

# 14<sup>th</sup> International EME Conference Final Report

We had 82 people pre-registered and 52 walk-ins for a total of 134 people registered for the conference. We had an additional 30 women registered for a grand total of 164. I was very pleased with the attendance numbers. The final count for the Saturday evening banquet was 137. I especially wish to thank our international friends for attending including DL1YMK, xyl Monica, F5JWF, G3LTF, xyl Margaret, G4DDK, G4HUP, HB9BBD, HB9DRI, xyl Helene, HE9JKJ, I0NAA, xyl Marina & Daughter, JH1KRC, xyl Sylvie, OK1DFC, xyl Jana and 2 sons, ON7UN, SM5BSZ, SM6CKU, xyl Barbro, VK4CDI, xyl Sandra. Several Canadians attended including VE1KG, xyl Francoise, VA3TO, VE4MA, VE6TA and xyl Karen. Plus several Alaskans were in attendance including KL6M, KL7UW, xyl Janet and KL7HFQ.

Once again the Westin hotel provided excellent facilities and was a pleasure to work with. The help I received from my wife Emily and my co-chairmen Barry VE4MA and Tony WA8RJF and his xyl Diane made this 2 year project most enjoyable. The support from many members of the North Texas Microwave Society also contributed to the great success of the conference. Included in this list are N5AC, WA5TKU, KM5PO, KA5BOU, N5PYK, WD5AGO, AF8Z, K5MRA, WA5YWC, WA5VJB, WA5JAT and others. I also wish to thank Dale WA8SRA, Steve N5AC and Joe N5PYK for helping with our web site. The noise figure testing organized by WD5AGO, AF8Z, and myself was most helpful and informative.

Our conference provided a fine list of speakers with topics for the seasoned as well as the newcomer to EME. I would like to thank G4HUP, KL7UW, OK1DFC, N4PZ, WA5WCP, WD5AGO, K5SDR, WW2R, K5GW, W5LUA, K1JT, DL1YMK, Michaels's xyl Monica, HB9DRI, N2UO, AD6IW, KL6M, G4DDK, F5JWF, JH1KRC, K2UYH, G3LTF, W1GHZ, K6MYC, and K0YW. Also thanks to the many others who submitted a paper for the proceedings. The proceedings which were published by the ARRL looked fantastic and were full of valuable information. Thanks to Maty KB1EIB of the league, Barry VE4MA and Wes WA5TKU for putting together a fine proceedings.

Paul WA5WCP provided an excellent demonstration of EME on 1296 MHz with his portable 12 ft dish out in the hotel parking lot. Several newcomers and old timers alike made numerous contacts via the moon. I was particularly pleased to see the number of newcomers interested in our fascinating part of the hobby. Thanks also to Jim WA5JAT for providing Paul with assembly assistance out in the Texas heat.

The Saturday evening banquet was highlighted by the presentation of awards to two of our long time EMEers. The first was to Joe Demaso, K1RQG in appreciation of his efforts as NET control of the 432 MHz and Above EME NET for the past 25 years. Joe was unable to make the conference but we were able to have him on the phone during the presentation. The second award was given to Al Katz K2UYH in appreciation of his efforts in producing the 432 MHz and Above Newsletter for nearly 40 years and his continuous devotion to EME communications.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Cambridge in the UK in 2012 as Sam G4DDK and Dave G4HUP organize the next event.

The powerpoint presentations have been uploaded to the EME conference web site and the noise figure results should be up there shortly.

See you on the moon.

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