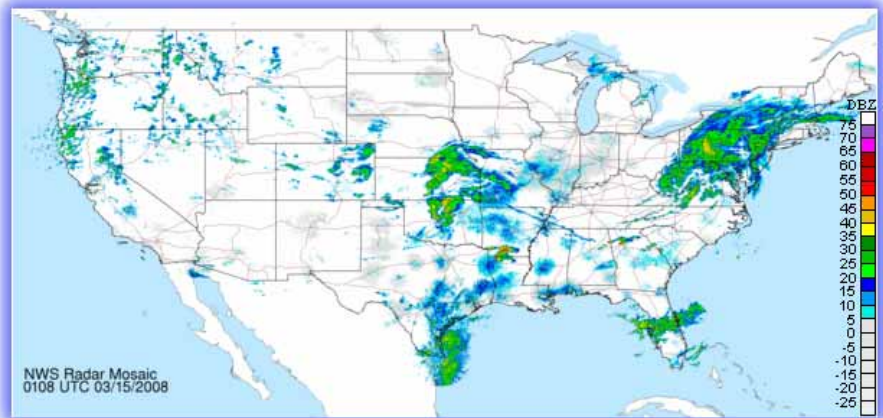
<http://umtof.umd.edu/pm/latest2day.gif>

Tropo:

Always keep an eye on: the [Hepburn Forecast](#). the [APRS Real time VHF propagation map](#). the [Presence of radar reflectivity \(false echos\)](#) [HERE](#)

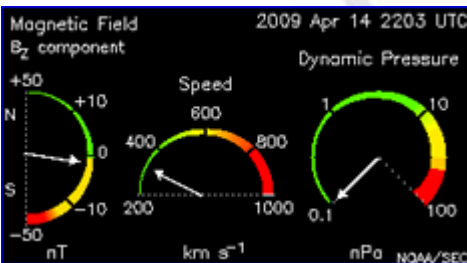
the [Green Page \(144 Mhz Propagation Logger\)](#) the [Surface Map](#) (there are many choices)

www.spaceweather.com



Accurately detect tropo by observing "false" echoes on National Weather Service maps such as this one which you can link to at http://radar.weather.gov/Conus/RadarImg/latest_Small.gif Watch for light blue and gray areas turning darker.

From Howard Hallman, SWOT Secretary.
 Membership updates and new members



Real time Magnetic Field dials (Aurora)

SWOT Bank account balance [03/31/09]
 \$3310.06
 Howard Hallman, SWOT Secretary/
 Treasurer



SWOT#	Call	Name	City	State	Grid
3569	WB5WKO	David	Ft. Worth	TX	EM12
3570	KB4SOG	Terry	Lawrenceburg	KY	EM77
2904	N5LJL	Bob	Talala	OK	EM26
416	K6ERF	Russ	Martinez	CA	CM87
3567	WB5CTQ	Charles	Grapevine	TX	EM12
3568	N5ZHU	Patrick	Weleetka	OK	EM15
3430	K5YC	James	Lovington	NM	DM82

SWOT and Selected 2-Meter Nets

Help improve our listing of nets! If you find errors or omissions or know of other two meter nets being conducted, please send email to either the bulletin editor: km5po@arrl.net or the SWOT Net Manager- Jimmy Johnson, jjohn357@swbell.net

Day	Local Time	Area	Net	Frequency	Net Control Station
SUN	8:00 pm	<i>Vacaville, CA</i>	<i>NORCAL</i>	<i>144.250</i>	<i>W6OMF Larry</i>
SUN	7:30 pm	<i>Costa Mesa, CA</i>	<i>South California</i>	<i>144.240</i>	<i>WB6NOA Gordon</i>
SUN	8:30 am	Tucson, AZ	Arizona	144.250	N7SQN Al
SUN	8:30 pm	Zebulon, NC		144.220	N1GMV
SUN	9:30 pm	Holland, MI	Michigan SWAM	144.155	K8NFT
MON	7:30 pm	Albuquerque, NM	New Mexico	144.200	N5XZM Bobby
MON	8:00 pm	Colorado	Rocky Mt. VHF +	144.220	N0VSB W6OAL
MON	8:00 pm	<i>Midwestern United States</i>	<i>Northeast Missouri SWOT</i>	<i>144.250</i>	<i>N0PB Phil</i>
MON	9:00 pm	Tidewater, VA		144.230	
TUE	8:00 pm	<i>Bay Area, North California, West Nevada</i>	<i>Northern California SWOT</i>	<i>144.250</i>	<i>KG6WLW John</i>
TUE	8:00 pm	<i>Greater Ohio area</i>	<i>Southeast Ohio SWOT</i>	<i>144.250</i>	<i>AB8XG Kenny K0BDJE Russel</i>
WED	8:00 pm	<i>Florida</i>	<i>Daytona Beach SWOT</i>	<i>144.250</i>	<i>W2RAC Richard W1LVL George</i>
WED	9:00 pm	<i>Texas, Okla, Ark, Louisiana</i>	<i>North Texas SWOT</i>	<i>144.250</i>	<i>W5FKV Bob</i>
THU	8:00 pm	<i>Bay Area, North California, West Nevada</i>	<i>Northern California SWOT</i>	<i>144.250</i>	<i>W6DWI Robin</i>
THU	8:00 pm	<i>Oklahoma, Texas, Ark, Missouri, Kansas</i>	<i>Eastern Oklahoma SWOT</i>	<i>144.250</i>	<i>K0SZVE Jimmy</i>
SAT	7:00 am	<i>Texas, Okla, Ark, Louisiana</i>	<i>Pine Woods SWOT</i>	<i>144.250</i>	<i>KM5PO Jim</i>

SWOT Nets are highlighted

SIDEWINDERS ON TWO ENROLLMENT OR RENEWAL FORM

NOTE: Though your membership and number are good for life you must renew annually to receive the newsletter and stay on the active list..

Enclosed find check/MO. to: **Howard Hallman WD5DJT, Sec.Treas.**

NOTE: do not make checks out to SWOT. Make checks out to Howard Hallman
**3230 Springfield Lancaster, TX
75134-1214**

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Call: _____ SWOT No. _____ Call: _____ SWOT No. _____

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My SWOT No. is _____

Name: _____ Call _____ Grid Square _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Nos. _____

Optional: I check into the following nets: _____

E-mail _____

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Note: Send all forms to the Secretary-Treasurer at top of this form.

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S.W.O.T. GENERAL INFORMATION

Send renewals and new applications for membership to Howard Hallman WD5DJT (See address above). Please make all checks payable to Howard Hallman Include your SWOT # for your renewals.

Send your SWOT "Members Worked" from your log to, SWOT Awards manager, Wade Massey, 1016 Weiss Ave, Princeton TX., 75407 \$1.00 fee for certificate and your certificate number would be appreciated, also SASE.

MERCHANDISE :

Decals and listings available for \$1.00 each for shipping and handling from the Secretary/Treasurer.

SWOT Patches are available at a price of \$4.00 Each + \$.50 for mailing

Badges are available from "The Sign Man", Rick Pourciau NV5A, [http://](http://www.thesignman.com/menu.html)

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