



Spokane DX Association

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



SDXA - 02 apr 26

monthly 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, How to Get More DX Into Your Log
 - a) station needed for DX (not much...)
 - b) Getting ATNOs and Band Fills
 - i) some web sites to help; spots, solar, propagation, etc. for example
 - 1. Ham clock
 - 2. Dxworld
 - 3. QSO predictor (for FTx)
 - 4. VOCAp
- 2) 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) feb25 N7JP Jack Prendergast (Freeland, WA (Whidbey Island))
 - g) jan25 N7HCJ Woody Jacobson (Moses Lake)
 - h) 73 members, 6 honorary, 67 voting, 32 arrl dxcc, 2 non-arrl dx

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

- 3) up coming programs; also see web page and i/o emails, by Brandon w7bks
 - i) 07may: POTA with Matt KI7NOO and Kaleb N7CRD
 - ii) 04jun: World Team Radio Championship by Pat Barkey N9RV
 - iii) 27jun: ARRL Field Day
 - iv) 02jul: 80/160 Inverted L with Folded Counterpoise by Bill Eisinger AA7X
 - v) 08aug: summer picnic
 - vi) 12sep (sat): 2nd SDXA Antenna Shootout (@ AD&XG's)
 - vii) 01oct: awards banquet. Longhorn BBQ in Airway Heights
 - viii) 05nov:
 - ix) 03dec:

4) up coming DX from k7tm:

rank	Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Ber ing	cw	ph	dg	160	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	Info
<u>49</u>	Feb26	May15	Minami Torishima	JD1	JA8CJY	286													By JG8NQJ as JG8NQJ/JD1 fm IOTA OC-073 (QL64xg); 17 15 12m; mainly CW, some FT8; 50w; spare time operation; exact end date uncertain
<u>99</u>	Apr03	May20	Rodrigues I	3B9N	VU3OPT	359													By VU3OPT; 20 15 10m; CW
<u>46</u>	May28	Jun01	Maldives	8Q7QR	JJ1DQR	347													By JJ1DQR; HF; holiday style operation; QRV for CQ WPX CW
<u>110</u>	Jun03	Jun12	Tanzania	5H1KB	LoTW	33													By DL2SBY fm Zanzibar I; focus on 6m; QSL via DL2SBY direct
<u>103</u>	Jun20	Jun22	Armenia	EK	DL2JRM (B/d)	14													By DL2JRM as EK/DL2JRM; CW SSB
	Mar06	Apr02	Benin	TY5FR	LoTW	64													By DL1BUG fm Cotonou; 80-10m; CW SSB; 100w; wire; QRV for ARRL DX CW; QSL via DL1BUG (B/d) or Club Log OQRS
	Mar25	Apr02	Martinique	FM	LoTW	106													By EA1BP as FM/EA1BP; HF; mainly SSB; QRV for WPX SSB using T070; QSL via

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

5) up coming contests:

- a) the busiest time of year for contests
- b) the last 2 for PAC NW Challenge Trophy cup contests of the season:

+ 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) for ARRL Intl. DX phone, 6 folks helped out for 223k points, only 20% from last year. but..... our new VP took honors with 77k points and snuck over 1M points for the year, congrats Brandon.
- ii) for CQ WW WPX phone, had 6 folks for 458k only 13% of last year. Murph came out on top once again, with 235k points.
- c) bit of a dry spell now till 7QP the first weekend of may, before our next meeting. it is one of the better QSO parties, get on and represent your county, or find a county to put on the air.

+ 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3
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- d) the next Pac NW DX Trophy Challenge cup is not till end of May:

+ CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	#9	0000Z, May 30 to 2400Z, May 31
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- 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)
- 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, DSSs, 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.

6) Field Day needs to start some planning, Jim N7ESU

- i) same place as last 3 years, fire station at Motkins Bay on east side of Hayden Lake
- ii) will have a zoom meeting sometime to confirm who is interested and who is bringing what.

7) 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) now on wed - 20:00pt 160m on 1855 kHz LSB, with AD7XG Gary as net control

=====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.
- c) expenses: \$20 WA state annual report
- d) income: \$20 dues

old business:

9) none

new business:

- 10) Sale of Mel's radio gear - Brandon W7BKS and David N7LL
 - a) including the drawing tonight, watch the i/o group for the list
 - b) pickup is at Mel's 11 april, saturday in the afternoon.
- 11) remember the IEVF tailgate swapfest is saturday 06june, again at Plante's Ferry like the past years.
- 12) Note: The SDXA address is moving from Mel's to John's K7KB:
 - a) 17525 N. Franklin Ct. - Colbert, WA. 99005
- 13) SDXA will sponsor a 7qp plaque again this year:, not discussed tonight, just fyi:
 - a) 7th Area Single-Op Low-Power Mixed:
- 14) **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** - 08Aug26 at Jeff Banke's, NZ2S, home in Greenbluff (Thanks to Susan&Jeff)
 - d) **Trustee** for K7SDX license is now Mike 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).
- 15) **next monthly meeting & adjourn**
 - a) **07may25: see above for program info.**
 - b) respectfully submitted by wa0www, jayw, secretary.
- 16) **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: n7geo 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 (wa0www)
 - 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: n7gco
 - 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: open (k7tq)
- cc. SDXA cluster:(could investigate, could add to our go-daddy for www.cluster.sdxa.org)
= though 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: W7BKS Brandon Childs, Spokane, WA 992018
 - 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

17) DX coming up

- a) <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxoc.html>
- b) for most wanted: <http://www.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

**** see above for full list this month.**

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, 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 done	1800Z, Jan 3 to 2400Z, Jan 4
+ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	#5 done	0000Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 15
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	#6 done	0000Z, Feb 21 to 2400Z, Feb 22
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	#7 done	0000Z, Mar 7 to 2400Z, Mar 8
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	#8 done	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 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

19) SDXA membership

wa7tnt	dave	17																				
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k7ekm	Kirk	4																				
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k7tq-xy1	meg	6								1												
kb7jbx	diane(n7au)	7																				
ki7noo	matt	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	
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n0dxm	Juaquetta (waw)	10								1												
n6ara	ara	11																				1
n6tv	bob	12														1						
n7crd	kaleb					1																
n7hcj	woody	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
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n7wa	mike	16																				
n9adg	Brain	17																				1
W0PR	Larry Menzel-	18												1								
w3lp1	frank	19								1												
w7ivy	Ben					1																
w7j1k	Jeffrey					1																
w7msk	Mike					1																
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w7saf	shirley (k9jf)	21																				
wa7bmn	bruce	22														1						
wa7ye1	yvonne (k7tm)	23								1												
wb6jjj	Bill	24																				

ievhf club joint meeting 08jan26:

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