



June 2009

Tales of Dayton!

Ward Silver, NØAX and others

The big amateur radio gathering at Dayton was just last month. Ward, NØAX, and other survivors will be at the meeting to tell their tales of the adventure...

Western Washington DX Club meeting will start with dinner at 6:30pm and the program at 7:30pm on Tuesday, June 9th at the Lake City Elks Club (145th and Lake City Way).

June Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Dinner at 6:30pm – Program at 7:30pm

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

Totem Award

by Dick Swanson, K7BTW

I would like to remind you that we are still awarding the much coveted WWDXC Totem Award. To date we have given out 1173 certificates to hams all over the world. In the past couple of years those receiving the award have been JA6KTY, JF2SKV, VP5/K7WA, W7CH, OM2VL, SP7AID, HC1JQ, JA7OXR/M, WA7SRZ, and EA8AK.

To receive the Totem Award, North American stations must have completed 100 Washington contacts, 20 of which must be, or have been at the time of the qso, WWDXC members. For DX stations, the numbers are 25 worked with 10 of them members.

To view the list of all those who have received the award, go to our home page and scroll down to "awards." Then click on "The Washington Totem Award." On that page click on "Totem Awards.XLS."

PNW DX Convention 2009

Webpage: <http://mysite.verizon.net/rbfoltz/sdxa/index.htm>

The Pacific Northwest DX Convention has been held every summer since 1955 with the sponsorship rotating between the Willamette Valley DX Club (WVDXC), British Columbia DX Club (BCDXC), and the Western Washington DX Club (WWDXC). The Spokane DX Association (SDXA) was added to the rotation in 2007. The privilege of hosting the 54th annual DX Convention rests with the Spokane DX Association.

The convention will be held the weekend of August 7-9, 2009 in Spokane Valley, WA at the Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center. The convention has been approved as an ARRL Operating Specialty Convention under the sponsorship of the the Spokane DX Association.

The Pacific Northwest DX Convention normally has an attendance of 150 to 180 DXers/Contesters and we are looking forward to an interesting and entertaining Ham Radio weekend.

The registration desk will be open from 3 pm to 7 pm on Friday evening and from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday. Raffle tickets are

on sale throughout the convention. You must attend the convention to buy a ticket, but do not have to be present to win. Prizes for the raffle have been donated by SteppIR, Icom, and Yaseu.

DX and Technical Presentations including some surprise speakers and topics. Stay tuned.

Convention Speakers

The convention committee is currently working on arranging the 2009 Northwest DX Convention speakers. Confirmed speakers and topics include

- [Mike Mraz](#), N6MZ: K5D, Desecheo Island
- [Dennis Motschenbacher](#), K7BV: 5J0M, Belize/San Andres y Providencia
- [Paul Peters](#), VE7BZ: Crimp-on Coax Connectors
- [Geoff Howard](#), W0CG, PJ2DX: PJ2T Super Station
- [Carl Luetzelschwab](#), K9LA: Cycle 24 developments (or not)
- [Elvin Miura](#), JA3CZY: DXing from Japan
- [Sean Kutzko](#), KX9X: DX Contesting and the ARRL, plus a Q&A opportunity
- [Wilse Morgan](#), WX7P (Recent inductee into CQ Magazine Hall of Fame): Design and installation of a 40 m four square

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We have a nice set of door prizes. You are entered in the door prize drawing simply by registering. There will be a separate door prize drawing for those who register before July 1. The list of door prize donors is shown at the left. "Mouse over" the name to see what they have donated, then click the link to learn more about the donor.

Yaesu will bring an assortment of HF radios to the Convention. We have arranged with the Mirabeau to have a vertical antenna connected during the Hospitality Room after the Saturday Banquet.

The YL Tour to sites of interest in the Spokane Valley. Don't be left out of the fun!

2009 Active Membership Renewals

By Jim Hadlock, K7WA

Many of us will be receiving an annual WWDXC dues letter in the mail soon; if you do not receive one your dues are current through December, 2009 or June, 2010.

Active Membership dues in the Western Washington DX Club are \$25.00 per year which supports the monthly *Totem Tabloid* newsletter, awards,

club repeater, liability insurance and other activities such as monthly meetings, the Club Internet Web site, club-sponsored plaques for 7QP, CQ and ARRL International DX contests and Dxpeditons. This year we will host the annual club Picnic (August 22) and the Washington Salmon Run (Sept. 26-27). Plan to attend the Northwest DX Convention in Spokane this summer (August 7-8-9).

As an added convenience this year, we have added the ability to pay your annual dues by PayPal on the WWDXC website. Look for the "How to Join/RENEW" button on the left side of the WWDXC.org home page, then select "Memberships/Renewals", add a one year membership to your shopping cart, and then check out through PayPal. Of course, we will continue to accept renewals by check to WWDXC, PO Box 395,

CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION



The convention will be at the **Mirabeau Park Hotel** in the city of Spokane Valley, East of Spokane on Sullivan Road. Located at the I-90 exit 291B, it is across the freeway from the [Spokane Valley Mall](#) with over 119 stores and restaurants including the only Krispy Kreme shop in the county.



Ask for the Special PNWDX Convention Rate of **\$99 per room**. There are two types of rooms: Deluxe and Premium and they both are the same price. There is a limited number of rooms available at this price.

Mirabeau Park Hotel
1100 North Sullivan Road
Spokane Valley, WA 99037-9570
phone 866-584-4674

<http://www.mirabeauparkhotel.com>

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Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Watch the Club website for up-to-date information on Club activities, and Thank You for supporting the Western Washington DX Club!

Letter from 2009 W7PHO Scholarship Recipient

*D*ear Western Washington DX Club,

I was very excited to receive the letter announcing I had won the 2009 William Bennett, W7PHO, Memorial Scholarship. I will be attending the University of California, Davis, this fall, with a Mechanical Engineering major, and your award will greatly benefit me. I wish I could thank you all in person as I am extremely grateful for this honor. Ham radio has been a big part of my life, and I intend to continue being an operator for many years to come. Again, thank you so much.

Elizabeth Alpert, KG6JDH

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), N7XY sysop.

Telnet to n7xy.net, port 7300

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

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

Telnet to 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

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 have for sale my Alpha 8100 amp in mint condition, about Fifteen (15) hours of use and still under warranty. Must sell do to medical bills... 4K firm! 73 & Tnx - Tom/N7WI

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

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

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

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. \$500. Patrick, [W7TMT@dayshaw.net](mailto:w7TMT@dayshaw.net)

Yaesu FT-1000 Mark V Field – Purchased new in Oct 2005. Late model serial number (5J330091). Nearly fully loaded with Inrad filters including roofing filter, 2.1K SSB, pair of 1K CW, pair of 400 Hz CW and 500Hz Collins in sub-receiver. Nearly perfect cosmetically (very small paint chip left side of radio) perfect operationally. Includes matching SP-8 speaker. All manuals, quick reference card and original factory boxes. Non-smoker. Selling because SO2R just isn't for me. - **\$1500** Contact: w7tmt@dayshaw.net

Icom IC-820H – all mode 2M/440 transceiver. Original owner purchased new in 1995 (SN 01853). Rarely used in all this time. Nearly perfect cosmetically and perfect operationally. Factory Boxes. Non-smoker. - **\$450** Contact: w7tmt@dayshaw.net

Help Wanted

By Adam Blackmer, K7EDX, WWDXC President

The club is looking for a Field Day chairperson and also for a Salmon Run chairperson. We really would like to see some different club members get involved with these events. (As the regulars will still be involved, it'd be nice to have some new blood!)

Thank you!

DX Lunches

DX lunches are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at the Sixth Avenue Bar & Grill. It is part of the Sixth Avenue Inn at 2000 Sixth Avenue in downtown Seattle. There's plenty of parking around the Inn. We order from the menu around 11:30. Bring a friend, come early, stay late, talk radio!



54th Annual Pacific Northwest



DX Convention

Presented by the Spokane DX Association
AUGUST 7 – 9, 2009
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

At The Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center
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Spokane Valley, WA
1-866-584-4674 or 509-924-9000
www.MirabeauParkHotel.com
Special Convention Rates

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Commercial Displays – Door Prizes – Raffles –
Hospitality Room – DXCC Card Checking**

For more information, visit the convention page on the
Spokane DX Association Website: www.sdxa.org

Mail to:

**SPOKANE DX ASSOCIATION
PO Box 19358
Spokane, WA 99219
USA**

Hotel Info:

www.mirabeauparkhotel.com
Ask for Special PNWDX Convention Rates
1100 North Sullivan Road
Spokane Valley, WA 99037-9570
866-584-4674
Exit 291B on I-90.

Make Checks payable to: Spokane DX Association.

Name: _____ Call: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ St/Pr: _____ Zip/Pcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Full Registration, before 01 July**	\$85 x _____	\$ _____
Full Late Registration, after 30 June	\$90 x _____	\$ _____
or individual selections:		
Registration (required)	\$25 x _____	\$ _____
Banquet Saturday evening *	\$40 x _____	\$ _____
Brunch Sunday Morning	\$20 x _____	\$ _____
Late Registration adder, after 30June	\$ 5 x _____	\$ _____
	total enclosed:	\$ _____
* select Banquet entrée: Chicken Chardonnay _____ "USDA Prime" Top Sirloin _____		

** note: There will be a door prize drawing for all registering before 01 July.

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Internet Access

Information on the Western Washington DX Club is also available on the internet at www.wwdxc.org or by email to info@wwdxc.org.