



The DX HUNTER

NOVEMBER 07

TVDXA CLUB INFO

MEETINGS: 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
NOV. MEETING: 11/8/07 - 6:30PM @ WALLY's
DEC. MEETING: 12/13/07 - 6:30PM @ WALLY's
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“More than a Club – We are Friends”

CLUB NEWS

CLUB INCORPORATION:

The club received the formal State approval 10/11/07. Thanks to everyone for their help, ideas and support.

SCOUT PRESENTATION:

TVDXA members, the Howard's M&T, Paul P, Gary G, and Kenny and Steaven R presented a program to Cub Pack 3177 and Boy Scout Troop 99 of Ringgold, GA. There were about 60-70 scouts and parents attending. A video narrated by Walter Cronkite and a Power Point Presentation were shown. We also had 3 stations set up, SSB, RTTY/CW and ILRP. The scouts talked to California, Colorado, Australia and had their names tapped out in CW (way cool!). Everyone had a good time and there were a number of scouts and parents interested in learning more about our hobby. We may have some meeting visitors from this. Thanks to all for their time and a great program.

TVDXA PERSONALITY

Tony Martin – W4FOA

First licensed as WN4FOA in 1954, Tony prefers to work CW but will work some SSB, primarily DX-related. He enjoys chasing DX on all HF bands and is always loud. He has worked and confirmed all of the current DXCC countries and has a 9B-DXCC. He is also works QRP and is a member of FISTS. As a contester, his shack walls are covered in contest winning awards.

He finds the IOTA program fascinating and likes chasing the Islands on the Air. He and Nan have been part of the TVDXA Island Hopper trips.

He has a modest telegraph key collection (approximately 100) including a Johnson Speed-X purchased in 1954 and a Bunnell sideswiper (or cootie) key.

Tony is an elder in his Church and chairman of "The Least of These" which is a local organization providing support to needy children.

Tony takes a lot of kidding from the SSB gang but is really a "Closet SSB Guru". He has a good sense of humor to takes things lightly....





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CONTESTING NEWS

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>WEEKDAY - TIME UTC</u>	<u>CONTEST NAME</u>	<u>MODE</u>
1- 7	Thu 0000 - Wed 2400	HA-QRP Contest - CW	
1	Thu 1800 - 2200	10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/Digi	
3	Sat 0600 - 1000	IPA Radio Club Contest (1) - CW	
3- 4	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	Ukrainian DX Contest - CW/SSB	
3	Sat 1400 - 1800	IPA Radio Club Contest (2) - CW	
3- 4	Sat 1600 - Sun 0400	Feld-Hell Club Fall Fling - Feld-Hell	
3- 4	Sat 1700 - Sun 0500	RCA QSO Party - AM/SSB	
3- 5	Sat 2100 - Mon 0300	ARRL Sweepstakes - CW	
3- 5	Sat 2100 - Mon 0300	NA Collegiate ARC Championship - CW	
4	Sun 0600 - 1000	IPA Radio Club Contest (3) - SSB	
4	Sun 0900 - 1100	High Speed Club CW Contest (1) - CW	
4	Sun 1100 - 1700	DARC 10 m Digital Contest "Corona" - Digi	
4	Sun 1400 - 1800	IPA Radio Club Contest (4) - SSB	
4	Sun 1500 - 1700	High Speed Club CW Contest (2) - CW	
6	Tue 0200 - 0400	ARS Spartan Sprint - CW	
10-11	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	Worked All Europe DX-Contest - RTTY	
10-11	Sat 0700 - Sun 1300	Japan International DX Contest - Phone	
10	Sat 1100 - 1200	SL Contest - CW	
10-11	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	OK/OM DX Contest - CW	
10	Sat 1230 - 1330	SL Contest - SSB	
10-11	Sat 1400 - Sun 0600	Kentucky QSO Party - CW/SSB	
10-12	Sat 1900 - Mon 0500	CQ-WE Contest - All	
14	Wed 0100 - 0300	SKCC Sprint - CW	
16	Fri 1600 - 2200	YO International PSK31 Contest - PSK31	
17-18	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	INORC Contest - CW	
17-18	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	LZ DX Contest - CW/SSB	
17	Sat 1500 - 1700	Feld-Hell Club Sprint - Feld-Hell	
17-18	Sat 1600 - Sun 0700	All Austrian 160 m Contest - CW	
17-19	Sat 2100 - Mon 0300	ARRL Sweepstakes - SSB	
17-19	Sat 2100 - Mon 0300	NA Collegiate ARC Championship - SSB	
17-18	Sat 2100 - Sun 0100	RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest - CW	
18	Sun 0000 - 2400	EPC PSK63 QSO Party - BPSK63	
18	Sun 1300 - 1700	HOT Party - CW	
18	Sun 1400 - 1500	SSA Månadstest nr 11 - CW	
18	Sun 1515 - 1615	SSA Månadstest nr 11 - SSB	
19	Mon 0200 - 0400	Run For The Bacon QRP Contest - CW	
22	Thu 0130 - 0330	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint - CW	



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24-25	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	ARRL International EME Competition - All
24-25	Sat 0000 - Sun 2400	CQ WW DX Contest - CW
24-25	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	CQ WW SWL Challenge - CW
25	Sun 0000 - 2400	SKCC Weekend Sprint - CW
29	Thu 0000 - 0600	QRP ARCI Topband Sprint - CW/SSB
30- 2	Fri 2200 - Sun 1600	ARRL 160 Meter Contest - CW

CONTESTING HINT

It's 23:45Z on Friday night. You've just turned on your radio and you're now ready to go, right? Well, Probably not. It is always a *better* approach to check the bands at sunrise and sunset daily toward the end of the week to get a feel for the prevailing conditions *before* the contest. Here are some good questions to ask: Has the flux been failing or rising? When did 10 meters open to Europe yesterday and the day before? Has 15 meters been good to JA around 24:00Z (the start of the contest)? The moral of the story is check bands mid-to late-week. You'll be glad you did, and your score will reflect the difference in the end! (Tnx YCCC)



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ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS

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<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION/CALL</u>	<u>QSL VIA</u>	<u>INFO</u>
2007 2007 Nov01 Nov04	Guyana 8R1PY	PY4KL	By PY2TNT PY2WAS fm Georgetown; 80-10m + 2m and 60m; SSB CW; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2007 2007 Nov01 Nov13	Syria YK9SV		By SV team fm Arwad Is (AS-186); HF + 6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK
2007 2007 Nov01 Nov14	Norfolk Island VK9ANH	DL2AH	By DL2AH; 40-10m; SSB RTTY; FT897; loops; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct (SAE + 1 IRC)
2007 2008 Nov01 Jan05	Qatar A7	NM7H	By NM7H as A7/G0MKT; 40-10m, possibly 6m; mainly CW, some PSK + SSB; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2007 2007 Nov02 Nov14	Tonga A35AX	ON5AX	By ON5AX ON3AX fm OC-049; 40 30 20m; CW SSB PSK
2007 2007 Nov04 Nov18	Brunei V8	See Info	By PA3EWP F5CWU GM4FDM as V8FWP V8FWU V8FDM; 160-10m, focus on 160-30m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL V8FWP via PA7FM, others via home call
2007 2007 Nov07 Nov12	Malaysia 9M4DXX	JA1OCZ	By JA1OCZ fm Penang; 80-10m; CW SSB FM; QSL OK via Buro or direct: Yoshiaki Kobayashi, 2-24-16-208 Minami magome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, 143-0025
2007 2007 Nov08 Nov24	Mauritius 3B8	SM7DKF Direct	By SM7DKF as 3B8/SM7DKF; mainly SSB, perhaps some digital; IOTA frequencies; holiday style operation
2007 2007 Nov15 Nov28	Mozambique C91KDJ	LotW	By W5KDJ; 160-10m, focus on 160m; CW, possibly RTTY
2007 2007 Nov15 Nov28	Sint Maarten PJ7	Home Call	By DH1ND DG5XJ DJ5HD as PJ7/homecall fm NA-105; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY PSK31; QSL OK via Buro or direct; also fm FS/homecall
2007 2007 Nov15 Dec15	Revilla Gigedo XF4		By FMRE; callsigns 6E4LM and XF4YK requested; 160-6m w/ focus on 160 + 6m; 100w; simple antennas
2007 2007 Nov16 Nov25	Easter Island CE0Y	OE2SNL	By OE2SNL as CE0Y/OE2SNL; 80-10m; CW RTTY PSK31; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2007 2007 Nov16 Dec04	Grenada J3	Home Call	By J38AA (WA1S), J37LR (VE3EBN), J3/DL5AXX J3/N2GA J3/K2DO J3/S50R J3/K5AC J3/W2LK; QRV for CQWW DX CW as J3A
2007 2007 Nov19 Nov26	Tonga A35	LY1F Direct	By LY1F fm OC-049; focus on low band CW; QRV for CQWW DX CW; VK9CLH postponed until Spring 2008
2007 2007 Nov19 Nov27	San Andres HK0	Home Call	By K3WT N0STL W0OR N0AT as HK0/homecall fm San Andres Is (NA-033, LH-2990); QSL OK via Buro or direct; also as 5J0A during CQWW DX CW (QSL via W0JAR)
2007 2007 Nov19 Dec20	Tunisia 3V8SS	GM0DHZ	By GM0DHZ; all bands; 160m fm 1930z, CW only; holiday style operation

2007 Nov20	2007 Dec03	Montserrat	VP2M	K9CS	By K3VX K4NO K7NM AK9F K9NR K9CS; QRV for CQWW DX CW + ARRL 160m Contest
2007 Nov21	2007 Nov30	Uganda	5X1NH	G3RWF	By G3RWF; low band + WARC, as cx permit; CW SSB RTTY PSK; QRV for CQ WW DX CW; fm Kampala Nov 21-26, thence to western 5X
2007 Nov23	2007 Nov27	Bermuda	VP9		By OH3SR as VP9/OH3SR; all bands; SSB CW RTTY; holiday style operation; casual entry in CQWW DX CW
2007 Nov29	2007 Dec10	Mozambique	C9	LotW	By W5KDJ; focus on 160 80m; CW only; 72 foot vert w/ 50+ radials
2007 Nov30	2007 Dec07	Gambia	C56JJ	PA4JJ	By PA4JJ fm Kololi Beach

STATION PICTURES:

I would like to include your "station photo" in the Newsletter. If you will send me a picture(s) of your station and a short description, we can include it in the newsletter. Let others see "The Hideout".

KE4MBP Shack



Icom 756 Pro & Kenwood 690S for HF/6 Meters
 Icom 2200 & Icom 706MkIIIG for VHF local stuff
 Not shown: Swan 500C transceiver & SB 301

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