

Chairman's Corner

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The Chairman's Corner By Jimmy Johnson KD5ZVE



Hello again, it has been a busy month. We hope every one on the Gulf Coast that were in the path of Ike are all right and their lives are getting back to normal.

On the 21st of August I received an e-mail from Art KA5DWI stating that he wished to resign from SWOT after 7 years of service as Chairman, Co-Chairman and Editor for the news letter and after John, KM5ES passed away, he also took on responsibility for web master of the home

page and owner and moderator for the yahoo page and beyond that, was set to take on the job of Secretary/Treasurer! It will be difficult to replace Art. He will be missed. Howard, WD5DJT has graciously agreed to stay on as Treasurer until other arrangements can be made.

The executive committee will meet on the second Tuesday of October. Any one with any ideas to improve the club or wanting to help please contact me at chairman@swotrc.net !

Please check into our nets and make some noise on 2 meter ssb - there is some one listening!

73's Jimmy KD5ZVE SWOT Chairman #3458

Opening and good operating skills nets SWOT number 450 !!

Far too often even when there IS DX around, it's too weak or just not quite making it to me. Friday night there was some out to the west, but the only one of decent strength was W8ANS, who I already had. Saturday night sounded like more of the same, except to FM07 and FM06. Then it got better and I caught KB4XK in FM06 - and in a new county, Caswell Co, NC. There were some VERY loud usual suspects - WA4PGI, KG4HOT, and K4LTX (he was 30 over and gave me 40 over!), and also KU4PT in Rowan Co, NC - not a new county, but I never turn down a new NC. But I persisted and managed to also bag N1RIK in FM05 - and another new NC county, Moore [county]. I even heard K4LY in South Carolina, but had worked him already in the Nov 07 opening.

Strangely enough, VE1AHM was also coming in. True, I'd worked and QSL'd him MANY years ago, but that was long before there were grid squares and I needed his

FN76. He also had something else I needed - a SWOT number. He even remembered it and so I gave him mine, too.

OK, it did take 14 years, but that was the last one I needed for an endorsement, and I will be sending off for my worked 450 SWOT endorsement! FINALLY!

What a night. 2 new counties, an extra NC for fun, a new grid, a SWOT # AND an endorsement. WOW!

-73 de WB2CUT SWOT 90

[report filed September 21st, 2008 from WB2CUT email]

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Gainesville, TX hamfest

Randon/WA5BEG SWOT# 3111

I set up a Two Meter Sideband information table at the Gainesville hamfest to share information, acquaint people with SWOT and



raffle an RF sniffer Jim made. I think it went well, even though the hamfest was smaller than it had been in the past. The pictures are of the table and the sniffer winner.

The hamfest was held on Aug 23rd at the Gainesville Civic Center. There were about 60 to 70 tables and only about 1/4 to 1/3 were occupied. There were four "tailgaters" outside.



Even though it was small, the group was very friendly, seemed not in a hurry and took time talking and discussing 2M SSB.



There were 28 sign-ins and 24 raffle participants. Eleven copies of 7db for 7 bucks were given out along with 5 copies of the July-Aug news letter. I will email the bulletin to the eight people who sign-in and checked YES to E-mail bulletin.

There were about four people who had been on 2M SSB in the past but not active now. Another six had equipment that would do 2M SSB but had never been on.

The raffle was a real PLUS. The sniffer got a lot of attention and discussion. There was a small group around the table at the 11:00 drawing time. The winner, Jenean

Thomas, KE5NFQ - was announced over the hamfest public address system.

Randon



Tapping into mother nature's power. This array of solar panels belong to W6OMF who says "I'm reducing my carbon footprint". There are 24 panels at 190 watts for a total of 4560 watts. The antenna farm in the background looks like it can use every bit of that!!

SWOT Bank account balance [Sept 1, 2008]
\$3,111.07
Howard Hallman, S.W.O.T. Secretary/Treasurer

From Larry, W6OMF and the California SWOT world.



Oh golly, gee whiz, it was GREAT!!!! 132 was the count peak for me. Got a couple other counts of 112 and 121. So we'll call it a perfect group with nothing but accolades from Sue and I. We had a blast talking and meeting everyone. The Air show at Travis AFB was going on, so a bit of traffic for Bob, W6BO with his Helo approach and landing... Three ship formation of a C-17, C-5 and KC-10 to dodge

around as they were doing there approach for a fly by. I know, I know a little excessive for a SWAP Meet, but you know, friends! Hi hi

Several went away with goodies.

50 feet of ROHN 25 tower with Rotor plate went to N6DUK, Clarence of Red Bluff, CA

New Alinco DR-235 222 rig went to KG6TF, Sam of Pahrump, NV



Bob & Janet arriving in style.

ICOM IC-T7A with desk top Charger, Cloning software and second battery went to KD6HOJ, Troy of Citrus Heights, CA

New M² 432-9WL antenna went to WA6KTK, Steve of Manteca, CA

New M² 6 Meter HO Loop went to KR6DY, Dave of Mariposa, CA



New Don Johnson Screwdriver antenna went to KJ6AQ, Jack of Nice, CA

Small TV went to KG6KKI, Ruthe of Los Molinos, CA



And Wine went to W6DWI, W2DY, KF6PGT, KI6EVC, KG6WLV, W6JRC, KI6RSA, KF6J, W6OP, WA6QAK, WA6LMZ, & WA6QMQ



Sue receiving driving instruction from Allen, WA6DNR

Greetings from sunny New Mexico

Just letting you know of a great opening I, K5YC, and my wife, KD5IHZ, had on 2 meter SSB the first of July.

We were able to work into DM80, EM00, EM20, EM10, EL19, EM11, EL09, EM32, EL29, EM12, DM91, EM13. All signals were 5/7 to 5/9 strength. What a great opening! Equipment used was an Icom 706MKIIG, 160 watt brick amp, arr2 preamp, 12 element M2 Beam at 60 ft fed with 7/8 inch hardline. 432 was also open and we made a few contacts there .

I am a member of the "SWOT" group #3430 and thought you might like to include this in an upcoming Newsletter. Many other grids were heard on 2 but could not work them all before the old band went out. Wife and I really enjoy weak signal work on 6, 2, 432.

Six meters has also been great lately, as we worked Japan, South America, Canada, and others. Wife has 18 states so far worked on 6 meter CW, HI! Can't wait till next cycle. We got 24 countries last cycle on 6. Hpe c u on 6 or 2 sometime. 73's

GRID--DM82
Jim---K5YC
Lee ANN-KD5IHZ

Finally some tropo down here! [9-7-08]

Got in late but managed some neat QSO's.

2M: 14 Q's, 10 grids best DX N8UM/4 EM85 at 984 mi

222: 5 Q's, 4 grids best DX N4QWZ EM66 at 877 mi

432: 6 Q's, 5 grids best DX N4QWZ EM66 at 877 mi

1296: 2 Q's, 2 grids best DX AG4V EM55BD at 688 mi

2304: 1 Q, 1 grids best DX AG4V EM55BD at 688 mi

73 - John W5UWB EL17ax
SWOT #39

7-3 76

WB2 CUT


RICHARD KAPLAN
METUCHEN, N. J.

84 SHARON COURT
08840

CONFIRMING OUR QSO OF 6/27/76
ON 2 METER USA
YR SIG 57

AT 8:41 PM EDT (00:41Z) 6/28/76
XMTR IY40/TC2
RCVR M46/SC2
ANTENNA 14 EL
PARABOLIC 50' 7
TNX 4 QSO

73's Phil
PSE QSL TNX. Es



WB2CUT QSL cards keep showing up! This one submitted by long time SWOT member John Moody, WR5L, SWOT # 6. This confirmed an Es contact in 1976 between Rich and John.



Now this is what you call a **big** QSL card! Lila McMasters shows off the "card" (actually printed on parchment paper similar to certificate material) for contacts with NOIRS/P during the recent September ARRL VHF contest. NOIRS and the team of WBONQD/NOIRC/KOJRD handed out multiple band contacts from their 2700 ft elevation on Rich Mountain (Mena, Ark - EM24) despite horrible weather as the remnants of Hurricane Ike struck them full force.

Check out more information about the Kansas City VHF Grid Bandits at <http://www.kcvhfgribbandits.com> including an outstanding video of their portable contest activities during the hurricane.

SWOT Net Reports

Here are the net reports for
July & August 2008

Northern California W6OMF (Sunday)

July:

Checking in once 19
Checking in twice 15
Checking in three times 17
Checking in four times 31

A total of 82 different
stations with 10 different
GRIDS.

August:

We had 10 different grids
with-
55 checkins the 1st week
61 checkins the 2nd week
No net the 17th
66 checkins the 4th week
43 checkins the 5th week

23 ops checked in all 4 nets
23 ops checked in 3 times
17 ops checked in twice
22 ops checked in once

North California KG6WLV CM87 N.Cal/Bay Area

(Tuesday 8pm)
Date Check-ins

NORCAL W6DWI (Thursday 8pm)

Date Check-ins/SWOT/States

06/05 23 - 06 - 01
06/12 no net
06/19 16 - 06 - 01
06/26 19 - 08 - 01

07/03 16 - 04 - 01
07/10 25 - 08 - 01
07/17 23 - 05 - 01
07/24 no net
07/31 18 - 07 - 01

08/07 26 - 08 - 01
08/14 31 - 09 - 01
08/21 no net
08/28 19 - 06 - 01

Northeast Missouri NOPB

(Monday 8pm)
Date Check-ins/Grids/
States/SWOT

07/07 no net
07/14 21 - 14 - 07 - 06
07/21 18 - 09 - 06 - 02
07/28 no net
08/04 28 - 08 - 17 - 06
08/11 28 - 07 - 16 - 05
08/18 27 - 09 - 18 - 07
08/25 36 - 09 - 17 - 08

North Texas W5FKN (KM5PO sub) (Wednesday 9pm)

Date Check-ins/SWOT/Grids/
States
07/02 22 - 12 - 18 - 04
07/09 20 - 11 - 13 - 03
07/16 26 - 14 - 17 - 04
07/23 24 - 12 - 19 - 04
07/30 28 - 13 - 20 - 04
08/06 24 - 09 - 17 - 04
08/13 24 - 12 - 17 - 04
08/20 22 - 10 - 14 - 03
08/27 23 - 13 - 15 - 04

Southeast Ohio AB8XG KD8DJE Sub)

(Tuesday 9pm)
Date CheckIns/States/Grids/
SWOT

07/01 13 - 02 - 02 - 06
07/08 06 - 02 - 02 - 05
07/15 07 - 02 - 02 - 06
07/22 13 - 02 - 02 - 07
07/29 17 - 02 - 03 - 08

08/04 16 - 02 - 02 - 08
08/12 20 - 02 - 02 - 08
08/18 15 - 02 - 02 - 06
08/26 16 - 02 - 02 - 06

E. Oklahoma KD5ZVE (Thursday 8pm)

Date CheckIns/Grids/States/
SWOT

07/03 11 - 05 - 03 - 10
07/10 20 - 10 - 04 - 09
07/17 19 - 13 - 04 - 13
07/24 12 - 05 - 03 - 09

08/07 13 - 09 - 04 - 10
08/14 no net
08/21 19 - 09 - 04 - 13
08/28 17 - 09 - 04 - 11

Daytona Beach W2RAC/W1LVL

(Wednesday 8pm)
Date Check-ins

No Data

E. Texas Piney Woods

KM5PO (K5LOW -N5TIF sub)

(Saturday 7am)
Date Check-ins/Grids/SWOT/
States

07/05 23 - 13 - 12 - 04
07/12 21 - 10 - 12 - 04
07/19 22 - 12 - 10 - 04
07/26 no net

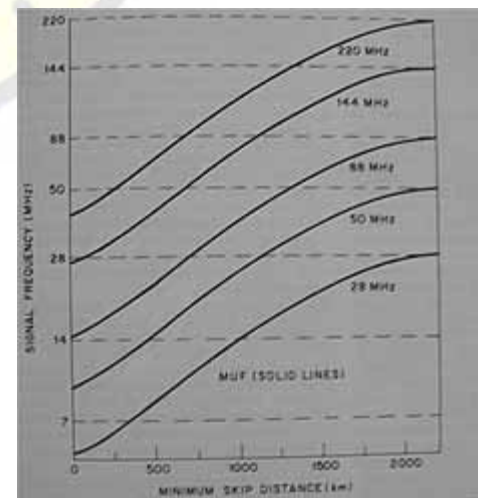
08/02 23 - 14 - 15 - 05
08/09 18 - 10 - 12 - 04
08/16 17 - 09 - 12 - 05
08/23 no net
08/23 27 - 19 - 16 - 06

Southern California WB6NOA

(Sunday 7:30pm)

The Southern California area
has consolidated several
weak signal SSB nets to a
single net on Wednesday at
8pm local time on 144.240
MHz. This is a collection of
Weak Signal nets rather than
an official SWOT net. All
are invited!

-Gordon West WB6NOA



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Event and Contest Calendar:

Oct 18-19 ARRL EME contest

Nov 15-16 ARRL EME contest

Mid December: WSJTGROUP Winter contest. This is the 'big event' for North American High Speed Meteor Scatter group. Full rules are not yet posted but will

be forthcoming (and also published in the next SWOT bulletin). Keep an eye on <http://www.ykc.com/wa5ufh/WSJTGROUP/>

January ARRL VHF contest: not yet announced by ARRL at Bulletin press time but is generally the 3rd or 4th weekend in January.

What to expect Oct-Dec Meteors:

Leonids Nov 18 zHR periodic in nature!

alpha Monocerotids Nov 21 zHR: low with 10 year cycle. next peak = 2015

11 Canis Minorids Dec 9-11 1.27 zHR

Geminids Dec 12-15 peak Dec 14 0400UTC, 120 zHR

Ursids Dec 21-23 peak Dec 22 1300UTC, 12 zHR

Quadrantids Dec 28-Jan 7, peak Jan 3-4, 131 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



Example of the very nice certificate awards given out to winners by WSJTGROUP.

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



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/latestSmall.gif> Watch for light blue and gray areas turning darker.

SWOT#	Call	Name	City	State	Grid
3289	N6VG	Jerry	Sacramento	CA	CM98
3514	K1YQP	Frederick	Shingle Springs	CA	CM98
3360	K6QXB	Herb	Santa Rosa	CA	CM88
3518	KD6SOK	Fred	Sunnyvale	CA	CM87
3515	W6DWI	Robin	Davis	CA	CM98
3327	W6QNE	Byron	Bethel Island	CA	CM98
3524	KG6WLV	John	Concord	CA	CM87
3475	AF6JP	John	Lathrop	CA	CM97
1497	WA6QAK	Bill	Pollock Pines	CA	CM98
880	K6HLH	Larry	Lancaster	CA	DM14
3447	KC6YSD	David	Union City	CA	CM87
3519	N2THD	Charles	Diamond Springs	CA	CM98
3443	K9ZPY	Dale	San Francisco	CA	CM87
3553	W5BL	Doug	Clarksville	TX	EM23
3554	KB5VLK	Roberta	Dallas	TX	EM12
3372	K5JWL	Jack	Bryan	TX	EM10
3555	KC5DDK	Ron	Tulsa	OK	EM26
3448	WZ6X	Dave	American Canyon	CA	CM88

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	Vacaville, CA	NORCAL	144.250	W6OMF Larry
SUN	8:30 am	Tucson, AZ	Arizona	144.250	N7SQN AI
SUN	8:30 pm	Zebulon, NC		144.220	N1GMV
SUN	9:30 pm	Holland, MI	Michagan 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	Midwestern United States	Northeast Missouri SWOT	144.250	NOPB Phil
MON	9:00 pm	Tidewater, VA		144.230	
TUE	8:00 pm	Bay Area, North California, West Nevada	Northern California SWOT	144.250	KG6WLV John
TUE	9:00 pm	Greater Ohio area	Southeast Ohio SWOT	144.250	AB8XG Kenny KD8DJE Russell
WED	8:00 pm	Southern California	Weak Signal consolidated nets.	144.240	WB6NOA Gordon
WED	8:00 pm	Florida	Daytona Beach SWOT	144.250	W2RAC Richard W1LVL George
WED	9:00 pm	Texas, Okla, Ark, Louisiana	North Texas SWOT	144.250	W5FKN Bob
THU	8:00 pm	Bay Area, North California, West Nevada	Northern California SWOT	144.250	W6DWI Robin
THU	8:00 pm	Oklahoma, Texas, Ark, Missouri, Kansas	Eastern Oklahoma SWOT	144.250	KD5ZVE Jimmy
SAT	7:00 am	Texas, Okla, Ark, Louisiana	Piney Woods SWOT	144.250	KM5PO Jim

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**

New member: \$6 - receive bulletin by email
 \$12 - receive bulletin by US post office

I have worked the following SWOT members:

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

Renewing: \$6 - receive bulletin by email
 \$12 - receive bulletin by US post office

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 _____

Receive Newsletter By Email: YES _____ NO _____

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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://www.thesignman.com/menu.html>

