



October 2005

# N1MM Logging Software

This month's program will be a live demonstration of the popular computer generated contesting logging program, N1MM. Brian, N9ADG, will demonstrate how to set up and use this user-friendly contesting program suitable for operation in CW, SSB, and Digital modes (including MMTTY integration - especially important this year since RTTY is part of the NW Trophy... ). **The best part of this logging program is the price, all club members attending the meeting get it for FREE.**

Plan on staying after the formal meeting is over and enjoy some eyeball QSO's with various club members.

Lake City Elks Club  
145<sup>th</sup> and Lake City Way  
(206) 364-1800  
Tuesday, October 11, 2005  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. - Program at 7:30 p.m

## 2005 Salmon Run – Big Success!

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY  
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**W**ow. Once again this year the Salmon Run produced a weekend full of fun.

Band conditions were acceptable for this stage of the sunspot cycle and the throngs of Salmon Runners were again snapping at the hooks cast by Washington CQers.

Special thanks to all of the mobile and portable stations around the state (see individual articles here in the *Tabloid*) who added a lot of excitement to the chase. Please consider taking a trip next September to some rare county to join the fun – you won't regret it!

Please send your Salmon Run logs (with a Summary Sheet!!!) to [salmonrun@wdxc.org](mailto:salmonrun@wdxc.org) or paper logs can be sent to the club address: WDXC, P.O. Box 395, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Deadline for logs is October 31. Thanks!

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## Salmon Run – N7BF Style

By Alan, Burgstahler, N7BF

**I** operated the Salmon Run from our RV parked in an RV campground in Chinook, WA. We're members of an RV campground group that has campgrounds around Washington, and we had never been to this campground before. However, my wife wanted to go "camping" in our RV that weekend, and I said that we ought to pick a place where there didn't seem to be many/any stations working the Salmon Run last year. This campground in Pacific County fit the bill, and it worked out well.

I ran my Yaesu FT-857D radio from a table inside the motorhome and had an antenna mount clamped to the luggage rack on the top of the RV. I have old Hustler resonators from the late 1960s for 80, 40 and 20 meters, and with an antenna tuner I could work anywhere in the bands. I worked mostly CW, and finally gave SSB a try on 20 and 40 meters late on Sunday afternoon.

I realized that I should have tried at least the 40 meter band much earlier, and doing so Saturday afternoon would have been helpful also. As soon as I showed up on 40 meters there were a bunch of people who wanted Pacific County, so it may have verified my feeling that no one else operated from Pacific County as I never contacted anyone else from that county.

Wait until next year! I'll apply what I learned from this year. The only problem was filling up the gas tank on the RV after we got back, to the tune of about \$150.00. A sign of the times, I guess.

## Salmon Run – K7WA Style

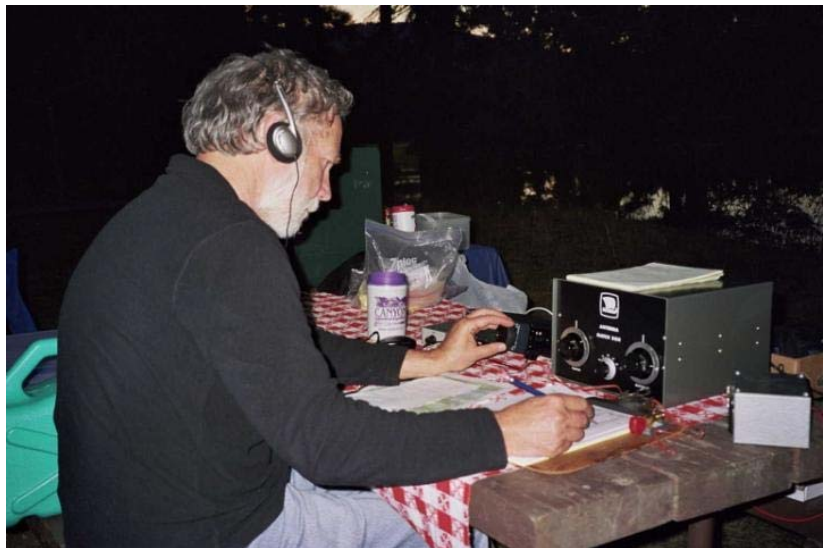
By Jim Hadlock, K7WA

**F**or Salmon Run 2005 I tried to come up with a plan for more operating and less driving, and still cover some of the rare counties in north central Washington. My wife came along to do some kayaking and hiking while I operated.

Friday we drove to a spot north of Kettle Falls on the Ferry/Stevens county line. I set up to operate all day Saturday with my Force12 vertical for 20 meters and a full size 80 meter dipole for 80 and 40 in addition to the 15 meter mobile whip. Saturday netted 214 contacts with time out for antenna work and meals. The QTH was on the Kettle River with herons and eagles flying by, great views, sunsets and moonrises.

Sunday I planned a route to operate from five more counties with relatively little driving in between – we started at the Lincoln/Grant county line near Electric City, then moved to the overlook above Grand Coulee Dam (Douglas county). From there we drove to Alta Lake (Okanagon county) and finished up near Chelan (Chelan county). We returned home Sunday night after a dinner stop in Wenatchee.

I was surprised by the activity this year – every stop provided a fresh pileup to work through. There was a great round-table of Salmon Runners on 75 meters Saturday night, and lots of CW activity too. The wheat fields were like a golden sea, and the fruit is ripe. It's a great time of year to get out and travel around the state! CU next year!



## Salmon Run – K7ED Style

By Jack Fleming, WAØRJY (K7ED/m operator)

**W**ow. 800 miles of driving through eastern Washington during the most beautiful season of the year in that part of the state. It doesn't get much better than this!

I started on the Chelan/Kittitas county line up on Blewitt Pass and the contest got off to its usual fine start. Many familiar call signs from previous years (N2CU, WA3HAE, K9CW, W6RLL, K4BAI, just to name a few) appeared along with a host of new Salmon Runners. The weather was beautiful as I cruised down from the pass and across the Columbia River to the Douglas/Grant county line. This stop is right near a "Trading Post" gas station/convenience store and you certainly know that you're no longer on the rainy side of the mountains!

From there I got back on I90 and ended up at the Lincoln/Adams county line in the sagebrush and overlooking a lake that seemed a bit out of place. A quick 30 minute drive down the road found the Spokane/Whitman county line in the middle of nowhere along a narrow and almost totally unused gravel road. The wind was whistling around the K7ED superstation as I added another 40 contacts to the log.

It was hitting late afternoon and I made the drive south to Lewiston, Idaho (and thought for a few minutes about operating from there as a non-Washington entry, but eventually the calmer side of my mind prevailed...) and down the amazing hill into Clarkston, Washington. The Asotin/Garfield county line was a few miles west of Clarkston deep in the river valley and I reached there just as twilight was approaching.

From there a quick drive through the early night ended up in Waitsburg – just west of the Columbia/Walla Walla county line. Dinner in the local watering hole was a prelude to a drive out to a quiet dark county line for about a half hour of operating on 80 meters to give the local worthies a chance at these counties.

Then back to Waitsburg for a quiet night wrapped in my sleeping bag and sleeping in the car on Main Street.

In the morning, after a hearty country breakfast, I went back to the county line and operated on 20 meters to give the out-of-staters their chance at these two counties. And then off to Franklin county (no county line since it's bordered by rivers on my route) and then the Benton/Yakima county line for a final stop before heading back to Seattle.

I operated in 15 counties with an old Icom 706 and hamsticks. Just 20 meters and 80 meters. They worked great (the 80 meter hamstick needed a 3 foot hunk of solder hanging from the whip to get it to tune in the cw band (probably the best use of solder for this QCAO charter member...). I managed easy QSOs with all of the country and also added HB9, JA, and A35 DX. Total of about 500 QSOs (when the "double count" takes effect for the county line contacts) and around 50 multipliers.

Thanks to all the loyal Salmon Run contestants that make this a fantastic way to spend a weekend.

## Salmon Run – WN7T Style

By Paul Marbourg, WN7T

**I** was active in this year's Salmon Run as mobile, single op, mixed mode as WN7T/M. I managed to operate from the Clal/Jeff county line, Jeff Co., Mason Co., on the Pie/Kits Co. line, on the Grey/Thu Co. line, and was about a mile from the Lew/Pac Co. line on state route 6 west of Pe Ell when I struck two 400 to 600 pound elk @ 10:30 PM. The animals were both killed and my vehicle's entire front end destroyed (picture attached).

I was not hurt, but my Salmon Run effort ended rather abruptly. I was transmitting on 1.992 MHz when I struck the elk, and my friends heard the whole thing. There was no cellular signal at the site of impact, but W7MYR was able to contact AAA and the WSP for me via our 160 meter link. I was driving slowly looking for the county line marker signs, so the impact was not as bad as it could have been.

The elk leaped out of the forest along side the road with no warning! I believe, unfortunately, the carcasses ended up at Wolf Haven, and not in my freezer!

I had a blast driving through some beautiful countryside on a most beautiful day/night until the abrupt end. I made about 80 QSOs on CW and SSB - all contest entries were on 40 and 20 meters...

PS: The HiQ 160-5" dia. antenna had already been removed from my truck when the attached picture was taken, so we could clear low lying bridges (my truck was transported back to Seattle on the bed of a large tow truck the next morning).



## Totem Trader

**\*Free\*** HYgain TH-6-DX, and (36 foot(?))lightweight aluminum tower! This beam was used for several years by the Soper Hill ARC for Field Day (the Hewlett Packard ham club in Lake Stevens), but hasn't been used in about 6 or 7 years. It was working fine when last used. It's been dis-assembled and stored in the garage of one of the members for the last 10 years. Due to "downsizing" the club has been scattered to the 4 winds, so the fellow that's storing it would like to get it out of his garage. No guarantees about its completeness or condition. The tower is a lightweight aluminum tower, broken down into 6 foot (?) sections, of a sort typically used for TV antennas. It comes with a portable base and a home-made "Hazer" to pull the beam to the top. The beam and tower are located near Lake Goodwin, in Stanwood, WA. You must pick the pair up. If you want the beam, **you have to take the tower!** Contact Charlie, KX7L at 425-487-3681 evenings or [KX7L@amsat.org](mailto:KX7L@amsat.org) for more info (I'm not the one storing this stuff)

WANTED: HEIL BOOM MIC for ICOM 756. w/ contest element. Danny K7SS, 206 932 6621

WANTED: OLD pre 1960 QSL CARD COLLECTIONS, older the better. I collect 'em. Danny K7SS 206 932 6621

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Prices firm. Frank, W7ND 206-772-1208 [w7nd@earthlink.net](mailto:w7nd@earthlink.net)

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Industrial Communications Engineers (ICE) Model 321 8KW PEP Lowpass RF filter --- \$20

Tom, K7RI - (206) 935-0457

## DX Packet Alert Network Frequencies

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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>

**K7JY-2** University of Washington NETROM 145.75

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>

## October Contest Report

By Mike Dinkelman, N7WA

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As I sit here, listening for K7C, which I figure I'm probably the only one who hasn't worked 'em, I guess I can type out a bit of Club contesting news.

The NW Traveling Trophy competition is underway after the inaugural RTTY event last weekend – CQWW RTTY. We had a few folks get on. Note that one of the rule changes was that all points must be made in the Northwest. Kinda glad for that myself as our friends to the south were active DXpedition-wise to the tune of about 8-10 million points. (It's hard to make that up from the Black Hole that is the Pacific NW.)

**CQWW RTTY scores**

K7RL	SOAB HP	693,445
N7BF	SINGLE-OP UNASSISTED ALL	254,592
K7BTW		203,275
W7OM		175,734
K7EG	SOAB High	142,096
N6MZ	SINGLE-OP-ASSISTED ALL	135,960
K7HBN	USA SOAB LP	124,028
W7GTO		49,439
NG7Z		33,020
KX7L	SINGLE-OP ALL LOW	2,646
KT7G	about 46 Q's - score unknown at this point	
K7SS	was active in there somewhere with some cross-mode contacts	

I appreciate all of you participating. At the end of this month will be the CQWW SSB test. I know propagation hasn't been the best lately but this test brings DX out of the woodwork. Work a few then send me your scores.

**Our Man on Kure – Ward Silver, NØAX, aka K7C**  
**[\(http://www.cordell.org/htdocs/KURE/\)](http://www.cordell.org/htdocs/KURE/)**



Garry NI6T, Ward NØAX, and Bob KK6EK

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