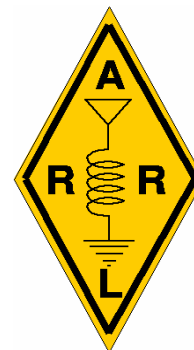


November-December 2007

"Ohio's First DXCC Field Checking Club"



# The NODXA RAG



## Fireside Chat With KB8NW

Fellow DX'ers,

WOW! Another new DXCC entity. What a nice Christmas present for Dxers to end the year 2007. I am sure you have by now heard that St. Barthelemy (FJ) has been added to the DXCC List making the island entity number 338 with an effective date of December 14, 2007. Cards with contacts dated December 14, 2007, or after, will be accepted for DXCC credit. New card submissions for St. Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1st, 2008, in order to allow time for administrative adjustments.



Why you say? Well, on February 21, 2007, the French Ministry issued a decree that made St. Barthelemy an Overseas Collective. Now its status is equal to that of Guadeloupe, Martinique and other French territories currently on the DXCC List. The "event date" that caused St. Barthelemy

to be added to the DXCC list was December 14, 2007, the date the U.S. State Department Fact sheet was updated by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. This update added St. Barthelemy to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty with its Administrative Center in Gustavia, qualifying it under DXCC rules in Section II -- 1 Political Entities (c): "The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government, and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the 'permanent population' and 'administered by a local government' criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the U.S. Department of State's list of 'Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty' as having a local 'Administrative Center,' or (b) the United Nations list of 'Non-Self-Governing Territories.'"

So, looking back over the year 2007, I would have to say it was a pretty good year for DX even with the poor propagation we had throughout the year. Some of the 2007 DXpeditions that took place were:

1A0KM	- SMOM	J2ORR/J20MM	- Djibouti
3B7SP	- Agalega & St Brandon	J5UAR	- Guinea Bissau
3B7C	- Agalega & St Brandon	N8S	- Swains Island
3C7Y	- Equatorial Guinea	OJOB	- Market Reef

4W6AAV	- Timor Leste	VK9DNX	- Norfolk Island
5L2MS	- Liberia	YK9SV	- Syria
8R1XR/8R1XT	- Guyana	VK9WWI	- Willis Island
9U0A	- Burundi	VU7RG	- Lakshadweep Islands
BS7H	- Scarborough Reef	XT2C	- Burkina Faso
C52C/C50C	- The Gambia	YW0DX	- Aves Island

Now, what will 2008 bring? Probably the biggest year yet for DXers. We are looking at possibly 5 to 6 new DXCC entities. Kosovo will most likely be the first new entity of the year. An independence declaration by the leaders of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority is expected early in 2008. Then in December 2008, the islands of the Netherlands Antilles are expected to receive independence which will cause possibly 4-5 new DXCC entities. On top of all this, (just to name a few) there are planned DXpeditions to Chatham/Auckland Island (ZL7/ZL9), Ducie (VP6/D), Cocos Island (TI9) and Clipperton Island (FO/C). WOW! What a "JACKPOT" for DXers.

Lastly, with all this great DX coming up, we are now hearing that we may now be in the new sun-spot cycle; Cycle 24. This means better HF and propagation conditions are on the horizon.

73 and Good DX de Tedd KB8NW

## Minutes of the October 1st, 2007 NODXA Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7:33pm by the President, Tedd, KB8NW. There were 21 members and 5 guests present.



After a round of introductions, the Secretary, Al, N8CX, read the minutes of the September 10th meeting. Ron, K8VJG moved, seconded by Dwaine, K8ME, that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed.

The Treasurer, Mary, N8DMM reported the balance the account.

Tedd, KB8NW, reported that one new member joined at the Great Lakes Division Convention. He paid for two years. The new member is Wes Boyd, W8IZC. The display and sign-in board from the Convention was on display at the meeting. Tedd reported that the Convention went very well; excellent attendance by DX'ers and at the forums and excellent food at the dinner.

Linda, N8LRS, won a deluxe headset combo. The hospitality suite was great and had a lot of bakery donations. Dave, WD8IOU, reported that the "Wouff-Hong" ceremony was great as well.

Steve, N8IS, commented that the commercial vendors and sponsors paid for much of the cost with their prize and other donations.

Pete, N8TR, reported that the cluster is okay. Denny, WB8K, reported that the repeater is okay but that we might be getting interference from the 146.76 repeater. Denny also reported that the 145.15 repeater might be back on the air soon. Tedd, KB8NW, questioned what the status of BART was. Al, N8CX, responded that the last he had heard, BART would be on the NOARS 444.800 repeater.

Dave, WD8IOU, reported that he needs articles for the newsletter. Tedd, KB8NW, reported that the newsletter would only be on-line. If someone needs a printed version, they would have to request it.

**Old-New Business:**

Tedd, KB8NW, brought up the question of a donation to the 3C7Y DXpedition. Ron, K8VJG moved, seconded by Bob, W8GC, that the club donate \$100. After a very close vote, the motion failed. Tedd also reported that he had received a donation request from IT9DAA for a donation to the PZ5YV DXpedition to Suriname. No action was taken on the request.

John, K8YSE, reported that if you have old IRC's issued here in the USA, you can redeem them before October 17th.

If you have old large ones that expired 12-31-06, you can redeem them up to October of 2008.

Tedd, KB8NW, reported that AES would host a Yaesu Day at the store on October 20th from 9am to 3pm. There would be many door prize give-aways.

The 50-50 Raffle was won by Dave, WD8IOU. The amount won was \$22.

The meeting was closed by the President, Tedd, KB8NW, at 8:16pm

The program this evening was the NODXA 2007 Field Day video. The video was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted, Al, N8CX, Secretary

## VUCC VHF/UHF Century Club Award

The VUCC is awarded for contact with a minimum number of Maidenhead 2 degrees by 1 degree Grid Locators per band above 50Mhz. Grid Locators are designated by a combination two letters and two numbers, example: EN91 is the Grid Locator for this area and all of Northeastern Ohio into Erie PA. The QSL cards you receive a lot of them have the grid location of the person you contacted on the card. If you make contact on a band above 50 MHz, part of the signal exchange would be I'm in Grid EN91.

The minimum number of grid locators needed to initially qualify for each individual band award is as follows:

50 MHz, 144 MHz & Satellite	= 100 Credits or grids
222 MHz, & 432 MHz	= 50 Credits or grids
902 MHz, & 1296 MHz	= 25 Credits or grids
2.3 GHz	= 10 Credits or grids
3.4 GHz and above	= 5 Credits or grids



There are no specialty endorsements such as "CW" only.

In addition, Satellite communication is considered a valid "VUCC" award. All credit for Satellite both above 50 MHz and below 50 MHz are credible for "VUCC". Satellite is the only "VUCC" award which allows credit for under 50 MHz.

There is one more final requirement, to qualify for "VUCC" award you must have ARRL Membership for all US & possessions and Puerto Rico. So don't forget to count your grid squares, maps available from the ARRL.

(Congratulations to Doug Papay-KC8CAO son of John-k8yse for achieving "VUCC" on Satellite 100 grid squares, he only needs three more states for "WAS" on satellite, GO GET'em DOUG.

73, Dwaine -K8ME, WAS &VUCC checker

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## 2007 Great Lakes Division Convention Photographs



W5ZN, ARRL President, and K8JE, Great Lakes Division Director, checking cards



The hospitality suite was the place to be between seminars





NODXA members, Ron, W8WH, Ron, K8VJG, and Nick, W8XD, getting ready for the next seminar



Don, K8MFO, and Tim Duffy, K3LR, discussing who gave the better presentation





Wayne, K8FF, Jay, K4ZLE, and Bernie, W3UR, posing for Tedd, KB8NW.

Bob Allphin, K4UEE, recently appointed DXAC Chairman, gave a nice presentation about the DXAC and his recent VU7RG activity.



The Royal Order of the Wouff-Hong



The legendary Bob Heil, K9EID, Chip Margelli, K7JA, and our very own Tina, W8BHI.

**The IARC MidWinter Hamfest  
& Computer Show**  
 Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
 Doors open at 7:00 am  
 Flea Market

*Sponsored by the InterCity Amateur Radio Club, Inc.*

Check out a hamfest video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HntrAwMi5tk>

**Forums and VE Testing Session**

**09:00 a** Ohio Army MARS Forum

ARRL Forum

**10:00 a**

**11:00 a** OSSBN Meeting

**1:00 p** VE Test Session-[Registration Required](#)

Richland County Fairgrounds  
 750 North Home Rd  
 Mansfield, OH 44907-1502

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**Talk-in W8WE 146.34/.94**

Tickets: **Advance \$5.00**      **Door \$6.00**

TABLES **ADVANCE ONLY \$ 14.00**

Ticket and Table Deadline: **01 Feb 2008**

→ [Order Tables via PayPal Now](#) ←

**Orders via US Mail MUST INCLUDE SASE to:**

Dean Wrase, KB8MG  
 1094 Beal Rd

Mansfield, OH 44905

419-589-2415 (Between 1 - 8pm)

[hamfest@iarc.ws](mailto:hamfest@iarc.ws)

**See you at the Hamfest!**





Linda Mirgliotta, XYL of KB8NW, did a great job at keeping the hospitality suite running smoothly!

## FOR SALE

- Hy-Gain HG54HD Tower with TH7DX plus D3W Rotatable dipole and raising fixture
- Pair of Stacked 2-Meter Beams
- 2-440 Vertical Antenna
- Five-position Remote Antenna Transfer Switch
- Tail Twister Rotor with modified control box
- 2K Alternator (Gasoline Powered)
- Hy-Gain 80-40 Dipole
- 160-meter with loading coil

Asking price \$3,000

- TS-570D with Computer Control Cable
- Henry 2KD5
- Two brand new spares
- Ameritron AL80
- Two used spares
- Nye Viking Antenna Tuner
- Miscellaneous Accessories, such as MFJ259B and others
- FT990 Transceiver
- (1) 20-Amp Power Supply
- (2) 30-Amp Power Supplies

Asking price \$3,000

**CONTACT: Stan Haase, K8VI**  
[K8vi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:K8vi@sbcglobal.net)  
 or (440) 842-6154.

Prefer to sell each listing as a complete package. Priced to sell!





## Meeting Information

*NODXA Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the **Gourme Family Restaurant** at 15315 Pearl Road (Rt. 42) just west of Interstate 71 and south of Rt. 82 in Strongsville at 7:30 PM. Come early and have dinner and meet your fellow DXers and enter the 50/50 raffle.*

## NODXA Information

NO8DX: Special Event Callsign  
 W8DXA: NODXA Repeater 147.360  
 K8MR: PacketCluster 144.91 & 145.57

Web-site: <http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html>  
 Newsletter Submission: [wd8iou@adelphia.net](mailto:wd8iou@adelphia.net)

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## DXCC Info

As of December 2007, the current DXCC Entities total is: **338**.

## NODXA Application and Renewal Form

The Northern Ohio DX Association is a non-profit organization with a primary interest in DXing. We encourage all DXers to join our group and share the interest and fun of DXing.

Please complete the application below and send along your appropriate dues or renewal to:

**NODXA, P.O. Box 361624 , Strongsville, Ohio 44136**

First Time Membership/Renewal (U.S.)	\$12.00
Foreign Membership (outside U.S.)	\$22.00
*Foreign Membership (no printed newsletter) (but w/Web access for newsletter)	\$12.00

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 Country \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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 ARRL Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ DXCC Member? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Interest \_\_\_\_\_

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