

# Austin Summerfest 2005



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## DX and Contest Forum

10AM – Noon, Saturday, 6 August 2005

### The VU4 DXpedition: Video and Presentation

Starting at 10:00 AM, Charly Harpole K4VUD will premier some of his personal video documentary of the 2004 VU4RBI/VU4NRO DXpedition to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands at Summerfest 2005. A film studies professor at the University of Central Florida, Charly was filming a documentary of the first Amateur Radio operation from VU4 in over 17 years when the second-largest ever-recorded earthquake struck the islands and generated a tsunami that was among the deadliest natural disasters in modern history. Charly and the team of radio operators on the island all survived the catastrophe and the team immediately began handling emergency traffic. At Summerfest, Charly will be debuting some of his documentary video that has *never before been presented*. You don't want to miss this! [70 minutes]



*Amateur Radio shines during natural disaster. Come see eyewitness documentary video never before presented to an audience!*

### Living Large on the Top Band

Starting around 11:10 AM, John Battin K9DX has built one of the largest antenna systems ever used for Amateur Radio communications. His nine-element vertical array for 160 Meters covers 8 acres of land, and uses over a mile of 1 5/8" hardline, a mile and a half of guy lines, and over 24 miles of radial wires. An antenna this large could only have been designed by Texan John Brosnahan W0UN/5, who is planning to build an 80 Meter array much like this for himself in Bandera County. Come hear about how this antenna is designed to work, how K9DX built this Texas-size antenna system on the Illinois plain, and learn about the challenges he faced in getting it to work up to its potential. If you have a passion for antennas, you don't want to miss this presentation! [50 minutes]



*Do you like learning about antennas? How about BIG antennas? Come hear about one of the world's largest ham radio antennas!*



*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 the membership is from the Travis, Williamson, and Hays counties of central Texas, with the club being centered 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 at **6:45 PM, August 22, 2005** at the Austin History Center, at the SW corner of West 9th Street and Guadalupe Street in downtown Austin, TX. We always welcome visitors and new members! Visit our club web site for more information: <http://www.ctdxcc.org/>.