# AUSTIN SUMMERFEST 2004



The Central Texas DX & Contest Club (CTDXCC) is proud to be the continuing sponsor of the DX and Contest Forum at Austin Summerfest! For more information, visit <a href="http://www.ctdxcc.org/">http://www.ctdxcc.org/</a>

## **DX and Contest Forum 10AM - Noon Saturday**

#### **DXing and Contesting for Everyone**

You don't have to have an antenna farm and a few kilowatts to chase DX or enter a weekend radio contest. Susan K5DU, Gary W5ZL and Gale WB0YEA will cover the basics, including operating techniques, propagation tips, station design, antennas, QSL cards and the Logbook of the World, Internet and packet-based DX spotting (live demo!), fun contests to get your feet wet, where to find contest rules and other resources on the Internet, and more! This is a great opportunity to supercharge your ham radio experience! [40 minutes]



Join the excitement in DXing and radio contesting!

#### The Texas QSO Party: Our Own Fun Operating Event

The Texas QSO Party is a popular radio contest where the focus is on Texas stations and Texas counties! John Dvoracek KE5C and others will review the history of this contest and describe how you can participate! The forum will cover basic equipment and options for logging contacts. Mobile HF stations, traveling from county to county, add a lot of fun to this operating event - learn how you can participate as a mobile station, what kind of planning is involved in a successful mobile operation, and how recent mobile station operations have done in the contest. The forum will also cover special equipment for multi-operator mobile operation, and will conclude with questions and answers. [40 minutes]



Come learn about mobile operation in Texas' very own fun operating event, the Texas QSO Party!

#### The August, 2003 V73T IOTA DXpedition to Taongi Atoll

Buzz Jehle N5UR will present his experience in DXpeditioning to one of the most remote Pacific islands. Share in the comprehensive and detailed planning behind the first IOTA activation of this small, uninhabited atoll. Experience the challenge of sailing across 450 miles of open water, then negotiating the narrow reef passage in a 17' dinghy to transfer equipment and supplies three miles across the lagoon to the operating site. Learn about the operating strategy, pileups, fickle propagation, high winds and sudden severe electrical storms during 76 hours' activity. Find out the requirements to certify this operation for IOTA credit. [40 minutes]



Share the DXpedition experience on a remote Pacific island!



We are an active organization, with many opportunities for new members to get involved!

### **Central Texas DX & Contest Club**

We are a group of Amateur Radio operators in the central Texas area with a special interest in Amateur Radio DXing and radiosport contesting. Most of our membership is from the Travis, Williamson, and Hays counties of central Texas, with most club members living near Austin, Texas. Meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of each month, start at 6:45 PM, and run until about 8:45 PM. Our next meeting is **6:45 PM, August 23, 2004** at the **Old Quarry Branch Library**, 7051 Village Center Drive, Austin, TX 78731. We always welcome visitors and new members! Visit our club web site for more information: http://www.ctdxcc.org/.