



September 2007

Salmon Run! September 15-16

Most of our members have thought at one time or another, “Golly gee willikers! That Salmon Run contest is a hoot! Maybe I should try a portable or mobile expedition next year!”

Well, how about making next year, this year? The September program by Jim, K7WA, Ward, NØAX, and Jack, WAØRJY (K7ED/m) will give you ideas by these road-hardened veterans about how to either set up an expedition in an exotic location (San Juan Islands anyone?) or maybe even hit the road with your station in your car, SUV, or mobile home! (*We still need activity from San Juan County to have all 39 on the air this year.*)

Come to the meeting to have all your questions answered. The Salmon Run is our chance to be on the right side of the pile-ups for a change – don’t miss out!

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Dinner at 6:30 – Program at 7:30

Lake City Elks Club
145th and Lake City Way

Quick Salmon Run Rules Summary

Complete rules are available at <http://www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/rules/2007-salmon-run-rules.html> and check out the Salmon Run Homepage at www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/ for additional information.

OBJECT

Stations outside of Washington work only Washington stations in as many Washington counties as possible. Stations in Washington work anyone in as many Washington counties, states, Canadian call areas, and DX countries as possible.

CONTEST PERIOD

September 15-16, 2007 from 9am Washington Time Saturday through Saturday Midnight Washington Time and then from 9am Washington Time to 5pm Washington Time Sunday. All operators may operate all 23 hours of the contest.

FREQUENCIES & MODES

- Contest bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 6 meters
- Contacts on WARC bands, and VHF bands (higher than 6 meters) not allowed
- Contest modes: SSB, CW, Digital (Any computer-to-computer mode is considered digital and only one digital contact may be made with a station on each band.)

Suggested Frequencies:

CW 1850, 3550, 7045, 14050, 21050, 28050 kHz and 50.095 MHz

Phone 1850, 3925, 7260, 14280, 21380, 28380 kHz and 50.130 MHz

Digital Around the customary calling frequencies by mode

Mobile frequencies are 5 kHz lower - please keep them clear for weak mobile and Washington County Expedition signals!

- Try CW on the half-hour; 160 meters at 0500Z; 80/75 meters at 0300Z and 0600Z.
- Mobiles are encouraged to try 75 and/or 40 meters at the top of each hour through the day in order for WA stations to have the opportunity to contact some the rarer counties.

EXCHANGE

Washington Stations – RST and County

Non-Washington Stations – RST and State (or DX)

POINTS

Phone 2

CW 4

Digital 4

Complete rules available at <http://www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/rules/2007-salmon-run-rules.html>

Salmon Run Special Contest, Portable, and Mobile Plans

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY

N7EIE and N7EIE/m - Saturday this year I'm staying home as N7EIE, on my 3 element beam for 20-10 meters, a 3 element vertical beam on 40 meters, and a G5RV on 80. Then on Sunday I'll be on 20 and 15 meters as N7EIE/M from Pierce, Lewis, Skamania, and Thurston counties. I should be on from Lewis county for 3 or 4 hours on CW.

N7PP (South Hill Contest Club) will be operating 6-80 mtrs SSB, CW....Multi/2 with KW's and SteppIR (2 ele yagi @50 ft and vertical ground mounted) antennas and two wire antennas. Ops will be K7MO Nick, K7LAZ Harry, W7AML Alan, KE7FKX (YL) Linda, AC7FA Don, Carol XYL of LAZ. Operation will be from ASO (Asotin County) 5,000 feet at WoHe Lo Lodge in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Washington. Six Meter activity may be by W7AML also before and after contest.(If we can top Puffer Butte and on battery power)

K7S - We plan on running a contest station on both the low and high bands - our event call sign is K7S. I don't know what it means to "activate" a county but K7S in the city of North Bend, King County, will be active during the contest if that helps. -Larry, N7BCP

K7WA - a mobile this year with my cousin (KD7PTG) in Walla Walla - do Asotin/Garfield and Columbia/Walla Walla the first day, then mobile home the second day through Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Benton, Yakima, and Kittitas - or maybe something else.

WN7T/m - For this year's fish stick, I plan to scale the north Cascade Highway on route 20, probably starting at the base of Ross Lake in Whatcom Co. Saturday morning.

I will then swim over to near the Idaho border, and then jump to Highway 2 into Spokane. Then 90 to Ritzville and onto 261. 261 to Lyon's Ferry Rd and back onto 261. 261 to 12 and then a jump onto 127 across the Snake River and then double back to 12 and ending at Clarkston.

So, if I stick to this plan, I will activate the following counties:

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| 1. WHA | 7. PEND | 13. WAL |
| 2. SKAG | 8. SPO | 14. GAR |
| 3. CHE | 9. LIN | 15. WHI |
| 4. OKA | 10. ADA | 16. ASO |
| 5. FER | 11. FRA | |
| 6. STE | 12. COL | |

The route above assumes that the four corner axis of FRA, WAL, COL and WHI is not accessible for mobile operations while crossing the Snake River on 261.

I plan to operate MOB-SO Mixed mode 160 - 6 meters with a possible 600 watts out on all HF frequencies. I may attempt some digital operation. I have the capability, but have never attempted it mobile. My best choice would be with PSK31. I do have the ability to operate digital voice with a AOR ARD 9000 on HF, but I don't know if this would be considered a "digital" mode, as it does not require that a CPU be in the loop (it is a stand-alone interface).

K7ED/m – This year I hope to combine a geology tour of Eastern Washington with some mobile Salmon Run operations. I'll start at Blewett Pass (the Chelan/Kittitas county line) and then head east. I'll try to hit Adams, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, Stevens and Whitman counties along the way and Okanogan, Whatcom, and Skagit

counties on the way back home. I'll be making stops at the Dry Falls, Grand Coulee, Steamboat Rock, and various other geological destinations (I've got a couple books to give me ideas).

K9JF/p - I plan to be on the Pacific/Wahhkiakum county line on Saturday for 6-8 hours. And then on to Skamania and Klickitat on Sunday.

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 or email to info@cqp.org. Logs due by Nov 15 via form on logs.cqp.org (preferred), email to logs@cqp.org, or paper to NCCC c/o Kevin Rowett K6TD, 21906 Monte Ct, Cupertino, CA 95014-1144

Contest Corner

By Mike Dinkelman, N7WA

Gee whiz, where did the summer go? With last season's Traveling Trophy in hand, it's time to start thinking about next season which starts off with the CQWW RTTY test coming up the last weekend of this month (0000Z, Sep 29 to 2400Z, Sep 30). The CQ Magazine Contest Column spent a fair amount of ink talking about the explosion in digital contesting. Maybe this is the push you need to try RTTY contesting?

There has been a change in the Traveling Trophy rules for the 2007-2008 season. Looks like DXpeditions are back in vogue... partially. Since I wasn't at the convention, here is a synopsis from N0AX.

On a per-contest basis, clubs may include DXpedition scores made from outside the club area up to 50% of the total score. For example, if W7EJ scores 3 Mpts from CN3R in CQ WW SSB and other WVDXC members in the club area score a total of 1.8 Mpts, WVDXC can include 1.8 Mpts of W7EJ's DXpedition score for a total of 3.6 Mpts. If club members score 3 Mpts or more, the entire 3 Mpts from CN3R may be included. DXpedition scores can only be applied to the contest in which they were made--they can't be "carried over". This is similar to the "matching grant" concept. It is anticipated that this would increase participation, since each member's score is needed to maximize the use of DXpedition scores.

So, if you're headed out for a DXpedition, you count this year. If not, you need to get on locally anyway so we can maximize the work of those going abroad. I expect this is a probationary rule that will be re-evaluated next convention.

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The list of applicable contests remains at 10, CQ WW CW/SSB/RTTY, ARRL DX CW/SSB, CQ WPX CW/SSB/RTTY, ARRL RTTY Roundup, and IARU HF.

As for non-trophy activity, the Salmon Run is coming up in three weeks. I expect there will be a number of club members and others outside the State looking for some tasty salmon. Even if you aren't looking for a certificate, you can get on and help those outside the State.

DX Packet Alert Network Frequencies

By Bob Nielsen, N7XY n7xy@oz.net

W7DX Bellevue (AR-Cluster node) 145.75 MHz, N6MZ sysop.

Telnet to [w7dx.net](telnet://w7dx.net)

User documents at <http://www.ab5k.net>

W7PKT Auburn (DX Spider Node) 145.73 MHz, KA7CSE sysop.

Telnet to [w7pkt.net](telnet://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](telnet://n7xy.net), port 7300 or <http://n7xy.net/cgi-bin/spider.cgi>

If you need help, email 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.

1. Icom MB-65, adjustable mobile xcvr front panel/face plate mounting base—**new**—original cost \$35.
2. JPS Comm. Antenna Noise Canceller, Model ANC-4—**only used a few hours**—original cost \$195.
3. MFJ Antenna Current Probe, Model MFJ-206—used.
4. Packet set-up, used:
 - a. IC-2AT VHF xcvr with rubber ducky
 - b. AEA Packet Controller/TNC, Model PK-88
 - c. AEA Power Cube, 120 VAC/60 cycle to 13 VDC, 1.5A
 - d. All cabling.
5. ICE BCB (Broadcast Band) Filter Assembly, Model 402X—**new**
 - a. 1.8 - 30 Mc., 300W, 50 ohm
 - b. Non-polar., non-DC Passive.
6. Heathkit Reflected Power (& SWR) Meter, Model HM-15, used
7. Inmac T-Switch (A/B), Product No. 1863, used
8. Icom VHF/UHF Xcvr, Model IC-Q7A, needs work, used
9. MFJ Econo Keyer II, Model MFJ-401B (Auto & Semi-Auto Modes), used.

In all cases, make me a reasonable offer/what it's worth to you.

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