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January 2006

## Pribilof Islands

We start off the 2006 year with an exciting program presented by the Western Washington DX Club's renowned DXing husband and wife team of Elsie and Hillar Raamat, N7YX and N6HR.

Last fall Elsie and Hillar traveled to the Pribilof Islands off the coast of Alaska where they operated providing QSO's to the deserving from this rare IOTA location. This will be an enjoyable program, one you will not want to miss, especially given Hillar and Elsie's always entertaining presentation style.

January Meeting  
Tuesday, January 10, 2006  
Dinner at 6:30 – Program at 7:30

Angelo's Restaurant  
601 SW 153<sup>rd</sup>,  
Burien, Washington 98166  
206-244-3555

Plan on staying after the formal meeting is over and enjoy some eyeball QSO's with various club members.

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# Meeting Location Change

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**T**his past year we have been alternating our club meetings between the Lake City Elks Club, Angelo's Restaurant in Bellevue, and Angelo's Restaurant in Burien. Unfortunately the Bellevue location has a limited menu and they do not have adequate space to accommodate our group.

With that in mind, starting with this month, we will be alternating our club meetings between the Angelo's Restaurant in Burien and the Lake City Elks Club. I would appreciate hearing from any club member that knows of a restaurant on the East side that can accommodate 35-40 people and yet has a "reasonably" priced menu.

# Guest Editor

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY  
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**M**y wife and I will be traveling to South America later this month to visit my wife's native land of Chile. So I have enlisted the assistance of the Totem Tabloid's Editor Emeritus, Jim Hadlock, K7WA, to return to the helm on the *Tabloid* for one month. He'll be putting together the February edition of the *Tabloid*.

# Contest News

By Mike Dinkelman, N7WA  
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**I** hope everyone had safe end to the year. As promised, following are the current results of the Trophy Competition – which will be the three CQWW tests. Please review the inputs and get me updates if I am missing some. Somehow, I have lost the totals for our friends to the north but I do have the WVDXC totals below. I'll pass along the BCDXC totals the next time I get them.

	CQWW RTTY	CQWW SSB	CQWW CW	TOTAL
N0AX	0	0	194,028	194,028
N7BF	254,592	110,768	155,430	520,790
K7BTW	203,275	0	216,028	419,303
N7BV	0	126,276	918,072	1,044,348
KA7CSE	0	14,874	0	14,874
K7EG	142,096	185,832	198,306	526,234
KT7G	4,424	16,892	14,773	36,089
W7GTO	49,439	15,980	11,926	77,345
K7HBN	124,028	150,325	180,294	454,647
N6HR	0	0	265,582	265,582
K6KR	0	779,380	0	779,380
KX7L	0	2,646	0	2,646
K7LAZ	0	0	155,001	155,001
N6MZ	0	135,960	0	135,960
W7OM	175,734	15,260	323,778	514,772
W7QN	0	100,640	108,817	209,457
K7RL	693,445	2,799,503	0	3,492,948
K7RX	0	48,789	87,000	135,789

AB7RW	0	0	109,512	109,512
AK7S	0	20,942	0	20,942
N7SEJ	0	186,188	612	186,800
W7SNH	0	0	4	4
K7SS	0	100,440	59,400	159,840
W7TMT	0	0	75,504	75,504
W7TSQ	0	0	4,462	4,462
W7VJ	0	0	194,016	194,016
W7VV	0	47,633	0	47,633
N7WA	0	13,482	143,787	157,269
W7WA	0	886,920	528,330	1,415,250
N7YX	0	533,104	0	533,104
N7XY	0	8,632	31,827	40,459
NG7Z	0	33,020	0	33,020
K7ZA	0	0	674,221	674,221
N7ZG	0	158,400	279,123	437,523

WVDCX 1,647,033 6,491,886 4,929,833 13,068,752

As of Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, the WVDCX reports 13 entries and

WVDCX 3,022,085 2,917,762 4,183,164 10,123,011 (may be incomplete)

I am really proud of the fact we have so many more entries than the WVDCX as it shows a greater participation and activity level and not everybody has to be a big gun (though it doesn't hurt). Jim, KI7Y, the President of the WVDCX tells me he is getting some grief about the rules changes this year – specifically the exclusion of non-NW scores. I know it hurt us in not being able to include the scores from the guys at VP5W (K9JF,N6MZ,VE7XF,W7VV) but it looks like a real Northwest competition this time instead a who's-who of NW DXpedition's. Jim also tells me they are looking into getting their local efforts back on line so maybe some good will come out of this on their end.

Looking forward, the next tests on the Trophy run are the ARRL DX tests (SSB and CW). I hope you will continue your fine efforts. Have a Happy New Year.

## DX Packet Alert Network Frequencies

By Bob Nielsen, N7XY

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W7DX Bellevue (AR-Cluster node) 145.75 MHz, N6MZ sysop.

Telnet to w7dx.net

User documents at <http://www.ab5k.net>

W7PKT Auburn (DX Spider Node) 145.73 MHz, KA7CSE sysop.

Telnet to w7pkt.net, port 7300

user documents at <http://www.dxcluster.org/main/usermanual.html>

N7XY Bainbridge Is. (DX Spider Node) 145.77 MHz, N7XY sysop.

Telnet to n7xy.net, port 7300 or <http://n7xy.net/cgi-bin/spider.cgi>

K7JY-2 University of Washington NETROM 145.75

If you need help, email [n7xy@oz.net](mailto:n7xy@oz.net).

Lee Sawkins, VE7CC has written a versatile Windows user program which works with either AR-Cluster or DX Spider nodes. It can be downloaded from <http://www.bcdxc.org/ve7cc/default.htm>

## Totem Tattler

The Spokane DX Association webpage has a new look and our own Ward Silver, NØAX, is prominently featured! The *Tabloid* editor is not sure if this is good or bad. Regardless, please check it out at: [www.sdxa.org](http://www.sdxa.org)

## Totem Trader

**Wanted:** Roller inductor tuner, Marc K9PET, [barleek9@comcast.net](mailto:barleek9@comcast.net)

## Puyallup!

The Mike and Key Amateur Radio Club's Electronics Show and Fleamarket is just around the corner! The fun event will take place on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup. Entry for buyers is \$7 and a seller table is \$30 (the \$30 includes the table and one entry to the event). Check out all of the details at <http://www.mikeandkey.com/flea.htm>

## 2006 Pacific NW DX Convention - Vancouver

Check out <http://www.bcdxc.org/2006convention.htm> for information on the July 21, 22, and 23 event.

## Tool Definitions

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against that freshly painted motorcycle part you were drying.

**WIREWHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Ouch...."

**ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:** Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub you want the bearing race out of.

**WHITWORTH SOCKETS:** Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 9/16 or 1/2 socket you've been searching for the last 15 minutes.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new disk brake pads, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 2X4:** Used for levering an automobile upward off a hydraulic jack handle.

**TWEEZERS:** A tool for removing wood splinters.

**PHONE:** Tool for calling your neighbors to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.

**E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR:** A tool ten times harder than any known drill bit that snaps off in bolt holes you couldn't use anyway.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:** A tool for testing the tensile strength on everything you forgot to disconnect.

**CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 16-INCH SCREWDRIVER:** A large prybar that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end opposite the handle.

**AVIATION METAL SNIPS:** See hacksaw.

**TROUBLE LIGHT:** The home mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**AIR COMPRESSOR:** A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips Rusty bolts last over tightened 58 years ago by someone at H-D, and neatly rounds off their heads.

**PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50¢ part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to cut hoses too short.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

**MECHANIC'S KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts.

**DAMMIT TOOL:** Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling "DAMMIT" at the top of your lungs. It is also the next tool that you will need.

**EXPLETIVE:** A balm, usually applied verbally in hindsight, which somehow eases those pains and indignities following our every deficiency in foresight.

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