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September 2006

# Salmon Run With N1MM

Brian, N9ADG, will demonstrate how to set up and use the popular contesting logging software program N1MM for use in the coming Salmon Run Contest held on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Brian will show how operating on the county lines can easily be logged utilizing N1MM without resulting in “dupes” being logged as was the problem with some programs last year.

## **September Meeting**

Tuesday, September 12, 2006  
Dinner at 6:30 – Program at 7:30

Angelo's Restaurant  
601 SW 153<sup>rd</sup>,  
Burien, Washington 98166  
206-244-3555

# There's an Awful Lot of Coffee in Brazil!

By Ward Silver, NØAX

Sinatra fans will pick up that joke - but for the rest of you, all I can say is that Brazil is a terrifically interesting place! First - I'd like to extend a note of gratitude to all of the WWDXC for nominating me to represent you at WRTC2006. Chris KL9A and I were very aware of your good wishes for us and it was an



**The PW5Q team, (l to r) KL9A, SM3CER, PP5RR, and N0AX savoring an eighth-place finish**

honor to be on your team. While conditions weren't the best and we didn't have a big run of W7's in the log, those that did make it brought us a smile, even though we couldn't say hello under the rules. While it would have been nice to medal, we were very pleased to place in the Top Ten - keep an eye on that KL9A guy because he'll be challenging for gold long after I'm reduced to the subject of "Where Is He Now?" stories.

I'll be giving a full-blown presentation at the October meeting, so don't miss it - a little music, a little travelogue, and a little comedy as always. In a nutshell, however, our hosts were magnificent and so was the competition. To be honest, there was a lot of concern about having the event so far from the population centers at the bottom of the cycle. When the dust had cleared, though, I didn't hear anyone complaining that they were bored or that they worked everything. It was one of the quickest 24 hours I've ever spent contesting! We were very glad of the 2-element 40 meter yagi and the ACOM 1010 amplifier - it would have been a lo-o-o-o-ng night without 'em. The new IC-756PROIII transceiver generously loaned by Icom made operating a breeze.

They worked flawlessly from the moment we turned them on until they went back in the Pelican cases. Our



**The PW5Q team in action. N0AX is at the run station and KL9A is tuning for new stations**

motto was "Don't overthink" and the simplicity of our layout and technique paid off.

After the formal event, Nancy W7FIR and I travelled around southern Brazil, often in the company of Don W7NG and brother Skip AD0H. We toured the dynamic and interesting (but little-known) city of Curitiba, taking in its historic sights and central district. We learned about churrascaria (Brazilian BBQ dim sum) and cafe con leche. We took a long bus ride to the Foz do Iguacu, seeing magnificent scenery and a whole lot of water up close and personal. We survived a bus crash - you'll see the photos. We survived 36 hours of airline travel in coach. At any rate, thanks again for dispatching us southwards on your behalf. I hope to see you at the October meeting.

## Salmon Run!

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY (aka K7ED) with a quote from Jim Hadlock, K7WA

Once again it's time to get that mobile rig tuned up and on the road – Salmon Run! The contest starts at 9:00am Pacific Time (1600z) on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and runs until midnight. Then it starts up again on Sunday morning at 9:00am and runs until 5:00pm Pacific Time. Complete rules are available at [www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/rules.htm](http://www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/rules.htm)

Salmon Run Coordinator Jim "*The Big Chinook*" Hadlock, K7WA, noted in an email to the [wwdxc@yahoogroups.com](mailto:wwdxc@yahoogroups.com) mailing list a few weeks ago:

The magazine announcements are out and people are planning mobile trips and expeditions to rare Washington counties - the 2006 Washington Salmon Run is just around the corner! This year's Salmon Run will be held on September 16 and 17 - rule changes for 2006 include making Digital an independent mode like CW and Phone, and the acceptance of Cabrillo log submissions (in addition to paper and text file logs). The updated rules are on the Salmon Run web page: [www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/](http://www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/)

Please plan to participate this year - the contest is very popular and it's fun to be on the busy end of the pileups for a change! If you have a mobile or portable QTH, consider putting on a rare county - two years we had one entrant work all 39 Washington counties! This is only possible with if we make an effort to put on some of the rarer counties around the state.

Even if you can't get away from the home QTH, there will be plenty of stations to work.

If you plan on activating a rare county (or even if you plan to operate from the luxury of your home QTH) - please send a note to [salmonrun@wwdxc.org](mailto:salmonrun@wwdxc.org) with your plans. We'll add you to the "Reserve a County" list at [www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/2006reserve.htm](http://www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/2006reserve.htm)

Here are the people that make all of this fun possible:

### **The 2006 Salmon Run Committee**

Salmon Run Coordinator: Jim (K7WA)

Rules Manager: Ward (NØAX)

Publicity Manager: Kirk (N7UK)

Log Manager: Jack (WAØRJY) and Brian (N9ADG)

Results Manager: Ward (NØAX)

Printing Manager: Rick (K7LOG)

Awards Manager: Harry (K7LAZ)

Mailing Manager: Harry (K7LAZ) and Brian (N7RVD)

Records Manager: Brian (N9ADG)

If you would like to join the committee and help the effort, just let Jim know at [k7wa@arrl.net](mailto:k7wa@arrl.net).

See you in the pileups!

## **The Contest Season Cometh...**

By Mike Dinkelman, N7WA

As they say, you're only as good as your last Traveling Trophy Score. With the trophy firmly in Denny's hand, we now start a quest to retain it. And while the rules haven't changed this year from last, the other players in the game have resolved to wrest it away. It'll certainly be a challenge with the solar minimum upon us but we do have the advantage in numbers. I hope you'll join in again and help in this effort so when the DX Convention is OUR house next summer, we keep the prize.

With our new Yahoo mailing list, it should be easier to keep members up-to-date as I can load up periodic copies of the current spreadsheet to the list home page for you to look at. The three club coordinators have also created a special private email list so we can maintain one central spreadsheet and communicate better.

We did make one addition to the contest schedule. The ARRL Roundup was added so all three major DX Contest series (CQWW, ARRL DX, and WPX) now have a RTTY representative. The total contest schedule now consists of ten tests.

CQWW RTTY Sept 23-24, 2006

CQWW SSB Oct 28-29, 2006

CQWW CW Nov 25-26, 2006

ARRL RTTY ROUNDUP Jan 6-7, 2007

WPX RTTY Feb 10-11, 2007

ARRL DX CW Feb 17-18, 2007  
ARRL DX SSB Mar 3-4, 2007  
WPX SSB Mar 24-25, 2007  
WPX CW May 26-27, 2007  
IARU July 14, 2007

As mentioned, all other rules are the same as last year including the DXpedition exclusion rule which I really thought we would have to modify. (Maybe I should get them published on the email home page as well.) There is plenty here for everyone so please play towards your strengths and GO TEAM GO!

## 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

**Prop pitch rotator** with 36vdc PS and control system with compass rose. Has mast adaptor. Includes spare selsyn and compass rose. \$300. Also have spare prop pitch for \$200. Never used. - John W7KCN, Bellingham [w7kcn@cs.com](mailto:w7kcn@cs.com) or call 360-734-3373. Can deliver in Seattle area.

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**Mirage 6m-5** 5-element 6-meter beam \$65

**K1FO 12 element 144m Yagi** \$75

**KLM 2M-4X** 4-element 2meter beam for FM \$35

Please contact Ken - W7OP/DU5KEN, 206-241-7133 home 206-819-4926 cell [flyboy25@aol.com](mailto:flyboy25@aol.com)

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