



March 2008

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The Five Star DXers Association team, which brought you the 9M0C, D68C and 3B9C DXpeditions, was active from St Brandon in September 2007. They closed down with a total of 137,500 QSOs in the log. The QSO total makes this expedition 3rd only to D68C and 3B9C, and perhaps they might claim a new DXpedition record for QSOs made with zero sunspots!!! This was also a new record for a generator-powered expedition.

Come to the March meeting to see the video of this record setting DXpedition.

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Dinner at 6:30pm – Program at 7:30pm

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

Salmon Run – 2007 Wrap-up

By [Jim Hadlock](#), K7WA



W7GD, N7LH, and KN7T receiving the 2007 Washington Club plaque from W7SNH

On Saturday, February 9th, Denny, W7SNH and Kirk, N7UK presented a 2007 Salmon Run plaque to W7FLY, the BEARONS (Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Operators North Society), for their Top Score in the Washington Club category (sponsored by K7WA). Other Salmon Run plaque winners for 2007 were N2CU, Top Low Power Outside Washington (sponsored by N7UK), and W7WMO, Top Low Power Eastern Washington (sponsored by the Spokane DX Society). Harry, K7LAZ and xyl Carol mailed out Salmon Awards to category winners and Certificates to all participants. Complete results are posted at: www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun.

The Washington Salmon Run, sponsored by the WWDXC, is an annual highlight on the Contest Calendar – plan to participate in the 2008 Salmon Run September 20 and 21!

Thanks again to the 2007 Salmon Run Committee: WAØRJY, N9ADG, N7UK, K7LAZ, K7LOG, NØAX, and K7WA.

Puyallup!

By [Jack Fleming](#), WAØRJY

The annual Puyallup Fleamarket is Saturday, March 8th at the Fairgrounds in Puyallup. Be sure to stop by the WWDXC table and say hello!

Contest Corner

By Mike Dinkelman, N7WA

The following is some of the contest activity by WWDXC members. All were Northwest Traveling Trophy events.

2008 RTTY WPX

Call	QSOs	Pts	Prfxs	hr	Score
~~~~~					
USA SOAB HP					
K7EG	613	1070	272	30	291,040
N7BF	401	745	190		141,550
K6MBY	233	511	159	10	81,249
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USA SOAB LP					
NG7Z	308	636	146	10	92,856
W7TMT	124	238	79	8	18,802

RTTY WPX Soapbox

K7EG: Weak EU openings to west coast. Asia and N/S paths were ok. Had to pile on the NA Q's to make the score.

K6MBY: Antenna about half height (30 feet) due to 50 MPH winds. Enjoyed the 10 hours I was able to spend doing mostly S&P. Weak opening to EU Saturday morning. Long runs calling CQ to JA Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Disappointed to have missed the BD4 Sunday afternoon (our time) on 20m.

2008 ARRLDX CW

Call	QSOs	Mults	hr	Score
~~~~~				
USA SOAB HP				
K7RL	1576	261	40	1,234,008
K7ZA	681	204	26	416,160
K7EG	408	144	30	172,256
N7BF	290	113		98,310
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USA SOAB LP				
N7ZG	429	118	40	151,866
K7HBN	298	109	18	97,446
W7TMT	289	92	24	79,764
W7QN	253	82	15.6	61,992
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USA SOAB(A) HP				
NN7SS(K6UFO)	265	132	10	104,544
~~~~~				
USA SOAB(A) LP				
NG7Z	233	83	8.25	57,519
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USA SOSB/20 HP				
W7WA	1067	112		358,176
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USA SOSB/40 HP				
N7WA	190	48		27,360

ARRL DX CW Soapbox

K7RL: This was my first full-time effort in a DX CW test. I consider myself a “phone” guy, but find CW contesting addicting. It’s much more civilized compared to the unbridled mayhem of SSB. And you can always find a clear frequency if you try! As a side note, I really feel the disadvantage of not using SO2R in this mode. I can see how productive an operator could be searching for mults on a second radio, while continuing to run on the first radio. Like RTTY, CW seems ideally suited for that, especially now, at solar minimum.

Weighing in on my score, it’s light on mults. Pretty tough getting into the 300 range when 10m and 15m won’t cooperate. I’d tune past stations in CA, NV, and AZ working stuff on 15m that was completely inaudible here. 10m was a total bust – nada, zip. In CQ WW last year, 15m surprised me with JA runs, and with some SA on 10m. This felt like we reached some kind of new solar minimum. Unfortunately, I still have wind damage to my top 40m yagi’s reflector element from a storm last October. The riser that holds the linear loading wires snapped off and are now touching the boom. I hope to get the antenna down soon for repairs, WX permitting, of course. I’m not sure how much it affected my signal, but I’m certain it did. It also doesn’t help that the band nose dives in the evening as the MUF drops. Mr. Sol, would it hurt just to have a few sun spots for contest time? Please?

Thank you to all the great operators that made it into the log, and for a fun weekend.

K7ZA: ANT: 4 EL STEPPIR @ 55FT, 1 EL 40 @ 63 FT, SLOPERS FOR 80, INV L FOR 160
RIG: IC-756PROII, TEN TEC CENTURION AMP @ 800W

K7EG: Terrific band conditions both days

N7ZG: The low bands were not nearly as productive as I had hoped (as compared to years past). 40 was good in the late afternoon, but would be like a wet noodle after dark. 80 was the pits (could be my antenna). Good copy on lots of stations that would just ignore me. The A index was a little high at the start of the contest so I thought the second day would be better. Instead, I felt it was clearly worse. I'm not sure why. 15 meters barely opened at all on Sunday. No 15 JA runs on either of the days. I can now say that I've experienced a solar minimum as a contester. OK, the character building exercise is now beyond old. The bright spot was in working VP6DX in the contest on 4 bands 160, 80, 40 and 15. The mult count is low due to very poor low band performance. A bad day of contesting is better than a good day at work.

W7QN: All Antennas were Hustler Mobile.

NN7SS: Limited time to operate due to weekend visitors, but I wanted to reach 100,000 points for the WWDXC. Friday night seemed really slow. Saturday midmorning had a nice bunch of Europeans on 20m, and that was all the time I had. Thanks to the DX for making this a fun contest.

NG7Z: I did not have the intention of spending 8+ hours this time around. DX from this part of the country seems to be hard to come by. But I was pleasantly surprised to work so much DX that I got hooked. Nearly all was S&P. CQing a few times was fruitless most of the time. Did have a nice run of EU Sunday morning before church. Checked 10M several times to see if I could hear the VP6 guys but never did. Saw then spotted both on phone and CW. Need them on 10 for 5 bands. Thanks for the q's

2008 ARRLDX SSB

Call	QSOs	Mults	hr	Score
USA SOAB HP				
K7EG	254	100	20	76,200
USA SOAB(A) HP				
W7OM	342	125		128,250

ARRL SSB Soapbox

K7EG: Had a ball breaking in new Elecraft K3. EU was light. Asia was OK. N-S path was the best into CA & SA.

W7OM: A lot of locals started the contest and dropped out due to conditions. It was a slog from the northern states.

DX Packet Alert Network Frequencies

By Bob Nielsen, N7XY (n7xy@clearwire.net)

K7EK-1 - Spanaway (DX Spider Node), K7EK sysop.

Telnet to: k7ek.dyndns.org, port 9000

RF: 144.91 MHz - Connect to network node W7DK-5, then type DXC.

145.01 MHz - Connect to network node SEA, then connect to network node K7EK-5, then type DXC.

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

Telnet to n7xy.net, port 7300

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

Telnet to w7dx.net

W7JD-2 - Spanaway (CC Cluster Node - South Tacoma Contest Club), K7EK sysop

Telnet to k7ek.dyndns.org, port 7373

RF: 144.91 MHz - Connect to network node W7DK-5, then type DXC2.

145.01 MHz - Connect to network node SEA, then connect to network node K7EK-5, then type DXC2

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

Telnet to w7pkt.net, port 7300

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

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

AR Cluster user documents at <http://www.ab5k.net>

Totem Trader

FOR SALE: Icom -761 in excellent condition, thoroughly checked by Icom factory service (for which I just spent \$100 February 20th, 2008).

This xcvr was used by the original owner to make No. 1 DXCC Honor Roll, and I, the 2nd owner, currently have 332 countries using this rig with a Cushcraft R-7 trapped vertical. We are both non-smokers.

I have only used this rig to chase DX—no contests (except to cherry-pick DX), no ragchewing, no RTTY. I don't do much SSB, but it gets excellent audio reports, and the keying is clean.

It has both the 250 and 500 Hz narrow CW filters installed, and I've had the following components (amongst

others) replaced to maintain the xcvr and keep it refreshed: PLL and BFO trimmer caps; the AT coupling cap; antenna, AT and RF unit attenuator relays; plus 5 diodes and 2 transistors on the RF unit (all of which cost \$750).

Included are all papers, maintenance/refresh history and original shipping carton (with big Styrofoam blocks).

Reason for selling: a friend just made me an offer I couldn't refuse on another rig.

\$895 OBO and you ship (from the Seattle area). Personal cheques or money orders. Sorry, no PayPal.

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