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You read about it in last month's *Tabloid* – now you can get your questions answered and meet the man that made the DXpedition – Guy Molinari, N7ZG. Pictures, tales, and first hand accounts of the struggles on the white sand beaches and in the bars serving the famous Jamaican Rum. Such hardship as you cannot imagine!

Don't miss this meeting!

July Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2008
Dinner at 6:30pm – Program at 7:30pm

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

Club Program Ideas – 26 Killer Programs

By Scot Herrick, K9JY

Over the last month or so, I've provided a "club program idea" a day for use by clubs and their members. As I was doing these, I continually thought of even more! Brainstorming these ideas really generate more, so I suggest you try it.

Each of these program ideas has a link to the short article and a suggested format for the program. In many cases, there are bonus ideas included as well.

Clubs are the backbone of the social networking of ham radio. An efficient business meeting combined with a killer program will draw people to your meetings. And your members will learn from other members about aspects of the ham radio hobby and service.

Here's a summary of the ideas:

- The Series — the purpose of the program idea initiative.
- CW Skimmer — a perfectly timely program on technology and the controversy it brings
- The Rotor — an inside look at the thing that turns our antennas
- Demonstrate Software — software abounds in the hobby. This shows some of it off
- Fox Hunt — a wonderful group activity that gets you out of the meeting room
- What Makes Multi-Two Contesting Different? — A look inside this mode of contesting
- Grounding the Station — debunk the station grounding myths
- Grounding the Tower — debunk tower grounding myths.
- The New Digital Modes — there are plenty
- 100-Pound DXpedition — DXpeditions with constraints
- CQ Sixty Meters — Channels of propagation
- Digital Contesting — More than RTTY
- Repeater Construction — How repeaters are put together
- Managing Public Service Communications — check your process
- Moonbounce — What this mode is all about
- Antenna Modeling Software — We've come a long way since DOS
- Inside an Amplifier — Not just tubes anymore
- Radio Filters — what they do for you
- Building a tower — pictures from putting up a tower
- Building a Quad — Quads are different antennas than Yagi's

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- Six Meters and the Magic Band — all about Six
- Sunspots and Propagation — What solar flux and band openings mean
- Greyline DXing — DX on the magic path
- 1.2 GHz — the little antenna with the big applications
- Building Practical Wire Beams — No tower, no problem
- Public Service Communication Modes — not just voice

Your club members have each done some particular aspect of the hobby. You can use this list to help trigger the specialties of your members and ask that they present about their area of expertise. I hope that clubs can use this list to set up great program ideas for your members!

(Editor's Note: Any of these look especially interesting? Be sure to tell a club officer which ones look like winners to you!)

WDXC Picnic – August 16th

By Roger Huntley, W7VV

The annual WDXC picnic will be held on Saturday, August 16th, 2008 at W7VV, Roger Huntley's QTH. Festivities begin around 3:00 pm with the barbecue getting hot around 5:30 pm. The club will furnish beer, wine, soft drinks, hot dogs, and hamburgers with all the trimmings.

We need to borrow a couple of light weight tables for use at the food line for the picnic in August. Also some folding chairs would be nice. Please contact Roger Huntley at snr.huntley@verizon.net or 425-482-6699.

Each club member attending is asked to bring a dish as follows:

Calls ending (last letter of call) in A-H bring appetizers

Calls ending (last letter of call) in I-P bring side dishes

Calls ending (last letter of call) in Q-Z bring desserts (Except for NØAX, who is requested to bring his wonderful pie!!)

Example: W7DX would bring a dessert; W7AA would bring an appetizer, etc.

Please RSVP by August 9th to Roger via email, snr.huntley@verizon.net; or 425-482-6699. Refer to the map for driving directions. Follow the green roadway signs once you leave SR522 on to Echo Lake Road.

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.

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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>

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

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

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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

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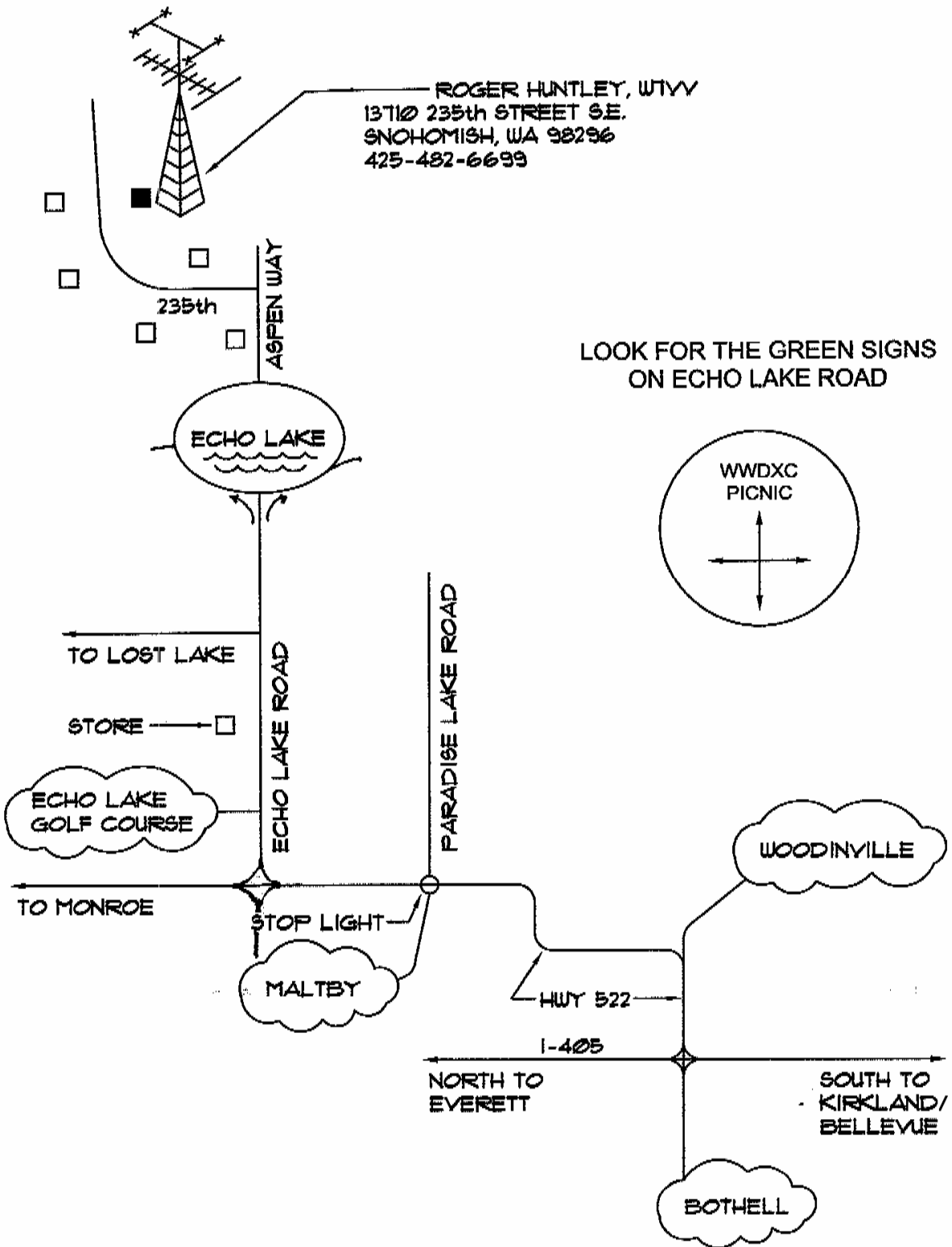
The Yaesu VX-6R is a triple band (2M, 220 & 440 MHz) HT with extensive receive coverage. It is both submersible (JIS7: 30 minutes of submersion at depth of 3 feet) and extremely rugged. The VX-6R provides wide receiver coverage at 504 kHz ~ 998.99 MHz (cellular blocked), and puts out 5 Watts of power 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.

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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