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KA6U's Grid Square Tour Continuing

On August 8th Peter was one month on the road, activating wanted grid squares. Since he left his home in Florida he visited 12 US States, activated 9 unique grid squares with a total of 11 activations altogether to help hams collecting the states for the WAS award. KA6U made 560 complete QSOs (as of August 8th, now he may be close to 700). Peter writes that his original plan for the trip was to visit 25 states, activate 20 grids and complete 2000 QSOs. Hence, he is already between roughly 25 and 50 % on target. Since he is planning for at least 2 ½ more months – which makes it end of October – there is a good chance he may well exceed his plan.



KA6U QTH in FN64AU on August 11th

Some 75 people visited his station and asked what Peter was doing. People have been very friendly and curious. And speaking with many different accents – the USA are a big country. Peter even started to give QSL cards to visitors.

Peter uploads all QSOs to LoTW but recently found a way for those looking for paper QSL cards: Ian Parker W6TCP has offered to act as a QSL manager for paper QSLs.



KA6U Working from the Marconi Maritime Center in FN51AV

When looking for a good QTH in FN51 Peter was invited to become QRV from the grounds of the historic Chatham Marconi Maritime Center: <https://www.wccara.com/wcc> That site was built in 1914 by the Marconi company. Because of World War I, it was never activated by Marconi. It is situated on the Western Side of Cape Cod, a peninsular East of Boston, right at the Atlantic.

Dedicated KA6U Blog

Since updating qrz.com became more and more problematic because of the number of photos and logs Peter has created a new site using the Google blogspot.com: <https://ka6u.blogspot.com/> He will of course continue posting upcoming activation dates and locations as well as a copy of each log on this QRZ.com site. However, he'll use <https://ka6u.blogspot.com/> to provide more detailed information, photos, commentary and other information. The blog site also supports the ability for viewers to post comments. Besides qrz.com he'll post also there all upcoming activation dates, locations and logs. Consequently, the new blog is the only place you would need to look.



The photo on the left was taken at the Marconi site. The station is an actual working station built in the late 1950's and used aboard the Hospital Ship USS Hope. It outputs a very conservative 200 W and the museum regularly operates the station on 40 M CW. On Peter's blog you can see more photos from the Marconi site and other locations he was active from.

Currently Peter is on the road travelling to the Great Lakes Area where he will activate a number of squares between August 26th and September 10th. For details please see the Upcoming DXpeditions section.

(All photos ©KA6U)

Upcoming DXpeditions

For more information on current and upcoming DXpeditions please have a look at www.mmmonvhf.de from where most of the information here was gathered unless noted otherwise.

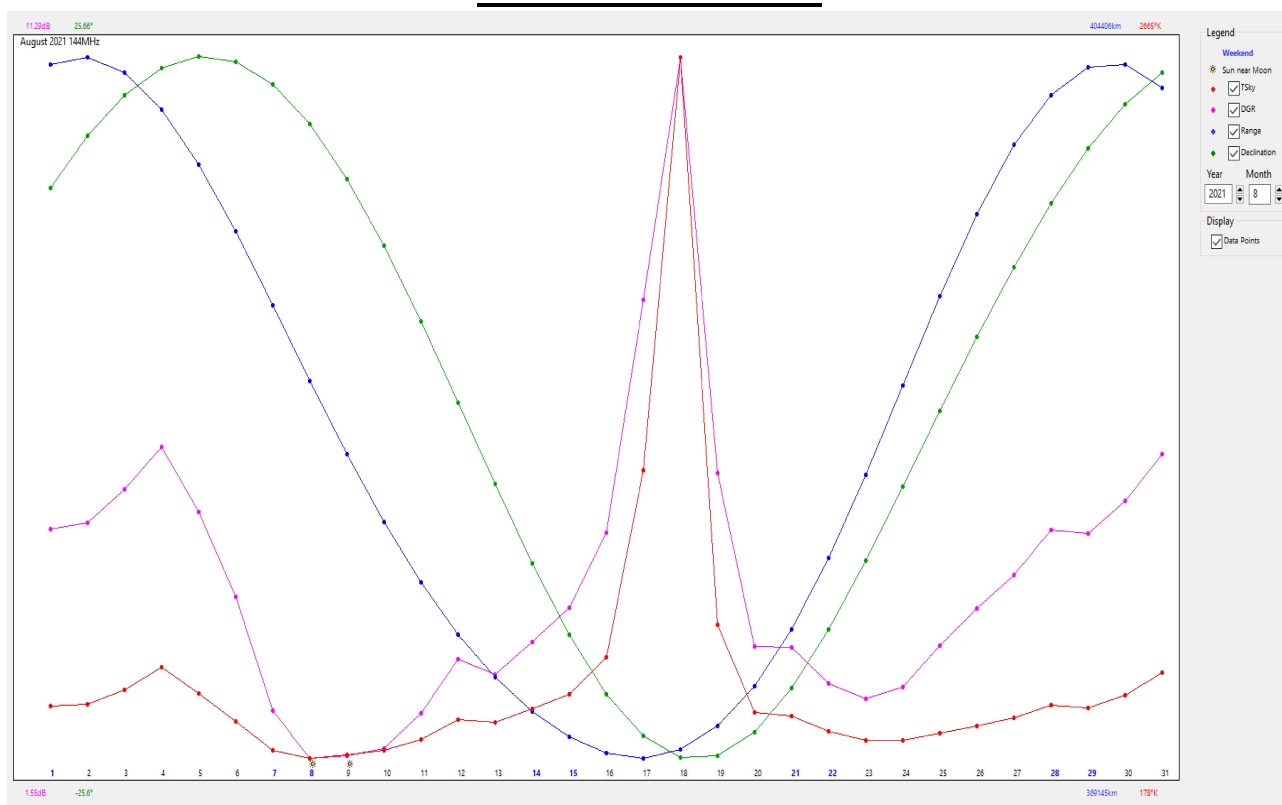
KA6U Plans for end of August – early September

Peter plans to resume activity on August 26th. From then until September 10th he plans to activate EN12, EN13, EN16, EN57, EN67, EN56, EN66, EN65, EN76, EN75 and EN86. He'll provide additional details on dates and times for each location in some days. Please check his qrz.com and blog site.

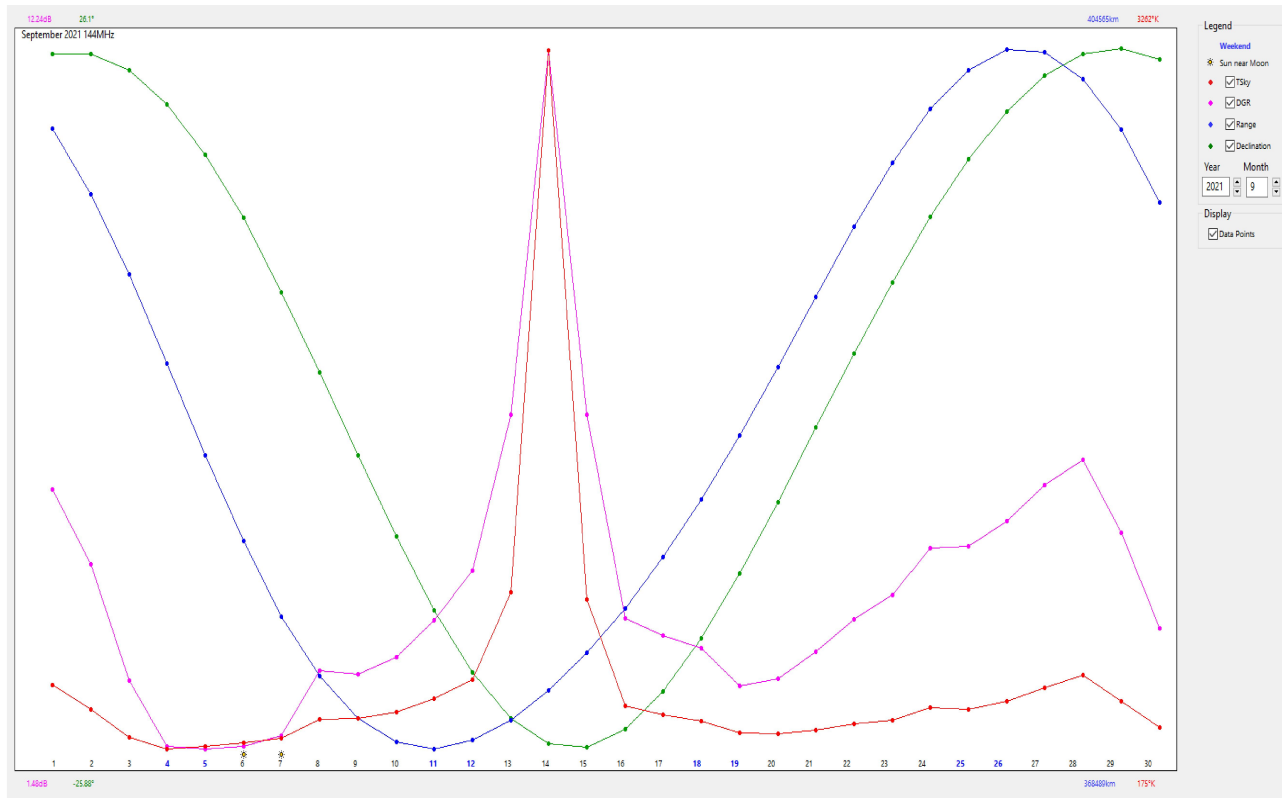
Time Table

4 Oct 2021	October Issue of the 144 MHz EME Newsletter ready for download. (There will most probably be no September issue due to DF2ZC traveling abroad.)
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Moon Conditions



Moon Graph August 2021



Moon Graph September 2021

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