



May 2006

## **ZK1/N - Penrhyn Island North Cook**

This month's program goes back to the North Cook Islands but this time it is a multi-operator DXpedition from Penrhyn Island in the North Cooks. Dick Moen, N7RO and several other operators, including WWDXC member Mike, N6MZ operated from Penrhyn Island a few years ago. Penrhyn Island is the farthest north of the 15 Cook Island Atolls located just 9 degrees south of the equator. This should be an interesting program with an opportunity to discuss with Dick what is involved in setting up a DXpedition to a remote QTH.

The meeting will take place Tuesday, May 9, 2006 with Dinner at 6:30 and Program at 7:30. Angelo's Restaurant, 601 SW 153<sup>rd</sup>, Burien, Washington 98166, 206-244-3555.

*Editor's Note: you might get a sense of déjà vu while reading this edition of the Tabloid – it is mostly updates of info from last month and is still of current interest...*

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**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner at 6:30 PM  
Program at 7:30 PM**

# Reminder of Big Changes

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As reported last month on these pages, there were a couple of Big Changes™ approved at a 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. To view the online version of this *Tabloid*, go to [www.wwdx.org/tabloid.pdf](http://www.wwdx.org/tabloid.pdf) for follow the convenient link from the main page – [www.wwdx.org](http://www.wwdx.org)

**If you do not have internet access**, send a letter 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 [wwdx-l@eskimo.com](mailto:wwdx-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 [wwdx@yahoo.com](mailto:wwdx@yahoo.com)

Many of you have made the switch to the new email reflector and over the last couple weeks it has had a lot more activity than the old wwdx-l reflector. If you haven't made the switch yet, go to [www.google.com/groups/wwdx](http://www.google.com/groups/wwdx) and click on the big "Join this Group!" button to sign up now. The old wwdx-l reflector will probably be totally out of service by this time next month.

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.wwdx.org](http://www.wwdx.org) just as we do now – it will not change. But this alternative yahoogroups site will have additional information and resources for our members.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Call Area QSO Party

From info on [www.7qp.org](http://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.

## 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Saturday 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-7<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>WA</b>	<b>Washington</b>								
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](mailto: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](http://www.7qp.org)) if sending a paper log.

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

## 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

## **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>

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 Trader**

1. Slightly damaged Model HS471 71ft Triex crank-up guyed tower(on the ground) - \$200
2. Telrex Model 20M436 4el Heavy Duty beam (36 ft boom) -\$230
3. Hy-Gain Discoverer Model 7-2 2el 40M Beam - \$250

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Saturday Programs Only	_____	30.00	<b>26.00</b>
Dinner Saturday Night	_____	45.00	<b>39.00</b>
Brunch Sunday Morning**	_____	20.00	<b>17.00</b>
Full Registration *	_____	<u>95.00</u>	<b><u>82.00</u></b>
Your Total	_____	_____	_____

\*Full Registration - Includes Friday Reception, Saturday Programs, Dinner, Sunday Brunch, DX Chat Room, Prizes etc.

Dinner Choices: Chicken \_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_ Veg. \_\_\_

\*\* Sunday Morning will include breakfast, a DX presentation and separate prize draw for Sunday attendees.

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Make cheques payable to "DX2006" (US or CDN as appropriate)

**Mail to:**  
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1013 Sinclair St.  
West Vancouver, BC  
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