



January 2008

Libya!

*L*ibya has been in the news for many of the wrong reasons over the past 20 years. But recently, they've been trying to clean up their act. Come to the meeting on Tuesday to see the video from the November 2006 5A7A Dxpedition. To get a preview, check out http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNYnnH5rl_M

January Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2008
Dinner at 6:30pm – Program at 7:30pm

Lake City Elks Club
N.E. 145th and Lake City Way

Logbook of the World (LOTW)

By Jim Hadlock, K7WA

Earlier this past year the Tabloid had a step by step guide to getting onto the ARRL Logbook of the World. I followed the steps and signed up; it takes a few weeks but is not difficult. After signing up I did some looking and found that a DX station I had been unable to get a QSL card from in several attempts was on LOTW – I entered my QSO with him and, immediately I had a new one confirmed! Beyond that I haven't made much use of it, until recently.

Prior to going to Turks and Caicos last month I registered a second LOTW Certificate for VP5/K7WA, then when I returned home I entered all 2282 QSOs I had made with my own call into LOTW. Hearing stories about the deluge of QSLs I would receive, I thought LOTW might be a way to reduce the QSLing effort. To date I have 369 QSOs confirmed through LOTW – the WAS counter for VP5/K7WA is at 38, and DXCC Challenge is at 61. In addition I have received only 81 direct requests for QSLs, so maybe my plan worked! Haven't heard yet from the Bureau!

QSL VP5W via W7TSQ and the rest of us via our home calls -cards are being printed and will be out soon.

On December 19th LOTW passed 150-million QSOs in its database – it's a great resource, especially for those of us who already have boxes of QSLs!

(Editor's Note: Thanks for the testimonial Jim! You can find the complete set of articles on signing up for LOTW by entering "LOTW" in the search box in the upper right hand corner of the WWDXC website at www.wwdxc.org – or you can go directly there with this address: <http://www.wwdxc.org/totem-tabloid/totem-tabloid-archives/lotw---step-by-step.html>)

Web Homepage Revisions

By [Jack Fleming, WAØRJY](#)

With the arrival of 2008, it might be a good time to check out the club's home on the internet – www.wwdxc.org. We've done some remodeling recently and hope that the new webpage is a bit more streamlined, relevant, and easy to use.

Check out the various tabs across the top of the page – they'll link you to the latest information on the upcoming WWDXC meeting, a link to the current *Totem Tabloid*, and links to DXpedition, DXing, propagation, and contest information. Plus there's a link to the latest packet spots. All handy information available in one location.

The website also has a link to the latest Salmon Run news. Find the rules, results, and salmon tales (tails?) all in one place.

I have also started uploading past copies of the *Totem Tabloid* for your reading enjoyment on cold dark winter evenings. Check them out at the bottom of the menu on the left side of the page.

If anyone has additional ideas or requests or suggestions related to the webpage please pass them along to me (oolon@yahoo.com) or Brian, N9ADG, (brianmo@yahoo.com) and we'll see what we can do. If you are an expert with the Joomla database (which is what our website uses) and want to help with maintaining it – please get in touch with us too!

wwdxc@yahoogroups.com

By [Jack Fleming, WAØRJY](#)

It might be a great time to join the club's email reflector if you aren't already a member. It's simple - go to www.yahoogroups.com/groups/wwdxc and click on the big "Join this Group!" button to join the group. You'll then get emails related to our club's activities, info on DXpeditions from around the world, QSLing info, for sale items, and a plethora of other information related to the WWDXC.

If you need information – please send me an email – oolon@yahoo.com.

Contest Corner

By [Mike Dinkelman, N7WA](#)

Yikes, it's 2008! Hope you endured a good holiday season but it's time to get back into gear. Below are the scores I've collected for the first three tests in the NW Trophy Competition. Looks good but I don't have any inputs from our competition to see how we stand. Please review and send me email regarding any missing scores.

The score from the VP5W crew is dependent upon the local score totals for CQWW CW and probably won't be finalized for a while. First, only 75% of their 13M score is eligible because only three of the four were WWDXC members (that still leaves plenty for the following). We then include from their score an amount equal to 50% of the local score total. So, if the 5.3M total for CQWW CW holds, we can add in around 2.65M from VP5W. You can see it's important we get all our CQWW CW scores in as there is essentially a 50% matching bonus to all your local scores. This is a rule change decided at the last convention – DXpeditions count but only with one hand tied behind their backs.

The next two tests for the Trophy Run are RTTY tests (ARRL Roundup and WPX RTTY). If you are RTTY op, it's your turn to shine.

Happy New Year!

CQWW RTTY	CQWW SSB	CQWW CW	TOTAL	
AA7PM	0	160,438	0	160,438
K6MBY	57,239	0	0	57,239
K7BTW	223,002	0	191,140	414,142
K7EG	0	0	193,682	193,682
K7HBN	47,610	110,250	176,505	334,365
K7HC	0	0	242,907	242,907
K7LAZ	0	22,330	0	22,330
K7MO	0	0	36,519	36,519
K7RL	0	771,400	895,440	1,666,840
K7ZA	0	0	434,428	434,428
KT7G	54,020	50,945	64,184	169,149
N0AX	0	0	796,769	796,769
N7BF	168,276	68,625	116,109	353,010
N7BK	0	183,534	0	183,534
N7BV	0	710,268	0	710,268
N7WA	0	0	108,070	108,070
N7WI	0	32,076	0	32,076
N7XY	0	624	18,249	18,873

N7ZG	0	0	589,345	589,345
N9ADG	0	0	1,827	1,827
NG7Z	44,758	0	153,049	197,807
NN7SS	0	340,101	350,665	690,766
W7GTO	5,151	0	11,613	16,764
W7OM	160,056	252,862	377,755	790,673
W7QN	0	30,976	61,620	92,596
W7TMT	0	8,041	76,296	84,337
W7TSQ	0	0	620	620
W7WA	0	781,156	349,000	1,130,156
WA7AVL	0	0	74,592	74,592
WA7PRC	0	2,520	0	2,520
VP5W			TBD	
Total	760,112	3,523,626	5,320,384	9,604,122



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Totem Awards	Dick Swanson, K7BTW
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W7DX License Trustee	Rick Smith, KT7G

Monthly Membership Meetings

The WWDXC holds monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month (except August). Each meeting opens with a short general membership meeting. After Club business is discussed, there is a feature program about some aspect of amateur radio of interest to DXers and Contesters and a raffle for ham radio related items. In August there is a potluck picnic for members, guests, and families.

As meeting locations vary, check the *Totem Tabloid* or the web site for the exact location. Generally, meetings are held at a restaurant, with dinner at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:30.

Board of Directors Meetings

The WWDXC Board of Directors meetings are held the last Monday of each month (except July) at the Group Health Central Hospital – South Building CSB (downstairs, off the Cafeteria), 125 – 16th Ave. East, Seattle. The meetings convene promptly at 7:00 PM local time. Minutes from each meeting and the date, time and location of the next meeting are published in the *Totem Tabloid*. All members are welcome to attend board meetings and voice their concerns and ideas for improving the Club.

Election of Officers

An election for Officers and Directors is held each December at the regular monthly WWDXC meeting. All members are encouraged to participate in the election.

As a member, you can run for any office and also nominate a willing candidate. WWDXC Officers serve one-year terms; Directors serve three-year terms. The nomination process begins in November. Make sure the nominating committee is aware of your intentions to run for an office or nominate a member before the Club mails the ballots.

WWDXC Sponsored Awards

The Washington Totem Award: The WWDXC sponsors this award to encourage QSLing. The complete rules for this award are printed on the back of each WWDXC QSL card. This is a highly valued award (especially for DX stations), so please QSL when requested. Contact Dick Swanson, K7BTW for details.

W7LVI 2nd Century of CW: The WWDXC sponsors this award in memory of Morris Shepherd, W7LVI, and to recognize the 100th anniversary of radio in 1995. The award is given for demonstrated proficiency in Morse Code while engaging in DX'ing and contests.

NAANY Award:

The truly unique "Nightmare Alex Alpha-Numeric Yearly Award" is one of the underground classics of ham radio and was conceived by former *Totem Tabloid* Editor, Jack Bock, K7ZR (SK). The award is based on working 250 of the 260 available callsign number and letter combinations from 1A to ØZ, outside of your continent, in one calendar year. Contact Jim Hadlock, K7WA for details.

WWDXC Annual Award:

This award is available to WWDXC members who work 100 DXCC countries in one calendar year. No QSLs are required for this award. Contact Jim Hadlock, K7WA for details.

2008 Northwest DX Convention

The Pacific Northwest DX Convention is held every summer; in 2008 it will be hosted by the Willamette Valley DX Club in Portland, OR. Check their website for more information. The WWDXC will host the 2010 Convention in August, 2010. This is a fun event and gives each member an opportunity to learn about the latest DX activities and meet other DX enthusiasts from the region.

WWDXC Is On The Internet!

Check out the WWDXC Home Page at:
<http://www.wwdx.org>

Keep in touch, share info, get the inside "scoop" delivered right to your desktop. Subscribe to the *WWDXC Internet Reflector* by joining the WWDXC Group on YAHOO.com. This is also the location for a PDF version of the Roster and other Club documents and information.

The current edition of the *Totem Tabloid* is available via a link on the website.

Two-Meter DX Repeater

The WWDXC maintains the W7DX repeater for DX spotting at 147.00(-). This repeater is used to alert listeners to band openings, DX stations that are on the air, and other timely DX information. Please share your DX information. Contact Herb Holeman, W7ZF, WWDXC Repeater Operations.

WWDXC Club Call

The WWDXC call is **W7DX**. It is available to current active members who want to use it for special operating events, contests, or to just add some new countries to the Club DXCC totals. Contact W7DX Trustee Rick Smith, KT7G, **before using the Club call.**

Radio Contesting

The WWDXC participates in the Club Competition in CQ and ARRL contests; be sure your contest entries include the WWDXC as your club affiliation.

WWDXC competes with the Willamette Valley and British Columbia DX Clubs for a traveling trophy based on club aggregate scores in ten major DX contests: CQ WW and WPX (CW, Phone, and RTTY), ARRL DX (CW and Phone) plus ARRL RTTY and IARU Radiosport. Scores are tabulated by Mike Dinkelman, N7WA. The traveling trophy is awarded at the Northwest DX Convention each summer.

Field Day

In June the WWDXC participates in the ARRL Field Day Contest on all bands: HF, VHF, SSB, CW and Satellite. Always a good time and all members, new and old, are encouraged to take part. Contact the Field Day Chairman, Denny Bowman, W7SNH, for details.

Washington State Salmon Run

Each September the WWDXC sponsors the Washington State Salmon Run, awarding smoked salmon to the winners and certificates to all participants. The contest promotes activity from Washington counties and continues to grow in popularity among contesters worldwide. Contact Jack Fleming, WAØRJY, for details.

WWDXC Newsletter

The *Totem Tabloid*, the WWDXC newsletter, is sent to all active members either by mail or email seven days prior to the monthly meeting. The *Tabloid* contains information on the next WWDXC monthly meeting, Board minutes, DX and contest information and articles of general interest to the membership. Members are urged to submit articles, photos, news items, DX or ham radio related

information.

The *Tabloid* accepts advertising, ads do not have to be ham radio related. Club members can use the Totem Trader, a free classified section, to buy, sell, or locate equipment or to ask for information or assistance.

Send all items for *The Totem Tabloid* to the editor: Jack Fleming, WAØRJY, 20148 6th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98155, or via: editor@wwdxc.org.

WWDXC Name Badges

The WWDXC offers attractive Club name badges to wear to your favorite ham activity. Name badges are \$7.00 each (including postage). Contact Denny Bowman, W7SNH, to order yours.

WWDXC QSL Cards

QSL cards are available to club members and contain the rules for obtaining the "Washington Totem Award." They identify you as a WWDXC member and are sought worldwide by Amateurs attempting to qualify for the *Washington Totem Award*.

WWDXC QSL Cards per 1000

Original First Time Ever Order	\$68.00
Add'l Cards with Orders	\$35.00
Reorder (No Changes)	\$57.00
Reorder (With Changes)	\$87.00
Colored Cards* Add	\$12.00
Shipping (Ground First 1000)	\$ 6.00
Shipping (Ground Add'l 1000)	\$ 1.00

**Standard cards have the callsign imprint in black. Colored cards can have the callsign imprint in any color.*

To order, contact Roger Huntley, W7VV, QSL Card Manager at 425-485-0900 or via e-mail.

QSL Card and Name Badge information and forms are available at:

<http://www.wwdxc.org/clubstuf.htm>

DX Packet Cluster

You can receive the latest updates on who's on the air by connecting your 2 Meter packet station to the Packet Cluster network. There are already several nodes in place, with more planned. In addition, there is a voice synthesizer on the WWDXC repeater, 147.00 that repeats the information received from the Packet Cluster network. For more information contact Bob Nielsen, N7XY.

Packet Cluster Nodes

VE7CQD	Vancouver	145.71
W7PKT	Covington	145.73

W7DX	Bellevue	145.75
N7XY	Bainbridge Isl.	145.77

Local Award Verification

Don't send QSLs through the mail. Award confirmations can be certified by contacting:

ARRL DXCC Card Checker

Dick Swanson, K7BTW

CQ Awards

Rod Linkous, W7OM

WWDXC Membership Roster

A complete roster of WWDXC members, with addresses and phone numbers, is updated and published on the WWDXC Group site on YAHOO.com. Paper copies of the Roster are available on request.

A vanity line of up to 36 characters can be added to your roster listing. The typical use would be to list your latest DXCC totals, awards, specialties or other call signs, etc.

Please make sure to notify Jim Hadlock, K7WA, if your address, phone number or call sign has changed and for any other Roster additions or corrections.

Joining The WWDXC

To join the WWDXC or sponsor a new member, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the WWDXC for an application form or download a PDF version from the WWDXC web site.

Membership dues are \$25 per year; Active Members are listed in the Roster, receive e-mail notification of *Totem Tabloid* publication, and may use the club callsign W7DX upon request.

Contacting the WWDXC

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope when requesting information or forms from the Club. Don't forget to notify the Club of any address or call sign changes.

Note: Contact Officers, Committee and Activity Chairs via e-mail as listed in the WWDXC Roster, available at WWDXC Group on YAHOO.com, or via the address below.

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