



January 2007

TO WIN THE WORLD!
HAROLD "BUZZ" REEVES, N2AA, DREAM -
MULTI-MULTI IN THE 70'S

January's Program is an "old" tape showing one amateurs dream to put a team together to "Win the World".

The antenna farm is probably the highlight of the program. I am sure that a lot of you know some of the team, if you can get by the long hair, black rim glasses and bell bottom jeans...

January Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Dinner at 6:30 – Program at 7:30

Angelo's Restaurant

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2007 WWDXC Officers

The membership has spoken and here are your new officers for 2007:

President – Brian Moran, N9ADG
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Director (3 year term) – Dick Swanson, K7BTW
Director (3 year term) – Jim Hadlock, K7WA

Thunderstruck!

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY oolon@yahoo.com

I've taken up listening to (instead of reading) books on my bus commute to and from work recently (I get them from the King County Library – often downloading the entire book over the internet!).

My most recent "read" was *Thunderstruck* by a Seattle author – Erik Larson. It's the story of two very different men - Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of wireless communication and a London murderer Dr. H.H. Crippen. The two were united in the public's imagination during a wild chase across the Atlantic where this new wireless invention was shown to be of great assistance.

The book alternates between the two stories – the headstrong Marconi and the diminutive murderer Crippen who never come close to meeting. Both stories are fascinating and make for a very good read.

It was especially fun to hear some of Marconi's problems with sending test messages where his competitors were accused of setting up stations to interfere with his tests – much like QRM in modern day contesting! He also has to harness huge amounts of power to massive antennas to extend the range of his signals – and always yearned for more power and larger antennas. Apparently he was transmitting on a very low frequency and only late in the game did he realize that the higher frequencies were more efficient for long distance communication (if he could only hear 20 meters on a contest weekend!).

The murderer, Crippen, leads a quiet life in London and eventually murders his wife in a spectacular manner. The "North London Cellar Murder" becomes the biggest news in the world for a time in 1910 and when he flees with his mistress a worldwide search ensues – assisted by early morse messages. This leads to his eventual capture with the ability of the wireless signals to be exchanged with ships at sea being vital to the story.

I highly recommend this book!

CasualDX -- Antarctica, S. Georgia and the Falklands, February 11- March 4.

By Marc Weinberg, K9PET barleek9@comcast.net

CasualDX is leading a big 25 day trip to Antarctica, S. Georgia, and the Falklands. Marion and I depart Seattle on Feb. 8th and meet the rest of the group in Santiago on the 10th. From there we fly on a charter flight into Ushuaia, Argentina on the 11th and set off that evening for the Antarctic Peninsula on board "National Geographic Endeavour". In Antarctica our call will be with the typical /KC4 or on board as /MM and /C6A. It will take us 2 days at sea penetrating the "roaring 40's" to get to sheltered waters.

My best guess is that we could be on the air from the Peninsula on Feb 14-17. From then on the following is the best schedule I can come up with.

February 19th S. Orkney if a weather permits a landing

February 20-21 at Sea

February 22-25 S. Georgia with calls as follows:

Marc	VP8DJU	(K9PET)
Jim	VP8DJV	(W3ASA)
David	VP8DKG	(W3SKP)
Bill	VP8DKD	(W3WKO)

February 26-27 at Sea

March 1-2 Falklands

March 4th it's all over and we return to Ushuaia.

We'll do the best we can to get on the air often. Remember this is also about photography, seeing the animals and learning about the environment from the scientists and other experts. We hope weather won't distract further from our chances to be available on the air.

Look for us on SSB, CW and PSK. We will make an effort to take advantage of 'grey line' to get to the West coast on 20M. Depending on propagation, we hope to CU even though conditions are against us. Of course, we'll try other frequencies as well.

WWDXC Membership Roster

By Jim Hadlock, K7WA, WWDXC Membership jrhadlock74@msn.com

I recently uploaded a new WWDXC Roster of Active Members and an All Time Members List in PDF format to the Files area on the WWDXC Yahoo Group website - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wwdxc/>

If you would like a copy sent directly to you, or a hard copy, please let me know.

WWDXC Membership News

By Jim Hadlock, K7WA, WWDXC Membership jrhadlock74@msn.com

Over the past few months the following New Members have joined the Western Washington DX Club:

Michael Anderson K7SWA, Seatac, WA
Tom Kirwan W7KIR, Longview, WA
Richard Lemke AD7AF, Ocean Park, WA
Rich Stempien W6WYB, Alameda, CA
Tom Stoio N7WI, Oak Harbor, WA
Bob Willey KD7OWN, Centralia, WA

Please make it a point so pass along your welcome to these new members at a club meeting or on the air.

In addition, the following members have recently renewed their Active Membership:

John Bellinger K7LVJ, Burlington, WA
David Carson WA7BTZ, Shoreline, WA
Ron Fargo AA7CQ, Kent, WA

Kurt Heidergott K7UU, Bellevue, WA
Bruce Klanke K7IDX, Brinnon, WA
Mike Mraz N6MZ, Bellevue, WA
David Reed W7TAX, Issaquah, WA
Jim Simon W1YY/7, Kingston, WA
Bryan Swadener WA7PRC, Everett, WA

While the total club roster contains over 1,200 members who have joined over the years, it is the active members who enable the club to function as it does today. Since adopting the \$25 annual dues about ten years ago, the WWDXC has had between 100 and 150 active members. 2007 will be another busy year for the club since it is our turn to host the annual Pacific Northwest DX Convention in August. In addition to the convention, we will be sponsoring the Washington Salmon Run in September, holding a club Field Day in June, and supporting DX-peditions over the course of the year. We will also be defending the Annual Contest Trophy against the B.C. DX Club and Willamette Valley DX Club in the international CW, Phone, and RTTY contests sponsored by ARRL and CQ Magazine plus the IARU Radiosport.

Thanks to all of you for a great year in 2006 and your continuing support.

Let's Play "Looney Bin"!

Passed along to the Tabloid by (who else!?) Ward Silver, NØAX

Have you heard about the latest game? It's called "Looney Bin". You could call it "Multiple Insanity", "Super Stupidity", or whatever you want, but here is how it is played:

All the players - and there is a great many of them - gather in a large confined area, which is also occupied by people who are NOT playing "Looney Bin". Each player arms himself with a club, the size of which is limited by regulations of the game to one kilogram (that's 2.2 lbs.). Some players use a hinged club, the effect of which is to transmit additional energy, so that their clubs are the equivalent of 2 kilograms - sometimes called "2KG peak effective power."

The game has an announced starting time, at which time the players - and there are a great many of them, as we said - proceed to attract the attention of other players by hitting them over the head with their clubs. As the area where the game is played is usually crowded, a great many who are NOT players get hit over the head with one kilogram, which they do not like at all.

The objective of the game is to see how many players can be hit over the head with one's one kilogram club. Each player must keep a record, called a log (not to be confused with the club, which is a small log of another type). The best players can hit other players over the head with their club while keeping their log with the other hand. Upon being hit over the head, a player announces (a) how sharp the blow was, rated on a 1 to 5 scale; and (b) the pressure of the blow, rated on a 1 to 9 scale. Thus, upon being struck, the player shouts "5-9", and proceeds to exchange blows with the player who has just bounced his club off the first player's head. Obviously, it takes a pretty hard head to play this game, but after partaking in a number of such contests, one's head becomes almost impervious to the blows. Many players drop their participation in such events, of course, since they see no point to either being hit on the head, or exercising violence upon others.

Some parts of the playing area are more accessible than others, and the real challenge to a player is to hit the more remotely located players. When everybody tries to do this, what is known as a "pile-up" occurs, with dozens of players being hit over the head at once, and hardly anyone ever hitting the head of the player at which he had taken aim. Such "pile-ups" are very frustrating, and many players have abandoned the game because of them. The winner of the game is the player who has swung his club most effectively, hitting more players on the head than anyone else, and in more areas of the playing space. Indeed, it is considered a great achievement to have hit people on the head in every square foot of the playing area!

A ticklish situation has developed as a result of so many games of "Looney Bin" being played in the playing area. Indeed, some group or other is sponsoring a game almost every weekend. The people who don't like to play "Looney Bin" actually outnumber by far those who are avid "Loonie's." But, when the non-players object to filling up the large confined area, of which we spoke, with club wielding "loonies", the objectors are called -

of all things - "soreheads". If their heads are sore, it is pretty obvious what made them so.

The game is played rougher in some parts of the country than in others. Cheating consists primarily of using a heavier club than the 1 kilogram rules allow. In California, it is said, clubs weighing several kilograms -as much as 18 kilograms having been reported - are sometimes used, and they hit other players' heads very, very hard. They hit non-players just as hard, and some non-players would like to abolish "Looney Bin" once and for all. How about you?

W8AP

(The above was sent in by K3WS and is taken from "Auto-Call" (Washington, D.C.) April 1971. He writes, "There is a lesson here . but I'm not sure what it is! By the way, W8AP is not anti-contest and is frequently in there with the rest of us.")

Totem Trader

WANTED:

1. GA45GD guy bracket for Rohn45 tower
2. 1/2" x 12" turnbuckle right hand thread screw with jaw end

FOR SALE:

1. EP 25343 - 3 hole guy wire equalizer plate for Rohn45. \$23 each new - bought 4 at Dayton in 2005.
2. Porcelain insulators 4 1/2" long by 3" high by 3" wide. Made by Joslyn. Type 504 size. New. Have 6 - \$4.00 each.

- Ron W7GAX 206-246-1915

Telrex Model 20M436 4el Heavy Duty beam (36 ft boom) -\$230

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January Contesting Corner

By Mike Dinkelman, N7WA

*T*hat... was a wicked December. Following the rains of November, the windstorms that followed for this month have affected a number of stations (including mine). I hope you are all recovering and that the New Year treats you better. The two "major" tests of the month were the ARRL single band offerings on 10 and 160 meters.

2006 ARRL 160

Call	QSOs	Sec	Cntry	hr	Score
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All Single Op HP					
K7RL	912	76	8		162,792
N7BF	277	59	3	12	35,092

## All Single Op LP

W7DX(N9ADG)	593	75	8		98,496
NG7Z	249	50	1	9.5	25,449
N7ZG	203	56	1	10	23,313
N7XY	84	31	0		5,208

### 160M Soapbox

K7RL: Quite a month in Western Washington - floods, damaging wind, heavy snow, severe cold, power outages, and a new all-time precipitation record (15+ inches of rain). And that was just November! So if WWA was a bit more scarce than usual, you know why. The latest round of wild weather brought over a foot of wet snow to Camano Island that downed trees and branches. We lost power for four days and I wasn't sure it would be on in time for the contest. Lesson learned:

Buy a bigger generator! Missed NNY, PR, NT, and NL. Funny, I worked all over New York, but somehow missed NNY. The first night was productive, but conditions seemed better the second night with louder signals. Was pleasantly surprised to be called by R1FJT, P40TA, V73RY, and UA0DC, including all of the FB JA ops. I still find it amazing that a hunk of wire hanging from the trees can produce 912 Qs on 160m. Just need to work on a better receiving antenna now.

W7DX: I was fortunate to be able to use the club call, W7DX, again this year. Thanks for all of the q's in the contest. Setup this year was a little different than last year: 2005 - 135' vertical held up with a blimp + 3 RX antenna choices 2006 - 135' long inverted L, about 85' vertical + 2 RX antenna choices, using trees to hold up the L. Tried to reduce the Murphy effects by cutting down on the blimp-wrangling; I lost the blimp in the trees last year. Murphy came in through the logging program and keyer.. The latest version of N1MM has issues with WinKey under certain circumstances. If you thought you were hearing 'KEYER GONE WILD!!!' well, it was, and I was hand sending QSO confirms (straight key) and CQs until I could get it restarted with the OTHER hand. This happened too many times to count. This year the band seemed more crowded, but also quieter. Think there were many times that I heard DX before there were pileups. I perceived that I was having a harder time being heard this year. Heard a couple of big stations just start up on a frequency with no ask -- at least once on top of DX. Not very gentlemanly.

I was mostly diligent in trying all RX antennas after CQs. If I missed you, sorry. Would be nice to know you tried. It was flattering to have some DX call me, thanks! To any station that I worked twice - during the contest I jot a note when I'm unsure of that my info was acknowledged, and try again when the sigs are more solid. In this contest, there were two instances when I was 80% confident, but I needed to do it again for sure.

NG7Z: This was the first time I've entered a Topband contest. Just this fall, I put up an inverted L for this band and laid out a few radials. Also ran a 500 foot wire low to the ground directly south as a receiving antenna since the noise was very high when receiving on the inverted L. I was pleasantly surprised by the level of activity but disappointed that I couldn't be heard very well east of the Rockies. But I don't think this is such a bad score for a first time effort despite 9.5 hours of butt time. CQ'ing did produce a few nice runs but most of it was S&P. Thanks for the Q's and see you in the Stew Perry. Maybe by then I'll have a better transmitting and receiving setup.

N7ZG: This was a casual effort and my first participation in ARRL 160. Hung in long enough to put 200 in the log. Ran 100W into a half sloper that I put up new for this season. The sloper was used on receive. Thank goodness for the K2's DSP and attenuator. All seems to work OK. Worked quite a few stations on the east coast. The best DX was PJ2T, KL7, and KH6. Heard KV4FZ but didn't work him.

## 2006 ARRL 10

Call	QSOs	Mults	hr	Score
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All SO Mixed LP				
N7LOX	798	102	19	255,612
W7QN	237	56	12	47,488
N9ADG	83	35		8,610
K7WA	85	29		8,410
All SO SSB HP				
K7RL	1231	78		192,036

10M Soapbox

N7LOX: Wasnt going to put the little 4el monobander back up for this one. Sure glad I did,wrked great. Helps to have 2 or more antennas to play with.. Short intense runs on sat and sun till about 2100z. slim pickens after that. Has a good time with the locals just playin around during the slow times. Tnx for all the Q's

W7QN: Strange opening 0000Z to 0500Z Saturday. Sunset was 0018Z Strange closing 2000z (noon) Saturday for rest of the day in Western Washington USA

N9ADG: Just a few minutes here and there during the weekend.

K7RL: It looked like the weekend might be a total bust with all of the solar disturbances, but E-skip certainly made it interesting. I echo many of the comments about a roller coaster ride. At one point late Sunday morning the band appeared ready to die. Within a few minutes of calling it quits, it suddenly sprang to life and I had a huge East Coast pile-up. One hour later the log was 250 Qs heavier. 10m is full of surprises.

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

K7EK Spanaway (DX Spider node) K7EK Sysop.

Connect on 144.97 MHz to W7DK-5 and type "DXC" to connect to the cluster node.

Direct packet access on 145.71 MHz coming soon.

Telnet to k7ek.dyndns.org, port 9000

If you need help, email n7xy@oz.net

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