



# Central States VHF Society E-Newsletter

Quarter ending June 30th, 2005

## Come to Colorado Springs!

*ed: (Listing of alternative hotels to try is on the last page with NO endorsement implied)*

Hello all from Colorado!

We are looking forward to hosting you in Colorado Springs in just a few weeks. We have sold over 80 rooms at the hotel, exhausted our block, freed up another 10 rooms and I hear that others are staying in other establishments.

We'll kick off the event with a night at the "Flying W Ranch." Strap on your boots, chaps and your best western shirt for a night to remember. You'll have a great time.

Joe Lynch, N6CL, has put together a great technical program. Doug Wilson, WA0VSL is the technical coordinator. Marc, WB0TEM, returns to the antenna range with Kent, WA5VJB to test the newest and best. Noise figure measuring will be coordinated by Tommy, WD5AGO and Ray, AA0L.

A British High Tea on Friday afternoon is the highlight for the women, and a visit to the Olympic Training Center on Saturday afternoon.

The banquet is a special time. We need help with prizes for the non-hams and for the ham prizes. If you can help out, we will be really grateful. It would not be good for W5NZZ to run out of prizes before his throat gives out.

June and I count it a privilege to host you. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Lauren and June Libby  
W0LD  
2004 CSVHFS Conference Chairman

## Future Conferences Heads-up

**2006** Conference will be in Minneapolis/St Paul, Minnesota. Date is July 28 and 29, 2006. The Northern Lights Radio Society is the hosting club. A large team of conference staff will make it a fine event with details covered. Our event will be held at the Thunderbird Hotel, which is just 200 yards from the Mall of America. A full family program will be offered.

**2007** Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas. The RoadRunners Microwave Group are the hosting organization.

**2008** Conference is open to proposals. If your area has the people and energy to put on the conference, step forward and show off your area. Contact the Board of Directors with your ideas. Now would be the time to crystallize your intentions.

## Initial Reverse VUCC (VUCC/r) Awards Presented

Central States VHF Society sponsors the Reverse VUCC Award recognizing those portable and rover stations who activate grids for fixed stations (and the joy of it). The chart at the bottom of the next page shows who has earned the award so far. You'll note that the initial awards have yet to be earned on 50, 144, 222, 432 MHz and 24 GHz and up.

If you earn the award, you are presented with a handsome certificate that may be enhanced with endorsement stickers for achievements beyond the basic award.

The Reverse VUCC Award is not an easy award to earn. Those who can meet its' stringent rules will have earned a cherished honor.

Rules and contact information will always be available on the CSVHFS website at [www.csvhfs.org](http://www.csvhfs.org).

## States Above 50 MHz Award Program 2004-2005 Just Ended

The 2004-2005 program just came to an end on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Entries submitted by conference time are eligible for plaques. If you will be bringing your entry to the conference, please send me an email with you're your summary. Entries received by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2005 will receive a certificate.

Consult the website <http://www.csvhfs.org/CSVHFTST.HTML> for rules and optional forms. I'm flexible on entry format—excel spreadsheets, text files, text pasted into an email—as long as the info is the same as that on the suggested forms.

## CSVHFS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary States Above 50 MHz Award Program 2005-20065 Has Begun

The 2005-2006 program began July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. The CSVHFS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated at the 2006 Conference in Minneapolis/St Paul. The States Above 50 MHz Award Program began 10 years ago as a celebration of CSVHFS history and the earlier importance of states and sections in contests. Over the intervening ten years, participants have enjoyed the motivation provided by the program.

In 1996, forty-eight participants submitted entries. Our goal is to top that by far. All CSVHFS members, and all VHF'ers for that matter, are encouraged to collect band-states during this year, track your accomplishment, and submit an entry at the end of the program year.

Consult the website <http://www.csvhfs.org/CSVHFTST.HTML> for rules and optional forms. Participate!

## CSVHFS Notes Prominent VHF'ers Passing

As mentioned in the last E-Newsletter, CSVHFS founder Ted Mathewson, W4FJ passed away in December. Now, news comes of the recent passing of Fred Fish, W5FF and Dave Batcho, N5JHV. Both were prominent in the hobby primarily because they operated frequently and were well-heard. But it's more than that. Each was infectiously enthusiastic and that spread to those around them.

CSVHFS is looking for photos, anecdotes, and memories of all three of these fine gentlemen for short biographies in the 2006 Proceedings. Contact W9FZ at w9fz at w9fz dot com. Thanks.

## CSVHFS Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for:

Assist webmaster with Links page. While the webmaster remains the webmaster, he could use help having one person focus on what links to have on the links page and checking them periodically for currency. Want to help? Contact w9fz at w9fz dot com or click on the webmaster link on the webpage.

Create online entry forms for States Above 50 MHz Program. Someone with skills for creating online database for entries in the States Above program. We have the webspace. What we need is someone with the skills to make it happen. Contact w9fz at w9fz dot com.

## CSVHFS Needs Email Address Help

First, if you change your email address, please let CSVHFS know. While the news you receive via email concerning CSVHFS is not crucial, it is periodic and upbeat. CSVHFS sends out no more than about 12 emails per year to you. So you don't have to worry about spam from CSVHFS.

We need email contact for the following members:

N0DY	K3SIW	K6MIO/KH6
N0JK		WJ6T
WD0FCH		K6MYC
WK00		N6HQQ

K2STO	W4PZA	W7JF
AA2GF	N4PZ	KL7UW
(more on next page)		
W5KQJ	WA5ICW	KV8KV
KD5DLL	K5JL	WB8YFE
KB5ZMY	AA5C	W9NHE
AB5IG	WB5IPM	W9DWP

If you know one of the above calls to have active email, please contact them asking them to contact me at w9fz at w9fz dot com.

### -- Tidbits --

Check out "Morse Runner" CW contest training software. It's free! It simulates an HF CW contest exchanging serial numbers with prefixes as multipliers. While you can't tune around the band, you can "run" a frequency. It lets you turn on audio distortions like fading, QRN, and QRM. It lets you set your audio filter bandwidth. You set your sending speed and all callers are at that speed or slower. It's great way to get stronger on letters and numbers. There are even one hour "competitions". You run the program for an hour competing. When you are done, it gives you a coded text string to submit to the website. Go to: <http://www.dxatlas.com> and give it a try! (It's an option on the left side of the page "Morse Runner".)

### Conf Lodging Alternatives

Lodging at the conference hotel is now reportedly full. If you still want to come to the conference, you should start by contacting Sharon Deputy (at the Sheraton 800-981-4012, ext.1621 or 719-287-1951) and check if any openings have occurred. You must understand that these rooms will likely NOT be at the special conference rate.

Then you should work your way down the following list looking for openings. Please understand that lodging is very tight on our conference weekend because of some athletic events going on in Colorado Springs at that time. Please understand that if you find an opening, it quite likely will be more expensive than the original conference special rate we had negotiated.

First try

Doubletree Hotel Colorado Springs-World Arena (.4mi west)  
1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd., Tel: +1-719-576-8900

or the Park Place Hotel, about 7 miles north on I-25 near

the Garden of the Gods exit on I-25 (719-598-7656)  
These are both fine facilities with nice amenities.

Then try the list below. Openings are not guaranteed--you may find they say "sorry booked up"--but they are worth checking out. Some of these hotels have suites in the \$140 range--but if you share the room, it drives your average cost down.

Best Western Executive Inn & Suites (.3mi west)  
1440 Harrison Road, Colorado Springs,  
Phone: 719-576-2371

Super 8 South (.3mi east)  
2850 South Circle Drive  
719-576-1228

Days Inn South (.3mi east) Seems related to above  
2850 S. Circle Dr.  
Colorado Springs, CO, 80906 US  
(719)527-0800

Comfort Inn South (.3mi west)  
1410 Harrison Rd , Colorado Springs,  
Phone: (719) 579-6900

The next three properties are all Marriott properties and two are sidebyside. They are all .7mi SW of conference

Courtyard Colorado Springs South  
2570 Tenderfoot Hill Street Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
1-719-226-5006

Residence Inn Colorado Springs South  
2765 Geyser Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
719-576-0101

Fairfield Inn Colorado Springs South  
2725 Geyser Drive Colorado Springs, 719-576-1717

Also .7mi SW of conf  
La Quinta Inn & Suites  
Colorado Springs South AP  
2750 Geyser Dr.  
Phone: (719)527-4788

2.5mi NW of Conf  
Ramada Inn  
1703 S. Nevada  
719-632-7077

## Reverse VUCC Standings

<b>902 MHz (25)</b>		
1	NØDQS	30
2		
3		
4		
5		

<b>1296 MHz (25)</b>		
1	NØDQS	30
2		
3		
4		
5		

<b>2304 MHz (10)</b>		
1	NØDQS	30
2	WØZQ	
3		
4		
5		

<b>3456 MHz (10)</b>		
1	NØDQS	25
2	WØZQ	
3		
4		
5		

<b>5760 MHz (5)</b>		
1	NØDQS	25
2	WØZQ	
3		
4		
5		

<b>10 GHz (5)</b>		
1	W9FZ	
2	NØDQS	25
3	WØZQ	10
4		
5		

<b>Satellite (100)</b>		
1	N7SFI	200
2		
3		
4		
5		