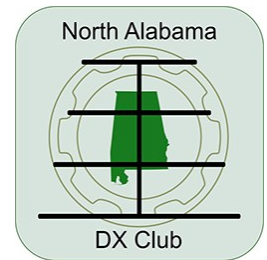


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From the President

by Bruce Smith, AC4G

As we welcome the vibrant month of May, I am excited to reflect on the continued energy and dedication within the North Alabama DX Club. Spring brings new opportunities for DXing, and I hope many of you have been taking advantage of the improving band conditions. The recent solar activity has certainly made for some memorable contacts and opened chances to reach new entities. The solar conditions have not been the best, but you must be active to take advantage of the improved band conditions when they happen. If you've logged a "first" this month, please share your stories at our upcoming meeting!

Looking ahead, we have a full agenda for our May meeting. We'll discuss plans for our banquet held in August in conjunction with the Huntsville Hamfest. If you will recall, Huntsville is the location for the ARRL National Convention. I am assuming this will bring large numbers of hams to the hamfest and to our banquet. We need to continue planning so that we can make our banquet this year one of the most memorable we can.

I will be excited to hear from those of you who may be taking the journey to the Dayton Hamvention. I am excited to be returning to Dayton

and will be presenting a forum on Saturday discussing 6 meters. If you are attending the Dayton Hamvention, please stop by Saturday afternoon and provide me with some encouragement.

Summer operations are always challenging with the thunderstorms that brew up each afternoon in our area creating lots of QRN (noise) on the bands. Summertime is also when participation in the ARRL Field Day is prevalent and we all exhaust strategies for station setup. These conditions and events encourage all members—new and seasoned—to get involved. If you can participate, I encourage you to do so to get some practice. You might even generate a pileup, which is fun to work down. You will see your own ingenuity figure out how to manage the conditions and callers.

I'd also like to remind everyone to renew your club membership if you haven't already. Your support keeps our activities and outreach strong. Please check the club website for updates and resources, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have suggestions for programs or speakers.

Thank you for your commitment to our club, and here's to another month of exciting contacts and camaraderie. The next meeting will be held at

From the President (continued)

6:30 P.M. on May 12 at the Signals Museum of Information Explosion, 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801. See you all at the meeting!



Dayton Hamvention Fever by Steve Werner, AG4W

This is one of my favorite times of year because of the Dayton Hamvention. Until you have been there it is hard to wrap your head around a hamfest that will likely have over 36,000 hams,



With 360 booths and 36,000 hams, Hamvention gets a bit crowded.

360 indoor commercial booths by 162 vendors and over 1300 outdoor flea market spaces. Sometimes it is best to hit the flea market first while it is cool outside and you can do a first pass for great deals. If it rains, the indoor exhibits can get extremely crowded and the outdoor flea market can get muddy. The weather in Dayton is very unpredictable at this time of year so be prepared with the right clothes and good walking shoes.

I decided to go to my first Hamvention at the last minute, and Kathy and I ended up staying in Miamisburg outside of Dayton. It is amazing the things you can find at Dayton. If you enjoy nostalgia, you'll find radios from every era, some looking nearly brand new. Some years, I've brought a list of wanted items with me. I've found great deals at

Dayton. The best deal ever was the parts for my 2-meter kilowatt amplifier. I didn't go looking for them, but I recognized a good target of opportunity. I always get some really good ideas for projects at Dayton.

You also get an opportunity to see the latest in new equipment. Many of the commercial vendors even bring prototypes of new products. That has backfired on some vendors when they couldn't deliver a product in a short time after Dayton. The worst example of that was the Alpha Autotuner that never got delivered after showing it at Dayton several times. With all the competition, prices are good for new or used equipment.

Many years I go with a list of questions or suggestions that I give to vendors. There are experts there in every aspect of ham radio. Many of the vendors bring their engineers to Dayton and are actively looking for good ideas and what they can do to improve their product. I have seen software revisions from my feedback show up in their next release just a few weeks later.

What you can expect is the unexpected. Last year I met Junie, N1DUC and her pet duck. With 36,814 people, anything is possible. I enjoy meeting with my friends from DXpeditions.

You will also not be disappointed with the food. They bring in food trucks with a wide assortment of offerings. I suggest eating early or late to

Dayton Hamvention Fever (continued)

avoid the lines.

The banquets at Dayton are always fun. I have met so many interesting hams. I always learn a lot from others at Dayton and the speakers are amazing. I have even won a few prizes.

The biggest mistake you can make is not going to the Dayton Hamvention at least once. It is the experience of a lifetime. You will not regret making the trip.

More information about this year's Hamvention can be found at <https://hamvention.org/>



Last year, Steve met a YouTube celebrity and its owner, N1DUC.

The Evolution of the QSL

by Jim Brown, W1WSF

The requirement to pay, sometimes significant amounts, for an electronic LOTW confirmation can sometimes grate on the nerves. LOTW is a cost-effective way for ham radio operators to confirm QSOs, with costs covered by the ARRL. To observe how the concept of "Final Courtesy" has evolved, it is useful to consider the changes in technology and the economy over the past fifty years. The process has shifted from a slow, paper-based exchange to rapid digital transactions, illustrating the transition from postal coupons to online payments.

Fifty years ago, amateur radio was in its "Golden Age" of paper exchanges. Confirming a contact took patience and trust in the mail system. For contacts within the country, everyone used a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE).

For international contacts, people sent a Self-Addressed Envelope (SAE) with an International Reply Coupon (IRC). In 1976, IRCs were easy to find and were cheap. One coupon from the post office would pay for return airmail from almost anywhere.

However, international mail was often slow or costly in many developing countries, so "QSL Managers" in the US or Europe became very important. Sending your card to a manager in Ohio was usually quicker and cheaper than mailing it all the way to the South Pacific. In 1976, a US stamp cost 13 cents, and international airmail for a small letter was about 31 cents. Confirming a DX contact usually cost less than 50 cents. While QSL managers remain important for exchanging physical cards, we have now entered the digital

The Evolution of the QSL (continued)

era.

Twenty-five years ago, the hobby was about to enter the digital age. The internet was around, but people still relied on the mailbox. As IRCs got more expensive and harder to find at post offices, the \$1 US bill, known as the "Green Stamp," became the main way to pay for international replies.

When eQSL launched in 1998, it was the first big internet change for the hobby. It offered "free" electronic cards, but many traditional DXers and big award programs like the DXCC were skeptical.

Most hams still used the IARU QSL Bureau system to exchange cards. Club dues, like those from the ARRL, paid for it, so it was "free" for users who didn't mind waiting 2 to 5 years for their card.

Today, while the "Green Stamp" has been replaced by digital payment systems. The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has announced that the IRC will end on December 31, 2026. After 119 years, the physical "global stamp" will be a thing of the past.

The OQRS (Online QSL Request System) is now the standard, with Club Log leading the way. Instead of mailing an envelope, you look up your QSO online and pay a fee, usually \$3 to \$5, through PayPal. This covers the card and postage and often helps support the station's equipment fund.

For most awards, you don't need physical cards anymore. LoTW uses cryptographic verification, so confirmations are instant and almost free after you set it up.

The changes in approach over the past 50 years parallel technological developments. Practices have moved from individual courtesy to broader support models such as crowdfunding.

In 1976, paying for a QSL was typically limited to the cost of a postage stamp, and requesting additional compensation was uncommon. By 2026, however, QSL fees will have taken on an expanded role in supporting activities. Large, organized expeditions to remote locations can incur costs exceeding \$1 million. The fee, such as \$5 (or \$15 for 3YOK) for a direct card and/or LOTW confirmation via OQRS, is now considered by many to be a donation to help maintain rare stations. There has been a shift from a focus on individual courtesy to one on supporting the community as a whole.

Sources:

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It's time to pay 2026 membership dues.

Dues can be paid electronically at the [NADXC website](#). Contact Jim, W1WSF (treasurer@nadxc.org) for information about other payment options.

The Story of 9Q5US and K5FLY in 1962

by Barry Johnson, W4WB

Belgium finally gave up trying to rule the Belgium Congo about 1960 and basically turned it over to several warring factions. Both the CIA and KGB were involved in supporting different factions and the US and Russia both had embassies and consulates spread out over this vast country. In fact, it became a proxy war between the US and Russia, although it was not publicized as I recall. Over 100,000 people are believed to have been killed in the civil wars from 1960 to 1965.

I had recently turned 16 and was going to start my new job as an audio engineer at WBRZ-TV (Chanel 2, 54-60 MHz) in about a week. In the late afternoon of 6-5-1962, as was my usual pattern, I fired up our (my dad and I) Collins KWS-1 transmitter and 75A-4 receiver with a Hy-Gain 3-element triband beam. My favorite band for hunting new DX was 20m. The band seemed rather dead, so I called CQ and finally I received a reply from 9Q5US. Wooo Hooo, this would be a new entity! Lew said I was 5x6, and he asked if I had a phone patch? I replied yes, but that it was illegal for me to handle third-party traffic with 9Q. Lew then identified himself as a Gunnery Sargent in charge of the US Marine detachment at the US Embassy in Leopoldville, Republic of Congo. I thought, well, that's cool, and wondered what gear and antennas he was using. Then the adventure began!

Lew said I was the only US station he could hear (we were living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana) and that this was an emergency. The Embassy was under attack and live fire was ongoing. Indeed, I could hear automatic fire! He wanted me to call the State Department in Washington, but I said that it would be illegal. Then another gentleman took the microphone and, in a very calm

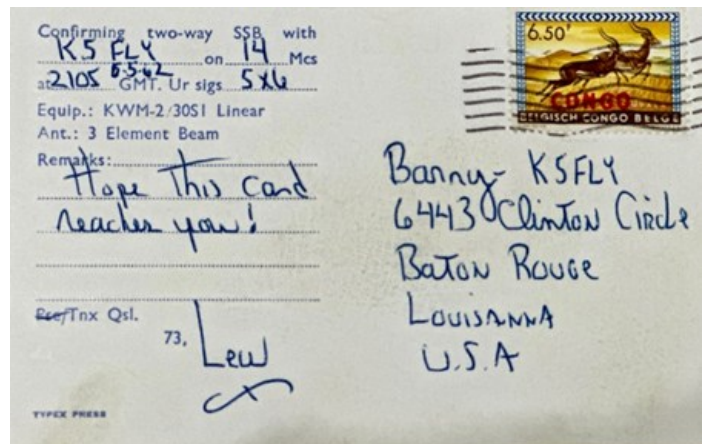
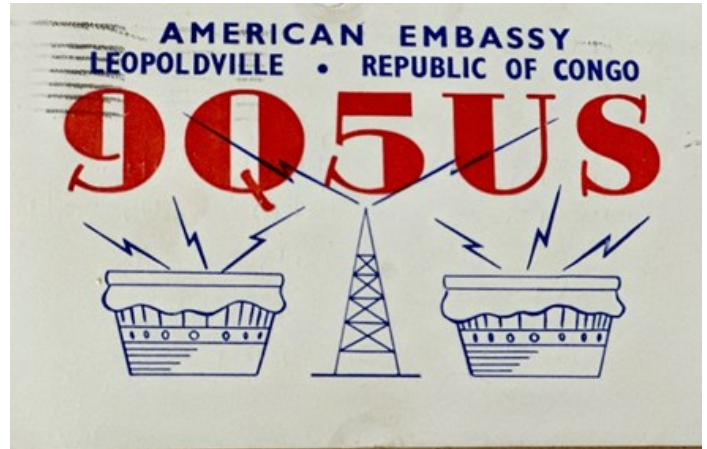
voice, he said, "Barry, I am the US Ambassador for the Republic of Congo. Do you understand what that means?" I replied, "Yes Sir." He then said, "By the authority of the President of the United States, I am authorizing you to serve as our connection to the US Department of State. Gunny will explain the process, and thank you for helping us in a rather bad situation." Lew then explained the process, which included a phone number, code words, counter-code words, and that the conversation would be scrambled. When I heard OVER, I was to switch them without comment and to never say my or his call signs while on the telephone. I called the number and a fellow answered with a single word, "STATE". I said the code word, he said his word, and I said the final confirmation word. Well, I did as he had instructed and heard several back-and-forths of garble garble. Then the voice on the telephone said, "State OUT!" Lew then said he appreciated my help, and that he needed to get back to help his men fight the attackers. I could not resist asking him, "Lew, could you QSL, please!" I rather think he needed a bit of comic relief, and he replied, "Barry, if I get out of this situation alive, I'll send one to you! 73 and QRT." This was quite something for a teenager to absorb. A few days later, the FCC sent me a "bad boy" letter saying my illegal third-party traffic handling with 9Q was under review. ARG! What was this about? Loss of license, fine, jail time??? Very scary to me. My Dad said that they were nuts and it would be taken care of. A few days after that, I received a letter from the State Department saying that my communication with the Embassy was authorized and that the FCC had been so notified. Next, the FCC sent a letter stating that the case was closed. I asked Dad if he had somehow been involved in resolving this, and he said no.

The Story of 9Q5US and K5FLY in 1962 (continued)

Mom commented that I should have been given some recognition for my help, but Dad said it would never be done, and we should keep quiet about what happened. "WHAT!", I said. Dad said, "Son, it would be an embarrassment to our Government and the Marines if it were publicized that a 16-year-old kid with a ham radio was the only communication path to the US to get help for them. But please know that Mom and I are very proud of you! Okay?" I replied, "You bet, and IF I get the QSL card, I will know Lew made it, and likely the others did also, plus that was an All Time New One." We all laughed, and then we en-

joyed one of Mom's fine dinners.

After some weeks, the 9Q5US QSL card arrived from Lew. Below are images of my treasured QSL card from Lew.



About the NADXC

2026 NADXC Officers and Directors

President	Bruce Smith, AC4G
Vice President	Fred Kepner, K3FRK
Sec./Treasurer	Jim Brown, W1WSF
Directors	Chuck Lewis, N4NM
	Mick Bell, N8AU
	Bob DePierre, 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](#).

This edition of The LongPath published by Fred Kepner, K3FRK

Upcoming NADXC Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

5:45 PM doors open / 6:30 PM meeting start

Program: Understanding Solar Activity and Propagation by Rob Suggs, NN4NT

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

Signals from the Past



This month's feature is an excerpt from the December 1981 edition of the LongPath. What kind of DX'er are you? Take the quiz to find out. If you enjoy reading past issues of the LongPath, you can access most issues from 2013 to present on the [NADXC website](http://www.nadxc.com).

AM I A DX 'ER

BY THE INFAMOUS SINGAPORE SLIM.....

The following is an attempt to develop a method for performing a self- evaluation in regards to an individuals qualities as a "DX'er". Each question has 3 multiple choice answers. listed under columns 1, 2, and 3. When you have completed answering all of the questions, total your answers in each column. Multiply the number of answers in column 1 by three; the number of answers in column 2 by two; and the number of answers in cloumn 3 by one. Total these three numbers to arrive at your overall rating as a "DX'er". If your score is 27 or more, you belong on the "HONOR ROLL" regardless of the number of countries you now have confirmed. If your score is between 20 and 27, you deserve "HONORABLE MENTION" as a DX'er. If your score is between 15 and 20 you are a "GENTLEMAN DX'er" and if your score is below 15, you just think you are a "DX'er".....

IN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, ASSUME YOU ARE A MEMBER OF A DX CLUB AND THAT THE CLUB HAS A TWO METER REPEATER FOR ALERTING MEMBERS OF DX ACTIVITY AND NEWS.....

	COLUMN one	COLUMN two	COLUMN three
1. How many hours per week do you scan the bands? (This does not mean monitor the repeater)	16+	4-16	Less than 4
2. Of the total number of countries you now have worked, what percentage did you find and work because of your own efforts without inputs from others?	90%	60-90%	Less than 60%
3. In the past 3 months, how many of the "100 Most Needed Countries" have you found and announced on the repeater?	25+	15-25	Less than 15
4. Do you help fellow club members by your use of the repeater? (Or do you cause them to turn their 2 meter rig off by one of your longwinded oral dissertations on the current nut crop in Walla Walla in order for them to listen for DX on the "Low Bands?"	YES	SOMETIMES	NO
5. How do you find out about an up-coming activation of a country you need?			
A. Rumors on the low bands.			
B. Announced on the repeateror from printed bulletins.			
C. Some club member calls you while the country is active or you never find out at all.	A	B	C

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6. Would your fellow club members be surprised to find out that you were the first club member to work a rare country that showed up unannounced?	NO	SOMETIMES	YES
7. Can your fellow club members depend on your share of the "monitoring" of the low bands and announcing DX stations on the repeater?	YES	SOMETIMES	NO
8. In the past year, how many countries have you missed because you did not put out enough effort to be on the bands when the DX station was active?	0	1	Less than one
9. Do you want to improve your ability as a DX'er and are you willing to put forth the EFFORT to do so?	YES	SOMETIMES	NO
10. Do you expect others to keep you informed as to what DX stations are active? (Or do you expect to find them yourself?)	NO	SOMETIMES	YES

(Note: Questions 3,4, and 7 reflect on your ability as a DX'er but really tell more about your support of your local DX Club)

TOTAL # OF ANSWERS IN COLUMN ONE	_____			
Multiply by	3			
TOTAL	_____			
TOTAL # OF ANSWERS IN COLUMN TWO.....	_____			
Multiply by	2			
TOTAL	_____			
TOTAL # OF ANSWERS IN COLUMN THREE.....	_____			
Multiply by.....	1			
TOTAL	_____			

Column one total + Column two total + Column three Total = _____

Signals from the Past

THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW IF YOU DID NOT READ THE LONGPATH.....

An ideal Christmas Gift for your enemies.....that's right your enemies....Give them a Rubik's Cube.....Slow torture....Overheard on twenty meters the other day....the reason for the prolonged delay in reactivating 1A0KM after gaining DXCC status....The country had to be closed while they were putting on a new roof....Do you know the longest call the FCC has ever issued in 3 land????????? W3BLIF....If you listen to twenty meters early in the mornings you will know that is W 3 Boston Lima In Florida.....Good to hear those Kookville Kolledge Kids on this past week-ends....Wonder if they are going to bring those pretty blondes with them this year to the Christmas Party?????????Everything is relative...Right Mr. Hill....What seems like eons ago if you will remember, there was one club member who had a rig with analog dial that would just raise holy h__ with us lids who put out a cw frequency that was 100hz off zero beat, well guess who has a rig now with digital readout and you guessed it more times than not we get readout frequency instead of zero beat frequency, could not resist it Mr. Hill....The following is your requested sample ballot Mr. Winter,.... For Directors....N4UV, AD4Y, N4AJZ, N4MG....For President...AA4AR, N4AVB, N4KG.. Sec. KX4U, WA4OEJ....Come to the Christmas party and cast your ballot..... Ever wonder about missing club members.....What has happened to the Grissom Whiz, WA4QHI, What's the matter Mike? Were you a naughty boy and Daddy had to take your two meter rig away?????Why don't you make it up to them and bring Momma and Dad to the Christmas party as your guest????Thanks to all who contributed to the Longpath, K4KFB, KR4F, WA4PSF, K4RSB, WA4VLB, Singapore Slim, QST, The Old West Coast DX Bulletin, Long Island DXB, The DXB, and QRZ...Remember, I am only a twenty cent stamp away and if you run across something you think I would be interested in just drop it in the mail,....That makes me feel so...good...
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DX is the embodiment
Of everything that's excellent
It has no kind of fault or flaw

DXers always draw the looks of awe.....

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The ~~CE~~X. The FB8 Whiskey
Call him out of the band??? Very Risky!!!

LIMERICKS

No, don't call him at all.

BY

He won't come back to your call???
They are gonna run a LIST-KEY!!!!

BAILEY

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Upcoming DX Contests

by Chuck Lewis, N4NM



CQ-M Intl. DX Contest (CW & SSB), 160-10M

May 9, 1200Z to May 10, 1159Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial #

See page 80, May QST and <https://cqm.srr.ru/rules-en/>

Volta WW RTTY DX Contest (DIG), 80-10M



May 9, 1200Z to May 10, 1200Z

Exchange: RST, plus S/N, and CQ zone

See page 80, May QST and <https://www.contestvolta.it/>

DARC FT4 Contest (DIG), 80M



May 12, 1900Z to May 12, 2000Z

Exchange: RST plus 4-char. grid

See page 80, May QST and www.darc.de

His Majesty King of Spain Contest, (CW), 160 – 10M



May 16, 1200Z to May 17, 1159Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus Serial # or EA Province

See page 80, May QST and <https://concursos.ure.es/en/s-m-el-rey-de-espana-cw/bases/>

UN DX Contest

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

May 16, 0600z to May 16, 2100Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus serial or Kazakhstan district code

See page 80, May QST and www.undxc.kz/rules-eng

EU PSK DX Contest, (DIG) 80– 10M



May 16 1200Z to May 17, 1200Z

Exchange: RST plus Serial or EU area

See page 80, May QST and

www.eupsk.club/eupskdx/
eupskdxrules.pdf

Baltic Contest, (CW & SSB), 80M



May 16, 2100Z to May 17, 0200Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus serial

See <http://www.lrsf.lt/en/baltic-contest-2026-2/>

CQ WPX CW Contest (CW), 160-10M



May. 30, 0000Z to May 31, 2359Z

Exchange: RST plus serial #

See page 80, May QST and

www.cqwp.com/rules.htm

ARRL International Digital Contest, (DIG), 160 – 6M



June 6, 1800z to June 7, 2400Z

Exchange: 4-character grid square

See <https://contests.arrl.org/dig/>

Asia-Pacific Sprint (SSB), 20 & 15M



June 13, 1100Z to 1300z

Exchange: RS plus serial #

See <http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt>

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

Contest information acquired from: <http://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html>



DXpeditions in May 2026

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Start	End	Entity	Callsign	QSL via	Notes
2026 Feb26	2026 May15	Minami Torishima	JD1	JA8CJY	By JG8NQJ as JG8NQJ/JD1 fm IOTA OC-073 (QL64xg); 17 15 12m; mainly CW, some FT8; 50w; spare time operation; exact end date uncertain
2026 Mar25	2026 May31	Galapagos	HD8R	M0OXO	By LU5DX; HF; QRV for CQ WPX SSB
2026 Mar26	2026 May31	Western Sahara	S09S	LoTW	By S01A S01AH fm Tifariti, Sahrawi Republic; HF; SSB CW EME QO-100+ digital; 100w; QRV for CQ WPX SSB and CW; QSL via Club Log OQRS
2026 Apr16	2026 May22	Rodrigues I	3B9G	VU3OPT	By VU3OPT; 20 15 10m; CW; 400w
2026 Apr19	2026 Jun16	Kenya	5Z4	LoTW	By MM0ZBH as 5Z4/MM0ZBH; HF; CW SSB FT8; QSL via MM0ZBH direct w/ SAE only
2026 May02	2026 May10	St Barthelemy	FJ	LoTW	By HB9BVL as FJ/HB9BVL fm St Jean (FK87nv); 40-10m; FT8 SSB, perhaps CW; 5,10w
2026 May05	2026 May19	Burkina Faso	XT2AW	M0OXO OQRS	By DF2WO fm Ouagadoudou; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4
2026 May05	2026 Jul20	French Polynesia	FO	LoTW	By F6BCW as FO/F6BCW fm Tikehau, Tuamotu; 80-6m; CW SSB; QSL via F6EXV or Club Log OQRS
2026 May09	2026 May16	Corsica	TK	LoTW	By F4FTV as TK/F4FTV fm Porto Vecchio; HF; SSB + digital; QSL via F4FTV
2026 May10	2026 May19	Iceland	TF	LoTW	By WE9G as TF/WE9G fm Borg (IOTA EU-021); HF; mainly FT8, some CW SSB; QSL via WE9G (B/d) or Club Log OQRS
2026 May13	2026 May21	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	LoTW	By EI8KN as V4/EI8KN and EI7BR as V4/EI7BR fm Basseterre, St Kitts; @W5JON; 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB FT8, some CW; also using V49B in CQ WPX CW; QSL via Club Log OQRS or EI8KN direct
2026 May14	2026 May22	Tonga	A31AA	LoTW	By JH3QFL fm Nuku'alofa; HF; 500w, and 100w on 6m; FT8 on 80-6m; QSL via JH3QFL direct
2026 May17	2026 May19	Wales	MW	LoTW	By HB9EMP as MW/HB9EMP; HF; holiday style operation; QSL via HB9EMP direct w/ SAE + 3 greenstamps
2026 May20	2026 Jun19	Namibia	V5	LoTW	By N7XOB as V5/N7XOB; 7.165 and 14.265 MHz; SSB
2026 May24	2026 Jun01	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	LoTW	By WW6W as V4/WW6W fm St Kitts I; QRV for CQWW WPX CW Contest; QSL via WW6W direct
2026 May25	2026 May28	Ascension I	ZD8KX	eQSL	By M0HXC; 40-10; mainly CW, SSB FT8 FT4; 5-10w; QSL via eQSL
2026 May25	2026 May30	Cyprus SBA	ZC4RH	LoTW	By G4WXJ; 40-6m; CW SSB FT8; 50w; dipole; QSL via Club Log OQRS or DK6SP
2026 May25	2026 Jun03	Chatham Is	ZL7IO	LoTW	By ZL3IO; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital; QRV for CQ WPX CW; QSL via DK7AO
2026 May26	2026 Jun02	Martinique	TO3E	LoTW	By AB2E; @FM5BH; QRV for CQ WPX CW Contest



DXpeditions in May 2026

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2026 May26	2026 Jun06	Bolivia	CP7DX	Club Log OQRS	By LU1FM LU1HF LU2JCW LU3FR LU3VED LU6FOV LU7HN LU8VCC LU9FHF fm Tarija (FG78pl); 160-2m, incl 60m; CW SSB FT8; QSL via LU1FM; QRV for CQ WPX CW Contest
2026 May27	2026 Jun08	Bonaire	PJ4CB	WA7RAR Direct	By WA7RAR fm various Bonaire locations, some POTA; 20-10m; SSB CW; 1/4 wave telescoping vertical; no SASE or green stamp required for QSL
2026 May28	2026 Jun01	Maldives	8Q7QR	JJ1DQR	By JJ1DQR; HF; holiday style operation; QRV for CQ WPX CW
2026 Jun03	2026 Jun12	Tanzania	5H1KB	LoTW	By DL2SBY fm Zanzibar I; focus on 6m; QSL via DL2SBY direct



Club Business and Announcements

April Meeting Minutes and Financial Report

by Jim Brown, W1WSF

Minutes

Bruce, AC4G, opened the April 14 meeting at 6:30 pm at the Signals Museum. Twenty-two members attended in person, with five others joining via Zoom. No new member applications were pending.

Following the opening, Bruce reviewed the DX worked list and reminded members that if they have not yet paid their dues, they should do so.

Bruce noted the upcoming Huntsville Hamfest on August 22 and encouraged members to attend.

Turning to club governance, Bruce announced that a Board of Directors meeting will be scheduled soon to decide on several matters, including whether to fund the 9TOMD DXpedition to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Members unanimously approved both last month's meeting minutes and the financial report, formally recording these decisions.

Next, Jill, K4TXT, reported that the door-prize vendor letter has been sent out to vendors and that she is awaiting replies. She will stop by GigaParts in the upcoming week to discuss their donation.

Bruce then mentioned that the club repeater's location may be moved. He also reviewed the club activities for the remainder of the year.

To conclude, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm, followed by

Dennis Ward (KT8X) giving a presentation on the Bouvet Island DXpedition.

Financial Report

April had some significant financial changes. First, I moved most of the club's funds from Avadian back to the Regions bank account. This was due to a hacking event at Avadian, which Avadian was never able to explain to me (no funds were lost), and the Avadian account has not been updated online since March 14. I was able to close out the CD at Avadian and realize \$165 in interest. I moved all but \$435 from Avadian to Regions. Once I get Bubba's new check for the banquet down payment, I will close out the Avadian account. I have not put any money into a CD at Regions. The minimum length of a business CD they have is nine months, and I want the Board of Directors to approve this. Checks at Regions were purchased (\$41).

We received \$145 in membership dues, bringing our total paid membership to 36.

I paid \$654 to GigaParts for the banquet grand prize. This was \$104 above the budget, but it was based on the price GigaParts offered. Two prizes have been received so far, and others are on the way.

NADXC Balances

	Jan-26	Expected 12-26	Apr-26	YTD Diff
Avadian Checking	\$ 7,352.26	\$ 5,426.26	\$ 430.33	
Avadian Savings	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	
Avadian CD	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ -	
Paypal	\$ 66.41	\$ -	\$ 70.00	
Regions Checking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,010.10	
Total	\$ 17,423.67	\$ 15,831.26	\$ 16,515.43	(\$908.24)

2026 NADXC April Budget Report

Category	Budget	Apr	YTD
Income			
Banquet Raffle	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -
Banquet Ticket Sales	\$ 4,950	\$ -	\$ -
Club Dues	\$ 920	\$ 190	\$ 761
Donations - Equipment Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40
Huntsville Hamfest Donation	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ -
From Avadian CD	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ 165
Total Income	\$ 6,620	\$ 355	\$ 967
Expenses			
Awards			
ARRL Bricks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Plaques	\$ 315	\$ -	\$ 33
Awards Subtotal	\$ 315	\$ -	\$ 33
Banquet			
Drinks	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -
Food	\$ 2,980	\$ -	\$ 200
Grand Prize	\$ 550	\$ 654	\$ 654
Insurance	\$ 120	\$ -	\$ -
Speaker room Travel	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ -
PayPal Fee	\$ 304	\$ -	\$ -
Venue	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -
Banquet Subtotal	\$ 5,204	\$ 654	\$ 854
Expeditions	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 246
Operating Expenses			
Harc Zoom	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 41	\$ 43
Museum Meetings	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 700
Web Hosting	\$ 77	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Expenses Total	\$ 827	\$ 41	\$ 743
Picnic	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 8,546	\$ 695	\$ 1,875
Difference	(\$1,926)		(\$908.24)



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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.