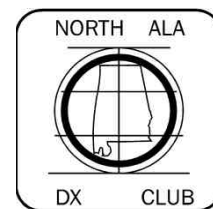


The LongPath



A North Alabama DX Club Publication

From the President's Desk

DXing . . . It's a Relative Thing!

Recently, an article about DXing posted on the ARRL web site caught my attention. It had some of the usual tips and suggestions about how we can be more successful, most of which I had heard about or read about before. In that sense, it looked like just another helping of the same ol' salad - with a different dressing. But the different "dressing" in this case was the fact that the story focused on QRP DXing. Now everybody hold on. I know some folks think that "real DXing" requires HF kilowatt amplifiers, long-boom yagi antennas, and tall towers. But reading the ARRL article reminded me that DXing represents a wide variety of operating interests and equipment capabilities.

I'm one of those DXers who does not have an amplifier or a directional antenna, and who does not yet actively pursue the world of QRP. Virtually all my DX activity has involved operating in that middle ground with what you could call a fairly modest station . . . a 100-watt HF transceiver and a multi-band vertical. With these resources I worked 100 entities with reasonable effort, got past 200 with more difficulty, and now have found reaching the 300 mark to be a very big challenge indeed. Nevertheless, I'm pleased with what I've been able to accomplish - which may be more than some folks, but less than many others. (There is an accepted axiom of successful DXing which says that experience, operating skill, and a bit of luck will often overcome the absence of high effective radiated power.)

The neat thing about all this is that there is no prescribed standard for what constitutes



DXing, or what constitutes successful DXing . . . it's all relative to how a person chooses to pursue it. Anyone who chases DX may do so on his or her own terms. Some people have elaborate stations with high power and big antennas, while others use low power and indoor dipoles. Some are primarily interested only in low band DX, or QRP DX, or satellite DX, or digital mode DX, or DX contesting, etc., etc. The available opportunities are numerous and some folks pursue them all! Fundamentally, DXing is truly a "relative" term representing an activity broad
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February 11th Program

"NADXC PacketCluster"
by Chuck Lewis, N4NM &
Steve Carroll, K2SC

7PM At Ryan's Steak House
1808 University Drive
Huntsville, AL

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The Challenge of the Hunt

- *DX is working them all*
- *DX is All Modes*
- *DX is All Bands*
- *DX is All Power Levels*
- *DX is From Any Location*
- *DX is With Any Equipment*
- *DX is State-of-the Art*
- *DX is Classic Communications*
- *DX is for All to Enjoy!*

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"Short Skip"...

- **Yaesu New Models** . . . Yaesu is continuing the pace of introducing new models with the release of the FT-857 Mobile Transceiver. This new model is a 100-Watt HF/VHF/UHF all -mode rig featuring removable front panel, very small form factor, and some of the DSP features of the 1000MP MK V. The 857 joins the FT-817 and FT-897 in an array of small, full-featured rigs that fill well-defined niches.
- **Ten-Tec ORION** . . . The Ten-Tec ORION transceiver is said to be nearing delivery of the first units to customers. Apparently, the first production run is in the works and the finishing touches are being made to the software-defined code. This rig has created wide interest for its potent feature set which is implemented with dual, high-speed DSP processors and traditional analog crystal filtering.
- **Half Full / Half Empty?** . . . It is frequently surprising how important ATTITUDE is to any group or endeavor. I commend to your reading the Editorial in the February 2003 issue of CQ Magazine. W2VU finds much to be positive about relative to the future of ham radio. Obviously, Yaesu and Ten-Tec see something there to motivate them to spend significant sums of development dollars to bring new products to market.
- **DX-101 Update** . . . Chuck Lewis, N4NM, and several other NADXCers are reviewing the excellent DX-101 brochure to bring it up to date for future distribution to potential Dxers. This super recruiting tool gives great tips to new Dxers about how to get started. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please contact Chuck at clewis@knology.net.
- **Constitution Review** . . . If you haven't done so already, please go to the NADXC Home Page and follow the link to the Constitution and the process for recommending changes. A special committee of "legal beagles" is hard at work on sprucing up this important document.
- **On the Internet** . . . Recommended reading on www.eHam.net/articles is an article on Key Clicks from Tom Rauch, W8JI. Tom makes the point that most modern transceivers are missing a critical point that could make their CW sigs much cleaner.
- **QSL Cards on the Increase** . . . QST reports that the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service processed nearly 2 Million QSL Cards in 2002, over 30,000 more than in 2001. 2002 Incoming Cards were also up over 2001.
- **HF Digital Voice Milestone** . . . The first HF Trans-Atlantic QSO using digital voice transmission was reported in November by Ten-Tec's Doug Smith, KF6DX, using one of the prototype ORION transceivers. This test, using a new ITU standard, was conducted within a 3- kHz bandwidth.

73 es gud dx de W4RK

January 14th Meeting Minutes

The January 14 meeting of the NADXC was called to order by President, Myron Manker (W4UR) at 7:00 PM at Ryan's Steakhouse.

One visitor, Tim Pirkl (N5KI), was introduced. It was noted that he had previously submitted an application for membership.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in the January LongPath.

The Treasurer's report: Balance on hand = \$1,689.69. Dues for 2003 are now due.

Old Business:

Those receiving awards for 2002 we presented with appropriate plaques by the 2002 President, Rick Ruhl (W4PC)

DXer of the Year Award: Barry Johnson (W4WB)

New Member on the Year Award: Tom Duncan (KG4CUY)

David Reasoner Award: Michael Werner (KF4BOG)

Rick also presented the 2003 President, Myron Manker, a gavel and plaque denoting his office.

New Business:

A special committee chaired by Chuck Lewis (N4NM) has been formed to review the NADXC Constitution and By-Laws to determine if revisions are needed. Other members of the committee are John Winter (KR4F), Tom Duncan (KG4CUY), and Chris Reed (KF4MMF). A copy of the current Constitution/By-Laws will be posted on the club's web site in the near future.

Jared Cassidy (KQ4VT), Web Master, discussed bringing the web site up to date. He asked for someone to be the Assistant Editor of the Long-Path, and someone to help him in keeping the DX news on the web site current. Volunteers are welcome.

Congratulations were extended to Steve Werner (AG4W) who recorded the ninth highest 28 MHz score among all U.S. amateurs who operated in the 2002 CQ WPX SSB contest.

Ron Shaffer (W4VM) reported that the repeater has been revised with a new controller, and all is now
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From the President's Desk... cont'd

enough to include everyone, whatever their individual preferences, equipment limitations, or operating objectives may be.

There are also many forms of recognition available to anyone interested in DXing, so if awards are an important objective there are many within reach of any DXer. The ARRL alone has 18 separate awards (plus DXCC Honor Roll status) that recognize various levels of DXing achievement. Then there are the WAZ and WPX awards, and numerous other special awards offered by foreign organizations.

So, regardless of what forms of DXing interest us, what sort of station capabilities we have, or the standards by which we measure our individual operating success, we can all be considered "DXers" . . . and there's room in the mix for all of us.

73,
Myron
W4UR

ARLD005DX News

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, N2BT, W2SN, 425DXnews, DXNL, QRZ DX, The Daily DX, WA7BNM and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

SENEGAL, 6W. Norbert, F6AXX is QRV as 6W7/F6AXX until February 7. He is using CW on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters. QSL to home call.

SIERRA LEONE, 9L. Zbig, SP7BTB is QRV as 9L1BTB. Lately he has been QRV on 160, 80, 20, 12 and 6 meters. QSL to home call.

TAJIKISTAN, EY. Nodir, EY8MM has been QRV on 80 meters around 0200 and 1300z. He has also been active on 160 meters around 1700 to 2200z.

HAITI, HH. Hans, DL7CM and Sid, DM2AYO are active as HH6/DL7CM and HH6/DM2AYO, respectively, from Ile a Vache, IOTA NA-149, until February 15. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home calls.

SVALBARD, JW. JW0HU is active on 160 to 15 meters, including the newer bands, at various times of the day. QSL via SP3WVL.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. JN1MYM and JO1UTG are QRV from Saipan as KH0/JN1MYM and KH2DI/KH0, respectively, until February 3. Activity is on all the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL to home calls.

JOHNSTON ISLAND, KH3. A group of DXers are QRV as AH3D until February 4. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including the newer bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OH2BH.



BRAZIL, PY. The Scout Association Baependi are QRV as ZX3S until February 19 to celebrate the World Social Forum taking place in Porto Alegre. QSL via PY3CQ.

MOUNT ATHOS, SV/A. Monk Apollo has been QRV on 40 meters CW around 1900z and 20 meter CW around 1000z.

CENTRAL KIRIBATI, T31. Mike, KM9D is QRV as T31MY from Canton Island, IOTA OC-043, until late Feb-

ruary. QSL via OM2SA.

ANTIGUA, V2. Wicky, W4LW and Fred, K4FMD will be QRV as V2/K4UP from February 2 to 8. This is a casual operation, with activity on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters using SSB. QSL via K4UP.

TURK AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5. Chrissy, KB9VAL and Gary, K9SG are active as VP5/KB9VAL and VP5/K9SG, respectively, from Providenciales, IOTA NA-002, until February 3. QSL both calls via K9SG.

PITCAIRN ISLAND, VP6. Ed, W2SN is scheduled to be QRV as VP6EM on February 4 from 1700 to 2359z on 20, 15 and 10 meters SSB, depending on propagation. QSL to home call.

FALKLAND ISLANDS, VP8. Mark, VP8CSA is QRV until February 11. QSL via DL1SDN.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Dani, XT2ATI has been QRV on 40 meters around 2000z and 20 meters around 2200z. QSL via EA4YK.

Other DX Rumors and News

The following is courtesy of the OPDX Bulletin and KB8NW/OPDX/BARF80:

10 YEARS OF 9A. The year 2002 marks the 10th anniversary of allocation of the 9A prefix to Croatia. The Croatian Amateur Radio Association sponsored a special award for contacts made with 9A stations between July 5, 2002, and December 31, 2002. On the following Web address below, there is a link to the web site that shows a picture of the award and a page with award winners: <http://www.hamradio.hr/award.asp> The first 169 awards have been mailed out. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2003 (to be sent to Denis, 9A3Z, at: 9a3z@hamradio.hr).

3B8, MAURITIUS (Update). Peter, DL3APO, wants to remind everyone that all preparations are going well for a German team to be active as 3B8/DK7AO (Please refer OPDX.594). However, due to health and family reasons, Katrin, DL1AXL (Frank's, DK7AO, XYL), has been forced to cancel her participation in the 3B8/DK7AO operation from February 9-15th. The team will now include Achim, DL1XD. QSL via DL3APO. For more details, update and the log, visit the Web page at: <http://www.radioklub.de/3b8>

5W, SAMOA. The "World-Wide Young Contesters" will be sponsoring a DX operation from August 4-14th. Operators will include Hrvoje/9A6XX, M0GMT, Cedrick/K9YO, Jeff/N1SNB and Faisal/9K2RR. Operations will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK-31 and with two stations active 24 hours a day. QSL via N1SNB.

5W & KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA AND SAMOA. Ulli, DL2AH, will be going on his first DXpedition/operation to these two countries. Activity from Samoa (5W) is planned for July 2-15th and July 24-29th. Activity from American Samoa is planned for July 16-23rd. His operations will be on 40-10 meters SSB/RTTY/PSK using a FT-1000MB with GAP Titan and Windom antennas. He also plans to be active in the 2003 IOTA Contest.

8P, BARBADOS (Update). As mentioned last week, Tom, W2SC, will be active as 8P5A in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd). Tom informs OPDX that he will be there the week leading up to the contest and will mainly be there to checkout the station, primarily on the low bands. Since the contest is SSB, Tom will exclusively be on that mode.

9H, MALTA. Gaby/OE8YDQ and Chris/OE8CIQ will be active as 9H/homecall (but this could change, if they apply for a visitor's license) between April 20-27th. This will be a holiday style operation. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB with 100 watts and a vertical antenna. QSL via the bureau or direct to their home call sign. For more information, please

visit their Web page at: <http://www.oe8ciq.com>

9Y, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO. Sigi, DL7DF, will be on holiday from here and will be active as 9Y4/DL7DF from March 23rd through April 10th. Activity will be on all bands CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV using a transceiver with a linear.

CN2, MOROCCO. Jim, W7EJ, plans to be very active as CN2R from here in some upcoming contest. Look for him in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (February 21-23rd) as a Single-Op entry and the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. Also, look for him in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via W7EJ.

FM, MARTINIQUE. Ed, AJ6V, will be operating from here using the call sign FM5BH between February 11-18th. Activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. Outside of the contest he will mainly be active on SSB. QSL via W3HNK.

FO/M, MARQUESAS ISLANDS. Silvano, I2YSB, informs OPDX that he and six other operators (all experienced DXers and Contesters) will be active from here. Their operation is scheduled to start around late April and run for about 2 weeks. Exact dates will be announced soon. They plan to use a "FO" call sign, this is to be confirmed and announced later. The team consists of: Silvano/I2YSB, Flaviano/I2MOV, Marcello/IK2DIA, Adriano/IK2GNW, Giuseppe/IK2WXV, Carlo/IK1AOD and Andrea/IK1PMR. They will operate on all modes (CW, SSB, PSK/RTTY) on all HF bands, including 50 MHz (they will also operate a beacon on 50.105 MHz). Their equipment will include 3 complete HF stations, with linear amplifiers (including a TL-922) and several antennas (including beams for the higher bands). More information about the DXpedition QTH, operators' profiles, equipment and sponsors can be found on the following link from I2YSB's Web page at:

<http://digilander.libero.it/i2ysb/>

Links to further information and online logs will be added.

J49, CRETE. Operators Roberto/I2WIJ, Luigi/IK8HCG and Salvatore/IK8UND will be active as J49Z in the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multil-Single/High Power entry. Activity from the team will begin on Thursday, October 23rd, on all bands 160-10 meters, including 12/17 meters, mainly on SSB (but they will take a key and do some CW). A large range of antennas will be used: 11 element triband yagi, phased vertical array on 40 meters (2 or 4 verticals), single vertical 1/4 wave on 80 meters, Inverted

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From the Veep

Don't miss the next NADXC program which features a refresher/ tutorial on the DX PacketCluster by Chuck Lewis, N4NM and Steve Carroll, K2SC. The PacketCluster was THE dx'ing tool in the late 80's and 90's. If you've been away from the Cluster for a while (like me) or have never hooked up, please come hear Chuck and Steve tell us about all the useful tools/features.

I also want to remind everyone that Mike Maples, K4ADK is a field checker for the ARRL DXCC program. Also Jerry Cross, N4NO is a field checker for the CQ WAZ award. If you would like to submit cards for either one of these awards please coordinate with them. Take advantage of these great assets.

Call for DXpeditioners! I am considering a contest DXpedition to the Caribbean for either CQWW RTTY contest at the end of September or the CQWW SSB contest at the end of October. No location has been selected, this is a call to see if anyone else might be interested in participating (no previous experience is required). Contact me via email at ku4j@hiwaay.net or see me at the next meeting.

73's Tim Pearson/**KU4J**

January 14th Meeting Minutes ...cont'd

located on Monte Sano.

Chuck Lewis reported that the SysOp for the Packet Cluster is now Steve Carroll (K2SC). Steve has done much work in getting the equipment moved and the new software installed. Chuck Lewis, Mike Maples (K4ADK), and John Drum

(W4BXI) will continue to be the cluster support team.

Rick Ruhl announced that this is the sixth anniversary of the web site. He will continue to host the web site. The Treasurer noted that the web site domain name was renewed in December for 2003-2005.

Tim Pearson (KU4J) proposed John Zeiler (WD5GOZ) for membership in the club, with his dues waived for a year in appreciation for the use of his projection equipment. John Morris (K4XH) seconded the motion and the club voted to accept

John Zeiler as a new member.

On the basis of his previously submitted application for membership, the club voted to accept Tim Pirkl (N5KI) as a new member.

The business portion of the meeting was concluded.

Tim Pearson introduced Mark Clark (W4CK), who is a former member of the club. Mark presented a program describing his experiences while operating as V73BL from Kwajalein Island, Kwajalein Atoll, May 14-24, 2002.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Morris, **K4JD**
Secretary/Treasurer

Other DX Rumors and News... cont'd

"V" for 160 meters, a 8 element 5 band beam for 20/17/15/12/10 meters for the multiplier station, and a rotatable dipole for 40 meters. QSL via IK8UND. Visit the web site for this operation at: <http://www.qsl.net/i2wij/j49z/j49z.html>

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Members from the Virginia DX Century Club will be active from February 11-19th. Their activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest as KG4DZ. QSL KG4DZ via W4SD. Look for the following operators (with their own KG4 callsign) to be active: Don/W4ZYT/KG4ZK, Chuck/N8CH/KG4NW, Gordon/KU4EC/KG4EC and Chet/N6ZO/KG4ZO. QSL via their home callsigns.

KH6, HAWAII. Don, K6IPV, will be vacationing at "Seaqmaui", the B & B (ed. We think he means "Bed and Breakfast") of Terry, KH6SQ, from February 10-20th. He states, "This will be a casual operation, mostly SSB and as many bands as Terry has antennas for. He's got a couple of towers (which probably creates a hazard for the golfers on the course he lives alongside!), with beams and other assorted antennas. I'll take my keyer along but am a notoriously poor CW op!" He expects to be signing KH6/K6IPV and his dream is to be on the air enough when not vacationing with his wife and doing the "tourist" things. He wants to work more than 100 countries to earn DXCC from a different "country". QSL via direct.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Ari, OH5DX, will once again be active from here as OH0Z, this time during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 15-16th). His operating class is still to be decided. QSL via OH5DX (ex-OH1EH).

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, has been active over the past week on 40 and 10 meters CW (Yes CW!). Stateside QSNs show him on 7005 kHz after 0030z and as late as 0207z, as well as 28022 kHz between 1315-1415z. Europe reported him on 14022 kHz. Kostas, SV1DPI, states Monk Apollo is expected to be active also on SSB and RTTY. Veronica, W6/IK3ZAW, reports that Monk Apollo told her he has made several attempts (during his free time) to work U.S. stations on different bands, but his reception is very poor from his area. Good openings do not usually coincide with his free hours which he can spend on the radio. However, he reassured Veronica that he shall keep on trying. QSL only direct to one of the two following addresses:

(Provided by SV1DPI)	(Provided by W6/IK3ZAW)
Monk Apollo	Monk Apollo
Monastery od Dochiariou	Docheiariou Monastery
63087 Mount Athos	63087, Dafni
Greece	Mount Athos
	Greece

T8, PALAU (KH0 Cancelled). Takeshi, JA5AUC, has cancelled his Saipan operation (as reported in OPDX.596) and will be active instead from Palau Island as T88TM. He will be joined by Norikazu/JA5MY, Kouji/JA5SUD, Tatsuo/JA5EIY and Yuji/JA5ROH/T88RH. Activity will be from February 7-12th, on 160-6 meters. QSL via their home callsigns.

TI8, COSTA RICA. Operators Chadwick/K4UN, Carlos/TI2KAC, Fred/W4BD and possible others will be active as TI8/K4UN during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Multi-2/All Band entry. QSL via K4UN. They will be active a little over a week before the contest, and activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters primarily on SSB with the possibility of some CW and PSK31.

V31, BELIZE (Update to OPDX.596/IOTA Op). Paul/K1XM informs OPDX that he and Charlotte/KQ1F still don't have their callsigns yet. However, he states they will operate the contest (ARRL DX SSB Contest, March 1-2nd) from Turneffe Island (IOTA NA-123). They will arrive at the site the Wednesday before the contest and leave the Wednesday after. Outside of the contest, Paul may operate CW or RTTY. Also, they may be on the air a bit from the mainland before they go to Turneffe, depending on what else they are doing and whether or not they can put up a wire at their hotel.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. It has been reported that Barry, VK2BJ, will be active as VK2LBJ beginning February 8th. Activity will be for one week. There was no information provided on his bands/modes of activity.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. David, VK2CZ, will be active from here during the CQWW SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. His call
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Please check the NADXC web page for the latest roster information. If you are not listed and have paid up recently or if your information needs to be corrected please send an email to:
Nancy Morris at: k4xh@aol.com
and also to Jared Cassidy at:
kq4vt@arrl.net

Other DX Rumors and News... cont'd

sign is currently unknown at this time, but activity will include 160-10 meters. QSL via VK2CZ direct only.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISLAND (A Reminder!). Remember to look for Ed, W2SN, to be active this week as VP6EM beginning on February 4th. Activity will take place between 1700-2359z, on 10/15/20 meters SSB, depending on the propagation. QSL to his home callsign.

ZK1/N & ZK1/S, NORTH AND SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Nik, HB9EAA, informs OPDX that he will be active from

Penrhyn, N. Cooks (OC-082) from March 8-15th and Aitutaki, S. Cooks (OC-083) from March 15-22nd. He hopes to go on the air with the callsign ZK1EAA, mainly on the CW mode. The license with the definitive callsign will be known after his arrival on Rarotonga. Activity will be mainly on CW on the following suggested frequencies: 14040, 21040 and 28040 kHz (+/- QRM). QSL via HB9EAA direct or via the bureau is OK For more details, please visit the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/hb9eaa/dxped03/>

Do the Dues!!!

As of this month's LongPath publishing date, the following call signs have paid their 2003 dues . . .

Individual Memberships

AA4U
AA4VN
AI4CW
K4RP
K4XQ
KD4BJW
W4NK (ex-N4CIW)

Family Memberships

W4BC
W4UR
W6DSQ
K4JD/K4XH
KR4F/N4HIX
N4VB/K4CK

(K4JD) ASAP, or you can pay her at our February 11 meeting. As a reminder, individual membership annual dues are \$15.00 and family membership annual dues are \$20.00. If you did send your dues to Nancy but don't see your call sign listed, please check with Nancy to make sure your payment was recorded.

Dues are basically the club's only source of operating revenue, so please support NADXC by getting your payment in as soon as you can.

If you don't see your call sign on this list, please send a check for your dues to Nancy Morris

SWODXA DX Dinner at Dayton

The Southwest Ohio DX Association is pleased to announce the Eighteenth Annual DX Dinner to be held on Friday, May 16th, 2003 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton OH. There will be a cash bar at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:15 PM. Tickets are \$34.00 and must be purchased in advance. Groups wishing to sit together must order as a group. A table seats eight. Please make your check or money order payable to **SWODXA** and send an SASE for ticket return. Seats will be assigned in the order that requests are received. Seats will be assigned on 16 March 2003. Seating is limited.

Please order tickets from **Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, 7354 Thackery Rd, Springfield OH 45502.**

For information on the dinner, check <http://my.erinet.com/~n8bjq/> or contact Steve Bolia, N8BJQ at (937) 788-2803 or e-mail to n8bjq@erinet.com.

DX Contests for the Coming Month

RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest (CW only), 40 meters

Feb 9, 2100Z to Feb 10, 0100Z
Exchange: RST plus Serial No.
See page 103, Feb. QST

ARRL Intl. DX Contest, (CW), 160-10 meters

Feb 15, 0000Z to Feb 16, 2400Z
Exchange: RST plus State/Province; DX send RST plus pwr
See page 95, Dec. QST

CQWW 160 Meter Contest (PHONE), 160 meters

Feb 22, 2200Z to Feb 24, 1600Z
Exchange: RS plus State/Province/DXCC Entity
See page 97, Jan. QST

REF French Contest (PHONE), 80-10 meters

Feb 22, 0600Z to Feb 23, 1800Z
Exchange: RS plus Serial No.
See page 97, Jan QST

UBA (Belgium) Contest (CW), 80-10 meters

Feb 22, 1300Z to Feb 23, 1300Z
Exchange: RST plus Serial No.
See page 97, Jan. QST



ARRL Intl. DX Contest, (PHONE), 160-10 meters

Mar 1, 0000Z to Mar 2, 2400Z
Exchange: RS plus State/Province; DX send RS plus pwr
See page 95, Dec. QST

OTHERS:

RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW, 2100Z
Feb 8 – 0100Z Feb 9

Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW, 1100Z –
1300Z Feb 8

UBA Spring Contest, CW, 0700Z -1100Z Mar. 9

Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware.

Chuck, N4NM

Annual NADXC member dues for the year 2003 are payable as of January 1, and we ask everyone's cooperation in getting them in early. There has been no change in the dues for this year . . . \$15.00 for individual memberships and \$20.00 for family memberships (those residing in the same household). That's only \$1.25 per month for individuals, which is a great deal.

If you're able to attend the February 11 meeting, you can pay your dues then. Or, if you prefer, you can mail a check (payable to NADXC) to Nancy Morris (K4JD), Secretary/Treasurer, at the following address:

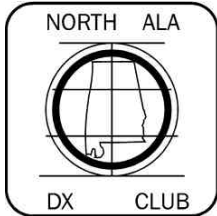
Nancy Morris - K4JD
4008 Gunnison Lane
Huntsville, AL 35810

Thanks to all our members for your continued support. It's what keeps NADXC alive and well!

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Editor's Soapbox

It is time once again to sit down at the keyboard and finish getting the LongPath wrapped up to be put on the website. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Groundhog's Day, although Monte Sano Marvin did see his shadow. If your antenna system survives the next 6 weeks of winter then you need to make it bigger for next winter.

I would like to thank Frank McGonigal, W6DSQ for stepping forward and volunteering to help some with the LongPath. Hopefully, we will be able to see some of his input next month with DX information. Help is still needed, please let me know if you can help out with supplying material or if you can do some editing. My schedule is beginning to fill up now with both work and school commitments so my time available for the LongPath is greatly reduced.

Don't forget that club dues are due now if you have not paid yet. Please get them into Nancy so that we can keep you on the rolls.

Chuck, N4NM is heading up a constitutional revision

committee and plans to have proposed changes ready to be voted on at the April 8th meeting. The current constitution is on the NADXC website. Please let Chuck know if you have suggestions for changes.

Well, that's about it from here. Until next month...

73, Jared Cassidy, **KQ4VT**

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