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HURRICANE WATCH NET TO HOLD ON-AIR SPECIAL EVENT

Los Lunas, NM

Dave Lefavour, W7GOX, Manager of the Hurricane Watch Net, has announced that the HWN will be holding a two-day, on-the-air special event. "This event, which we're calling 'HWN/44,' celebrates our 44th consecutive year of service. Our members will be using special event callsign K4H on 11/29 and 11/30. We'll be operating on 14.325 MHz, of course, but, we'll also have stations active on or near 7.190 Mhz and 3.950 MHz. As trying as HF propagation has recently been, if you can't hear us on one band, try one of the others. Our net control stations/members, located around the continental US, in Canada, and, the Caribbean, will all use K4H as we pass the virtual baton from member to member." Lefavour noted that November 30 is the official end of the 2009 Atlantic hurricane season. "During hurricanes, we focus our energy and attention on the the Atlantic basin, Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean. For this event, our antennas will be pointed in all compass directions, as we invite hams around the world to help us celebrate our 44th year."

USER PRINTED QSL's

Lefavour says that the HWN webmasters have cooked up something special for this event. "Stations who work us will be able to print their own QSL certificates from our website <u>www.hwn.org</u>. Once our net control stations sign off, they will enter the contact data into our online database. There will be a prominent link displayed on our home page which directs users seeking QSL's for this special event operation to the appropriate web page. Users can enter their callsign into the search engine, and, if the QSO is found, the certificate will be displayed for local printing. No postage or envelopes required!"

For more information on the HWN/44 operation, or for more information on the HWN, visit the website at <u>www.hwn.org</u>