

Internet. After the DL88 operation, we will activate DL89.

Team members for this trip are Bill-K5YG, Danny-N5OMG, Bill-N5YA, and Marshall-K5QE. Our support crew will include Joey-W5TFW(QSL Mgr) and JD-N0IRS(webmaster and video editor). The on-site group wishes to thank Joey and JD for all their help and support. JD will be building us a web site for this summer's trip. If you or your group wishes to help sponsor this trip, look to the web site when JD gets it up-check the KC Grid Bandits site for a link.

http://www.kcvhfgridbandits.com/kc_vhf_grid_bandits_037.htm

Here is the basic schedule of events:

June 28--N5YA and K5QE drive to Big Bend National Park. We will be roving as we go, making as many contacts as possible.

Antenna will be a loop. Call will be K5QE/R. QRG = 50.150MHz SSB. K5YG and N5OMG drive to the Park from the New Orleans area.

June 29--Drive to DL88 and set up camp. We expect to be operational by about Noon....give or take.

June 30--Operate from DL88.

July 1--Operate from DL88 until about 3PM. Break camp and drive out of the park. K5YG and N5OMG return home.

July 2--N5YA and K5QE will operate from DL89wx. This will be a daytime operation only.

July 3--N5YA and K5QE drive home, roving as we go. Call will be K5QE/R on 50.150MHz.

While in DL88 and DL89, we will operate on 50.150MHz SSB/CW. If the band is "dead" for Es, we will operate FSK441(First Sequence always), also on 50.150MHz. This is the same frequency we used in EL58. Because of the battery power problem, we may not be able to operate all night long on MS. We may have to conserve battery power by shutting down in the late evening and charging both our battery packs. In any case, we intend to be on MS in the early AM hours.

PLEASE:

RS(T) report only.

NO duplicate contacts in same grid, But

DO call for DL88 from June 29-July 1, AND DL89 on

July 2

DO NOT reply to "call ending in YZ" unless your call does.

To receive your QSL cards, please send Joey-W5TFW your card along with an SASE. NO SASE = NO QSL card!! It will take us a few weeks to get the cards printed, so it will take a while to get all the cards out. Please be patient....do NOT hassle Joey about your card. He will get them out ASAP.

All email concerning this event should be addressed to k5n@bellsouth.net. While the basic parameters of this DXpedition are set, it is highly possible that there will be some changes made if the situation demands.

We hope to work everyone possible, so listen up for us.

EDITOR'S NOTE

DL88 just barely reaches into the U.S. and its location in the most remote area of the Park make it one of the rarest grids in the U.S. The New Orleans component of their team will be traveling right at 1,000 miles one way to get here. Most of us

know how remote and primitive conditions are in south BBNP. Add to this that a large part of their QSOs will be sporadic E and Meteor Scatter and you can see this will be a very challenging, exciting, exhausting, and hopefully a very rewarding expedition for this team.

Our West Texas Hospitality is well known, but this group needs a little bit more from us, and the efforts they will be putting into this event well deserve our extra help. In fact it will be critical to the level of their success.

What they need to do is get information posted to the Internet. If you don't have Internet access you might be able to take a message and contact someone who does.

First, let's yield the frequency to them whenever they call and give them priority. Second let's try to monitor the repeaters as much as we can while they are here. Third I would like to collect a list of those willing to be put on a contact list so we can each have e-mail and phone contact information to keep ourselves up to date on who can monitor and when, as well as anything requested by the expedition team. You don't have to be on the contact list to assist. I would like to know from anyone who thinks they may be able monitor and when.

We need to be monitoring from Tuesday, June 29 until Friday, July 2. That is the Tuesday through Friday right after Field Day.

Anyone interested in helping us provide the 2-meter to Internet support, please contact me at w5ato@arrl.net, or on my cell phone, 432-386-6316.

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Bill Baker, W5ATO

Many of us look for an opportunity to visit South Brewster County and we have a group coming in October, asking for communications assistance for their event based out of Study Butte / Terlingua.

The Trail Riders of Houston Motorcycle Club is a family oriented group of off road motorcycle sports enthusiasts. They are safety conscious and one of their concerns is the lack of cell phone service in parts of this course and the need to have emergency communications alternatives in those areas.

I am awaiting a response to e-mail for more details of the course location and who to coordinate with to discuss their communications needs and possible solutions.

It sounds like a great opportunity for a South County Get Away and possibly new challenges for providing remote emergency communications.

Until I hear more from this group directly, I can only provide a Web address to provide more information.

<http://www.trh-cycle.org>
