



Spokane DX Association

K7SDX - Spokane, Washington
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SDXA - 06 nov 25

monthly in person meeting called to order by prez K7TQ, Randy, at 19:00 local

Q secretary's request, when 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) "Six Meter Long-Distance Propagation via Es and TEP during the Decline of Solar Cycle 25"
 - b) by Frank Donovan W3LPL
 - i) Frank was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in 1999 and is a regular presenter at Contest University and to radio clubs and conventions around the world. He retired 13 years ago as a Chief Engineer at General Dynamics Corporation after a 45 year career in electronics research, development, engineering and operations of military spaceborne, terrestrial, subterranean, seaborn and subsea electronic systems.
- 2) new association members in the last monthish, none:
 - a) nov25 N7TM Tom Taylor (Greenacres)
 - b) apr25 KI7N00 Matt Barrett (Spokane)
 - c) mar25 K2JKX George Lafemina (Kalispell, MT)
 - d) feb25 N7JP Jack Prendergast (Freeland, WA (Whidbey Island))
 - e) jan25 N7HCJ Woody Jacobson (Moses Lake)
 - f) 81 members, 6 honorary, 75 voting, 74 licensed; 34 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) 04dec: Small Station - Getting to the next level; by Ward N0AX
 - ii) 08jan (2nd thurs): E51MWA - North Cook Islands Dxpediton; By Rob N7QT and Robin WA7CPA
 - iii) 05feb: CQ9A Madeira Contest Station by Chris Hurlbut-KL9A
 - iv) 05mar: Using Green Heron Everywhere in your Station; by Grant Saviers KZ1W
 - v) 02apr: (in person) Getting and confirming DXCC QSO's by Mel N7GCO Coordinating
 - vi) 07may: 80/160 Inverted L with Folded Counterpoise by Bill Eisinger AA7X
 - vii) 04jun: World Team Radio Championship by Pat Barkey N9RV
 - viii) 02jul:
 - ix) _aug: summer picnic
 - x) 05sep (sat): 2nd SDXA Antenna Shootout (@ AD&XG's)
 - xi) 01oct: awards dinner

4) up coming DX from k7tm:

november 2025

Dates	Entity	Call	Rotator	10	12	15	17	20	30	40	60	80	160			
Oct 28 - Nov 05	St. Vincent	J88PI	107											1 op	40-6m	SSB, FT8
Oct 29 - Nov 12	Madagascar	5R8TT or 5R8XX	30											7 Op	160 - 6m	CW,SSB,RTTY, FT8
Oct 30 - Nov 10	Sierra Leone	9L8MD	74											14 Ops	160 - 6m	CW,SSB,RTTY, FT8
Oct 31 - Nov 10	Bolivia	CP7DX	124											7 Ops	80 - 10m	?
Oct 31 - Nov 20	Burundi	9U1RU	44											10 Ops	160 - 6m	CW,SSB, FT8
Nov 01- Nov 06	Palau	T88HR	289											1 Op	75 - 6m	SSB
Nov 01 - Nov 30	Falkland Is	VP8THW	146											1 Op	20 - 10m	SSB, FT8
Nov 01 - Nov 30	Central African Rep	TL8GD	50											1 Op	HF	SSB, CW
Nov 03 - Nov 07	Cyprus SBA	ZC4RH	24											1 Op	40-6m	CW,SSB,FT8,FT4
Nov 03 - Nov 20	Chatham Is.	ZL7/LZ1GC	220											1 Op	160 - 6m	CW,SSB,FT8,FT5
Nov 03 -Nov 27	Lesotho	7P8EA	68											1 Op	17- 10m	CW
Nov 15 - Nov 21	Tuvalu	T2JK	65											1 Op	80 - 6m	FT8
Nov 17 - Nov 23	St. Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	105											1 Op	160 - 6m	SSB FT8
Nov 20 - Nov 30	San Andres Is	5J0EA	128											4 Ops	160 - 10m	CW, SSB Digital
Nov 20 - Dec 03	Bonaire	PJ4KV	115											1 Op	HF	CW
Nov 20 - Dec 31	Namibia	V51WH	71											1 Op	160 - 6m	RTTY
Nov 22 - Dec 05	Vanuatu	YJ0GC	247											1 Op	160 - 10m	CW, SSB, FT8, FT4
Nov 24 - Dec 04	Bermuda	VP9/WE9G	92											1 Op	160 - 6m	CW, SSB, FT8
Nov 25 - Dec 03	Cambodia	XU7RRC	317											6 Op	80 -10m	CW, SSB, FT8
Nov 25 - Dec 05	Bhutan	A52AA	336											1 Op	160 - 10m	SSB
Nov 30 - Dec 12	St. Martin	TO9W	105											5 Ops	160 - 10m	CW,SSB, FT8., FT4
Dec 01 - Dec 10	Maldives	8Q7HT	347											1 Op	40 -6m	FT8 holifay7 style

- 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. july 2025: \$100: 3y0k Bouvet Island feb2026:
 - 2. apr 2025: €100: ZS8W Marion Island: <https://clublog.org/logsearch.php?log=zs8w>

5) up coming contests:

- a) quick review of the last 2 (first 2) contests in the Pac NW Challenge Trophy Cup:
 - i) CQ WW RTTY in september had 9 SDXA participants. granted, thanks to N7GCO, 5 of them operated as multi-one at his place and they broke records, with a score of 1,981,806. nice job team.
 - ii) CQ WW SSB was just a week+ ago with 18 folks on and an association score of just under 3M, or 150% of last year. bands were pretty good. Murph sneaked over 500k.
 - iii) coming up is the 3rd contest of the Pacific NW DX Challenge Trophy Cup with the other Pac NW clubs; the CQ WW CW contest. last year we had 10 folks for 2.2M.
 - + CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW #3 now 0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30
 - 1. the exchange for us is: 599 03 and 2 multipliers: zone, country
 - 2. domestic Qs are 0 points, but do get zone multipliers, so worth getting a few, like on 160 and 80.
- b) 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)

+ WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 8 to 2359Z, Nov 9
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 15 to 0300Z, Nov 17
+ North American SSB Sprint Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Nov 23
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30
+ ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 5 to 1600Z, Dec 7
+ FT Challenge	1800Z, Dec 6 to 2359Z, Dec 7

- c) 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) remember for the ARRL and CQ contests, only SDXA members <250 miles are eligibility
- d) updated initiatives:
 - i) Oceania & Caribbean Award & 10 JA Districts Award - How To Find 'Em
 - 1. As a reminder, this season's SDXA Contesting Awards are the Oceania & Caribbean and the 10 JA Districts. The season began last week with the CQWW RTTY contest. Next up is the CQWW SSB the last full weekend in October.
 - 2. For the Oceania & Caribbean Award you need to work 10 countries in Oceania plus 10 countries in the Caribbean. After the contest both N1MM and N3FJP will do the hard work of counting the Qs for you.
 - 3. In N1MM choose Window, then Multipliers, then Countries. In the window that comes up choose only the OC box. The ones you worked will be colored in. Coun 'em. For the Caribbean count, check the NA box and uncheck the OC box. Count all but KL, K, VE, and XE. That will be your Caribbean countries count. (For our purposes we'll say Central America is the Caribbean. Most of those countries have a coastline to the Caribbean.)
 - 4. N3FJP is not as straightforward. Mel and I are working on it and we'll have it before the SSB contest at the end of October.
 - 5. For the 10 JA Districts, open your Cabrillo file with Notepad then search for "599 25" which will stop on all the JAs, DSs, and HLs (zone 25). Go down the log with the search box and keep track of the JAs 0 to 9.
- e) To accompany the new DXing incentive, I'm pleased to announce a Contesting Incentive. Like its big brother, this one is to encourage SDXA members to take part in PNW DX Competition.
 - i) For this incentive you need to operate in three of the SSB contests OR three of the RTTY contests OR three of the CW contests. Just for an extra bit of fun, in the IARU, which is a

mixed mode contest, you can use it as a Wild Card to fill in either your needed SSB or CW contest.

- ii) The only requirement is that to have a contest qualify you've got to make at least 10 Qs that count in that contest. Easy-peasy in the CQWW or CQWPX ones where you can get credit for three USA ones then add in KL7, KH6, up to 10 VE provinces, plus PJ2T and you are there. The ARRL DX CW and SSB will require a bit more work because US stations do not count.
- iii) No minimum score. No ranking by score. Just work 10 in each of three contests using the mode of your choice.

6) SDXA Nets (Murf) not discussed tonight, just fyi:

- a) wed 8:00pt 80m on 3840 kHz LSB, 100w on a wire works well (better than verticals) (year round)
- b) back on and now on wed - 20:00pt 160m on 1855 kHz LSB, with AD7XG Gary as net control

7) hints and ideas:

- a) November - Using PSTRotator app - Mel, N7GCO

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

8) officer reports:

- a) **secretary's report** from wa0www; the last monthly minutes: <http://www.sdxa.org/?cat=10>;
- b) **treasurer's report** - from k7kb John.
 - i) expenses: 578.16 Lanhorn; 93.42 awards; 60 refund (double banquet); 216.56 shoot out food == \$948.14
 - ii) income: from paypal - 640.53 (most banquet reservations)

old business:

- 9) none

new business:

- 10) Spokane Hamfest is looking for a treasurer so status on the '26 hamfest is tbd.

11) did not have quorum so watch for special email meeting.

- a) **annual election of SDXA officers/Board of directors for the calendar year 2026**
- b) results from the nominating committee (n7gco and k7tq) and input to them, is the slate below for 2026
- c) per the constitution, would have made a call for any further volunteers or nominations from the floor, _____/
 - i) _____ moved to cease nominations, _____ 2nd'd - any objections? none heard; nominations ceased
- d) the slate of officers for 2025:
 - i) President: Randy Foltz K7TQ, Moscow, ID 83843
 - ii) Vice President: Mel Ming N7GCO, Cheney, WA 99004
 - iii) Treasurer: John Gager K7KB, Colbert, WA 99005
 - iv) Secretary: Jay Holcomb WA0WVW, Newman Lake, WA 99025
- e) per the constitutions a voice acclamation can be done for entire slate.
- f) Motion: _____ moved to accept the presented slate of officers for the SDXA for the year of 2026, _____ 2nd'd;
 - i) are there any 'no's or 'abstains'? _____, motion _____. (___ voting members present)

12) 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) **2026 field day** - 27-28 june 26;
- c) **2026 summer picnic** - @ _____ (thanks to _____)
- 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).

13) next monthly meeting & adjourn

- a) **04dec25: see above for program info.**
- b) respectfully submitted by wa0www, jayw, secretary.

14) 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 n711
- 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: tbd
- 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

15) 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	beari ng	Info
93	Oct30	Nov10	Sierra Leone	<u>9L8MD</u>	IK2VUC	74	By 14 op team fm IJ38ke; 160-6m, incl 60m (5.357MHz); CW SSB RTTY FT8
81	Oct29	Nov12	Madagascar	<u>5R8TT</u>	LoTW	30	By I1FQH I1HJT I2PJA IK2CKR IK2HKT IK2RZP IV3ZXQ fm Nosy Be I (IOTA AF-057); 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; 5R8XX on FT8; QSL via 5R8TT OQRS
56	Oct31	Nov20	Burundi	<u>9U1RU</u>	LoTW	44	By R7AL OK8AU RW9JZ W8HC SP6EQZ RU3UR UA3QLC R2BW R5EC; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8
40	Dec01	Dec10	Maldives	8Q7HT	DL7MDX	347	By R7AL OK8AU RW9JZ W8HC SP6EQZ RU3UR UA3QLC R2BW R5EC; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8
38	Dec21	Dec27	Bangladesh	S21DX	LoTW	335	By S21YLJ S21AM S21RC S21FIA S21RED fm Kutubdia I (IOTA AS-127); 160-10m; SSB FT8; QSL via EB7DX
28	Dec30	2026 Jan03	Monaco	3A	LoTW	38	By MM0NDX as 3A/MM0NDX and MM0SAJ as 3A/MM0SAJ; HF w/ focus on 160-30m, incl 60m; SSB FT8 FT4 RTTY; QSL via EB7DX
41	2026 Jan10	2026 Jan18	Laccadive Is	VU7	TBA	349	By VU2RS and team as TBA; focus on low bands; dates tentative
15	2026 Feb15	2026 Mar14	Bouvet I	<u>3Y0K</u>	M00XO	123	By LA7GIA and team; begin and end dates subject to change; see Web for full QSL details
110	2026 Mar19	2026 Mar30	Sable I	<u>CY0S</u>	LoTW	74	By WA4DAN W0GJ + ops; HF; QSL via Club Log OQRS or WA4DAN direct

c) other DXpeditions

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	bearin g	Info
Nov01	Nov06	Palau	T88HR	JH1MLO (B/d)	289	By JH1MLO fm Koror I (OC-009, PJ77fi); 75-6m; SSB
Oct20	Nov07	Wallis & Futuna Is	<u>FW5K</u>	LoTW	238	By NC7M NG7E N7JJ K6VHF KA6BIM W7HER fm IOTA OC-054; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8 FT4; See Web for QSL details; QRV for CQWW DX SSB Contest

Oct31	Nov10	Bolivia	CP7DX	LU1FM	124	By LU1FM LU1HF LU3FR LU5HPM LU6FOV LU6HGH LU9FHF fm Tarija (FG87pl); 80 60 40 20 15 12 10m
Oct18	Nov12	Gambia	C5	LoTW	73	By F5RAV as C5LT (until Oct 31) and YT3PL as C5R; HF; CW SSB FT8
Nov03	Nov20	Chatham I	ZL7	Club Log OQRS	220	By LZ1GC as ZL7/LZ1GC fm IOTA OC-038 (AE16ug); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; QSL via LZ1GC direct
Nov01	Nov22	Falkland Is	VP8THW	LoTW	146	By DL7HW; 20 17 15 12 10m; SSB FT8; 10w
Nov03	Nov27	Lesotho	7P8EA	HB9CCS	68	By HB9CCS fm Thaba Tseka (KG40h1); 15m; SSB (21.223 MHz) CW (21.050 MHz), perhaps 17 12 10m; 100w; EF wire
Nov20	Nov30	San Andres I	5J0EA	LoTW	128	By EA7BF EA7FPG EA7JW EA7ATX fm IOTA NA-003 (EK92dm); 160-10m; CW SSB + digital
Nov20	Dec03	Bonaire	PJ4KV	DL6KVA		By DL6KVA; HF; CW
Nov22	Dec05	Vanuatu	YJ0GC	Club Log OQRS	247	By LZ1GC; 160-10m, incl 60m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; QSL via LZ1GC direct
Nov30	Dec12	St Martin	T09W	LoTW	105	By W9MR W9AP K9EL N9LQ K9KE; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8 FT4 FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS
Dec10	Dec17	Palau	T88AC	LoTW	289	By JA1ADT fm Koror I (IOTA OC-009, PJ77fi); HF; QRV for ARRL 10m Contest
Nov20	Dec31	Namibia	V51WH	DK2WH	71	By DK2WH fm nr Omaruru; 160-6m, incl 60m; QRV for CQWW DX RTTY using V55Y; to continue until Mar 24, 2026
Dec21	2026 Jan02	Surinam	PZ50Z	LoTW	110	By OZ0J; @PZ5RA; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8, perhaps RTTY; QSL via Club Log OQRS or OZ Buro
Dec30	2026 Jan03	Mariana Is	KH0	LoTW	287	By J01VRK as KH0/AJ6VJ fm Saipan I; 40 20 17 15 12 10m; QSL via Club Log OQRS
Dec07	2026 Jan05	Guatemala	TG	LoTW	137	By AF4CZ as TG9/AF4CZ; 40-10m;; FT8 FT4, perhaps SSB; spare time operation
2026 Jan22	2026 Jan28	Micronesia	V660XGI	Club Log OQRS	271	By JA1XGI fm Chuuk I (IOTA OC-011,QJ57wj); 160-10m; CW SSB + digital; QRV for CQ 160m CW
2026 Jan06	2026 Feb06	Benin	TY5GG	LoTW	64	By F5NVF fm Godomey, Abomey-Calavil HF; Spiderbeam, multiband dipole; QSL via F5RAV direct; operation to continue until 6 Apr 2026
2026 Jan20	2026 Feb10	Guadeloupe	FG4KH	LoTW	105	By F1DUZ; 80-10m; SSB; QSL via F1DUZ (B/d)
2026 Feb14	2026 Feb28	Falkland Is	VP8TM	LoTW	146	By DC8TM fm IOTA SA-002; HF; SSB FT8; QSL via DC8TM (B/d)
2026 Jan22	2026 Mar31	Curacao	PJ2	LoTW	115	By W2APF as PJ2/W2APF; 80-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL via W2APF direct
2026 Apr01	2026 Apr08	French Polynesia	TX9XG	Club Log OQRS	213	By JA1XGI fm Rangiroa Atoll (IOTA OC-066); 40-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL via JA1XGI
2026 Apr19	2026 Apr30	Marquesas	TX9W	LoTW	207	By K5WE W5CCP N5TEA K4VBM WD5COV F6BCW fm Atuona, Hiva Oa I (IOTA OC-027); 160-6m; CW FT8 FT4 SSB RTTY; 6 stns; QSL via K5WE
2026 May24	2026 Jun01	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	LoTW	105	By WW6W as V4/WW6W fm St Kitts I; QRV for CQWW WPX CW Contest; QSL via WW6W direct
2026 Aug15	2026 Aug22	St Lucia	J68TT	LoTW	107	By N4XTT; 40-10m, perhaps 80m; SSB CW FT8 FT4; POTA activations; QSL via Club Log OQRS or N4XTT direct

16) 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, 2025-2026:

+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	#1 done	0000Z, Sep 27 to 2400Z, Sep 28
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	#2 done	0000Z, Oct 25 to 2359Z, Oct 26
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	#3 next	0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30
+ ARRL RTTY Roundup	#4	1800Z, Jan 3 to 2400Z, Jan 4
+ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	#5	0000Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 15
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	#6	0000Z, Feb 21 to 2400Z, Feb 22
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	#7	0000Z, Mar 7 to 2400Z, Mar 8
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	#8	0000Z, Mar 28 to 2400Z, Mar 29
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	#9	0000Z, May 30 to 2400Z, May 31
+ IARU HF World Championship	#10	1200Z, Jul 11 to 1200Z, Jul 12

PACNWDX 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 when you submit your Cabrillo logs.

c) other contests for internal SDXA interest, 2025-2026:

+ Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 20 to 2400Z, Sep 21, 2025
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9, 2025
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23 , 2025
+ ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 4 to 1600Z, Dec 6, 2025
+ FT Challenge	1800Z, Dec 5 to 2359Z, Dec 6, 2025

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