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Radio Amateur Association of West Greece SZ1A - Kostas Stamatis SV1DPI

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The Radio Amateur Association of West Greece (RAAWG) was founded in 1985. Our official call is SZ1A (ex. SV1AFA). The main population center, where the most of our members are, is Agrinio, a town with a population of about 100,000.

Our original goal was not contesting but to join all amateurs in West Greece, to put some repeaters in nearby mountains, to organize courses for candidate hams, to educate them and to offer as volunteers to our community.

As a result, today we have to maintain three voice repeaters, four APRS digipeaters and one hf station (in our office in Agrinio) plus the Contest Station SZ1A in Red Forest. Our club numbers about 100 members at the present time.

From the first days some of our members were very active in contests. In 1993 we participated in our first CQ WW SSB as a club in the M/S category using the call SV1AFA. We were first SV and this gave us a lot of pleasure! This first participation created a tradition. So our club became the most active club in Greece in several HF contests.

Our dream was to create a contest station. In Greece, most of us live in small condos and small properties in general. Just a very few Greek radio amateurs have the space for big antennas and towers. There are many clubs that have a small HF station, a big station (by Greek standards) was an unfulfilled dream.

This dream started to be a reality for us, in 2009. Then we found the place to host us, an old abandoned school in a place called Red Forest about 20 km out of Agrinio. We started to repair the building and in 2010 we raised our first tower 17m (55 ft) high. Our first contest from Red Forest was some months later, the ARRL CW in 2011.

We can host for free 5 operators at this moment in the station. There are beds, complete kitchen, bathroom.



With a lot of offers from our members we have right now two stations working together:
 First station: Icom 756 pro II – Icom PW1 a mplifier
 Second station: Kenwood 850 sat – ZZ1600 amplifier
 Dunestar band pass filters.

Antennas: Cushcraft X7, HyGain Exp14, dipoles for 80 and 160m, 3el wire beam for 40m to JA, Cushcraft 40-2cd (not installed yet)

Two towers, one 17m (55ft) and one 15m (45ft). One more tower about 12m, on the ground at the moment and waits to grow up (hi hi).

Unfortunately the SV bureau doesn't serve clubs anymore so we cannot receive your QSL card via the bureau. We upload to LotW after every contest and of course reply to direct requests the same day. We also accept OQRS for Bureau cards. When we gather some requests, we mail direct to foreign bureaus. For OQRS, please visit <http://sz1a.org/index.php/links-2>

Everyone, Greek or foreign amateur is welcome to come to Agrinio, visit us and operate the SZ1A station. If you need any help about SZ1A, please send an email to sz1a@qsl.net

Many photos from our activities can be found at picasaweb



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30 Oct 2015 1731 GMT
 SFI:112 SN: 101
 A-Index: 5
 K-Index: 3
 X-Ray: C4.0
 304R: 139.3 @ SEM

Calculated Conditions

Band	Day	Night
80m-40m:	Poor	Fair
30m-20m:	Good	Good
17m-15m:	Fair	Fair
12m-10m:	Poor	Poor

Signal Noise: S2-S3

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