

QSL Managers Message

It's a busy time of year for Ham Radio operators. Many different events happen one right after the other. Coming up this weekend is ARRL Field Day. Looking forward to setting up some radios and making some contacts out at Pecan Grove West Park. For those that are interested I'll spend some time with you showing you some Logging options and helping you learn how to deal with a Pile Up. Learning how to copy Call Signs is the hardest thing you'll need to learn. With practice it becomes easier.

Right after that a very popular Special Event starts...the Original 13 Colonies Special Event. Contact stations in each of the original 13 colonies plus 2 bonus stations. They will be using the 1X1 call signs K2A – K2M and GB13COL for the station in

England and WM3PEN for the station in Philly and the Liberty Bell. Go to <http://www.13colonies.net/> for additional details.

If you enjoy the PSK modes the PODXS 070 Club is having their annual 4th of July contest, the Firecracker Sprint, on July 2 starting at 2000z on 40 meters. I like this contest as it only lasts for 6 hours, and I can pick the time I want to start. Details can be found here...40M Firecracker Sprint (podxs070.com).

Later in July is the club's 2nd Special Event of the year...the Red River Bridge War. We'll be using the call sign W5R, and the event runs from July 16 at 0000z until July 24 at 2359z. To learn more about the Red River Bridge War please view this video...

<https://youtu.be/DfTWnxHs3tw?t=3>

And finally, there is always POTA, Parks on the Air. I'll be going out to some parks this month, setting up my mobile radio and making some contacts. Probably go in the late afternoon and evenings when the temperature goes down a little. I'll let you know what my plans are via Facebook, but it will always be short notice as I usually go at the drop of a hat.

Have fun everyone.

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