



Spokane DX Association

K7SDX - Spokane, Washington
17525 N. Franklin Ct. - Colbert, WA. 99005



SDXA - 05 mar 26

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

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

- 1) Due to needing a quorum, the president moved the votes needed tonight up to the beginning of the meeting to insure we had a quorum. at this time the president saw 26 members, a quorum was met.
 - a) Then due to zoom issues the secretary's (who had the voting info...) zoom said the host was alerted at 6:55, but zoom did not alert the host so the secretary missed the votes. and once zoom sent the alert to the host at 7:10 the votes were completed and 3 members had left the meeting, why attendance below is 23.
- 2) with the vacancy for Vice President there was one volunteer, Brandon Childs, W7BKS.
 - a) per the constitution, Any vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled at the club's discretion, by a majority vote of the remaining Officers for the balance of the term of the subject vacancy.
 - i) further volunteers or nominations from the floor were not heard.
 - b) Therefore there was one volunteer for the Vice President vacancy for 2026 who was Brandon Childs W7BKS, Spokane, WA 99208.
 - i) the president did ask are there any (including 2 of the 3 officers) opposed? none heard, Brandon, W7BKS is now the Vice President for the remaining 2026 term.
- 3) SDXA August picnic - Saturday August 8 at Jeff Banke's, N22S, home in Greenbluff
 - a) Time: 16:00 local arrival, 17:00 eat; the club will pay for a paid member +1, others will pay \$40.
 - b) Motion: John k7kb moves to allocate up to \$2000 for the club to sponsor the SDXA 2026 August picnic for a paid member +1, Jay ws7i_2nded the motion.
 - i) are there any 'no's or 'abstains'? none heard, motion passed. (26 voting members) (need 16 for quorum)
- 4) the program, introduced by ac7dc, if you can hold questions to the end, that will help.
 - a) Using Green Heron Everywhere in your Station by Grant Saviers KZ1W was not presented as Grant was not able to make it.
 - b) **3Y0K, FT8, and How to Get It in Your Log by Rob Fanfant, N7QT**
 - i) just a very few notes: be sure to enable 'hound' (or super), then if they call you, WSJT will pull your xtmr to their tone. less QRM and much higher rate of success.
 - ii) if no RR73, send your report at least 5 times.
 - iii) PSKReporter; Tools-HAMSpots; Tools-VOACap Antenna, Tools-VOACap Cap Wheel; Tools-GrayLine are great tools to help.
 - iv) turn off all PC sound card enhancements, radio compressor and all sound things PC and radio.
- 5) new association members in the last monthish, none:
 - a) nov25 AG7CC Cliff Clark (Clarkston)
 - b) nov25 W70SG Mike Cooper (Boise)
 - c) nov25 W7KEV Kevin O'Hare (Spokane)
 - d) nov25 N7TM Tom Taylor (Greenacres)
 - e) apr25 KI7NOO Matt Barrett (Spokane)
 - f) mar25 K2JKX George Lafemina (Kalispell, MT)
 - g) feb25 N7JP Jack Prendergast (FreeLand, WA (Whidbey Island))
 - h) jan25 N7HCJ Woody Jacobson (Moses Lake)
 - i) 85 members, 6 honorary, 79 voting, 35 arrl dxcc, 2 non-arrl dx
 - i) note: those that have not paid their annual dues by close of the march meeting are removed from the roster.

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

6) up coming programs; also see web page and i/o emails:

- i) 02apr: (in person only) Getting and confirming DXCC QSO's
 1. The meeting will be at the restaurant, Das Stein Haus, located in: Five Mile Shopping Center
 2. Address: 1812 W Francis Ave, Spokane, WA 99205 Phone: (509) 326-2214
 3. they expect most will have dinner, there is a minimum \$s spent for no rental fee.
 4. we will gather there starting at 5:30 local. watch for i/o group emails for more info.
- ii) 07may:
- iii) 04jun: World Team Radio Championship by Pat Barkey N9RV
- iv) 02jul: 80/160 Inverted L with Folded Counterpoise by Bill Eisinger AA7X
- v) __aug: summer picnic
- vi) 12sep (sat): 2nd SDXA Antenna Shootout (@ AD&XG's)
- vii) 01oct: awards dinner

7) up coming DX from k7tm and n7gco:

Feb27 - Mar09	Bonaire	PJ4/WD8R	115	40 20 15m mainly; CW (15WPM) SSB perhaps FT8; 100w; holiday style operation
Feb28 - Mar12	Maldives	8Q7ZW	347	2 Ops, 160-10m, focus on low bands; CW SSB FT8
Mar01 - 14	Bouvet I	3Y0K	123	18 - 24 Ops; Helicopter, HF bands; CW, SSB FT8; FT4
Mar03 - 20	Anguilla	VP2E	105	3 Ops; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8
Mar04 - 12	Philippines	DU6/N9YU, DU6/NS3A	304	HF; CW SSB FT8 FT4
Mar04 - 19	Palau	T80K	289	4 Ops; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8
Mar04 -Apr 05	Benin	TY5FR	64	80-10m; CW SSB
Mar07 - 12	Guadeloupe	FG/HB9JAB	105	20-10m; SSB FT8
Mar08 - Apr04	Sint Maarten	PJ7AA	105	40-6m; CW, some SSB
Mar10 - 18	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	105	160-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals
Mar13 - 15	Svalbard	JW8EKA	11	20-10m; SSB RTTY PSK31 FT8
Mar13 - 16	Ogasawara	JA0RQV/ JD1	296	80-6m; FT8 FT4 CW SSB; 100w
Mar13 - 17	Guam	KH2/N9YU, KH2/NS3A	285	HF; CW SSB FT8 FT4
Mar13 - 20	Dominica	J79C	106	20-10m; SSB FT8
Mar13 - 25	Austral Is	TX5EU	210	6 Op; 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; 3 stns, 24/7
Mar14 - 22	Anguilla	VP2EYO	105	40-10m; SSB FT8 CW
Mar15 - Apr03	Vanuatu	YJ1JXZ	247	80-6m
Mar 17 - 23	Mariana Is	KH0/N9YU KH0/NS3A	287	HF; CW SSB FT8 FT4
Mar 18 - 24	Jamaica	JH6GFY/6Y	119	20-10m, perhaps 40m; CW SSB FT8 FT4
Mar 18 - 25	Cape Verde Is	D440A	77	40-6m; SSB CW FT8 RTTY; holiday style operation
Mar 18 - 31	Macao	XX9W	314	14 Ops; 160-6m; CW SSB + digital
Mar19 - 31	Sable I	CY0S	74	8+ Ops + ; HF
Mar20 - 27	Guadeloupe	FG/HB9JAB	105	20-10m; SSB FT8
Mar20 - Apr01	Bangladesh	S21WD	335	6 Ops; 160-10m, including 60m; CW SSB RTTY FT8
Mar22 -Apr 11	Samoa	5W0AF	234	40-10m, 80m in last week; SSB
Mar24 - 31	Bahamas	C6AFD	111	40-10m; SSB FT8
Mar25 -Apr 02	Martinique	FM/EA1BP	106	HF; mainly SSB
Mar26 - 30	Palau	T88KH	289	80-6m; SSB FT8
Mar30 -Apr 06	Canary Is	EA8/DA2DX	63	HF; CW SSB RTTY FT4 FT8

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 2026: \$200: _____ Tokelan Island Dxpediton with Rob/Robin etc. nov2026.
2. july 2025: \$100: 3y0k Bouvet Island feb2026:
3. apr 2025: €100: ZS8W Marion Island: <https://clublog.org/logsearch.php?log=zs8w>

8) up coming contests:

a) the busiest time of year for contests

b) the last 2 for PAC NW Challenge Troph cup contests of the season:

+ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	#5 last	0000Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 15
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	#6 last 2	0000Z, Feb 21 to 2400Z, Feb 22

i) for cq ww wpx rtty, we did 92% of last year with 8 operators, with just under 2M points total. murph came out on top running high power, but Brandon, w7bks, was not far behind with low power and a wire.

ii) for arrl int. dx cw, we did not do the same as before, just 41% of last year with 705k and 6 operators.

c) the next ones are coming up quick, both are phone contests. the first one this weekend.

+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	#7 next	0000Z, Mar 7 to 2400Z, Mar 8
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	#8 next2	0000Z, Mar 28 to 2400Z, Mar 29

i) a couple of things for ARRL Intern. DX ssb:

1. Contacts: W/VE stations may only contact DX stations. DX stations may only contact W/VE stations. Hawaii (KH6), Alaska (KL7), St. Paul Is. (CY9), and Sable Is. (CY0) stations participate as DX stations. Contact stations only once per band.
2. Exchange: W/VE stations send a signal report and their state or province. (See the ARRL Contest Multipliers List for a list of abbreviations.) DX stations send a signal report and power as a number or abbreviation.
3. Scoring: Each contact counts for three (3) QSO points. Multiply total QSO points by the number of DXCC entities (W/VE stations) or states and provinces (DX stations) contacted to get your final score. Each multiplier counts once per band.

ii) a couple of things for CQ WW WPX ssb:

1. Single Operator stations may operate 30 of the 48 hours - off times must be a minimum of 60 minutes during which no QSO is logged. **no 160m**
2. EXCHANGE: RST report plus a progressive contact serial number starting with 001 for first contact
3. Score: The final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the number of different prefixes worked.

d) can not forget the Spud Run coming up 14 and 15 March. K7TQ will be mobile CW again this year coming up US 95 from south of New Meadows through CdA and to Spirit Lake and back down.

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)

+ Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Mar 14 to 1500Z, Mar 15
+ Idaho QSO Party	1600Z, Mar 14 to 0400Z, Mar 15 and 1400Z, Mar 15 to 0200Z, Mar 16
+ North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0359Z, Mar 15
+ BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 21 to 0159Z, Mar 23

f) **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

g) **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.

- h) 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.

9) 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

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

10) **officer reports:**

- a) **secretary's report** from wa0www jayw; the last monthly minutes: <http://www.sdxa.org/?cat=10>;
- b) **treasurer's report** - from k7kb John.
- c) expenses: \$300 for picnic down payment; Tokelan Island Dxpedition with Rob/Robin \$200;
- d) income: dues \$229.81; \$50 check deposit
- e) expenses (jan): ARRL insurance \$200,

old business:

11) none tonight

new business:

12) Request for support to IARU-WRTC by Ward, N0AX.

- a) note: team #6 is our own (not a member but our own...) Chris KL9A along with San N6MJ.
- b) any concerns that the officers are allowed to donate \$100? none heard

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) **2026 field day** - 27-28 june 26;
- c) **2026 summer picnic** - 08 Aug 26 @ NZ2S's (thanks Jeff)
- 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 monthly meeting & adjourn**

- a) **02apr25: see above for program info and location for in person meeting.**
- b) respectfully submitted by wa0www, jayw, secretary.

15) **committees:**

- a. awards: **open** 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)
- k. health and welfare of members: k7gs
- l. historian: k7awb
- m. hybrid meetings: open
- n. k7sdx trustee: k7sto
- o. library: sdx secretary
- p. media: open
- q. membership: k7kb
- r. million point club: k7tq
- s. new to hf mentoring: open
- t. pre-meeting zoom hosts: varies
- u. photographers: nz2s and k7tm
- v. programs: open
- w. qsl card checking: ad7xg
- x. Spokane hamfest: wa0www
- y. SDXA youtube channel: open
 - i) the YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMF5QzqCJ65iJupGW64>
- z. technical: k7gs and nz2s
- aa. web page ongoing maint:k7kb (& open -home, news, .(&wa0www, minutes & contest/award history))
- bb. zoom: k7tq and k7kb
- cc. local DX cluster: many thanks to ws7i, Jay, for his local cluster many of us use, ws7i.ewarg.org
- dd. officers:
 - i) President: K7TQ Randy Foltz, Moscow, ID 83843
 - ii) Vice President: Brandon Childs W7BKS, Spokane, WA 99208.
 - 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: AC7DC Jay Lopes, Lacrosse, WA 99143

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	bearing	Info
15	Feb15	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	Mar19	Mar31	Sable I	<u>CY0S</u>	LoTW	74	By WA4DAN W0GJ + ops; HF; QSL via Club Log OQRS or WA4DAN direct
50	Mar20	Apr 01	Bangladesh	S21WD		335	6 Ops; 160-10m, including 60m; CW SSB RTTY FT8

c) other DXpeditions

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	bearing	Info
Feb21	Mar07	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	LoTW	105	By WA7RAR as V4/WA7RAR fm St Kitts; 20-10m; SSB CW; QSL via WA7RAR direct
Mar13	Mar15	Svalbard	JW8EKA	LA8EKA	11	By LA8EKA; @JW5E; 20-10m; SSB RTTY PSK31 FT8
Mar16	Mar27	Belize	<u>V31ZY</u>	VE2XB	133	By VE2XB; 160-6m; holiday style operation
Mar26	Mar30	Palau	T88KH	Club Log OQRS	289	By JP1RIW fm Koror I (IOTA OC-009, PJ77fi); HF; QRV for CQ WPX SSB
Jan22	Mar31	Curacao	PJ2	LoTW	115	By W2APF as PJ2/W2APF; 80-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL via W2APF direct
Mar25	Apr02	Martinique	FM	LoTW	106	By EA1BP as FM/EA1BP; HF; mainly SSB; QRV for WPX SSB using T070; QSL via EA1BP Buro and Club Log OQRS
Mar30	Apr06	Canary Is	EA8	LoTW	63	By DA2DX as EA8/DA2DX fm Fuerteventura I (IOTA AF-004); HF; CW SSB RTTY FT4 FT8; holiday style operation; QSL via Club Log OQRS or DA2DX direct (no EQSL, no Email QSL)
Apr01	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
Apr19	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
May24	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
Jun10	Jun18	Palau	T88AR	LoTW	289	By JA6UBY fm Koror; 160-6m; FT8 FT4 SSB FM (on 10m); QSL via JA6UBY

w0PR	Larry Menzel-																			
w7saf	shirley (k9jf)																			
wa7bmn	bruce																			
wb6jjj	Bill																			
wa7yei	yvonne (k7tm)																			

ievhf club joint meeting 08jan26:

.n7awp anthony .n7mes M. Stussy .n7crd kaleb; .nv2z dan croskrey; .w7mdn Matt; .wa7dgi damien; .wb7qvp Jan; .garys ;