

# Q-Match

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## From Fin Del Mundo with an HT

By Peter Kozup K8OUA

The folks on Tierra del Fuego, the far southern island at the tip of Argentina, consider that they live at Fin del Mundo, or, in English, the End of the World. And, for all practical purposes, they do! Tierra del Fuego is the last stop in Argentina before heading across the Drake Passage to Antarctica. I found

myself there in March as I was returning from a wonderful Antarctic adventure where I participated in the Antarctic Marathon / Half-Marathon with my son. I've enclosed a photo of me crossing the finish line in the half-marathon for those of you who might not believe that these old bones could actu-

ally make a 13.1 mile (20.2 km) walk.

I did not want to make such a trip as this one without trying to work amateur radio into the picture. However, I was concerned about antennas -- like what kind of antenna could I take that far away and still make con-

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## The Generosity of Others

In the past month the club has had several items donated. First an anonymous gentleman contacted Emily Wells KC8RAL; which gave her a FT-101ZD, which has a few issues when plugged into a GFI or surge protector.

There was also a small box of miscellaneous items.

Tommy St Clair W8TES has donated a FT-401B, which including all paperwork, But it also has some serious issue, it is not sure weather it is a box of cereal or a ham

rig, it goes snap, crackle, pop when hooked-up.

Shirley Van Slyke has asked Gail to take some items to sell at our Hamfest then donate the money to the club in memory of her husband, Al

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- May 3rd...Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- May 5th... Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- May 6th...**WARA Meeting**, First United Methodist Church ... 7:30 pm
- May 11th... **Mothers' Day**
- May 12th...Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **May 16-18th Dayton Hamvention**
- May 17th ...Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- May 17th .. **Armed Forces Day**
- May 19th...Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- May 20th **WARA Meeting**, First United Methodist Church ... 7:30 pm
- May 26th ... **Memorial Day**
- May 26th ...Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **June 1st... Breeze Shooters Hamfest, Butler, Pa**



**May 2008**

**Please check schedule for Dates and times!!!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Breakfast
4	5	6WARA Meeting	7 KC8YHJ	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 KD8FVI	15	16	17 Breakfast
18	19	20WARA Meeting/Program	21 KC8RAL	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 KB8OVA	29	30	31

**WARA's 2 M net every Wednesday night on 146.970 at 9pm**



PACRS [Portage County Amateur Radio Service] announced the first Ohio State Parks on the Air Contest to be held Saturday, September 6, 2008.

This contest presents an opportunity for Ohio hams to visit and enjoy one of the seventy-three Ohio State Parks. You may wish to just spend the day or decide to spend the weekend at tour local Park, which would be Mosquito State Park, located in Bazetta Township, Cortland.

If anyone is interested in more information on this contest you

can check out the following web-sites;  
<http://parks.portcars.org>

<http://parks.portcars.org/rules> or e-mail PCARS Contest Chairman:  
[k8cmp@portcars.org](mailto:k8cmp@portcars.org) [Chuck ]

Please let us know your thoughts or ideas about the WARA participating in the upcoming contest. You can e-mail them to our special event coordinator, Gail Wells KC8LRH at the follow address;

[kc8lrh@hotmail.com](mailto:kc8lrh@hotmail.com)

# Paper Chase

Here is an award that is just fun to be eligible for:

## The Ghinghis Khan Award.

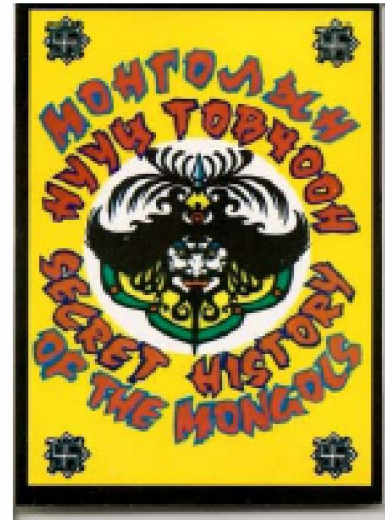
This award is dedicated to the 750th anniversary of the ancient masterpiece "The Secret History of Mongols". Submit proof of contact with one M o n g o l i a n station and with 12 other stations from different DXCC countries, any letter of their suffix being used to spell the words: CHINGHIS KHAN. (JA7CAQ = C WB3DFH = HDL5EIs = I, etc.)

The award is sponsored by the Mongolian Radio Sport Fed.

General Requirements: Fee for all awards is \$US5 or 15 IRCs. Send money by Registered Mail. Contacts must have been since 1 Jan 1958. All bands and modes. SWL OK. Apply to: MRSF Awards Manager, PO Box 639, Ulanbaatar-13, Mongolia, Asia.

Hear you in the pile up

Joe - W8KNO



# May Birthdays

It is time again to wish everyone of our special birthday members a very Happy Birthday.

- 5/4 WA8IWJ... Dave White
- 5/4 N8TIO...Ron McCamen
- 5.8 AB8ZT... Sharon Hoffman
- 5/11 K8BFM...Brenda McClain
- 5/12... Emily Allen, Assoc.
- 5/15 KA8LCW...Reno Principi
- 5/15 WM3R... Daryl Pad-

- dock
  - 5/24 WA8SIR... Ron Parise
  - 5/25 N8NVI.. Nawas "Nick" Buhhur
  - 5/25 AB8GX.. John Simons
  - 5/30 KC8MTZ...Ada Simons
  - 5/30 WB8TKU... Gar Braniger
- Here's wishing each of these members a hearty ARL FORTH SIX for their special day.

**REMINDER:**

**Dayton  
Hamvention ,  
May 16-18, 2008**

**[www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org)**

# From Fin Del Mundo with an HT

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tact with a low power rig. I began to talk about possibilities with my friend Jim Godfrey, KC8RKV, from Kent, and we decided to try to set up an Echolink contact. Unfortunately, we could find no listing of Echolink repeaters in Argentina. There were, however, a number of Echolink links, stations that could accept my 2 meter signal and put it on the internet and send it on its way north to one of the local repeaters. Several of these were in Buenos Aires, but though I tried while in Buenos Aires to hook into one of these links I was not successful. There was one, though, in Rio Grande, on the east coast of Tierra del Fuego. As I knew I would be traveling by bus through that town I decided to stop there and spend a night and try to make contact with folks back in Ohio by using Echolink. I am not very familiar with Echolink, though I have used it on occasion.

First, though, I needed permission to operate from Argentina. To do this I needed an IARP (International Amateur Radio Permit) from the ARRL, but had little time to obtain it. I was helped thoroughly in this by Perry Green, WY1O, of the ARRL, who expedited my application so that I received it a couple of days before I was scheduled to leave. Without

Perry's help I would not be writing this article as I would not have had permission to operate in Argentina.

I then wrote up a list of stations that were Echolink links in cities that I would be traveling through, cities such as Rio Grande. Jim Godfrey and I practiced the contact procedures a few times, and I was off. As I mentioned above, I did try to work into some of the links in Buenos Aires to no avail. I would have to wait till the Antarctic portion of my trip was over and I was traveling through Patagonia (southern Argentina and Chile) on my way home.

I took the bus from Ushuaia (the southernmost city in the world) to Rio Grande, a distance of about 115 miles. There I found a hostel, the Noala Hosteria, in a residential area. After checking into my room, I took out my HT, tuned it to 147.000 MHz simplex, the frequency for the link identified as LU5XP, and identified myself. At first I heard nothing, and then I realized that a station was calling me, a local station on 147.000 MHz. I responded and was told in broken English that I was talking with Aldo, LU5XP, the owner of the link, and he wanted to know where I was. When I told

him the name of my hostel he said he would be right over. It turned out that my hostel was around the corner from his home. He came over with his son and we had a pleasant chat. I took a photo of him and me together, and he explained that he could not stay but that I was welcome to use his equipment. Unfortunately, later in my trip I lost my camera, and thus lost the photo of Aldo and me together.

I returned to my HT, punched in the numbers for the N8GO repeater in Liberty and received confirmation that we were connected. Unfortunately, though I called and called on frequency, I received no answer. I was told later by Dennis, KC8LMC, that he had heard me and had called me back, but I did not hear him. I have no explanation for that. So, I tried another repeater, the KC8RKV repeater in Kent, where I was pretty sure that Jim was hanging out. Sure enough, after connecting and receiving confirmation that we were, in fact, connected, I heard Jim calling me. We had a pleasant chat, and it was neat talking to a ham friend some 10,000 miles away using a 2 meter HT running 5 watts. I'm sorry that I was not able to hear other stations on

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Van Slyke N8IKX.

The items are as follows; several sections of tower, 1 ½ roll of aluminum hard line coax, and a box of miscellaneous items. So look for them at the club's table in August.

Sharon Hoffman AB8ZT donated an extra book to the

club for anyone wishing to up-grade there ticket.

The club is looking for someone to donate their time and energy to look over the two rigs and maybe get them operational again. If so please call Gail or Emmy at 330-394-3560. Gail does own a FT-101ZD so paperwork is available.

The club would like to send a hardy thank you to all that has been so generous to the Warren Amateur Radio Association.

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either repeater, but KC8RKV was the only call sign I heard. I was pleased, though, to discover that it was possible to work such distances using Echolink. No, it certainly wasn't HF DX, but we did make contact using simple equipment with the help of a friendly Argentine ham and the internet. Later this month Jim will be our guest at our

second meeting of May, and he will talk to us about Echolink, how to set it up, and what it can be used for. Try to be there for that meeting, you never know where you'll be traveling and when you might want to chat with someone from home. 73, Pete K8OUA



Pete Kozup K8OUA, crossing the finish line!

### ANTARCTIC PHOTOS

As many of you probably already know, I recently took a trip to Antarctica with my son, partly to take part in a marathon / half-marathon. I was gone for about a month. If you are interested in seeing the photos of my trip you can find them on the following ;

URL -- <http://antarcticpete.fotopages.com>. Note that there is no 'www' in this URL. if you get the chance check them out. Leave a comment if you wish. Enjoy them. 73 -- Pete K8OUA



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