



Central States VHF Society E-Newsletter

Quarter ending June 30, 2004

Come to Toronto Conference!

The 2004 conference is less than two weeks away! There are still hotel rooms and room for family members in the family program activities. Since the time is short, you will be a "walk-in" registration. But you should contact Peter Shilton VE3AX pronto via email or phone to let him know your "walk-in" registration is coming and which family activities in which your family will participate.

Hello all CSVHFS Members:

Well I hope all of you got a good shot at the DX last evening! In 35 years of VHF'ing I have never seen such an Es opening. I was fortunate to be home for this one! Even made one contact (K5UGM) on 222 Mhz - he's on tape for 10 minutes at up to 20 over S-9!

Things are heating up rapidly for the 38th annual CSVHFS conference slated for July 22-24 at the Delta Meadowvale in Mississauga, Ontario. While we have met our room guarantee, the Delta just reassured me they have plenty of rooms still available in that time slot at the special rate of Cdn \$115/night (about US \$85). Just quote the Central States VHF Society Conference when booking your room.

Bob Morton, VE3BFM, has been very busy finalizing the technical side of things and we are now just about all ship-shape for the antenna range, the noise figure measuring and the technical presentations. We are very pleased with the original content of the program and know you will find it interesting and informative. We actually had to turn away speakers as the dance card was full, although we have several on "standby" if needed. Thank you to all who volunteered! The ARRL just informed us the Proceedings are ready and will be on their way shortly - a copy is included with your conference registration fee.

US residents can mail registrations as late as July 12th - Canadians should have them mailed by the 15th of July. If you are worried about it getting here in time, or you have left it later than those dates, e-mail me an electronic copy, or fax me a copy at 905-772-2525, and we'll get your registration ready and you can pay at the door. Walk-ins are more than welcome, although if you are planning on attending the banquet, or have a

spouse interested in the family program, there is a risk you will not be able to participate as we have to get our numbers in well before July 22nd. Be safe- send along a registration form!

You can find both \$US and \$Cdn versions of the registration form in both pdf and doc form on the Central States web site at www.csvhfs.org You can also find out important information about hotel contact numbers, airport shuttle, directions, border crossing hints and Canadian currency as well as more information on the technical program.

73 and see you in Mississauga!

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2004 Program

The Program for this year's conference has firmed up and been finalized. You can see a listing of the presentations at: <http://www.csvhfs.org/CS04-agenda.html>

2004 Conference Lodging

Rooms still available at the special conference rate!

www.deltameadowvale.com/

You can reach the Delta Meadowvale directly at 1-800-422-8238 Monday -Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Calls outside that time frame will go to Delta's national reservation centre but they also have the details and should be able to book you just as easily. Make sure you state you are attending the Central States VHF Society Conference.

Chambers & Wilson Award Nominations

These prestigious awards honoring those who have made technical advances for the hobby and served the society or VHF community with distinction will be presented at the conference. Make nominations to WA5VJB via wa5vjb@csvhfs.org.

Border Crossing

Several members have contacted the conference team to share their border crossing experiences in the past few months. The Central States website has a page on this topic that you'll want to read at: <http://www.csvhfs.org/conf/CSVHF04-erata.HTML>.

The most difficult part is coming IN to the United States. The best plan is to have your PASSPORT with you. The next best thing is to have your BIRTH CERTIFICATE with you and a photo ID. Answer all questions truthfully and NO JOKING references to ANYTHING sensitive.

States Above 50 MHz Award Program

2003-2004 Program year has ended and 2004-2005 Program year has begun! To compete for a plaque, I must have your entries by Friday night of the Conference. Delivery at the conference is fine. I am departing for the conference on July 19th, so at least get your score summaries to me prior to my departure on the 19th—or again, in person. There are some FINE scores rolling in! There is rumored to be an entry coming with over 200 band-states!!! Incredible! Your contacts through June 30th, 2004 counted for last program year. Contacts starting July 1st, 2004 count for this next program year—so you are already off to a start! See the CSVHFS website and follow the links for rules and forms. Go to <http://www.csvhfs.org/CSVHFTST.HTML>. I will accept entries up through Aug 31st, 2004 to be recognized with a certificate. September issue of the E-newsletter will have the complete wrap-up on the 2003-2004 program.

Get Involved in CSVHFS

As mentioned in our last E-Newsletter—get involved! We're looking for Board members, Committee members—anyone who wants to get involved and keep this organization moving forward. Even if you can't attend the conference, you CAN be nominated and run for the Board of Directors. Some one present must nominate you at the business meeting. We have needs for a Board of Directors Newsletter editor, website assistant—primarily for links page, and other society functions.

Submit Stuff!

Send along material!

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-- Tidbits --

Document the Toronto Conference With Pictures

When you are at the conference, please take plenty of digital pictures of the people and events. Please share the photos via email or CD-R with W9FZ and he'll whip them into an interesting "after action report" on the conference.

If you CAN come to the conference, please come! In your travels, make a point to see Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Well worth seeing!

Have Prizes for the Prize Table?

Please help the prize table heap up by bringing Prizes for the prize table. If you can't attend, please contact the conference team because they can use all the prizes / donations they can get their hands on.