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December 2006

Christmas Party

Join your fellow WWDXC members for an informal send-off to 2006. We'll have dinner and conversation at the Lake City Elks Club (145th and Lake City Way).

December Meeting

Lake City Elks Club
14540 Lake City Way NE
Seattle, Washington
206-364-1800

Tuesday, December 12th
Dinner at 6:30 PM
Program at 7:30 PM

VP5W

By Roger, W7VV

Roger, W7VV; Ralph, VE7XF; Dick, K7BTW and Harry, K7LAZ, all Western Washington DX Club members, just returned from two weeks down at VP5JM's HAMlet station in sunny (It rained most of the time!) Turks and Caicos where they operated the CQWW CW contest. It was great to work so many fellow club members, especially during the short 10 meter opening on Sunday. Final score was a little over 12.5M with around 7800 QSO's. Many fast "runs" occurred during the contest since three of the four operators were sick. All operators want to express their thanks to Brian, N9ADG for setting up the N1MM network and to SteppIR for the use of their antenna. Both systems worked flawlessly.

Contest Corner

By Mike Dinkelman, N7WA

November is a busy month, on and off the radio. The weather made it even more interesting, especially during CQWW CW. Here are the summary efforts for the past month.

2006 SS CW

Call	QSOs	Secs	hr	Score
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Multi-Op HP				
W7VMI (@NN7SS)	621	80	14	97,920
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Single Op HP				
N7BF	625	77	20	96,250
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Single Op LP				
K7QQ	1047	80	23.7	167,520
N7LOX	916	80	23	146,560
N7WA	830	78		129,480
N7ZG	547	77		84,238
NG7Z	524	72	15.6	75,456
W7TMT	440	78	21	68,640
W7QN	325	63	15.5	40,950
K7WA	251	65	10	32,630
KT7G	65	43		5,590
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Single Op QRP				
K7HBN	385	79	19	60,380
N9ADG	64	34	3.5	4,342
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SO Unlimited HP				
W7OM	543	80	12:08	86,880

### 2006 SS SSB

Call	QSOs	Secs	hr	Score
~~~~~				
Single Op HP				
W7WA	1884	80		301,440
N7BF	576	78	21	89,856
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Single Op LP				
N7WI	372	76	20	56,544
N7ZG	361	76	16	54,872
W7QN	186	58	14	21,576

KT7G	111	57		12,654	
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SO Unlimited HP					
K7RL	1817	80	24	290,720	
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<b><u>2006 CQWW CW</u></b>					
Call	QSOs	Zones	Cntry	hr	Score
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All M/2 HP					
VP5W	7817	158	517	48	12,525,976
(W7VV, VE7XF, K7BTW and K7LAZ)					
N7BV	1078	124	275		1,127,574
(K7WA KQ7W K6MBY K7LXC NG7Z N0AX N7BV)					
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All M/S HP					
W7VJ	2037	150	387	48	3,000,219
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All SOAB HP					
K7ZA	643	113	229		601,578
N7BF	510	79	155	31	325,026
K7EG	429	69	165	20	271,908
K7RX	153	83	45		55,168
N6MZ	30	18	29		3,666
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All SOAB LP					
N7ZG	543	92	176	38	391,816
W7QN	248	88	57	18	95,120
W7GTO	123	53	66		35,938
KT7G	115	39	53		27,324
N7RVD	114	35	37		20,952
W7SNH	2	2	2		24
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All SOAB QRP					
K7HBN	243	53	90	18	93,236
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All SOAB(A) HP					
W7OM	651	108	203		601,640
N7XY	196	61	110		89,775
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USA SOSB/10 HP					
K7SS	13	6	6	0:30	348
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All SOSB/20 HP					
W7WA	1154	38	127		507,705
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All SOSB/20 LP					
N7WA	398	32	94		136,584
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All SOSB/80 HP					
N7UA	584	36	97		213,332
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All SOSB/160 HP					
K7LAY	25	15	15		1,590

Selected CQWW CW Soapbox from 3830

K7EG: The 40M OTH Radar jamming was a pain. I never found a decent 10M opening in the NW. No antennas for 80/160.

K7RX: Limited activity but fun.

N7ZG: The numbers are up in almost every category except for a slight decrease in 20 and 10M Q's. Most

notably is the improvement on 40 meters. The new antennas are working well. I spent more time carefully planning, with a focus on mults. My apologies to all for the QLF moments. I had to cut the contest short due to a rare wind/snow storm in the PAC NW. The tower is not guyed and must be cranked down. The total Q's would have been well north of 600 otherwise. Anyway... Not sure how this score will play out, but it's one I feel pretty good about.

CU in ARRL DX in Feb. Looking forward to it.

W7WA: The third year in a row I have tried 20 meters at the bottom of the cycle. Each year the result has been similar, between 507 and 527K. QSO's, zones and entity totals equally similar each year. Observations: One month between SSB and CW makes a big difference on 20 meters in WA. Not much to do after 0200Z when JA drops out. Nor much to do until after 1600Z when euro's begin to become workable. Which means lots of rest for the operator!

N7WA: I think I worked everything I heard. Unfortunately, I don't think I'm hearing quite enough after listening to Dan/W7WA, work stations several times (after the band died for me) that I couldn't even tell were there. Gonna have to work on that.

W7QN: Used Hustler mobile whips for the 4 bands worked

VP5W: Great weekend with fellow Western Washington DX Club members down at VP5JM's HAMlet. 10 Meters was a nice surprise on Sunday with a fantastic opening for about 90 minutes. 80 and 160 Meter contacts were up from last years operation but 40, 20 and 15 were down. A special thanks to fellow club member Brian, N9ADG for his assistance in setting up the network and to SteppIR for the use of their antenna, both of which work flawlessly.

Totem Trader

*T*here is an item I've been keeping an eye out for.....a CW ID'er that could be used on the WWDXC VHF-FM repeater. It needs to be able to give out an audio keyed tone saying, "de W7DX/R" and also a circuit to key the transmitter, or something that could be adapted to do the job. Someone likely has one of these in a junkbox somewhere. Thanks! de Herb, w7zf@att.net

Icom V8000 2 meter radio for sale - This Icom IC-V8000 is a 2 meter FM mobile transceiver with 75 watts output. It has a switchable amber or green alphanumeric (6-character) LCD display, and features weather alert scan, DTCS and CTCSS tone encode/decode/scan, extended receive, optional DTMF paging and squelch, 207 memory channels, 10 24-digit DTMF autodialer memories, multiple scanning modes, and more. The radio is supplied with a fused DC power cord, mounting bracket with hardware and a backlit DTMF hand microphone with up/down frequency controls and programming buttons and owners manual. LIKE NEW condition and works excellently. \$125.00 Mel Ming N7GCO teammel@gmail.com 206 919 6850

For Sale LDG AT-1000 autotuner. Like new with manual \$395 Kim – K7IM 206-780-8204 or kbottles@rafn.com

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.

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>

DX Is A Changing Season

by Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD

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One of the Local QRPer was up the hill last week and for awhile we sat around and talked about the good things of Spring . . . such as working Clipperton on a number of bands. "Clipperton should not be on anyone's 'most needed list' for a long time," the QRPer said, "maybe twenty or thirty years or so." We had to think about this a bit and, as usual, we got into an endless argument. So we took the question up the hill to the Old Timer who was feeling good now that the longer days and warmer weather was here. He listened to our arguments and finally held up a hand. "Take these", he said, tossing a couple of copies of the West Coast DX Bulletin at us, "and tell me what names or calls you recognize." Those copies were dated back in the 1970's and after a bit we both had to admit that we recognized very little.

For sure, only the name was familiar of whom we had not heard much lately. The QRPer claimed to recognize one 1X3 call who he insisted had since upgraded to a 1X2 call, but the rest eluded him. "DX always is a changing season," the Old Timer said, "and nothing stands still. The DX and DXers of today will be mostly forgotten in five years or so and many will be clamoring for Clipperton." The QRPer thought this over for a bit but was not convinced. "Why do we chase DX if it is not going to mean anything?" he asked. "I thought that if I can make it to the Honor Roll they would remember me forever." This had the Old Timer shaking his head. "You chase posterity and it will elude you. All the marble monuments in the cemeteries should prove that to you. Chase DX for enjoyment and the pleasures of friendship and that will be yours forever."

Later the QRPer told us: "Sometimes I don't understand the Old Timer and what he says. Do you?" We had to admit that often we felt we were on the periphery of understanding when it came to the Old Timer but that did not bother us for there was much in this world we did not understand. But DX we did, for that was a joy! Still, we had to admit that even true blue DXers sometimes have trouble understanding the Old Timer, but more so in understanding the QRPer. That's why DXers have furrowed brows . . .

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