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NEXT MEETING SATURDAY SEPT 29TH WA2VNV WILL SHOW US HIS NEW MAST MOUNTED SWITCHED PREAMP SYSTEM FOR 903 AND 1296

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PREZ SEZ DE KA10J

As I write this, it's a gorgeous sunny fall day. It's Sunday morning, the last day of the 2007 10 GHz and up Cumulative. I'm sitting in the cafeteria at the base of Mt Washington waiting for a chance to go up the mountain. Currently the Toll Road is closed. With rain on Saturday and then clear skies overnight, the temperatures plummeted and there's ice on the road! Just one of the hazards of Mt. Washington. The weather up North on the contest weekends hasn't been good this year. My QSO count reflects that fact. Well, there's always next year.

On to business.... First I'd like to thank to Mark, KA1OJ for his stellar service as our President the past couple of years. If you haven't heard, we swapped jobs. Mark is now our illustrious Vice President.

We have several new board members. I'd like to welcome Bob, W1COT and Arthur W1TDS who join Ron, WZ1V and Mark, K1MAP on our current board and also thanks to outgoing board members Don, W1FKF - Beau, N1MJD and Ken, W1RIL. I sincerely hope I got this right as I was napping during elections at the picnic. If I got it wrong, let me know!

At our next meeting the feature presentation will be from George, WA2VNV who will show us his new mast mounted switched preamp system for 903 and 1296 he installed right before the January contest.

Looking ahead to the November 17th meeting, Dave, K1WHS will be telling us about a new 6 meter array he recently erected. It was instrumental in his first place finish in the CQ VHF Contest. This thing is a killer! Take a peek at:

http://www.directivesystems.com/50MHZ.htm

Also on tap at future meetings are an update from Tom, WA1MBA on his 78 GHz project and a look at DTV with Joe, N1DMP who is the Chief Engineer for Channel 3 in Burlington, VT. If you have any ideas for presentations, please let me know. We're always searching for interesting topics.

Microwave Update is just around the corner. Several NEWS members are traveling to Philly, the site of MUD this year. If you can't make it, I'm sure we'll fill you in on the highlights at a future meeting.

Our own Eastern VHF Conference is in the not too distant future. One of the highlights of the Saturday night banquet has always been the prizes. For years, Stan, W1LE has done an amazing job of lobbying vendors to donate their products (thanks Stan!). Sadly, he will not be able to continue this year, so we're looking to replace some mighty big shoes! My

thought is that we appoint a committee to take on this huge job. We'll be looking for your help at the upcoming meeting!

They finally opened the road up Mt Washington around 1PM, but only half way. The top is still covered in rime ice...

See you September 29th.

Mike, N1JEZ

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE NEWS MEETING 14 JULY 2007

Minutes of NEWS meeting 14 July 2007 (Picnic) at Knights of Columbus, Enfield, CT

President KA1OJ called meeting to order at 1337Z

Announcements

- member Al Greenwood, N1EUX Silent Key
- shirts arestill available
- Microwave Update in Valley Forge, PA this year
- N2LIV thanked everyone for the EVHF conference. A new prize chairman is needed.

Treasurers report - balance \$1892, fancy cash flow chart, 132 members, 104 email newsletters

Annual election was held:

President - N1JEZ

VP - KA1OJ

Directors - W1COT and W1TDS for two year term. K1MAP for one-year term.

All elected unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 1401

PROGRAM:

MDS testing, 10 and 24 GHz. Results reported separately.

respectfully submitted, Paul Wade W1GHZ, Secretary, North East Weak Signal Group

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N.E.W.S. MDS AND ERP TESTING

At the annual N.E.W.S. picnic, we well do MDS (Minimum Discernable Signal) and ERP testing on 10 GHz and 24 GHz, and possibly higher bands someday.

To test for MDS, we set up a distant signal source. After everyone has a chance to peak up on the signal, the signal level is reduced one dB at a time - when you can no longer hear it, then you have found the MDS for your system. You decide how well it works, and whether you can hear as well as Don and Dale. As a doublecheck, the frequency is moved a few KHz, then the signal level is increased one dB at a time (this is the "backup" number. If you weren't kidding yourself, you should be able to find it at the same level as before. Usually, it takes a few more dB to find a signal.

Finally, we also check relative ERP, transmitting one at a time and recording the relative power received at the distant point.

Results in 2007 were pretty good, with 11 participants on 10 GHz and 4 on 24 GHz, plus a couple of higher frequency stations for show. This isn't a competition, just a chance to check out the gear with friends around to help. Most folks had 10 GHz stations that worked pretty well, while a few found problems to fix before the 10 GHz & Up contest in August. Not only do we know our equipment works, but also that there will be some other good stations to work.

NOTE: one callsign was not recorded by the scribe. Please let me know who it was.

Paul W1GHZ

TEST RESULTS 10 & 24 GHZ

CALL RIG			z MDS		10 GHz ERP				
		lost	backup						
K2AEP	18" offset, 110 mw	-102	-86	dBm	-18	dB			
KA1OJ	24" offset, 6 w	-104	-96	dBm	-1	dB			
W1FKF	18" offset, 200 mw	-102	-99	dBm	-20	dB			
AF1T	24" dish, 10 w	-104	-94	dBm	0	dB			
W1MKY	12" dish, 2.6 w	-80	-76	dBm	-17	dB			
WW1Z	20 dBi horn, 600 mw	dBm	-24	dB					
?	18" offset, 10 mw	-90	-87	dBm					
W1GHZ	18" offset, 1 watt	-92	-80	dBm	-18	dB			
N1EKV	24" dish, 400 mw	-91	-79	dBm	-14	dB			
W1AUV	18" offset, 1.7 w	-95	-87	dBm	-16	dB			
W1RT	24" dish, 10 w	-90		dBm					
		24 GH	z MDS		24 GH:	z ERP			
N1JEZ	20" dish, +32.5 dBm	-96	-92		0				
W1FKF	18" dish, 600 mw	-88	-86		-8				
KA1OJ	24" dish, 1/2 w	-93	-90		-6				
W1GHZ	18" dish, 2 w	-94	-83		-3				

SEPT 2007 RUMORED SCORES DE KB1VC AND WZ1V

Call	Grid Ne	ws CL	Points	6m	2m	222	432	903	1.2G	2.3G	3.4G	5.7G	10G 2	4G 4	7G	75G 1	20G	145G	2400	LAS
K1WHS	FN43	ΥU	1132875	457/84	393/63	147/36	210/42	84/27	95/28	71/25	57/23	49/23	51/23	2/1	_	_	_	_	_	_
K5QE	EM31	ΝU	488708	350/124	259/63	82/31	150/37	45/19	64/20	16/13	17/12	! -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N2NK	FN21	ΝU	267624	242/44	289/45			33/19	35/20	20/13	13/10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W0EEA	DM79		42510	66/34		23/12		11/5	15/9	5/4	3/3	3/3	10/4	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
K0DI	DM14	ΝU	21840	69/23	71/14	13/7	48/15	4/3	10/6	-	1/1	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W4MYA	FM07	ΝU	1235	65/19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maco	ENIOO	NI I	201216	270/64	200/50	07/25	200/40													
W3SO K8EP	FN00 FM09	N L N L	281316 212706	379/61 352/46	390/59 359/48			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KB1DFB	FN41	NL	62328	176/29	174/30			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KV1J	FN44	NL	33449	143/33	100/22			_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
AD6IJ	DM14	ΝL	15768	70/17	79/20	-	43/11	_	19/6	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
W8RU	EN82	ΝL	5670	31/20		13/10		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KV1J_Ck	FN44	ΝL	660	-	-	-	-	11/6	9/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K1TEO	FN31	ΥH	512295	184/45	329/56			57/25	73/28	37/19		16/12	8/6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA2FGK		NΗ	278424	138/40	194/42			43/17	58/24	34/14	27/13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KA1ZE	FN01	NΗ	230010	130/50	227/57			29/22	39/27	-	-	-	- 0/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K3TUF	FN10	NΗ	190674	98/34	163/38				32/15	14/8	14/8	10/6	9/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K8TQK K5LLL	EM89 EM10	N H N H	171433 98790	90/51 180/85	113/58 96/31		69/42 42/17		24/19 11/7	12/11 11/8	5/4 7/6	-	4/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KE2N	FM18	NΗ	94944	100/05	165/29		85/27		30/11	11/6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W4WA	EM84	NH	90951	152/67		29/22		10/9	18/16	9/6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K8MD	EN82	NΗ	79913	101/43				18/14	19/12	6/6	4/4	1/1	1/1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
W0ZQ	EN34	NΗ	64480	64/24		29/19		16/12		10/8	8/6	1/1	1/1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
KN4SM	FM16	ΝН	35640	56/28		46/25		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KC6ZWT	CM98	ΝН	29212	58/13	96/19	50/15	58/14	14/4	-	6/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WO9S	EN61	ΝН	29016	73/33	87/29	29/12	47/19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W5PR	EL29	ΝН	25365	267/95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WB2RVX		NΗ	24596	39/19	104/26		36/20	-	7/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W3EP	FN31	ΥH	21450	106/29	75/23	-	39/18	-	9/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K1TOL	FN44	NΗ	21420	306/70	-	-	-	-	- 7/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K4HV W6VNQ	EL97 CM88	N H N H	21068 19215	95/51 40/14	26/13	11/7 41/15	22/11	3/2	7/5 -	2/2	1/1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W6OAL	DM79	NΗ	16905	75/28	37/12		20/8	6/4	- 7/4	2/2	- 1/1	- 1/1	- 2/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/1
W2KV	FN20	ΝH	15708	18/11	163/42	-	15/11	-	-	-	-	-	5/4	_	_	_	_	_	_	-
W1ZC	FN42	ΥH	11770	53/17	45/18	-	34/14	-	16/6	-	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
WJ9B	EL89	ΝH	7952	17/12	37/16	8/8	22/12	2/2	6/5	1/1	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	_	-
W10UN	FN42	ΥΗ	7524	50/14	61/19	-	24/8	-	4/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K7CW	CN87	ΝН	5662	89/22	60/16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K1UHF	FN31	YΗ	2180	0/0	105/18	-	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NN5DX	DM80	ΝН	925	10/8	11/9	3/3	5/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA2ONK	FN20	ΝН	720	-	-	18/14	-	3/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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K1TR KB8U	FN42 EN71	N S N S	183438 95858	216/32 92/40	106/37				23/9 10/5	18/7 11/9	11/6 8/6	9/4	10/4 3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KC9BQA		NS	81789	82/28			70/25		28/12	6/6	-	_	-	_	-	-	_	-	_	_
WB2SIH		NS	72960	53/16	133/27					-	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
K4LY		NS	53406	123/52		31/23		-	-	4/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W4SHG	FM18		51980	58/22	81/24	39/21	57/22	17/11	18/11	2/2	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K5MA	FN41	ΝS	48672	81/26	139/28			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA2VNV		ΥS	47187	54/22			53/22		21/10	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WB5ZDP			39294	41/21		23/14		8/7	10/7	7/6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VA3WLD		NS	32973	41/19		44/17		- 0/5	18/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VA3KA	FN15	NS	31417	56/20		29/15		9/5 0/5	16/8	-	-	-	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K1IM VO1NO	FN32 FN24	N S N S	30020 29430	108/20 59/23		31/13 28/16		9/5 3/2	13/5 9/5	-	-	-	- 2/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOLL	EM09		28768	76/43		20/16		3/Z -	9/5 7/7	-	-	-	Z/ I -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA3EOG		NS	20564	25/16		21/18		- 11/11	13/13	_	-	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_
K8MR	EN91	NS	19092	44/23		27/18		-	1/1	_	_	-	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_
N0VZJ	EN35	NS	17679	83/29		21/12		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KC8QAE		N S	15795	60/26		20/14		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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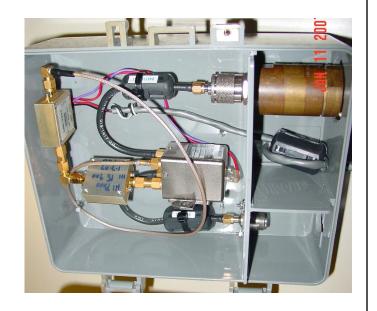
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K3JT	EM99	NS	10362	61/30	46/22	_	25/14	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
N8RA	FN31	NS	10000	39/17	161/33	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	-
N1SXL	FN41	NS	7525	66/17	59/18	-	25/8	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	_	_	-	_	-
N2JDQ	FN20	NS	6612	-	84/20	-	45/18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	-
KA3ZLS	FM19	ΝS	5896	6/3	73/21	9/8	14/10	-	3/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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N1WR	FM18	ΝS	4264	32/17	72/24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VE3KZ	FN03	ΝS	4186	48/26	19/13	-	12/7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WV2ZOV	V FN20	ΝS	3838	23/9	30/12	11/9	13/8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K3CAR	FM19	ΝS	3515	31/13	26/13	-	19/11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K300	FN20	ΝS	3300	41/16	59/17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K2DBK	FN21	ΝS	3161	67/18	26/8	-	8/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VE3CVG	-	NS	3132	19/6	22/7	6/3	18/6	3/2	6/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K9MU	EN46	NS	2607	45/21	32/11	-	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K1LPS	FN34	YS	2542	13/7	29/11	13/7	7/6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W1LA	FN42	NS	2220	23/12	18/9	7/4	8/4	-	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N5BO	EM60	NS	2214	54/41	-	- 0/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KA1OJ K8WW	FN42 EN81	Y S N S	1944	14/7	18/9 -	6/3	14/8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W1DYJ	FN42	YS	1404 1311	52/27	- 27/12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K9AIH	EN44	N S	825	30/11 12/5	11/4	- 7/3	9/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W9SZ	EN50	NS	748	5/3	15/6	7/3 5/4	9/3 7/4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N1VQR	FN42	YS	525	14/6	9/5	4/2	2/2	_	_	_	_	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	_
AE1P	FN32	NS	425	11/9	10/6	-	2/2	-	-	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
/_ !!	11102		720	11/0	10/0		2/2													
KC3WD	ROV	ΝR	124230	32/26	60/16	43/29	41/28	22/21	23/22	19/10	11/11	13/13	3 12/12	2 -	-	_	_	_	_	-
K3LFO	ROV	NR	76680	77/18	111/20	62/18	67/18	31/10	33/11	18/6	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	_	-
W1AUV	ROV	ΥR	56079	66/14	100/20	55/15	62/16	-	33/12	14/7	-	-	12/6	-	-	-	-	_	_	-
N8UM	ROV	ΝR	53530	90/23	101/25	38/17	26/14	16/8	30/13	12/6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K1DS	ROV	ΝR	44720	31/9	53/13	35/12	39/15	16/6	25/8	15/5	11/2	10/2	11/2	2/1	-	-	-	-	-	2/1
W1RT	ROV	ΥR	43792	20/6	61/12	38/9	40/8	29/5	28/5	25/4	15/4	10/3	9/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K2QO	ROV	ΝR	41764	72/23	129/32	8/7	54/21	5/4	10/7	2/2	1/1	-	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K9JK	ROV	ΝR	34237	78/15	96/14	64/10	67/10	-	25/10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WB8BZK		ΝR	5544	26/10	23/6	19/6	17/6	-	11/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W3DHJ	ROV	ΝR	1782	26/9	55/9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N6ZE	ROV	ΝR	182	1/1	7/6	-	3/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N1MJD	ROV	ΥR	144	-	24/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAZ ITM	DM33	ΝО	506	14/5	12/3	_	10/3	_	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_

Club Total Score:841618

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