

W5KID on the air for the US Navy's Birthday



On October 13, 2022, our club operated W5KID aboard the USS KIDD, to commemorate the birthday of the US Navy. We logged 43 contacts, covering 19 US sates, 3 Canadian provinces. Longer distance contacts were made with France, Germany, and Argentina.



We started the day on 20 m CW, with Leonard (W5ZDW) on the key and Dayna (WA5YSS) logging. Leonard made 4 contacts on 20 m and then switched to the 10 m band, since he had observed activity there on recent past days. The 10 m band brought us the 3 longer distance contacts mentioned above. Observing the operations were Jim (N51B) and Tim NesSmith, the ship's engineer.



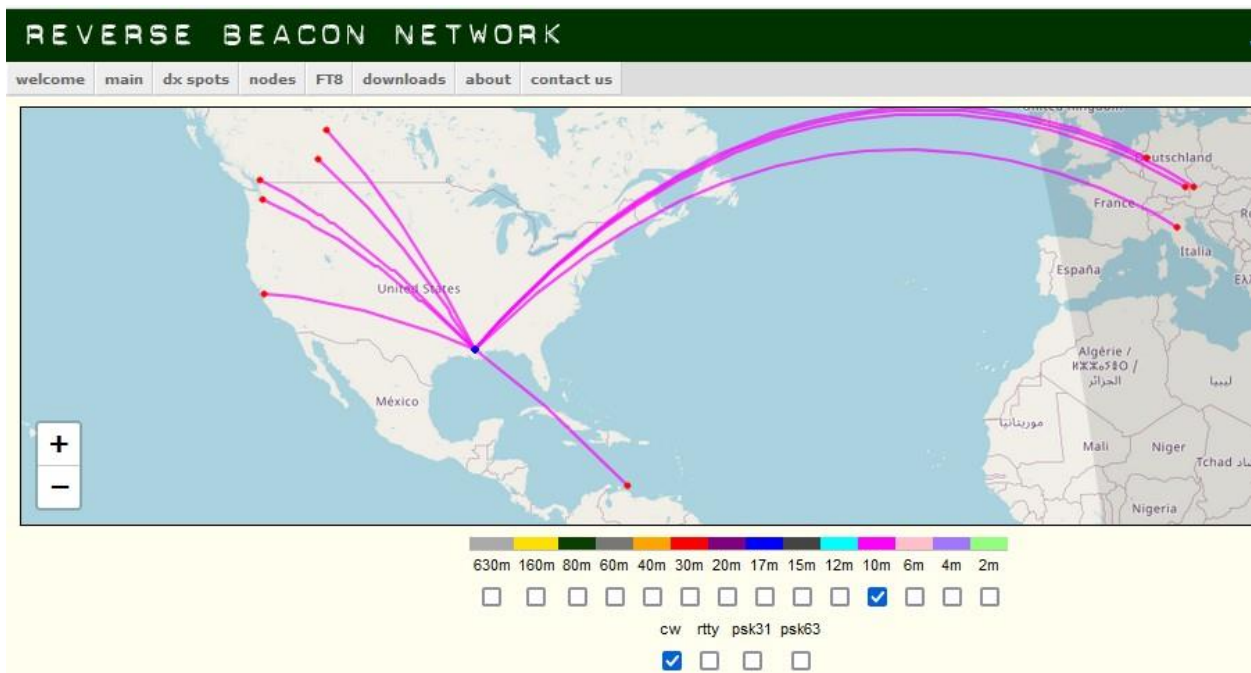
Later in the morning and into the afternoon John (N5CM) and Stacey (KG5KGU) made 36 contacts on 20 m CW. John connected his favorite dual key and electronic keyer to our IC-7300 and enjoyed both electronic keying (with paddles) and straight key contacts at various speeds.



Jim (N51B) helped with some of the logging while Stacey observed.



Above is the Reverse Beacon Network display for some of the stations that received our CW signal on the 20 m band.



Here is the display for the 10 m band, showing how W5KID was received in Europe and South America.

Our updated station equipment performed very well, and everyone enjoyed the contacts made on this day to commemorate the establishment of the US Navy.

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