

My station

One finds here a description of my radio station, band per band.

HF

I'm using a Kenwood TS-440S transceiver and as antenna, either a multiband Windom FD-4, either a 5/8 ground mounted vertical for the 10 m band. I'm not very active on HF.

70 MHz (currently not active)

A Yaesu FT-857D is used as driver on a 28 MHz IF, it is followed by a [Transverter 28-70 MHz](#) and a OZ2M designed PA. The power is 20W. The antenna is a [5 el. YU7EF](#) (3 m long boom).

144 MHz

As for the 70 MHz, I'm using the Yaesu FT-857D as driver of (28 MHz) a subsequent transverter. The transceiver is followed by an [interface](#). Both the transceiver and the interface are located in the shack.

Between the shack and the tower, there is 55 m of RG213 coax cable.

At the foot of the tower, in a cabinet, one finds a [Transverter 28-144 MHz](#) and a [1kW SSPA](#) (BLF188XR). From the SSPA to the antenna, there is 16 m of 1/2" low loss coax cable ([Eupen](#) 5128) + 6 m of Ecoflex 10 up to the radiating dipoles of the antennas. I don't use a masthead RX preamplifier.

The antennas are [2x9 el. DK7ZB](#), 19 m agl and 119 m asl, with elevation capability. This system is used for the terrestrial traffic, as well as for EME.

For the local FM traffic (and sometimes also for Es), I'm using the same FT-857D or a FT-7800 together with a 5/8 vertical 12 m agl. I'm QRV D-STAR with an Icom ID-51 transceiver but almost not active in this mode. For the DMR (that I much more prefer to D-STAR), I'm using a Tytera MD-380 ; often stand-by on TG's 2062 or 937.

1296 MHz (currently not active)

I have a [Transverter 144-1296 MHz](#) (10 W) and a 35 el. F9FT antenna.

Driver : FT-857D or IC-202.

10368 MHz (currently not active)

I'm using a Prime Focus 48 cm dish and a [Transverter & PA DB6NT 144-10368 MHz](#) (3 W).

Driver : FT-857D or IC-202.



All the equipment described above is complemented by other devices, most of them being home made : CW key, [Interface Audio/Transceiver/Micro.](#), [Interface for Transverter](#) and a [SDR](#) system.

Amongst the non home made equipment, there are power supplies, a Hi-Fi amplifier and an equalizer.

For the moon tracking, I'm using an antenna controller [ERC-3D by Rene, DF9GR](#), together with the software [PstRotator by Codrut, Y03DMU](#). Both are excellent stuff I highly recommend.

My QTH

This post describes my geographical location. Take-off is of prime importance what radio communications matters, especially on the higher frequencies.



Province : **Hainaut**
 Région : **Wallonie**
 Ville : **Soignies**
 Village : **Horrues**
 Locator : **JO10XO**
 Altitude : **100m**

The following maps (made thanks to "[Radio Mobile](#)" by Roger, VE2DBE) are all centered



on my QTH :

View as from the 144 MHz antenna (17m above gr. level) towards the main cardinal



points :



Few pictures of my village (Horrues) in summer :



And in winter :

EME 144 MHz : TX7EME, DXCC

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Profitant d'un voyage professionnel en Polynésie française, Giulio, IW3HVB a activé l'île de Moorea en EME sur 144 MHz, sous l'indicatif **TX7EME**. Opération remarquable, d'autant plus que Giulio a mené à bien seul cette expédition. Giulio utilisait 2x9 él. XP et 1kW. J'ai eu la chance de contacter TX7EME au troisième passage de lune ; niveau de signal reçu -22 dBJT (-20 pour moi en Polynésie). Pour ce QS0, j'ai utilisé comme antenne ma seule 12 él. DK7ZB sans élévation, profitant ainsi du gain sol.

Taking the opportunity of a business trip in French Polynesia, Giulio, IW3HVB has activated Moorea Island in EME on 144 MHz, under the callsign **TX7EME**. Remarkable operation, all the more Giulio has conducted it alone. Giulio has been using 2x9 el. XP and 1kW. I have been lucky to work TX7EME on his third moonpass ; received signal level -22 dBJT (-20 for me in Polynesia). For this QS0 I have been using my single 12 el. DK7ZB without elevation, getting advantage of the ground gain.

The screenshot shows the MAP65 software interface. At the top, the title bar reads "MAP65 v2.5, r4705 by K1JT". Below the title bar is a menu bar with "File", "Setup", "View", "Mode", "Decode", "Save", and "Help".

The main window contains a table of frequencies and their associated data:

Freq	DF	Pol	UTC	DT	dB		KV	DS	TxPol
127	304	0	121800	0.6	-20	RRR	0	0	0
127	304	0	122000	0.6	-19	RRR	0	0	0
127			122200						
127			122400						
127			122600				1	0	0
127	307	0	122600	2.4	-22	PI9CM TX7EME BH52 OOO	1	0	0
127	307	0	122800	0.6	-17	RRR	0	0	0
127	307	0	123000	2.5	-22	ON4KHG TX7EME BH52 OOO	1	115	0
127	307	0	123200	0.8	-16	RRR	0	0	0
127	304	0	123400	2.5	-22	SM7FMX TX7EME BH52 OOO	1	0	0
127			123500						
127	307	0	123600	2.5	-25	SM7FMX TX7EME BH52 OOO	1	0	0

Below the table are several control buttons: "Log QSO", "Stop", "Monitor" (highlighted in green), "Decode", "Erase", "Auto is OFF", and "Stop Tx".

On the left side, there are two vertical scales for signal strength, ranging from 10 to 50 dB. A digital display shows the time "12:37:46".

On the right side, there are several input fields and buttons for transmitting messages:

- Tx first
- Set Tx Freq
- NB
- 50 Tol
- Buttons: Tx1, Tx2, Tx3, Tx4, Tx5 (selected), Tx6

At the bottom, a status bar shows: "Receiving S1", "OSO Freq: 127", "OSO DF: 310", "Rx noise: 15.0 0.2%", "JT65B", and "Ava: 0".

IARU Region 1 VHF Contest 2015

Bref compte rendu du contest VHF IARU Region 1 des 5 et 6 septembre 2015. J'ai été actif en single op. durant toute la durée du contest, nuit comprise. Que celle-ci fût laborieuse (seulement 30 QSO), tant la propagation était mauvaise (30 QSO et 16000 points de moins qu'en 2014) et l'activité faible entre 2h et 6h du matin...

Merci à tous ceux qui m'ont appelé !

Station habituelle : 12 él. DK7ZB et 550W

Short report of activity in the IARU Region 1 VHF contest of September 5th and 6th, 2015. I have been active single op. the whole duration of the contest, night included. What a hard night it was (only 30 QSO), since the propagation was very poor (30 QSO and 16000 points less compared to 2014) and the activity low between 2h and 6h in the morning..

Thanks to everyone who called me !

Usual station : 12 el. DK7ZB and 550W

QSO's : 424

Points : 151617

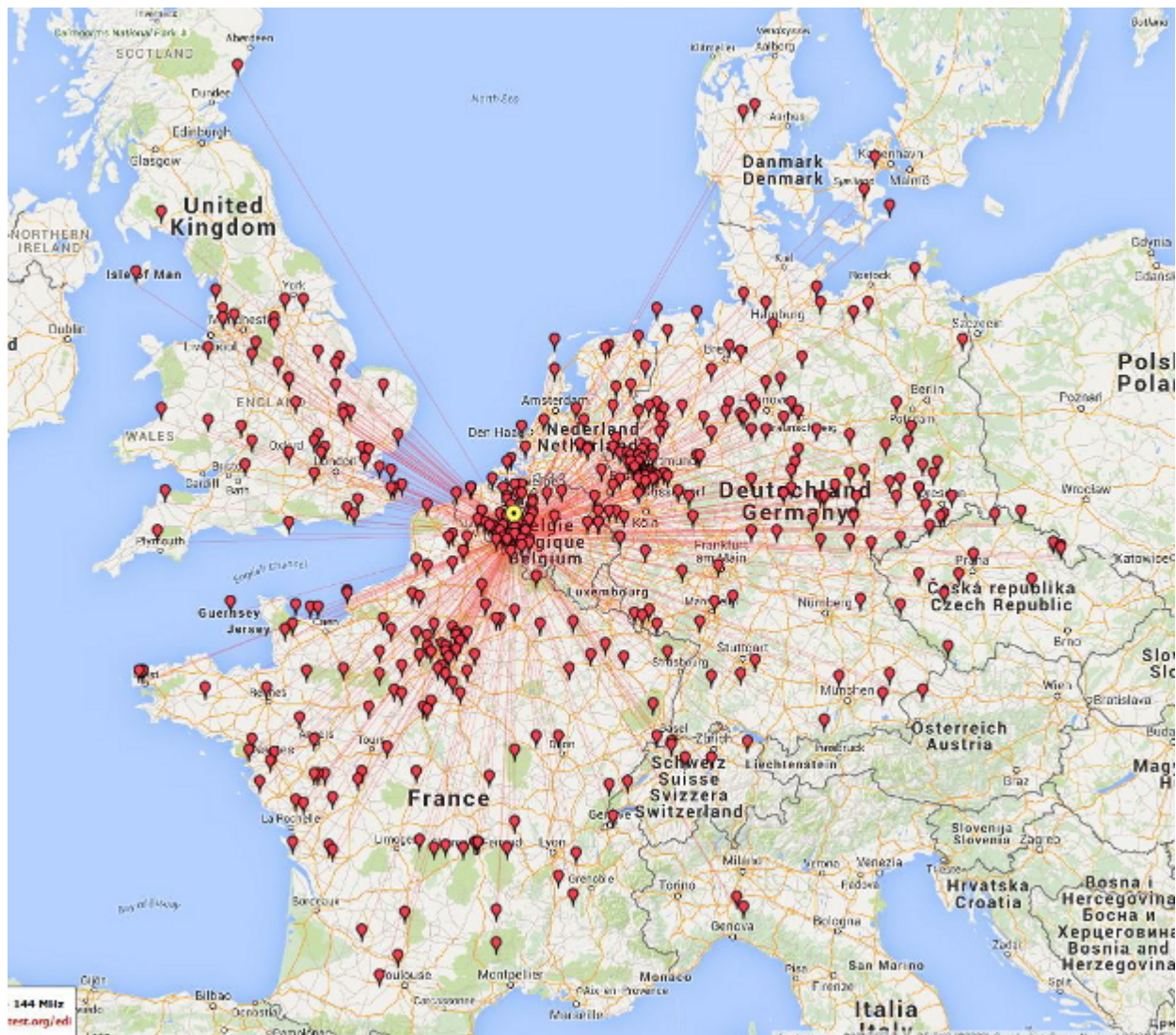
DXCC : 16 (I, G, GM, GW, GD, GU, SP, F, HB9, OE, OK, OZ, DL, ON, PA)

WWL : 86

Average km/QSO : 357,6

Top 10 DX QSO's :

OL7M	J080FF	885 km
OK1KU0	J080FG	885 km
OK1FIG	J080DH	872 km
OK1KCR	JN79VS	846 km
F4CWN	JN03KN	816 km
SN7L	J070SS	815 km
GM4AFF	I086TS	801 km
OZ9FW	J065C0	781 km
OL4W	J070LR	774 km
F1RHS	JN03PV	772 km



Ecoutez 0L7M / Listen to 0L7M :

<http://on4khg.be/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/0L7M-IARU-VHF-05092015.mp3>

Et I02V / and I02V :

<http://on4khg.be/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/I02V-IARU-VHF-05092015.mp3>

Enregistrement de notre QSO réalisé par Matej, OK1TEH / Recording of our QSO made by Matej, OK1TEH (Thanks) :

http://on4khg.be/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/on4khg_2m050915-recorded-by-0K1TEH.mp3

Meteor-Scatter – Perseids 2015

Voici un bref résumé des QSO's réalisés sur 144 MHz (2 QSO's sur 70 MHz) durant la "pluie" de météorites Perséides d'août 2015. Les indicatifs **en orange** montrent les QSO's planifiés ("skeds"), tandis que les autres ont été réalisés selon un modus operandi "full random".

Comme la plupart des QSO's ont été effectués durant le [MS Sprint Contest](#) (par MMonVHF et DUBUS), les rapports ne sont intentionnellement pas montrés ici.

Here is a brief summary of the QSO's made on 144 MHz (2 QSO's on 70 MHz) during the Perseids meteor shower of August 2015. The callsigns **in orange** indicate scheduled ("skeds") QSO's, while others have been made in a full random modus operandi. Since most of the QSO's have been made during the [MS Sprint Contest](#) (by MMonVHF and DUBUS), the reports are intentionally not shown hereby.

DATE	CALLSIGN	LOCATOR	BAND	REMARKS
3/08/2015	EA6XQ	JN10VA	2 m.	Best 0,28s
9/08/2015	EI9E	I043XW	2 m.	Best 3s
10/08/2015	SP/OK1MU	K013NX	2 m.	Best 0,68s

10/08/2015	EI9E	I043XW	4 m.	Best 10s
11/08/2015	SP/0K1CID	K014NA	2 m.	Best 7s
12/08/2015	UX2SB	KN28IX	2 m.	Best 25s
12/08/2015	LY2WR	K024F0	2 m.	Best 6s
12/08/2015	LA8KV	JP52Q0	2 m.	Best 7s
12/08/2015	E77TK	JN84XF	2 m.	Best 0,42s
12/08/2015	LY/0K2ZAW	K023BX	2 m.	Best 6s
12/08/2015	YL2A0	K016DK	2 m.	Best 9s
12/08/2015	YT3N	KN04LP	2 m.	Best 3s
12/08/2015	DH8BQA	J073CE	4 m.	Best 0,32s
12/08/2015	OM8AND	KN080R	2 m.	Best 7s
12/08/2015	UA3LID	K064CN	2 m.	Best 2s
13/08/2015	TF3CY	HP94AD	2 m.	Best 4s
13/08/2015	YL2IV	K006LM	2 m.	Best 0,42s
13/08/2015	EA4EHI	IM68MU	2 m.	Best 7s
13/08/2015	RU1A	K048VR	2 m.	Best 6s
13/08/2015	IW7DEC	JN81GF	2 m.	Best 1s
13/08/2015	SM4GGC	J069RK	2 m.	Best 8s
13/08/2015	ZB2/0N7EQ	IM76HD	2 m.	Best 15s
13/08/2015	HA6VV/P	JN97WV	2 m.	Best 5s
13/08/2015	EW7AW	K054CB	2 m.	Best 10s
13/08/2015	SQ5GVY	K002MQ	2 m.	Best 20s

13/08/2015	YL2DA	K006MM	2 m.	Best 25s
13/08/2015	LY2BUU	K015XH	2 m.	Best 10s
13/08/2015	SM2CEW	KP15CR	2 m.	Best 15s
13/08/2015	SM7SJR	J087FB	2 m.	Best 15s
13/08/2015	IS0EBO	JN40GR	2 m.	Best 0,6s
13/08/2015	LZ1ZX	KN32ER	2 m.	Best 3s
14/08/2015	SP8SN	K011FI	2 m.	Best 4s

