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Born to stay up!



A special meeting!

The idea of realizing a meeting going over the radio, having the gathering together as main purpose, was a challenge we had in mind for some years and, with the help of Antonello IT9YVO and the ARI section of Milazzo, we managed to organize it. In addition to movies and presentations related to the radio world, there was to find something that would attract wives and girlfriends as well; they usually don't like to hear about radio. The chosen location was certainly excellent, in the center of Milazzo, a tourist and well equipped town, and to dwell there would have been easy, but Antonello YVO and Dario SSI propose a mini-cruise to the Aeolian Islands. As soon as the news was sent, we understood that we had made the right choice; few hours after publication of the program, we received bookings from two French colleagues and their wives, many Italian colleagues, even colleagues from Sicily who had never visited the Aeolian Islands. As always, unfailing was the booking of Mike K9AJ and Susan K9XYL. So, the idea was successful but we needed to work hard to match everything, arrange travel guides and so on... The help of Giuliana (Antonello's wife) was essential since this is her work and, at the end, everything was just great. After a work of six months, the fateful date of July 2 arrived. Foreign colleagues arrived few days before and, as always, we could feel the desire of being together, exchange experiences and ideas.

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Every year the days of the meeting seems to fly, you never have the chance to be with everyone as much as you would like to. This year we really wanted to hear remarks especially from people who aren't radio amateurs and have very little contacts with our world; fortunately, the ones received until now have been all positive, some of these have been posted on various forums, and to read that people felt at ease filled us with joy; of course, as I said during the conference, unfavorable remarks are always very welcome in order to improve our event.

But let's talk a bit about radio. The meeting opened Friday afternoon with the exam for the U.S. license: committee members were Mike K9AJ, Susan K9XYL, Ant K1CCW and Pasquale K8IYX. On Saturday afternoon, after the return from the tour, we opened proceedings with some delay because the ship was late. At 6:30 p.m. we started with a very interesting video of Mike K9AJ: with the help of I7PHH in translating, he called our attention by illustrating his last tour in T32. Later on, something very Italian: as said during the meeting, we are proud of that as Italians and as MDXC, since many of them are our members too; Pasquale IZ8IYX gave us a report, 180 days after its birth, of the DXCOFFEE. This aroused great interest; made in Italy, good level, a nice way to end a contest organized to involve group members in something different from usual expeditions: the CQWW SSB carried out by Z37M. To end up in the perfect way, we stuffed ourselves with fish: this has been much appreciated by DXers and friends.

On Sunday morning, almost entirely dedicated contest's world, as every year we summed up about the group: new services for members (magazine and QSL Service), sponsored DXpedition of the year, the amusing Star and Diamond, and so on 'til what we consider our button-hole flower: the Contest Italian CN3A; the presence of one of the station's owners, Matteo IK2SGC, helped us to understand how much will is needed to create a worldwide competitive station, how many sacrifices and time spent, but also the satisfaction you may get back. Unfortunately Stefano IK2QEI (other CN3A fellow) could not be with us because engaged in final preparations for the WRTC, which was held the week after the meeting. With the help of I7PHH we faced a technical talk on antennas construction and, particularly, Gianni showed us the construction of their 6 elements OWE mono for 20m, with mechanics and also the studies of irradiation lobes, gains, etc., with the promise that next year he will bring us new trials he's already testing. We went back to the world of contests with an excellent analysis of IARU Contest made by IT9BLB; everyone was invited to become a spokesman in his ARI section in order to raise awareness on the importance of contacting stations representing our association. Giuseppe also pointed out that in some Countries people feel particularly this competition and, for parochial spirit, many colleagues which don't usually work with HF come into play just to give points to their association.

After prize-giving for contest ITALY 28Mhz and low bands, we ended the meeting with joy and happiness with a garden cocktail and a great meal. We tried to convey the emotions felt during the meeting, but it's not easy; we hope this raised your curiosity to come and visit us in the sixth edition. Many thanks to all those who work each year in organizing our meetings: sometimes even smallest things need days or months to be fixed. Our greatest satisfaction is to see that every year old friends strengthen their relationships and newcomers immediately feel at home: this means that the idea of having a group of friends first, and then of radio amateur, is definitely a winning one.

See you next meeting
73's MDXC H.Q.



Some of the comments received:

I wish to thank publicly, even on behalf of my wife ik7mwr, the MDXC staff and everyone at the section ARI Milazzo, who did all they could for a successful event. I cannot mention each of you because I will surely miss someone.

You guys made us spend three wonderful days of radio vacation in Milazzo with the great company of OM and their families. When is the next? Those unable or unwilling to participate, do not know what they've lost

73 Gianni I7PHH



Right away, along with Gianni, let me warmly congratulate the tireless staff of MDXC and the all section of ARI Milazzo, which made us passing a wonderful weekend! The Saturdays' trip to Aeolian Islands was lovely and served to soften the positions of my travel mates (XYL & daughter 14 y.o.) as well as bringing me back of thirty years, my last QSY was from there. The meeting is always nice, it was a new opportunity to see / meet again many friends, to discuss and compare ideas and projects as well as to watch beautiful presentations. As for me, mine was an informative presentation based on slides created by IK4VET and IK4MGP for CTU, enriched by updated information on the latest stressful development of HQ situation (all and sundry) following the ARRL strike at about 30 days from the IARU next week-end.



Others, all very beautiful, were obviously more involving and enrapturing, starting from CN3A.

73, Joe / BLB



I'd like to thank the organizers and those who helped me to reach the meeting on Sunday; although I stayed just few hours, I immediately felt at home ... Heartfelt thanks and I hope to have more time to attend the duration of the meeting next time.

73s de Gianluca IK0XIH - 8Q7GL



It was nice to meet you, after a life as a cb and two years as a licensed I attended my first meeting with so much pleasure; if they're all this way I v always be with you.

Bob IT9AST

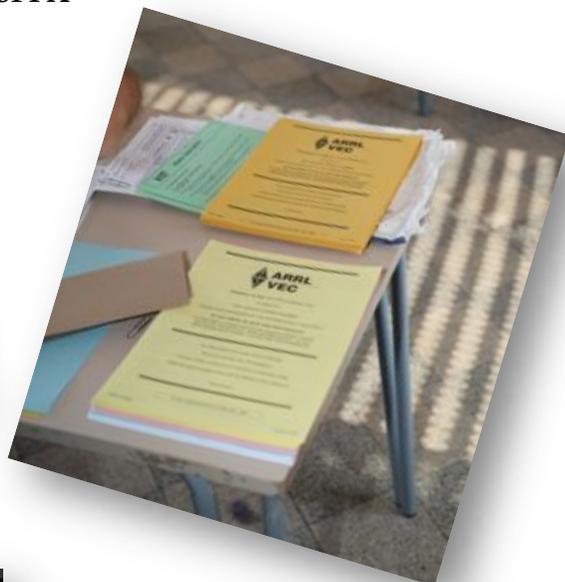


USA license's exam at the Meeting

As every year, during the meeting, examinations to obtain the American license are held.

Motivations for taking these exams for those who already have a license are varied: from whim to have a vanity call similar to the Italian one, or the technical challenge that leads to deal with the general and especially the extra class, up to those few who actually will use it in USA or in places where the Italian one is not recognized.

For all those cases there's need to read about it and address it seriously. This year committee members were: K9AJ – K9XYL – K1CCW & K8IYX



New members

- Filippo De Maio	IZ8CJV	585
- Franco Di Cicco	F4EVR	586

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