



# The DX HUNTER

JANUARY 08

## TVDXA CLUB INFO

**MEETINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**JAN MEETING: 1/10/08 - 6:30PM @ WALLY'S**  
**FEB MEETING: 2/14/08 - 6:30PM @ WALLY'S**  
**TVDXA WEBSITE: TVDXA.com**  
**DX Packet Cluster: 144.990 @ 1200 Baud**  
**DX Tele-net: k4jw.no-ip (41414)**  
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**“More than a Club – We are Friends”**

## CLUB NEWS

The Newsletter is now two years old and I hope everyone is enjoying it and that it provides some information and entertainment for the members. I am always open to suggestions, ideas or articles that you want to share.

**PLEASE! I need all the help I can get.**

### FIELD DAY 08:

I know it's early but we need to get started on this year's effort. We need to have a "lively" give and take on what we want to attempt this year. Let's talk it up at the meetings. Additionally, what can **you** bring to the table to help us have another wild and crazy time?

### 2007 YEAR IN REVIEW:

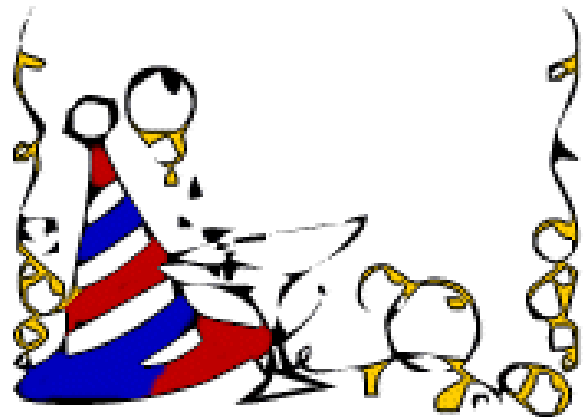
It has been another good year for TVDXA. The club continues to grow and become more involved in helping its members. Another successful IOTA trip to Follys Island and an eventful Field Day added to our status. Antenna parties also helped get more Big Guns on the air. Incorporation will provide protection for members during club activities.

What will 2008 bring for TVDXA? Please continue your help and involvement.

**“Dues are Due!!”**  
**Please get them to Dick N4LT**

## TVDXA PERSONALITY

# Happy New Year



## Wishing you Health and Happiness in 2008



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## CONTESTING NEWS

### JANUARY 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WEEKDAY - TIME UTC</u>	<u>CONTEST NAME</u>	<u>MODE</u>
1	Tue 0000 – 2400	ARRL Straight Key Night - CW	
1	Tue 0800 – 1100	SARTG New Year Contest - RTTY	
1	Tue 0800 – 2200	SCAG Straight Key Day - SKD - CW	
1	Tue 0900 – 1200	AGCW Happy New Year Contest - CW	
1	Tue 1200 – 1500	IRTS 80 Metres Counties Contest - CW/SSB	
3	Thu 1800 – 2200	10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/DIGI	
5-6	Sat 1800 - Sun 2400	ARRL RTTY Roundup - Digital	
5	Sat 2000 – 2300	EUCW 160 m Contest (1) - CW	
6	Sun 0400 – 0700	EUCW 160 m Contest (2) - CW	
6	Sun 0700 – 0800	Vytautas Magnus Trophy Contest - CW/FM/SSB	
<b>6</b>	<b>Sun 1800 – 2400</b>	<b>Kid's Day Contest - SSB</b>	
12	Sat 0000 – 2400	070 Club PSKFest - PSK-31	
12-13	Sat 0000 - Sun 2400	Hunting LIONS in the Air - CW/SSB	
12-13	Sat 1200 - Sun 2359	MI-QRP Club January CW Contest - CW	
12	Sat 1400 – 2000	Midwinter Contest - CW	
12-13	Sat 1800 - Sun 0600	North American QSO Party - CW	
13	Sun 0000 – 2359	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon - CW	
13	Sun 0530 – 0730	NRAU-Baltic Contest - CW	
13	Sun 0800 – 1400	Midwinter Contest - SSB	
13	Sun 0800 – 1000	NRAU-Baltic Contest - SSB	
13	Sun 0900 – 1059	DARC 10m-Contest - CW/SSB	
13	Sun 1400 – 1500	SSA Månadstest nr 1 - CW	
13	Sun 1515 – 1615	SSA Månadstest nr 1 - SSB	
16	Wed 1900 – 2100	MOON Contest - CW/Digi/SSB	
17	Thu 0130 – 0330	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint - CW	
19	Sat 0400 – 1200	LZ Open Contest - CW	
19	Sat 0600 – 1400	CQ UT Contest - CW/SSB	
19-20	Sat 1200 - Sun 1159	Hungarian DX Contest - CW/SSB	
19-20	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	UK DX RTTY Contest - RTTY	
19	Sat 1500 – 1700	Feld-Hell Club Sprint - Feld-Hell	
19-20	Sat 1800 - Sun 0600	North American QSO Party - SSB	
21	Mon 0200 – 0400	Run For The Bacon QRP Contest - CW	
23	Wed 0100 – 0300	SKCC Sprint - CW	
26-27	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	CQ World-Wide 160-Meter DX Contest - CW	
26-27	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	YLISB QSO Party - SSB	
26-27	Sat 0600 - Sun 1800	REF Contest – CW	



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26	Sat 0700 – 1100	SARL Youth for Amateur Radio - Phone
26-27	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	BARTG RTTY Sprint Contest - RTTY
26-27	Sat 1300 - Sun 1300	UBA DX Contest - SSB
26-27	Sat 1700 - Sun 1700	SPAR Winter Field Day – All

## DX Stories by Paul M. Dunphy, VE1DX

### Society for the Preservation of AM

One of the Local QRPers came by the other day, carrying a large envelope and a heavy burden. "What have you got in the envelope?", we asked. "My DXCC certificate", the QRPer replied sadly, "with all my endorsement stickers up to 175. Got it a few days ago from the league." We were at a loss to understand the forlorn look on the QRPer's face, for he had been one of the more enthusiastic operators during the past few years. "What's wrong?", we asked, "Haven't you been looking forward to the day when you'd hit the DXCC mark? And didn't you hold off sending in your cards till you had almost 200? That's pretty impressive."

The QRPer sat down and stared at us wearily. "That's what I thought. I spent a lot of time working these stations, and a lot more time chasing down the QSLs. I thought I'd achieved something . . . until I took this down to the local DX club last night. Now I don't know what to think." We were not understanding at all here. "What happened?", we asked. The QRPer was sweating a bit so we got him a glass of water before he replied. "Well, all of the Big Guns took one look at my certificate and said it wasn't worth the paper it was printed on. The said that none of the DXCC certificates being issued these days were worth even sending for. What do you think of that?"

We had to know more, for these sort of statements were not in keeping with the amateur's code. "Why did they say that?", we asked. "They said I'd worked most of my DX from information I got off the packet cluster!", the QRPer said, jumping to his feet and downing his water in one gulp. "They said I was spoon feed the DX, that I didn't earn it by tuning around. They said that when they got their DXCC, they didn't have packet clusters. The did it the hard way and that I wasn't a real DXer at all!" He sat back down, seemingly having exhausted all his energy in this short outburst. We were properly sympathetic, for we had heard this sort of argument before. "Look at it this way", we replied, "You worked the DX using the resources you had available. You may have had help from the packet cluster spots, but you broke the pileups and worked the DX just the same. Take your DXCC certificate and put it up in your shack! You worked for it and you deserved it. Don't listen to those guys." The QRPer was not to be consoled. "But why do they have to belittle my achievements?", he asked, "Why do they say my DX is worth less than theirs?"

We were out of our league on this one. Although we'd heard some of the Big Guns put down packet clusters, we'd never thought about putting a value on DX or a worth on another's DXCC certificate. So, we decided to take the QRPer up to the hill to see the Old Timer. The QRPer repeated the events of the past few days as the Old Timer listened intently. "These guys who were putting down your DX achievements", the Old Timer asked, "would they be Joe and Rich, the guys who established the 2-meter DX spotting repeater about 10 or 15 years ago? And was Peter from down south of Palos Verdes involved too . . . the same Peter who set up the list of phone numbers among the DXers a few years before that? And didn't these guys work pretty much everything that moved with their 2-metre and landline network?"



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"Yes", the QRPer replied, "those were the guys. Joe, Rich and Peter . . . but they didn't tell me about any repeaters or phone lists." The Old Timer smiled for a moment, stood the QRPer up and said, "They never do. Stand tall, my son! You are a DXer! Take your certificate home and put it on the wall above your rig. Remember what Albert said: All things are relative, some more so. And never forget, there are none so pure as the reformed. DX IS! It always will be. It was twenty years ago for those guys and it is for you today!" The QRPer clutched his certificate, beamed with pride and was off down the hill to get a frame to hang it in the shack.

We looked at the Old Timer for a few minutes, then remarked "You sure made his day. And it's reassuring to know that DX is one of the constants of the universe, never changing in value . . . that all our DX achievements are equal." The Old Timer turned around and glared at us with a look we'd rarely seen before. "Listen Buster!", he shouted at us, "real DXing died when SSB and synthesized rigs hit the market! I earned my DXCC back when we used crystal controlled CW rigs and phone QSOs were AM! Those were the Great Days of DXing. There hasn't been a credible DXCC certificate issued since the league accepted the first QSL that had SSB written on it!" And with that, the Old Timer turned back to his rig, dialed up 75 metres and checked into the SPAM net!

Son of a Gun! What could we say? The Old Timer liked to quote Albert when he said all things were relative, but somehow he had found an exception to the rule! We decided to go back to our shack and check our QSLs . . . we recalled a dozen or so AM QSOs in our early days. Maybe we had less than 90 to go to get a real DXCC certificate! There are always some of the Eternal Enigmas and Mysteries of the Ages that even the most experienced DXers have trouble understanding!



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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>
2008 2008 Jan01 Jan20	Thailand HS0ZFI	SM5GMZ	All bands, focus on low bands + WARC; all modes; spare time operation; exact begin and end dates uncertain
2008 2008 Jan05 Jan15	Surinam PZ5YV	IT9DAA	By multinational team; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL OK via Buro or direct; exact begin and end dates uncertain
2008 2008 Jan08 Jan26	Dominican Republic HI	IZ5JNQ	Santo Domingo; 20 15 10m; SSB + digital
2008 2008 Jan09 Jan22	Marquesas FO/m	OH2PM	Nuku Hiva (OC-027); focus on 160-30m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2008 2008 Jan10 Jan14	Mariana Islands KH0	Home Call	By JI5USJ JI5RPT as KH0/JI5USJ and AH0V fm Saipan Is; 80-6m + 60m; CW SSB digital + satellite
2008 2008 Jan10 Jan21	Guinea Bissau J5C	F5TVG	160-10m; SSB CW digital SSTV FM; 5 stns, 24x24; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2008 2008 Jan13 Jan24	Tanzania 5H1CM	DL7CM	Uroa (KI93); 160-6m, focus on low bands; CW SSB RTTY; 800w; sloper + wires; holiday style operation
2008 2008 Jan15 Jan28	Galapagos HC8	DL9DAK	DL9DAK/HC8; 40 20 17m; digital modes; 50w; also fm HC1 + HC2 Jan 2-21
2008 2008 Jan15 Apr15	Guinea Bissau J5UAP	HA3AUI	30-10m; mainly digital, some SSB; spare time operation; QSL OK via Buro, LotW, eQSL, direct; sked requests OK
2008 2008 Jan15 Apr15	Senegal 6W2SC	HA3AUI	160-6m; mainly digital, some SSB; spare time operation; QSL OK via Buro, LotW, eQSL, direct; sked requests OK
2008 2008 Jan18 Jan24	Svalbard JW6RHA	LA6RHA	check 14.248 mHz, plus or minus; 16th visit to Svalbard
2008 2008 Jan21 Feb29	Cambodia XU7ADI	SM5GMZ	all bands; all modes; spare time operation; exact begin and end dates uncertain
2008 2008 Jan27 Feb28	South Georgia VP8DIF	DJ9ZB	Husvik (AN-007); all bands; QSL OK via Buro or direct

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