

Northwest Indiana DX CLUB

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President's Corner

Happy New Year!

Congratulations to those of you that have worked FT8WW. I have not been lucky enough to do so.

Meetings will start up again most likely in March. Jerry has been busy developing a program list. If you have something you would like to present, please let me know.

Hard to believe this is the start of our 11th year.

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 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@arrrl.net

QSL cards are available.

Notice:

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Don't forget about the New Club CHALLENGE?

The new contest is to work 5 EU, 5 SA and 5 Canadian Provinces. This should not be difficult with major contests like CQWW, ARRL DX, and Sweepstakes in the coming months.

Contest starts after the meeting on November 12, 2022.

Send your report to w3ml.john@gmail.com

5 EU, 5 SA and 5 Canadian Provinces

Log would be like:

Your Name/Call	Date	Time	Call	Band	Mode	Location
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The Question of the Month

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

When did the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) come into existence?

- A. 1920
- B. 1934
- C. 1948
- D. 1970

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DX Century Club Scorecard

(As of December 30, 2022)

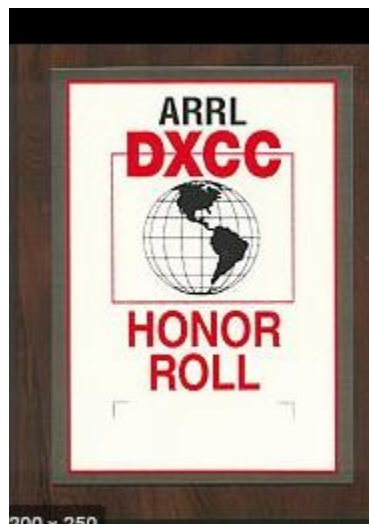
The ARRL DXCC certificate is awarded to amateurs who submit confirmations for contacts with 100 or more entities on the ARRL DXCC List. As of 21 January 2018, there were 340 current entities on the list. The DXCC Honor Roll includes those who are within 9 entities of that figure (or 331 entities) for the Mixed, Phone, CW and RTTY awards. A "Top of the Honor Roll Award" plaque is presented to those who have contacted and confirmed all 340 current entities.

The listing of the DXCC membership contains the call signs and exact credited totals by endorsement level. Awards and Credits are NOT activated automatically; participants must apply to have a particular award or Credit (band, mode etc.) activated when the qualifying number of confirmed contacts are obtained.

The totals were abstracted from the ARRL DXCC Standings lists. <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-standings>

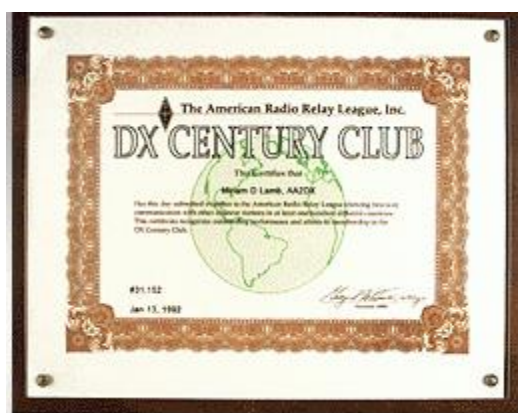
If you have worked and confirmed a DX station but have not formally submitted it to the ARRL, either through a card checker or the Log Book of the World (LOTW) program, those contacts are not counted. We have no way of knowing what new DX has been worked but not submitted.

The ARRL listing DOES NOT include records from other organization's DX programs such as eQSL, Club Log, CQ Magazine and QRZ.org.



1. K9FN	DAVID BUNTE	HONOR ROLL	363
2. AG9S	JIM SJOLBERG	HONOR ROLL	354

3. N9RD	JUERGEN NITTNER	HONOR ROLL	352
4. W9UM	NICHOLAS COMINOS	HONOR ROLL	351
5. W9UM	JERRY HESS	HONOR ROLL	351
6. K9LA	CARL LUETZELSCHAB	HONOR ROLL	351
7. AJ9C	MIKE KASRICH	HONOR ROLL	351
8. N9FN	DAVE CHASEY	HONOR ROLL	347
9. KD9HL	STEVE MOLLMAN	HONOR ROLL	345



10. K9SUH	KEN REISING	330
11. ND9A	JOHN SIKORA	322
12. W3ML	JOHNPOINDEXTER	322
13. AE9YL	VICKI LUETZELSCHAB	320
14. K9WWT	GEORGE KELLY	320
15. N7GVV	JAMES RAISLER	313
16. W8FIB	TOM RUGGLES	305
17. KY9KYO	RELL ANDREICA	304
18. WA9JNO	EARL GUMM	298
19. W1PIT	ALAN PITTS	287
20. K9DE	ROBERT NELLANS	260
21. N9DD	TOM FRISZ	248
22. N9ID	MIKE STRONG	230
23. K9KJ	TOM JOHNSON, JR	217
24. N4SV	BILL SOUTH	204
25. AB9QU	BILL CARTER	187
26. N9ITB	JACK ALBERT	159
27. N9HSB	CLIFFORD BELZ	155
28. WB9FQS	LARRY BRECHNER	153
29. K9MQ	MARK SKOWRONSKI	152

30. AB9RY	TOM BREYMEYER	144
31. KA9FAX	ANTHONY KOSTELNIK	129
32. NA9U	JOHN NASON	121
33. W9DZ	ALLEN JONES	120
34. KC9GTN	EDWARD BENCHIK	110
35. N9AFU	MIKE BURDETT	109
36. W9ORW	ROBERT PENCE	106
37. KB9BIT	TOM LASKOWSKI	105
38. KC9OYE	CHUCK HILL	103
39. KC9TEW	JEFF KOHN	100
40. WJ9Q	MARTIN DZIK	100

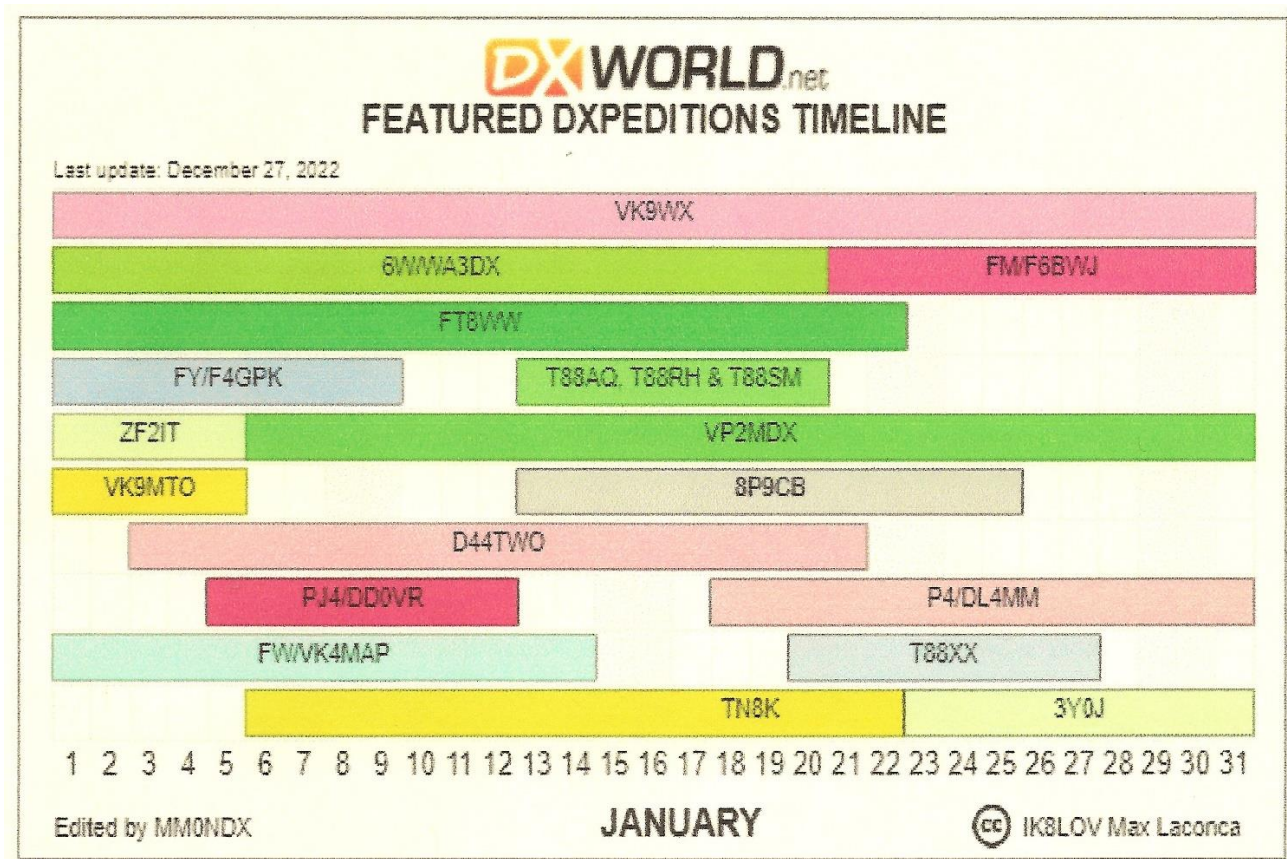
Congratulations to all who have added to their totals!

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“NEW ARRL WEBSITE TO LEARN ABOUT HOBBY I recently heard of a new (or at least new to me) website by the ARRL, <https://learn.arrl.org/>. This site, as the URL implies, is available to learn more about our hobby. Courses are available in the main categories of “Getting on the Air”, “Emergency Communications”, and “Electronics and Technology”. Some of the courses are available to non-members of the ARRL, but full access to all of the courses requires an active ARRL membership.”

DX LISTINGS FOR 1/2023

By
Jerry Hess, W9KTP



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A DX Tip

The Muslim world observes the weekend on different days in different countries: Somalia and Yemen observe the weekend on Thursday and Friday; Afghanistan, Djibouti, Iran, and Palestine observe the weekend on Friday; Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Mauritania, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Syria, and the United Arab Emirates observe the weekend on Friday and Saturday; Morocco, Pakistan and Tunisia observe the weekend on Saturday and Sunday; and Lebanon observes the weekend either on Thursday and Friday (some Sunni, Druze, and most Shi'a communities) or Saturday and Sunday (Christian and most Muslim communities). Since the Muslim population is very large and geographically diverse, variations in customs will occur.

Since many hams are working during the "week", many tend to operate on the "Weekend". If you are looking for a contact from one of these entities, the "Muslim Weekend" may offer your best opportunity.



W1AW/9 coordinator stations for the VOTA operating event

Hello to the LDXA, the HDXCC and the NWIDXC (John - please forward to NWIDXC members),

You may not be aware that 2023 is the ARRL's year of the volunteer per CEO Minster's editorial in the December 2022 QST. There will be a Volunteers On The Air (VOTA) operating event using W1AW/x throughout the entire year. Each state will have two week-long periods to use W1AW/x. The details are in the January 2023 QST, but I've found out that many in the Central Division haven't even received their December 2022 QST yet (HQ is working on this issue). Attached are the two pages in the January QST about this event. The format is similar to the 2014 Centennial operating event in which Mike AJ9C and Mike K9NW were the two Indiana coordinating stations.

The dates for the two week-long periods for Indiana are 7/26-8/1 and 12/13-12/19. Each week-long period goes from 0000 UTC on Wednesday to 2359 UTC on the next Tuesday. Indiana needs two W1AW/9 coordinating stations. Realizing that one person (or even a couple persons at the one station) might not be able to cover all days, many bands, many modes and many time slots, the coordinating stations can designate others to use W1AW/9 to cover as much as possible. I worked under AJ9C in 2014, and I used W1AW/9 on 17m for two hours every day.

We're looking for two volunteers to be the two coordinating stations for Indiana. Are you interested? Please contact me, and hopefully I can answer your questions.

Carl K9LA

2023 AMATEUR RADIO ACTIVITY CHALLENGE LIST

Band Worked	Mode Worked	Activity (or mode of op)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 2,200 M (135 kHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - SSB	<input type="checkbox"/> - Repeater QSO (2 M and up)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 630 M (472 kHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - CW	<input type="checkbox"/> - Repeater QSO (10 or 6 M)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 160 M (1.8 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - AM	<input type="checkbox"/> - Simplex FM QSO (VHF/UHF)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 80/75 M (3.5/3.8 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FM	<input type="checkbox"/> - SSB QSO (VHF/UHF)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 60 M (5.3 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - PSK (31, 63)	<input type="checkbox"/> - CW Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 40 M (7 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FT4	<input type="checkbox"/> - Contest Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 30 M (10.1 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FT8	<input type="checkbox"/> - Satellite Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 20 M (14 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Other WSJT- X Modes (FSK441, JT6M, JT65, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Fox Hunt (ARDF)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 17 M (18 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - JS8call	<input type="checkbox"/> - WinLink Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 15 M (21 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Packet radio (AX25)/APRS	<input type="checkbox"/> - EchoLink Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 12 M (24.9 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - SSTV or Fast Scan ATV	<input type="checkbox"/> - WAS (work all 50 states)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 10 M (28 MHz)		<input type="checkbox"/> - Work 50 countries

<input type="checkbox"/> - 6 M (50 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Digital FM- DMR, D-Star, Fusion, etc.) including Hotspots	<input type="checkbox"/> - Work 100 countries
<input type="checkbox"/> - 2 M (144 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Pactor, Clover, Olivia, Throb, DominoEX, MT63, Thor, AMTOR, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> - WAC- Work All Continents
<input type="checkbox"/> - 1.25 M (222 MHz)		<input type="checkbox"/> - POTA (Parks On The Air) or SOTA (Summits On The Air) Chaser Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 75 cm (440 MHz)		
<input type="checkbox"/> - 33 cm (902 MHz)	Club	<input type="checkbox"/> - POTA or SOTA Activation
<input type="checkbox"/> - Higher Microwave Bands	<input type="checkbox"/> - Attend an ARC meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> - POTA Activator
Build or Install	<input type="checkbox"/> - Present at ARC meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> - Work you State QSO party
<input type="checkbox"/> - New VHF/UHF Antenna	<input type="checkbox"/> - Head a committee	Build/Test/Repair
<input type="checkbox"/> - New HF Antenna	<input type="checkbox"/> - Attend a Hamfest	<input type="checkbox"/> - Electronics Kit or Homebrew
<input type="checkbox"/> - New Mobile Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> - Teach a Licensing Class or be a VE	<input type="checkbox"/> - Use an Antenna Analyzer or nano-VNA to measure
<input type="checkbox"/> - New Mobile Antenna	<input type="checkbox"/> - Mentor a new ham	<input type="checkbox"/> - Fix non-working Radio
<input type="checkbox"/> - Computer/Radio Interface	<input type="checkbox"/> - Write a newsletter article	<input type="checkbox"/> - Aurdino, Rasp Pi or other microprocess Project or Program

☐ - Club building project

☐ - ARRL Membership

by

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

YAESU RADIOS

According to reports from various sources, two popular Yaesu radios are being discontinued due to parts availability issues. The QRP HF/VHF/UHF all mode FT-818 and the C4FM/FM VHF/UHF mobile FTM-400DXR are the models being discontinued. According to R&L Electronics' website, they currently have stock on both radios, and I have read where HRO has over 200 FTM-400DXRs in stock. As a bonus, Yaesu is offering a \$100 rebate on the FTM-400DXR through the end of January.

Question of the Month Answer:

B. 1934

The first US regulation of radio was The [Wireless Ship Act of 1910](#) which mandated that most passenger ships exiting U.S. ports had to carry radio equipment under the supervision of qualified operators, however individual stations, including amateur radio, remained unlicensed and unregulated. This led to numerous interference issues, including conflicts between [amateur radio](#) operators, the [U.S. Navy](#) and commercial companies. Implementation and enforcement of the Act was made the responsibility of the [U.S. Department of Commerce and Labor](#) ([Department of Commerce](#) after March 1913)

In 1917, upon the US entry into World War One, The US Navy took over the control of all radio services in the US. Amateur Radio service was suspended for the duration of the war.

On June 19, 1934, The Communications Act of 1934 combined and organized federal regulation of telephone, telegraph, and radio communications. The Act created the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to oversee and regulate these services.

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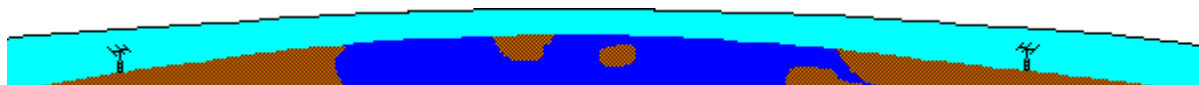
FOR SALE ITEMS

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

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