



WESTERN WASHINGTON DX CLUB, INC.
Totem Tabloid

June 2007



Presented by Dick K7BTW

DX4WIN is an easy to use, yet powerful logging program for every ham. It has been designed for the the serious and the casual DXer. It has a number of features that make operating in a contest fun from the DXers perspective, and if you use a contesting program, DX4WIN can import your log after the contest.

Dick Also plans on a live RTTY QSO with some rare DX During the dinner meeting to aid in the discussion of the new version of this powerful logging software.

June Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 2007
Dinner at 6:30 – Program at 7:30

Lake City Elks
145th and Lake City Way
Seattle, WA

Membership News

By Jim Hadlock K7WA

This month we welcome the following new members to the Western Washington DX Club:

William L. Harris, W7KXB
William C. Wirstrom, Sr., W7WCW

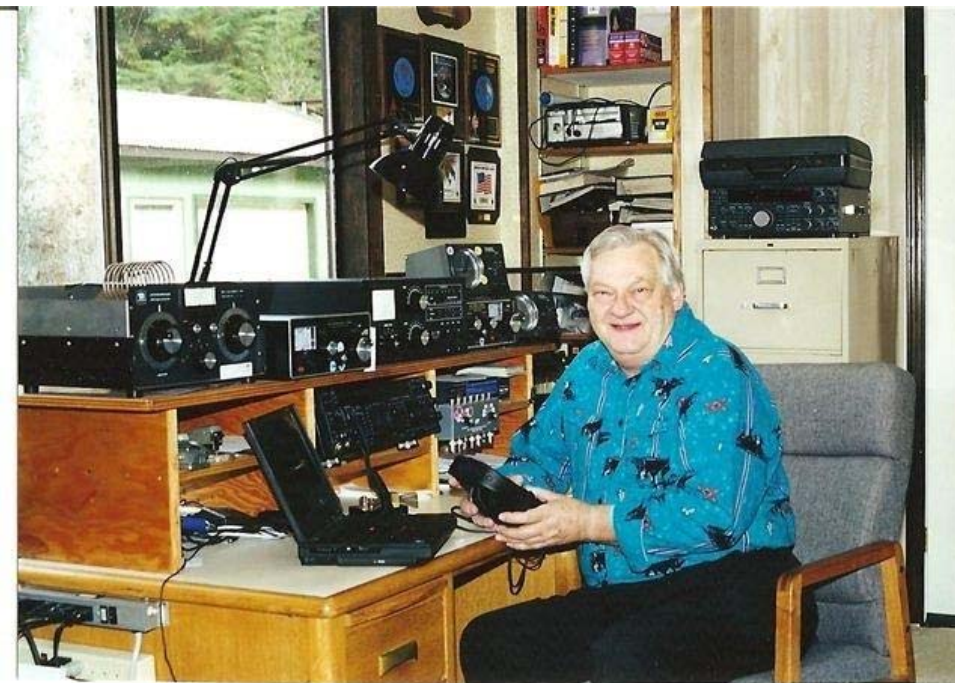
Welcome, and we hope to see you at a monthly meeting soon!

As you probably are aware, the Club is in the midst of the Annual Renewal activity. Prior to 1991 Life Membership in the Western Washington DX Club was granted for a one-time initiation fee. In October, 1991, the membership voted to institute an annual assessment of \$25 to maintain Active Membership. While we still recognize our Life Members, it is those who maintain their annual Active Membership through the \$25 dues who support the ongoing activities of the Club. Together we do much more than any of us could do individually. In the past year the Club has supported several DXpeditions, sponsored Award Plaques in the ARRL and CQ DX Contests, the popular Washington Salmon Run, member awards and the Washington Totem Award in addition to the ongoing costs of the Totem Tabloid, W7DX Repeater, Post Office Box, Web Site, and insurance.

We have approximately 130 Active Members out of a total of over 1100 listed on our membership database – the total includes Life Members, Honorary Members, Newsletter Exchanges, and Silent Keys. We thank each of you who supports the Club with your Annual Dues, and special thanks to those who have sent additional amounts for the Salmon Run and other activities!

If you received a 2007-2008 renewal notice and haven't sent it in, please consider doing so soon. If you are reading this issue of the Totem Tabloid on the Web and would like to join us or re-activate your membership, please send the Membership form on: www.wwdx.org to WWDXC, P.O. Box 395, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Hillar Raamat, N6HR, sk



NØAX - *Where did I first meet Hillar? Perhaps at a WWDXC meeting, but more likely at the Visalia International DX Convention where Hillar was a walking legend. Hillar's professional career in aerospace kept him in California (when he wasn't monitoring missile tests from KX6 at the Kwajalein facilities) where he was a founding member of the Northern California Contest Club and a*

member of the Northern California DX Club. A contemporary to legends of West Coast operating, Hillar stood out for me as a guy with a huge sense of humor about the world and himself. To hear

him tell the tales of growing up after WWII as an Estonian lad displaced by the war, winding up on the West Coast with university training in engineering and physics, one can only marvel at the strange twists of life. And who could forget this big craggy guy with the horned Viking helmet playing the trombone? I knew his health was declining when he started cleaning out his legendary garage, but his passing leaves a huge hole in the ham radio fabric. I'll miss him every time I turn on the radio for a contest and don't put N6HR in the log or see his score in the WWDXC club totals...and with every meeting when his big paw isn't there to shake.

N7BV - I only knew Hillar, from the WWDXC meetings and an occasional contest exchange. To

me he was this giant of a person who emanated a friendliness and gentleness that was contradictory to his stature. I bought a VHF rig from him a couple of years ago that was excess to his needs. My wife and I drove/ferried over to Whidbey Island to pick it up, Hillar and Elsie welcomed us like we were old fiends. Go in peace Hillar, SK



N6TJ - It is with great sadness that I report the passing of our dear friend, Hillar Raamat, N6HR (ex - K2ALE, WA6HRS, ZD8HR, etc). Hil passed away Sunday morning, shortly after operating the 7 QSO party with his wife Elsie. He was 74 years young.

Hil was originally from Estonia, immigrated to the USA after WW2, and became a very successful engineer in the defense business, and a real estate entrepreneur.

He made many operations from DX places like Marshall Islands, Ascension Island, and he was found active in many contests over the years. He was a member of the Northern California DX Club, Northern California Contest Club, Western Washington DX Club and undoubtedly others. A gentle giant of a man, you could always count on Hillar to put a smile on the faces of whomever he met.

He will be sorely missed. RIP, Hillar

WAØRJY – When I write up the *Tabloid* each month, I always enjoy being the first to see what the program will be. And when I saw Hillar's name, I always knew it would be a very entertaining evening. His sense of humor, compassion, and all around good-guyness will be impossible to replace.

Pacific NW DX Convention Program Summary

By Ward Silver, NØAX

This year we are suffering through the minimum of the sunspot cycle and the consequent dearth of DX on the higher bands. While low-band operators are not-so-secretly thrilled, others yearning for 20 meter longpath across the Pacific or afternoon Africans on 10 meters have some waiting to do. What better than a varied fare of programs that includes:

Field Day on the High Seas - by Marc Weinberg K9PET. Marc will be explaining how the Casual DX team gets all that stuff into and out of a Zodiac, onto the shore, and keep from getting eaten by the local fauna.

Around the Pacific in 80 Days - by Bob Norin W7YAQ and Bill Vanderheide N7OU. Did you work the amazing Bob & Bill Show on their travels around the Pacific earlier this year? If so, you won't want to miss their presentation full of great photos and stories.

Steam Powered DXing - by Mike Dormann W7DRA. Mike's DX and contesting exploits using the best of "hollow state" radio technology are the stuff of legend. A Heathkit on Tahiti? Why not?

Multi-Multi Shootout - by Dale Green VE7SV, Joe Rudi NK7U, and Brad Wallingford K7ZSD. The titans go toe-to-toe as they impress us with photos and descriptions of the stations that produce those massive signals. Don't worry about be sneaky because we'll all be taking a lot of notes!

Switchable Beverage Antenna System - by Ward Silver NØAX. How do Beverage Antennas work, anyway? And how can you make a four-direction array work without owning a square mile of Eastern Washington? You'll learn about it just in time for antenna-raising season.

Tour the Enterprise II - you will never look at your mobile rig in the same way after getting a tour of Eric Smith KB7DQH's awe-inspiring, terror-striking, jaw-dropping, knee-rattling Super Rover station! Eric brought the original Enterprise to our last convention and tongues were wagging all day. It's 10 dB bigger and better - don't miss out on the opportunity to take a tour on Saturday morning.

Saturday's Banquet Speaker will be Mitch Mitchell, best known as YI9TU, describing his ham radio adventures in the Iraqi desert and the best way of keeping a pileup under control while dodging incoming ordnance.

Our Sunday breakfast presentation will be a barnburner - Mike Mraz N6MZ is going to give all an inside look (or will that be an outside look?) at the just-completed BS7H expedition to Scarborough Reef. Which rock was Mike's favorite? Come find out!

LOTW – Step 3

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY

Now we're getting somewhere! You have an email with an attachment with a .TQ6 extension. You need to "run" this certificate by double-clicking on the TQ6 attachment icon. Once this is

June Assignment

- Run .TQ6 file
- Save .P12 file
- Prepare for data submission

completed – you have gone through all of the "certification" hoops. LOTW believes you are who you are! Congratulations.

Save your information by generating a private key/certificate file with the name <yourcallsign>.P12. Save it to a convenient place on your computer (you can do this by right-clicking the gold seal icon to the left of

your callsign in TQSLCert and then selecting "Save As" – you'll need this file in case your computer crashes or if you want to move to a different machine.

You can now delete all of the .TQ5 and .TQ6 files fro your system – you won't be needing them again.

That's enough for now. Next month we'll actually send data to LOTW – so double check that you have the ability to generate ADIF files with your logging software.

June Contesting Corner

By Mike Dinkelman, N7WA

We just had the second to last "counter" towards the Northwest trophy and it sounds like it was painful. I, for one, shall remember this pain as we head back up in sunspots for Cycle 24 and enjoy every pock mark on the sun.

Before I head into the scores, just a few words about Dayton. The announcement that the Contest University was to be "in session" was the deciding factor for me. I probably got more out that one day than the others (though it was all fun). They were hoping to have 70-80 people sign up. In the end, there were 150. If you are a contester, these are your "peeps"... your peers. It was great just to hang out for the day with them. The information in the classes was gravy. I only regret that I can't go back for the graduate level courses next year. Maybe someday...

CQWW WPX CW

Call	QSOs	Prfxs	hr	Score
All M/S HP				
KQ7W	1122	467		1,074,100
(ops: K6MBY, K7WA, N7BV)				
NN7SS	957	466	31	880,274
(ops: K6UFO, KO7P)				
N0AX @ VE7SV	(20% of score)			1,272,997

All SO(A)AB HP

W7OM	567	329		380,653
K7LAZ	595	297	24	376,596
K6KR	501	255	13	224,400
KT7G	105	76		23,356

All SOAB LP

N7ZG	525	295	35	306,800
W7QN	274	164		78,064
NG7Z	278	154	8	66,374

All SOAB QRP

K7HBN	244	165		62,370
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All SOSB160 HP

K7SS(@K7RI)	12	12	.5	168
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All SOSB20 LP

N7WA	522	290	27	210,830
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CQWW WPX Soapbox

Call: NN7SS Doug KO7P joined me again to operate NN7SS. We operated single radio with no "mult" radio. I had a slow start as the computer was sluggish and erratic and messed up responding to people and sending the exchange. We tried rebooting, quitting excess programs, and finally used the Windows task manager to kill off the process that was chewing up so much time. Whatever it was, it must have been non-essential - since we had no problems after that.

We are pleased with our 40m and 20m numbers, indeed 20m was the only practical band most of the day, as 15m was marginal, and 10m contacts a miracle! Doug operated each evening up to midnight, and then I put in a few hours each night at 1AM and 5AM, so our low band numbers are less than full-time. Saturday morning we could hear, but couldn't get answers from Europeans, and we had better luck working them Saturday afternoon and then Sunday morning. My secret goal for this "bottom-of-the-sunspots" run 800 QSOs, so we were a great success.

Call: K7LAZ You heard all the whining (just need the cheese)> New amp thought all was cool until last 2 hours of the contest and the famous knock on the door.... I was aimed east right down the TIVO DISH on Indy Car Sunday...Same guy with the TWO motion lights now...(any ideas short of

MOVING?) EU was hard for me to work....New AMP seemed to have the poop but bands were just tuff I guess,My First WPX so had some stateside action anyway...

N1MM, TS 870, ACOM 1000, SteppIR 3 ELE with 40 mtr add on and 80 MTR SteppIr vertical. Re arranged the whole shack right in middle of contest and then tore it all down when I was done. Must have been rummy....

Call: N7ZG Tough going all around. No JA run on 20! In fact few JA's worked on 20 but more on 40M. Condx were bad due to a coronal hole and the A index was above 20 the whole weekend. EU Q's were way down as well. The only good point was a decent opening at the very end of the contest to EU on 20. OK. I'm done building character, please bring back the spots. Used the contest to test out a homebrew 15M K1WA array. Made most of the 15 M Q's on this antenna. Not as good as the SteppIr but that was expected.

Call: N7WA Illness caught on the return trip from Dayton changed this from a planned All Bander to a 20M Single Band effort... and I'm glad I did as I didn't think band conditions were very good (at least 20M S/B let's me sleep at night). At times, Europe seemed workable at this end but it wasn't reciprocal with nary a QRZ? from many of the big guns there. Made me want to turn on the amp. There were no runs into Japan and the few that I found seemed to have a hard time hearing me. Oceania, however, seemed well represented this year and easily worked. Even calling stations in the USA seemed tough at times. I felt weak all weekend long and I'm not talking the flu. :>)

Another symptom was the "unheard QRM". I would be working a frequency for a long time, then all the sudden there are stations answering unheard stations underneath me (and both seemingly oblivious to my presence). Rather confusing at times. I also thought it odd that I found no pileups this weekend on 20M.

On the plus side, I got to practice my SO2R techniques a whole bunch (albeit on a single band) and played with some 250Hz filters brought home from Dayton. I even did a couple submissions to the RealTime Scoreboard (built into N1MM) though it's a bit less spontaneous with dial-up. :>). So, after banging my head until about 1PM local, I decided to quit early and took the grandkid to see Spidey-3. I think it was a good decision. :>) Hear me Sol..... UNCLE! I give. Bring back some spots.

Call: K7HBN Let's see, flux 67-68, A=16-17, K=2-4, but mostly 3-4, 5 watts, reasonable but not great antennas plus coming down with a cold made for a fun contest. I am able to confirm there are still some very good ears around. Thanks for all.

2007 W7PHO Scholarship Awarded

By Jim Hadlock, K7WA

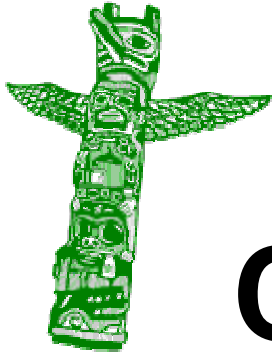
The club recently received a letter from the ARRL Foundation notifying us that the William Bennett, W7PHO, Memorial Scholarship for 2007, in the amount of \$500, was awarded to Jenny Kim, AD7DN, of Henderson, NV.

This Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Bill Bennett, W7PHO, one of the founding members of the Western Washington DX Club. Bill was a bigger than life DXer, he ran the "Family Hour" on 14.225 for many years and was always ready to give advice and assistance to those new to the DX game. Thank you to all of you who have supported the W7PHO Memorial Scholarship over the years.

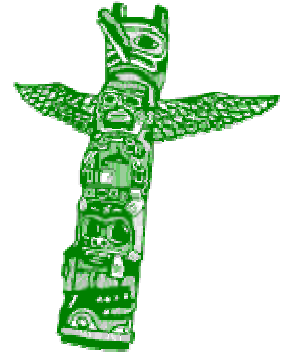
Totem Trader

Clean Kenwood TS-570D HF Transceiver. Includes Instruction Manuals, headphones, and a KU4AB six meter SSM solid rod 6 meter antenna (SQ-50) with 50' of cable. \$650 firm. See Jan 97' QST for review of this rig. Gordy, W9WHX, (206) 782-6839.

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I-5 Northbound: Exit #193 – Pacific Ave. Turn left off the exit onto Pacific Ave. Travel one block and turn left on Pine St.

I-5 Southbound: Exit #194 – Everett Ave. Turn right onto Everett Ave, Travel about 3 blocks & turn left on Cedar St. Travel 3 blocks & turn left on Pacific Ave. Turn Right on Pine St.

Friday and Saturday - Hospitality Suite hosted by the WWDXC

Saturday/Sunday Programs/Activities

Scarborough Reef 2007 by N6MZ --- Multi-Multi Shootout by VE7SV, K7ZSD and NK7U
ARRL Forum – DXCC, Contesting and Happenings from HQ
Operating from IRAQ by Mitch YI9TU --- DXCC QSL card checking by K7BTW
Saturday Non-Ham activities by N7SEW

PLUS MANY OTHER PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Check www.wwdx.org for announcements and schedule updates

Remember Early Registrations (**Before July 10th Deadline**) get two extra raffle tickets!

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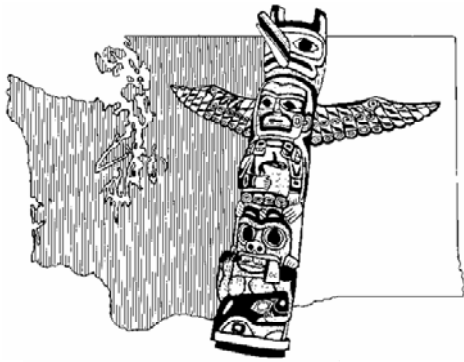
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Program Registration (REQUIRED)	\$24 X _____	= \$ _____
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Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$20 X _____	= \$ _____
Late Registration (after 31 JULY 2007)	\$5 X _____	= \$ _____
Complete Deal = Program Registration, Banquet Dinner & Breakfast. Register before 10 JULY 2007 and get 2 free raffle tickets - please mark your menu selection above -	\$80 X _____	= \$ _____
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Make checks out to Western Washington DX Club and send to: Western Washington DX Club
P.O. Box 395
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Cut-off date for Dinner and Breakfast reservations is **7 AUGUST 2007**



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2007-2008 Annual Membership Dues Statement

Active Membership dues in the Western Washington DX Club are \$25.00 per year which supports the monthly Totem Tabloid newsletter, club repeater, liability insurance, club activities such as monthly meetings, Field Day, Washington State Salmon Run, the Club Internet Web site, annual picnic, club-sponsored plaques for 7QP, CQ and ARRL International DX contests, Dxpeditions, and a variety of other activities. This year we are preparing to host the 2007 Northwest DX Convention August 10th, 11th and 12th. Watch the Club website for up-to-date information on Club activities.

Dues Paid: Date: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Check #: _____

(Tear off – keep for records)

Annual membership dues 6/1/2007 – 5/31/2008 \$25.00
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Vanity Line for Club Roster up to 36 chars: (Other call signs, DX Awards, etc.)

I am willing to help with: DX Convention, Field Day, Club Programs, Salmon Run, other:

Comments: _____

Please update your personal information above, and mail dues, with this coupon, to the following address or bring to a club meeting. Thanks for your continuing support of the club.

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Information on the Western Washington DX Club is also available on the internet at www.wwdxc.org or by email to info@wwdxc.org.