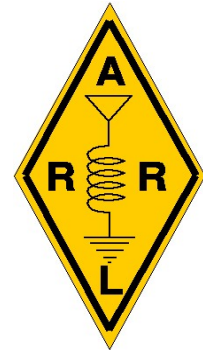


January 2025

"Ohio's First DXCC Field Checking Club"



The NODXA RAG



Fireside Chat With KB8NW (written October 27, 2024)

Fellow DXers,

As I am writing this, the CQWW DX SSB Contest is going on and November is only a few days away. The year "2024" is quickly coming to an end, and the major contest season has begun. The DXing in October has been great, and it looks like November will be just a great or even better. Here is a list of expected operations to take place in November:



3B9/MOKCW	E51SGC	PJ6/WJ2O	VP8G *
3D2AG/P	E6AQ	S9Z	XT2MD
3D2Y *	FO/N5LCP	T88DT	ZD7G & ZD7SFU
5X1DF & 5X1XA	FW7AA	T88RC	ZD7W
8Q7TR	FY/F8DQZ	TO9W	ZL7YL
A35GC	FY/WE9G	V55LA	
C5T/C5I	HD8CW	VK9CV	

NODXA has donated funds to two of the above operations (3D2Y and VP8G). The 3D2Y Rotuma DXpedition, which is a "Youth On The Air" (YOTA) operation, will take place between November 15th and December 4th. The VP6G Pitcairn DXpedition by Gerben, PG5M, will take place between November 15-25th.

These stations above should be easy to work because of the high sunspot numbers (as long as the "A" and "K" indexes cooperate). I think I read somewhere recently that we have reached the peak of solar cycle 25. Per Wikipedia, "Solar cycle 25 is the current solar cycle that began in December 2019 and is expected to last until about 2030." NASA recently announced that as of late October, the Sun has reached solar maximum: a repeating crescendo of solar activity that often comes with increased solar flares. So, enjoy the conditions while we can (especially on the high bands) because they will begin to head slowly downward.

THIS IS A REMINDER! If you have not renewed your club membership, "PLEASE DO SO." The month of May is NODXA's fiscal year. The club has funded 14 operations this year to the amount of almost \$2000+. So funds are getting low. REMEMBER: You can now renew via PayPal at: marysbarn@roadrunner.com

As always, I hope to see you in the coming weeks/months, possibly at a hamfest, or NODXA's general membership meetings every first Monday of the month (unless it is a holiday -- it will be the second Monday).

As a reminder, if you have a topic to discuss about DXing or contesting, bring it up at the meeting. Also, if you would like to put on a program of some interest for the club in the coming months, let us know so we can schedule you in for a meeting. We are always looking for a program.

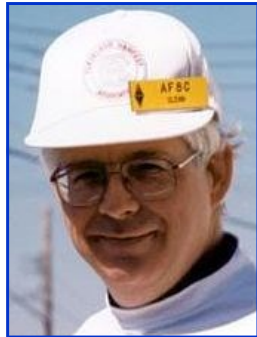
73 and Good DX, de Tedd KB8NW

"The Mission of the Northern Ohio DX Association is to promote and support Amateur Radio and the DX Community around the world."

Minutes of the August 5th, 2024 NODXA Meeting

President Tedd, KB8NW, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Amicis Italian Restaurant and Bar. A total of 17 members and guests were present. After a round of introductions and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States the secretary read the minutes for the meeting of July 1, 2024. Thereafter Brian, K3USC, moved and Jim, K8MR, seconded for the minutes to be approved. The approval was passed by vote.

Treasurer Mary, N8DMM, reported the balance report, of \$Ka-Ching! Dues will be due in May. PayPal can be used to send Mary the dues (via the address "marysbarn@roadrunner.com"). Thereafter Metro, W8MET, moved and Linda, N8LRS, seconded for the treasurer's report to be approved. That vote passed.



Glenn, AF8C, reported the repeater was OK. But both Tedd and Glenn, AF8C, reported on recent high level band activity that has been interacting with our local repeater signals. Tedd stated that a VE3M?X call sign has been heard in the interference. Our editor Dave, WD8IOU, will have the next newsletter out soon and he needs articles and/or photographs for the next one.

Old/New Business:

Jim, K8MR, was at the meeting to remind us to fund the DX award plaque for the August 24, 2024, Ohio QSO Party. Jim moved for less than \$100 cost, and Pete, N8TR, seconded the motion. Last year's winner as expected was Laszlo, OM2VL. The motion passed when voted.

Pete discussed how the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation ("WWROF"), a non-profit donor-supported organization, is now managing the CQ WPX contest program activity. However, support for WPX and WAZ, which are part of the awards handled online on LoTW was unknown at the time of the meeting. Tedd implied that awards typically announced at Dayton have unknown support. Tedd reported LoTW and DXCC new application processing is still not up and running. According to Metro, W8MET, published paper versions of QST are running late.

Tedd reported that Prudence was very emotional when describing to Tedd her receipt of the card. Tedd invited her to our August 22 picnic.

Last month the Rotuma, 3D2Z, funding request was tabled. Tedd stated there will be youth operators in the group also, for a total of 20 to 30 operators. It will happen November 15 to December 4, on 160 through 6 meters as a RIB operation. John, K8YSE, spoke in favor of the youth support. Two of their operators, W6IZT and W0VTT, have been seen at the club's hospitality suite in past years. Bruce, N8DJX, moved, and John, K8YSE, seconded for a donation of \$100 to the 3D2Z operation. The motion passed when voted.

No funding requests for N5J, Jarvis, have been received. N5J will start tomorrow. St. Paul, CY9C, will run August 26 to September 5. We have donated to CY9C and N5J. So far in 2024 we have donated more than \$1000. Tedd had new printouts of DX calendars for anyone to have.

Jim, K8MR, again discussed using the club's call sign NO8DX in the 2023 Ohio QSO Party and will use it this year also. Mary, N8DMM, gave Tedd the notice of the club's repeater equipment insurance renewal. Pete was in favor of the ARRL cost for \$250. The insurance expires October 1. That is not liability insurance. But after some discussion the club was not interested in renewing this year.

Dave, WD8IOU, had a question on solar propagation reports. Both Pete, N8TR, and Jim, K8MR, supplied explanations.

John, K8YSE, described his family's decision for John and Diane, W8ZJB, to move to a condo in Michigan near Doug, K8DP. Their granddaughter, Grace, K8LG, YOTA Youth ham of the year, who has been licensed for just over three years, is very active in amateur radio and is getting many operating and band awards. Tim, K3LR, has been very supportive of youth and Grace. She is working for operating points to qualify for WRTC 2025.

John has participated at the VA in a two week program on working with equipment that assists people with visual impairment.

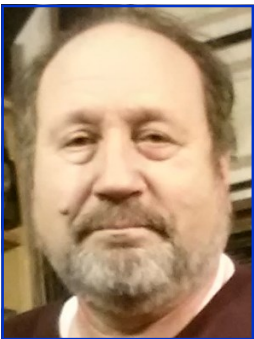
Wrapup:

Tedd, KB8NW, wrote that the next meeting will be on September 9, 2024, at Amicis. Linda, N8LRS, moved and Brian, K3USC, seconded for the meeting to be closed and the motion was voted approved. The meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully, Glenn, AF8C, Secretary

Minutes of the September 9th, 2024 NODXA Meeting

President Tedd, KB8NW, opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. at Amicis Italian Restaurant and Bar. A total of 19 members and guests were present. After a round of introductions, the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States was said. The secretary was not present and was on vacation. The minutes for the meeting of August 5, 2024, were not read because of the delayed start of the meeting. A motion (to not read the minutes) was made by Bruce, N8DJX, and seconded by Metro, W8MET, which was approved by the membership. Treasurer Mary, N8DMM, reported the balance report, of \$Ka-Ching! Dues were due in May. PayPal can be used to send Mary the dues (via the address "marysbarn@roadrunner.com"). Thereafter, Gary, NI8Z, moved and Bruce, N8DJX, seconded for the treasurer's report to be approved. That vote passed.



The report on the repeater was OK. Tedd reports that high levels of band activity continues on our local repeater frequency, but does not seem to interfere. Editor Dave, WD8IOU, reports that the club's newsletter went out September 9th, and is looking for any pictures taken during the NODXA Summer Picnic.

Old/New Business:

Metro, W8MET, and Linda, N8LSR, announced that they will be active as K4MIA/8 for the National POW MIA Recognition Day on September 20th. The special event station will be active September 18-22nd.

Dave, WD8IOU, mentioned that Byron, KF8UN, will be active as KF8UN/ZS6 from South Africa between November 1-2nd. Activity mainly on 20m SSB (possibly 40/17m CW/SSB).

Discussion took place about NODXA picnic. Everyone was satisfied with the food, weather and turnout (30-31 attended). About \$35 was collected in the donation jar. Everyone wants to do it again next year. It was recommend that soft drinks be added next year.

Glenn, AF8C, had a couple concerns to be mentioned at the meeting. One was about club liability insurance. A discussion took place and the majority felt that there was no need because the club doesn't do Field Day anymore. The second concern was about NCDXF having sole control of the keys for SUPERFOX. A discussion took place.

Everyone was satisfied working the two DXpeditions that the club donated funds to: CY9C and N5J. It was announced that we received a "Thank You For The Funds" from Hal, W8HC, for the upcoming YOTA 3D2Y (not 3D2Z) group's operation to Rotuma. Also a thank you was received from Freddy, F5IRO, (Team member of the FT4GL) for supporting the Glorioso operation. He supplied the club with pictures of the operator Marek, FH4VVK, (holding a sign with the club's logo) and a picture of the FT4GL QSL card. Freddy also mentioned that they will be sending the club a signed QSL card by all of the FT4GL team members.

The club received two requests for funds during August. One for the "Next Generation DX" group going to the Marshall Island (V7) in February 2025, and the other by the F6KOP group going to Sierra Leone (9L) sometime in 2024. Two separate motions (Bruce/N8DJX and John/K8YSE for the V7; Bruce/N8DJX and Brian/K3USC for the 9L) of a \$200 donation for each DX-peditions was voted on and passed.

Tedd, KB8NW, announced that Kay Savetz, K6KJN, is the curator of the Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications (DLARC). The DLARC is a project of the Internet Archive (the not-for-profit online library best known for The Wayback Machine). DLARC is growing to be a massive online library of the past and present of ham radio and related communications. It is funded by a grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications. Kay wants permission to include the "NODXA Rag" newsletter in the archive. A motion was made to give permission by Bruce, N8DJX, seconded by Brian, K8USC, and then voted on and passed by the membership. Tedd, KB8NW, mentioned that his OPDX Bulletin will also be archived.

It was announced that the Cleveland Hamfest will take place on September 22nd. The club will not have a table. Dave, KZ8Y, mentioned he was having problems with LoTW and wanted to know if LoTW was working.

Wrap Up:

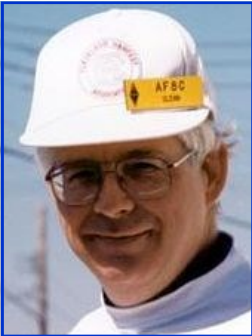
Tedd, KB8NW, mentioned that the next meeting will be on October 7, 2024, at Amicis. He also mentioned that he will not be at the next meeting, but in Tennessee for his grandson's birthday. Bruce, N8DJX, moved and Brian, K3USC, seconded for the meeting to be closed and the motion was voted approved. The meeting closed at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully, Tedd, KB8NW, NODXA President

Minutes of the October 7th, 2024 NODXA Meeting

Vice President Dennis, K8LBT, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Amicis Italian Restaurant and Bar. A total of 11 members and guests were present. After a round of introductions and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States the secretary read the minutes for the meeting of September 9, 2024. Thereafter Bruce, N8DJX, moved and Denny, WB8K, seconded for the minutes to be approved. The approval was passed by vote. Treasurer Mary, N8DMM, reported the balance, of \$Ka-Ching! Dues will be due in May. PayPal can be used to send Mary the dues (via the address "marysbarn@roadrunner.com"). Thereafter Bruce, N8DJX, moved and Dave, WD8IOU, seconded for the treasurer's report to be approved. That vote passed.

Glenn, AF8C, reported the repeater was OK. There was a question about whether the repeater is still receiving interference from Canada. None was reported. Our editor Dave, WD8IOU, needs articles and/or photographs for the next newsletter.



Old/New Business:

A thank-you was received for our contribution to the Patrick, F2DX, and Claude, F5GVA, for the Sierra Leone operation in November. A thank-you was received from Philipp, DK6SP, Marshall Islands, V7, in 2025.

Tedd has a note here on the now completed archiving of the club's newsletters and OPDX Bulletins on the Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications (DLARC).

For donations, four requests were received. VP8G will be operating on November 15th to the 25th. DL2AWG, Gunter, will be leading both VK9XU, Christmas, and Cocos-Keeling, a VK9C, during February-March 2025. VU4X, Andaman Islands, will be in March, 2025. C8K, Mozambique, has no set date in 2025 yet announced. Tedd's notes suggested that we vote now for the Falkland Islands, ranked #207, because it is coming up in mid-November. But we should delay to the next meeting or the meeting after to discuss the funding of others.

For VP8G, we previously sent funds to Gerben, PG5M. VP8 is not rare on sideband and digital but is still needed for CW. For the bands he will cover 40-10 on CW and FT8, and target for 12000 QSOs for a single op one-man operation. His total cost for the trip is \$7514. He will have two SDR transceivers, an Expert Linear 1.3K amp, and a two beams, a DX commander on 40 through 10 and a hexbeam on 20 through 6, using two laptops, two power supplies. Bruce, N8DJX, moved for \$150, and George, K8KR, seconded.

After some more discussions about the other requests, a delayed funding source will be identified for Christmas and Cocos-Keeling which will be one combined trip, and for Andaman, VU4X. After some discussion the club's funding of VP8G was passed due to the immediacy of the calendar.

Wrap-Up:

Dennis, K8LBT, confirmed that the next meeting will be on November 4, 2024, again here at Amicis. Bruce, N8DJX moved and Dave, WD8IOU, seconded for the meeting to be closed and the motion was voted approved. The meeting closed at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully, Glenn, AF8C, Secretary

Minutes of the November 4th, 2024 NODXA Meeting

Tedd, KB8NW, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Amicis Italian Restaurant and Bar. A total of 13 members and guests were present. After a round of introductions and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States the secretary read the minutes for the meeting of October 7, 2024. Thereafter Brian, K3USC, moved and Dave, WD8IOU seconded for the minutes to be approved. The approval was passed by vote. Treasurer Mary, N8DMM, reported the balance report, of \$Ka-Ching! Dues will be due in May. PayPal can be used to send Mary the dues (via the address "marysbarn@roadrunner.com"). Thereafter Dudley, WA1X, moved and Brian, K3USC, seconded for the treasurer's report to be approved. That vote passed.

Glenn, AF8C, reported the repeater was OK but there is still the interference problem from Canada. Because their repeater uses a different PL tone from ours, Cleveland operators can still bring up W8DXA and hear it fine as long as our repeater is transmitting. Our editor Dave, WD8IOU, has

the newsletter out and he needs articles and/or photographs for the next one. Tedd has sent some items already to Dave for the next newsletter.

Reports say that the ARRL blocks anyone who attempts to email themselves. AF8C, Glenn, had previously telephoned the ARRL about the problem and it's true now. Also, the IT department at the ARRL has no telephone number.

Old/New Business:

An update came from Dave, WD8IOU, who reported receiving an email from Byron, KF8UN, who was in South Africa operating, possibly as a ZS6. Byron said 20 and 17 propagation is poor there. But he worked VK9CV.

Tedd asked if anyone searched the DLARC archive of our club newsletters. Dave, WD8IOU, asked about how far back were our newsletters were archived there. Tedd said that whatever was on John's site was archived. Pete, N8TR, has been looking for older material.

There was an update on our assistance to 9L5A, Sierra Leone. The French group will be operating from November 27 to December 8. They will have 15 operators doing 160 through 6 plus Satellite. Their website is up as <https://9l5a.wordpress.com>.

We received a thank you from Gerben, PG5M for the donation for VP8G, November 15 to 25, CW and FT8, 40 through 10m.

In the mail was an envelope from Yuris, who was at K8K and VL9LA. He sent an image of the QSL card and a story on a flashdrive, which contained 57 pictures and some short videos.

We have one new request: TX7N, Marquesas, January 12 to January 27 as a French group with 14 operators, and 5 stations. They will be aiming for 35% CW, 30% SSB, 35% data. They are ranked world 61, and 31 in Europe. Their target is 70,000

QSO.

Mozambique, C8K, will be up January 17 to February 2. Christmas Island and Cocos-Keeling will be up February 18 to March 12. VU4X will be up from March 10 to 25. WA1X, Dudley, moved to send \$100 to TX7M. Brian, K3USC, seconded that, and the motion passed on vote. We will table the other ones to December.

The December meeting will again have a Show and Tell Program after the meeting. The Christmas luncheon this year will be at the Gran Fiesta restaurant on December 19. Again Tedd had some DX calendar printouts to hand out. Also, Tedd had his own Trunk Fest going this night. After the meeting members can go out to his trunk and take anything they want for free. The items there are leftovers from estates and Tedd wants to clean out.

The last story was from Dudley, WA1X, with a mystery about where he used to work at a very small AM station WABZ as Chief Engineer in 1972 in Saranac Lake, NY, and how during a large aurora blackout his station seemed to be on the air in spite of the transmitter plate power being off for the night. The answer was that the local oscillator and driver stage were still on to keep the frequency stable.

Wrapup:

Tedd, KB8NW, wrote that the next meeting will be on December 2, 2024, at Amicis. Brian, K3USC, moved and Denny, WB8K, seconded for the meeting to be closed and the motion was voted approved. The meeting closed at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully, Glenn, AF8C, Secretary

ZS6/KF8UN DXpedition to South Africa by Byron Berger, KF8UN



Byron-KF8UN and ZS6/KF8UN spent October in southern Africa photographing birds and doing some amateur radio. A week was spent in Madagascar and in the Cape Town area of South Africa. The Cape Town area included forest, grassland, mountains and a pelagic. The second two weeks consisted of a birding tour from Durban to Pretoria with a side trip to Lesotho.

Byron saw 200+ new birds and photographed most of them. His life list reached the 5,000 mark with a terrestrial brown bulbul about the end of the third week. He booked a few extra days at the Golden Impala Resort on the Dinokeng Preserve to do radio. He took two antennas (17, 20). The 20 was difficult so he only used 17. He called CQ and listened for stateside, but heard no response. About 6 pm local time, VK8CV had a good signal into northern South Africa and he worked Cocos-Keeling.

A pleasant evening in Pretoria was enjoyed with Chris-ZS6EZ as talked radio over Chinese cuisine





Apr 15 – 29, 2023

June 8 – 19, 2023

Lakshadweep Islands

<https://lral.lv/vu7w/>

Hello friends! This year started with a plan to visit Lakshadweep Islands for one DXpedition from April 15 – April 29, 2023. However, this turned out to be double DXpedition with secondary visit from June 8 – June 19, 2023. Here is a short story summarizing both parts with some pictures and results.

The journey started on 13th of April from hometown Valka located in NE of Latvia. Together with XYL Zigrida we drove to Riga international airport. As usual, the car was packed with antennas and equipment, this time with total weight of 100kg. With 4 connection flights starting from Riga to Istanbul, Delhi and Kochi we reached Agatii Island, from where we continued our trip to Kavaratti Island by passenger ferry.



Yuris YL2GM and XYL Zigrida



Our hotel and QTH on the Kavaratti Island

We reached Kavaratti Island on 15th of April in late afternoon. During twilight time I managed to set up *EFHW* and made first QSOs in FT8. The hotel we stayed at was a three storied building with flat roof divided in to segments with one of them being elevated. There was already placed antenna mast on one of the segments, however, I could not use it for my antennas because it was bent. The other segment was covered with solar panels which made difficult to place *Spiderbeam* there. As well the panels made noise and interference on the bands.

The next day I continued and managed to set up *Spiderbeam* by fixing it to the center point of the building between both segments. With the hotel staff I arranged to switch off solar panels that significantly reduced the noise levels. However, it was still pretty high because of very densely populated area right next to us where no one seems to care about

electricity saving because the lights are turned on 24/7.

On Monday 17th of April we encountered our first electricity shortage for two hours and the staff told us its due to construction works nearby. Later, while turning antenna I found out that two elements were tangled and I had to climb up to fix this. During the day temperatures are +35 °C and working in the sun is quite extreme, so I plan all outside tasks in late afternoons or early mornings and I still manage to get sunburns.



Setting up antennas

On Thursday 20th of April I set up *FT-710* transceiver on FT8 as secondary position. The main position is with *Sun SDR + SPE Expert* intended for CW and SSB. Unfortunately, SSB had very low activity only ~ 80 QSOs with EU, 4X, BY and JA6. All attempts to reach JA3 were unsuccessful.

Later that day we were visited by Mr. Aboobacker VU3EBX who is the only radio amateur on the islands. He invited us to join excursion and visit islands lighthouse and water desalination plant. At the end of expedition, I gifted 6m antenna to Mr. Aboobacker so he would be possible to make QSOs from the island in future. Couple days before the end of the expedition I set up LBS vertical and that resulted in new QSOs on 60 and 160m.



At the end part 1, our hotel administrator Jaffer told us that next week he was going to Minicoy Island and he invited us there. As these dates aligned with our future plans that we did not know at that point, this came true and we met again later in 2nd part of this same DXpedition.

While being on the way to home I received Japanese amateur radio group proposal to visit Island again. They supported this financially and with 6m antenna from JA1BK. As I decided to do this, I left all my equipment in hotel storage in Kochi city and we continued our way home.

On 3rd of June we started our 2nd trip from Riga international airport to Kochi with two



Yuris YL2GM and Mr.Aboobacker VU3EBX



Yuris YL2GM with expedition flag next to ferry from Kochi to Minicoy Island

just 6 guests. After 3 days me and Zigrida were the last 2 guests left in the whole resort and because of this the personal called us king and queen. Catering was organized 3 times daily and the meals were fantastic.

The living apartment was situated on the first floor and on the second floor I set up my DX station. The first days went by as a routine with setting up antennas and regularly checking the 6m band for Japan. The first successful day was on 10th of June when I managed to work 85 Japanese stations. Propagation window was very short for just about 30 minutes. There were no EU stations on this band. In total the propagation on 6m

connection flights through Dubai and Muscat. Until ferry departure on 6th of June to Minicoy Island we had two days to spend in Kochi. Later, travel agency informed us that the ferry is being delayed for one more day till the morning of 7th of June. We passed all security checks and moved in to our cabin. Ferry was being delayed once more and we left the port only after midnight.

To Minicoy Island we arrived in late afternoon the next day. Transfer from ferry to Island was carried out with small boats and boarding them was extreme because of high waves. From there we drove to Minicoy Island resort where in total we were staying



Shack

was for days where I managed to ~200 Japanese stations.

On 16th of June XYL Zigrida had birthday. With the help of hotel staff, we organized a surprise cake and a celebrational dinner in an outside tent on the beach. Staff was wearing colorful ceremonial dresses and greeted Zigrida. The next day we went for a swim in a lagoon to see the underwater world. Beautiful coral riffs with lots of colorful fishes were a fantastic sight.



Celebrational dinner

When the DXpedition time came to end, staff informed us that ferry departure from the island is postponed for 2 days. Because of

this I had to cancel flight reservations and my plans to visit *Hamfest* in Friedrichshafen. Later these delays were cancelled so there still was some hope for Hamfest.

On 20th of June we were brought to port and the ferry left on time. We were warmly welcomed by the staff and they organized a small excursion for us to visit the captains bridge. This was new for me as I never visited captains' deck before. The next day around noon we arrived to Kochi port from where we took taxi to the airport. We were lucky to get on the next flight to Dubai and from there to Riga. From airport Zigrida continued back home and I flew to Friedrichshafen. DXpedition was over and we were tired from the flights. As this all was a success it brought new energy for me.

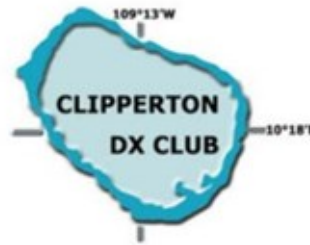
Thanks to everyone who supported us and followed us on this journey. Thanks to everyone who worked VU7W. Altogether in both parts 60k QSOs were made.

Juris /Yuris /YL2GM

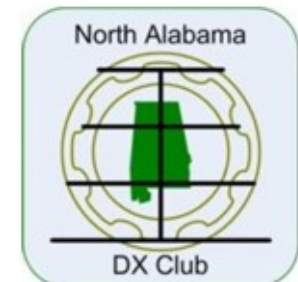
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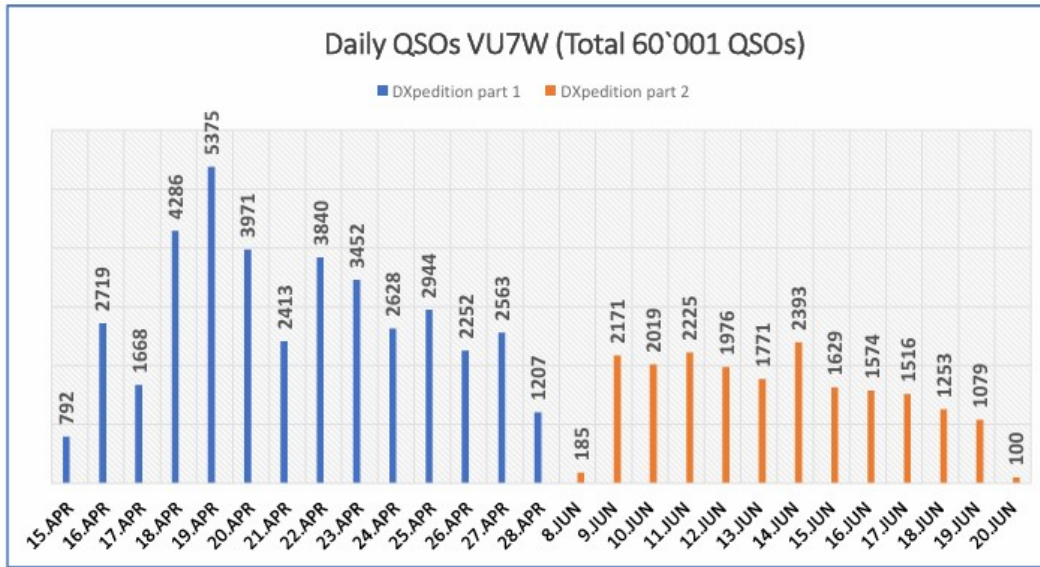
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QSL card



STATISTICS



Band/Mode breakdown VU7W

Band	CW	FT8	SSB	Total	Total %
160	0	170	0	170	0.3%
80	102	2251	0	2353	3.9%
60	5	164	0	169	0.3%
40	173	3997	0	4170	6.9%
30	192	6475	0	6667	11.1%
20	927	7356	342	8625	14.4%
17	1199	8275	286	9760	16.3%
15	1211	9778	160	11149	18.6%
12	759	6269	0	7028	11.7%
10	1610	7899	0	9509	15.8%
6	0	401	0	401	0.7%
Totals	6178	53035	788	60001	

DXCC by Band/Mode breakdown VU7W

Band	CW	FT8	SSB	Total
160	0	33	0	33
80	31	74	0	74
60	5	30	0	30
40	30	101	0	102
30	46	110	0	110
20	72	116	50	122
17	70	120	50	129
15	65	131	22	138
12	62	112	0	115
10	74	123	0	127
6	0	26	0	26
Totals	102	158	77	165

Continent by Mode VU7W

Band	CW	FT8	SSB	Total	Total %
AF	26	267	5	298	0.5%
AN	0	0	0	0	0.0%
AS	1098	16826	95	18019	30.0%
EU	4273	28190	552	33015	55.8%
NA	687	5051	114	5852	9.8%
OC	77	1978	14	2069	3.4%
SA	17	723	8	748	1.2%
Totals	6178	53035	788	60001	

Continent by Band VU7W

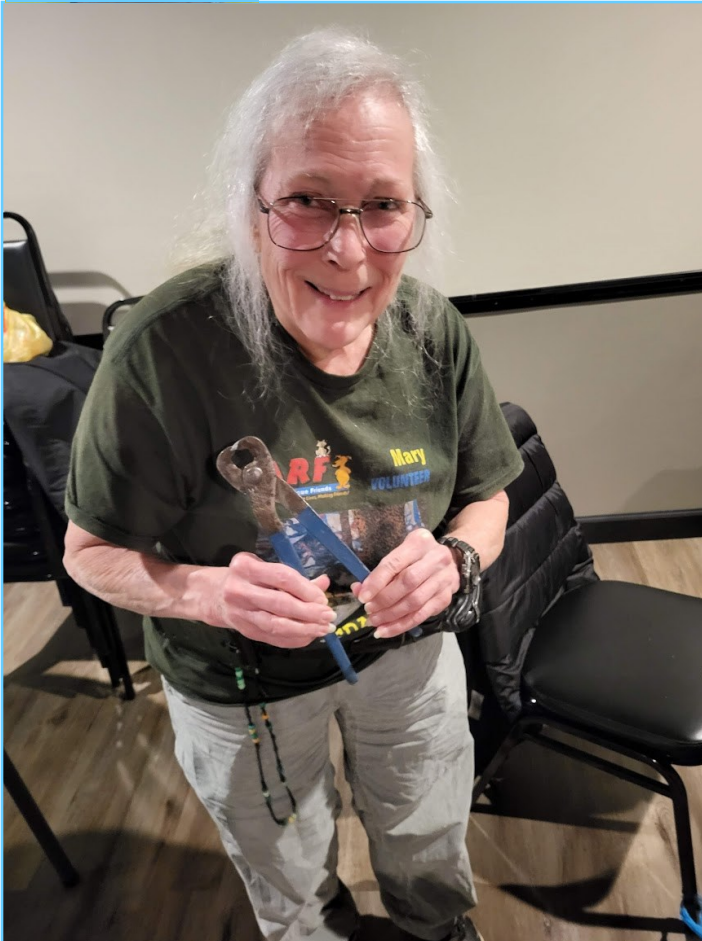
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AN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
AS	12	330	1	1060	1862	2206	3036	3910	1837	3392	373	18019	30.0%
EU	157	1913	167	2246	3754	4852	5270	5101	4365	5165	25	33015	55.0%
NA	0	44	0	516	832	1193	1116	1353	521	277	0	5852	9.8%
OC	0	50	0	195	101	251	191	647	156	475	3	2069	3.4%
SA	1	6	0	129	94	85	97	97	96	143	0	748	1.2%
Totals	170	2353	169	4170	6667	8625	9760	11149	7028	9509	401	60001	100%

NODXA Show and Tell by Dave, WD8IOU



The highlight of the December meeting was the NODXA annual "Show and Tell" event. There were just two participants this year but they both had very interesting items.

Mary, N8DMM, displayed an antique Weed Tire Chain tool. Mary likes to collect old and interesting things and this fits the bill. This tool has a date of July 29, 1913 and was made in Ohio. This tool was used by farmers to install and remove chains on their tractor tires. Mary's tool is in excellent condition and still the blue paint on the handle. I found the same tool for sale on eBay and both of those were rusty and beat to hell, so Mary has a really nice one.



Joe, N8QXC, showed us two interesting items. The first item was a book titled "COMMUNICATION HAND BOOK" and it was published by the NAVAL TRAINING CENTER, Pensacola, Fla. 1944 RESTRICTED. This book contains dozens of "Q" codes used by the military, many more codes than what are used by hams. It also contains an illustrated section on semaphore flags.

I was curious about the RESTRICTED part and found this info on the Internet: "Restricted for the public or press, but allowed to serviceman of the United States or the persons of undoubted loyalty and discretion who are cooperating in governmental work".

The next item was a portable antenna used by the military. This antenna was made by TELEX hy-gain and is model 18TD. It is basically a "tape measure" style dipole that covers 10 thru 80 meters. It has a standard SO-239 connector for input and also has some synthetic rope to tie it to the supports. The tape is marked so that you can quickly determine the proper length of the elements. This would be perfect for field day or POTA operations.

BTW, I see that one sold on eHam.net in 2023, they were asking \$300 for it. I will give you \$25 Joe!

2024 NODXA Christmas Lunch by Dave, WD8IOU

This lunch was held at the Gran Fiesta in Strongsville on December 19. The food was good and everyone had a great time. Twenty members were in attendance.



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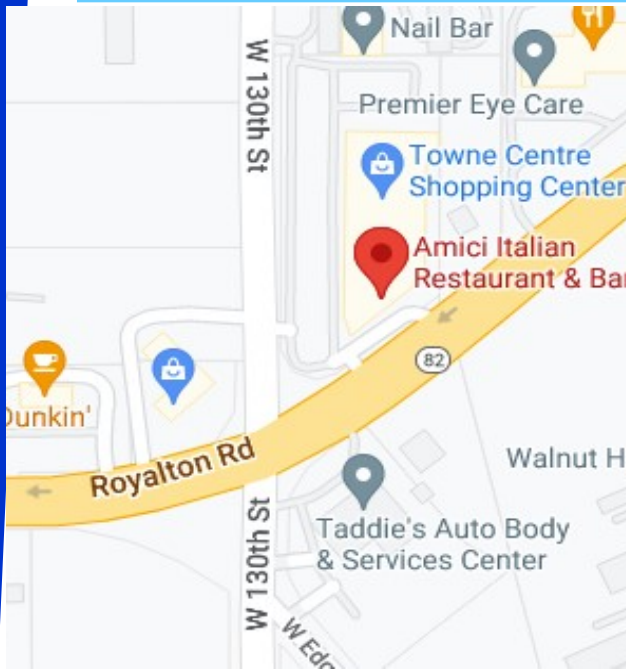
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Meeting Information

NODXA Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the *Amici Italian Restaurant & Bar* at 13000 Royalton Road east of Interstate 71 on the northeast corner of Route 82 and West 130th. in North Royalton at 6:30 PM. Come early and have dinner and meet your fellow DXers and enter the 50/50 raffle.

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DXCC Info

As of January 2018, the current DXCC Entities total is: **340**.

NODXA Application and Renewal Form

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

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