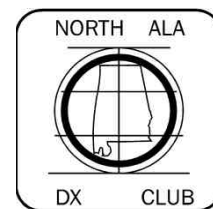


The LongPath



A North Alabama DX Club Publication

From the President's Desk

CW . . . Productive or Prehistoric?

Before continuing with this month's column, I feel obligated to admit that I am an unabashed CW lover! My earliest exposure to amateur radio as a young boy involved hearing the strange dot/dash music of Morse code emanating from the speaker of a small tube-type receiver. At that age I knew about telegraphy as a form of communications (mostly from stories and movies), but I had never "experienced" the real thing. There just seemed to be something magic about being able to communicate using the "unspoken" medium of dots and dashes. Frankly, I don't think I would have developed much interest in amateur radio if my first exposure had involved voice communications (which was AM at that time).

"Way back then," the usual gateway to amateur radio was the Novice Class license, which carried a requirement to send and receive code at 5 words per minute. Valid for only one year, its implied purpose was to provide new amateurs with an opportunity to develop a working proficiency with code in order to pass the 13-wpm requirement in the General Class examination. The ultimate achievement was the Amateur Extra Class license, which then carried a 20-wpm proficiency requirement.

Recent changes in amateur licensing requirements, coupled with the evolution of high-speed data communications, have diminished the code proficiency requirement to an almost inconsequential level. Does this mean that CW is no longer an important operating mode? There are those who would say yes . . . but I think not. Does it mean that CW will



wind up on the bone pile of communications history? There are those who would say yes . . . but I think not.

Clearly, CW is not a mode that is easy for everyone to master. However, here are some of the reasons why many accomplished DXers have used it to great advantage when compared with single sideband . . . it requires a much narrower bandwidth for communicating intelligence; it's easier to copy a CW signal in the midst of a big pile-up; it avoids the occasional problem of understanding accents

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March 11th Program

"Worldwide Amateur Beacons"
by Barry Johnson, W4WB &
John Morris, K4XH

7PM At Ryan's Steak House
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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"...

- **How to Succeed at QSLing Without Really Trying** ... Check out this article on eHam.net about QSLing: www.eham.net/articles/4593. Written by WN3VAW, this is a collection of some old / some new tips for QSLing. There are also several interesting replies which may be worth your time.
- **Internet Cost?** . . . Speaking of eHam.net, Bill Fisher, W4AN, sent an e-mail solicitation recently to the Contesting.com and several other reflectors that gives some insight into the support needed for this popular website. His message indicates that the growth of advertising as a source of support is not growing as fast as the growth in bandwidth requirements to support user access. He has instituted a voluntary subscription system that allows user contributions to support at a level of their choosing. Interesting concept. Apparently Bill has been subsidizing the gap out of his personal funds to this point.
- **Request for Articles** . . . Any Short Skip articles that you might wish to contribute would be very much appreciated. The Long Path and Short Skip are for all NADXC members. If you have a short item of interest, please drop me an e-mail and I'll try to include it in the next issue. Send to: w4rk@arrl.net
- **Huntsville Ham Recognized** . . . Gene Marcus, W3PM, was recognized in the most recent (Jan/Feb 2003) issue of The AMSAT Journal for his creation of an unusually useful spreadsheet that computes anticipated signal strength of the AO-40 satellite from various parameters. DX? One-way path length for AO-40 at apogee is 60,000 km.
- **QRP DX** . . . After some part-time operation in both the CW and SSB sections of the recent ARRL International DX Contests, I continue to be amazed at the excellent QRP signals on both modes. I heard some able to maintain control of a frequency and run for long periods. A well adjusted rig, good antennas, and good operator skill can make up for a lot of power difference.
- **DXpedition Contesting** . . . I know many of our members are experienced DXpedition contesters. However, if, like me, you've never done it, check out John Dorr's (K1AR) article in the March 2003 issue of CQ Magazine (page 98). I found this story of his PJ2T effort to be very interesting and informative. If this sounds like fun, talk to Tim Pearson, KU4J, about his upcoming DXpedition.
- **Antenna Tuners** . . . Check out the excellent comparative review article in QST, February, 2003 which analyzes specs and performance of five (5) High Power Antenna Tuners. Also stay tuned (pun intended) for the new LDG KW Automatic Tuner to be introduced at the Dayton Hamvention. If it lives up to the same reputation for quality and function of the other tuners in the LDG line, it is sure to be a winner.
- **Don't Miss the ICOM Event** . . . Be sure to attend the ICOM event on March 18th. Check out details elsewhere in this Long Path.

February 11th Meeting Minutes

The NADXC held its regular monthly meeting on February 11, 2003 at Ryan's Restaurant. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with President Myron Manker (W4UR), presiding.

Visitor Jerianne Trammell (KG4IDB) was introduced, and Terry Baughman (WK4B) and Bill Grimwood (K1WEG) were welcomed back after long absences.

The President thanked Jared Cassidy (KQ4VT) for producing an excellent LongPath, and then noted that help was still needed in producing the newsletter.

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

The Treasurer's report was received and filed - balance of funds on hand = \$1,778.35. Dues for 2003 are due and those members not paid by the end of March will be removed from the roster.

Chuck Lewis (N4NM), Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee, reported on the work of his committee. He mentioned that the

changes under consideration were primarily editorial and for clarification. The current documents are posted on the web site, and anyone with a question or suggestion is invited to submit it to the committee before the March meeting.

Jared Cassidy reported that he is considering new features for the NADXC web site, but it will be some time before they can be implemented.

The Treasurer presented the budget for 2003 as proposed by the Board of Directors. Ed Clark (K4KFH) moved that the budget be adopted, Tim Pearson (KU4J) seconded the motion, and the budget was adopted.

The President presented the membership application of Douglas L. Dowds (W6HB) of Carson, CA for consideration. Tim Pearson moved that the application be accepted, Bill Gerth (W4RK) seconded, and the motion carried.

The NADXC Board has agreed with GigaParts to co-host a special ICOM presentation in Huntsville on Tuesday, March 18. Ron Rateno, Eastern Sales
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From the President's Desk... cont'd

and voice inflections of amateurs who don't speak English very well; you can use CW, but not SSB, on 30 meters (a great DX band); and finally, you can usually be more successful in working DX with low power on CW than on SSB. There's one other thing that is important to mention, and that's the fact that CW proficiency is something which is still considered a recognizable operating skill.

Requiring a demonstrated proficiency in CW for purposes of licensing does not obligate the licensee to operate CW on the air . . . and many don't. However, those who have taken advantage of this very efficient mode probably have had much DX success. I can vouch for that, as can many other NADXC members. If you're ever in doubt about the continuing worldwide popularity of CW, listen to some of the CW DX contests sometime and see what I mean. To some folks CW may be productive; to others it may be prehistoric - take your choice. All I can say is that it's produced a huge amount of DX in my log . . . and I like it!

73,
Myron **W4UR**

ARLD009DX News

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, W5AJ, 425DXnews, DXNL, QRZ DX, The Daily DX, WA7BNM and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

BARBADOS, 8P. Tom, W2SC will be QRV as 8P5A as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry in the ARRL DX Phone contest. QSL via NT1N.

MALTA, 9H. Alex, DL5SDK plans to be QRV as 9H3AS from Gozo Island, IOTA EU-023, from March 3 to 10. Look for activity on 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL to home call.

CHILE, CE. Ferdy, CE4FX will participate in the ARRL DX Phone contest as CE4Y on 10 meters using high power. QSL to home call.

MOROCCO, CN. Look for W7EJ to be active as CN2R in the ARRL DX Phone contest as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL to home call.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Look for EA8/OH6XX and EA8/OH9MM to be active in the ARRL DX Phone contest as Single Op entries on 15 and 20 meters, respectively. QSL to home calls. Meanwhile, Martti, OH2BH will be QRV as EA8BH as an All Band entry. QSL to home call.

FRENCH GUINEA, FY. Look for F6FVY, F1HAR, F5HRY, F5MZN and FY5FY to be QRV as FY5KE in the ARRL DX Phone contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL via FY5KE.

ITALY, I. Look for IR4X to be QRV in the ARRL DX Phone contest. QSL via IK4QJH.

JAPAN, JA. Operators JS6QVQ, JS6QVP and JI5RPT/6 will be QRV from the Daito Islands, IOTA AS-047, from March 4 to 11. They plan activity on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL JS6QVQ via JI5RPT, JS6QVP via JI5USJ and JI5RPT/6 to home call.



U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, KP2. Tony, N2TK will be QRV from WP2Z for the ARRL DX Phone contest. QSL via KU9C. Before and after the contest he is active as N2TK/NP2. QSL to home call.

LUXEMBOURG, LX. Robert, LX1RQ plans to be QRV as LX5A in the ARRL DX Phone contest as a Single Op/Single Band entry on 20 meters. QSL to home call.

ALAND ISLANDS, OH0. Toni, OH2JTE will be QRV from the OH0B station during the ARRL DX Phone contest. He will be a Single Op/All Band entry with a SO2R setup. QSL via operator's instructions.

NETHERLAND ANTILLES, PJ2. AE9B, NW0L and WB9Z will be QRV as PJ2T from Curacao in the ARRL DX Phone contest. Before and after the contest they are active using their homecalls/PJ6 until March 6. Activity is on the newer bands and possibly on RTTY. Look for them on 6 meters on either 50110 or 50125 kHz. QSL via operators' instructions.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Robert, W5AJ will be QRV as V26P as a Single Op/All Band entry in the ARRL DX Phone contest. QSL via WJ5DX.

BELIZE, V3. Charlotte, KQ1F and Paul, K1XM are QRV as V31QQ from Turneffe Island, IOTA NA-123, until March 5. This includes activity in the ARRL DX Phone contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL via KQ1F.

CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF. John, K0DQ will participate in the ARRL DX Phone contest as ZF2DQ as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry. Prior to the contest, he plans on being QRV on 17 and 12 meters. QSL to home call.

Other DX Rumors and News

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

Upcoming Convention News

CDXA GATHERING

The Carolina DX Association (CDXA) invites all DXers and Contesters to visit their booth at the Charlotte, NC Hamfest, on March 8-9th. Some great forums are lined up for the event. Presenters will be:

- * Riley Hollingsworth (K4ZDH), FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement
- * Dave Anderson (K4SV), 2002 ZL7C Chatham Island DXpeditioner
- * Bob Heil (K9EID), Presenting a second chapter in "The Science of Audio" as a follow-on to 2002's presentation
- * Doug Smith (KF6DX), Speaking on the Ten-Tec Orion, Editor of ARRL QEX/Comm. Quarterly
- * Wayne Mills (N7NG), ARRL Membership Services Manager

* Get your QSL cards checked for DXCC and take them home with you. Representatives from ARRL will "check em while U wait". Then join them for an evening of fellowship at Red Rocks Restaurant, Bar, and Bakery. This is a great opportunity to share stories with fellow DXers; This is priceless! If you'd like to come, let Bob Burton, CDXA VP know by dropping him a line at:

DAYTON HAMVENTION

All 160 meter enthusiasts are cordially invited to the Topband banquet on Friday night, May 16th, of the 2003 Hamvention in Dayton. This annual event brings together 160 meter fans from around the world for food, drink and camaraderie. The event will be held at Neil's Heritage House Restaurant (2323 Schantz Ave, Dayton); 6:30 PM Social Hour and 8:00 PM Dinner. Cost is 27 USD each, which includes the complete dinner, taxes, and gratuities. Choose pork tenderloin, broiled salmon, or breast of chicken supreme. Make your dinner selection and pay in advance to: Randy Schaaf, W9ZR, 3600 S. B and K Road, Galena, Ohio 43021. PLEASE LET RANDY KNOW VIA E-MAIL IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND INCLUDE YOUR MEAL CHOICE. All paid reservations must be received by May 1st.

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Branch Manager, reports the following operations have recently been approved for DXCC credit:

VK0MQI - Macquairie Island, January 1, 2002 through March 15, 2003.

3C2MV - Equatorial Guinea, November 11, 2002 through December 12, 2002.

DX Activity:

3B8 OP UNSUCCESSFUL!

Peter, DL3APO, informs OPDX, "We are back from Mauritius - frustrated and very disappointed!" The German team for the 3B8/DK7AO operation was unsuccessful in receiving permission to operate; even with the help of Jacky, 3B8CF. Peter states, "In the circle of the permission process, security must have played a main character."

3D2, FIJI

Brian, N6IZ, will be active as 3D2IZ from the Island of Namotu (IOTA OC-121), March 26th through April 6th. Activity will be 80-10 meters, primarily on CW. QSL to home call-sign.

3G5Q activity was from Quiriquina Island (SA-070 and valid as CHI-025 for the ARLHS Program). QSL via XQ5SM.

5B4/UA9MA was active in last weekend's CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest. The operators were Gena/UA9MA and Mike/RZ9UA. QSL via UA9MA.

5X, UGANDA

Babs/DL7AFS and Lot/DJ7ZG, will be active as 5X1DC from Ssesse Island for one more week until February 23rd. There has been plenty of activity on 28490, 28086 (RTTY), 24845, 18148, 14195, 14086 (RTTY) and 7053 kHz. QSL via DL7AFS.

9S, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Look for Flo, F5CWU, to be active as 9S1X now through March 10th. He plans to participate in next weekend's ARRL International DX SSB Contest. QSL via F2YT.

A5, BHUTAN

Just a few more days to work Glen, W0GJ, as A51B. He will be going QRT at 0200z, Wednesday, February 26th. He has been very active on RTTY and 80 meters. QSL via W0GJ direct.

BY, CHINA

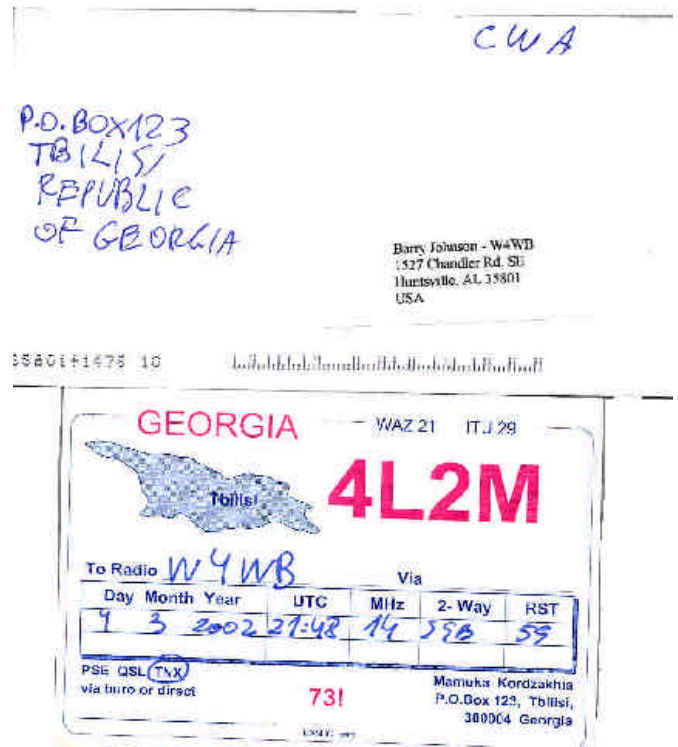
By special arrangement with the government of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Radio Sports Association, Rick/AE3C and his 10-year old daughter Barbara/KB3HAS will be operating at various locations in Beijing and northern mainland China between February 23rd March 11th. AE3C will be active on HF, SSB and CW. Also, listen for KB3HAS on HF and CW. Callsigns were not mentioned, but look for them to sign possible BY*/homecall. QSL to their Pittsburgh QTH. ADDED NOTE: Rick states, "We will definitely CQ on the Live-Wire and HFpack freqs if they are available to us, 2300z-0100z. We will also try to set up an Echo-Link station if at all possible while there, especially if 440 is active."

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Who needs Postage Stamps Anyway?

I recently received a QSL from 4L2M after a modest wait of nine months. Okay, nothing that "special" about a 4L QSL, but I think the unusual postage he used to get it to me may be worth a look. What magic is the "CWA" that allowed the envelope to travel from the Republic of Georgia to Alabama? Any ideas? The Republic of Georgia is a member of the Universal Postal Union.

Barry Johnson, **W4WB**



February 11th Meeting Minutes ...cont'd

Manager for ICOM, will provide a technical discussion and demonstration of the latest ICOM HF equipment. The event will begin at 7:30 PM and will be held at the Red Cross Building, 1101 Washington Street, in Huntsville. The club will set up a table with DX information and NADXC information. Chuck Lewis is updating the DX-101 brochure in order to have it available as a handout. All NADXC members are urged to attend and bring interested guests.

Tim Pearson discussed the possibility of getting a group together for a DXpedition, perhaps during an upcoming contest.

The President announced there will be a Board of Directors meeting on March 11, and requested that anyone who has business for the Board to consider please contact the officers before that date.

The President asked the members to offer suggestions for a guest speaker at the DX Banquet during the 2003 Huntsville Hamfest.

Chuck Lewis ended the business portion of the meeting with a "news flash" from 1948, when the news of the transistor appeared in QST.

Tim Pearson introduced Steve Carroll (K2SC) our new SysOp for the packet cluster. Steve and Chuck Lewis explained the changes and improvements that they have recently made to the cluster, including a change of the call sign to W4QB.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Morris, **K4JD**
Secretary/Treasurer

Other DX Rumors and News... cont'd

C9, MOZAMBIQUE (IOTA Op)

By the time you read this Reinhard "Rei", DL6DQW, will be finishing up his activity as C98RF from Mocambique Island (AF-088); last day on that island is expected to be February 24th. Rei will move onto Quirimba Island (AF-061), and he will be active between February 25th and March 3rd. QSL via DL6DQW. Bob.Burton@McKesson.com

CT3, MADEIRA

Operators Rosel/DL3KWR and Hardy/DL3KWF are to be active as CT3/homecall from Madeira (DIP MA-001), March 6-20th. Their activity will be mainly CW on the WARC bands. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or via the bureau. Bureau QSL requests are available via E-mail at: dl3kwr@dark.de

FY, FRENCH GUIANA

Operators Didier/FY5FY, Marc/F1HAR, Herve/F5HRY, Oliver/F5MZN and Larry/F6FVY will be active in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL to FY5KE direct or via the bureau.

J2, DJIBOUTI

Karsten, DL2LAH, is expected to be active from here between the end of February and the beginning of June. Currently his callsign is unknown. His activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign. Cards will be answered after his return home.

J3, GRENADA

Look for Harry, AC8G, to be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op entry. He has applied for a special callsign, possibly J37K or J3**. Activity outside of the contest will be on March 28th and the 31st between 1500-2300z, on 20/15/10 meters SSB. He will consider requests for 12/17 meters. QSL via AC8G.

MU2, GUERNSEY

Operator Marios/5B4WN (aka G0WWW) and Stavros/5B4AFM (aka M0BBB) will be active in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Multi-Single entry. Activity will be on all bands. QSL via G4EOF.

ST, SUDAN

Gerben, PA5NT, states that there is a possibility that he will be active from the Sudan again after March 16th. The latest details and the final announcement will be available via his web site. ADDED NOTE: The ST2X story is now available on Dan's Web site and can also be downloaded in PDF format (as well as the JW0PK story). Dan's Web site is at: <http://www.dx.to/>

T8, PALAU

Seiji, JH6RTO, will be active as T88FS from March 13-17th.

He will operate on 80-6 meters and on CW/SSB/RTTY. He points out that there is wrong QSL information on the Web clusters for both his 2001 and 2002 activities. The correct QSL route is via JH6RTO. His address can be found on the QRZ.com Web site or use: Seiji Fukushima, 1182-2506 Hase, Atsugi-city 243-0036 Japan.

TI, COSTA RICA

Operators Harry/AC8G, Terry/KA8KUZ, Ron/WA8LOW, Ron/W8ILC, Anthony/VE3RZ and Ed/K1EP will be active as TI5N in the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Multi entry. Their activity will be near San Jose. QSL via W3HNK.

He hopes you will enjoy it, and your comments/suggestions are valued.

TI, COSTA RICA

Bill, W8QZA, will be active as TI5N as QRP in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) and as a Single-Op/All Band entry. There will be no activity outside of the contest. QSL via W3HNK.

YN, NICARAGUA

Operator Frosty/K5LBU, Ed/W5GCX and possibly others will be active as YN2EJ in the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. The group plans to arrive on Wednesday night before the contest and spend Thursday putting up antennas and whatever. Ed, W5GCX, holds the callsign YN2EJ and he sometimes gets on 12/17 meters and works some CW possibly before the contest. If anyone would like to join them, they can get in touch with Ed, W5GCX (Good on QRZ.com). QSL via K5LBU.

YI, IRAQ

Steve, OM3JW, the Father/QSL Manager for Mike, OM2DX, who was active from YI1BGD, reports that Mike is now QRT. The Slovak Embassy in Baghdad was closed
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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

down, and his son Mike is on his way at home. Steve will get the log from Mike with his last days of operation after his arrival at home. Be patient please.

A3, TONGA

Five German operators (Irina/DL8DYL, Reinhard/DL8YRM, Thomas/ DL5LYM, Wolfgang/DL4WG and Ralf/DL9DRA) will be active from March 17th through April 5th. Their call-signs and bands/modes of activity were not provided. QSL Manager is DL8YRM. QSL via the bureau or direct.

CE9, ANTARCTICA

Mario, CE3BFE, is back once again at Chilean Julio Escudero Base (WABA CE-11), of the Chilean Antarctic Institute, located on the Island King Jorge of the Shetlands (AN-010). Look for him to sign as CE9A. QSL via operator's instructions. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 7015, 14015, 21015 and 28015 kHz

SSB - 7080, 14150, 21150 and 28505 kHz

Digital - 14070, 21070 and 28070 kHz

D4, CAPE VERDE

Gabriele, IK4UPB, will be active as D44TD in the ARRL

International DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Single-Op/Single Band (band not known) entry. QSL via CT1EKF.

DP1, ANTARCTICA

Felix, DL5XL, will be active as DP1POL in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) possibly as a Single-Op (TBD). Activity will be from the German research base "Neumayer" in the Antarctica (IOTA [AN-016](#)), using 750 watts of output power and wire antennas. By the way, he was heard this past weekend in the contest. QSL via DL1ZBO.

KH4, MIDWAY ISLAND

Bill, NH6D, is expected to be active as KH4/NH6D for a few days this week. Watch between February 21-22nd. QSL via N6FF.

NH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Kuroi Kazuhiko, JH0MGJ, informs OPDX that he will be active as AL5A/NH0 from Saipan in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (next May) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL via JH0MGJ through the JARL bureau.

Dues and Don'ts

Sorry to have to mention that "dues" thing again, but we wanted to remind everybody that annual dues for 2003 should be paid by the end of February. So far, about 40 members have sent their dues payments to Nancy Morris, and thanks to all of you who have done that. We really need financial support from all our members this year, so if you haven't yet gotten around to crossing that off your "to due" list, please "don't" put it off any longer. Those whose 2003 dues have not been received by

March 15 will be contacted by e-mail as a final reminder. Then, as required by our constitution, those whose dues still haven't been paid by March 31 will be deleted from the roster. We've got some interesting things planned for NADXC this year, but we need all our current members' financial support to make them happen.

Your 2003 Board of Directors

ICOM is Coming to Town!!!

As announced at the February 11 meeting, ICOM is coming to Huntsville on **Tuesday, March 18**, to present a program involving a technical discussion and demonstration of their latest HF radios. NADXC and GigaParts are pleased to be co-hosting this event, which will begin at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross building on Washington Street. Ron Rateno (W9WL) from ICOM will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Refreshments will be provided, and perhaps some special discount coupons from GigaParts will be available. Depending upon band conditions that evening, there will be on-the-air demonstrations of the radios. Please mark your calendars for this special event and plan to attend.

DX Contests for the Coming Month

RSGB Commonwealth Contest, (CW), 80-10 Meters

Mar 8, 1000Z to

Mar 9, 1000Z

See page 99, Mar

QST or www.rsgbhfcc.org/

Russian DX Contest (CW/SSB), 160 - 10 Me- ters

Mar 15, 1200Z to

Mar 16, 1200Z

Exchange: RS(T)

plus serial No. or

Oblast

See page 99, Mar

QST

BARTG Spring RTTY Contest, (RTTY), 80 - 10

Meters

Mar 15, 0200Z to Mar 17, 0200Z

Exchange: 3 digit S.N. plus 4 digit time

See page 99, Mar QST

CQWW WPX Contest (SSB), 160 - 10 meters

Mar 29, 0000Z to Mar 30, 2400Z

Exchange: RS plus Serial No.

See page 99, Mar. QST

OTHERS:

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

EA RTTY Contest, RTTY, 1600Z
April 5, - 1600Z April 6

SP DX Contest, PHONE & CW,
1500Z April 5, - 1500Z April 6



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 March 11th 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:

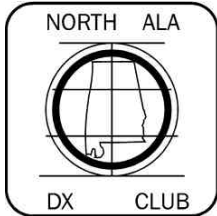
Nancy Morris - K4JD
4008 Gunnison Lane
Huntsville, AL 35810

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

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Editor's Soapbox

Once again everything has come together and another LongPath is ready. Each month it takes several hours to get everything put together but it could not be done without the support and input from several people. Toward the end of the month put out a gentle reminder to all the “regulars” and soon my mailbox begins to fill up with material. Those “regulars” are Myron Manker, Nancy Morris, Bill Gerth, Barry Johnson, Don Wolfe and Chuck Lewis and now starting with this issue, Frank McGonigal. Earlier this year Frank volunteered to help out with the LongPath and is going to start working on the DX information sections. As we progress through the year we will be doing some tweaking to the DX information sections like melding the ARRL and OPDX information together along with DX information from other sources.

Barry Johnson, W4WB and John Morris, K4XH are going to present a program at this month's meeting about the worldwide amateur radio beacons engineered and set up by the Northern California DX Club. This should be very interesting as they will also demonstrate a MFJ DX Beacon Monitor.

If you have not already sent your dues into Nancy please do so in order to stay current. At the end of March we will begin to purge the roster.

Well, that's about it for now. I hope everyone is able to attend this month's meeting.

73, Jared Cassidy, **KQ4VT**

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