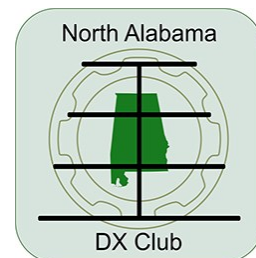


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From the President

by Bruce Smith, AC4G

At the July meeting, I mentioned that the six-meter (6m) band was opening in the morning and lasting until after sunset each evening. I was excited to relay to the club that now is the time to get on the air if you want to make 6M QSOs. Steve, AG4W further added that July 4th was the peak of the summer E-Skip season.

Since last meeting, I literally have been on 6m band the entire day making DX QSOs. I have gained many European QSOs and Japanese QSOs to add to my logbook. I have increased my DXCC 6m count. However, on August 2, I noticed the 6m band was dead. I believe that mother nature switched off the 6m band. It has been a few days now without any 6m activity. If you were able to get on the air, after the last club meeting, I hope you were able to add QSOs to your logbook. If not, perhaps you may be waiting until the next Sporadic-E opening or next Sporadic-E season to occur. I guess I'll spend more time on the HF bands now.

I need you to participate in our August meeting. We will be discussing manpower required to pull off a successful banquet. We will also discuss volunteers needed to support our DX booth on Saturday and Sunday (August 22 and 23). We need to make sure we

have club members assigned to support table setup at the museum; door prizes delivered and setup at the museum; table clothes, name tents, and decorations are setup on tables; drinks are purchased and taken to the museum; DXers ready to welcome visitors to the banquet; helpers in place at the DXCC Booth to help the QSL card checkers; and more. Please be sure to attend the next meeting.

Last month's program was very interesting. Don, N4SEI did a great job answering questions that came to mind regarding LF/VLF experience that he showed the club last month during his program. Unfortunately, this month we will be devoting the entire meeting to making sure we have everything covered for our annual banquet and support to Huntsville Hamfest. This month we will not have a program.

Our August meeting will be held on August 11 at 6:30 P.M. CST. Our meeting will be held at the Signals Museum of Information Explosion, 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801. I will send out the ZOOM details this weekend.

2026: 6-meter Magic Year

by Steve Werner, AG4W

I decided to review some data from the last 7 years of new DXCC countries on 6 meters. I find that data review can change some of your previous assumptions. Many years ago, I always thought 6-meter Sporadic E season peaked about July 4th. Looking at the data, it happens between June 10-17th. Another amazing thing is that most of the new DXCC countries have been worked on a few very good days or during a good week. It highlights the importance of notifying others when you experience those great 6-meter openings. It is obvious that as your country count goes up it becomes much harder to find new ones. Below is a list I compiled of my 6-meter new country data:

2020

4-13-2020 TG
5-26-2020 CT3
6-3-2020 JA, 4U1UN
6-9-2020 8P
6-12-2020 HK
6-17-2020 OZ, SM, LA, TF, OH0, SP, OH
6-21-2020 I
7-4-2020 HP
7-13-2020 GM, LY

2022

8-14-2022 HL

2023

3-10-2023 VP8, CX
3-12-2023 OA, HC
6-11-2023 D2
6-21-2023 GM

2024

11-01-2024 UY, LZ
11-07-2024 YO
11-11-2024 E7, 9K
11-20-2024 7Q

2025

1-1-2025 HC8
1-4-2025 J8
4-5-2025 3D2
4-6-2025 VK
4-16-2025 8R
5-30-2025 FJ
6-3-2025 LX
6-19-2025 OM

2026

1-21-2026 VP2, PJ7
1-25-26 KP5
6-9-2026 TK
6-10-2026 ES, UA, YL, YU, TA
6-11-2026 KH6
7-6-2026 GJ
7-24-2026 HA, 7X
7-25-2026 BD

The first observation was that 6-17-2020 was one great Sporadic E opening to Europe with 7 new DXCC countries. We had an amazing F layer opening on 11-11-2024. I was spotted by a 9K. This year on 6-10-2026 we had an amazing Sporadic E opening to Eastern Europe and got 5 new DXCC countries. Although I did not get as many new ones as on 6-17-2020 the fact that they were in Eastern Europe made it a very special day. The next day we had a nice opening to KH6 which is also very unusual. More recently on 7-24-2026 in the morning I worked HA at 13:39 UTC, 7X at 16:34 UTC and right at the start of 7-25-2026 BD at 00:51UTC. Getting a new country from Europe, Africa and Asia on Sporadic E all in one day was one crazy opening. It lasted all day and resulted in many new VUCC grid squares. The contact with BD7IS was very special because after the contact he thanked both Bruce and I for our QSOs on

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DXScape. He also spotted me at 00:28 UTC before our contact at 00:51UTC.

This year clearly was the best openings on Sporadic E in the last 7 years. It would be interesting to see if others support this assumption with additional data. I enjoyed the F layer openings in 2024. I do not remember any F layer opening in the previous sunspot cycle. This year was also interesting because not everything heard was worked. I heard 4X and OD, but the openings were very short and could not be worked. In the past Bruce, AC4G noted that Sporadic E was better when the A index was around 10. This year the good openings were happening with the A index much lower like 5 or 6. There have also been great signal strength differences between one side hearing the other much better with very deep

and fast fading. A typical Sporadic E hop is between 500-1350 miles. The 8220-mile BD China contact required at least 6 or 7 hops.

Most believe Sporadic E to be unpredictable, although some believe it can be caused by wind shear in the upper atmosphere, meteor ablation or thunderstorm activity. I wondered with all the talk about global warming if that has any effect on Sporadic E. A search of Google found there is a theory that rising greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide warm Earth's surface but cool the upper atmosphere. The cooling wind circulation and lower air density at 100km altitude could cause Sporadic E to be stronger, form 5km lower and last longer at night. What I found interesting this year was that several of the good openings went into darkness. Have we finally found a benefit to global warming?

Most importantly, remember, for 6 meters "you must be present to win."

About the NADXC

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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



Volunteer Needed: LongPath Publisher

It's time to hand over the reigns to someone new. NADXC is looking for one or more volunteers to take over publication of the LongPath. Training and software can be provided.

Anyone interested should contact Bruce, AC4G and/or Fred, K3FRK.

Signals From the Past



This month's feature is an excerpt from the December 1983 edition of the LongPath. Included are changes in DX prefixes, some humor and observations, and some interesting club business. 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.org).

BITS AND PIECES

Portugal has ok'd 160 meters which adds CT1,2,, and 3 to your 160 DXCC potential....XX9 to replace Macao's CR9 prefix as of 1 January....Great article and picture of Mount Athos and other DX spots in the December issue of the National Geographic magazine....

4V now being used in Haiti...QSL 4V2C via NQ4I...The 4 man AD1S/KH5 team worked 16,800 QSO's in 3 and one half days on Jarvis Island despite so so propagation... HS0HS had special permission to operate in the CQWW but all other HS operations remain under MANDATED QRT!!!!!!

LU3ZI Qsl's are now arriving via LU1DZ....Qsl BY8AA....try Box 607, Cheng-du... DXPO '84 will be in Washington DC area next September, under leadership of W2GKK...DXPO'85 is tentatively scheduled for Atlanta Ga...(ed. note..hope they do a better job than they did with DXPO 83...several of us made vacation plans, etc and never heard one darn thing from them except promises of let you know soon)...never heard a blankety blank #!&!* thing!!!!!!!!!!)

New Zealand call sign breakdowns as of January, 1984...

ZL1-ZL4	New Zealand
ZL5	New Zealand Antarctic Bases
ZL6	Intruder watch and emergency
ZL7	Chatham Island
ZL8	Kermadec
ZL9	Auckland/Campbell Islands
ZL0	Visitors to New Zealand
ZK1	North/South Cook Islands...
ZK2	Niue Island
ZK3	Tokelau Islands

One of our best bulletin sources of information contained the following note:"because something very important is scheduled to happen, the next issue will be written and mailed several days late." At present time nothing has been heard so I guess we will have to live with this "suspense" until at least the next NADXC club net....?????

73's and good dx,
Don Steenburn, WA4VLB

A DX'ERS GUIDE.....
All about street crossing skills or an allogical tale of ??????

by Douglas Zwiebel, KR2Q by way of Tom Russell, N4KG

Not so many years ago, two good friends went off to grammar school together. As their parents drove them to school that first day they saw many people crossing the street at most any spot. Most people crossed at the corner but others crossed at the middle. Some walked, some ran. Some waited for an absolutely clear block, while still others would dodge in and out of the moving vehicles. "Boy, can you figure out this street crossing, Barry?" asked Gene. "No, it is a mess," said Barry. They knew that they would have to walk after that first day because they lived only one block away from school. Their mothers gave each boy clear instructions. "Follow your teachers and when you cross the street, listen and obey the crossing guards!" That was clear enough and a good thing too. That night Barry and Gene sat and thought about crossing that first street. It was exciting and scary at the same time. "Isn't there a BEST way to cross?" they both wondered.

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Morning saw both boys greet each other at the corner. "Hi Gene, are you ready to cross it?" "Yea, remember to follow Mom's instructions," said Gene. At the corner across from the school Barry and Gene were joined by lots of their new school mates. All stood ready. A retired policeman was there along with some older students. Some of these students had on bright yellow belts and bands. These were their marks of distinction. They had achieved where others had not, or so some thought. The old cop gave a nod and the special students walked out into the street. It was clear that they had been there before. They raised their arms and signaled. The cars stopped. "Obey me children, ambulate!! Push not, nor shove," they all cautioned. "Use the Golden Way of Orderliness....Cross one at a time." This was so they could view each new street crosser and admire their own work. It also let the novice street crossers view with much awe the sight of the holy safety patrol. "Boy," admired Barry, "some day we might help others cross the street." He imagined his golden belts, and his arms uplifted so that all might see that he too had strength and wisdom. Every day, going and coming, all the children obeyed.

Pretty soon it was June and the kids were out on their own. Life got pretty boring on one block and the kids got adventurous. "Hey Barry, let us go to the playground down the street," suggested Gene. "Great," said Barry, "but how do we get there?" Barry thought. Gene thought. Barry said. "I will get my mom. She is like a safety patrol," and off he ran. Gene knew that Barry's mother would help. He had seen lots of kids get help from their mom or big sisters to cross the street. Gene thought some more. "Maybe I will do it myself!!!! The street to the playground is not as big as the one to school" Gene approached the street. Slowly, carefully, he ventured out. There were no cars and he sprinted across. "This was a good place to start!" he thought and went over to the sandbox.

Next September and both boys were back in school. After school, at the school corner, both boys were standing with a bunch of other kids waiting to cross. There were the big kids in golden bands. Gene saw some other friends off to the side and went to join them. "Hey, what are you guys doing?" he asked. "We are going to cross the street here!!" they answered. Gene thought about it and said, "Okay."

Barry, back with the original group, watched nervously. "He is crazy, what a nut! Imagine, crossing the street on his own." The golden ones looked and warned. "Do not cross the street without paying me honor and respect. Cross where I say lest ye be smitten by independence. Come be my sheep and follow me and I will guide you to many streets of which ye dream." Barry shuddered at these words as did the other followers of the WAY.

Gene crossed the street with the independent street crossers. He was filled with happiness. Now he could cross that street and perhaps all streets to come. Barry crossed the street under watchful eyes. One guard said, "Good boy, Barry." Barry was happy that one of those who wore golden belts and had wisdom could recognize him and call him by name. Surely, he too was now at least a little bit holy. The golden one continued, "Don't ye be tempted to cross the street on your own or surely the devil will consume ye and never again will you be blessed with my good graces. You will be doomed to life on one block." Barry thanked the guard and swore allegiance to him and the WAY.

Gene was feeling very good. He was crossing many streets and having lots of fun. He was also meeting lots of other independent street crossers. There were all sorts of 'em; big, small, fast, slow, handsome, ugly, slim, fat. They all had fun and would meet now and then at more or less random times, for independent crossers are indeed independent. At these meetings they would exchange ideas on street crossing, what is the newest method, when is the best time, etc. Gene learned that some streets require running, some require dodging. Some have potholes, some have puddles. Some even have canine traps that force you to watch traffic AND look down. Gene was amazed at all the techniques. "How did you ever learn all of this?" Gene questioned the old timer. "Time, experience, and most of all patience and careful observation." Gene always listened intently. He found that some people are completely devoted to independent street crossing. They move to New York or L. A. They seek wider and wider streets with more and more cars. They even pursue highways and super highways! These few become so agile that they can cross any street with ease. Gene spent his high school and college years being an independent street crosser. His ability grew. He could even cross a highway wearing LITTLE SHOES!!! Gene had become a legend in all of the land.

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But what of the followers of the WAY? After grammar school, there were many streets of larger size and more cars than they had before seen. Some of them withdrew and cried, "Oh! Please send us a leader so that we may be saved for we still wish to cross the street but are ignorant." And out of the darkness came one who raised his arms in the manner of the golden ones and declared with a voice much louder than two lungs PEP. "COME UNTO ME. Be my sheep. Render praise and coin and I will lead you across the street," whereupon the children huddled near. "If you wish my devine intervention, you must build unto me a great monument. It shall be 21.3 high and 14.225 wide and each day at the assigned time you shall bow down and praise the WAY. You shall minister to your neighbors. When the number of new sheep you bring is such, you shall be appointed ANGEL and may assist in some street crossing." And the children feared and obeyed for such orderliness must surely be best.

Some of the followers may have crossed many streets and some have even crossed a highway or two if their humbleness and coin were great enough to appease the golden ones. But often they found a good street with but a few cars and couldn't cross. If only there had been another help...

*One day a follower of the WAY was waiting his turn to cross. The signal came, he was motioned ahead, and he crossed the street. Upon reaching the other side, he ran into an old grammar school buddy, one who had broken the Law of the Way. "Why Gene, how did you get here?" he questioned. The old friend smiled, "Hello Barry, why I walked across 25 feet down when I saw a clear spot in the traffic." "But...but... I have waited 2 weeks to cross this street and...and" stuttered Barry. "It is easy," said Gene. "It can't be," said Barry, it is wrong, it is not the WAY." "It is easy," said Gene, "and best of all,, you can still learn! But you will have to open your mind and be prepared to think and observe." Barry remembered those words. They were part of the forbidden fruits of the WAY. Barry was nervous but also curious and drew closer to hear. "I must warn you, though," added Gene, "that once you learn, you may decide never to cross the street as you have in the past." Barry looked puzzled. "It is kinda like the zoo," said Gene. "Each animal lives day to day. They walk up and down and the keeper will throw them a pound or two of meat now and then. For all they know, that is life. But if they are trained to use their natural skills and let loose, they will discover that their life as been one of captivity and supression. If they see the keeper, they will run away for they know, for they know that to be free is best."

"Yes," said Barry, "but I am afraid to leave the holy and righteous WAY. I mean, it is almost always worked before. Why, one time there was a great fog on the street and I could not tell if I had crossed the street or not until the Golden One pronounced, "Good crossing, next sheep." Gene put his arm over Barry's shoulder and spode softly, "Well Barry, even a blind man can cross the street and tell if he has reached the other side. Did you even think about the early days, Barry? Before traffic lights and highways; free and independent street crossers, crossing where ever and whenever we could. The safety patrol is a contrivance of man, the holy way is not HOLY!" "But I have to be sure." pleaded Barry, "I have followed the WAY all my life, give me a sign." "Okay, Barry, how many streets have you crossed in your life?" "Oh....200 or so," was the answer. "Well, I did that in my sophomore year of high school," said Gene. "but more importantly, can you cross any street by yourself?" Barry thought for awhile and then said. "Well, maybe a few lanes or an alley."

Barry felt very empty. The WAY was no way at all. "Will you teach me? Can I really still learn?" "Of course," smiled Gene, "you can still learn, but you will be your own teacher." Barry stopped trembling. He smiled, and arm in arm with Gene, walked to the next street. Gene pointed and Barry saw the old playground. Barry approached the street. Slowly, carefully, he ventured out. There were no cars and he sprited across. He turned and smiled at Gene. "This was a good place to start," said Barry. "Yea, I know," said Gene. "Good Luck!"

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

Dave Sublette, K4TO, got away as planned for their move to Kwajalein...His mailing address for Christmas cards and notes is: P. O.

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Box 1179, APO San Francisco, California 96555....I hope the small type is not too unpleasant to read....I frankly do not like it, but we had no other choice if we ran everything this month....so if we do not get too many complaints, in future emergencies we may use it again sometime...We still did not get around to running two articles...Oh well, better too much than too little....Cookie, sorry I did not get to run your article this month....I know you spent many hours on it after promising last month...but, we will run it next month...The crystals for the N4UV repeater are in hand.....A new antenna has been bought, Sonny has the new feedline, and Josh has the mounting bracket made, and Johnny has the switching circuit completed....so the only thing we need is a crew to make the trip up to Madkin Mountain and get things going...any volunteers...Don't mean to be picky but with all the cw activity on 30 lately it sure would be nice if we all used some standard like zero beat or "carrier frequency" to allow some of us lds to get closer to the frequency...Remember not all of our "Readouts" read the same frequency....Still need some more articles for the Longpath...It is about time for Mr. K4XQ, KR4F, AA4AR, N4KG, W4ZWE, N4AJZ to refill my Longpath article folder...About it for this month....Get your name into Don Steenburn for the Christmas party....We would like to see you even if you do not want to see us....So get your Christmas party season off to a good start and come to the Christmas Party..We again had to guarantee 50 places....So.....Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.....

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www.hamfest.org

Upcoming DX Contests

by Chuck Lewis, N4NM

IARU HF NRAU 10 Meter Activity Contest, (CW/SSB/DIG), 10 meters



Aug 6, 1700Z to Aug 6, 2100Z

Exchange: RST, 6-Char. Grid

See page 82, Aug. QST and nrau.net

WAE CW DX Contest, (CW), 80-10 meters



Aug 8, 0000Z to Aug. 9, 2359Z

Exchange: RST plus serial No. See web for QTC rules.

See page 82, August QST and www.darc.de

YB Bekasi Merdeka Contest, CW/SSB, 80 – 10 Meters



Aug. 8, 1200Z to Aug. 9, 1159Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus “DX” or YB section

See page 82, Aug. QST and bmc.orari-kotabesaki.com

SARL HF Digital Contest (DIG), 80-20 meters



Aug. 9, 1300Z to 1600Z

Exchange: RST, serial no.

See page 82, Aug. QST and mysarl.org.za

DARC FT4 Contest, (FT4), 80 meters



Aug. 11, 1900Z to Aug. 11, 2029Z

Exchange: Signal Report, 4-char. grid square

See page 82, Aug. QST and www.darc.de



SARTG WW RTTY Contest, (RTTY), 80-10 meters

Aug. 15, 0000Z to Aug. 16, 1600Z

Exchange: RST plus Serial No.

See page 82, August QST and www.sartg.com

Russian District Award Contest, (CW/SSB), 160 – 10 meters



Aug. 15, 0800Z to Aug. 16 0800Z

Exchange: RS(T) + Serial or Russian district code

See page 82, Aug. QST and rdaward.org/rdac1.htm

Keymen's Club of Japan Contest (CW), 160-6 meters



Aug. 15, 1200Z to Aug. 16, 1200Z

Exchange: RST and CQ zone or JA prefecture

See page 82, Aug. QST and www.kcj-cw.com

CVA (Brazil) DX Contest, (CW), 160 -10 meters



Aug. 15, 1800Z to Aug. 16, 2100Z

Exchange: RST + continent or Brazilian state

See page 82, Aug. QST and cvadx.org

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, (CW), 160 - 10 meters



Aug. 16, 2300Z to Aug. 17, 0100Z

Exchange: RST, SPC, member # or power

See page 82, Aug. QST and qrptest.com/plgrun

RSGB FT4 Contest, (FT4), 80-10 meters



Aug. 17, 1900Z to Aug. 17, 2100Z

Exchange: Signal report

See page 82, Aug. QST and www.rsgbcc.org

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, (CW), 20 meters



Aug. 20, 0000Z to Aug. 21, 0300Z

Exchange: RST, SPC, Name, Member # or power (<13WPM please)

See page 82, Aug. QST and qrptest.com/plgwalk20

Upcoming DX Contests (continued)

YODX HF CONTEST

YO DX Contest, (CW/SSB), 80-10 meters

Aug. 22, 1200Z to Aug. 23, 1200Z

Exchange: RS(T), Serial or YO district

See page 82, August QST and www.yodx.ro

ARSI VU DX Contest, (CW/SSB), 40 - 10 meters



Aug. 22, 1200Z to Aug. 23, 1200Z

Exchange: RS(T)plus Serial or VU state code

See page 82, Aug. QST and arsi.info

CVA (Brazil) DX Contest, (CW/SSB/DIG), 160 -10 meters



Aug. 22, 1800Z to Aug. 23, 2100Z

Exchange: RS + continent or Brazilian state

See page 82, Aug. QST and cvadx.org

SARL HF CW Contest (CW), 80-20 meters



Aug. 23, 1400Z to 1700Z

Exchange: RST, serial no.

See page 82, Aug. QST and mysarl.org.za



SCRYP/RTTYOps WW DX RTTY Contest, (RTTY), 160 -10 meters

Aug. 28, 2200Z to Aug. 30, 2359

Exchange: RST plus 4-digit year of first license

See Aug. QST and rttyops.com/index.php

ALARA Contest, (CW/SSB), 80-10 meters



Aug. 29, 0600Z to Aug. 30, 0559Z

Exchange: RS/T plus serial or YL/OM member #/club stn.

See Aug. QST and www.alara.org.au



Worldwide Digi DX Contest (DIG - FT4, FT8) 160-10 Meters

Aug. 29, 1200Z to Aug. 30, 1200Z

Exchange: 4-character grid square

See: Page 82, Aug. QST and ww-digi.com/



UK/EI DX Contest (SSB), 80 meters

Sept. 2, 2000Z to Sept. 1, 2100Z

Exchange: RS, serial, UK/EI send district code

See www.ukaicc.com

All Asian DX contest, (SSB), 80-10 meters

Sept. 5, 0000Z to Sept. 6, 2400Z

Exchange: RS plus 2-digit age

See https://www.jarl.org/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/aadx_eng.html



WAE DX Contest, (SSB), 80-10 meters

Sept. 12, 0000Z to Sept. 13, 2400Z

Exchange: RS, serial no.

See: www.darc.de



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

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





DXpeditions in August 2026

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Start	End	Entity	Callsign	QSL via	Notes
2026 Jul25	2026 Aug09	Trinidad & Tobago	9Y4	LoTW	By 8P6PE as 9Y4/8P6PE fm Chaguanas; HF; several POTA activations; end-fed long wire, Buddipole; QSL via eQSL, QRZ
2026 Jul26	2026 Aug06	South Cook Is	E51CZZ	IK2DUW	By ZL4CZ fm Rarotonga I; HF; SSB
2026 Aug03	2026 Aug09	Tuvalu	T2JK	LoTW	By JK1JXZ fm Funafuti; 80-6m; QRV after 5pm Tuvalu time weekdays, all day weekends; may extend stay until Aug 14
2026 Aug03	2026 Aug12	Aland Is	OH0ERF	DK0ERF	By DL1TAM DL5AXI DL5ARI DO6KD DL1STL DG0OCG fm KP00be; 160-10m, perhaps 6m; CW SSB FT8; holiday style operation
2026 Aug05	2026 Aug10	Bahamas	C6AYM	LoTW	By K9GY; 80-6m; CW; QRV for WAE CW
2026 Aug06	2026 Aug10	Aruba	P40AA	DL4MM	By DL4MM; 160-6m; CW SSB + digital; QRV for WAEDC Contest (SO HP)
2026 Aug07	2026 Aug14	El Salvador	YS	LoTW	By WE9G as YS/WE9G fm El Sunzal (EK53hl); 160-6m; mostly FT8 FT4 FT2, some CW SSB; QSL via Club Log OQRS
2026 Aug08	2026 Aug09	Tajikistan	EY35S	LoTW	By YL1ZF YL2KL; QRV for WAE DX CW, M/S; QSL via W0VTT
2026 Aug15	2026 Aug16	Namibia	V55LH	LoTW	By V51Q V51F V51WO; 80-10m; SSB CW FT8
2026 Aug15	2026 Aug22	Market Reef	OJ0	LoTW	By OH3JR as OJ0JR and OH2YL as OJ0YL; 80-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL via Club Log OQRS
2026 Aug15	2026 Aug29	Franz Josef Land	RI1FJL	LoTW	By R7AL RW8A RW9JZ UA3QLC UA4Z RA4DX; 160-10m; CW SSB
2026 Aug18	2026 Aug29	Canary Is	EA8	IZ1GDB (B/d)	By IZ1GDB as EA8/IZ1GDB fm Mogan, Gran Canaria; 40 20 15 10m
2026 Aug20	2026 Aug26	Iceland	TF5SS	TF5SS Buro)	By Icelandic Scouts fm Akureyri; HF
2026 Aug24	2026 Aug31	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals; QSL also OK via W5JON direct
2026 Aug25	2026 Oct10	Namibia	V51WH	DK2WH	By DK2WH fm nr Omaruru; 160-6m, incl 60m; QRV as V55Y in CQWW RTTY Contest
2026 Aug28	2026 Aug30	Liechtenstein	HB040A	LoTW	By Liechtenstein Radio Amateur Association ops; HF; SSB FT8 FT4
2026 Sep01	2026 Sep12	Grenada	J3	LoTW	By MM8IJU as J38LD and GM5RDX as J38DX fm IOTA NA-024; 80-6m; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL via M0OXO
2026 Sep04	2026 Sep07	Palau	T88PB	LoTW	By JA0JHQ fm Koror I (IOTA OC-009, PJ77fi); HF; CW; QRV for All Asia DX SSB; QSL via JA0JHQ direct
2026 Sep04	2026 Sep11	Kosovo	Z68PX	LoTW	By IZ2DPX fm Grashtice; 60-6m; SSB FT8 FT4; vertical, dipoles; QSL via Club Log OQRS or IZ2DPX (B/d)
2026 Sep04	2026 Sep12	Vietnam	3W9C	LoTW	By SP5APW fm Hon Son I (IOTA AS-128); focus on 6m, some 20 15 10m; QSL via Club Log OQRS



Club Business and Announcements

July Meeting Minutes and Financial Report

by Jim Brown, W1WSF

Minutes

Bruce Smith, AC4G, opened the July 14 meeting at 6:30 pm at the Signals Museum. Twenty-three members attended in person, with four others joining via Zoom. No new member applications were pending. Two guests also attended: Dean Korsak, KR4IFF, and Cody Hogwood.

Members were reminded that if they have not yet paid their dues, they should do so either online or in person to Jim Brown (W1WSF). The membership dues help fund the banquet and DXpeditions. Forty-one members have paid their 2026 dues.

Bruce announced that banquet tickets can be purchased online and that only 13 members have purchased tickets. Jim reported that 79 dinner tickets have been sold. Once 100 tickets have been sold, the remaining tickets will be reserved for sale at HamFest. The banquet speaker will be Max Freedman, N4ML, who participated in the Bouvet DXpedition. Rick Roderick, K5UR, President of the ARRL, and Dave Minster, NA2AA, CEO of the ARRL, will also be attending the banquet. Mark Brown, N4BCD, noted that the ARRL will be bringing 40 people to HamFest for the ARRL National Convention. Mark also spoke about the ARRL three-day tracks at HamFest:

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Details about these events, as well as the ARRL Convention dinner at the Space and Rocket Center, can be found at HamFest.org.

Bruce reviewed the DXs from the last month and noted that Israel as well as A71 had been on 6 meters earlier in the day.

Bruce conducted a quick survey of members who had read the LongPath, and then members unanimously approved both last month's meeting minutes and the financial report.

Next, members discussed the upcoming HamFest. Bruce noted that Steve Werner, AG4W, and Fred Kepner, K3FRK, will be manning the card check table at HamFest. Bruce asked members to consider helping from opening till lunch to process DX cards. Bruce also reminded everyone that NADXC will have a table at the event in case anyone wants to sell equipment. Any sellers were advised to leave a card with asking price and minimum price if they will not be sitting at the table full time. Chuck Lewis, N4NM, has taken care of the plaque for the Young Ham of the Year Award.

The discussion moved on to the August NADXC Banquet. Bruce reminded everyone that the cost is \$45 and encouraged members to buy tickets as they are selling out fast. Don Bertram, N4SEI, will work with Jill Brown, K4TXT, to get a table layout for 115 guests. Don will also check to see if HARC can provide rectangular tables; if not, members are asked to volunteer tables. DX Engineering will provide one door prize, bringing the confirmed total to fifteen. Four volunteers will be needed to help with setup prior to the banquet. The volunteers will need to arrive by 4:30pm. The social will begin at 5:15 pm and dinner no later than 6:15 pm. Tickets will be put in envelopes with names/callsigns on the front to be handed

July Meeting Minutes and Financial Report (continued)

out at the door. Barry Barton, WA4HR, has the raffle tickets.

Bruce announced that a Board of Directors (BOD) meeting had been held. Jim Brown, W1WSF, announced that the Peter I DXpedition, 3Y0L, has received \$800 from the NADXC and the Democratic Republic of Congo, 9T0MD, has received \$400. Bruce noted that if Steve Werner, AG4W, goes on the Congo trip, the BOD may increase the funding. Steve is 85% sure he is not going on this trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm, followed by Don Bertram, N4SEI, speaking on VLF and ELF operations at the Naval facility in Annapolis, Maryland.

Financial Report

It has been a busy month. \$10,000 was moved out of the Regions Checking account into two CDs. The first CD is for six months with an interest rate of 3.44%. The second CD is for 17 months with an interest rate of 3.59%. This should allow for some flexibility if funds are needed before the due dates.

A total of 108 banquet dinner tickets and 99 additional raffle tickets have been sold. Online ticket sales have been terminated. This leaves seven dinner tickets available to be sold at the HamFest. A total of 26 door prizes are on hand for the banquet.

Three memberships were paid in July, and one extended through 2027.

The NADXC made an \$800 donation to the 3Y0L Peter I DXpedition and a \$400 donation to the 9T0MD Congo DXpedition. This leaves \$554 in the DXpedition budget for the year.

Upcoming NADXC Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

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

Program: Hamfest and Banquet Planning Session

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

NADXC Balances

	Jan-26	Expected 12-26	Jul-26	YTD Diff
Avadian Checking	\$ 7,352.26	\$ 5,426.26	\$ -	
Avadian Savings	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ -	
Avadian CD	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ -	
Paypal	\$ 66.41	\$ -	\$ -	
Regions 3.44% CD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	
Regions 3.59% CD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	
Regions Checking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,682.75	
Total	\$ 17,423.67	\$ 15,831.26	\$ 19,682.75	\$ 2,259.08

NADXC Budget Report

Category	Budget	July	YTD
Income			
Banquet Raffle	\$ 300	\$ 215	\$ 495
Banquet Ticket Sales	\$ 4,950	\$ 2,340	\$ 4,860
Club Dues	\$ 920	\$ 85	\$ 930
Donations - Equipment Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40
Huntsville Hamfest Donation	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ -
From Avadian CD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165
Total Income	\$ 6,620	\$ 2,640	\$ 6,490
Expenses			
Awards			
ARRL Bricks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Plaques	\$ 315	\$ -	\$ 33
Awards Subtotal	\$ 315	\$ -	\$ 33
Banquet			
Drinks	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -
Food	\$ 2,980	\$ -	\$ 200
Grand Prize	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ 654
Insurance	\$ 120	\$ -	\$ 136
Speaker room Travel	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ -
PayPal Fee	\$ 304	\$ 108	\$ 370
Venue	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600
Banquet Subtotal	\$ 5,204	\$ 108	\$ 1,960
Dxpeditons	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,446
Operating Expenses			
Harc Zoom	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93
Museum Meetings	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 700
Web Hosting	\$ 77	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Expenses Total	\$ 827	\$ -	\$ 793
Picnic	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 8,546	\$ 1,308	\$ 4,231
Difference	(\$1,926)		\$2,259.08

Includes tip
\$104 over budget

Hamfest Table, Checks, Tape



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Convention Starts 8am till 4pm

2026 DX Banquet Update

The banquet is nearly sold out and online ticket sales have been closed. The few remaining tickets will be sold at the NADXC DXCC table at Hamfest. These tickets will be sold first-come-first-served.

Presentation: 3YOK Bouvet Island DXpedition by Max Freedman, N4ML



Date and time: Evening of Saturday, August 22nd.

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



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 on 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.