



September 2008

Foxhunting – Olympic Sport?

*T*his month Paul Beringer, NG7Z, will take us on what could be a new Olympic sport (if trampoline and individual synchronized swimming make the grade, why not?) – QRP Foxhunts! The goal of these weekly events is for one station to act as the “fox” and to be chased by the pileup (the “hounds”). The foxes compete against each other and the hounds compete against the other hounds.

Stop by the meeting to hear the exciting details!

And don't forget the Salmon Run – September 20th and 21st!

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2008
Dinner at 6:30pm – Program at 7:30pm

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

Special Note from the Editor:

My apologies for this brief Tabloid – I'm catching a plane tomorrow morning for Switzerland (our daughter lives there and is getting married on Saturday) and will be rambling around Europe for 3+ weeks (without a radio, so don't watch for HB9/WAØRJY spots...). You can follow along on the excitement on my travel blog at jackandpaulaineurope.tripod.com/Europe/

73! Jack, WAØRJY

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>

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Spokane Hamfest!

By Betsy, N7WRQ
Spokane Hamfest Chairman

Just in case you're looking to take a little road trip this September, please keep us in mind for our annual Spokane Hamfest & ARRL WA State Convention, September 27, to be held at University High School in Spokane. It's hosted by 8 local clubs, and should be lots of fun. A Hamfest flyer is available at <http://www.kbara.org>

Totem Trader

The following equipment is from the shack of Alan Burgstahler, N7BF, now SK. The pricing is determined from the "Amateur Radio Blue book"

1. Yaesu FT-920 with Inrad CW filters. Often called a 1000MP without the second receiver. It has a "VFO B" knob. Details on Universal radio website \$840.00
<http://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/hamhf/1955.html>.
2. Micro ham Micro keyer currently interfaced to 920. including the radio as a package \$1100.00. Cables are \$89 each, from them, for any other radio. If you want it separately, \$200.
<http://www.microham-usa.com/Products/mk.html>
3. Yaesu G800 SDX (with presets, set to heading push button, wait) Rotator \$220
<http://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/hamrot/ysurot.html>
4. Ameritron AL-811 amp (3-811's) 600 watts 160-10m \$416.00
<http://www.ameritron.com/Product.php?productid=AL-811>
5. Kenwood TL-922 1kw out with 80w drive, two 3-500Z tubes.. Has a bandswitch problem, works fine on 20M. I put it between "Average" and "fixer" Since it does function and amplify to 1KW, if only on one band because of the switch issue. That prices it at \$525
<http://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/hamhf/tl922ab.html>
6. ameritron AWM-30 Wattmeter, peak reading 3kw \$75.00
<http://www.ameritron.com/Product.php?productid=AWM-30>
7. Heath SA2060A tuner, metering goes to 2kw, two panel meters, roller inductor \$300
<http://www.pestingers.net/SA2060A.htm>
8. KLM KT34a 3 band (10-15-20m) 4 element (dual driven) beam. Also resonates on 18mhz. Flat in CW and Phone segments at the same time, broadband. Currently has issue on 20m. Most likely the conductive paste has dried out in a joint. He has the upgrade kit in the box from M squared (\$216) and the upgraded mounting bracket (\$45). \$400 takes it all home, after you take it down from 18 ft of tower over the garage.

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9. Rohn 25G tower, 3 10' sections and a 8' flat plate top section with thrust bearing. Only two are vertical at the present time. House Bracket (24") and simple flat plate on the bottom, no hinge. Refinished, looks great. Also has a sidearm bracket in the box (\$25) Take it all home for \$150

10. MFJ 259B antenna analyzer \$175.00.

<http://www.mfjenterprises.com/Product.php?productid=MFJ-259B>

11. MFJ 4225 MV 25 amp switching pwr supply. \$100

<http://www.mfjenterprises.com/Product.php?productid=MFJ-4225MV>

All Items are currently in Bonney Lake. If you are interested in something call me at 360-896-0221 home or cell 360-823-8793. Rick Smith KT7G

I've had a hankering to find a Kenwood SP120 external speaker and DFC230 digital frequency controller to keep my TS120S, TS130S and VFO120 company. 73, Bryan WA7PRC bswadener@yahoo.com 425-379-0815 eves/weekends

I also have an SB-220 for sale. It is wrapped in plastic, as it has been for some years. It has a standby switch installed, and it has worked well for me, though I have used it for less than an hour as a temp standby amp. It is quite clean, but I don't know just what mods it has. \$550 in Selah. 509-697-8879 - K7HC at charter.net Clay - K7HC

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

MFJ -434 DeluxeContest Voice Keyer \$100

Telex Headset (mono) \$5

Yaesu YH-55 (stereo) \$20

Tom, K7RI 206 935-0457

For Sale:

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

Yaesu HT VX-6R

HRO's and Universal Radio's current price is \$249.95

Used only 5 to 10 times. Includes programming software

Sell for \$175.00

I found I am more comfortable with Icom radios.

The Yaesu VX-6R is a triple band (2M, 220 & 440 MHz) HT with extensive receive coverage. It is both submersible (JIS7: 30 minutes of submersion at depth of 3 feet) and extremely rugged. The VX-6R provides wide receiver coverage at 504 kHz ~ 998.99 MHz (cellular blocked), and puts out 5 Watts of power on the 144 and 430 MHz bands and 1.5 W on 222 MHz. The standard memory has 900 channels with 6-digit alpha numeric tag, and 24 memory banks for channel allocation.

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The VX-6R compact package measures just 2.3 x 3.5 x 1.1 inches WHD and weighs only 9.45 oz (with battery and antenna). The Volume and Squelch knobs are oversized, for easy operation even when wearing gloves. Other features include: black magnesium case, 900 memories, severe weather alert, and multicolor transmit/receive LED.

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

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