

QSL Managers Message

The Red River Bridge War Special Event is QRT for another year and, in my opinion, it was just another success for the club...at least it was for me.

I got to think about what I really like about Amateur Radio and to me it is the personal challenge of making all those contacts. It still amazes me that I can sit at home with my radio and talk to people around the world like they are sitting right next to me. All the radio events of the last month have provided many hours of enjoyment for me. I have been able to talk to folks in all 50 states, in 51 different countries, and in over 100 different parks in the POTA program. By far the most popular Mode for me, and for all the other club members that have participated in our events, is Digital. Followed by Phone and then CW.

I really enjoy using the seldom used Digital Modes. The most popular Mode, by far, is FT8, followed by FT4. These modes are super easy to use and you are guaranteed to make contacts even if the band conditions are "terrible". During the last month I have also been able to make contacts using these Digital Modes....PSK, Olivia, RTTY & Hell.

Here are the club's results from recently concluded events...

Perrin Field Special Event – May

2021 – 2690 QSO's

2022 – 2180 QSO's

ARRL Field Day

June 2021 – 822 QSO's

June 2022 – 543 QSO's

Red River Bridge War Special Event – July

2021 – 4087 QSO's

2022 – 2378 QSO's

As you can see the club has made fewer contacts this year than last in all of these events. My hope is that more club members will get on their radios and make some contacts during future events and most importantly, find joy in the simple act of making contacts with folks far away.

Have fun everyone.

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