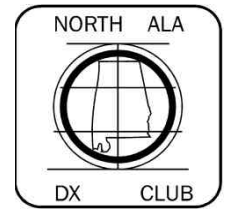


# The LongPath



A North Alabama DX Club Publication

## From the President's Desk

### Leadership + Membership = Success

The subject of my column this month doesn't specifically concern "DX," but I do think it is relevant to our organization and so I hope you'll allow me to "wax" philosophically for a few moments. NADXC is like any other social organization that exists to provide an opportunity for persons with common interests to come together to share those interests. Our members are of differing ages, we come from many different professional backgrounds, and we have different levels of experience as amateurs . . . yet our common interest in DXing is why we have chosen to join NADXC. Given that, what can any of us do, or all of us do, to make our organization more successful and more enjoyable? I believe there are two ingredients that are required in order to achieve this.

The first ingredient is "leadership." Each year we elect our officers and directors and charge them with the formal responsibility of providing leadership for our organization. We ask them to administer the affairs of NADXC consistent with our constitution and by-laws and the expectations of our membership. We want our leaders to be forward thinking, responsive to membership input, and able to make decisions that will maximize the level of satisfaction that members get from participating in club-related activities. Without the leadership ingredient it would be difficult for NADXC to exist, be successful, and provide any satisfac-



tion to its members. But leadership alone is not enough.

The second ingredient is "membership." NADXC members have an implied obligation to support the organization by paying their annual dues on time, by attending regular meetings and other club-sponsored events as often as possible, and by providing feedback to the leadership when requested or when considered necessary. In a sense, supporting the leadership is just as much a responsibility of the membership as guidance for the mem-

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November 11th Program  
**"NADXC Station Tour"**  
by *Tim Pearson, KU4J*

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## "Short Skip" ...

**Bill Gerth, W4RK**



•**"Up Two - Adventures of a DXpeditioner"**...After really enjoying the YASME book, reported on last month, I'm looking forward to checking out this new book by Roger Western, G3SXW. Roger is a long-time CW DXer and has done contesting and DXpeditioning all over the world. This book covers 22 separate DXpeditions in separate chapters so one can pick and choose according to whim or purpose. For more details, check out David Sumner's, K1ZZ, review in November QST on page 65. To order, visit the Idiom Press website: [www.idiompres.com](http://www.idiompres.com)

•**CQWW DX SSB '03 Defies Perilous Propagation Prognostication**. . . . In spite of the doom and gloom predicted for stormy propagation conditions for the recent CQWW DX SSB Contest, the capricious alignment of the Earth's magnetic vector managed to allow some excellent propagation conditions as it diverted the nasty stuff. One report said that the solar flux was a cycle high, quite rare this far down the receding slope of the curve. Gratitude abounded, especially for those who had journeyed to distant DX QTHs. I've found that some good luck can be had just before and after contests as the various big guns are tuning up the equipment for the big events.

•**The QRZ Soap Box**. . . .OK, here I go again. The infinite sequence of QRZs by semi-rare DX running stations in contests has got to be one of my all time biggest pet peeves. Since I generally enter as unassisted (no packet spotting), I don't know the calls of the QRZ-repetitious stations and have to wait until the quantity of "what's your call" queries somehow gets their attention. And then, more often than not, after they finally sign their call, I find that I have already worked them on the same band the prior day. Maybe Dexter the DXer needs to conduct some courses in proper behavior for these guys! Hard to believe that QRZ can be said quicker than C5Z.

•**Earthlink - ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Problem Solved**. This problem reported last month has, thankfully, been solved through effective dialog between ARRL's CFO and Earthlink's Director of Customer Affairs. ARRL gets a lot of credit for being persistent in getting to the right decision maker and convincing him that Earthlink was off base. A bit of education and persuasion can do a lot. I'm very glad to be able to use "w4rk@arrl.net" again. Thanks ARRL. Now if I could just get MSN to let me send e-mails to Myron, W4UR.

•**Audio DSP Better Than No DSP**....I just got an Audio DSP unit installed in my Yaesu FT-817 and it is very impressive. I know, IF DSP is said to be technically superior and it probably is. However, the ease of an "add-on" DSP favors the audio approach by a bunch. I have been using the ClearSpeech Audio DSP in my shack for several years, even with my MK V Field. Somehow, it still improves even the best that I can do with the MK V's EDSP features. I'm certain that

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## Minutes of October 14th Meeting

*Nancy Morris, K4JD*

The Annual meeting of the NADXC was called to order at 7:05PM October 14, 2003 by President, Myron Manker (W4UR) at Ryan's Steakhouse.

Visitors present were Jerianne Trammell (KG4IDB), Trey Trammell (KF4YWT), and Frances and Sarah Smith. The President welcomed all members and visitors and noted that the LongPath was now online.

The minutes of the September 9, 2003 regular meeting were approved as published in the October LongPath.

The Treasurer reported a current bank balance of \$2,981.91, with two checks totaling \$30.00 not deposited, and one check outstanding in the amount of \$797.50 for the DX Banquet.

The President announced that a new location has been selected for the Christmas Party this year. The party will be held Tuesday evening, December 9, at the new Greenbrier Restaurant, which is at Exit 3 on I-565. This restaurant is family friendly and spouses and children are welcome. There are no security concerns and everyone will be able to order from the menu, so no individual reservations are required. Although this meeting will be primarily a social event, the 2004 officers will be installed, and two awards will be presented.

The newly published book "YASME—The Danny Weil and Colvin Radio Expeditions" has been sent to the club by the ARRL from an anonymous donor. This book is lovely to look at and interesting to read. It will be in the custody of the Secretary, and available for members to borrow. It was also noted that Danny Weil became a silent key earlier this month. The President noted that a picture of the DXCC Challenge Award received by Steve Werner (AG4W) was in the current LongPath. A brief discussion of current DX revealed that several members had worked Pratas Island. It was reported that the Annobon Island operation shut down prematurely,

and their DXCC status is still an open issue.

The President presented a membership application from Fred Race (W8FR). Bill Gerth (W4RK) moved that the club accept the application, Ed Clark (K4KFH) seconded, and the motion was carried. The President then presented an application for membership from Carl Rourk (K4CHR). Tom Duncan (KG4CUY) moved that the club accept the application, Frank McGonigal (W6DSQ) seconded, and the motion was carried. The President will send a message to Fred and Carl welcoming them to the club.

Tom Duncan (KG4CUY) reported the sale of radio equipment from the estate of the late Dr. John Fox (WB2LLB) was complete. He then displayed the new LCD projector, which has been bought from the proceeds for use by local radio clubs and the Hamfest. A letter of thanks will be sent to Dr. Fox's family. The President expressed his thanks on behalf of the club to John Zeiler (K4AN) for the use of his projector until now.

The voting for the DXer of the Year award will take place at the November meeting. Criteria and method of voting to be used are detailed on page 11 of the October LongPath. Everyone was urged to consider carefully how he or she will vote. The President will select the recipient of the President's (Reasoner) Award, and both awards will be presented at the Christmas Party.

Since this was the club's annual meeting the President gave a brief summary of the many accomplishments of the NADXC and its members during the current year. Following this review, Jared Cassidy (KQ4VT) presented the Nominating Committee's nominations for officers and directors for 2004: for President, Tim Pearson (KU4J); for Vice President, Barry Johnson (W4WB); for Secretary/Treasurer, Vic Holland (K4RVH); and for Directors, Chris Reed (KF4MMF) and

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## From the President's Desk ...cont'd

bership is the responsibility of the leadership. Without a willingness of the membership to support its leaders, the leadership group can provide no real benefit or direction to the organization.

When effectively combined, the commitment of its leadership and the support of its membership will usually spell success for any organization, including NADXC. But, unless this commitment and support are constant from year to year, regardless of who the leaders and members are, the organization's success will likely diminish and the members will likely

lose interest. None of us wants that. We all want NADXC to continue to grow and be successful, but in order to make that happen it's important that we maintain a continuing and strong interaction between our leadership and our membership. So it might be appropriate for us to periodically remind ourselves that "leadership" + "membership" really does = success.

73,  
Myron, **W4UR**

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## ARRL DX Bulletin

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

MAURITIUS, 3B8. Hans, PA0VHA and Jack, PA3BAG are QRV as 3B8/homecalls until November 9. Activity is on all bands, including the newer ones, using SSB and RTTY. They are on vacation, so operating time may be limited. Most activity is between 1200 to 1700z and after 1800z. QSL both calls via PA0VHA. Meanwhile, Willy, ON5AX is QRV as 3B8/ON5AX until November 15. He is active using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

UNITED NATIONS HQ, 4U. Ray, W2RE and Frank, W2IX will be QRV on November 9. They plan to place an emphasis on 30, 12 and 6 meters using CW. QSL via operators' instructions.

SENEGAL, 6W. Karel, ON5TN is active as 6W/ON5TN from Toubaouta until November 18. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and some SSB. QSL to home call.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 9Q. Michael, 9Q1MC has been QRV on 20 meters around 2200z. QSL via ON5SE.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Cesare, I5WEA is QRV as EA8BVY from Tenerife, IOTA AF-004, until December 1. QSL to home call.

ETHIOPIA, ET. Peter, ET3BN has been active using CW on 20, 15, 12 and 10 meters, generally around 1100 to 1630z. QSL via DL1JRC.

NETHERLAND ANTILLES, PJ2. Gerben, PG5M is QRV in his spare time as PJ2/PG5M from Curacao, IOTA SA-006, until November 15. QSL to home call.

GABON, TR. Alain, TR8CA has been QRV using RTTY on 12 meters just after 1300z and then using SSB on 12 meters after 1330z. QSL via F6CBC.

BENIN, TY. Jean, ON4JM is QRV as TY4JM until December 23. He is active in his spare time during the evening hours and Sundays. QSL to home call.

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Dany, LZ2UU is working at the Bulgarian Antarctic base St. Kliment Ohridski on Livingston Island, IOTA AN-010, and is QRV as LZ0A on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. He is here until late February 2004. QSL via operator's instructions.

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CAMBODIA, XU. Jack, ON4AJT and Wim, ON6TZG are QRV as XU7AJV and XU7TZG, respectively, from Koh Poah, IOTA AS-133. Their length of stay is unknown. QSL both calls via ON4AJV.

ALBANIA, ZA. Carsten, DL6LAU plans to operate ZA1A in the WAE RTTY contest. QSL via OH2BH.

## Other DX Rumors and News

Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster etc

### 3B8, MAURITIUS (Also FR5)

Jose, ON4LAC, is now active as 3B8/ON4LAC until November 23rd. His activity has been mainly on 20/15 meters on SSB and PSK, but is expected to be active on RTTY also. He will leave 3B8 and head to Reunion Island (FR5) to be active as FR5/ON4LAC during the period of November 26th and December 15th. After this activity, Jose will head back to Mauritius and will be active again between December 17th and 27th. QSL via his home callsign.

### 3B8 & 3B9, MAURITIUS AND RODRIGUES ISLAND

Operators Hans/PA0VHA and Jack/PA3BAG are expected to be active this week as 3B8/homecall from Mauritius (AF-049) November 3-9th and again between November 15-24th. Activity should be on all bands (including the WARC bands) with Hans operating on RTTY and Jack on SSB. Look for these operators to be active from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) between November 10-14th as 3B9/homecall. Please note that operators will be with their XYLS and are on vacation, so radio activity will be limited. Most of their activity will be between 1200-1700z and after 1800z. QSL via PA0VHA. Hans also suggests to visit their club's home page at: <http://www.pi4cc.nl/>

### 3B8, MAURITIUS

As you can see, this island will be very active during the month of November. Look for Willy, ON5AX, to be active as 3B8/ON5AX between November 6-15th. His activity will be on CS/SSB. QSL via ON5AX.

### 3DA0, SWAZILAND

Frosty, K5LBU, announced that he will be going here next March and is looking for several operators to tag along. His plans include a trip through the Kruger Game Park. If interested, contact him at: [frosty1@pdq.net](mailto:frosty1@pdq.net)

### 6W, SENEGAL

Karel, ON5TN, will be active from Toubacouta as 6W/ON5TN between November 7-18th. His activity is planned for 40-10 meters; main mode CW and some SSB. QSL via his home callsign. His home page with an online log search is at: <http://users.pandora.be/on5tn>

### 9M6, EAST MALAYSIA

Bob, N2OO, (who was recently part of the BQ9P team) is now active from Sabah as 9M6OO until about November 11th. He has been active on all bands. However, he mentions that they

## Frank McGonigal, W6DSQ

are having a serious line noise problem there which has caused him to concentrate on the bands with the least amount of noise. He states, "Usually 28 and 24 MHz are very clean so I have worked USA mostly there. Unfortunately, the noise peaks to the north on 15 and 20 meters so those bands to USA are MOST difficult and I have avoided them. I am able to work Europe on 14 MHz as I can turn the beam slightly away from the line noise source. Low bands have been even more difficult. I have experimented with a beverage with no luck at all. So, will have to keep this itinerary until the noise is fixed. Prospect of that happening soon are slim..... The best time to locate me on 24 and 28 MHz is around 2200-0100z. Peak seems to be around 2330z +/-." Bob mentions that he has set up a couple of basic photo album Web pages for both portions of this trip (Pratas and 9M6) at: <http://www.qsl.net/n2oo>

### EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Operators Erwin/DL1DX, Heinz/DJ1OJ and Sigi/DL6QW will be active as EA8AX during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). Their operating class is not yet determined. QSL via the bureau.

### ET, ETHIOPIA

Peter, ET3BN, has been active on 20/15/12/10 meters CW over the past week and weekend. Activity seems to take place between 1100-1630z. QSL via DL1JRC.

### FR/E, EUROPA (Update and Changes)

It seems the dates on the upcoming operations to Europa have been changed, but for the better. The team of five to eight operators will be active a little longer than previously announced. The team will be on Europa between November 24th through December 15th. They will use a French navy ship to get to Europa and also return. On the return trip they will head to Reunion Island. The callsigns they requested are TO4E for the main operation and TO4WW for the CQWW CW Contest. They plan to have 3 stations on the air. Donations can be sent via F5OGL.

### J3, GRENADA

Ann, WA1S, will be active as J38AA (expected license renewal) in the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All Band/Low Power entry. Ann informs OPDX that she will arrive late November 20th and stay until December 1st. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters but will primarily concentrate on the WARC bands. The mode will mainly be CW, but she will do some SSB. QSL via her home callsign WA1S.

### KH2, GUAM

Setsu/JL1UXH/KK2H and his XYL Maki/7L4FSR will be on  
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## "Short Skip" ...cont'd

several QSOs in marginal conditions would not have happened without the Audio DSP's help. The advantage of the new FT-817 Audio DSP (W4RT-Gap "Hear It" made by *bhi* in England) is that it is not only more effective than the ClearSpeech DSP, but is self-contained and only draws 45 ma, a real plus in the field on battery power. For more info on this particular unit, check out my recent review on eham.net.

- **LOTW Mixed Reviews** . . . I'm just about to take the LOGBOOK of the WORLD plunge, so I've been watching the comments on several reflectors with great interest. Most "computer savvy" guys say that it's a piece of cake. Some, however, have had difficulty with the process and are disgruntled. Best advice I've heard is to print out the ARRL webpage instructions and follow the process very carefully. Even those initially having trouble who have finally mastered the process admit that it is a real improvement in speed and cost. Several have reported good participation by DX stations, even some rare and semi-rare Asian stuff. I personally hope that paper QSLs never fade from use, but this new system can certainly expedite awards and lower the not-insignificant cost.
- **NADXC Officers Elected** . . . Our new officers for 2004 were elected at the last meeting and are reported elsewhere in the Long Path. I'd be remiss if I didn't say that I think the new officers are extremely well qualified, with a fine mix of men with prior service in leadership positions and relatively new, but very active, energetic members. Thanks again to the Nominating Committee for their excellent work and to the newly elected for their willingness to serve and make NADXC even better!
- **NADXC Needs You!** . . . The success of NADXC depends upon the enthusiastic support of members. In my opinion, the best part about NADXC is the fellowship with fellow DXers. The more the merrier! Come on out and join us at Ryan's Steak House, second Tuesday, 1800 or so for dinner, 1900 for the meeting. This will be our last regular meeting of the year (Christmas Party in December) so come on out and join us. The meeting will be better if YOU are there!

**73 es gud DX . . . . de W4RK**

## October 14th Meeting Minutes ...cont'd

Tom Duncan (KG4CUY). By a majority vote of the regular members in attendance, the nominees for officers and directors for 2004 were elected.

Tim Pearson (KU4J) presented a review of three different contesting software packages. He demonstrated each software program and compared the pluses and minuses of each. The program concluded with the demonstration of a general logging program by Barry Johnson (W4WB).

The next meeting will be November 11, 2003 at Ryan's

Steakhouse at 7:00 PM. Tim Pearson urged members to send him photographs of their stations, including antennas, with themselves in the picture. These photographs will be incorporated in a presentation for the November program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Morris (**K4JD**)  
Secretary/Treasurer

## Other DX Rumors and News...cont'd

the air from November 12-16th as KK2H/KH2. He states, "Not a rare entity though we will focus on EU and USA east coast." Activity will be on all HF bands CW/SSB. Setsu states, "Sorry, no RTTY/SSTV this time. This is rather a DX Vacation, not a DXpedition HI..." An online log will be available during the operation and will update on daily bases at: <http://kk2h.4th.jp/>

### OH0, ALAND ISLAND.

Ari, OH5DX (ex-OH1EH), will be active as OH0Z in the ARRL 160 Meter Contest. Operating class is not yet determined. QSL via OH5DX.

### QSL INFO AND NEWS

Vicente, EA5YN, reports that the complete 3C0V log (SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK) is now available at: <http://www.tabarca.es/mn/> Also, a direct link is available at: <http://personal.telefonica.terra.es/web/ea5yn/3c0lo.htm>

### T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI

Vladimir, UA4WHX, is again active from the Pacific. After being active from Fiji and Rotuma (3D2VB and 3D2VB/R), he is now active from Western Kiribati with the callsign T30VB. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB. Over the last few days he has been very active on 40 meters. There has also been QSNs reported on 30 and 20 meters. The length of his stay is not known. QSL via UA4WHX.

### VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLAND

Hisashi/JA1KJW and Kunio/JA8VE will be active as VK9CJ and VK9CV, respectively, between November 27th and December 7th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters CW/SSB/RTTY. Look for them to also be active in the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as VK9CJ. QSL via JA1KJW.

### VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Charlie, W0YG, is now active as VK9XG until November 8th. As mentioned in earlier bulletins, Charlie's main priorities will be the low bands on CW (particularly 160/80 meters) plus some digital modes activity on the HF bands. For 80 meters, watch around 3506 kHz starting about 1045z and again at 2130z. Watch 20/15 meters for CW and RTTY activity at other times. Bernd, DF3CB, is reportedly providing online logs and will be uploading them regularly to the VK9XG Web site at: <http://www.df3cb.com/vk9xg/>

### V73 MARSHALL ISLANDS

Neil, V73NS, is still active from Kwajalein Atoll (**OC-028**). Most of his operating time is between 1700-1840z and from 0300-0500z. You will find him working only CW on all

bands except 20 meters and 160 meters. He has spent most of his previous operating time on 20 meters but is now trying to spread the QSOs out more across the other bands. He plans on being active on 160 meters in late November and is also getting more active on 6 meters from grid RJ-39. QSL is direct (S.A.S.E. only): Neil Schwanitz, BOX 8341 APO, AP 96557 (USA).

### XU, CAMBODIA.

Peter, NO2R, has received his callsign/license and will be active as XU7ACY from Sihanoukville, January 5-12th. Activity will be on 160/80/40 meters exclusively. QSL via K2NJ.

### ZK3, TOKELAU

Silvano, I2YSB, informs OPDX that he, Flaviano/I2MOV, Carlo/IK1AOD and Marcello/IK2DIA will be active from here beginning February 13th and ending February 25th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB and possibly RTTY. The team is looking for your input on your needs and wants from Tokelau, and a survey is available at their Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/i2ysb> QSL Manager for DIRECT cards go via I2YSB. QSL Manager for BUREAU cards go via IK2DIA.

73,

Frank, **W6DSQ**

## K4BFT Scores BIG at 2003 Field Day *Myron Manker, W4UR*

The 2003 Field Day scores have now been published, and K4BFT really made a name for itself . . . once again. According to ARRL stats, the "Big Fat Turkey" posted the seventh highest score among all Field Day entrants this year, and had the highest score among all Class 5A stations. Last year, K4BFT ranked ninth among all entrants and second among Class 5A stations. Fifty-eight individuals participated in this year's K4BFT Field Day operations, logging a total of 4,323 QSOs and 13,960 points. This took a real team effort in view of the less than satisfactory band conditions that existed, and many NADXC members made significant contributions to the 2003 success. It's another example of what good things can happen when a lot of folks get together to pool their interests and their energies. Let's do it again next year!

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## HAARP Who Goes There?

HAARP facility to quadruple power: Technical Specialist Richard Lampe, KL1DA, represented the League at the 2003 High Frequency Active Auroral Research Project (HAARP) <<http://www.haarp.alaska.edu/>> RFI meeting September 24 at the HAARP site near Gakona, Alaska. "Joint funding through DARPA will allow HAARP to quadruple in size from its current 960 kW output to 3.6 MW," Lampe says. "When completed in 2006, HAARP will then be the premier ionospheric research facility with beam-steering capabilities that other similar arrays worldwide don't have." Under terms of its

experimental license, HAARP must transmit on a non-interference basis, and Lampe--who is ARRL liaison to HAARP--says the staff at the control center immediately shut down the transmitters when harmonics were detected on 75/80 meters during experiments last year. "Alaska hams monitor the bands and aid HAARP engineers by reporting RFI issues as soon as they happen," Lampe said.

*Courtesy: The ARRL Letter and ARRL*

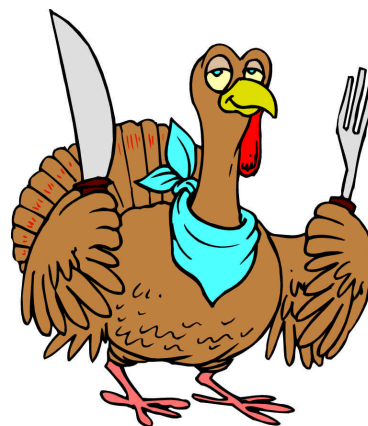
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## For Sale

Butternut/Bencher HF5B Mini-Beam (10-12-15-17-20) \$150

Rohn 25AG2 Top Section, rotor plate, BP25CG concrete base \$75 for set

Contact:  
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*Happy Thanksgiving!*

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## QSL Envelope Source

**Barry Johnson, W4WB**

For some time, I had been looking for a #7 or Monarch envelope to hold my QSL, IRC or green stamps, and a #6 envelope I send for the DX station to return his QSL card. Recently, a fellow on the GOLIST reflector announced that he had found a source. The url for the source is as follows:

<https://www.apec-usa.com/ApecDotNet/ProductFamily.aspx?ProductFamilyID=556>

I ordered a box of 500 and received them promptly. Quality is excellent. I guess a question might be why do I not just continue using a #10 envelope? The reason is that at times the total weight of the completed QSL request "package" just exceeds one ounce. As examples, consider if two QSLs or two one-dollar bills are sent. To keep the weight within one ounce, I have often sent a two-dollar bill, which aren't always easy to find. [Ed. Note: I have been able to get nice crisp new two dollar bills at the Amsouth Bank in downtown Huntsville]

## DX Contests for the Coming Month

**Chuck Lewis, N4NM**

### JA International Contest (SSB), 80-10 meters

Nov. 8, 0700Z to Nov. 9, 1300Z  
Exchange: RS plus CQ zone  
See page 110, Nov. QST

### WAEDC Contest (RTTY), 80-10 meters

Nov. 6, 0000Z to Nov. 9, 2235Z  
Exchange: RST plus serial number  
See page 91, Aug. QST

### OK/OM DX Contest (CW), 160-10 meters

Nov. 8, 1200 to Nov. 9, 1200Z  
Exchange: RST plus serial number;  
OK/OM will add district code #  
See page 110, Nov. QST

### LZ DX Contest, (CW), 80-10 meters

Nov. 22, 1200Z to Nov. 23, 1200Z  
Exchange: RST plus ITU zone or  
2-letter LZ district  
See page 110, Nov. QST

### CQ Worldwide CW, (CW), 80-10 meters

Nov. 29, 0000Z to Nov. 30, 2400Z  
Exchange: RST & CQ zone  
See page 100, Oct. QST or cqww.com

### OTHERS:

Ukrainian DX Contest, 1200Z, Nov  
1 - 1200Z, Nov 2

Anatolian ATA PSK31 Contest  
1800Z - 2400Z, Nov 8

EA-QRP Club Contest 1700Z -  
2300Z, Nov 8 and 0700Z - 1300Z,  
Nov 9

All Austrian 160-Meter Contest  
1600Z, Nov 15 - 0700Z, Nov 16

RSGB 1.8 MHz. Contest (CW)  
2100Z Nov. 15 - 0100Z Nov. 16

QRP ARCI Topband Sprint 0000Z -  
1200Z, Dec 4

ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 5 - 1600Z, Dec 7

PSK31 Death Match 0000Z, Dec 6 - 2400Z, Dec 7

TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 6

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

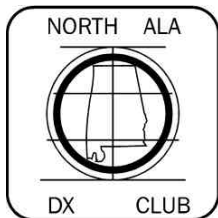
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## Editor's Soapbox

Antenna season is approaching! I seem to remember some wise hams talking about antenna performance being directly related to the temperature at which it was installed (e.g. the colder the better). I guess that would explain why my loop did not perform as well as I thought it should have during the CQWW SSB contest last month. [It couldn't have anything to do with its construction or height above ground or maybe it was that big solar X class flare?] Anyway, I did play a little bit in the contest and worked a couple of new ones, but nothing exciting, mostly it was new band countries for me on 40. I did not see many folks connected to the cluster during the contest....maybe y'all were playing in the unassisted category.

I am looking forward to Tim's Station Tour program, it should prove to be very interesting. Regrettably, my intentions to be included were not realized because I have not got my station "together" yet and also have been under the weather for the past week. Maybe in the future Tim will try this again and I'll be ready.

Don't forget to make your plans to attend the NADXC Christmas Party! This year it is going to be held at the "new" Greenbriar BBQ restaurant located right off I-565. We will be ordering off the menu so there will be plenty of variety for the whole family and at reasonable prices.

Well, that's about all I've got this month. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

73, Jared Cassidy, **KQ4VT**

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