

# Northwest Indiana DX CLUB

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## President's Corner

The next meeting is October 11th at the Viking Chili Bowl in Valparaiso. 12:00 noon: Central time.

Steve KD9HL, the Club's Trustee has obtained the Vanity callsign W9NWI for us.

We will be accepting donations at the meeting to cover Steve's cost of the call and for QSL Cards.

If you do not attend the meetings and would like to donate to the Club treasury for the expense of the Vanity Call and Club QSL Cards feel free to do so.

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*Don't Forget*

## DXCC CARD CHECKING

Doctor Richard Lochner, K9CIV has been appointed an Official ARRL DXCC Card Checker. Contact Rich to schedule an appointment for card checking.

You may email him at [k9civ@arrrl.net](mailto:k9civ@arrrl.net) for details on how to mail your cards to him, if you desire to go that route.



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**NWI DX Club Website**

<http://nwidxclub.weebly.com/>

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## Member News

If you have any news to tell, please send it to me so I can send it to the group.

# Meeting October 11th 12 Noon Central Time

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## Looking for Equipment

Ted Benchik KC9GTN is seeking a new transceiver and antenna tuner. “Long story short, someone pulled on the lead in to my G5RV in what I suspect was an attempt to steal the copper wire for its scrap value. In pulling the lead in, he knocked my transceiver and tuner off the table in my shack. I thought that I'd go looking first among members of this group.”

If a member has some unused equipment lying around that is for sale, you can contact Ted at [epb@sandblawfirm.com](mailto:epb@sandblawfirm.com)

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## A Hint for Wire Antennas

Steve Mollman, KD9HL

Recently the ARRL's “Weekly Contest Update” suggested using “Harken Blocks” to support wire antenna holding lines to avoid abrading them. A small diameter pulley is hard on the lines and can cause premature failure – a large diameter helps to avoid that.

A Harken Block is a moderate diameter pulley used to support halyards on sailboats. Though of high quality (Stainless Steel and Carbo Plastic) they are expensive, selling in the range of \$30 to \$70 each.

A much cheaper alternative with an even larger diameter sheave is a “Clothes Line Pulley”. Generally made of plastic and zinc coated steel they easily support 20 to 25 pounds. Pricing is usually less than \$4 each. The downside is that being plastic the sheaves are subject to UV deterioration from the sun. Even with that caveat, lifespan is generally seven to ten years.

They can be found at most big box building supply stores including Menards and Lowes.

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**52MM (2 1/4 Inch) Harken Block**



**5 1/2 Inch Clothes Line Pulley**



## **We Support the DX Code of Conduct**

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**Tom W8FIB sent a file on the TX Noise Level of the Elecraft K3.**

**I could not get it to insert here, so it is attached along with the newsletter.**

# DX NEWS

## WA7BNM Contest Calendar

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

## From the "The OPDX Bulletin"

A7, QATAR (Press Release) [edited]: "Once again, a joint team with members from the 'Danish Contest Academy' and the 'Qatar Amateur Radio Society' will be active from Al Khor in northern Qatar in the M/2 category in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as 'A73A'. Operators Jan/OZ1ADL, Aziz/A71GO, Mubarak/A71AE, Alex/OZ7AM, Abdulrahim/A71BA, Abdul/A71BR, Ken/OZ1IKY, Mindaugas/LY4L, Jogesh/VU2BZY, Tom/A7/WT2NY, Younis/A41MA and more members of QARS will be active from the compound and at the same time use the opportunity to display Radio Sport to visitors.

The team will be setting up the station in the week prior to the Contest and will be active with the regular club callsign A71A, with a particular emphasis on the low bands. QSL via A71A."

JD1, OGASAWARA. Freddy, F4HEC, will be active as JD1BOX from Chichijima Island (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, WWFF JAFF-018, JCG 10007), Tokyo Prefecture, between December 4-12th. Reports indicate that Freddy is one of the very few European operators to ever receive a JD1 callsign. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB only. QSL via F4HEC, by the Bureau or direct.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Take, JG8NQJ, will once again be active as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island in the Minami Torishima (OC-073, JCG 10007) group between mid-October until mid-December. He is usually there to work on the island's weather station. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He will be mainly on 17 meters but also on 15/12/10 meters CW. QSL via JA8CJY, by the Bureau or direct to: Susumu 'Sin' Sanada, 5-17, 5-4, Shin-Ei, Toyohira, Sapporo 004, Japan. Online log is available at:

<http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?jd1-jg8nqj>

XW, LAOS. Champ, E21EIC, will once again be active as XW1IC (ex-XW0YJY) from Vientiane. Activity will be during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSLs must be requested via the OQRS on ClubLog or via E21EIC and LoTW.

XX9, MACAU. Operators Eugene/EA5HPX, Fran/EA7FTR, YL Veronica/EA7JQS, Jose/EB5BBM, David/EB7DX, Oleg/US7UX, and their respective XYLs will be active as XX9R from Praia de Cheoc Van, at the Pousada of Coloane

Hotel between October 22nd and November 1st. Activity will be holiday style on all HF bands, 160-6 meters, including 30/17/12m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are: CW - 1823, 3523, 7023, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893 and 28023 kHz SSB - 1825, 3780, 7065/7160, 14145, 18145, 21295, 24950 and 28495 kHz RTTY - 7035, 10140, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24921 and 28080 kHz, 6m - 50103/CW and 50120/SSB

They will have possibly two or three stations running simultaneously. The team will also be an entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). QSL via EB7DX. For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.macao2014.com>

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

Don't forget to send in any information you would like to share with the Club members.



Until Next Time,

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*John*

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