



SDXA - 06 mar 25

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 ac7dc, if you can hold questions to the end, that will help.

- a) **program:** POTA: Exciting Way to Get on the Air with Ara Kourchians - N6ARA
 - i) Ara is an active POTA/SOTA operator. He has also developed a number of great products to be use in POTA/SOTA.

2) new association members in the last monthish, none:

- a) feb25 N7JP Jack Prendergast (FreeLand, WA (Whidbey Island)
- b) jan25 N7HCJ Woody Jacobson (Moses Lake)
- c) dec24 W7SCD Scott Anderson (Spokane)
- d) 85 members, 6 honorary, 79 voting, 78 licensed; 33 arrl dxcc, 2 non-arrl dx

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

3) up coming programs / VP's officer report; also see web page and i/o emails:

- i) 03apr/in person only meeting: K7TQ, our own Randy; Mobile QSO Parties
- ii) 01may: Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, The WA7BNM Contest Calendar and the 3830 Reporting site
- iii) 05june: tbd
- iv) 28-29june: Field Day, see below.
- v) 03 or 10july - tbd
- vi) 09aug: annual picnic.

4) up coming DX from k7tm:

Mar 03 - 18	Comoros Is	D68Z	31	160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8 FT4
Mar 03-Apr 01	Turks & Caicos	VP5/W1DED	110	HF; possibly QRV using VP5E in WPX SSB
Mar 02 - 08	Albania	ZA/W4CK	31	80-10m; CW; 100w; wires
Mar 04- 11	Cocos Keeling	VK9CU	310	6 Operators; HF; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; 500w; 3 stations, 24/7
Mar 05 - 16	Barbados	8P9CB	106	20-10m; SSB CW; 100w
Mar 08 - 15	Turks & Caicos	VP5/WW1X	110	HF; mainly SSB, perhaps FT8; QRP
Mar 08 - 29	St Kitts & Nevis	V4/G4XWM	105	HF; SSB CW
Mar 09 - 10	Antigua & Barbuda	V26MN	105	80-6m, incl 60m; CW + digital, perhaps SSB
Mar 09 - 19	San Andres & Providencia	HK0A	128	20-10m; SSB, QRS CW
Mar 09 -Apr 05	Sint Maarten	PJ7AA	105	By AA9A; 40-6m; CW FT8 FT4; QSL via AA9A
Mar 10 - 11	St Martin	FS/DF8AN	105	80-6m, incl 60m; CW + digital, perhaps SSB
Mar 10 - 25	Andaman Is	VU4AX	327	12 Operators; HF; CW SSB + digital; 6 stations
Mar 11 -Apr 26	Guyana	8R1TM	111	HF; CW SSB + digital
Mar 12 - 24	Jamaica	6Y7EI	119	12 Operators; 160-6m
Mar 14 - 24	Turks & Caicos	VP5/KI5GTR	110	80-6m; CW SSB FT8; QRP
Mar 16 - 30	St Vincent	J87PE	107	20-10m; holiday style operation; POTA activation
Mar 17 - 31	Grenada	J38XB	108	160-10m; SSB, some CW
Mar 18 Apr 01	Micronesia	V6WG	271	80-6m, perhaps 160m; mainly FT8 FT4, some SSB CW
Mar 18 Apr 08	Tanzania	5H3MB	40	80-10m; SSB CW + digital
Mar 24 Apr 05	Rodrigues I	3B9DJ	359	3 Operators; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8
Mar 24 - 31	Cyprus SBA	ZC4MK	24	QRV for CQ WPX SSB
Mar 24 - Apr04	St Barthelemy	T01P	105	40 17 10m; SSB FT8 RTTY
Mar 26 - 31	St Lucia	J62K	107	6 Operators; QRV for CQ WPX SSB
Mar 26 -Apr 05	Sint Maarten	PJ7EE	105	focus on 12 10 6m
Mar 30 -Apr 06	Honduras	HR9/K6VHF	133	80-6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8; 100w

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 from the floor.

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

1. jan 2025: \$100: 3y_____ Bouvet Island 2026
2. oct 2024: \$202.11: VU4X Andaman Island, <https://www.qrz.com/db/VU4A>
3. jun 2024: \$125: XT2MD Burkina Faso link maybe, not checked out: mdxc.org/xt2md-2024/
4. may 2024: \$100: CY9C St. Paul <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy9c/index.htm>
5. may 2024: \$281.61: FT4GL Glorioso Island <https://ft4gl.blogspot.com/>
6. apr 2024: \$250: N5J Jarvis Island <https://jarvisisland2024.com/>

5) Reviewed George Washington Special Event - Brian, W7BJN

6) up coming contests:

a) any comments on the 3 contests in the past month, as part of the Pac NW Challenge Trophy Cup.

- i) CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest 9 (15 last yr) folks; 41% from last year w/ 1,623,956 pts
- ii) ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 8 (9 last yr) folks; 69% from last year w/ 1,734,469 pts
 1. note > ½ of the points were from Mike, K7NT, thanks Mike.
 2. with Randy and Geoff at PJ2T, they saw our Gary, K7GS as first one in the PJ2T log, way to go Gary.
- iii) ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB 13 (14 last yr) folks; 67% from last year w/ 1,096,581 pts
 1. any stories to tell?
- iv) so far in the contest season, still 121% from last year @ 18,012,411 and actually @ 95% of last year's grand total.

b) before our next meeting, the 8th contest of the Pacific NW DX Challenge Trophy Cup with the other Pac NW clubs.

+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB #8 now	0000Z, Mar 29 to 2400Z, Mar 30
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- i) CQ WPX S0s are 30hrs max of the 48, no 160m, exchange is s/n. remember: off time (w/no Qs) is >= 60 minutes
 1. twice the pts for 40 and 80m / vs / 20, 15, 10m.
 2. same country, 1//2 pts, same continent is 2//4 pts and different continent is 3//6 pts.

c) oh yes, need to mention one of our contests of SDXA notice:

+ Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 8 to 1900Z, Mar 9
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- i) our prez, k7tq and jayw will be mobile the 2 days, watch for us, (though CW only)

d) reminders:

- i) please log in and use the **Contestonline scoreboard** using Spokane DX Association club.
 1. note - for **flounders cup team**, we are no longer using it, tu.
- ii) please use the full "Spokane DX Association" for the club name when turning in scores to ARRL, CQ, etc.
- iii) also, the ARRL SDXA members <250 miles eligibility list for contests has been updated.

e) monthly contests coming up: below is some, Does anyone know of other contests coming up in the next month, that others may have an interest in?

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

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

+ Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 8 to 1900Z, Mar 9
+ North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0359Z, Mar 9
+ BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 15 to 0159Z, Mar 17
+ Africa All Mode International DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 22 to 1200Z, Mar 23
+ North American SSB Sprint Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 23
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB #8 now	0000Z, Mar 29 to 2400Z, Mar 30

f) internal to SDXA will have the new Work Europe award this contest season of 10 PAC NW DX Trophy Cup contests

(not including the 2 digital contests this year)

- i) **Work Europe** - there are ~68 entities
 - 1. an entity counts only once over the 10 Pac NW DX contest season, independent of mode.
 - (a) For Million Points Club: 35 (up'd from original 25) EU countries over the contest season
 - (b) For non-Million Points Club: 30 (up'd from original 20) EU countries over the contest season
- ii) Five by Six = work 5 DXCC entities in each of the 6 continents
 - 1. All members can use all 10 PNW DX Competition contests

- 7) SDXA Nets (Murf) not discussed tonight, just fyi:
 - a) wed 8:00 local 3840, 100w on a wire works well (better than verticals)
 - b) sun 20:00 has moved to 6m on 50.140 USB, with N7CXI Jim as net control
 - c) tues 20:00 now has 160M on 1855 kHz LSB, with AD7XG Gary as net control
- 8) Field Day Reminder, n7esu, Jim; not discussed tonight, just fyi:
 - a) 28-29 june 2025
 - b) Mokins Bay Fire Station like the past 2 years.
- 9) hints and ideas
 - a) The latest improvements of "WSJT-X-Improved" from German ham dg2ycb (Not WSJT-X from Joe Taylor) by Mel, N7GCO

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

10) officer reports:

- a) **secretary's report** from wa0www; the last monthly minutes: <http://www.sdx.org/?cat=10>;
 - i) reminder, as of close of this meeting, folks that have not paid 2025 dues, will drop from the roster.
- b) **treasurer's report** from wa0www for k7kb:
 - i) expenses: \$0
 - ii) income: \$0
 - iii) (sneak preview: james - n7pcw - new member in process)

old business:

- 11) Spokane Hamfest 2025 is making progress:
 - a) April 26, 2025 Saturday
 - b) Horizon Middle School, 3915 S Pines Rd, Spokane Valley WA 99206
 - c) the hamfest was there before with Freeman HS had a last minute even at U-High, a few years ago.
 - d) 6 clubs at this point, KABARA, IEVHFRA, SDXA, NW Tri-State, Paloussie Hills and WA7DRE a new club:
 - e) Washington Digital Radio Enthusiasts (WA7DRE); who will pick up doing the Hamfest treasurer.
 - f) seed money is only \$350, with now 'raffle' just door prizes like last time.
 - i) prizes so far, Nana VNA, 10 - Talkpod A36plus Max radios, and more
 - g) have a badge engraver, hat embroiderer and a food truck is back - Random Eatz.
 - h) the committee needs to get going to find more live seminars. so far: ARES/RACES, POTA, LDS ERC system and 2 fox hunts. still asking us for an HF seminar, any ideas or volunteers to do something?
 - i)
 - i) far from the last thing, though we will do the registration table to earn our share of the income, and as we have done for a very long time.
 - i) who can help and best time for you?
 - 1. will be asking for help to fill out the time slots, like the last many hamfests.
 - j) next committee meeting is monday 24march and will be on zoom at 19:00 local.

new business:

- 12) none tonight.

13) history/other/future:

- a) **SDXA meetings starting in 2023, just a reminder:**
 - i) will have 8 Zoom meetings (January, February, March, May, June, August, September, December) and two

in-person meeting with limited Hybrid (April and November) and in person social meetings (Summer picnic in July or August & October Awards Dinner & Field Day).

- b) **2025 field day** - 28-29 June 25; Mokins Bay Fire Station (like the last 2 years)
- c) **2025 summer picnic** - 09aug25 @ wa7aqh's (thanks Del)
- 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).

14) next month & adjourn

- a) **03April25: on zoom. see above for program info.**
- b) respectfully submitted by wa0www, jayw, secretary.

15) new members of late:

- a) feb25 N7JP Jack Prendergast (Freeland, WA (Whidbey Island)
- b) jan25 N7HCJ Woody Jacobson (Moses Lake)
- c) dec24 W7SCD Scott Anderson (Spokane)
- d) aug24 KB7HDX Mark Tharp (Yakima)
- e) aug24 KK7TUR Jim Grapes (Spokane)
- f) may24 K7WIQ Merle Trenary (Elk)
- g) mar24 N7KSC Ken Cleaver (Chattaroy)
- h)

16) committees:

- a. awards: n7gco and k7tq
- b. card checker: ad7xg
- c. club log: n7uvh
- d. contests: k7tq and wa0www(pac NW DX 10 contests)
- 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__ (k7tq for now)**
- 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
- 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 page ongoing maintenance: w7bks (w/k7kb (&wa0www, minutes and contest/award history))
- cc. new updated web page: w7bks
- dd. zoom: n7gco (k7tq)
- 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, ws7i.ewarg.org
- 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: WA0WWW 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

17) 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	bearing	QSL via	Info
64	Mar04	Mar12	Cocos Keeling	VK9CU	310	LoTW	By DL2AWG DF4GV DL2AMD DJ9RR VK6SJ VK6CQ; HF; CW SSB FT8 RTTY; 500w; 3 stations, 24/7; QSL via DL2AWG (LoTW after 6 months)
53	Mar10	Mar25	Andaman Is	VU4X	327	M0URX	By ON4AMX ON4HIL ON5UR ON5RA ON5TN ON6CC ON7FT ON7USB ON7RU ON8AZ PA9M PA3EWP; HF; CW SSB + digital; 6 stations
85	Mar24	Apr05	Rodrigues I	3B9DJ	359	LoTW	By OK6DJ OK1CRM OK2ZA; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL via OK6DJ
40	Apr03	Apr10	Maldives	8Q7EF	347	LoTW	By IW2NEF fm Filithayo I; 40-6m; SSB FT8; QSL via IK2DUW direct or HE9ERA Buro
71	Jun01	Jun10	Faroe Is	OY	32	LoTW	By WB2REM as OY/WB2REM W9MK W2WCM G6TFL V01IDX K3BAB K4LT W4VKU likewise; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; QRV for ARRL VHF Contest; QSL via Club Log OQRS or WB2REM
111	Jun28	Jul14	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	67	LoTW	By KV1J as FP/KV1J fm Miquelon I; HF + 6m; mainly SSB FT4 FT8, some CW; QSL via KV1J (B/d) or Club Log OQRS

c) other DXpeditions

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	bearing	QSL via	Info
Mar01	Mar09	Montserrat	VP2MMN	105	DF8AN	By DF8AN; 80-6m, incl 60m; CW + digital, perhaps SSB
Mar09	Mar10	Antigua & Barbuda	V26MN	105	DF8AN	By DF8AN; 80-6m, incl 60m; CW + digital, perhaps SSB
Feb07	Mar11	Aruba	P4	116	LoTW	By KE4TT as P4/KE4TT; HF; FT8 RTTY CW SSB; QSL via Club Log OQRS, KE4TT
Mar10	Mar11	St Martin	FS	105	DF8AN	By DF8AN; 80-6m, incl 60m; CW + digital, perhaps SSB
Mar12	Mar24	Jamaica	6Y7EI	119	M0OXO	By DJ9RR EI2II EI2JD EI4GZB EI4HH EI4L EI5GM EI6FM EI8JB EI3IXB EI9HQ OZ1IKY; 160-6m
Mar24	Mar31	Cyprus SBA	ZC4MK	24	G0KOM	By G0KOM; QRV for CQ WPX SSB
Mar17	Mar31	Grenada	J38XB	108	Direct	By VE2XB fm IOTA NA-024; 160-10m; SSB, some CW
Mar18	Apr01	Micronesia	V6WG	265	LoTW	By WE9G fm Kosrae I (IOTA OC-059); 80-6m, perhaps 160m; mainly FT8 FT4, some SSB CW; QSL via WE9G (B/d)
Mar03	Apr01	Turks & Caicos	VP5	110	LoTW	By W1DED as VP5/W1DED; HF; possibly QRV using VP5E in WPX SSB
Mar09	Apr05	Sint Maarten	PJ7AA	105	LoTW	By AA9A; 40-6m; CW FT8 FT4; QSL via AA9A
Mar30	Apr06	Honduras	HR9	133	LoTW	By K6VHF as K6VHF/HR9 fm Roatan I; 80-6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8; 100w; QSL via Club Log OQRS or K6VHF (B/d)
Apr09	Apr15	French Polynesia	TX7XG	213	LoTW	By JA1XGI fm Fakarava Atoll (IOTA OC-066, BH73ev); 40-6m
Apr18	Apr26	Galapagos	HD8G	146	LoTW	By PY2PT PY2WAS PY5CC YT1AD + team fm IOTA SA-004 (EI49tf); 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB CW FT4 FT8 RTTY; QSL via M0URX OQRS
Apr17	Apr27	Bonaire	PJ4CB	115	LoTW	By WA7RAR; 20-10m; CW SSB; holiday style operation; QSL via WA7RAR direct
Apr19	May02	Gambia	C5	73	LoTW	By F5RAV as C5LT and YU5R as C5R fm nr Kololi; HF; CW SSB FT8
Apr25	May07	Austral Is	TX9A	210	DK8ZZ	By 9A2NA 9A3MR 9A9R DK8ZZ fm IOTA OC-152; HF
Jun04	Jun18	St Martin	FS	105	LoTW	By K9EL as FS/K9EL; 40-6m; holiday style operation; QSL via Club Log OQRS
Jun11	Jun27	French Polynesia	FO	213	LoTW	By G0VJG as F0/G0VJG fm Bora Bora I (IOTA OC-067); HF + 6m
Sep12	Sep22	Svalbard	JW6VDA	11	LoTW	By LA6VDA fm Spitsbergen (IOTA EU-026); HF; FT8 FT4; SSB; holiday style operation; QSL via Club Log OQRS
Oct20	Nov07	Wallis & Futuna	FW5K	238	LoTW	By K7VHF KA6BIM W7HAN NG7E N7JI NC7M; 160-6m; CW RTTY FT4 FT8 SSB; QRV for CQWW DX SSB; QSL via Club Log OQRS

18) 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, 2024-2025:

+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	#1 done	0000Z, Sep 28 to 2400Z, Sep 29
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	#2 done	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2400Z, Oct 27
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	#3 done	0000Z, Nov 23 to 2400Z, Nov 24
+ ARRL RTTY Roundup	#4 done	1800Z, Jan 4 to 2400Z, Jan 5
+ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	#5 done	0000Z, Feb 8 to 2400Z, Feb 9
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	#6 done	0000Z, Feb 15 to 2400Z, Feb 16
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	#7 done	0000Z, Mar 1 to 2400Z, Mar 2
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	#8 now	0000Z, Mar 29 to 2400Z, Mar 30
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	#9	0000Z, May 24 to 2400Z, May 25
+ IARU HF World Championship	#10	1200Z, Jul 12 to 1200Z, Jul 13

