



WESTERN WASHINGTON DX CLUB, INC.

# Totem Tabloid

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**NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 9**



The program for August will be a bit different, to say the least. Alan, AC7MX, and his dive partner Karen will sponsor a DVD diving show set to music. Be prepared! Alan advises: “A word of warning to those who are afraid of sharks—be close to the door for an easy escape.”

**Rob’s 125<sup>th</sup> Street Grill, 125<sup>th</sup> and Aurora Avenue North Dinner at 6:30 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is \$ 20 including tax and tip.**

**Please RSVP your dinner plans to Adam, K7EDX at [k7edx@arrl.net](mailto:k7edx@arrl.net)**

## **The President Speaks**

Adam Blackmer, K7EDX

It was great to see so many of you at the club picnic a few weeks ago. We've been trying to make the event better than the past few years and I think we succeeded. Even though the event was primarily catered by Dickies BBQ, I enjoyed having a little potluck, too. You guys can really cook (or at least your significant others can). A big "thank you" to Rob, N7QT and Melanie, N7BX for being such gracious hosts. Around 60 people attended, which I am sure is the largest number in a while. My family had a great time and I hope you did too.

This coming weekend is the 61<sup>st</sup> Pacific Northwest DX Convention. I haven't read through the list of attendees in a while but I hope we represent our club well. The Willamette Valley DX Club does an excellent job hosting the Convention and I am sure they will do the same this year. I am excited to see old friends and hear the top-notch speakers. I am honored to be one of the presenters but I don't place myself in this elite group.

Coming up in less than two months is the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmon Run. This is the premier Washington State Contest. We are looking for someone or group to host being "the fish," the W7DX bonus station. Dick, K7BTW, Brian, N9ADG, and I have hosted W7DX for many years. I am hoping for some fresh blood! Do you have a group of buddies who would like to do this? This year is a great year to do it. If you are interested, please contact me, sooner than later.

This contest is the event that makes conventions like the PNWDX Convention so much more fun. You actually get to have eyeball QSOs with so many of the stations you work on the air. Let's do our best to activate every county. Don't miss out this year!

I hope I see you this weekend or at the August 9<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

## **Random Comments From the Editor**

Can conditions get any worse? I don't want to sound unduly negative but I don't remember when the bands were this bad. Early morning 40 meters CW has been OK—but that's about it here. I'm not a six meter enthusiast and am not chasing national parks so it's been a very slow summer. I listen every morning on 160 hoping to find DXers south of the equator and with one exception I'm greeted

with nothing but noise. The exception was worth the agony: CX6VM at 1010 UTC for a new one on Topband.

If you've been to the Dayton Hamvention, I suspect you got back home with complaints about Hara Arena, the venue for the vendor-exhibitors and many of the presentations. Stories about Hara are legion and many are unprintable. Well, if you haven't experienced Hara, it's now too late: it's closing at the end of this month. See <http://www.arrl.org/news/good-bye-hara-arena-hamvention-to-relocate-in-2017> Fortunately the Dayton Amateur Radio Association saw it coming and developed contingency plans for next year. The location for 2017 is the Greene County Fairgrounds & Event Center in Xenia, Ohio. See <http://www.arrl.org/news/city-of-xenia-greene-county-ohio-officials-ready-to-welcome-hamvention-in-2017> Somehow "Xenia" just doesn't have the same ring to it as "Dayton" and I guess the first issue is how to pronounce Xenia. If you haven't been to Dayton, you owe it to yourself to go once. It's like being in the Army: you're glad you did it but you sure don't want to do it again.

With the many logging programs available, I may be the only one left who uses a paper beam heading memorandum to look up unusual headings. The New Jersey DX Association makes available for free a nifty program on its website that lets you choose how to set up the information—miles or kilometers and sorted by prefix, country, continent or CQ zone. You'll need your latitude and longitude (just Google your location). You can find this at <http://njdxa.org/dx-tools/beam-headings.php> Kudos to NJDXA.

The Amateur Radio Parity Act (H.R. 1301) comes up for a vote of the full House in September. Assuming passage, it will then go to the Senate. I don't know the positions of Ms. Murray or Ms. Cantwell on the bill but a letter to both encouraging them to vote "Yes" couldn't hurt.

I hope to see you at the Convention this weekend in Portland. Maybe the Palos Verdes Sundancers will make an appearance.

## **2016 Washington Salmon Run, September 17-18**

Jim Hadlock, K7WA

September is not far away, and that means the Washington Salmon Run! 2016 marks the 25th year the Western Washington DX Club has sponsored this popular operating event. Last year we received over 200 logs from all over the world. It's an event that attracts many amateurs with different interests from around the state of Washington as well - truly a QSO Party in the best sense! Some work the low bands to try to contact all 39 Counties, others concentrate on making hundreds of QSOs and accumulating State, Province, and DX multipliers. Whatever your interest, there's plenty of activity for everyone.

We need a volunteer or volunteers to operate with the Club Call, W7DX, and be the Bonus Station this year. If you're planning an Expedition or Mobile operation to a rare county, the County Activity List on the website is beginning to fill.

Plan to get on for the 25th Washington Salmon Run, September 17 and 18!

## **CW OPEN—SEPTEMBER 3, 2016**

Have you ever heard of the CW Operators Club? If not, it is a global organization that was founded in 2010 for the single purpose of promoting the use of CW. There are currently 1256 members worldwide. A few of the activities include hosting weekly on-the-air activities, providing CW training (known as CW Academy) and running an annual CW Open contest. For more about the club please refer to <http://www.cwops.org/> For more information about the CW Open please read on.

The CW Open is made up of three (3) separate four hour events that all occur on the same day. This year the event date is September 3, 2016.

Session 1 is from 0000 - 0400Z.

Session 2 is from 1200 – 1600Z.

Session 3 is from 2000 – 2400Z

All amateurs worldwide are invited to participate as you don't need to be a CWOps club member. There is only one category (Single Operator) and one mode (CW of course). You also get to select your power category from QRP, Low Power or High Power. The exchange is also quite simple: your QSO number and name (i.e., 25 Bruce). As the event sessions are standalone, please send your individual Cabrillo formatted submissions to <http://www.b4h/net/cwops/>. NOTE: Paper logs are not accepted. Just a couple more facts. For a list of computer logging programs that support the CW Open please refer to [www.cwops.org/cwopen/html](http://www.cwops.org/cwopen/html). Finally, many of us like to participate as a team member which is very popular for the CW Open. For more info about team competition, including how to register your team, please refer to: [www.cwops.org/cwopen.html](http://www.cwops.org/cwopen.html).

If you have questions please feel free to refer to the CW Operators website HOME page at <http://www.cwops.org>. On the left side there are numerous buttons that will provide additional CW Ops information. One of them about mid-way down the list is the CW Open. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to email me directly at: [n1ln@arrl.net](mailto:n1ln@arrl.net).

Finally – I hope to get you in my log for all 3 sessions and for many bands!

73,  
Bruce – N1LN  
CW Open - IARU Region 2 Coordinator

## **2016 William Bennett, W7PHO Memorial Scholarship**

Jim Hadlock, K7WA

We recently received the following from Tom Frenaye, K1KI, President of the ARRL Foundation:

“Dear Friends:

On behalf of the ARRL Foundation Officers and Board, I am pleased to announce the 2016 recipient of The William Bennett, W7PHO, Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Joseph M. Pepe-Phelps, KL3JY of Anchorage, AK, has been selected for The William Bennett, W7PHO, Memorial Scholarship from an outstanding group of applicants. Scholarship recipients were recently notified of their awards, and we have already had many replies conveying their excitement and appreciation.

Scholarships through the ARRL Foundation would not be available without the support of thoughtful and generous sponsors such as you. Thank you for making The William Bennett, W7PHO, Memorial Scholarship possible, and for aiding a student Amateur Radio operator in his/her pursuit of their higher education. I am confident that these young people will be successful in their future careers, and in representing Amateur Radio as well.

Best 73, Tom Frenaye, K1KI, President, ARRL Foundation”

and from the recipient (on a QSL card!):

“My name is Joseph Pepe-Phelps, KL3JY, and I wanted to write to you to show my true gratitude for being named the 2016 William Bennett Memorial Scholarship award recipient. Thank you so very much, I truly appreciate it. I will be attending Sacramento State University in Sacramento, California this coming fall. I am very excited to become a part of the Sacramento Amateur Radio community!

73 and Good DX! Hope to work you on Field Day!”

## **Membership Update**

Jim Hadlock, K7WA

It was great to have such an excellent turnout at the WWDXC Annual Picnic two weeks ago! Thanks again to Adam, Rob and Melanie, Andy and everyone who made it such a success!

The Western Washington DX Club welcomes one new member this month:

Justin McAllister, K5EM, of Seattle

Last month 99 Annual Renewal Letters were sent out. To date there have been 62 responses! Thank you to everyone who has sent a check or paid through PayPal on the WWDXC website. If you haven't responded yet, please consider supporting the Club for another year. Each member's \$25 Annual Dues goes

to activities such as the recent picnic, DXpedition contributions, plaques for the ARRL and CQ WW DX Contests, Club Awards, the Washington Salmon Run and other Club expenses.

If you didn't receive a Renewal Letter, you are either paid up at least through December 2016 or you have not paid dues in the past two years. If you have any membership questions or changes, contact Jim, K7WA (email [k7wa \(at\) arrl.net](mailto:k7wa@arrl.net)).

## **WWDXC DXCC Ladder**

Jim Rockey, WA7SRZ

The WWDXC DXCC Ladder is on the website. You can find it by clicking on “DXCC Ladder” on the homepage or by going to <http://www.wwdxc.org/dxcc-ladder-2/> and clicking on “click for dxcc ladder” The Ladder is published in the Totem Tabloid once a year in the January issue. Please send your updates to me at [wa7srz@frontier.com](mailto:wa7srz@frontier.com).

## **DX Info Sources**

John Owens, N7TK ([jcowens1@comcast.net](mailto:jcowens1@comcast.net))

Discovering what countries (sorry, “entities”) are currently operating on the bands and getting a confirmation (QSL or LOTW) once you work them has become easier in one sense with the flood of electronic information and more difficult in another sense, as the amount of available information is almost overwhelming. Below are some very useful websites that will help solve these problems. If you have other sites that you have found helpful and think should be on this list, please send the info to me at [jcowens1@comcast.net](mailto:jcowens1@comcast.net) and I'll include it in future issues.

### **Useful DX Sites**

The Daily DX ([www.dailydx.com](http://www.dailydx.com)) (subscription service but can't be beat for timely info)

The DX Zone ([www.dxzone.com/catalog/](http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/))

Internet Ham Atlas ([www.hamatlas.eu](http://www.hamatlas.eu))

## **Announced DX Operations**

DX World (<http://dx-world.net>) (look for the “DXW Weekly Bulletin”)

NG3K Amateur Radio Contest/DX Page ([www.ng3k.com/Misc.adxo.html](http://www.ng3k.com/Misc.adxo.html))

DXing Info ([www.dxing.info/dxpeditions](http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions))

Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin ([www.payays.com/opdx1044.html](http://www.payays.com/opdx1044.html))

## **QSL and Manager Info**

Pathfinder (Pathfinder.exe) (<http://www.dxlabsuite.com>) (Click on QSL Info)

QSL Manager Lookup ([www.IK3QAR.it/manager](http://www.IK3QAR.it/manager))

K3WWP QSL Routes ([http://home.windstream.net/johnshan/dx\\_ss\\_qsling.html](http://home.windstream.net/johnshan/dx_ss_qsling.html))

HamQTH Callbook ([www.hamqth.com/](http://www.hamqth.com/))\_

ORCA DX and Contest Club ([www.orcadxcc.org/index.html](http://www.orcadxcc.org/index.html)) (Good access to QRZ.com)

Global QSL (Card design and bureau QSL service-print and mail)  
([www.globalqsl.com/](http://www.globalqsl.com/))

## **Announced DXpeditions**

Here are the DXpeditions and dates I have in my calendar as of August 2, 2016 (with no representations that the information is accurate, complete and/or won't change):

Wake Island (K6W)	Postponed
North Korea (P5)	Now scheduled for September 2016 and now two operators
St. Paul--CY9C	August 19-28, 2016
Pitcairn Island (VP6J)	August 25-September 3, 2016
Comoros (D66D)	September 16-30, 2016

Here are the sites and bulletins I look at to find out what's happening on the bands:

The Daily DX	<a href="http://dailydx.com">dailydx.com</a> (subscription and free trial available)
DX World	<a href="http://dx-world.net">dx-world.net</a> (free)
NG3K Page	<a href="http://www.ng3k.com">www.ng3k.com</a> and then click on ADXO at the top (free)
DX Summit	<a href="http://www.dxsummit.fi">www.dxsummit.fi</a> (free)
DXScape	<a href="http://www.dxscape.com">www.dxscape.com</a> (free)
DX Heat	<a href="https://dxheat.com">https://dxheat.com</a> (free)

## August 2016 Contest Calendar

In case anyone reading this is not aware of it, Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, has a website that is truly a one-stop place for all things related to contesting. The link is <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/> or just Google "WA7BNM" and the first hit is Bruce's site. With just a few clicks, you'll find everything you need to know about every contest, large or small. I find it very useful when I hear a station that I want to work that is obviously exchanging contest reports and I don't know the exchange.

## DX Alert Nodes

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

### Current DX Node telnet addresses:

W7JD-1 - [w7jd.ddns.net](http://w7jd.ddns.net), PORT 9000

K7EK-1 - [k7ek.ddns.net](http://k7ek.ddns.net), PORT 9000

W7PKT- [w7pkt.net](http://w7pkt.net), PORT 7300

## Totem Trader

### FOR SALE:

ICOM IC-765, Excellent condition, with hand mike and manual. \$ 550 or best offer.

Philips PM-3286, 175 MHz Oscilloscope, two channel and dual time base with manual and probes. \$175

Measurements Corp., model 80, R.F. Signal Generator. 2 MHz to 400 MHz with precision 50 ohm pad. A real boat anchor. \$75 obo.

MFJ Voice keyer, Model 434, \$100.

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To join the WWDXC or sponsor a new member, please send an SASE for a membership application form to the WWDXC, P.O. Box 395, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Annual dues, including a subscription to the *Totem Tabloid*, are \$25.00.

### **Internet Access**

Information on the Western Washington DX Club is also available on the internet at [www.wwdxc.org](http://www.wwdxc.org)