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July 2007

## 6 Meter DXing

Presented by Paul Kiesel K7CW

"Is 6-Meter DXing like DXing on the MF and HF bands? Is there a DX frontier out there for the guy who is on the top of the DXCC Honor Roll? How about everybody else?"

### July Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Dinner at 6:30 – Program at 7:30

Shanghai Garden Restaurant

80 Front Street North

Issaquah, WA

Directions: I-90, exit 18 (front street), South about 1/2 mile, look for restaurant on the left.

## Letter from Jenny Kim, AD7DN

Jenny Kim, AD7DN, is the recent recipient of the 2007 W7PHO Scholarship...

Last month we announced the award of the 2007 William Bennett, W7PHO, Scholarship to Jenny Kim, AD7DN, of Henderson, Nevada. Here's a letter received from Ms. Kim:

To the Donors of the William Bennett Scholarship:

I am grateful to have received your Scholarship. I appreciate your support in the ham radio community. I will be attending Cornell University in the fall with an adamant decision to study electrical engineering. Thank you for making college more affordable.

Jenny Kim, AD7DN

## Letter from DL5AWI, Gerhard Kaiser

Gerhard was the top DX score in the 2007 7<sup>th</sup> Area QSO Party...

Today I received the very nice plaque for winning recent 7QP! Many thanks for this and greetings to all members of the Western Washington DX Club! Hope to meet you next year again!

73 from Germany de GERD DL5AWI

## California QSO Party

Sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club, 1600Z Oct 6 - 2159Z Oct 7.

Frequencies: 160-2 meters.

Categories: SOAB (HP >200 W, LP, QRP), MS, MM, CA County Expedition, Mobile, Club, School. SO work 24 hours only. CW QSOs in CW subbands, except 160/6/2 meters.

Stations on a county line count as a single contact for QSO points, but both counties may be claimed as multipliers.

Exchange: serial number and state/province (DX send DX) or CA county.

QSO points: CW – 3 pts, Phone – 2 pts. Score: QSO points × CA counties (max 58) or CA stations multiply by states and VE call areas (max 58).

For more information see [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) or email to [info@cqp.org](mailto:info@cqp.org). Logs due by Nov 15 via form on [logs.cqp.org](http://logs.cqp.org) (preferred), email to [logs@cqp.org](mailto:logs@cqp.org), or paper to NCCC c/o Kevin Rowett K6TD, 21906 Monte Ct, Cupertino, CA 95014-1144

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

By Jim Hadlock, K7WA/m



The results for the 2007 7QP are posted on the Central Oregon DX Club website ([www.codxc.org](http://www.codxc.org)). The Western Washington DX Club sponsored a plaque this year for the top scoring DX station which was won by DL5AWI; his score was #6 of ALL the non-7 entrants!

WWDXC members winning plaques were Mitch, K7RL, for #1 Washington (Mitch was a close second in the 7<sup>th</sup> Area High Power category), Jim, K7WA, #1 Washington Mobile (check out his neat as a pin operating position in the photo... and the beautiful scenery in the other photo - ed), and Jack, K7ED (WAØRJY), #1 Washington County

Expedition.

Other WWDXC members posting scores were K7QQ and N7BF in High Power, NG7Z, W7QN, and N7WI in Low Power, N7YX (+N6HR) in Multi-Operator, and KT7G in Mobile.

The 7QP is held the first weekend of May and is a great opportunity to get on and be at the busy end of the pile-ups. In only its second year the contest is gaining a following – the pictures on the website show how serious some stations are about this contest!

See you next year in the 7QP!



## 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 4

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY

Now where were we? Oh yeah – time to send in your log!

Remember how I've mentioned that it's important for your logging software to be able to create a

### July Assignment (Final!)

- Create ADIF File
- Create a digitally signed .TQ8 file
- Send the .TQ8 file to the ARRL
- Check your stats!

file with your log information in ADIF format? We'll now's when we do it. Have your logging software create the ADIF file of all of your contacts. This might take a few minutes. When it's done, be sure to save the file somewhere that you'll be able to find it later. If that sounds tricky, it would be best to save it on your "Desktop" so that you'll know where it is.

Now run the TQSL program (you hopefully have it on your desktop or somewhere that you can find it). Open the File menu (in TQSL) and select "Sign Existing ADIF or Cabrillo File". Follow the step by step instructions (this is where you'll have to know where your ADIF file is stored!) and in the end you'll have a digitally signed .TQ8 file! Congratulations.

Now attach that file to an email and send it to [lotw-logs@arrl.org](mailto:lotw-logs@arrl.org). You'll get a couple emails back from the LOTW server to let you know what it thought about the file you sent it. Hopefully, the news will be encouraging.

To see the status of your QSOs (which ones are confirmed electronically and how many more you need for DXCC) – log on to the LOTW User's Web page at <https://p1k.arrl.org/lotwuser/default>. Enter the username and password that came in the email with your TQ6 file and *Voila!*

That's it! You are now an official user of LOTW. Congratulations!

## DX Packet Alert Network Frequencies

By Bob Nielsen, N7XY [n7xy@oz.net](mailto:n7xy@oz.net)

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**

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.

## **No Tabloid in August**

Just a reminder that your hard working editor gets a one month reprieve every year in August. So don't watch for another Tabloid until sometime in early September.

73! Jack, WA0RJY

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2007 Pacific Northwest DX Convention

DXing from the LEFT COAST!

August 10-12, 2007

Hosted by the Western Washington DX Club

**Holiday Inn Everett** ([www.tinyurl.com/2dpmpt](http://www.tinyurl.com/2dpmpt)) [browse to this URL for additional Holiday Inn information], 800-860-7715 or 425-339-2000) - Ask for the "**Pacific North West DX Convention**" rates (\$109 + tax per room). Reserve early since rooms are limited and cut-off date is **17 July 2007**.

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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.wwdxc.org](http://www.wwdxc.org) for announcements and schedule updates

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

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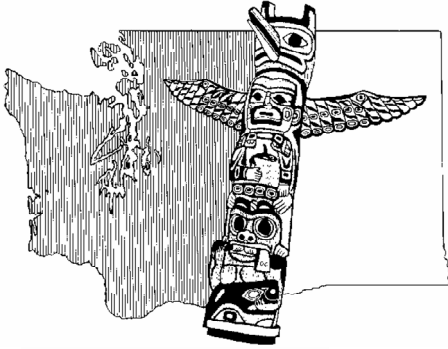
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Banquet (Herb Roasted Prime Rib of Beef)	\$36 X _____	= \$ _____
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Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$20 X _____	= \$ _____
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Make checks out to Western Washington DX Club and send to: Western Washington DX Club  
P.O. Box 395  
Mercer Island, WA 98040  
Cut-off date for Dinner and Breakfast reservations is **7 AUGUST 2007**



# Western Washington DX Club

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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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