



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



**SDXA - 02 may 24**

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

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

- 1) the program, introduced by k7tq Randy
  - a) **program: Craig Thompson, K9CT, will present "Station Design and How It Works for Contesting and DXing."**
    - i) Craig is a well known contester and DXer on CW, RTTY, and SSB. He has achieved Honor Roll, 9BDXCC, 5BWAZ, and DXCC Challenge. He is active on Top Band, Magic Band and 2 m EME. He received the FFMA Award in June 2020 when he finished up all 488 continental grid squares on 6 m. He only needs Zone 22 on 160 m to complete WAZ on 160 meters. His DXCC Challenge count is at 2994.
- 2) new association members in the last monthish:
  - a) apr24 N7VPI Chris Tavish (Spokane Valley) - membership pending getting application.
  - b) mar24 N7KSC Ken Cleaver (Chattaroy)
  - c) mar24: 78 members, 6 honorary, 82 voting, 81 licensed; 30 arrl dxcc, 2 non-arrl dx

=====The Activities Part=====

- 3) **up coming programs / VP's officer report** from k7tq for ac7dc; also see web page and i/o emails:
  - i) 06jun: "End-Fed Half-Wave" by Steve Dick K1RF
    - 1. Steve is an electrical engineering manager who retired from Northrop Grumman.
    - 2. His interests include amateur radio circuit design and construction, kit construction, low band operating, and software defined radio.
  - ii) 22-24june: Field Day
  - iii) 11july: in place of 04july, the 1<sup>st</sup> thursday
  - iv) 9-11aug: DX Convention in Everett.
  - v) 17aug: SDXA summer picnic at Del's wa7aqh.
- 4) **up coming DX** from k7tm:

Apr18 - May08	Bhutan	A52	2 Ops; 40-6m, SSB CW + digital
Apr20 - May10	Uganda	5X3L	HF; spare time operation
Apr26 - May09	Greenland	OX3LX	HF; FT8 RTTY CW
Apr27 - May09	Vanuatu	YJ0CA	40-10 m; SSB, 400w
Apr28 - May09	Cyprus SBA	ZC4RH	40-6 m; SSB FT8 FT4; 100w
Apr30 - May13	Botswana	A25SHD	HF; holiday style operation

May02 - May17	Rwanda	9X2AW	HF; CW SSB FT8 FT4; 100w
May11 - May19	Bolivia	CP7DX	7 Ops; 160-6m; SSB FM CW FT8 FT4
May14 - May26	Barbados	8P9CB	20-10 m; SSB CW
May17 - May27	Cyprus SBA	MW0BRO	40-6m; CW; 100w
May19 - May31	Maldives	8Q7KR	10m; SSB
May19 - May31	Bermuda	AB2E/VP9	Low bands; CW FT8

May24-Jun19	Glorioso Is	FT4GL	HF
May22-Jun03	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	20-10m; SSB
May22-Jun05	Ogasawara	JD1BQW	Focus on 12 & 6m; FT8
May30-Jun10	Pitcairn	VP6DF	160-10m; CW

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

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

i) nothing brought up this month.

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

1. may 2024: \$100: CY9C St. Paul <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy9c/index.htm>

2. may 2024: \$250: FT4GL Glorioso Island <https://ft4gl.blogspot.com/>

3. april 2024: \$250: N5J Jarvis Island <https://jarvisisland2024.com/>

5) up coming contests:

a) 7qp is this weekend and one if interest to SDXA

i) when: 1300 UTC Saturday to 0700 UTC Sunday (6 AM to midnight PDT)

ii) exchange: 7th-area stations send signal report plus 5-letter state/county code (e.g., ORDES; see list).

iii) Use of spotting assistance is permitted in all categories

iv) oh yes, Randy-TQ will be mobile as in the past, any adds to that Randy?

b) rest of may is a little light, though the 2023-2024 Trophy Challenge Cup is back with #9:

i) CQ WW WPX CW Contest 0000Z, may 26 to 2359Z, may 27

1. few rule highlights:

2. II. PERIOD OF OPERATION:

(a) 48 hours. Single Operator stations may operate 36 of the 48 hours – off times must be a minimum of 60 minutes during which no QSO is logged. Multi-op stations may operate the full 48hrs.

3. IV. EXCHANGE:

(a) RS(T) report plus a progressive contact serial number starting with 001 for the first contact. Note: Multi-Two, Multi-Unlimited, and Multi-Distributed entrants use separate serial number sequences on each band.

4. V. SCORING:

(a) A. Score: The final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the number of different prefixes worked.

(b) B. QSO Points: A station may be worked once on each band for QSO point credit:

(i) 1. Contacts between stations on different continents are worth three (3) points on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and six (6) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz.

(ii) 2. Contacts between stations on the same continent, but different countries, are worth one (1) point on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and two (2) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz. Exception: For North American stations only—contacts between stations within the North American boundaries (both stations must be located in North America) are worth two (2) points on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and four (4) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz.

(iii) 3. Contacts between stations in the same country are worth 1 point regardless of band.

(c) C. Prefix Multipliers: The prefix multiplier is the number of valid prefixes worked. Each PREFIX is counted only once regardless of the band or number of times the same prefix is worked.

c) oh yes, the ARRL Inter. Digital Contest is in June and it is before our next monthly meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, see ARRL web page for the rules.

i) it is a 30 hr contest. locally 11am sat to 5pm sun.

ii) remember it can be used for the internal to SDXA incentives of 10 JA districts and 5 by 6 continents awards.

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

i) a good contest calendar: <http://www.contestcalendar.com/>

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

+ 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5
+ Canadian Prairies QSO Party	1700Z, May 11 to 0300Z, May 12
+ Arkansas QSO Party	1400Z, May 18 to 0200Z, May 19
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 25 to 2400Z, May 26
+ ARRL Inter. Digital Contest	1800Z, Jun 1 to 2400Z, Jun 2

- e) internal to SDXA will have the 10 JA Districts and the 5 by 6 with awards again this contest season including these 10 PAC NW DX contests plus the two digital contests (june and august).
  - o Ten JA Districts and 5 by 6 Awards and now ATNO:
    - For the Ten JA Districts
      - Most SDXA members, can use this to work on your 10 JA Districts
      - If a Million Points Club member, you have to accomplish it in a single contest
        - new members: N7ESU Jim and K0NG Peter
      - So far 9 members
        - o Gary, K7GS; Randy, K7TQ; Jay WS7I; jayw WA0WWW; Jay AC7DC; Pat N7UVH; Jim N7ESU, Art K6XT; David N7LL; \_\_\_\_\_ -
        - o >>>> Let Randy know if you should be on this list
    - In 5 by 6 work 5 DXCC entities in each of the 6 continents
      - All members can use all 10 of the PNW DX Competition contests
      - So far 7 members
        - o Mel, N7GC0; Gary, AD7XG; Gary, K7GS; Randy, K7TQ, jayw WA0WWW; Art K6XT; Pat N7UVH; Jim N7ESU; \_\_\_\_\_
        - o >>><< Let Randy know if you should be on this list
    - and now an ATNO incentive:

- 6) field day (from n7esu) is coming up and being worked on. looking at doing 3A again this year at the same place as last year, Mokins Bay on east side of Hayden Lake.
- 7) summer picnic is again at Del's WA7AQH, like last year, on saturday 17 August. (thanks Del)
- 8) SDXA Nets (Murf ) (reminder only -not discussed tonight)
  - a) wed 8:00 local 3840, 100w on a wire works well (and better than verticals)
  - b) **sunday 20:00 has moved to 6m on 50.140 USB.**

=====The Business Part=====

- 9) **unfortunately to report that Art, K6XT is now an SK.**
  - a) he joined SDXA in 2022 after moving to Grangeville.
  - b) most first met him at the SDXA histed Pac NW DX convention in Spokane.
  - c) will miss the weekly upcoming contests he sent out and his broad ham experience he shared with us.
  - d) RIP - Art.

**10) 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) expenses: zoom 174.13; javis dxpedtion \$250; to Mel for hybrid equip 116.07 == \$540.20
  - ii) income: dues \$58.44

**old business:**

- 11) Spokane hamfest (from wa0www) nothing new on finding a venue large enough with in the budget.
  - a) the committee has not met in recent weeks.

**new business:**

- 12) We are in need a Web Creator and a Web Keeper/maintainer, any volunteers? (Let an officer know if your interested to help.)
- 13) FT4GL - GLORIOSO - With this letter we would like to inform you of the upcoming activity (expedition) of Marek FH4VVK, he will be in the most wanted DXCC #7, on Glorioso Island, which has not been active since 2009 (FT5GA).
  - a) Marek plans to be active from 160 to 6M with the callsign FT4GL, with two stations at the same time (DIGI and rtty - only) and will be on the island from May 24 to June 19, 2024.
  - b) discussion: this is a highly needed entity by many and does not happen too often, we should help out.
  - c) **k7kb moves to send Gloriso/St. Paul (next item) \$250/\$100 2nded:n7esu; and nays or abstains:13 yaes, no nays or abstains.**
- 14) SDXA has had a funding request for CY9C (St. Paul) DXpedition
  - a) August 26 to September 5; #52 on Club Log; 160 m to 6 m
  - b) any discussion? Gloriso is more important so maybe a little less for St. Paul..

15) 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 (April and November) and two in person social meetings (Summer picnic in July&October Awards Dinner).
- b) **2024 field day** - looking again at the fire station where we were last year, and 3A again.
- c) **2024 summer picnic** - will again be at Diane's and Del's wa7aqh.
- d) **Trustee for K7SDX license is now K7ST0 (expires: 10dec32)**
  - i) rules for using K7SDX
    - 1. if the trustee gets any requests, he will run it past the current club officers.
    - 2. Listen to any fore or against objections and then make an assessment as to whether to approve or disapprove (and document accordingly).

16) next month & adjourn

- a) **06jun24 will be on zoom; program, see above**
- b) respectfully submitted by wa0www, jay, secretary.

17) new members of late:

- a) apr24 N7VPI Chris Tavish (Spokane Valley) - membership pending getting application.
- b) mar24 N7KSC Ken Cleaver (Chattaroy)
- c) dec23 K2GEP Gregory Preuss (Mead)
- d) oct23: K7CGA Bob Kesson (Hayden)
- e) oct23: KK70NR Mateo Ekholm (Spokane)
- f) oct23: KC7AAD Rod Ekholm (Spokane)
- g) jun23: W6WBO Steven Hartzell (Spokane)
- h) jun23: W7LEA Leigh Ann Nielson (Moses Lake)
- i) jun23: W7BJN Brian Nielson (Moses Lake)
- j) feb23: K7LIL Khilil Islam-Zwart (Spokane)
- k) feb23: KK7BYD Brian Curtis (Davenport)
- l) feb23: W7HTA Henry Anderson (Spokane)
- m) jan23: W7RJR Robert Raymond (Spokane)
- n) jan23: K7NT Michael Conatore, K7NT (Richland)
- o) jan23: W7BVN Ron Valley (Spokane)

18) 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
- j. groups.io: k7tq, (k7kb, n7gco)
- k. health and welfare of members: k7gs
- l. historian: k7awb
- m. **hybrid meetings: \_\_open\_\_**
- n. k7sdx trustee: k7sto
- o. library: sdx secretary (wa0www)
- p. local remote station/mentor: wa7aqh
- q. **media: \_\_open\_\_**
- r. membership: k7kb
- s. million point club: k7tq
- t. new to hf mentoring: wa7aqh
- u. pre-meeting zoom hosts: varies
- v. photographers: nz2s and k7tm
- w. programs: ac7dc <<< new for 2024
- x. qsl card checking: ad7xg
- y. Spokane hamfest: wa0www
- z. SDXA youtube channel: n7gco
  - i) the YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMF5QzqCJ65iJupGW64>
- aa. technical: k7gs and nz2s
- bb. web: **need someone for general updates** w/k7kb (wa0www, minutes and contest/award history)
- cc. **new updated web page: \_\_open\_\_**
- dd. zoom: n7gco
- ee. ~~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.

ff. officers:

- i) President: K7TQ Randy Foltz, Moscow, ID 83843
- ii) Vice President: AC7DC Jay Lopes, Lacrosse, WA 99143
- iii) Treasurer: K7KB John Gager, Colbert, WA 99005
- iv) Secretary: WA0WW Jayw Holcomb, Newman Lake, WA 99025
- v) Past President: AD7XG Gary Bytnar, Davenport, WA 99122
- vi) Past Vice President: N7GCO Mel Ming, Cheney, WA 99004

19) 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
29	Apr18	May08	Bhutan	A52	Club Log OQRS	By SP9FIH as A52P and SP6CIK as A52CI fm Dochula; 40-6m; SSB CW + digital
29	Apr18	May08	Bhutan	A52	Club Log OQRS	By SP9FIH as A52P and SP6CIK as A52CI fm Dochula; 40-6m; SSB CW + digital
98	Apr30	May13	Botswana	A25SHD	LoTW	By HB9SHD; HF; holiday style operation
41	May19	May31	Maldives	8Q7KR	D04RKR (B/d)	By D04RKR fm Joy I; 10m; SSB
112	Jun01	Jun15	Mozambique	C91AHV	LoTW	By CT7AHV; 40 20 15 10m; SSB FT8; QSL via CT7AHV
1	May24	Jun18	Glorioso Is	1T4GL	LoTW	By 1T4GL fm Grande Glorioso I (IOTA AF-011); HF; QSL via IARU
41	Jun16	Jun29	Maldives	8Q7JF	LoTW	By 8Q7JF fm Malengell Atoll; HF; CW + digital; holiday style operation; QSL via DM5JRM
41	Jul01	Jul12	Maldives	8Q7EC	DF3DEC Buro	By 8Q7EC fm Mabudu Village I; 20m; SSB; holiday style operation
104	Aug01	Aug13	Palmyra Jarvis Is	N5J	TBA	By AA7JV N1DG HA7RY KN4EEI fm Jarvis I (IOTA OC-081); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8; exact dates tentative
100	Sep03	Sep13	Zimbabwe	Z22AO	HA5AO OQRS	By HA5AO fm Zambezi National Park (KH21ww); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8
72	Aug23	Sep30	Tristan da Cunha	7D9GJ	LoTW	By 7D9GJ fm IOTA AF-029 (1F32ww); HF; mainly EME; some SSB FT8; dates tentative
98	Sep24	Oct04	Botswana	A25AO	HA5AO OQRS	By HA5AO fm Chobe National Park (KH22ox); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8
16	Jan05	Jan26	Bouvet I	1Y0K	TBA	By EA3RD DL8TJ LA7OTA; HF; permits in hand; dates tentative

c) other DXpeditions

StartDate	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Info
May11	May19	Bolivia	CP7DX	LoTW	By LU1FM LU6FOV LU7HN LU7MT LU8YD LU9FHF LU5DF; 160-6m; SSB FM CW FT8 FT4; QSL via Club Log OQRS
May14	May26	Barbados	8P9CB	WA7RAR	By WA7RAR; 20-10m; SSB CW
Jul02	Jul15	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW	By KV1J as FP/KV1J; HF; focus on 60m (FT8 on 5357khz) + 12 10 6m; SSB FT8; QRV for IARU Contest; QSL via Club Log OQRS or KV1J Buro or direct (w/ 1USD + SASE)
Jul04	Jul18	Reunion	T07PX	IK2DUW	By IZ2DPX; 40-6m; SSB FT8; 100w; fishing rod antenna
Aug10	Aug17	St Lucia	J6	LoTW	By N4XTT as J6/N4XTT fm POTA J6-0001; 40-10m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; holiday style operation; QSL via N4XTT direct
Aug10	Aug22	St Pierre & Miquelon	T08FP	Club Log OQRS	By VE2GCE VA2MM VE2DDZ VA2XZA VE2YNI VA2AN; 80-6m; CW SSB + digital
Aug17	Aug30	Timor Leste	4W	LoTW	By VK2MET as 4W/VK2MET fm Dili; 40-12m; CW FT8; QRP; dipoles; POTA activations; QSL via Club Log OQRS
Aug26	Sep05	St Paul I	CY9C	LoTW	By WA4DAN W0GJ K9CT N2TU K4ZLE K9NW W4DKS WW2DX N2IEN W0PR as CY9C and CY9R; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY + EME SAT; QSL via WA4DAN direct
Sep05	Sep15	Pitcairn	VP6WR	TBA	By G0VDE; 80-10m; SSB FT8, perhaps CW
Sep17	Sep21	French Polynesia	F0	TBA	By G0VDE as F0/G0VDE; 80-10m; SSB FT8, perhaps CW
Sep13	Sep22	Greenland	OX0J	LoTW	By OZ0J fm Maniitsoq (IOTA NA-220); 40-10m; CW SSB FT8 (mainly f/h); QSL via Club Log OQRS
Sep14	Sep23	Zambia	9J2AO	HA5AO OQRS	By HA5AO fm nr Victoria Falls (KH22wc); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8
Oct05	Oct14	Namibia	V5	HA5AO	By HA5AO as V5/HA5AO fm nr Katima Mulilo (KH22dm); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8

				OQRS	
Oct09	Oct14	Svalbard	JW5X	LA5X	By LA6VM LA7XK LA9DL; QRV for SAC SSB (Oct 12-13); outside contest using JW6VM JW7XK JW9DL
Oct16	Oct30	Vanuatu	YJ0VV	LoTW	By N4VGE + team; HF; QRV for CQWW DX Phone
Dec20	Dec31	French Guiana	FY	LoTW	By OZ0J as TBD; 80-10m; CW SSB, but mainly FT8 (mainly f/h); QSL via Club Log OQRS

**20) 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 23 to 2400Z, Sep 24
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	#2 done	0000Z, Oct 28 to 2359Z, Oct 29
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	#3 done	0000Z, Nov 25 to 2400Z, Nov 26
+ ARRL RTTY Roundup	#4 done	1800Z, Jan 6 to 2400Z, Jan 7
+ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	#5 done	0000Z, Feb 10 to 2400Z, Feb 11
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	#6 done	0000Z, Feb 17 to 2400Z, Feb 18
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	#7 done	0000Z, Mar 2 to 2400Z, Mar 3
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	#8 done	0000Z, Mar 30 to 2400Z, Mar 31
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	#9 next	0000Z, May 25 to 2400Z, May 26
+ IARU HF World Championship	#10	1200Z, Jul 13 to 1200Z, Jul 14

PACNWX challenge trophy cup contests, above:

a. please send your claimed scores in body of email to SDXA io group or SDXA secretary

b. to help keep the super check partial files complete consider to cc [k5zd@contesting.com](mailto:k5zd@contesting.com) when you submit your Cabrillo logs.

c) other contests for internal SDXA incentives:

+ ARRL Inter. Digital Contest	1800Z, Jun 1 to 2400Z, Jun 2
+ World Wide Digi DX Contest	1200Z, Aug 24 to 1200Z, Aug 25

d) other contests for internal SDXA interest

+ Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 9 to 1900Z, Mar 10
+ 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5
+ ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 22 to 2100Z, Jun 23
+ Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 21 to 0700Z, Sep 22 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 22

**21) SDXA membership**

members	for the activity		17	23	22	25	27	22	25	17	18	22	24	15	16	18+7	22	23	27	25
visitors			2	5	3	10	3	2	2	3+4	1	5	22	2	2	2	5+8	8	3	6
call	operator	sort	may 24	apr 24	mar 24	feb 24	jan 24	dec 23	nov 23	'oct awd 23	'sep 23	aug 23	pic	fd	jun 23	'may 23	'apr 23	mar 23	feb 23	jan 23
aa7tq	gordon	1																		
ac7dc/n7zuf	jay	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	z	1	1	1	2
ac7gl	rod	3																		
ad7qj	harold-22	4	1		1	1						v				v			v	2
ad7xg	gary	5	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
ad7xg-xyl	svetlana	6		1						1			1	1		1	1			0.5
af7wh	dale	7							1											
ag7ig	mike	8				1	1	1	1	1	1				1		1	1	1	
ag7qp	frank	9	1	1	1	1	1					1	2			1	1	1	1	
ai7cr	josh	10																		
ja3czy	elvin	11																		
k0ng	peter	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
k2gep	gregory	13																		
k6xt/k7ox	art	14			1	1		1	1			1			1	z		1	1	
k7awb	steve	15																		
k7cga	bob	16									----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
k7efx	john	17																		
k7gs	gary	18	1	1	1	1	1		1				1			z		1	1	2
k7kb	john	19	1	1		1	1	1	1	2	1	1		1		1	2	1	1	2
k7nt	michael	20				1	1								1					---



