



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



**SDXA - 04 dec 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) **Small Station - Getting to the next level** By Ward Silver N0AX
    - i) This is a presentation by Ward from Contest University. Most of us can't have true contest stations, so how do we work with what we have. In this presentation Ward shares practical hints on ways to improve modest stations and have more fun in contesting. I think all of us will get some ideas on ways to improve what we have.
- 2) new association members in the last monthish, none:
  - a) nov25 AG7CC Cliff Clark (Clarkston) welcome
  - b) nov25 W70SG Mike Cooper (Boise) welcome
  - c) nov25 N7TM Tom Taylor (Greenacres) welcome
  - d) apr25 KI7N00 Matt Barrett (Spokane)
  - e) mar25 K2JKX George Lafemina (Kalispell, MT)
  - f) feb25 N7JP Jack Prendergast (Freeland, WA (Whidbey Island))
  - g) jan25 N7HCJ Woody Jacobson (Moses Lake)
  - h) 83 members, 6 honorary, 77 voting, 35 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) 08jan (2<sup>nd</sup> thurs): E51MWA - North Cook Islands Dxpediton; By Rob N7QT and Robin WA7CPA
  - ii) 05feb: CQ9A Madeira Contest Station by Chris Hurlbut-KL9A
  - iii) 05mar: Using Green Heron Everywhere in your Station; by Grant Saviers KZ1W
  - iv) 02apr: (in person) Getting and confirming DXCC QSO's by Mel N7GCO Coordinating
  - v) 07may: 80/160 Inverted L with Folded Counterpoise by Bill Eisinger AA7X
  - vi) 04jun: World Team Radio Championship by Pat Barkey N9RV
  - vii) 02jul: (in person)
  - viii) \_\_aug: summer picnic
  - ix) 12sep (sat): 2<sup>nd</sup> SDXA Antenna Shootout (@ AD&XG's)
  - x) 01oct: awards dinner

4) up coming DX from k7tm:

December Upcoming DX				10	12	15	17	20	30	40	60	80	160	
Dates	Entity	Call	Rotator											
Dec 1-31	Namibia	V51WH	71											RTTY
Dec 01-05	Vanuatu	YJ0GC	247											CW, SSB, FT8, FT4
Dec 01-05	Bhutan	A52AA	336											SSB
Dec 01-12	St. Martin	T09W	105											CW,SSB, FT8., FT4
Dec 01-10	Maldives	8Q7HT	347											By DL7MDX; 40-6m; mainly FT8; holiday style
Dec 01-22	Chad	TT1GD	49											By T11GD; HF; FT8 FT4 SSB CW
Dec 04-06	Jamaica	6Y/W2ELS	119											By W2ELS 20-10m; CW SSB; 100w; SSB CW
Dec 07- Jan 05	Guatemala	TG9/AF4CZ	137											By AF4CZ; 40-10m;; FT8 FT4, perhaps SSB; spare time operation
Dec 10-17	Palau	T88AC	289											By JA1ADT fm Koror I (IOTA OC-009, PJ77fi); HF
Dec 17-29	Trinidad & Tobago	9Y9DX	110											By WA3DX fm Arouca; 40-10m; FT4 FT8
Dec 21-27	Bangladesh	S21DX	335											fm Kutubdia I (IOTA AS-127); 160-10m; SSB FT8
Dec 21- Jan 02	Surinam	PZ5OZ	110											By OZ0J; @PZ5RA; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8, perhaps RTTY;
Dec 22- Jan 15	French Guiana	T02FY	106											By F4GPK; HF; SSB; holiday style operation;
Dec 26- Jan 03	Azerbaijan	4K/DL4XT	12											HF; CW SSB FT8; vertical, dipole
Dec 30- Jan 03	Mariana Is	KH0/AJ6VJ	287											fm Saipan I; 40 20 17 15 12 10m
Dec 30- Jan 03	Monaco	3A	38											By MM0NDX as 3A/MM0NDX and MM0SAJ as 3A/MM0SAJ; HF w/ focus on 160-30m, incl

- 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) the 3<sup>rd</sup> contest of the Pacific NW DX Challenge Trophy Cup with the other Pac NW clubs; the CQ WW CW contest. this year we had 10 folks on, the same number as last year. but, only 2.7M points compared to 8.3M (5.8M w/o Mike), because Mike, K7NT, was over at Chris's MT station this year. however, our own Murph did break a million points, wow. (so year to date 62% of last year)

b) coming up is the 4<sup>th</sup> contest:

+ ARRL RTTY Roundup	#4	1800Z, Jan 3 to 2400Z, Jan 4
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- i) this is only a 30hr contest with a max of 24hrs for single ops, with >30 min off times, with a max of 2 off times!!! the longest 2 breaks are used, the other breaks are ignored.
  - 1. The intent of the "two break" rule is to add another element of strategy to the contest. By limiting off-time to no more than two blocks, you can't take a bunch of short breaks.

ii) no 160m and RTTY is the only mode.

iii) exchange is 599 and 2 letter state; DX is 599 and serial number.

iv) multiple is basically state/province/dx entity and once per contest, not per band.

c) 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)

+ ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 5 to 1600Z, Dec 7
+ FT Challenge	1800Z, Dec 6 to 2359Z, Dec 7
+ ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 13 to 2400Z, Dec 14
+ Feld Hell Sprint	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 20
+ OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 20
+ RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 20
+ Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 27 to 1500Z, Dec 28
+ ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 3 to 2400Z, Jan 4

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) remember for the ARRL and CQ contests, only SDXA members <250 miles are eligibility

e) 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 HJs (zone 25). Go down the log with the search box and keep track of the JAs 0 to 9.

- f) 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
  - c)

- 7) hints and ideas:
- a) not tonight

=====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: 220.00 for Groups i/o annual fee.
  - ii) income: none, will be some reported next month.

**old business:**

- 9) did not have quorum last month, so the president called a special meeting via email to the i/o group (09nov25), and the slate of SDXA officers for 2026 was approved at the close of the special meeting, 15nov25.
- i) there were 28 yes votes, no abstains or no votes.
  - b) the slate of officers for 2026:
    - 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 WA0WWW, Newman Lake, WA 99025

**new business:**

- 10) some asked about contest online and how to integrate into the contest logging program. Mel N7GCO, did send out to the i/o group on how to do that for N1MM+ and N3FJP.
- 11) **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 K7STO (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).
- 12) **next monthly meeting & adjourn**
- a) 08jan25: note: this is the "2<sup>nd</sup>" thursday of the month, for obvious reasons. see above for program info.
  - b) respectfully submitted by wa0www, jayw, secretary.

**13) 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 maint:k7kb (&n7gco-home, news, ...(&wa0www, minutes & 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](http://ws7i.ewarg.org)
- ff. officers:
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  - 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

**14) 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
40	Dec01	Dec10	Maldives	8Q7HT	DL7MDX	347	By R7AL OK8AU RW9JZ W8HC SP6EQZ RU3UR UA3QLC R2BW R5EC; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8
74	Dec01	Dec22	Chad	<u>TT1GD</u>	LoTW	49	By TJ1GD; HF; FT8 FT4 SSB CW; QSL via Club Log OQRS
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
77	Dec26	2026 Jan03	Azerbaijan	4K	LoTW	12	By DL4XT as 4K/DL4XT; HF; CW SSB FT8; vertical, dipole; QSL via Club Log OQRS
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	bearing	Info
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	PZ5OZ	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-Calavi 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 W5COV 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

15) 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 done	0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30
+ ARRL RTTY Roundup	#4 next	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](mailto:k5zd@contesting.com) when you submit your Cabrillo logs.

c) other contests of 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
+ ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 12 to 2359Z, Dec 13, 2025
+ Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 14 to 1900Z, Mar 15, 2026
+ 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2026
+ ARRL Inter. Digital Contest	1800Z, Jun 6 to 2400Z, Jun 7, 2026
+ ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28, 2026
+ World Wide Digi DX Contest	1200Z, Aug 29 to 1200Z, Aug 30, 2026
+ Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 19 to 2400Z, Sep 20, 2026



