



**Spokane DX Association**  
 K7SDX - Spokane, Washington  
 13010 S Short Rd; Cheney, WA 99004



**SDXA - 02 feb 23**

monthly meeting called to order by prez K7TQ, Randy, at 19:00 local, on-line using zoom.

Q secretary's request, on zoom please enter "name, call" for participants list-- thanks.

1) the programs, introduced by vprez N7GCO, Mel:

- a) 1-Using filters to pull out the rare DX with Rob Fanfant N7QT
  - i) Rob demonstrated a neat method to pull out rare DX when you can't even hear them the regular way.
  - ii) We all found out a way to hear DX like we never have before.
  - iii) very high level; you narrow the IF filter to just what you need for the station of desire, shift your IF filter to center on desired signal and turn off AGC.
- b) 2-Silent Key Estate Planning with Mel Ming N7GCO
  - i) What happens to all your radio stuff when you become a silent key? Most of us have far more equipment than we realize. Many times our families will not know what we have or what to do with. They often will not want it.
  - ii) The workshop offered suggestions on how to prepare: 1) equipment inventory, 2) who you want to have specific pieces, 3) who will handle your sale or distribution, etc. We also discussed things that need to happen: Notification of FCC, Reporting a SK to the ARRL, etc.
  - iii) a couple of items of note; easy to move new equipment, very difficult to move older items, make a very detailed inventory of most everything (less the really small stuff), QSTs of april 2018 and september 2019 have good articles and all that was presented and more is in the articles section of the SDXA web site.
- c) 3-Reflections on CW Ops with Dale AveryWU7X
  - i) Dale shared his experiences with CW Ops, the CW Ops programs and the joy of CW. He also showed off his CW keys.
  - ii) bottom line: CW ops is easy to do if you want to become more efficient/effective with CW and it works.

2) welcome new members in last couple of months:

- a) jan23: W7RJR Robert Raymond (Spokane)
- b) jan23: K7NT Michael Conatore, K7NT (Richland)
- c) jan23: W7BVN Ron Valley (Spokane) Ron Valley, W7BVN (Spokane)

3) DXing coming up from k7tm:

a)

Jan 23-Feb 28	Bouvet Is	3Y0J	#1 Most Wanted West Coast Large team 160-6M, CW, SSB,RTTY, FT8, FT4
Feb 1-7	Sri Lanka	4S7	2 Operators: 160-10m SSB, FT8, FT4
Feb 4-27	Burundi	9U4WX	2 Operators: 80-10m CW, SSB
Feb 6 – Mar 31	Senegal	6W	80-10M, CW, SSB, FT8
Feb 9-23	Vanuata	YJ0A	2 Operators: 160-10m SSB, FT8 (Al K7AR and W7YAQ)
Feb 15-30	Solomon Is	H44MS	HF, SSB, FT8
Feb 24 – Mar 5	Agalega & St Brandon	3B7M	6 Operators: 160-6m, CW, SSB, FT8, RTTY
Feb 27-Mar 5	San Andres & Providencia	HK0	2 Operators: 80-10m, SSB, FT8

b) also see below for a couple of lists of upcoming DXpeditions.

c) monthly question: any DXpedition(s) worth gathering member donations for?

i) yes, see below in new business.

d) some recent history and a good site to follow: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxoc.html>;

1. feb2023: \$200: HW40A Temotu Province (<https://intrepid-dx.com/temotu2023/>) (feb23~315-200=~115 left in DXpeditions donations)
2. jan2023: \$200: 3B7M Saint Brandon ([https://3b7m.com/?page\\_id=1635](https://3b7m.com/?page_id=1635)) (jan23~515-200=~315)
3. jan2022: \$200: TX5N Raivavae (Austral Islands) OC-114 (jan22~715-200=~515)
4. oct2021: \$259.11 3Y0J Bouvet Island(<https://www.3y0j.no/clubsandfoundations>) (oct21--975--~260=~715)
  1. we are on the their webpage-nice.

4) contests coming up from k7tq:

a) PNW DX Competition next for the trophy cup and Flounder Cup, #4 of 10

+ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	#5	0000Z, Feb 11 to 2400Z, Feb 12
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	#6	0000Z, Feb 18 to 2400Z, Feb 19
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	#7	0000Z, Mar 4 to 2400Z, Mar 5

i) remember – the Ten JA Districts and Five by Six awards, announced in december. see the web site for details: <https://sdxa.org/?cat=37>

b) monthly contests coming up: Does anyone know of a contest coming up in the next month or two, others may have an interest in? here are some.

i) the contest calendar site has moved: <http://www.contestcalendar.com/>

(note the ‘+’ at the beginning of the row has a link for more info)

+ Mexico RTTY International Contest	1200Z, Feb 4 to 2359Z, Feb 5
+ North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0500Z, Feb 5
+ CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 24 to 2200Z, Feb 26
+ North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 25 to 0559Z, Feb 26

5) HF morning and evening nets from n7uvh

- i) 3840 kHz at 8am local on wednesdays
- ii) 1940 kHz at 8pm local on wednesdays

b) what is the latest? going strong

6) officer reports:

a) secretary’s report from wa0www; the last monthly minutes: <http://www.sdxa.org/?cat=10>;

b) treasurer’s report from k7kb

i) remember it is time for 2023 SDXA annual dues and there is a paypal link on the website or send check to SDXA address.

ii) expenses: longhorn \$150; st. brandon \$84.31+ pay pal to 200eu; \$54.06 to Mel for supplies

iii) income: hamfest \$489; dues: \$28 +\$30; rick flynn \$100 donation-TU; paypal \$76.44

c) VP’s report from n7gco; see web page and i/o email for upcoming events

- i) 18feb: N7GCO & WA7AQH will be putting on a New to HF workshop
  1. 2 hour workshop and with 13 students so far, many are new Generals.
- ii) 02march: Field Day 6A – Mike & Key Style with Michael Dinkelman
  1. A review of the most distinctive Field Day site in the nation. Where it is, how it evolved, organization, and the really cool stuff.
- iii) 06april: our december awards–connections banquet in april.
  1. with the snow and weather postponing meeting at the Argonne Longhorn BBQ in december, will have the dinner and get together in April. hopefully the weather will cooperate.  
**\*\*\*\* note the change of venue, still the Longhorn, just the one on Argonne.**
- iv) 04may: field day: (In person/Hybrid at church) Mike K7STO (Practical Hints) and Idaho Renegades (Field Day prep) Shadle Park Studio, The address is 2111 W Wellesley Ave
  1. Mike on coax marking, small battery backup for cell phone & antenna analyzers, how to crimp on PL-259 connectors, the basic tools needed for installing PL-259 and Power Poles connectors
  2. the Renegades with this year the SDXA is planning a great field day in North Idaho. Come and be part of the planning and enjoy the fun.
- v) 01june: DXpedition to American Samoa by K7AR and W7YAQ.

1. 22-24june: Field Day at Motkin's Bay Fire Station, Hayden
- vi) 22july: SDXA Picnic at Del's WA7AQH
- vii) and keeping up the YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMF5QzqCJ65iJupGW64Dlwg>

#### **old business:**

- 7) **use of K7SDX call sign** of the association:
  - a) if the trustee (currently Mike, K7STO) gets any requests, he will run it past the current club officers.
  - b) Listen to any fore or against objections and then make an assessment as to whether to approve or disapprove. (and document accordingly)
- 8) **2023 field day from n7esu:**
  - a) nothing to report this month.

#### **new business:**

- 9) **7qp plaque** (06may23 this year)? in the recent past SDXA has sponsored: "7th Area Single-Op High-Power Mixed", cost is about \$45 (ea).
  - a) in the past another organization sponsored the low power plaque though that would be easier for an SDXA member to get. so to do the low power plaque would be nice and k7tq will look into that with the 7qp organizers.
  - b) actually it was brought up maybe we could do 2 plaques, low and high power? will look into that also.
  - c) in the end, this is within the powers of the officers so no vote is needed.
- 10) **Amendments to SDXA Constitution**
  - a) As required by the constitution, this will be the first reading and we will vote on the proposed amendments at the March meeting. The entire constitution with the proposed updates is available for review on the SDXA web page under the News item.
  - b) Added back in the Immediate Past President to the officers (Article III, Section 1)
  - c) Modified the name of Article V to be "Committees, Activities and Appointed Positions"
    - i) Added "Leaders of activities and functions can be appointed by the Officers" (Article V - Section 3)
  - d) Changed "One quarter" to 20% for a quorum. (Article VI, Section 1)
  - e) Tonight the president did the first reading.
- 11) **Dxpedition to Temotu Province Oct 31 - Nov 14th, 2023; with Rob N7QT and Paul N6PSE.**
  - a) H40WA - <https://intrepid-dx.com/temotu2023/>
  - b) for \$200 will get on the QSL card and the feedback from many members was positive to do this.
  - c) **\*\* motion: move to donate \$200 to H40WA by the Intrepid group (w/N7QT and N6PSE) planned for November 2023. moved by: n7gco 2nd'd by: wa7aqh**
    - i) any objections, none heard; though then asked to raise hands and enough raised hands was seen from those with video for an (easy) majority. motion passed.
  - d) **some discussion that for the 2 - \$200 we have done this year already, don't want to do this every month, as that is dues from 40 members and only have 75 members. so will watch that in the future.**

#### **12) history/other/future:**

- a) **SDXA meetings starting in 2023, just a reminder:**
  - i) **update jan23:** For 2023 SDXA will have 7 Zoom meetings (January, February, March, June, August, September, December) and two in-person meeting with limited Hybrid (May and November) and two in person social meetings (Summer picnic in July&October Awards Dinner).
    1. (just for 2023-April will be the missed 2022 december banquet, future years April is in-person and May is zoom.)
  - ii) **AV/Media committee lead is needed, status:**
    1. w7bks, Brandon is working on hybrid operation for may was april) and novmeber (was originally october, which is now the annual awards banquet).

- b) **2023 field day** - looking at fire station where the ID renegades have done field day.
  - i) note: fire station is the Mokins Bay station on the east side of Haydon lake (across the road from the NFS Mokins Bay campground). 4 bays and really nice station.
- c) **summer picnic** - will be Saturday 22 Jul 23 at Diane's and Del's wa7aqh.
- d) **Trustee** for K7SDX license is now K7ST0 (expires: 10dec32)
  - i) rules for using K7SDX
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    2. Listen to any for or against objections and then make an assessment as to whether to approve or disapprove (and document accordingly).

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- c) Jan23: W7BVN Ron Valley (Spokane)
- d) Dec22: KK7DRI Lorelei Hartley (Spokane Valley)
- e) Nov22: N7ECV Shawn Dunbar (Ephrata)
- f) Sep22: KJ6MIC Mike Daskalopoulos (Spokane) and K70GW Dennis Irish (Harrison)
- g) Apr22: W8QR Moe and K6XT Art (Grangeville)
- h) Apr22: W8TJM Toivo (LL) and K7SYS John (Sandpoint)

**14) next month & adjourn**

- a) **02feb - program** see above in the VP report.
- b) respectfully submitted by wa0www, Jay, secretary.
- c) and the great refreshments from yourself with this a call-in

**15) committees:**

- a. awards: n7gco and k7tq
- b. card checker: ad7xg
- c. club log: n7uvh
- d. contests: k7tq
- e. convention: n7gco and k7tq was for 2022
- f. Dxing coming up: k7tm
- g. DX awards: 100 Country Club & Challenge: k7sto
- h. DX nets: n7uvh:
- i. finance: k7kb with k7gs and wa7aqh <== new October 2022
- j. groups.io: k7tq, k7kb, k7gs, k7awb, n7gco
- k. health and welfare of members: k7gs
- l. historian: k7awb
- m. hybrid meetings: w7bks
- n. k7sdx trustee: k7sto
- o. library: sdx secretary (wa0www)
- p. local remote station/mentor: wa7aqh
- q. media: w7bks
- r. membership: k7kb
- s. million point club: k7tq
- t. new to hf mentoring: wa7aqh
- u. pre-meeting hosts: n7uvh and nz2s
- v. photographers: nz2s and k7tm
- w. programs: n7gco
- x. qsl card checking: ad7xg
- y. Spokane hamfest: wa0www
- z. SDXA youtube channel: n7gco
- aa. technical: k7gs and nz2s
- bb. web: n7gco and k7kb
- cc. zoom: n7gco
- dd. ~~SDXA cluster:(could investigate, could add to our go daddy for www.cluster.sdx.org)~~  
= though thanks to ws7i, Jay, for his local cluster many of us use.
- ee. officers:
  - i) President: K7TQ Randy Foltz, Moscow, ID 83843
  - ii) Vice President: N7GCO Mel Ming, Cheney, WA 99004
  - iii) Treasurer: K7KB John Gager, Colbert, WA 99005

- iv) Secretary: WA0WWW Jay Holcomb, Newman Lake, WA 99025  
v) Past President: AD7XG Gary Bytnar, Davenport, WA 99122

### 16) DX coming up

- a) <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxoc.html>  
b) for most wanted: <http://www.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

rank	StartDate	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Info
78	Feb17	Feb24	Cocos Keeling	VK9CVG	M00X0	By G0VJG fm IOTA OC-003; 80-10m; mainly SSB, a little FT8
51	Feb04	Feb27	Burundi	<u>9U4WX</u>	LoTW	By OK2WX fm Bujumbura; 80-10m; CW SSB; 100w; QSL via Club Log OQRS or IZ8CCW
4	Jan23	Feb28	Bouvet I	<u>3Y0J</u>	LoTW	By LA7GIA LA7THA LB1QI + team; 160-10m; CW SSB FT4/FT8 RTTY; QSL: M00X0; about 22 days; dates tentative
34	Feb24	Mar05	Agalega & St Brandon	<u>3B7M</u>	LoTW	By OM5ZW OK6DJ OM3PC OM4MM OK2ZA OM4MM fm St Brandon I (IOTA AF-015); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; <a href="#">QSL details</a>
115	Dec29	Mar15	Gabon	TR8CR	F6AJA (B/d)	By F8EN; 30-10m; CW
91	Mar20	Mar29	Sable I	<u>CY0S</u>	LoTW	By WA4DAN K4UEE W0GJ K5YY N2IEN N2TU K4ZLE W4DKS W2DX; 160-2m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; QSL via Club Log OQRS (preferred) or WA4DAN direct w/ SASE or 2USD

### c) other DXpeditions

StartDate	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Info
Jan10	Feb08	Aruba	P4	VA3QSL B/d	By VA3QSL as P4/VA3QSL; SSB CW; 40-6m; 100w; Buddipole
Jan31	Feb15	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals; QSL also OK via W5JON direct
Feb15	Feb21	St Vincent	J8	LoTW	By PA2LO as J8/AJ4YX fm Ratho Mill (IOTA NA-109, FK93jd); 80-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS preferred, PA2LO direct w/ SASE or SAE w/ sufficient funds
Feb11	Feb26	Bonaire	PJ4	LoTW	By NE9U as PJ4/NE9U; HF; QSL via NE9U direct w/ SASE; QRV in ARRL DX CW with PJ4 team
Feb20	Feb26	Dominica	J79BH	Club Log OQRS	By VE3DZ FM5BH; HF; QSL via FM5BH direct w/ SASE
Feb20	Mar03	Curacao	PJ2	LoTW	By W1USN as PJ2/W1USN, AA1M as PJ2/AA1M, W1SR as PJ2/W1SR; HF; QSL also OK respective call (B/d)
Feb27	Mar07	San Andres & Providencia	HK0	LoTW	By HK3EA as 5J0EA and HK3MKQ as 5K0VT fm Providencia I (IOTA NA-049); HF; QSL via W4GDV
Mar01	Mar08	Sint Maarten	PJ7	LoTW	By KC9EE as PJ7/KC9EE; 40-10m; mainly CW, perhaps FT8 FT4; holiday style operation
Mar01	Mar11	Galapagos	HC8M	See Web	By WB2REM KE2D VO1IDX K4LT fm Santa Cruz I; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4 (F/h); QRV for ARRL DX Phone
Jan15	Mar15	Martinique Dominican	FM	LoTW	By F6BWJ as FM/F6BWJ; 80-10m; CW PSK RTTY; 100w; dipoles
Mar12	Mar19	Republic	HI0LT	EB7DX	By Loma del Toro DX Club; 160-2m; CW SSB RTTY FT8 FT4
Mar04	Mar22	Curacao	PJ2	LoTW	By DK5ON as PJ2/DK5ON; 160m-6m; SSB CW FT4/8 RTTY; QSL via DK5ON (B/d) or Club Log OQRS
Mar21	Mar28	Martinique	FM	LoTW	By EA1BP as FM/EA1BP; HF, focus on WARC; SSB; QSL via EA1BP; QRV using TO70 in WPX SSB
Mar04	Apr01	St Martin	PJ7AA	LoTW	By AA9A; 80-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS or AA9A direct
Mar23	Apr02	Montserrat Saba & St	VP2MEI	LoTW	By EIDX Group; 160-10m; SSB CW + digital; QSL via M00X0
Mar28	Apr04	Eustatius	PJ5	LoTW	By W5JON as PJ5/W5JON fm St Eustatius; 80-6m; SSB FT8; QSL via W5JON direct
Feb15	Apr30	Solomon Is	H44MS	DL2GAC	By DL2GAC; HF; SSB FT8
Jun23	Jun29	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	W9DR Direct	By W9DR as VP2V/W9DR fm Anegada I (FK78tr); 6m; FT8 Q65 SSB CW; 1kw; 5 ele yagi
Jun27	Jul11	Miquelon	FP	LoTW	By KV1J as FP/KV1J fm Miquelon I (IOTA NA-032); 80-6m, focus on 60 6m; CW SSB + digital; QSL via Club Log OQRS or KV1J Buro or direct (w/ SAE + 1USD or new style IRC)
Oct01	Oct31	Vanuatu	YJ0TT	TBA	By NC7M N7JI K6VHF W6UC NG7E fm Port Vila; 160-6m + 23cm EME; CW SSB + digital; exact dates TBA; all ops will have personal call signs

### 17) contests coming up: calendar has moved: <http://www.contestcalendar.com/>

- a) see above for other contest this coming month.  
b) Pacific NW Challenge Trophy contests:

+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	#1 done	0000Z, Sep 24 to 2400Z, Sep 25
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	#2 done	0000Z, Oct 29 to 2359Z, Oct 30
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	#3 done	0000Z, Nov 26 to 2400Z, Nov 27
+ ARRL RTTY Roundup	#4 done	1800Z, Jan 7 to 2400Z, Jan 8
+ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	#5 this month	0000Z, Feb 11 to 2400Z, Feb 12
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	#6 this month	0000Z, Feb 18 to 2400Z, Feb 19
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	#7	0000Z, Mar 4 to 2400Z, Mar 5





