

# Northwest Indiana DX CLUB

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## President's Corner

Hello,

It appears winter weather has arrived. Was cold running a new coax the other day.

We are looking for presentations for meetings. If you would like to present a topic, please let Jerry or me know.

I want to wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season.

73  
John W3ML  
Good DXing!

## "Working the World from the Black Hole"

NWI DX Club Website  
<http://nwidxclub.weebly.com/>



Don't forget Steve Mollman is our QSL Card Checker.

DXCC Card Checking is available by appointment and may be available at meetings. E-Mail [kd9hl@arrl.net](mailto:kd9hl@arrl.net) for an appointment or to make other arrangements.

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**Reminder, the NWIDX Club has a club call W9NWI.**

The call is available to members for use during contests, special events, Field Day, etc. To schedule dates for its use, contact the trustee, Steve Mollman – KD9HL. [kd9hl@arrl.net](mailto:kd9hl@arrl.net)

QSL cards are available.

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# *Member DXCC Scorecard A Reminder*

We will be listing the membership's ARRL DXCC standings in the January issue of the newsletter. If you have worked any new entities since the last listing and haven't yet submitted them to the ARRL please do so early enough so they can be counted. Currently the ARRL is taking up to five weeks to process card applications with LOTW applications taking up to two weeks.

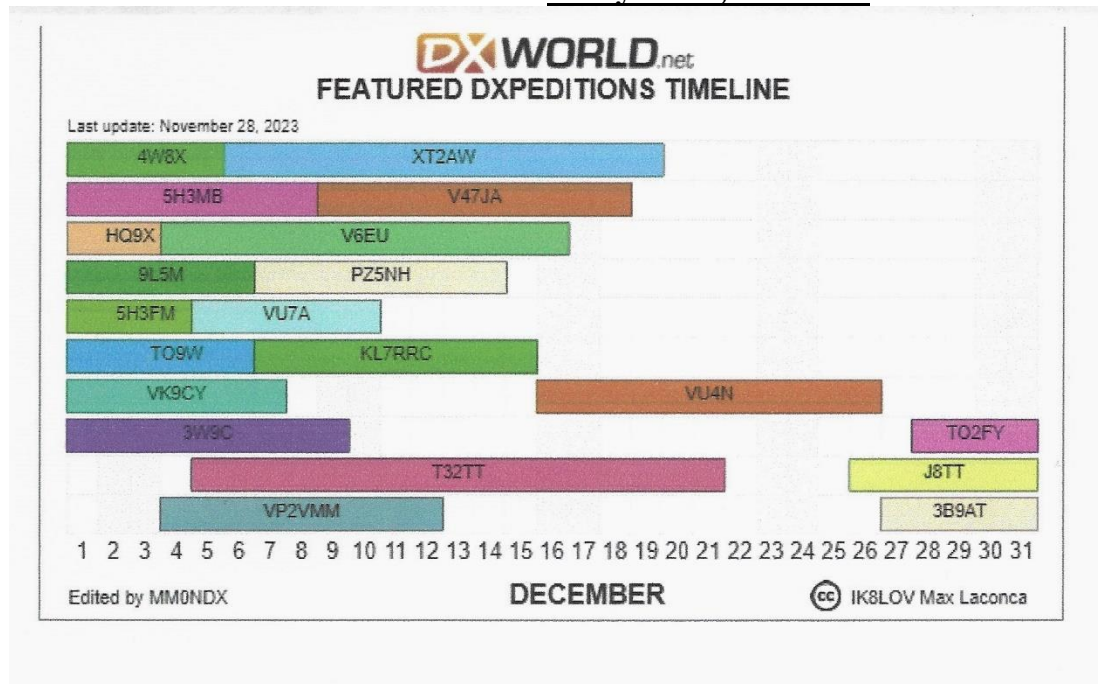
QSL Cards-Steve Mollman, KD9HL is our Official ARRL DXCC Card Checker. Contact Steve for card checking. You may email him at KD9HL@arrl.net for card checking details, if you desire to go that route. Logbook of the World-To submit LOTW credits on-line, click the Awards tab, and in the "Your LoTW ARRL DXCC Accounts" section on the left side of the Logbook Awards page, select the DXCC Award Account for which you intend to submit an application. Select the Award Account Menu on the left side and then select Application.

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## **DX LISTINGS FOR DECEMBER 2023**

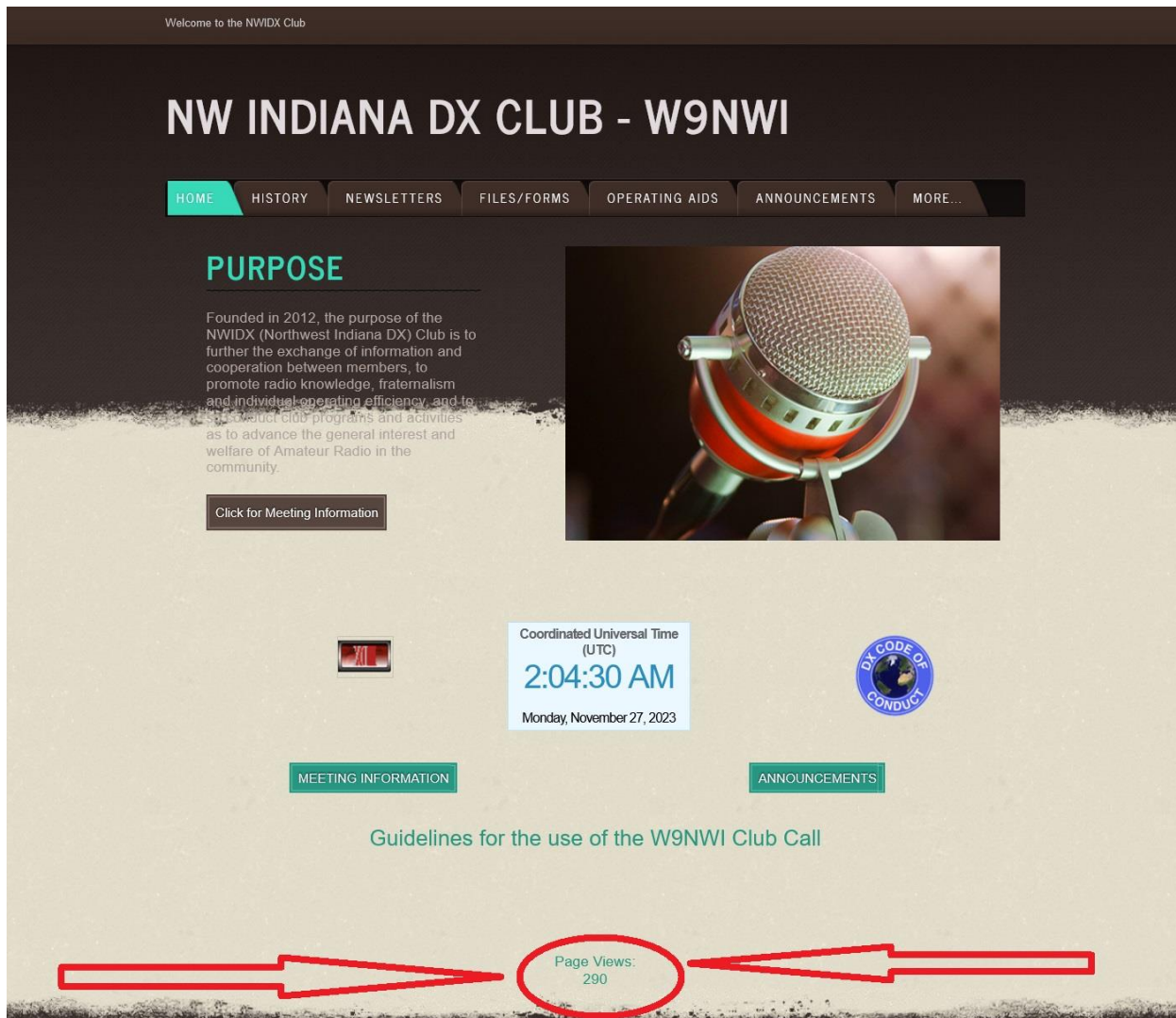
**BY**

**Jerry Hess, W9KTP**



# An Enhancement to the NWIDX Club Web Site

John Reardon-W9YOU, the club Webmaster, has added a view counter to the Website. If you are ever curious about how many visits the site has had, scroll down to the bottom of the page and the count will be shown.



To visit the Website, go to: <http://nwidxclub.weebly.com/>



# Question of the Month

*(The correct answer is at the end of the Newsletter)*

During November we had 7O8AD, 7O8AT and 7O73T operating from Yemen. When was the last DXpedition to Yemen?

- A. 2002
- B. 2007
- C. 2012
- D. 2019

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## 3YØK DX-pedition to Bouvetøya January 2025

**(#11 most wanted)**

- Where we will stay up to 21 days on the island
- A team of 3 operators + support team of 4 persons + remote team
- Budget is \$440,000 where 2/3 is secured already
- \$150,000 in support needed
- ALL PERMITS IN HAND

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**Peter I Island DX-pedition 2026 is in the progress**

**(#8 most wanted)**

There is also plans for Peter I Island in progress. We have secured a vessel, and we're now building a team of 19 operators that will go to Peter I Island in February 2026 and stay there for 14 days. The vessel is a proper Antarctica vessel with 2 helicopters, two Expedition leaders and with all permits needed. We are working closely with the Norwegian Polar Institute to obtain the landing permit. A website will be created and more information about Peter I Island DX-pedition will be released later. Fundraising is expected to start 2024

Team leader Ken LA7GIA – Co-leader Adrian KO8SCA, Co-leader Cezar VE3LYC and Co-leader Dave WD5COV

Media Officer and WW Pilot Steve Hass N2AJ

Because we are running the two DXpeditions through the same organization there exist synergies as for the equipment, logistics and resources committed to execute these.

**From:** Tedd Mirgliotta (KB8NW) <[kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org](mailto:kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org)>

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**For Immediate Release**  
**Press Release #8**  
**Dec 2, 2023**

**TX5S Clipperton Island DXpedition**  
**(NA-011)**  
**January 18 – February 1, 2024**



**Equipment Week:**

During the first week of December several team members will meet in Northern California to prepare the campsite and radio equipment for shipment to our boat Shogun which is docked at San Diego. We will inventory the tents and review their installation procedures, the Elecraft transceivers will be integrated with the computers, amplifiers, and the island's WIFI environment will be configured and integrated with Starlink. The EME and satellite stations are separate turnkey packages. Shogun will provide meals on the island; we will provide the necessary campsite logistics and management.

**Clipperton Island ATNO Day Planned**

Clipperton remains #26 most wanted in Europe and #37 most wanted globally. It will have been 11 years since the last major DXpedition to Clipperton we know there are many people that need it for an All Time New One and band fills.

**Log Uploads**

We plan to upload the logs at least once a day to both Clublog and to M0URX.com

Shortly after we leave the island confirmation requests (OQRS) will be processed **only** at M0URX.com Not in Log and busted calls will be investigated by submitting the form at M0URX.com. Please, no emails about Not in Log or busted calls, you must use the reporting form on the OQRS system.

**FT8 Operation**

The team will use **WSJT-X** exclusively for all FT8 operation. We plan to use Fox / Hound on non-standard frequencies. Occasionally, we might start up on a standard frequency in normal mode, then QSY. See the website for the band plan.

**Groups.io Forum**

The pilot team will be using Groups.io to collect input from the DX community. The process worked so well at VP8PJ we will again use it again. A Groups.io account is required to post to the group. You may subscribe to the forum by sending an e-mail to: [Clipperton-2024+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:Clipperton-2024+subscribe@groups.io)

### **Fundraising:**

The long-standing DX-pedition funding model is to split the DX-pedition cost equally between the expedition team and the DX community, i.e., organizations and individuals. TX5S donations are only at ~45% of the goal. While adding a donation to your OQRS request is always appreciated, the cash flow challenge is real, we must pay the bills before we sail, we need your help.

Since the last press release the following organizations have joined the project as sponsors:

- Northern California DX Club
- Fort Wayne DX Association

Sponsor logos appear on our website and will appear on the TX5S QSL card.

We wish to thank the organizations and individuals who have already pledged their support to TX5S and ask those of you who have not yet processed a donation to consider supporting the project before we sail on January 11, 2024. After the books close, all sponsoring clubs / foundations will receive a TX5S financial summary.

### **Social Media:**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tx5s2024>

Website: [TX5S.net](http://TX5S.net)

[Groups.IO: Clipperton-2024](https://groups.io/g/Clipperton-2024) \_\_\_\_

Questions to: [info@pdxg.net](mailto:info@pdxg.net)

73,  
Clipperton 2024 Team

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## **From Tom, W8FIB**

When I was a young ham in 1962, my Scoutmaster, John W8ELE, (Everybody Loves Elsie) Loaned me his 1936A MAC Key. At the time Ted McElroy was still alive. That key started my interest in collecting MAC keys.

When I heard the story of Theodore Roosevelt McElroy winning the code competition at the Ashville, NC hamfest in 1939, setting a record that has not been beaten, at ~75.2 wpm, I was puzzled by the notion that he used a "MILL". At the time, I asked "What's a mill?". It was explained by the story teller that a Mill is a typewriter used by Western Union operators, one of which was McElroy.

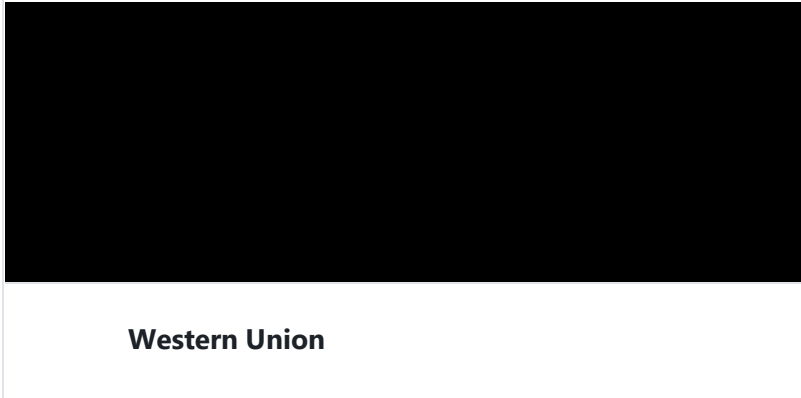
Below are links that explain.

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[http://www.9h1mrl.org/ukrae/arc\\_cd/extra/morse/html/c26.htm](http://www.9h1mrl.org/ukrae/arc_cd/extra/morse/html/c26.htm)

## Western Union



## Telegrapher's portable typewriters



Links set in by Members

## Balun Designs LLC - When Performance Counts

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**Balun Designs LLC - When Performance Counts**

Balun Designs LLC - When Performance Counts & Quality Matters

Tom, W8FIB

**[TELEGRAPH, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT & RADIO MUSEUMS](#)**

**<http://telegraphkeys.com/pages/bugs/mcelroy.html>**

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If you have ever wanted a map of the Earth, centered on your location (very handy for azimuth antenna pointing) I found a ham who stood up this site;

<https://ns6t.net/azimuth/>

You can create an Azimuthal map centered anywhere on Earth and get bearing information from it. I've made several for EN61-centered and have them on the walls in my shacks. Hope you find it interesting.

73, Bill, N4SV

**From Tom, W8FIB**

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**[Designing and Placing a High-Performance Inverted L Antenna System to Fit Your Property](#)**

**[https://k2av.com/K2AV\\_DesignInvertedL.html?#rfloss2](https://k2av.com/K2AV_DesignInvertedL.html?#rfloss2)**

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# Question of the Month Answer:

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Answer: C. 2012

In April and May of 2012, a large Russian/American team of DX'ers operated as 7O6T from Socotra Island, Yemen. A previous DXpedition operated in 2002.

Yemen is currently No. 35 on Clublog's Most Wanted List for North America and No. 44 Worldwide.

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# FOR SALE ITEMS

If you have ham items for sale, email me a list along with prices and contact information. I will put it in the next newsletter.

Let me know when an item is no longer for sale so I can remove it.  
For Sale items will be removed from the newsletter after 3 months.

I want to thank those that have been sending in articles for the newsletter. All items are appreciated.



Until Next Time,

73

*John*

W3ML

President Northwest Indiana DX Club

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**THANKS**  
*Thanks for visiting!*

