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December 2009

# Happy Holidays!

**Annual Holiday Social Gathering and Elections**

**plus a guest appearance by Dr. Beldar, L1AR!**

## **December Meeting**

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Dinner at 6:30pm

**Marie Callendar's Restaurant**  
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# 2009 Washington Salmon Run Results

by Jim Hadlock, K7WA

The 2009 Washington Salmon Run, held September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, featured good band conditions and lots of activity on 80/75, 40, and 20 meters. A record 269 logs were received, 91 from Washington state stations and a whopping 178 from out of state, including 7 from Canada and 12 from DX stations. Entries were received from 41 states, 4 VE provinces, and 9 DX entities. Washington state entries represented 36 of the 39 counties (Pend Orielle, Skamania, and Mason may be hot candidates for expeditions in 2010!). Several Rookies, new to ham radio or new to the Salmon Run, provided many contacts this year.

## Out of Washington Results:

WØBH led the out of Washington stations again this year. The race for second place was narrowly won by W7GKF/6 with W6AFA third. N2CU made a fine score in fourth from the east coast. VE3GXW led the Canadian entries and DL5AWI was first among the DX stations with GM3POI close behind. W6AQ led a strong contingent of QRP entries.

### 2009 Washington Salmon Run - Out of WA Top Ten

CALL		PWR	MODE	QTH	SCORE
WØBH	SINGLE-OP	LOW	MIXED	KS	28880
W7GKF/6	SINGLE-OP	LOW	MIXED	CA	20980
W6AFA	SINGLE-OP	HIGH	PHONE	CA	20156
N2CU	SINGLE-OP	LOW	MIXED	NY	19232
N2BJ	SINGLE-OP		MIXED	IL	16482
NT2A	SINGLE-OP		MIXED	NY	15526
W7ND	SINGLE-OP	HIGH	MIXED	NM	15340
WB2ABD	SINGLE-OP	LOW	MIXED	NY	14496
AD5WI	SINGLE-OP	LOW	MIXED	AR	13760
K4ZGB	SINGLE-OP	LOW	MIXED	AL	11696

## Washington Results:

The Washington Top Ten is headed by N7PP, the third year they have made the Top Score. This year they operated portable from Columbia County with six operators, generators, and two stations with K3 transceivers and amplifiers. Each station had a 2-element SteppIR on a surplus AB-577 50 ft. tower plus dipoles for the low bands. N7PP operators (l to r): K7MO, K7WA, K7OG, K7CR, AB7YL, and K7LAZ. W7PRC, operating from N9ADG's QTH, came in a close second. K7QQ was Top Single Operator with more CW QSOs than N7PP! K7OX led the Low Power entries with an excellent score from Spokane County. W7FLY led the Multi-Op Single Transmitter and Washington Club entries. W7QC/7 had the Top Score in the Single Operator Expedition category. In the Roving category, NU7J led the Multi-Ops and W7AML was the Single Operator winner. W7WMO ran up the Top Mobile score from the central part of the state, AD7T was Top YL and



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KX7L was Top QRP. KD7JGI was Rookie of the Year in 2009, making the Top Single Operator score from Island County. We had a great group of rookies in 2009, and want to encourage their continued interest in the Salmon Run!

### 2009 Washington Salmon Run - Washington Top Ten

CALL	CLASS	CAT	PWR	MODE	QTH	SCORE
N7PP	MO-2T	EXP	HIGH	MIXED	COL	699508
W7PRC	MULTI	UNLIM	HIGH	MIXED	KING	599504
K7QQ	SINGLE-OP		HIGH	CW	KITS	367244
K7OX	SINGLE-OP		LOW	MIXED	SPO	261236
W7FLY	MO-ST	WA CLUB		MIXED	ISL	249790
K7INA	SINGLE-OP		LOW	MIXED	CLAL	216798
W7NNN	SINGLE-OP		HIGH	PHONE	KITS	175112
W7PU	MO-ST	EXP		MIXED	GRAY	171580
WX7P	SINGLE-OP		LOW	MIXED	STE	171360
W7QC/7	SINGLE-OP	EXP	LOW	CW	KITT	164020

The Western Washington DX Club station, W7DX, was operated from Clark County by KT7G, N7WO, W7ABC, K7CAD, K7JAO, and KD7KWO. They were in many logs providing valuable Bonus points.

We look forward to improving band conditions in years to come and increased interest and activity from hams in Washington state. The two ARRL Section Managers, K7CEX in WWA and KB7HDX in EWA, have been a great help getting the word out. We are encouraged by increased activity from club stations, and we'll work on getting more Mobiles, Rovers, and Expeditions out to those rare counties!

Certificates will be sent to all participants – thanks to KQ7W for the design of this year's Salmon Run certificate.

The Western Washington DX Club and the Salmon Run Committee thank every participant for their interest in the Washington Salmon Run. We hope to see you in the next Salmon Run the weekend of September 18-19, 2010 and years to come!

The 2009 Washington Salmon Run Committee:  
K7WA, NG7Z, N9ADG, WAØRJY, NØAX, KW7Q

See the Western Washington DX Club website for complete Salmon Run results:  
<http://www.wwdxc.org>

## Contest Activity for November 2009

by Mike Dinkelman, N7WA

**W**hew! Why do these Tabloid deadlines always seem to fall on a major contest weekend? The result of the CQWW CW will wait until next months writeup but we've had a few other tests we can review in the meantime. By the way, I guess some of our more ~~senior...~~ ~~elder...~~ experienced members are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Sweeps contesting. Congrats to you all!

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**ARRL CW Sweepstakes**

Call	QSOs	Secs	hr	Score
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Single Op HP				
K6KR	610	79	18	96,380
W7VJ	612	75	9.5	91,800
NG7Z	392	73	8.5	57,232
K7EG	323	79	12	51,034
Single Op LP				
N7WA	854	79	24	134,932
Single Op QRP				
NN7SS(K6UFO)	614	79	24	97,012
KX7L	321	70	18	44,940
K7SS	273	74	10	40,404
SO Unlimited HP				
K7RL	1322	80	24	211,520
AB7R	813	80	19	130,080

Call	160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Tot	Score
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K6KR		23	228	348	11		610	96,380
W7VJ	0	93	126	179	214	0	612	91,800
NG7Z		45	105	125	117		392	57,232
K7EG			98	225			323	51,034
N7WA	0	166	209	458	21	0	854	134,932
NN7SS		69	179	304	62		614	97,012
KX7L	0	85	71	136	29		321	44,940
K7SS							273	40,404
K7RL	0	220	415	663	24		1322	211,520
AB7R	20	196	175	313	109		813	130,080

Call: W7VJ Every year I tell myself I want to do this contest seriously, and every year there is too much to do. This year was no exception. So many exceptional operators and never a dull moment. Regrettably did not hear many 00 plus checks.. truly we are aging. Was great to hear 15 open up for a change. Many thanks to all for the QSOs and congratulations to those of you who hung in for the entire contest!

Call: NG7Z Had a great time. Everything worked flawlessly. New amp is great. Thanks for the q's

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Call: K7EG Missed my first SWEEP by only one section "NL". I was unable to find VO1MP.

Call: NN7SS A slow start first day, couldn't get CQing to work QRP, so lots of slower S&P. CQing worked better on Sunday. Ran into lots of "Q" stations with numbers above mine - which didn't help. At first I didn't think I'd even make last years score. But I sucked it up and pushed extra hard on Sunday, and pulled in more Qs on the second day! A couple periods of rain static made copy miserable, but otherwise the new antennas worked well, the old equipment worked well, and the old operator did better than last year!

As usual the mults were easily found S&P or called me - with the exception of NL which I never heard. 15m was weak and unreliable, with signals up and down for just a few hours each day. 20m was the hero, with 40m close behind as soon as the sun set. Every now and then a QSO would say "FB QRP" and that would cheer me up. Thanks for the listening!

Call: KX7L Had a great time with this one. Was determined to do some serious BIC (butt in chair) time, and had my best result since starting the QRP habit. 80m was in fantastic shape late Saturday night, worked everything I heard. Unfortunately I wasn't hearing WPA. Here's a puzzle: Maryland, population 5 million, 12 Q's in my log. Western Pennsylvania, population approx 5 million, 0 QSO's in my log. Is SS unpopular in WPA? Big Steelers game on SS weekend? Maybe next year I'll go QRO and shoot for the sweep.

Call: K7SS 1959-2009 SWEEPSTAKES ANNIVERSARY EDITION Congratulations to all CHECK 59 and older guys on 50+ years in Radio. Decided to do this SS as a pure nostalgia event, as SS in 1959 was my first contest. Goal was to paper log, send with a Vibroplex Bug, and run 5 watts. Figured it might add up to an equalizer to my 75W and wires and being crystal controlled in the novice bands back in the day.

Even had nostalgia cooperation from my TS930s cranked down to 5 watts output. While slowly tuning the main tuning knob it would electronically drag or skip a bit and cw signals were jumping all over the place, just like w/ my trusty (crusty and rusty) old Halliscratcher S41G novice receiver back in the day. 1959 score was about 75 contacts....so that was the objective. Well after the first hour it turned out to be so much fun, that I just kept going..... off and on during the event.....

So all in all, a very enjoyable 10 hours of SS, and got hooked on trying for a sweep late on Sunday afternoon. But it was not to be.... bug driven 5 watts just doesnt seem to get the attention of those rare and elusive mults. Got lots of laughter and comments, about my Lake Erie Swing....which made it all the more fun. Many Thursday night NS buddies were worked...and lots of old familiar calls from over the SS years. Even got an email inquiry asking if I was "OK" after hearing my CW ! Good fun..... Got 49 states, missed DE (RIP W3PP).

Hopefully see you all next time and for some years to come..

Call: K7RL Conditions were good at the start on 20m. Once it was time to QSY to the low bands, things got kind of rough. Had about three or four stations per hour land on run my frequency and immediately start calling CQ SS while I was trying to copy slower, weaker stations through the QSB. I got nervous when there was a long pause in my transmission while trying to dig out the exchange. It was nice to hear 15m open with loud signals from W3, W4, and W5. Other than that, the band was spotty, but did provide a place to go when the rate slowed on 20m.

Thought I might miss NL with the massive 15m pile-up on VO1MP. He wasn't very strong, but fortunately,

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VO1HE found me on 20m. Thank you! And thanks to all the fantastic operators that made into the log!

**ARRL SSB Sweepstakes**

Call	QSOs	Secs	hr	Score
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Single Op HP				
W7WA	2272	80		363,520
W7VJ	250	50	2.5	25,000
Single Op LP				
K7SS	350	74	8	51,800
W7QN	180	56	15.2	20,160
Single Op QRP				
NN7SS(K6UFO)	463	80	22.5	74,080
SO Unlimited HP				
K7RL	2129	80	24	340,640
K6KR	258	75	7:30	38,700
SO Unlimited LP				
K7IDX	181	80	11	1

Call	160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Tot	Score
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W7WA		102	672	1422	76		2272	363,520
W7VJ				85	165		250	25,000
K7SS							350	51,800
W7QN	0	13	38	61	68	0	180	20,160
NN7SS		26	101	235	101		463	74,080
K7RL	0	109	749	989	282		2129	340,640
K6KR			46	88	124		258	38,700

Call: W7WA November is the height of storm season in WWA. Heavy rain began around 0200Z Saturday evening and persisted until Sunday morning. The rain static waxed and waned throughout the evening, at times forcing S&P for strong signals when I would have rather been CQing. Not sure how much my score was hurt but I know it would not have been enough to catch KH7XS. Congrats to Bill on the top single op score. Thanks go to KX9X and the ARRL for their promotion of ARRL contests. Great activity heard on all bands.

Call: W7VJ My hats off to Dan, W7WA for an outstanding performance. After the second hour, Dan was already 100 ahead of me... starting on 15 was not a good choice.

Call: K7SS Bands are getting better! 15 was a great surprise, especially with "A" class

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power. 20 meter's dreaded MOSH PIT is pretty much restricted to B power if you wanna run. Any brief attempt at running didnt last long. GREAT to run into so many old familiar calls and say hello again....AND great to have so many new guys in there playing too.

Really enjoyed the GREAT NW FIRST HOUR OF SWEEPSTAKES CHALLENGE we had up here in the northwest corner. Looks like so far the top first hour is 172 by W7WA. We gave a multiplier of 1 for B power, 2 for A power, and 3 for Q power to try and equalize the race.

Waiting for a few others to chime in, before we declare the winner, and award the wine prize.

As always SS was really FUN!! Long wait til Nov 2010.

Call: NN7SS More than 100 Qsos behind last year, but got a sweep! Before the contest, signals on 20m were much stronger than 15m, so started 20m. S&P, S&P. Could hardly ever hold a CQ frequency for more than a few minutes. 1st hour on 20m was a 39, all S&P. 2nd hour I went to 15m to get the loudest signals before they faded. 20m was always crowded messy. On 40m I was lucky to keep the rate above single digits. but it was always better than 80m. Heard the VY1 and later worked VE8. Got called by VO1! Last sections were VE6 and EWA which I wasn't too worried about - they're close to here WWA! See you on CW or RTTY...

Call: K7RL 15m was open and in pretty good shape before the contest, so I decided to give it a try. A steady rate and low QRM made for a nice break from the madness on 20m.

Unfortunately, heavy rain and accompanying rain static slowed me down on 40m and 80m Saturday evening. It lasted quite a while and made copy difficult. I apologize to those stations I couldn't hear through the noise.

As a result, I was 66 Qs behind last year at my scheduled break. I made some headway on the deficit as the contest progressed, but still finished 57 Qs short. All-in-all, great activity, especially from the newer stations with a check >= 2006 - my log has 204 such stations, almost 10%. Thanks to all for the Qs, and Happy Thanksgiving.

Call: K6KR It was great to have so much activity on 15 meters!

Call: K7IDX K3 with a battery good weekend to be on ...rainy had fun working mults and giving some qso's don't know score....paper log ....don't care... got on for fun

## **DX Packet Alert Network Frequencies**

By Bob Nielsen, N7XY ([n7xy@clearwire.net](mailto:n7xy@clearwire.net))

K7EK-1 - Spanaway (DX Spider Node), K7EK sysop.

Telnet to: [k7ek.dyndns.org](http://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), N7XY sysop.

Telnet to [n7xy.net](http://n7xy.net), port 7300

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W7JD-2 - Spanaway (CC Cluster Node - South Tacoma Contest Club), K7EK sysop  
Telnet to [k7ek.dyndns.org](http://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](http://w7pkt.net), port 7300

W7DX Bellevue (AR Cluster node) 145.75 MHz, N6MZ sysop.  
Telnet to [w7dx.net](http://w7dx.net)

AR Cluster user documentation is available at <http://www.ab5k.net>  
DX Spider user documentation is available at [http://wiki.dxcluster.org/index.php/DXSpider\\_User\\_Manual](http://wiki.dxcluster.org/index.php/DXSpider_User_Manual)

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>

## Totem Trader

I'M COLLECTING OLD (pre 1960) QSL CARDS. Glad to purchase any quantity of old cards. Prefer  
DX, and this being a DX club, my guess is that's what might be around. OLDER THE BETTER....  
got some from the 1920s this week ...quite a few ??? call signs. ... still looking for an old 7SS card for myself.  
going to post what other 1920s 7 cards I get, and offer scans to current call holders. Found 7WA and  
7DZ in this group of cards so far. 73 K7SS Dan 206 679 5777 [desk@nwlink.com](mailto:desk@nwlink.com)

I have a excellent condition Force12 model 5BA (5-band Yagi, 3 feed lines 15ele, 33' boom, 20-17/15-12/10 )  
DX Machine that comes with three optional 5KW F12 baluns. Current price is \$2500 shipped (Antenna  
\$2,055.00 + Baluns \$300 + \$145 Shipping from Texas. ). Antenna configuration is 3 interlaced full size  
monbanders with no traps: total windload is 11 sq. ft. & weighs about 75 lbs. ftI will sell for \$1000 FIRM  
picked up at my home in Spokane. rgds & 73, Mike N7KR Contact: Mike Stephens email [mikestephens-  
milkeycorp@comcast.net](mailto:mikestephens-milkeycorp@comcast.net) Verizon Cell (509) 710-8146

KT34XA and Cushcraft shorty forty! Make offer. Pick up or will deliver within reasonable distance from  
Seattle. Call Andy, K7GEX, 206-364-3997

One Force 12 C4-XL partially disassembled. If interested cal Bob W7TSQ at 425 778 4805

FT-1000MP Mk V ser 406000xx, with INRAD roofing filter, extra IF filters: 1.8Khz-8.2, 1.8Khz-455, 400Hz-  
8.2, 400Hz-455, 250Hz-455. This is a 'backup' rig, not my main FT-1000MP, so has had little use since I  
purchased it two? years ago. With FP29 Power supply, manual(s), box, microphone. Prefer not to ship.  
\$1900.00 – Brian Moran, N9ADG, call 206-390-4376, or [brianmo@yahoo.com](mailto:brianmo@yahoo.com)

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

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than 3 years. John Owens - N7TK [jcowens1@comcast.net](mailto:jcowens1@comcast.net)

I also have a Kenwood Model SM-220 Station Monitor in new condx that has the BS-8 Panadapter. It works with Kenwood xcvr's that have thte 8.83 MHz IF. (eg TS-850, etc.) that I would like to sell for \$350. John Owens - N7TK [jcowens1@comcast.net](mailto:jcowens1@comcast.net)

**Palstar AT1500BAL Dual Roller-Balanced Line Antenna Tuner.** Balanced double L network configuration. Dual precision edgewound silver plated coils with vernier drive. 1500 watts PEP. 160M to 10M band coverage. Like new. Excess to me needs since I no longer try to operate 160 from my tiny city lot. \$300. Patrick, [W7TMT@dayshaw.net](mailto:W7TMT@dayshaw.net)

**Cushcraft A3S beam with 40 meter kit.** Excellent shape. Was just taken down. Factory manuals. (Local sale only. Local delivery possible.) \$250 Patrick, [W7TMT@dayshaw.net](mailto:W7TMT@dayshaw.net)

**Rohn Tower Sections/Masts and Parts** (Local sale only. Local delivery possible.) All parts purchased from ARS in Georgetown in the mid-90's. Patrick, [W7TMT@dayshaw.net](mailto:W7TMT@dayshaw.net)

- One 10' section, Rohn 25G. Excellent condition. \$75
- One 9' section, Rohn 25G, Pipe Top includes rotor plate. Excellent condition. \$100
- One Rohn House Bracket, HG25HB. Excellent condition. \$100
- One Rohn 25G flat roof base mount. Excellent condition. \$50
- One Rohn 10' section of 2" thick walled mast. \$50

**Three 10' sections, 1" heavy walled TV mast** with heavy swaged ends. Excellent condition. \$30 for the three. Patrick, [W7TMT@dayshaw.net](mailto:W7TMT@dayshaw.net)

## Totem Tattler

I (your faithful editor Jack, WAØRJY) check out Cliff Mass's weather blog every day – he's written a book about the weather of the Pacific Northwest and daily writes about interesting weather topics. The other day he had an entry about a local driver that had lightning strike the antenna on the roof of her car while on the 520 bridge. Here's a link to the entry: <http://cliffmass.blogspot.com/2009/11/amazing-lightning-story.html>

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