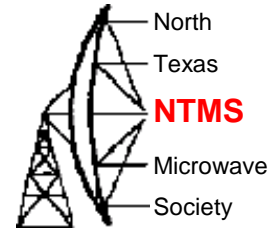


10 GHz Adventure to West Texas by

Al Ward W5LUA
Bob Gormley WA5YWC
Al Webb W5RLG
Ross Pounders K5ZSJ

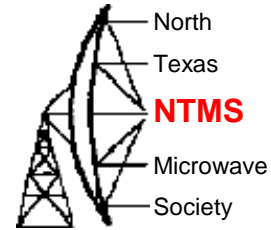
May 4th, 2013

Our Mission



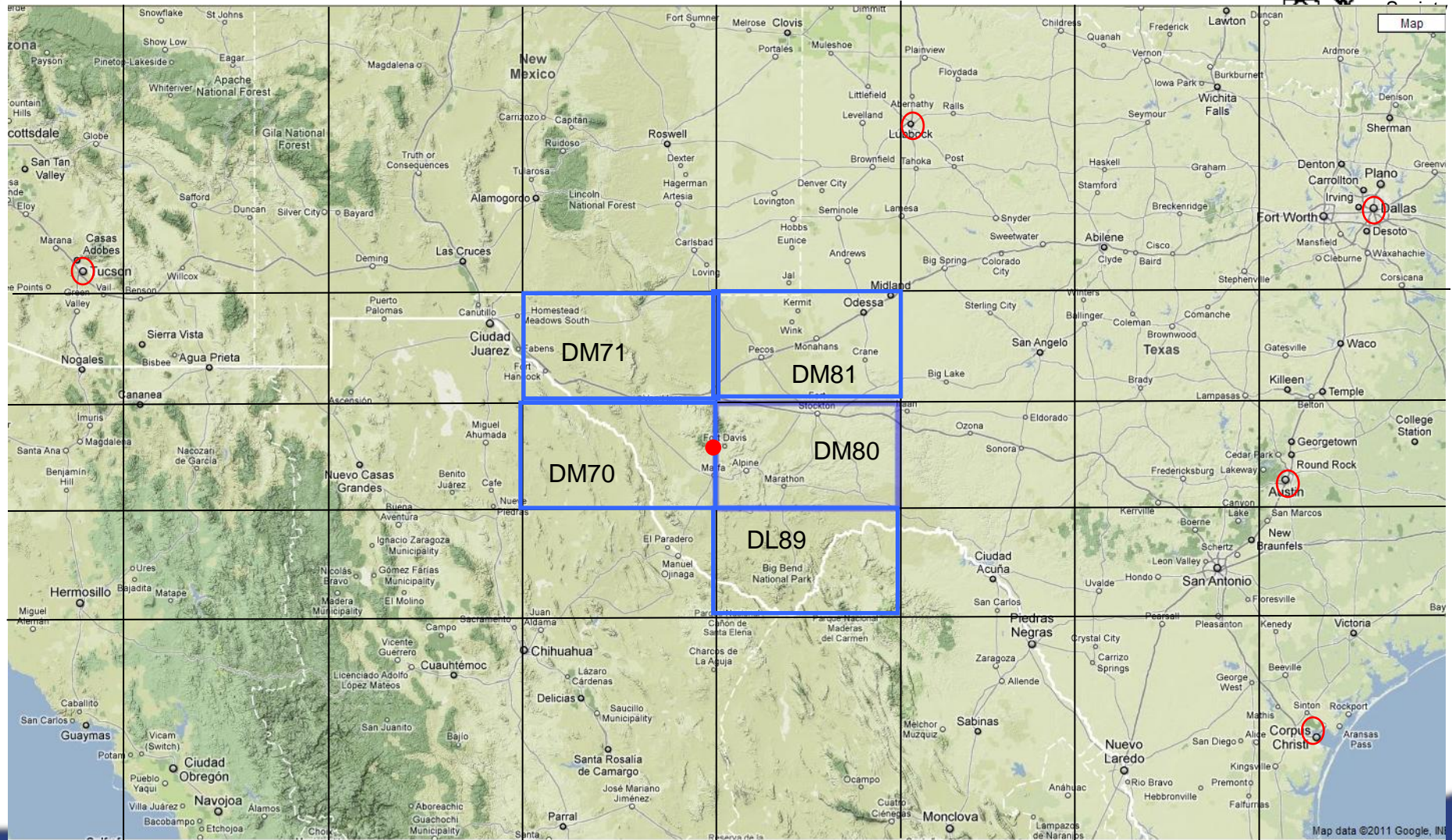
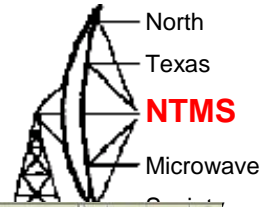
- Our primary objective was to see where Ross K5ZSJ was disappearing to on a regular basis and why!.....
- Next was to see if there was any chance of finding some decent high locations west of the supposed “dry line” that could propagate some 10 GHz signals.
- Third was to be the guests of W5RHN and also speak at the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club
- So...we set a date and took off.....

The Trip



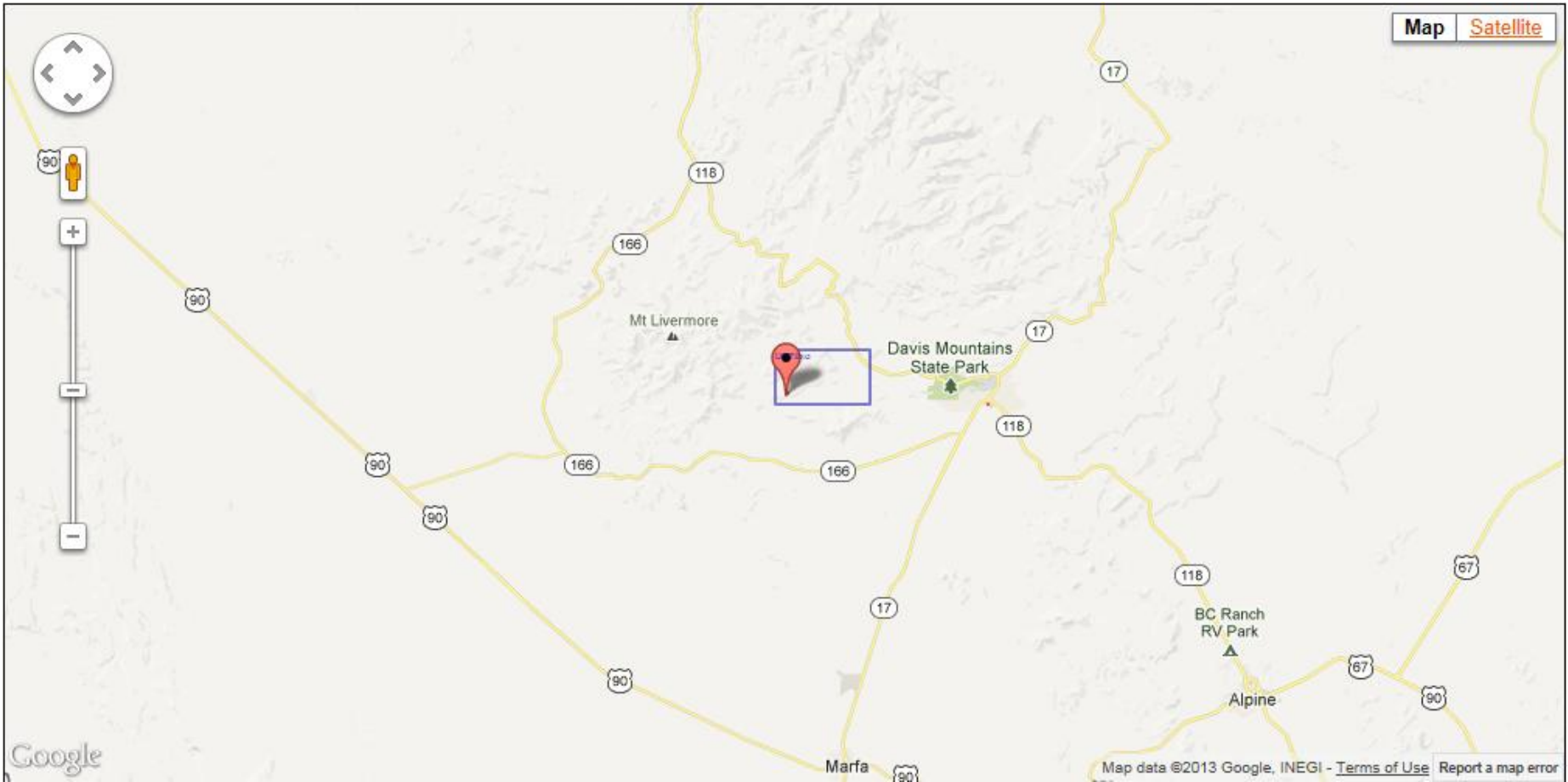
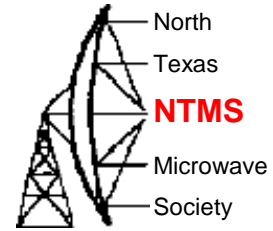
- Bob WA5YWC was detained a day so Al W5RLG and I embarked on Sunday April 7th.
- As it turns out, this gave us a chance to work Bob as he traveled in on Monday.

Our Journey to West Texas

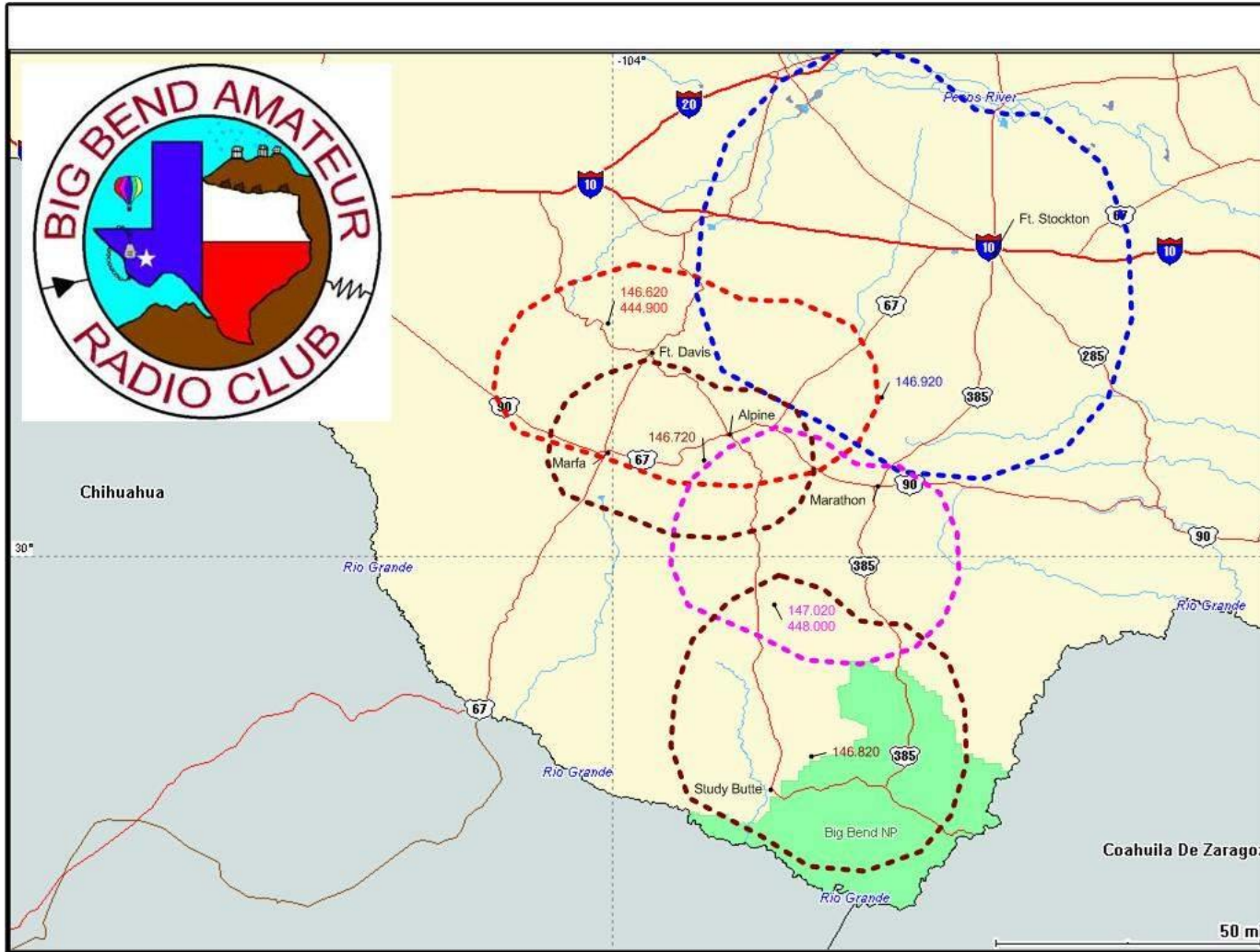
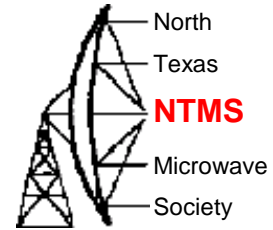


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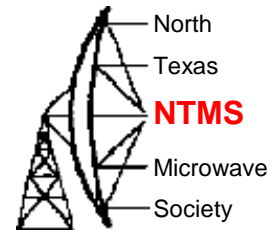
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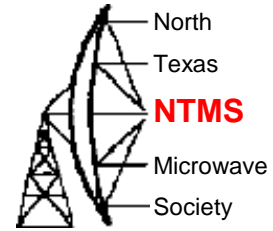
BBARC Repeater Coverage



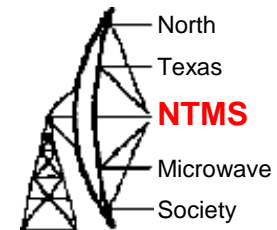
The Roads.....



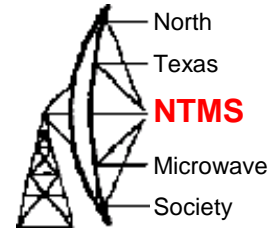
Our arrival at the W5RHN QTH in DM70xo



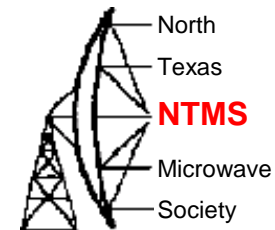
W5RLG Setup at W5RHN QTH



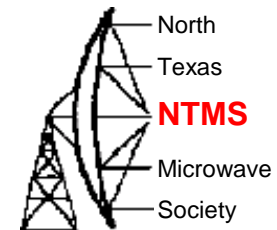
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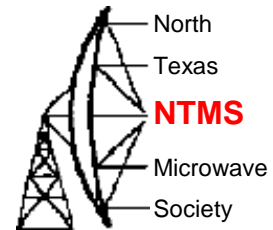
DM70xo to DM81rs across the mountains – 120 miles on 10 GHz



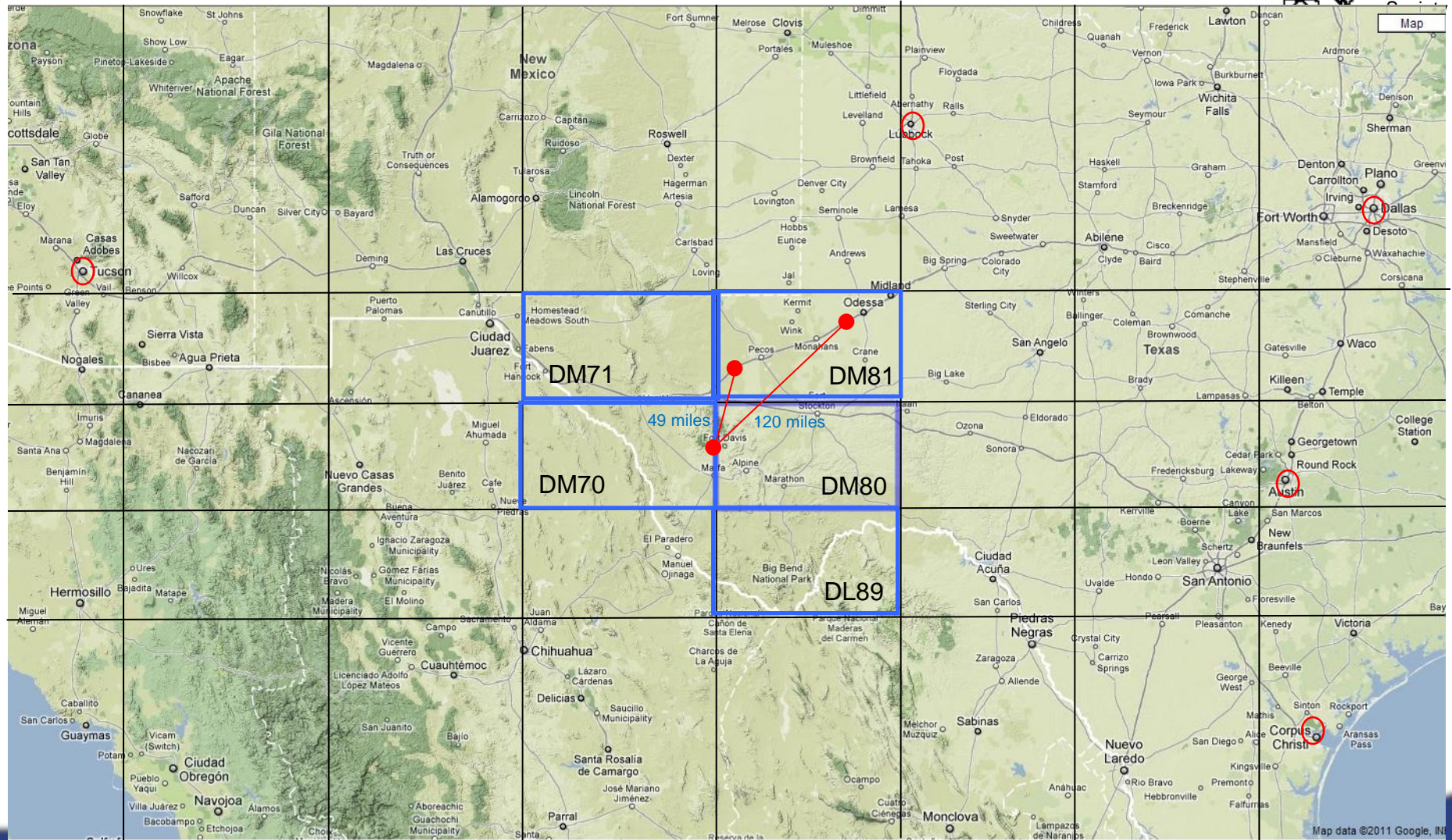
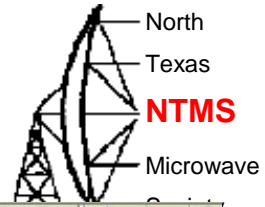
W5RHN QTH Looking South



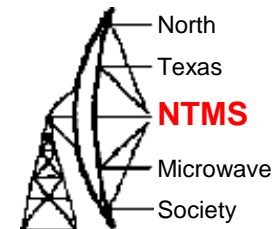
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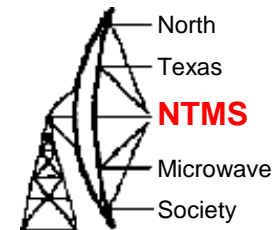
10 GHz QSOs from W5RHN QTH on April 8, 2012



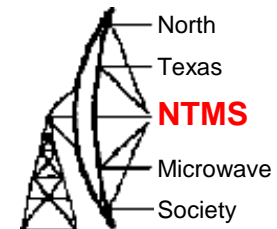
Our little Get-Away



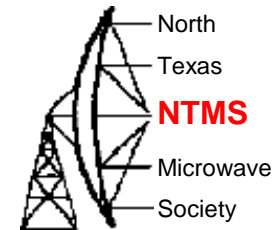
View from our cabin towards W5RHN QTH



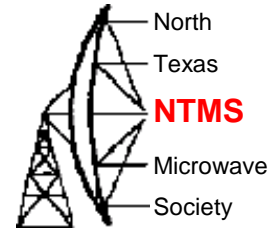
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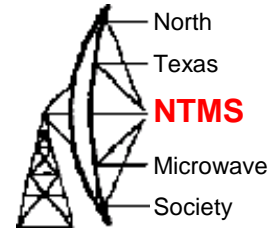
Otto Struve 2.1M (82 inch) Telescope at McDonald Observatory



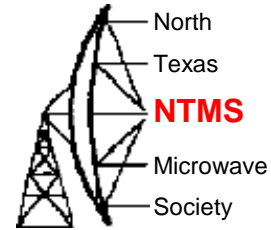
View from the 82 inch Telescope



11M Hobby-Eberly Optical Telescope at McDonald Observatory

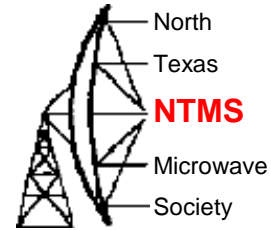


What could we work during the 10 GHz and Higher Contest?



- NE – We worked to nearly Odessa @ 120 miles and maybe we could work to Abilene
- East – East is our best shot but we would require some brave soul to rove from Austin.
- All other points are blocked by mountains as high as we were.
- Difficult for us to rove in the mountains

West Texas Hospitality



- We wish to thank Bob W5RHN, Fran and Fran's mom for opening their doors and keeping us nourished
- I also wish to thank Ross K5ZSJ for help in setting up the trip.
- A fun time was had by all
- GL and 73 de W5LUA, W5RLG & WA5YWC