

There were also a few contacts in northern South America. A contact with KH6X in Hawaii was no big surprise for a contact with Oceania but the contact with VK9DNX on Norfolk Island (north of New Zealand and east of Australia) really caught my attention. It was an operation by the Bavarian Contest Club with eight operators from the Munich area of Germany. It was an exceptionally well run operation. About a week after the 160 meter contact they were also caught on 80 meter CW. Both times when coming back to me, the operator repeated my call three times. That surely makes for more certain contacts when there is QRM on the bands.

They have a very "professional" looking WEB site (if your system can find their server) at <http://www.df3ch.com/vk9dnx> If you had any doubt about whether you had made a contact you could use their "Online Log" link, after a day or so, to see if you were indeed "IN THE LOG". They finished their 17 day operation with 61,851 QSO's. The great majority were CW - 71%, followed by SSB - 23% and RTTY about 6%.

Other contacts during the month included 30 meter contacts with Bermuda, France, Nicaragua, Senegal by a Frenchman and a 17 meter CW QSO with an American in Ecuador.

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Several years ago when we were asked to assist the Boy Scout troop in Mattoon with their RADIO Merit Badge one of those who graciously pitched in to help was Chris Freshwater - KB9LCK. It was shock to see his obituary in the paper earlier this month. He was 58 when he died February 28, 2007 at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL. Apparently the cause of death was from complications of diabetes.

Chris was a CW QRP DXer and we talked a number of times over the years about our DXing successes. Sadly we had not talked lately and I had not known that he was ill. Several times I had invited him to come to a club meeting but at that time he was taking classes on Monday nights. Rest in peace, Chris, 73 DE W9LYN

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