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From the President

By Bruce Smith, AC4G

This warm weather that has landed on us is addicting! It has been wonderful to welcome in the higher temperatures, see the trees budding & blooming, the beautiful flowers doing their Springtime thing, and see the season changes here in the northern Alabama-Southern Tennessee area. However, this is bringing in some pollen issues that many of us know how to deal with every Spring. My daughter and grandchildren came down from Kentucky for the week to be with Suzy and I as Easter has come and gone. I always enjoy seeing everyone dressing up in their "Sunday best". This allows me to take pictures with terrific backgrounds full of dogwood blossoms and flower blooms near our house. The warm weather has triggered my thinking mechanism to begin planning which project to begin first, as I have many antenna and tower projects to get started with the onset of warmer temperatures.

I am excited to announce that we have found a speaker for our annual DX Banquet held in mid-August. Our speaker will be Mr. Gene Spinelli, K5GS from Tucson, AZ, who has operated from a variety of DXCC locations throughout his ham radio career. Most recently Gene was a member of the

2024 January-February Clipperton Island DXpedition team who made over 113,774 QSOs to radio amateurs throughout the world. Gene has already booked his flight. One other TX5S team member, Glenn (KE4KY) will be driving to the hamfest. I hope you will be as excited as I am to welcome both Gene and Glenn to the Huntsville Hamfest and our DX Banquet in mid-August.

I am happy to announce Fred Kepner, K3FRK had been approved by the ARRL and is one of the ARRL's newest DXCC QSL Card Checkers. We welcome Fred to his new position and know he will do a great job. You can find his name/callsign on the ARRL website (www.arrl.org). It is great to know that the NADXC has two members (K3FRK and AG4W) on the approved Card Checker list. I look forward to bringing more paper QSL cards to be checked. Remember, in order to do so, you must first enter your QSL card information using the ARRL DXCC Online Application form, make your payment, schedule a time with either K3FRK or AG4W and bring printout, QSL cards, and stamped envelope to one of our NADXC meetings or hamfests in the area for submission. The benefit of doing so at one of the NADXC meetings is

From the President (continued)

that you can immediately take your cards home after the card checkers have processed your QSL cards.

Thanks to our members who have already paid their 2024 dues. I want to remind our membership of the easy process to renew 2024 NADXC dues by following the link to PayPal on our NADXC club website (www.nadxc.org), where each member can renew their membership by paying their dues. One other method to pay dues is to pay the NADXC club Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Barry Barton, WA4HR at our next club meeting with cash or check or by sending a check to Barry's QRZ address. Member dues are our main conduit to paying for operating costs and funding DXpeditions that we all enjoy working throughout the year.

I trust you all have been active on the amateur bands. This past weekend (March 30 and 31) was the 2024 CQ WPX SSB Contest. I was amazed how strong signals were on 10m into Asia. I operated 10m Single band. With the family visiting from out of town, I was only able to operate a couple hours Friday evening and a couple hours on Saturday evening before the band closed each night. We apparently had an opening from my QTH in Taft, TN directly to China, because all I worked Friday evening was primarily Chinese stations, a few Japanese stations, a few Philippine stations, and a Hong Kong station or two. The Chinese stations were extremely strong and my 100-watt, Low Power entry station was able to work every one of them that I received, approximately thirty BY's, BD's, BG's, BH's, etc. I was amazed that most Chinese station signals were S9 plus 20 dB on the 10m band. I sure hope many of our members were able to take ad-

vantage of the recent band openings and especially by working DX stations via Single Sideband this past weekend in this contest.

Our April meeting will be held April 9 at 6:30 P.M. at the Signals Museum of Information Explosion (MIE) located at 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, AL where there are over 1100 classic antique radios on display. We have new and old business to discuss. We will also have a good program after our business meeting given by Krish, W4VKU on the Lakshadweep and Andaman Islands DXpeditions that occurred this past December. I am looking forward to this program and hope everyone can make the meeting in-person. I hope to see many of you at the club meeting and hear the DX you all have recently worked. We will also have ZOOM up and running for those of you who cannot make it in-person.

2024 NADXC Officers and Directors

President	Bruce Smith, AC4G
Vice President	Fred Kepner, K3FRK
Sec./Treasurer	Barry Barton, WA4HR
Directors:	Mick Bell, N8AU
	Bob De Pierre, K8KI (Ex-Officio)

How to Join

Come to a club meeting or send in an application by mail (form on www.NADXC.org)

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held at the Museum of Information Explosion at 6:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Participants can also join the meeting virtually via [Zoom](https://zoom.us).

**This edition of The LongPath published by:
Fred Kepner, K3FRK**

Upcoming DX Contests

By Chuck Lewis, N4NM

EA RTTY Contest, (DIG), 80-10M



Apr. 6, 1200Z to Apr. 7, 1200Z
Exchange: RSQ, Serial (or Province)
See: Page 76, April QST or <https://concursos.ure.es/en/eartty/bases/>

SP DX Contest, (CW & SSB), 80-10M



Apr. 6, 1500Z to Apr. 7, 1500Z
Exchange: RS(T), Serial or SP Province
See: Page 76, April QST or <https://spdxcontest.pzk.org.pl/>

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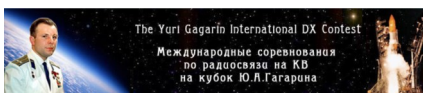
Solar Eclipse QSO party, (CW & SSB & DIG), 80-10M plus 50MHz

Apr. 8, 1400Z to Apr. 8, 2100Z
Exchange: RS(T) plus 4-char. grid
See: April QST or www.hamsci.org/seqp-rules



OK/OM DX Contest, (SSB), 160-10M

Apr. 13, 1200Z to Apr. 14, 1200Z
Exchange: RS plus serial; OK/OM send RS plus county code (3 letters)
See: Page 76 April QST and www.okomdx.crk.cz



Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest, (CW), 160-10M

Apr. 13 2100Z to Apr. 14, 2100Z
Exchange: RST, ITU zone
See Page 76, Apr. QST and <https://gcontest.ru/en/rules-gc-2024/>



Japan Int'l. DX CW Contest (CW), 160-10M

Apr. 13, 0700Z to Apr. 14, 1300Z
Exchange: RST plus CQ zone; JAs send RST plus prefecture
See page 76, Apr. QST and www.jidx.org



YU DX Contest (CW & SSB), 160-10M

Apr. 20, 0700Z to Apr 21, 0700Z (see website for times)
Exchange: RST plus ITU zone
See page 76, April QST and www.yudx.yu1srs.org.rs

CQMM Contest, (CW), 80-10 meters



Apr. 20, 0900Z to Apr. 21, 2359Z
Exchange: RST, continent abbrev., member code (if any)
See Page 76, Apr. QST and www.cqmmdx.com (currently inactive)

SP DX RTTY Contest, (DIG), 80-10M



Apr. 27, 1200Z to Apr. 28, 1200Z
Exchange: RST, plus Serial # or SP province
See Page 76, April QST and <https://spdxcontest.pzk.org.pl/>

It's time to pay 2024 membership dues.

Dues can be paid electronically at the [NADXC website](https://www.nadxc.org). Contact Barry, WA4HR (treasurer@nadxc.org) for information about other payment options.

Upcoming DX Contests (continued)

By Chuck Lewis, N4NM

ES Open HF Championship, (CW & SSB), 80 & 40M



Apr. 20, 0500Z to Apr. 20, 0859Z

Exchange: RD(T), Serial #

See page 76, QST and [https://](https://www.erau.ee/en/)

www.erau.ee/en/

Helvetia Contest, (CW, SSB, DIG.), 160-10M



Apr. 29, 1300Z to Apr. 30, 1259Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial # or Swiss canton

See Page <http://www.uska.ch/en/contest/>

[contest/](http://www.uska.ch/en/contest/)

Africa FT4 DX Contest, April 13, 1500Z to Apr. 13, 1900Z

Holyland DX Contest, April 19, 2100Z to Apr. 20, 2100Z

Dutch PACC Digital Contest, April 20, 0700Z to April 20, 1900Z

Int'l Vintage Contest HF, April 21, 0700Z to April 21, 1900Z

UKEICC DX Contest, CW, April 27, 1200Z to April 28, 1200Z

UA1DZ Memorial Cup, April 28, 1300Z to April 28, 1859

ARI International DX Contest, May 4, 1200Z to May 5, 1200Z

OTHERS:

DARC RTTY Sprint, April 9, 1800-1930Z

IG-RY Worldwide RTTY Contest, April 13, 1200Z to April 14, 1800Z

Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware. See also: <http://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html>



DXpeditions in April 2024

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2024 Mar15	2024 Apr12	Dominican Republic	HI8	VA2VKG	By VA2VKG as HI8/VA2VKG fm Boca Chica; 40 20 10m; CW SSB
2024 Mar18	2024 Apr10	Mauritius	3B8	LoTW	By DM7CW as 3B8/DM7CW fm LG89rr; 40-10m; CW SSB + digital; 100w; vertical; QSL via DM7CW direct w/ SASE or Paypal
2024 Mar23	2024 Apr06	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	LoTW	By G0TLE as V4/G0TLE fm St Kitts I (IOTA-104); @V47JA; 40-10m; CW SSB; QSL via G0TLE direct; holiday style
2024 Mar25	2024 Apr08	Guadeloupe	TO1Q	LoTW	By F1ULQ; @FG8OJ; HF + 6m; SSB + digital; QSL via F1ULQ (B/d)
2024 Mar29	2024 Apr11	Vanuatu	YJ0VK	LoTW	By VK3HJ VK6CQ K0BBC VK3QB fm Port Vila; 40-6m; SSB CW FT8; QSL via M0OXO
2024 Apr04	2024 Apr14	Pitcairn	VP6G	M0OXO	By PG5M; 40-10m; 40-10m; CW SSB FT8
2024 Apr05	2024 Apr07	Mayotte	TO4VV	LoTW	By FH4VVK fm Quatier Cabaribere; HF; SSB FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS or FH4VVK direct



DXpeditions in April 2024 (continued)

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2024 Apr05	2024 Apr07	Mayotte	TO4VV	LoTW	By FH4VVK fm Quatier Cabaribere; HF; SSB FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS or FH4VVK direct
2024 Apr05	2024 Apr09	Antigua	V26MN	DF8AN (B/d)	By DF8AN fm IOTA NA-100; 160-6m; mainly FT8 FT4, some RTTY CW
2024 Apr05	2024 Apr20	Costa Rica	TI2	DL2AAZ (B/d)	By DL2AAZ as TI2/DL2AAZ; 40-10m; SSB CW; holiday style operation
2024 Apr06	2024 Apr13	Liechtenstein	HB0	OH2YL	By OH2YL as HB0/OH2YL; 160-10m; CW FT8
2024 Apr06	2024 Apr16	Liberia	A8OK	LoTW	By OK1BOA OK1FCJ OK1CRM OK1GK OK2ZA OK2ZC OK2ZI OK6DJ; 160-6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8 FT4 PSK; QSL via Club Log OQRS, OK6DJ
2024 Apr06	2024 Apr16	Maldives	8Q7HZ	LoTW	By TA1HZ; 30-10m; SSB FT8 FT4
2024 Apr07	2024 Apr13	South Cook Is	E51TLM	K7TLM	By K7TLM KD7YZE fm Rarotonga I; 10m; SSB on 28385 khz, QRS CW on 28060 khz; 5w; 1900- 0100 UTC; see qrz.com for QSL details
2024 Apr09	2024 Apr17	Montserrat	VP2MMN	DF8AN (B/d)	By DF8AN fm IOTA NA-103; 160-6m; mainly FT8 FT4, some RTTY CW
2024 Apr10	2024 Apr12	Mayotte	TO4VV	LoTW	By FH4VVK fm Quatier Cabaribere; HF; SSB FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS or FH4VVK direct
2024 Apr11	2024 Apr16	Canada	VY0	LoTW	By WE9G as WE9G/VY0 fm Iqaluit, Nunavit; 80-10m; FT8 FT4 SSB; 100w; G5RV, EF sloper
2024 Apr12	2024 Apr14	Mayotte	TO4VV	LoTW	By FH4VVK fm Quatier Cabaribere; HF; SSB FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS or FH4VVK direct
2024 Apr12	2024 Apr21	South Africa	ZS6	LoTW	By PB5X as ZS6/PB5X; @ZS6TT; HF; holiday style operation; QSL via PA1AW
2024 Apr13	2024 Apr28	Bonaire	PJ4TB	LoTW	By PE1OJR fm Kralendijk (IOTA SA-006,FK52ud); 40-6m; SSB FT8 FT4; 100w
2024 Apr16	2024 Apr28	Niue	E6SP	LoTW	By ZL3GAV; focus on 15 10m FT8 & FT4;; 100w
2024 Apr16	2024 Apr30	Austral Is	TX7W	LoTW	By K5WE W5CCP fm Raivavae (IOTA 114); 160-6m; CW FT8 FT4 SSB RTTY; 500w; QSL via Club Log OQRS
2024 Apr17	2024 Apr19	Antigua	VP2MN	DF8AN (B/d)	By DF8AN fm IOTA NA-100; 160-6m; mainly FT8 FT4, some RTTY CW
2024 Apr18	2024 Apr21	Svalbard	JW8EKA	LA8EKA	By LA8EKA; @JW5E; 80-10m; SSB + digital
2024 Apr18	2024 May08	Bhutan	A52	Club Log OQRS	By SP9FIH as A52P and SP6CIK as A52CI fm Dochula; 40-6m; SSB CW + digital
2024 Apr23	2024 Apr30	Honduras	HR9	LoTW	By K6VHF as K6VHF/HR9 fm Roatan I; 160-6m, incl 60m; 100w; QSL via Club Log OQRS



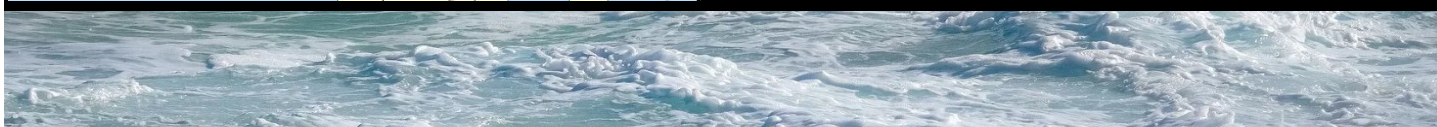
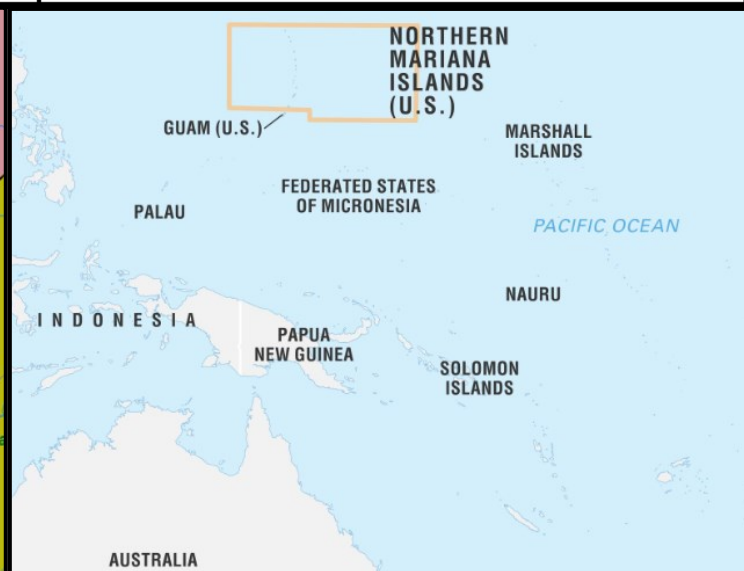


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2024 Apr25	2024 Apr30	Mariana I	KH0	LoTW	By JA6REX as KH0/JA6REX, W6HZH as KH0/W6HZH, JA6VQA as WH0B fm Saipan (IOTA OC-086); 160-6m; FT8 FT4; QSL via hc
2024 Apr18	2024 May08	Bhutan	A52	Club Log OQRS	By SP9FIH as A52P and SP6CIK as A52CI fm Dochula; 40-6m; SSB CW + digital
2024 Apr27	2024 May04	Market Reef	OJ0T	LoTW	By LA1UW LA3WAA LB5SH LB0VG; 160-6m; SSB CW FT8; QSL via EA5GL
2024 Apr30	2024 May13	Botswana	A25SHD	LoTW	By HB9SHD; HF; holiday style operation



Club Business and Announcements

March 2024 Meeting Minutes by Bruce Smith, AC4G

NADX Meeting Minutes - March 12th, 2024

The North Alabama DX Club (NADXC) President, Bruce Smith (AC4G) called the March 2024 NADXC meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. He welcomed all members and guests and asked for any visitors. There were no visitors or guests in attendance.

Next, Bruce, AC4G stated that we have some business to discuss and also have a great program. He said that one of the exciting parts of our meeting is reviewing DX worked this past month by our members. Bruce, AC4G quickly reviewed the sign-in sheets and announced DX worked by members that had listed the prefixes of all DX worked since the last club meeting. Bruce, AC4G suggested that there was some good DX worked.

Next, the club President, Bruce Smith said he had a few announcements. He began with the annual club dues stating that all members should pay their NADXC dues as soon as possible. He also thanked all of the members who had already paid their 2024 dues. Bruce, AC4G also stated that the easiest way to pay is via PayPal via the link on our webpage, scroll down and you can choose individual or family membership. If preferred, members can pay Barry Barton, WA4HR in person or mail a check to WA4HR's QRZ address.

Bruce, AC4G then asked how many read the Longpath. Several hands were raised, but not everybody. He said there were some great articles by: N4BCD, AG4W, N5DF, and AC4G as well as our regular sections provided by N4NM and K3FRK. Bruce encouraged more members to

write articles.

Bruce, AC4G asked that we approve last month's meeting minutes published in the Longpath. The minutes were approved. It was suggested the meeting minutes in the future provide more details. Next, Bruce mentioned that since our Secretary/Treasurer, Barry Barton, WA4HR was absent and that the bank had deleted our account in error, that the Financial Report would be the same as last months, especially since no deposits were made this month due to the bank account issues. Bruce, AC4G will request Barry, WA4HR provide more meeting details in the monthly meeting minutes in the future.

Next, the NADXC President, Bruce Smith began discussing OLD Business. He began by bringing forth a DXpedition funding request for Bouvet Island (3YOK), which was tabled last month. AC4G gave a summary of a recent letter sent by Bouvet expedition team leader, LA8GIA. Discussions were slow to start, but AC4G proposed we donate \$200 for the Bouvet DXpedition. John Stensby, N5DF objected. He stated that the website and the email from LA8GIA summarized by AC4G did not indicate if the transportation had been finalized. N5DF also stated that the typical major club sponsors had not contributed yet. After more discussion and dissatisfaction with 3YOK details, the decision to fund this DXpedition was tabled until AC4G can get more information, so the club can make a final decision to fund or not to fund. Next, the Liberia (A8OK) DXpedition was discussed. AC4G was open to fund \$50-\$100, but not a single member supported this suggestion. Therefore, it was decided not to fund A8OK DXpedition. Lastly, Pitcairn Island (VP6G) was discussed since AC4G had received a request for funding. AC4G suggested the NADXC send either

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\$50 or \$100 to this group. Again, no member expressed positive favor to fund, therefore, it was decided no funding be provided to the VP6G DXpedition with NADXC funding. Members seemed to favor holding funding for future DXpeditions.

The next topic of old business was initially brought up at last month's February meeting. Chris Arthur, NV4B mentioned last month that we should fill the position formerly held by Mike Maples, K4ADK (Silent Key) for QSL Card Checker. AC4G said that two NADXC members expressed interest since February's meeting. However, before the March meeting, one member conceded to relinquish his nomination to the other interested member. Therefore, the NADXC nominated Fred Kepner (K3FRK) to become the club's appointed DXCC checker along with current QSL Card Checker, Steve Werner, AG4W, who had just checked cards at the Tullahoma, TN hamfest this past weekend. Chris, NV4B said he would contact Southeastern Division Director, Mr. Mickey Baker, N4MB to pass along this nomination and find out if anything else needs to be done to complete this appointment. There was no other old business.

Next, Bruce Smith, AC4G opened the floor for NEW business. Bruce first topic was providing a rundown on this year's banquet speaker. Bruce gave a quick report on progress made since last meeting on the banquet speaker. Bruce had received a suggestion to ask Paul, N6PSE. Paul stated he was unavailable but thanked the club for the consideration. Next, Bruce contacted Don Greenbaum, N1DG who has also many years of DXpedition experience. Don replied and stated that in mid-August (the time of our banquet) he would be operating from Jarvis Island. Bruce said

he would keep him on stand-by for future banquets. Bruce, AC4G also sent a request to Hal Turley, W8HC, but had not received any response as of this meeting.

On another note, Bruce, AC4G stated that Bob, K8KI; Chuck, N4NM; and Bruce, AC4G moved and inventoried equipment from the estate of Mike Maples, K4ADK that his daughter and son gave to the club. An equipment list was generated and will next have prices associated with each item. Once the list and pricing are completed, the list will be provided first to the NADXC in case any members would like to purchase any of K4ADK's equipment. Afterwards, the list will be provided to HARC, then the remaining equipment will be sold at hamfests. All proceeds will go to the NADXC. Bruce, AC4G hope to make the equipment list available soon to the NADXC membership.

One additional new business item was suggested by Jim, NK3V. Jim asked if we had ever considered a section in the Longpath newsletter to sell amateur radio equipment. Some stated we had included a section to sell equipment. Most recently, Bob DePierre had attempted to sell some estate equipment in a "For Sale" section in the Longpath, but no one ever contacted him. Bob even tried giving away old equipment, but could never do so. Therefore, this "For Sale" eventually went by the wayside. Next, Jim, NK3V suggested perhaps every quarter and prior to our club meeting, we could have a tailgate in the parking lot to sell or for member to purchase used gear. No further discussion was made, but the club applauds Jim suggestions to help make the club more eventful and exciting. Perhaps we can get the tailgate started in the next month or so. Thanks, Jim, for the ideas!! (AC4G)

There were no addition new business items to discuss.

Finally, Bruce, AC4G called for adjourn-

March 2024 Meeting Minutes (continued)

ment of the meeting. A motion was made, and the meeting was adjourned. Next, Bruce, AC4G gave the floor to Fred Kepner, NADXC Vice-President, to introduce Mr. Mark Wohlschlegel, WC3W, our program speaker who discussed the CQ DX Marathon Program. Mark gave an excellent introduction about himself and his role in this program. His program was informative and educated everyone in attendance. Afterwards, he answered a few questions and addressed a few comments by NADXC members. In summary, the simplicity to upload one's "ADIF" file in early-January of each year, allows any DXer the freedom to enter their log for this DX Marathon competition in any one of several categories. More information could be found at dxmarathon.com.

Minutes Recorded by Bruce Smith, AC4G, March 12, 2024, in the absence of NADXC Secretary/Treasurer, Barry Barton, WA4HR.

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2024 Presentation Schedule

Meeting	Presenter	Topic
January 9, 2024	Steve Werner, AG4W	Cameroon DXpedition (TJ9MD)
February 13, 2024	Zach Rozar, K4ZSR	Becoming the (mini) DX: Operating QRP Portable in Europe
March 12, 2024	Mark Wohlschlegel, WC3W	CQ DX Marathon Overview
April 9, 2024	Krish Kanakasapapathi, W4VKU	VU4A and VU7N DXpeditions
May 14, 2024	Barry Barton, WA4HR	Remote FT8 Operation
June 11, 2024	Rob Suggs, NN5NT	NN4SA Club and Activities Overview
July 9, 2024	Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA	W8S Swains Island DXpedition
August 13, 2024	Bruce Smith, AC4G	Six Meters -You Must Be Present to Win
August 17, 2024 (NADXC Banquet)	Gene Spinelli, K5GS	TX5S Clipperton Island DXpedition
September 10, 2024		Fall picnic, no September meeting
October 8, 2024	Barry Johnson, W4WB	Elecraft KH1 Features and Operation
November 12, 2024	Bob DePierre, K8KI	K8KI's Views on Wire Antennas
December 10, 2024		Holiday Dinner, no December meeting

March 2024 Financial Statement

by Barry Barton, WA4HR

Upcoming NADXC meeting

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024
5:45 PM Doors Open / 6:30 PM Meeting

Presentation: Krish Kanakasapathi, W4VKU - VU4A and VU7N DXpeditions

Location: Signals Museum of Information Explosion, 1806 University Drive NW, Huntsville, AL 35801 and via [Zoom](#)

2024 DX Banquet tickets are available for purchase.

Presentation: Gene Spinelli, K5GS—TX5S
Clipperton Island DXpedition

Date: Saturday, August 17th

Location: Signals Museum of Information Explosion, 1806 University Drive NW, Huntsville, AL 35801

Tickets can be purchased on the [NADXC website](#).

2024 NADXC Financial Status 03/31/24

Budget Category	Targets	Year Totals	March Subtotal
Year Start	8365.65	8,883.44	9,223.89
Dues In	1000	749.23	46.90
Huntsville Hamfest Donation	500		
Recurring Exp	-804.5		
repeater elect	-160		
web hosting/domain service	-73	-16.88	
repeater maintenance	-100		
to HARC for Zoom	-50		
use of museum	-400	-400	-400
Bank checks	-21.5		
Donation of equipment to sell			
Dxpeditons	-1000		
Picnic	-160		
DX Plaque	-70	-70.00	
Brick for M. Winter	-275	-275.00	
DX Banquet	323.45		
venue	-700	-700.00	-700.00
food	-2436.55		
speaker	-350		
room for speaker	-350		
tickets	4500		
raffle	400		
grand prize	-400		
beer/wine	-175		
soft drinks/glasses	-35		
insurance	-130		
EOY Bank Delta	-486.05		
Year End Bank Balance	7879.6	8,170.79	8,170.79

North Alabama DX Club (NADXC)

“Club Fact Sheet”

Who We Are: NADXC is a group of active radio amateurs with a deep compassion for working DX, contesting, and other aspects of Amateur Radio. We welcome everyone who is interested in joining our club. NADXC members are active in all facets of DX and contesting. The NADXC also donates funding for various DXpeditions all over the world. The NADXC sponsors a DX Banquet in mid-August of every year in conjunction with the Huntsville Hamfest in Huntsville, Alabama. NADXC members moderate various programs at club meetings and during the Huntsville Hamfest, covering amateur radio technical and operating topics for all to learn and enjoy. The NADXC sponsors a prestigious award at the end of year for the most deserving DXer of the Year from the NADXC club.

DX Funding Policy: The policy supports major DXpeditions that meet our requirements for financial sponsorship. Details are available on the NADXC website and in the “Longpath” newsletter.

Club History: The NADXC was organized in December 1966 by a group of 12 charter members. The original constitution was adopted and signed on December 19, 1966. The first chairman was Dan Whitsett, W4BRE (SK). In the early-1970's, the NADXC was custodian of the W4, K4 QSL Bureau which became such a huge undertaking that it eventually was passed to other larger clubs. In January of 1977, the club bought a VHF repeater for sharing DX spots and hosting a weekly net on Wednesday nights. The repeater was located on Redstone Arsenal, Weeden Mountain using the frequencies of 147.91/147.31 MHz on two meters. Today, the repeater has been relocated and utilizes the frequencies of 147.90/147.30 MHz, with a callsign of W4QB. The weekly net has been discontinued. In 1980, the club started the monthly newsletter known as the “Longpath” which currently continues to be produced every month.

While organized as a DX club, NADXC members are active in all aspects of the hobby. We trust that this information will be of interest to all and hope all hams have a long and pleasant association with the NADXC.

Requirements for Membership: The NADXC welcomes all hams radio operators who have an interest in DXing. It does not matter whether you are a new ham, a seasoned ham operator, an old-timer to DXing, or a ham who has just been hit with the DX bug; everyone is welcome! See the club website: www.nadxc.org. Dues are paid in January of every year.

Meetings: The NADXC club meets the second Tuesday night of every month, with the current location at the Signals Museum of Information Explosion (MIE) located at 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, Alabama and virtually via Zoom. Some members gather early to eat their dinner, socialize, discuss DX worked, and then we have a short business meeting starting at 6:30 P.M. CT. followed by an exciting, interesting program to help, entertain, and teach members about DX and amateur radio in general.

Club Officers: There are four elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and three elected directors on the NADXC Board of Directors. The current roster of club officers and directors can be seen of the NADXC web site or in the “Longpath” newsletter, which is uploaded each month to the club website.

Website: The NADXC club maintains a website at www.nadxc.org. This site provides club information and activities throughout the year about a variety of subjects related to the club, DX, and amateur radio.