

# The 144 MHz EME NewsLetter

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## Once again – Hawaii QRV on EME

Some if not most (x)yls are not so very happy about ham radio activities during family vacations. However, this problem is maybe non-existing with Gene KB7Q. To the delight of the EME community he made it possible to combine both during his recent holidays in February in Hawaii.



Isn't that a beautiful take-off in BK29MO?

To make the overall set-up as light as possible and hence minimize baggage costs Gene had decided for a single yagi (12 ele M2). Since his QTH on the big island had a good access to the sea he relied

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on extra gain across the salt water....and was right about this. Together with an 800 watts SSPA he logged 53 stations, many of them working KH6 for the very first time.

From his observations Gene guesses that his 2 meters signal was down by just 2 db compared to the 2 x 9 element yagis he uses back home. He had also substituted the LMR400 feed line coax for LMR600 because of weight considerations.



**Gene in the outdoor shack with a local visitor (KH6LC's pet) (Photos KB7Q)**

So the general concept has proved successful. Due to the fact that this was indeed a combined family holiday Gene could not allocate as much hours to ham radio as he would have wanted to. Moreover he did not have access to a western window for Asia and Eastern Russia so those folks were left wanting. However, he may return at some point with total focus on ham radio and bigger antennas.

Next activity by KB7Q however is a trip to Wyoming (DN54) from June 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. As from Hawaii Gene will be QRV on 2 m (2 x 9 elements, 800 watts) and 70 cm.

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## **FK8CP (RG37FR) QRV from New Caledonia**

Remi reports that after rectifying some issues on his rx side he is now QRV on 2 m EME and regularly calling CQ, mainly on 144,116 MHz. While QRV he is also on the N0UK logger. And yes, this is no DXpedition since he lives there on a permanent basis. So there is a good chance to bag a rare DXCC on 144 MHz.

## **Upcoming DXpeditions**

*For more information on current and upcoming DXpeditions please have a look at [www.mmmonvhf.de](http://www.mmmonvhf.de) from where most of the information here was gathered.*

### **EA6/PA2CHR (JN10, JN20, JM29) Balearics**

Chris PA2CHR will be on the Balearic Islands from May 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. On 2 m he plans for 26 ele xpol and a decent sspa. For further details (particularly when he is in which square) please check his website when the dates get closer: <http://www.pa2chr.nl/News.html>

## **Time Table**

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| 9 May       | May issue of the 144 MHz EME NewsLetter ready for download at <a href="http://www.df2zc.de">http://www.df2zc.de</a> |
| 19 – 21 Aug | 17 <sup>th</sup> International EME Conference, Venice/Italy <a href="http://www.eme2016.org">www.eme2016.org</a>    |

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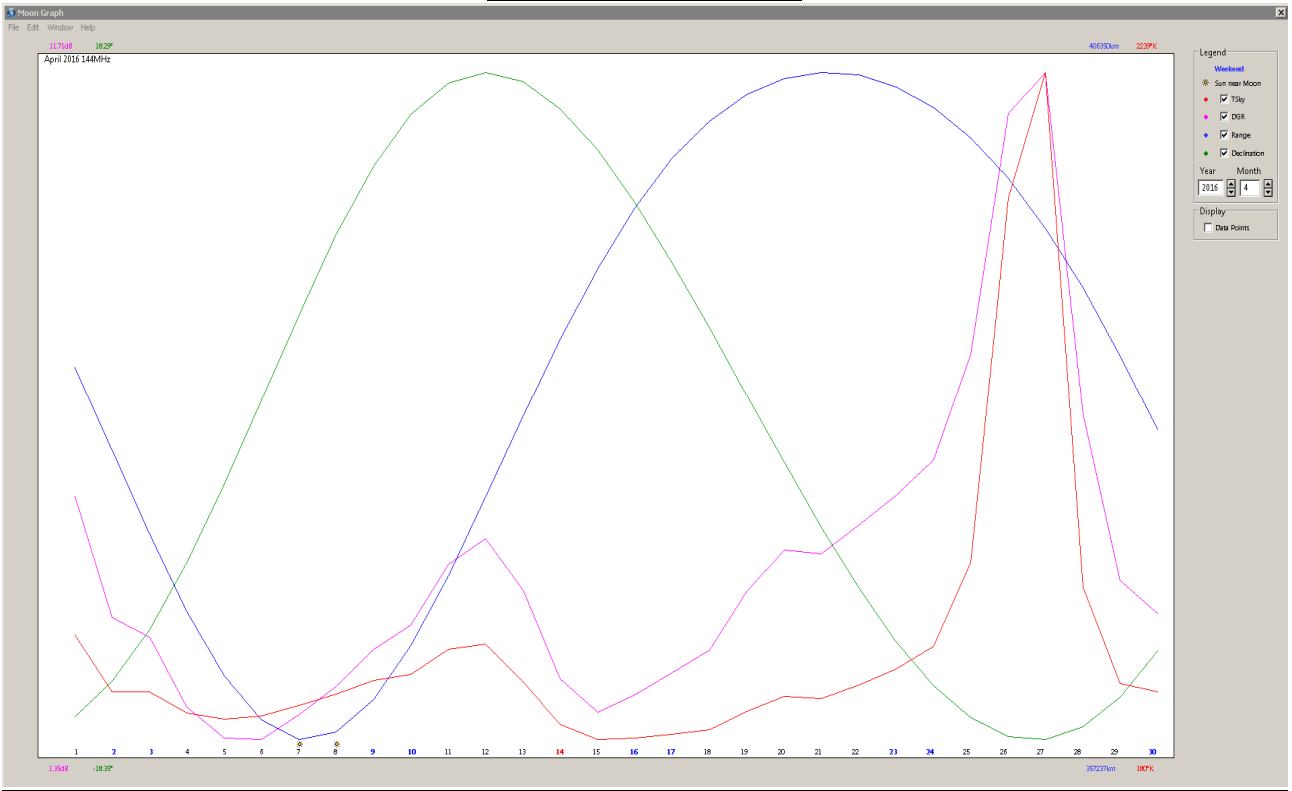
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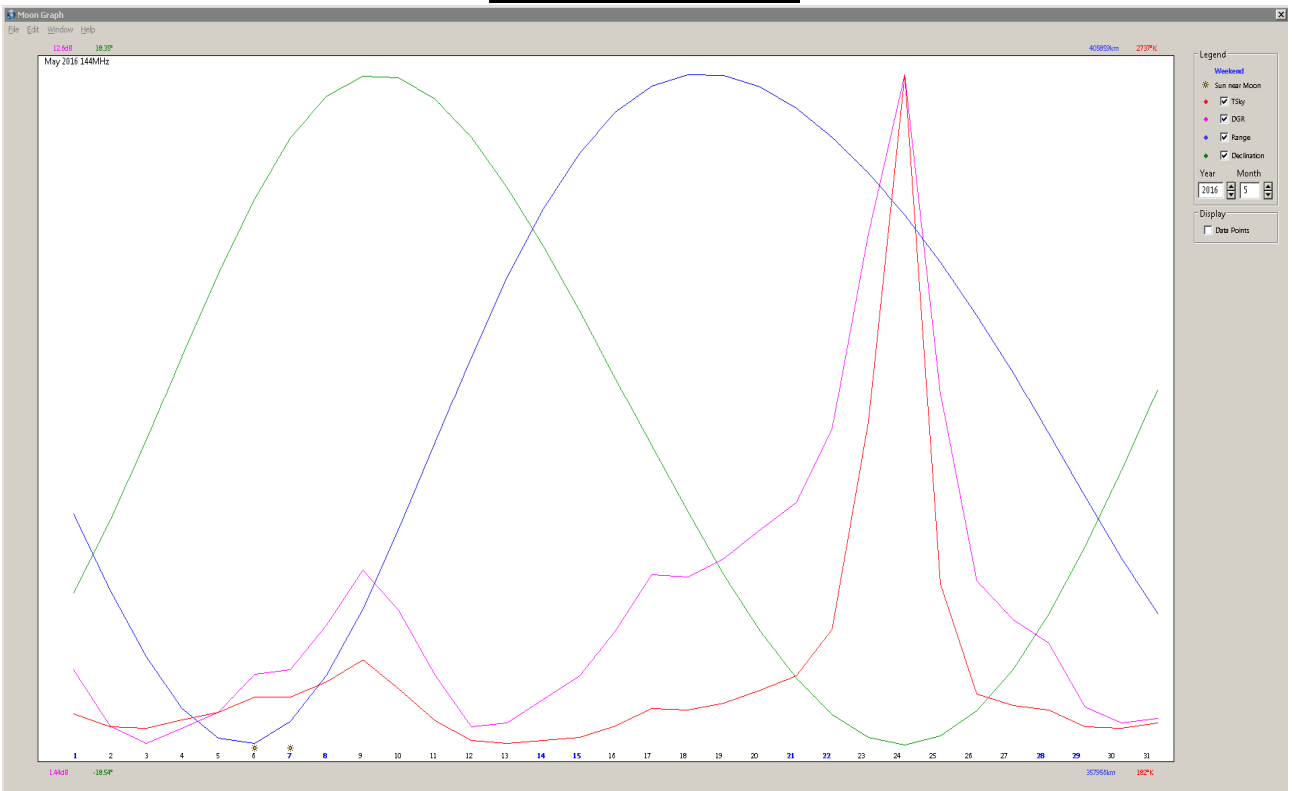
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### Moon Graph April 2016:



### Moon Graph May 2016:



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