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NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 12

VK9WA



Remember all of the questions you had about the VK9WA Willis Island Dxpedition while it was going on? You can get those and many more answered at the next club meeting, as Rob, N7QT, and Adam, K7EDX, will give us a presentation on the trials and tribulations of the operation.

Rob's 125th Street Grill, 125th 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

The President Speaks

Adam Blackmer, K7EDX/VK9WA

Well, Happy New Year! I hope you had a great Christmas and Holiday season. It sure is nice to be with family this time of year.

In just a short while, there are some major DXpeditions coming on the air. I need at least two of the entities myself so I'll be in on the pileups as work permits. Like I said last month, it's sure nice to have top notch operators as club members. You all do a great job operating and the DXpeditioners are thankful for that. I hope the rest of the DX community follows suit.

Our December Christmas Party was a lot of fun. At the meeting we announced the recipients of the annual club membership awards. Our rookie of the year was Valerie Piggot, K7VAP. Valerie's enthusiasm for the hobby is exciting. Even though she's a fairly new ham she's already jumped right in to contesting! I am excited to watch her progress in the hobby. Our member of the year award went to Rich Stempien, W6RS. Without any persuasion Rich took on the job of chairman for the NW DX Convention this past August. He did an outstanding job coordinating the very successful convention. On top of this, Rich also became a board member bringing valuable input to the Officers and the rest of the board. This year's most valuable player award went to Mike Dinkelman, N7WA. Dink is such an asset to the club-- without him, the Salmon Run wouldn't happen, and there would be no tracking the traveling trophy scores. On top of this, Dink is an incredible operator who adds a bunch to our overall club score. Please make sure to congratulate all three of these folks. It is members like these that help make our club what it is. Thank you!

I am not much of a New Year's resolution fan but as the new year begins it does make one think. Do you have any ham radio goals for this year? Maybe you have a goal to work some of the big DXpeditions this year? Maybe you're planning to do some expansions or updating of your station? Whatever they are, I wish you well! See you at the next meeting!

Random Comments From the Editor

Happy New Year DXers! The next six months should be a treasure trove of DX opportunities. Palmyra/K5P will come on the air on Tuesday the 12th but given the time zone difference they should be starting up about the time you get home from the club meeting. Because of a change of airplanes the group was forced to downsize from 12 operators to nine but they'll be there for two weeks and should be easy for the West Coast. Meanwhile Paul, N6PSE, and his group of explorers will be boarding the Braveheart for a *very* long trip to both South Sandwich (VP8STI) and South Georgia (VP8SGI). They expect to start up on South Sandwich on January 17. This should be a tough one for us but Paul and his team know that (he is a 6, after all) so be persistent—it's a good team of operators and they won't have much to do

on the islands other than operate. They plan for eight days on Sandwich and another eight on Georgia.

That about covers the big ones for January. Dom, 3Z9DX, had earlier announced that he would activate Number 1, P5, some time in January or February but according to DX World he has postponed the operation to “late Summer” in order to find a better location than he used for his short demonstration late last month. I hope he succeeds, as he was pretty weak here and was obviously having a hard time with local noise. Meanwhile, I’ve heard some rumors about two operations from two places very high on the Most Wanted list—so stay tuned. I suspect there will be big announcements if either operation actually happens.

My apologies for the wide margins this month but I had to do it to make the DXCC Ladder fit in a readable format.

Good luck in the pileups!

Membership News

Jim Hadlock, K7WA

Active Membership Renewal letters have gone out to members with December 2015 renewal dates. In addition, if you did not renew in June 2015 or December 2014 you will also receive a letter. If you do not receive a Renewal letter, you are either paid up (at least through June 2016) or you have not paid dues since June 2014. Membership dues enable the WDXC to support major DX-peditions, sponsor contest award plaques for the CQ World Wide and ARRL International DX contests, membership awards, the Washington Salmon Run, annual picnic, and other Club activities.

The January 2016 Roster of Active Members is available by request (k7wa@arrl.net) - we do not post a Roster on the website out of respect for our members' security.

73 and Good DXing in the New Year! Jim K7WA, the membership guy

January 2016 Contest Activity

Mike “Dink” Dinkelman, N7WA

As we ring in the New Year, my wish for all of you is that it be a healthy and prosperous one. As I get older, I find the healthy part to be the most important. It'll be interesting to see where the solar cycle takes us in the 12 months. Will it keep meandering with a few spots

crossing the face of the sun or start a steep drop off? I did note that we did not have any spotless days in 2015, though we came pretty close. I expect that will change for 2016.

The Northwest Trophy competition is in full swing. As I write this, the next event, the ARRL RTTY Roundup, will run in just a couple days - probably as early as it can hit. Next month will be ARRL DX CW and looking forward, I see the ARRL DX SSB hits the same weekend as the Puyallup Flea Market in March.

I missed one of my ham radio resolutions for 2015. I was going to try a RTTY contest again (it's been years) but things didn't work out. I'll push that one on through to 2016. Not contest related, but I am going to resolve to work more DXpeditions this year. I enjoyed the Willis Island event.

Now, on to last month's activities...

2015 CQWW CW

Call	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score
M/S HP					
K7RI	1594	149	377	~44	2,364,370

M/2 HP

N7BV	2075	154	376		2,974,360
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SOAB HP

K5TRI	412	75	140		245,315
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SOAB LP

K7RL	2191	148	349	43	3,096,310
K7HBN	485	95	179		367,708
W7QN	384	85	129		~205,000
N7XY	242	69	116	25	125,245

SOAB(A) HP

K7EG	520	109	248		514,794
K7SS	307	167	96		220,394
KX7L	121	335	80	5.5	45,895

SOAB(A) LP

W7VXS	414	83	155	24	270,368
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SOSB(A)/10 HP

W6SZN	273	27	54		61,560
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SOSB/15 LP

KD7H	211	28	59		51,243
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SOSB/160 HP

K7CW	67	14	17	18	4,154
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SOSB/20 HP

N5CR	1079	38	125	30	491,934
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SOSB/40 HP

W7WA	1322	38	116		569,000
N7WA	648	35	84	22	213,248

CQWW CW Soapbox

K7CW: New Inverted-L with five radials pulled through the brush and 700 watts. I heard more entities that I couldn't work than those that I did. Seemed to hear OK, but only heard one European from here in Washington State. It was EI7M. BY5CD was S-5 and deaf at sunrise Sunday morning. Both couldn't hear me. Need more radials, a good listening antenna and more goo. This was fun, though.

K7EG: Terrific conditions, favorite contest, favorite mode. It was a blast using my new radio.

N7XY: Noise level here on 20 was S8, while others were quiet, allowing me to work only the loudest stations on 20 (and get a headache while doing so).

K7HBN: Not bad, good fun de K7HBN

KX7L: Not a very serious effort, just chasing after new ones. Still lots of fun. Nice to see 10 open, even if only to the south.

K7RL: First ever LP effort in this contest. I knew it would be a challenge, especially on the low bands, but fortunately, conditions were good and there was always action to keep things interesting. As an added bonus, I probably saved a buck-fifty on my electric bill.

Besides lower run rates, busting pile-ups was a challenge--any pile-up. If low power represents standing in line, then I was getting perpetually cut by just about everyone. Had to get relentless and crafty to survive the chaos.

The other part of LP is getting comfortable sending your call again, and again, and again, and again, and again, while in S&P mode. No, the last sentence is not a typo. I now understand why some stations send their call many multiple times in a row when it's copied perfectly the first time by the receiving station. It comes with the territory.

Bottom line: low power is not for sissies. For those operating QRP you have my total respect and sympathy. Hopefully that type of operating comes with a solid therapy plan. Many thanks to all for your patience pulling me through the noise.

Thanks to all for the Q's and another fun CQ WW.

K7RI: First time multi effort in this contest. SO1R station: one transceiver and no multiplier radio. Thanks to everyone who worked or tried to work us. Once again Curt, WR5J, put the team together. This time he took on the challenging hours at the start of the contest. Thanks to Walt, K7ZQ; Curt, WR5J; and Dennis, K7DSE --- regular team members without whose efforts the station's operating time would be considerably less. Also thanks to Brian, N9AGD, and Chuck, N6KW, who joined us for the first time. To be sure their contribution was a significant contribution to our score --- as was everyone else's. We all had a good time in spite of a number of dropped cluster spots and a few other Murphy encounters. Conditions could have been better but we've all heard that before.

W7WA: Solid opening Friday night to the Pacific and Far East. After sunset Saturday evening actually able to run Europe for a few hours. Unfortunately, this was followed by a disturbance greatly attenuating Europe and Far East from about 05Z to 11Z. DF0HQ signal was no longer moving the S meter. Seemed eerie to tune across vast vacant areas of the band during this period.

N7WA: I spent the past week trying to decide whether to go single band 20M or 40M. Because of a variety of issues in my personal life, I decided it would be better to have the daylight hours mostly free.

Forty started out reasonably well to Europe Friday. It sounded very “hollow” but I was able to work a fair number of mults. Then, as morning approached Europe, they pretty much went away. I worked a few Carib stations and some Brazilians but there wasn't too much activity at that point. I decided to take a nap and see what sunset in Asia would bring. Testing the waters after my nap, I went back for another nap.

Finally about midnight local time, I was rewarded with a string of JAs that didn't really quit until our morning. Sprinkled within was most of eastern Asia and Oceania. It was a nice run. Propagation didn't quite make it to eastern Africa or south Asia but I was happy. I was surprised by the number of Thai and Chinese stations. One happy find was Reunion Island calling a lonely CQ in the early morning. Long path into Europe the hour prior to our sunrise was better than the prior evening's short path and more European mults fell into the log. Before I fell asleep on the couch, I had 508 QSOs, 28 zones and 62 countries for 131K. I thought that was a decent result for about 16 hours of work.

Checking the bands a couple hours before sunset on Saturday, I could hear Europeans but working them wasn't possible. I drifted in and out of the shack picking up the occasional Carib station or VE with search and pounce. About 0000Z, I could pick up some stronger Europe doing search and pounce. In the 0100Z I found a hole in the East Coast wall and was able to do a slow but steady run to Europe (albeit, with many zero pointer zone 5s looking for a zone 3 interspersed). It seemed a lot quieter than Friday night. After a couple hours, I got pushed out of my hole by a W9 whose call shall be forever engraved upon my mind... arghh!! Black hole, my butt! He had no problem working Europeans on top of me.

Never could re-establish a run after that so I started picking off some South American mults. As I finished working two double mults for zones 6 and 7, something happened and the SWR on the 40M antenna jumped. I checked everything back to the hard line coming off the tower. Whatever it is, it's up 90' in the air and I was out of the test. (No, I don't climb in the dark.) Maybe the freezing weather? Maybe too much antenna rotation and something worked loose? Maybe that home brew hard line connector? It'll have to wait for daylight and maybe some warmer temps to find out. One of the Europeans I worked in my final hour was OH2BAD [Ed: one of my favorite call signs]. Maybe that was Murphy giving me a heads up?

Sigh... there is always next year. On the positive side, I learned a lot about 40M propagation and I see more Single Band 40M in my future.

N7BV: I failed to make the CQWWSSB because of bronchitis and a wind storm taking down many trees on the property. There was another storm about two weeks ago causing more damage, mostly to radials and antennas hung in trees. With K7WA and K7QJ's help, we repaired most of wind and animal damage to the antennas and installed a new Comtek controller for the 80m slopers. Yes, deer and radials about 2-3ft off the ground don't mix well.

Conditions on the upper bands were good. We worked a lot of Japanese stations in the first 24 hours (460), with decent runs on 10m, 40m and 80m. In total over 850 JA contacts. Things were slower in the contest's second half.

We had a few equipment problems. The computer controlling station one jumped out of run mode occasionally, locking the keyboard up for long enough to lose a contact or two. Also, the power cable feeding the other radio developed a fuse holder fault that took a while to diagnose.

Overall, we had a fine weekend playing radio, plus good food and camaraderie. Thanks for all the QSOs.

W7QN: SteppIR Vertical up 120 feet worked very good. QSOed 8 EU stations on 40 meters with 100 watts That's a first for me!

K7SS: Did all LP, assisted, but for 160... decided to just add some power, and have fun on top band.

2015 ARRL 160M Test

Call	QSOs	Sections	Countries	Op Time	Score
Single Op HP					
N5CR	668	80	8	19	142,120
K7CW	613	81	7		122,144
W6SZN	81	34	6		5,712
Single Op LP					
KX7L	187	54	1	7	20,358
W7TSQ	86	37			6,463
K7IDX	64	29	4	4	100(?)
SO Unlimited HP					
K7SS	412	74	8	11	70,274

ARRL 160M Test Soapbox

K7CW: Put my new inverted-L to the test. It can be improved with more than its present five radials, but seemed to compete fairly well. Rig running 700 out. Heard but didn't work 3D2, V6, HI, DU, EI and C6 - most of which I couldn't get to hear me, but some were S&P and I couldn't corral them. Worked all ARRL sections except for WTX and NT. Entities worked (outside of ARRL sections) were RA0, VK, VP9, TI, PJ2, XE and JA. Great contest!

K7SS: That was FUN! 3D2RJ, HL5IVL and CX/W1UE were best catches. No EU/AFR heard. 73 and thanks to all for the good time and fine CW.

KX7L: This is the weekend that pulls from 2 directions - 10m RTTY, and 160m CW. This time 160m had the better conditions. Once the noise level dropped, signals were plentiful, and I managed to squeak past my previous best score from 2010. Surprising lack of signals from down south though- very few 4s and 5s in the log. Also, no AK!

K7IDX: Gave out a few points to CQing stations. 20 watts K3 to shunt fed 120' tower. Can't recall hearing so many East coast stations so early (evening here) so loud.

W7TSQ: Went LP again and obviously my slopers do not do as well as some guys' antennas! 86 Qs, 37 sections NO DX !! Not even KH6 heard

ARRL 10M Test

Call	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score
M/S HP				
K7RI	1332	130	~19	563,680
SO CW LP				
KD7H	244	54		52,704
W7QN	257	48		49,344
KX7L	108	38	4.5	16,416
K7IDX	165	48	5	100(?)

SO CW Unlimited HP

WC7Q	632	79	13.5	199,712
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SO CW Unlimited LP

W7VXS	206	56	6	46,144
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SO Mixed HP

K7RL	1158	116	10	415,048
N7RVD	705	100	12.5	217,600

SO Mixed LP

K7CW	348	82	14	107,092
N7XY	76	30	5	8,280

SO Mixed Unlimited HP

W7VP	319	51	8.6	64,770
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ARRL 10M Test Soapbox

K7RL: Only operated the first full day and some at the start. Conditions were good to the east coast for about 5 hours on Saturday. During that time I worked about 1,100 of my Q's.

Had a radio black-out to MN, WI, KS and other midwest states. Not a peep from that area. Once the east coast faded out the band really took a hit. Conditions to JA and DX in general were poor.

KX7L: Conditions seemed better than last weekend (or maybe it was just more activity). Late morning/early afternoon, the band was open nicely to the east coast and southeast US, but by 2:00 pm or so, that went away and there was just locals, SA and South Pacific. Thanks for the QSOs!

K7CW Used my 160m inverted-L as sole antenna. Had to use rig antenna tuner which still didn't like the antenna, but I got some power out, maybe 100 watts. Couldn't get much going on SSB, so mostly kept to CW. Watched the Seahawks-Ravens game on TV and missed some action on Sunday. Couldn't get many of the South American stations to hear me until late in the

openings each day. I missed Europe for working all continents. My only African was ZS1EL. Pleased to get him. Nice contest.

K7IDX: Answered CQ's. Good East coast, however never heard DE. Heard lots that did not work. Used 4 El SteppIR pointed East...never turned it with TS-590

WC7Q: Band opened about 8:30 am both days and closed about 3:30. Fair to good conditions in between but nothing to KL and some central and northern VEs. Had some great runs but short and sweet.

W7VP: Started out having problems with key clicks. Had to drop out to do some family computer repairs and the band dropped out during a great run. Fixed the key clicks in the morning but only operated for a few hours on Sunday due to Christmas preparations and the Seahawks game.

K7RI: SO1R station: one transceiver, no second radio. Thanks to everyone who worked or tried unsuccessfully to work us through the QSB. First time 10 Meter multi-op contest for three of us. Wish there had been better conditions but we all had fun.

W7QN: Worked all club members the first half hour Friday night. Tnx QSOs gang!

WWDXC DXCC Ladder

Jim Rockey, WA7SRZ

The WWDXC DXCC Ladder is now 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.

January 2016 WWDXC DXCC Ladder

<u>CALL</u>	<u>MIXED</u>	<u>MIXED</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>CW</u>	<u>DIG</u>	<u>CHAL</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u> <u>BAND</u>	<u>HONOR</u>
<u>HONOR ROLL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>														<u>DXCC</u>	<u>ROLL</u>
<u>331</u>																	
<u>1/1/2016</u>																	
<u>N7TT</u>	379	337	357	340	9	2114	90	197	281	157	365	229	333	167	295	8	YES
<u>W7OM</u>	372	340	369	349	321	2694	138	313	349	307	355	335	347	304	343	9	YES
<u>W7LFA</u>	369	340	369														YES
<u>K9JF</u>	368	340				2327	184	236	296	215	343	284	313	223	255	9	YES

K7ZA	361	340		359		2502	110	208	297	325	356	336	339	302	303	9	YES
K7GEX	359	340	359	308		2247	27	161	288	258	353	298	327	237	297	8	YES
K7RI	358	340	349														YES
K7EG	356	340	355	351	273	2295	49	256	291	246	351	301	321	252	270	8	YES
K7LAY	356	340	356	344		818	175	164	176	177	316	215	254	145	218	9	YES
W7HR	356	339	346	298		1168	15	158	146	10	308	77	220	31	217	5	YES
K7DS	351	336	350	100		906		112	131	22	291	38	163	30	142	5	YES
W7IIT	351	337	187	344		513		5	117	3	151	2	88		147		YES
W6RS	350	339	342	326	169	1965	1	116	246	241	325	286	287	234	230	8	YES
N7BK	350	340	350	12			3	54	82		344	64	265	24	201		YES
W7TSQ	348	339	344	301	130	1592	53	146	220	103	326	148	259	128	231	5	YES
W7AV	348	337	319	317	129	1853	49	144	218	199	313	261	240	190	221	8	YES
K6UFO	347	340	338	335	188	1278	37	73	107	69	297	104	254	128	209	6	YES
N7TK	346	340	340	298	111	1709	95	119	186	183	335	237	233	163	184	8	YES
W7VV	346	340	287	307	13	1069	20	65	176	41	309	101	205	28	141		YES
KD7H	344	335	301	323	130	1518	4	158	236	258	319	254	279	234	225	8	YES
W7KSK	344		340	333	202	925		137	172	4	252	5	161	4	204		YES
K7BTW	343	335	331	334	269	1826	24	123	229	213	330	241	291	186	223	8	YES
K6KR	342	335	304	331	51	1407	16	143	266	78	313	99	263	62	211	5	YES
W7QN	340		331	316													YES
W7NP	332	327	310	214	161	1051	3	33	112	28	299	63	206	134	181		NO
K7MH	328	322	281	239	94	910	7	105	120	20	264	64	177	27	122	5	NO
K7LAZ	324	324	280	317		1732	71	130	221	210	308	244	223	176	164	8	NO
N7YX	324		256	108	1		6	51	90	30	230	48	166	23	139		NO
W7IU	319	310	285	279	218	1320	5	16	127	108	285	191	243	163	178		NO
W7ZF	318	317	267	173	149	775	3	22	55	20	199	110	140	60	169		NO
K7MO	313	307	242	259	17	1111	21	120	169	56	236	116	194	81	137	5	NO
WA7SRZ	307	302	304	8	13	727	2	21	23		221	116	140	93	121		NO
W7VAS	306	304	280	209	134	1062	4	8	82	37	258	218	186	139	127		NO
N7XY	306	295	258	233	6	497	2	3	78	19	139	26	110	21	104		NO
AG7N	306	301	208	289		1090		46	161	52	239	147	198	98	156		NO
K7DSE	305	303	260	289	35	1289	2	12	174	120	276	211	214	134	151		NO
WC7Q	304	304	215	293	115	1419	5	65	159	128	271	227	230	171	176		NO
K7WA	304	294	79	286				49	185	12	188	125	190		147		NO
N7RVD	297	279	148	175	36	505	4	26	61	8	157	18	142	10	82		NO
NG7Z	289	287	128	286	113	1072	22	72	157	108	230	125	187	60	118		NO
K7JF	287	278	62	128		242			16	20	111	40	36	11	35		NO
W7UDH	277	268	9	255	0	281	0	1	12	6	192	8	62	0	0		NO
W7OLY	260	258	209	229	177	965	18	75	145	27	227	57	194	58	168		NO
KZ1W	255	253	255	5	82	965	6	64	110	0	205	141	177	107	152		NO
K7EKD	252	250	211	185		897	14	16	102	53	140	138	174	122	138		NO
KX7L	239	236	89	216	128	813	11	41	118	71	168	90	145	42	122		NO

N9ADG	220	218	148	187	78	608	106	49	99	28	154	26	86	6	56	NO
N7GCO	207	205	205				11	18	89		170	123	172	79	155	NO
K7ZG	177	174	69	165	1	295	0	11	21	1	84	3	102	3	70	NO
KB7HDX	149	148	147	3	33	335	1	10	9	2	99	16	87	17	95	NO
KE7WUD	121	121	106	28		177		2	13	3	35	22	36	17	47	NO

DX Info Sources

John Owens, N7TK (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 and I’ll include it in future issues.

Useful DX Sites

The Daily DX (www.dailydx.com) (subscription service but can’t be beat for timely info)

The DX Zone (www.dxzone.com/catalog/)

Internet Ham Atlas (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)

DXing Info (www.dxing.info/dxpeditions)

Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin (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)

K3WWP QSL Routes (http://home.windstream.net/johnshan/dx_ss_qsling.html)

HamQTH Callbook (www.hamqth.com/)_

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

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

Announced DXpeditions

Here are the DXpeditions and dates I have in my calendar as of January 1, 2016 (with no representations that the information is accurate, complete and/or won't change):

Wake Island (K6W)	Postponed
Equatorial Guinea—3C7GIA	Postponed
Palmyra Atoll—K5P	January 11-26, 2016
North Korea (P5)	Postponed to “late Summer” 2016
South Georgia/South Sandwich-- VP8STI/VP8SGI	January-February 2016
Guinea—3XY1T	February 18-March 4, 2016
Palestine (E44Y)	Cancelled
Heard Island (VK0EK)	March 6-April 20, 2016
Juan de Nova--FT4JA	March 29-April 11, 2016
Cocos (Keeling)--VK9CK	March 14-26, 2016
St. Paul--CY9C	August 19-29, 2016

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

The Daily DX	dailydx.com (subscription and free trial available)
DX World	dx-world.net (free)
NG3K Page	www.ng3k.com and then click on ADXO at the top (free)

DX Summit www.dxsummit.fi (free)
DXScape www.dxscape.com (free)
DX Heat <https://dxheat.com> (free)

January 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)

Current DX Node telnet addresses:

W7JD-1 - w7jd.ddns.net, PORT 9000

K7EK-1 - k7ek.ddns.net, PORT 9000

W7PKT- w7pkt.net, PORT 7300

Totem Trader

Editor’s Note: I was the Program Chair for the convention last summer. The Most Valuable Player for the success of the programs was undoubtedly Mel, N7GCO. Mel had retired by the time of the convention and had relocated to Spokane to be closer to his grandkids but he made the trek back to Everett to fulfill his promises to the convention. Mel’s other motive for moving to Spokane was to build a competitive DX station, free of the restraints one often finds in the Seattle area. Unfortunately, Mel has encountered health issues and has decided to sell all of his ham radio equipment and antennas so that his family will not have to deal with it.

Mel has asked me to list For Sale the items below. There will be smaller items to follow. Everything listed below is in storage in Spokane. The rotor, radio and amplifier presumably can be shipped, although Mel asked me to list everything as “ready for pickup in Spokane.”

The two towers and SteppIR DB-18 will obviously have to be picked up.

FOR SALE:

Rohn 45G Tower 93' Tower--\$ 2,000

- 8 Rohn 45G 10' Sections
- 1 Rohn 45G 5' Section (Cut off 10' section, can be used as short base)
- 1 Rohn 45AG4 8' Flat top Section
- 1 Rohn AS-455G Rotor Shelf
- 1 Rohn TB4 Heavy Duty Thrust Bearing for 3" O.D. Mast
- 3 Rohn GA-45GD Guy Bracket Assemblies
- 3 Rohn EP25343 Equalizer Plate Assembly 3 hole for guy line anchors 6 3/8" Polygon Guy cables with Turnbuckles (Top & Center Guys)
- 3 1/4" EHS Galvanized Guy cables with Turnbuckles (Bottom Guys)
- 1 Very Heavy Duty Mast 15' long

Purchased & Installed: August 2005, Taken Down September 2014

In storage and ready to pick up in Spokane, Washington

SteppIR Dreambeam DB-18-- \$2000.00

Cost includes having it put together on ground by Adam Blackmer, manager of SteppIR, paid by me.

Yaseu 1000 rotator and controller-- \$350.00

Icom 7600 transceiver--\$2000.00

Purchased new at HRO Portland. Non-smoker. In excellent shape

Icom PW-1 Amp--\$3000.00

Purchased new at HRO Portland. Non-smoker. In excellent shape

Mel, N7GCO at teammel@gmail.com

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