



May 2008

Packet - 2008

Bob Nielsen, N7XY, will be talking to us about today's packet spotting networks -- how they're constructed, how the 'rf part' works, how the internet part works, how to 'get spots' in the way that you need them, with the various programs available for them. There's even going to be a live demo! Don't miss it!

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Dinner at 6:30pm – Program at 7:30pm

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

Field Day 2008

By Denny Bowman, W7SNH, 2008 Field Day Chairman

Just to let all know that the WWDXC will be active in the ARRL 2008 Field Day event which will be held on 28-29 June..... The clubs FD site will be in Preston, WA at the sprawling property of Brian's (N9ADG our VP)..... The FD committee (N9ADG, K7BTW, W7ZF, K7EDX and W7SNH not necessarily in alphabetical order) will be meeting over the weeks prior to the event working out the many details..... For now the plan is to have three stations on the air (SSB, CW, RTTY) for a **SERIOUS FUN EVENT** as opposed to a **SERIOUS CONTEST EVENT**.....

Stay tuned as more detailed information will be published in the coming weeks on the WWDXC reflector and in June Totem Tabloid.....

Let's Play "Looney Bin"!

Forwarded by 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 "Loonies". 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 the 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.")

WWDXC Annual DX Award

By Jim Hadlock, K7WA

Two members submitted applications for the WWDXC Annual DX Award last month.

Burt W7IIT - 116 CW
Rick, KT7G - 122 Mixed Band/Mode

The WWDXC Annual DX Award is available to members who contact 100 DXCC entities in one calendar year. No QSLs are required. To apply for the Annual DX Award send a list of DXCC entities worked in 2007 to K7WA.

WWDXC Picnic – August 16th

By Roger Huntley, W7VV

The annual WWDXC picnic will be held on Saturday, August 16th, 2008 at W7VV, Roger Huntley's QTH. Festivities begin around 3:00 pm with the barbecue getting hot around 5:30 pm. The club will furnish beer, wine, soft drinks, hot dogs, and hamburgers with all the trimmings.

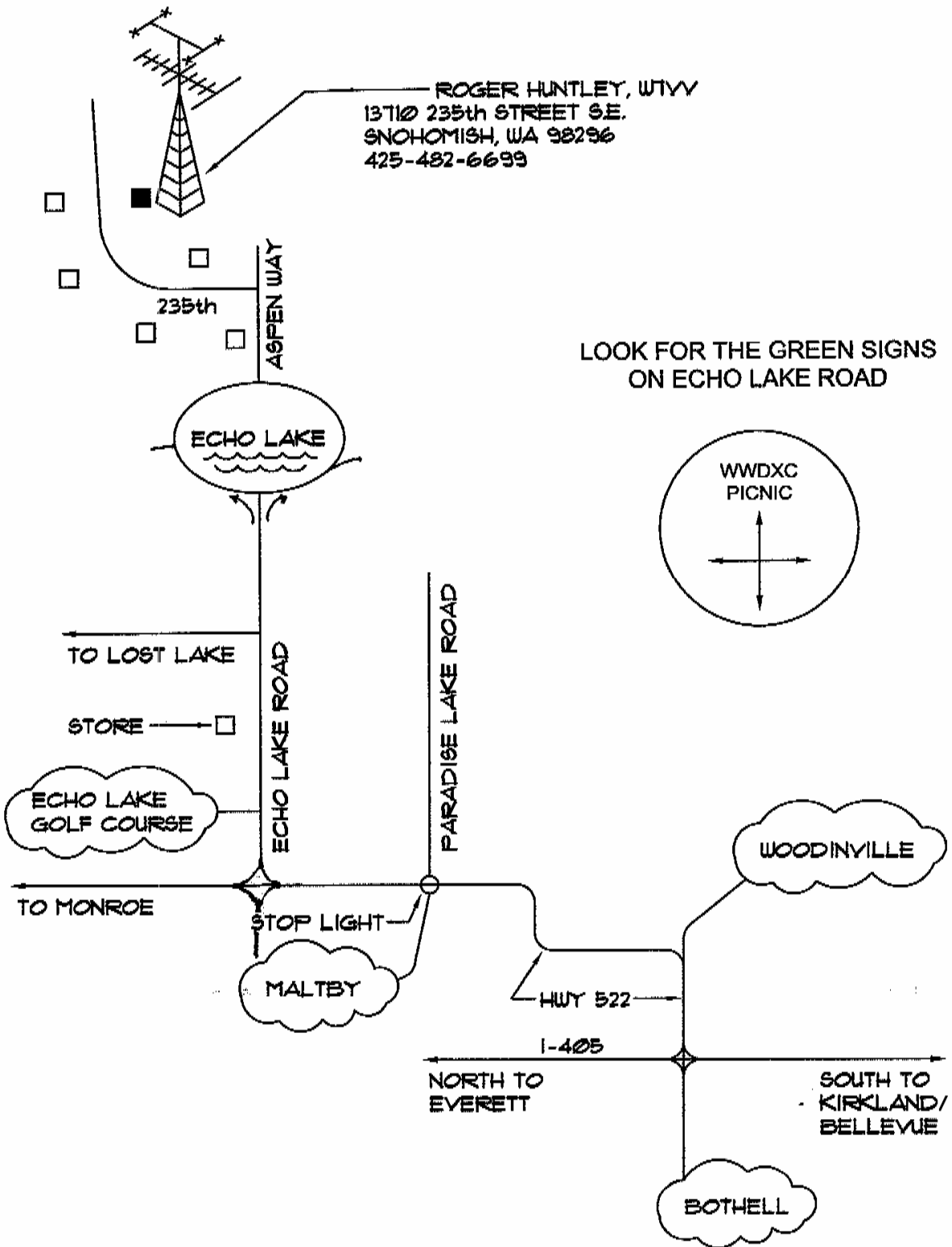
Each club member attending is asked to bring a dish as follows:

Calls ending (last letter of call) in A-H bring appetizers
Calls ending (last letter of call) in I-P bring side dishes
Calls ending (last letter of call) in Q-Z bring desserts (Except for NØAX, who is requested to bring his wonderful pie!!)

Example: W7DX would bring a dessert; W7AA would bring an appetizer, etc.

Please RSVP by August 9th to Roger via email, snr.huntley@verizon.net; or 425-482-6699. Refer to the map for driving directions. Follow the green roadway signs once you leave SR522 on to Echo Lake Road.

WDXC PICNIC MAP



STANWOOD CAMANO ARC Flea Market and Hamfest, May 10, 2008

The Stanwood Camano ARC will be hosting their 17th annual Electronic Flea Market and Hamfest from 9 AM to 3 PM on May 10th, 2008, at the Stanwood Middle School, 9405 - 271st St. N.W., Stanwood, WA (off Interstate 5 Exit 212). Free parking, VE Testing, Computers, Ham and Antique Radios - everyone is welcome. Talk-In is on the Skagit Repeater (145.190), admission is \$5.00 at the gate. For more information, contact Vic N7KRE (nwecop@tgi.net) or Lowell KF7RC (lowell.jenkins4@verizon.net).

Membership Renewal Time!

By Jim Hadlock, K7WA

Annual renewal notices have been mailed to WWDXC members for 2008-2009. If you did not receive a notice then you are already current.

The WWDXC Active Members Roster was posted recently in the "Files" section of the WWDXC Yahoo Group site, along with an All-Time membership list. We have over 1,000 All-Time Members and about 140 Active Members. If you have not renewed your membership recently please consider doing so to support the current activities of the club.

Active Membership dues in the Western Washington DX Club are \$25.00 per year which supports the monthly Totem Tabloid newsletter, awards, club repeater, liability insurance and other activities such as monthly meetings, the Club Internet Web site, club-sponsored plaques for 7QP, CQ and ARRL International DX contests and Dxpeditions. This year we will host a club Field Day (June 28-29), Picnic (August 16), and the Washington Salmon Run (Sept. 20-21). Plan to attend the Northwest DX Convention in Portland this year (August 1-2-3). Watch the Club website for up-to-date information on Club activities, and Thank You for supporting the Western Washington DX Club!

Membership correspondence should go to: WWDXC, P.O. Box 395, Mercer Island WA 98040-0395

Crossword Puzzle – "Befuddled"

By Ward Silver, NØAX

Ham radio woves and weveres Elmers and so, in honor thewof, this puzzle takes on the tenor of that most famous of Elmers, Mr Elmer Fudd! Many of the answers in the puzzle have been twanswated into Fudd-speak, so wook for the cwues embedded in this wambling wecounting of Elmer's ham wadio adventures! You wascals better be weady to wumble!

Q: How does Elmer Fudd correct his Morse code ewors?

A: Heh-heh-heh-heh-heh-heh-heh-heh...

One day, Elmer was working in his shack westowing his cwassic Hawwicrafters (**3 Down**) weceiver. He had just wemoved some wust with an (**20 Down**) board when the packet cwuster (**27 Down**) bwroadcast a (**25 Down**) that the sowar fware had made F-wayer conditions pwetty good. Wapidly, he wan to the wig to wisten. Tewwific! Wots of DX signals could be heard, many with powar fwutter and wapid echoes among the cwackle of twansients! Elmer wotated the wotary wog-pewiodic with his wotator to awign the wadiation pattern's (**18 Across**) with wong path at the wight time for gwey wine. Usuwawwy, Elmer, wan a pwopagation pwediction

pwogram, MiniPwop, but today he heard signals coming wound the wong way. He set his VFO's to work (**5 Across**) (**30 Down**) piwups using full (**11 Across**) and was qwickwy fiwving his wog with pwefixes from Euwope! (**7 Down**), Ukwaïne, Powand, Womania, Hungawy, Gweece, (**58 Across**), Swovenia, Swovakia, Finwand, Wichtenstein, Wuxembourg, Fwance, and (**41 Across** – two words) all called his station in Cowowado – even vewy ware (**54 Down**) fwom southwest Asia! At wast he wogged Irewand, Icewand, and Gweenwand! This was the twue spiwit of wirewess, just wike Hiwam Pewcy Maxim descwibed! Elmer made a wandwine to Amewican Wadio (**40 Down**) Weague Pwesident Joel Hawwison and descwibed his wesults. Vewy vewy happy, he wesumed work, wepwacing dwied-out, pawawel one-hundwed micwofawad ewectwowytics and bweder wesistors because they were (**48 Down**). The wosin-core fwux solder made a fine-wooking (**32 Down**) on the weads as he added a miwwihenwy choke to weduce wipple cuwwent in the (**65 Across**) wectifier, too. Then it was time to get weady for the weekend's hidden twansmitter wabbit hunt. Elmer's bwand-new phase-wocked woop twianguwator was weady at wast! He wanted to switch wadder wines to his whombic and Bevewage awways with watching weways, but settled for a (**32 Across** – two words) wogic circuit. What could he use for insuwators? He had sewewal good diewectwics; nywon tie-waps, cewamic, pwexiglass, bakewite, gwass, pwastic, but sewected a cwacked porcewan wectangle fwom the (**30 Across**) market out of a wegal wimit, full gawwon ampwifier whose pwevious owner was a wid who weceived a pink swip fwom Wiwey for fwattopping, kwicks, spwatter, and spuwiou pwoducts viowating wegulations, neawy wosing his wicense! At those wevels, the tetwode pwate would (**26 Down**) wed! Bweaking wules was a swippewy (**3 Down**). Next, Elmer installed a fewwite towoid bawun at the pweamp to weduce wefwected power. Water he would dwive awound to opewate as a wover for the cwub, wepwoting (**26 Across**) squares via twopo and spowadic-E with his new (**36 Across**) wig, (**49 Across**) verticaw, wong-wire, and Wazy-H. Feewing weawy, he needed (**10 Down**) but pwugged a new (**56 Across**) into a wigged-up cwystal-wattice wowpass (**33 Down**) fiwter whose (**14 Down**) ewiminated overwoad fwom woud wocals better than the old wumped-constant design. Finawwy, he could wun “(**4 Down**)” for the first time in (**24 Across**). Feewing wain, Elmer checked the wightning awwestor and gwound (**31 Across**), wemoved each PL-259 (**51 Down**) fwom its weceptacle, wowered his cwankup, and finawy weturned to his cwossword.

(Many thanks to Dick K6KR, Mike N6MZ, Mark N7MQ, George W2VJN, Dave N3RD for their wewuctant but wewiable help with this widicuwous word wist duwing our wecent dwiving twip through Cawifornia to the Visawia DX Convention.)

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Across

- 1. Morse for and
- 9. Russian satellite prefix
- 13. Another word for shack
- 14. Expresses amazement
- 15. Postal code for Elmer's QTH
- 16. Shifted time (abbr)
- 17. Successor to PLL VFO in radios
- 18. No Clue
- 19. Prefix is VY2
- 21. Opposite of RX
- 22. What happens at hamfests

- 28. A top computer
- 34. The best frequency for a contact (abbr)
- 35. Accomplishing something with your own hands and tools (abbr)
- 38. Opposite of "rf" in a Yagi
- 39. The old postal code for Wisconsin
- 44. The deleted prefix for Zimbabwe
- 45. Wet-stamps tower plans
- 46. Type of wolf that works the low bands
- 47. What happens when the cap shorts
- 52. Receive-only fine tuning
- 53. Standard association for manufacturers of components and equipment
- 59. Good ground for Louisiana stations
- 62. Turn in on? Not ...!
- 64. Suffix of the ARRL SS manager's call
- 66. Frowning face on poison
- 67. Align in time, work together

Down

- 1. The three bipolar transistor electrodes (abbr)
- 6. Piled higher and deeper
- 8. Just do ..
- 9. Steal from
- 12. Dorothy and Toto weren't here any more (abbr)
- 18. C/F (abbr)
- 23. Famous talking TV horse
- 24. A kilo kc
- 29. Companion to a dash (two words)
- 37. The "A" in "AD"
- 38. What is sent in digital modes
- 41. Vertical antenna (abbr)
- 42. Width of a filter or signal (abbr)
- 43. How your TV remote sends data (abbr)
- 50. One of the larger VEC's
- 55. Tidal companion to flow
- 57. Pounds the brass
- 60. Suffix of the bulletin station
- 61. Necessary clearance for a round tube
- 63. That's all folks - CW for expressing gratitude

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

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If interested contact Mel (N7GCO) at leadcoach@verizon.net.

ICE Model 421 Lowpass RF Filter (Rated at 8KW PEP/4KW DC ICS DC-30MHz) \$35

MFJ -434 Deluxe Contest Voice Keyer \$100

Telex Headset (mono) \$5

Yaesu YH-55 (stereo) \$20

Tom, K7RI

206 935-0457

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Force 12 EF-180C Rotatable Dipole antenna with 2 relay control box and balun - 83Ft long (Full 80M band coverage). New condition. Very similar to Current Top of Line Version (Sigma 180 Magnum from Force 12) which sells for around \$1500 without shipping. Asking \$600 and prefer local pick up in Seattle, WA area. Shipping is not practical. Works very well on 30M also. Bagged me 120 countries on both bands in less than 3 years. John Owens - N7TK jcowens1@comcast.net

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