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Winlink

We all have read about **Winlink** in QST and other publications. We know it is used for sending e-mail over the HF ham bands and its essential use for emergency communications, but what is it? Is it software, or hardware, or a network, or all of these?

We will find out all the answers to these and other questions when Al Francisco, K7NHV presents our April program. We will also hear what kind of DX this e-mail system can work using 100 watts and an 80-meter dipole strung between two trees from his QTH on Vashon Island.

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

Meeting location is the Lake City Elks Club – see details at bottom of this page.

Big Changes

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY

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A couple of Big Changes™ were approved at the recent Board Meeting that will affect many (if not all) of our club members in one way or another.

The *Totem Tabloid*, starting in June, will be available **online only**. No longer will we be mailing out a paper copy of the newsletter. A survey by show of hands at the March club meeting endorsed this idea by an overwhelming margin.

**Lake City Elks Club
14540 Lake City Way NE
Seattle, Washington
206-364-1800**

**Tuesday, April 11th
Dinner at 6:30 PM
Program at 7:30 PM**

Members who do not have internet access will still be on a special mailing list for paper copies – but members who are internet equipped will no longer get a paper copy of the *Tabloid*. With the recent move to a .pdf type file for the *Tabloid*, the on-line version is *identical* to the version that is mailed out. So people wanting a paper version can simply hit the print button on their web browser and - VOILA! - there it is! To view the online version of this *Tabloid*, go to www.wwdxc.org/tabloid.pdf

If you do not have internet access, send a letter (or an email – but then I guess that would be a bit of a giveaway...) to the club address – P.O. Box 395, Mercer Island, WA 98040 – to let us know that you have no internet access and need to be put on the special list to receive paper *Tabloids*.

The second Big Change™ is to our **email reflector**. For years we've used the old listserv technology at wwdxc-l@eskimo.com as our reflector. This has been adequate for our purposes, but with advances in the internet we have new options that are much better.

The new address for our email reflector will be wwdxc@yahoogroups.com

Watch for announcements in your email box about this change. In the next few days I'll be sending out "invitations" to all the people on the current wwdxc-l@eskimo.com list so that you can join this new group with a click of a button. There might also be a need for some of you to sign up with Yahoo – but many people already have a Yahoo ID and those that don't should be able to use their call sign as an ID (the sign-up screen asks for the usual information – name, requested ID, password, security question, zip code, birth date). Signing up with Yahoo shouldn't take more than 2 minutes of your time.

The new reflector has some great added features. All messages are archived, so that if you remember a discussion about a radio from last summer or a mailing route to a DXpedition from earlier in the year – you can do a quick search of the archives and the messages will be there for your perusal. The yahoogroups site also has an area where we can set up links to information on the internet, upload files of interest to other members, upload pictures from club activities, and a polling feature that allows for opinion polls of our members.

We will continue to have our home on the internet at www.wwdxc.org just as we do now – it will not change. But this alternative yahoogroups site will have additional information and resources for our members.

7th Call Area QSO Party

From info on www.7qp.org

The first running of the 7th Call Area QSO Party (7QP) has been scheduled for the first weekend of May, 2006. Building on the success of other regional QSO parties, the founders believe that the eight states of the 7th Call Area will offer a fun and challenging operating event. The mystique of the "wild west" will be included as the theme of the event.

One of the founders of The Great Armadillo Runs (1983-86), Tom Taormina, K5RC, is chairing the Steering Committee. 15 hams from all of the 7th Call Area states have agreed to be State Captains and Lieutenants (including WWDXC's own, Hillar, N6HR!).

Central Oregon DX Club is the sponsoring organization for the 7QP. We also acknowledge the outstanding support that has been offered and provided by members of CADXA, SDXA, NACHO, CODXC, UDXA, WWDXC, NCCC and FOC to make this event a great success.

Our objective is to activate all 259 Counties. That goal will require a combination of fixed stations, mobiles, expeditions and county-line portables. There is a lot of "wide open space" in the 7th Call Area that will challenge the State Coordinators. We are looking for support from local radio clubs to make 7QP a success and a fun club project. There is an informative and entertaining Power Point presentation available to help stimulate interest in 7QP. State Coordinators and Lieutenants will make every effort to visit as many local clubs as possible over the next few months. Club program chairs may also request a copy of the Power Point from their State Captains. Chairman K5RC also is available to help with ideas that have worked in the past to encourage local participation, intra-club competitions and fun portable operations.

We need lots of volunteers to activate all 259 counties. Please contact your State Coordinator or Lieutenant to join the roster of 7QP'ers.

We have also scheduled the 7QP to compliment the MARAC CW County Hunter's Contest, New England QSO Party and a number of other operating events that use counties as a multiplier. We have made every attempt to make the rules and exchange compatible with the other events of that weekend. We encourage feedback from participants and computer logging designers to ensure that each event maximizes participation by having complimentary contests. Please direct any questions about the rules/exchange to Dick, K4XU.

7th Call Area QSO Party Rules

7th Call Area QSO Party -- May 6-7, 2006

Sponsored by the Central Oregon DX Club (and others).

1300 UTC Saturday to 0700 UTC Sunday (6 AM to midnight PDT the first Saturday in May – May 6, 2006).

7th call area stations work everyone, others work 7th area stations only. Work stations once per band/mode. 7th area mobiles (and those participating in other concurrent QSO parties or contests) may be worked again as they enter new counties. No repeater QSOs.

Exchange: **7th area stations send signal report plus 5-letter state/county code (e.g. WAKNG; see list - note that some of these abbreviations are different from the Salmon Run county abbreviations!).** County-line stations send multiple codes (state code needed only once, e.g. WAKNG/SNO). To summarize: King County stations send Signal Report and WAKNG, Snohomish County stations send Signal Report and WASNO, and Pierce County stations send Signal Report and WAPIE.

Non-7th Call Area stations send signal report plus state/province/DX (stations in other QSO parties send their appropriate exchange). "Provinces" are VE1-9, VO and VY0-2.

WA	Washington								
ADA	Adams	DOU	Douglas	KLI	Klickitat	PAC	Pacific	STE	Stevens
ASO	Asotin	FER	Ferry	KNG	King	PEN	Pend Oreille	THU	Thurston
BEN	Benton	FRA	Franklin	KTP	Kitsap	PIE	Pierce	WAH	Wahkiakum
CHE	Chelan	GAR	Garfield	KTT	Kittitas	SAN	San Juan	WAL	Walla Walla
CLL	Clallam	GRN	Grant	LEW	Lewis	SKG	Skagit	WHA	Whatcom
CLR	Clark	GRY	Grays Harbor	LIN	Lincoln	SKM	Skamania	WHI	Whitman
COL	Columbia	ISL	Island	MAS	Mason	SNO	Snohomish	YAK	Yakima
COW	Cowlitz	JEF	Jefferson	OKA	Okanogan	SPO	Spokane		

Scoring: 2 points per SSB QSO, 3 points per CW QSO. County-line contacts count as multiple QSOs for both stations. 7th area stations multiply QSO points by states (50) plus provinces (13). Others multiply QSO points by 7th area counties worked (259).

Entry classifications: Single-op (high-power, low-power <150W, QRP <5W), multi-op, county expedition, and mobile. Certificates will be awarded to the top ten finishers in each category within and outside the 7th call area, plus the top finisher in each state/province.

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2m, simplex only. Suggested operating frequencies: 40 kHz up on CW -- 3855, 7235, 14255, 21355 and 28455 on SSB.

Logs: Send computer logs by June 10 to 7qplogs@codxc.org -- Cabrillo preferred, but any plain text format will be accepted. Be sure to include station callsign, entry classification, location code(s) and operator callsigns. Send paper logs to 7th Call Area QSO Party, c/o CODXC, 61255 Ferguson Rd, Bend, OR 97702. Please download and fill out a Summary Sheet (available at www.7qp.org) if sending a paper log.

On the web site at www.7qp.org: rules; county names and abbreviations; state/county maps; county sign-up sheet; summary sheet; state coordinators; logging-program configuration files.

K7ED/m 7QP Plans

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY (K7ED/m op.)

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The 7th Call Area QSO Party (7QP) gives me a great chance to get the K7ED Superstation out on the road again! I'm planning on a run through my old Salmon Run Stompin' Grounds over on the Olympic Peninsula starting from Kingston in Kitsap County (just a ferry ride away from Edmonds) and heading down to Wahkiakum County in the Southwest corner of the state. Then I'll turn north via I-5 and hit a bunch more counties on the way back to Shoreline for a total of 13 counties (if I can make it home by midnight).

I hope other WWDXC members will take this opportunity to get their mobile rigs set up and in action. It should be a fun weekend! See you on the road!

I2UIY 7QP Plans

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY

From information at

www.i2uiy.it/k7sb.html

Watch for Paolo, I2UIY, in the 7th Call Area QSO Party (7QP) as he joins K2RD and W6OAT on the road in Nevada (of all places!) as K7SB/m. Many of you remember Paolo from WRTC here in Seattle in 1990. Check out their website at www.i2uiy.it/k7sb.html for complete details.



Salmon Run - 2005 Results and Changes for 2006

By Ward Silver, NØAX

The Salmon Run continued to grow in popularity, despite the steadily weakening solar conditions. This year 181 logs were received from 34 states, 6 Canadian provinces, and 5 DXCC entities. Stateside participation is up, while DX is falling off because of conditions. In Washington State, logs were received from fixed or Expedition stations in 22 counties, plus several mobile entries. No Clean Sweeps were reported, but perennial top scorers WA3HAE (PA) logged 38 counties and N2CU worked 37 counties. There were several logs with county totals above 30. That's pretty good coverage!

2005's Salmon Run effort was led in large part by WAØRJY, assisted by Jim K7WA, Kirk N7UK, and Ward NØAX. Rick K7LOG is hard at work on the certificates, which feature a "wet-side" photo this year. Full results are available on the WWDXC Web site at www.wwdxc.org. The Records section will be updated soon. Read the last section of this write-up for information about organizational and rules changes for 2006.

In-State Top Scores

Congratulations to **K7OX** for a big score from Spokane County, tops in the state even while running low power! He takes home a nice plaque sponsored by the Spokane DX Association for the Top EWA LP score, too. On the wet side of the mountains, **N7ZG** gave chase to win the prize for Top WWA LP score with a very nice effort. Other WA winners include:

Eastern Washington LP	K7OX
Western Washington LP	N7ZG

Washington - CW Only	KD7GTI
Western Washington QRP	KX7L
Washington Under 21	KD7TDC
Washington YL	KC6MZY
Washington State QRP	KX7L
Western Washington DX Club QRP	KX7L
Western Washington DX Club Low Power	K7HBN
Western Washington DX Club High Power	W7OM
Top Score - Club	N7PP
Top Score - Multi-Op	N7BV
Top Score - Expedition	W7OZ (SK)
Mobile	K7WA
Rookie of the Year	WA7JT

W7BUN led the South Hill Contest Club **N7PP** to another Club win with a big score from Pierce County. The crew at **N7BV** takes the top Multi-Op entry for the first time from Clallam County. **K7WA** operated from Kamloops Island on the Ferry-Stevens county line on Saturday and then treated us all to several northern counties on his way home to the Top Mobile score.

Special congratulations are in order to Rookie of the Year **WA7JT**, Under 21 winner **KD7TDC**, and top Washington YL **KC6MZY**!

On a sad note, our Expedition class winner and Division Director Greg Milnes **W7OZ** became a Silent Key recently. Greg had turned in some big Expedition scores in recent years and really enjoyed the time away from official League duties.

Inside the Western Washington DX Club, past president **W7OM** led the way on High Power from West Seattle. The Low Power and QRP club winners **K7HBN** and **KX7L** were from Snohomish County. Good show and nice scores! (Note - contest policy is to award one prize per participant unless there are no other applicable competitors.)

Out-of-State Top Scores

We had ourselves a photo finish from two of our regular competitors. **WA3HAE** made a valiant effort from Pennsylvania to wrest the Low Power plaque (sponsored by N7UK) from New York winner **N2CU**, but came up a whisker short, 33528 to 33782! That's about as close as you can get and it's a shame that both can't get a plaque. **WA3HAE** was also the Third District winner, so he will be able to assuage his grief with some tasty smoked salmon. Gentlemen - thanks for your participation over the years!

US Call Area 1	W1END
US Call Area 2	N2CU
US Call Area 3	WA3HAE
US Call Area 4	K4ZGB
US Call Area 5	W5ZL
US Call Area 6	K6NR
US Call Area 7	KØJJ
US Call Area 8	W8TM
US Call Area 9	K9CW
US Call Area 10	KØHW
Out-of-State High Power	AD4EB
Out-of-State Low Power	N2CU
Out-of-State QRP	W6RCL
Out-of-State CW QRP	KØXI
Top Score Canada	VE3TW
Top Score DX	AL1G
Top Score in Each DXCC Entity (only qualifying scores listed)	AL1G, KH6GMP, A35RK

In the DX category, **AL1G** made her first appearance in our winners column from our northern neighbor, Alaska - welcome! Long time participant and recent club visitor, **KH6GMP**, and friend-of-WWDXC **A35RK** round out the smoked salmon winners.

There were quite a few familiar calls from operators that obviously have the Salmon Run on their contest calendars every year and we greatly appreciate it!

Changes for 2006

As the contest grows, it is important that rule “wrinkles” be ironed out, confusion defused, and changing activity patterns recognized. An updated set of contest rules is posted on the Web site and here are the significant changes for 2006:

- A separate Digital category is added along side Phone and CW with 4 points per QSO.
- The definition for each separate class has been clarified.
- Mobile is split into single-op and multi-op classes.
- Washington County Expedition is split into single-op and multi-op one-transmitter and two-transmitter classes.
- Canadian multipliers will be counted the same as for CQP - this will help software developers support the Salmon Run.
- Not really a rule change, but Mobile and Expedition stations are encouraged to operate on 75 and 40 meters through the day at the top of each hour to give in-state stations a crack at those rare counties. 160-meter operation is encouraged at 0500Z and Mixed mode stations should try CW on the half-hour.

We will process Cabrillo format logs for the first time in 2006. The committee will work with WT4I to extend their contest manager toolset to support the Salmon Run.

Salmon Run Committee

With growth comes additional work to publicize and administer the contest. This is an excellent way for club members to get involved in a program of benefit to the club and to Amateur Radio, as well. To make it easy to understand what needs to be done, the committee has prepared job descriptions for each position. All of these tasks are done now, but the work is getting to be too much for three or four people. By spreading the work to more people, it reduces the load for all. If you would like to take on one of these jobs, please contact any Salmon Run committee member or club officer.

Salmon Run Coordinator (unfilled)

- Makes sure each position is filled and active
- Liaison to the WWDXC Board
 - estimates award and prize budget needs (yearly)
 - short pre-contest status reports in early summer and in August, including rule changes
 - short post-contest status reports right after contest and after log due date
 - final summary report for Tabloid following results publication
- Coordinates any meetings and discussions
- Point of contact for issues and questions

Rules Manager (unfilled)

- Maintain master rules
- Delivers rules and summary sheet for current year for club Webmeister to place on Web site
- Delivers rules and summary sheet to Publicity Manager
- Conducts post-contest review of rules
- Manages review and change process

Publicity Manager (unfilled)

- Get announcements to all major magazines and contest calendar sites by 1 June
- Send email to all WA clubs with announcement and reminders at least twice between 1 June and 1 Sep
- Send announcements and any special notices to cq-contest and County Hunter reflectors between 1 Aug and contest date
- Announce logs-received page updates
- Announce results when ready

Log Manager (currently WAØRJY)

- Maintain salmonrun@wwdxc.org mailbox and club PO box
- Review and sort all paper/diskette entries for format and summary sheet

- Scan all electronic logs received for format and summary sheet
- Create and maintain a process for entering all log data into the master score spreadsheet
 - Manage checking process (Redmond Top Key Contest Club has volunteered to help)
 - Perform final cross check
- Maintain list of Logs Received for club Webmeister to place on Web site
- Deliver master score spreadsheet to Results Manager

Results Manager (currently NØAX)

- Perform initial cross-check
- Sort scores into WA, US, DX regions
- Sort scores in each region into classes defined by rules
- Assign certificates and awards
- Create breakdowns and analysis for club Webmeister to place on Web site
- Conduct "pre-release" review
- Notify Publicity Manager when results are ready for public review

Printing Manager (currently K7LOG)

- Acquire certificate background photo and text
- Circulate prototype certificate for approval
- Obtain list of certificate titles from Results Manager
- Print certificates
- Deliver certificates to Mailing Manager

Awards Manager (unfilled)

- Solicit and define awards for current year's contest
- Deliver and maintain awards list for club Webmeister to place on Web site
- Obtain smoked salmon and plaques and other physical prizes as required
- Deliver prizes with winners identified to Mailing Manager

Mailing Manager (unfilled)

- Obtain certificates from Printing Manager
- Obtain prizes and other awards from Awards Manager
- Obtain master score spreadsheet from Results Manager
- Print mailing labels
- Mail all certificates and prizes

Records Manager (currently N7UK)

- Maintain database or spreadsheet of current records (past records are optional)
- Obtain results from Results Manager before public posting
- Update Awards Web page or provide club Webmeister with updated results before public posting
- Provide Publicity Manager with records of interest

Contest News

By Mike Dinkelman, N7WA

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Spring has arrived. 'Nuf said...

2006 ARRLDX SSB (Got a few in here not reported last month)

Call	QSOs	Mults	hr	Score
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USA SOAB HP				
K7RL	2167	326	43	2,119,326
W7OM	539	190		307,230
K7EG	430	141		181,890
N7BF	285	117		100,035
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USA SOAB LP				
K7HBN	319	111		106,227
W7TS	135	79		31,995
AK7S	120			21,960
N6MZ	100	63		18,900
K7LAZ	81	36		8,748
NG7Z	74	222	3	7,548
KT7G	8	24		144

USA SOSB/20 HP				
W7WA	1563	133		623,637 WWDXC

All SOSB/40 HP				
N7XY	4	4		48

WPX SSB

Call	QSOs	Prfxs	hr	Score
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USA M/M HP				
N0AX & N7ZG @ NK7U	2/7ths of	7,817,400	(2,233,542)	

USA M/S				
N7YX	708	401		646,011

USA SO(A)AB HP				
W7OM	609	424		604,624
K7EG	529	346		410,356

USA SO(A)AB LP				
KT7G	140	99		26,344

USA SO(A)SB20 HP				
K7RI	2130	823	25	3,055,799

USA SOAB HP				
KW7Y(K7RL)	1602	661	14	2,595,747
W7QN	365	237	16	170,403
N7BF	202	176		76,560

USA SOAB LP				
N9ADG	86	72	3.5	10,296
K7BTW	185	139		71,724
K7LAZ	64	55		7,260
W7CEG	44	37		3,145
NG7Z	32	31	1	992

USA SOSB20 HP				
W7WA	2604	970		4,863,580

USA SOSB20 LP				
W7NG	4	4		16

2006 LP Sprint

Call	QSOs	Mults	hr	Score
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Single Op LP				
NG7Z	81	23	2	1,863
K7SS	65	27	1:10	1,755
K7WA	40	16	2	640

Call	QSOs	Mults	hr	Score
Single Op QRP				

Don't forget about the first annual (it's hoped) 7th Call Area QSO Party. 1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7. The goal is to activate every county in the 7th call district.

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.

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 Trader

1. Slightly damaged Model HS471 71ft Triex crank-up guyed tower(on the ground) - \$250
2. Telrex Model 20M436 4el Heavy Duty beam (36 ft boom) -\$230
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John Owens - N7SEJ

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Edmonds, WA

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Alan - N7BF Daytime: 206-423-5600 Nights and weekends: 253-863-2991

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