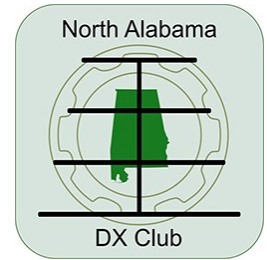


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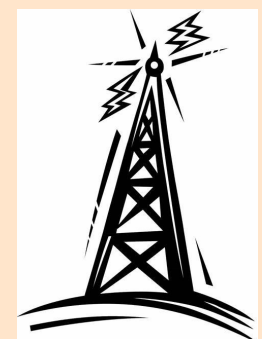
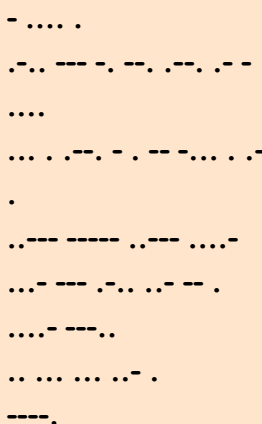


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From the President

By Bruce Smith, AC4G

The 2024 Huntsville Hamfest and Annual DX Banquet have come and past. I believe the statistics from the Hamfest will be out soon. It appeared to me that the crowd was very large on Saturday as compared to Sunday as new and old hams wondered around the Von Braun Civic Center Arena seeking out new products & ideas as well new & older ham radio equipment.

With regard to the DX Banquet, we had 98 attendees. Amongst the many NADXC members, DXers, and contesters were the President of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), Mr. Rick Roderick, K5UR; his wife Holly; and some of the ARRL staff such as Mr. Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R (Director of Marketing & Innovation); Mr. Marc Spardello (Director of Membership); the Southeastern Division Director, Mr. Mickey Baker, N4MB; and the Delta Division Director, Mr. David Norris, K5UZ. It was so good to see our regular members and those DXers and contesters that made the journey from various places out of town. We had one couple from Alaska bearing the Amateur Radio callsign KL7H, Mr. Craig Bledsoe. All seemed to enjoy themselves as Gene Spinelli, K5GS, all the way from Tucson, AZ, gave us a detailed tour of Clipperton Island, the an-

tenna & equipment setup, as well as operating logistics that demonstrated a very successful DXpedition. If you did not attend, you missed a very interesting presentation!

Thanks to our NADXC members who helped make the banquet a huge success this year. Thanks goes out to the many members who helped in many ways. The tasks that had to be accomplished included preparing the Signals Museum venue for the banquet (setting up tables, chairs, and decorations); coordinating with the caterer; soliciting door prizes & making sure they were placed on the prize table; selling extra raffle tickets; greeting banquet goers at the front door; making sure the speaker was present; welcoming all guests; having staff assigned to help with handing out door prizes as they were drawn; making sure drinks were available for the event; and the list goes on with other tasks that had to be done.

Likewise, NADXC members stepped up to the plate providing their precious time to help with the DX booth and the flea market tables at the Hamfest on Saturday and Sunday. This year I was relieved from the flea market table to go attend a couple of forums and to get a chance to walk around. It was

From the President (continued)

much appreciated! We sold all of the equipment we had on hand at the Hamfest, with the exception of a Yaesu FT736 UHF/VHF all-mode transceiver, Ten Tec 961 20-Amp Power Supply with built-in speaker, and a homemade tower base plate. I appreciate everyone's time and efforts for making the Hamfest a huge success. It took our members' assistance to make this large endeavor come to fruition.

Let us have the next NADXC club meeting

ARRL President Pep Talk at 2024 NADXC Banquet By Bruce Smith, AC4G

I was glad that Fred Kepner, K3FRK, Publisher of the LongPath Newsletter for the North Alabama DX Club (NADXC) asked that I send out a message in an attempt to have club members share their experience at the 2024 Huntsville Hamfest and/or NADXC Banquet by writing an article for this month's newsletter. Since having had the privilege to speak with the President of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), Mr. Rick Roderick, K5UR at both the Huntsville Hamfest and NADXC DX Banquet, I wanted to share our distinguished guest's insights to our membership, based on some of my pressing concerns conveyed to him.

On Saturday morning, 17 August 2024, just after the Huntsville Hamfest doors opened, I found myself with a little time to find the ARRL booth. I quickly made a beeline to the ARRL booth as the crowds rushed into the South Hall of the Von Braun Civic Center. I met Mr. Roderick once again, after having met him at other hamfests in the past. I began touching on some concerning comments that I had heard from other ham radio

on Tuesday, September 10 at the Signals Museum of information Explosion on University Drive, Huntsville, AL. Our meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. This month's program will be presented by one of our members, Mr. Bob DePierre speaking about "Who Invented the Sine Wave". Let's all attend and support Bob. Bob will take us back in time to provide us a historical perspective of this progression regarding the Sine Wave's inventor. The ZOOM sign-in details will be provided in an email. I will send the membership an email with ZOOM details the weekend prior to our meeting.

operators in the area regarding the ARRL. After some discussion and explanation regarding four or five subjects that I had discussed with him that morning, I asked if he could bring one up at the NADXC DX Banquet later Saturday night at the Signals Museum of Information Explosion. I asked if he would give the banquet attendees about three to five minutes on any of the subjects we just discussed. In a very polite manner, he asked if he could think about it and would find a topic that he felt comfortable to speak about. So, I left him with his choice of topics, unknowing which he would surely discuss, since all of the subjects could be considered highly controversial.

Later that night at the banquet, I was surprised that he had selected a blend of a few topics affecting the League that we discussed earlier that morning, to include a highly controversial topic which was about the recent ARRL hack affecting many ARRL online systems and especially Logbook of the World (LOTW). He explained that it was a ransom attack and that the League personnel were held to silence by the FBI until a point in

ARRL President Pep Talk at 2024 NADXC Banquet (continued)

time that it was deemed safe to openly discuss. Unfortunately, the League had to pay to obtain a “key” to get their systems back. By this, I mean to unlock all of the software locked by the hackers. Mr. Roderick, being an active DXer himself, truly wanted to see LOTW get back online and operational. Many of us DXers missed LOTW for a couple of months, but I am glad to say that LOTW is now partially operational, at least to the point where DXers can upload their logs. Mr. Roderick said that some ARRL systems were unaffected, but more time was needed to verify that their IT professionals had the League online systems fully protected to bring all of the systems back online and integrated together.

As he spoke, Mr. Roderick challenged DXers to be loyal to the ARRL. He indicated one could be a quitter, that is, leave the League without renewing their membership, but that was not the correct things to do. DXers should set an example to other hams to support whatever the League has to offer to ham radio operators and stand by the League, especially by renewing their League membership.

Mr. Roderick challenged those in attendance to be a mentor. He challenged the attendees to help and encourage younger people to study and obtain their amateur radio license. This would bring young folks into the hobby to keep it going as the older generations are passing away faster than one would think. He challenged us to show our stations to young people who might be interested, such as school age youth. He, himself, became interested in the hobby at the age of five years old when a neighbor showed him his station and after watching him making QSOs on the air.

It was also nice to be able to sit at the same table with Mr. Roderick during the DX Banquet and to meet his lovely wife, Holly. She kept us all captivated with things that the two of them had experienced visiting other countries in the past. As I left the very successful banquet, I was glad that the President of the ARRL gave us all a pep talk. As he pointed out, we all can see how many members in the hobby are Technician class, 2-meter repeater type of hams. I, along with Mr. Roderick, encourage us all to reach out to a ham radio club in your area or community and make an attempt to help those wanting to get into the hobby or those Technician-type, 2-meter repeater amateur radio operators to spread their horizons and get them interested in DXing, contesting, satellite & EME operations, RTTY, emergency communications, and other facets of the hobby. It is up to us to encourage current hams and “wanna-be” hams to get into the hobby, otherwise our hobby will decline in number and interest. I reiterate Mr. Roderick, “we all can and should do our part to help the hobby grow.”

Upcoming NADXC Meeting

Tuesday, September 10th, 2024
5:45 PM Doors Open / 6:30 PM Meeting

Presentation: “Who Invented the Sine Wave” by Bob DePierre, K8KI

Location: Signals Museum of Information Explosion, 1806 University Drive NW, Huntsville, AL 35801 and via [Zoom](#)

Upcoming DX Contests

By Chuck Lewis, N4NM

Worked All Europe (WAE) DX Contest (SSB) 80 - 10M



Sept 14, 0000Z to Sept 15, 2359Z

Exchange: RST plus Serial No.

See page 73, Sept. QST and www.darc.de

UBA ON contest (6M), (CW/SSB), 6M



Sept. 29, 0700Z to Sept. 29, 1000Z

Exchange: RS(T), serial #, ON (for ON)

<https://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest>

Africa FT4 DX Contest, (FT4), 80-20M



Sept. 14, 1500Z to Sept. 14, 1900Z

Exchange: signal report plus 4-char. grid

See page 73, Sept. QST and

www.sarl.org.za

RSGB FT4 Contest (FT4), 80 – 10 M



Sept. 16, 1900Z to Sept. 16, 2030Z

Exchange: Signal report

See Page 73, Sept. QST and www.rsgbcc.org

Scandinavian Activity Contest, (CW), 80 – 10M



Sept. 21, 1200Z to Sept. 22, 1200Z

Exchange: RST plus Serial #

See page 73, Sept. QST and

www.sactest.net/blog/rules

CQ WW RTTY Contest, (DIG), 80 – 10M



Sept 28, 0000Z to Sept 29, 2359Z

Exchange: RST, State/Province, and CQ zone; DX sends RST and CQ zone

See page 73, Sept. QST and

www.cqwwrtty.com

OTHERS:

ARRL EME Contest

0000Z, Sept.21 to 2359Z, Sept 22

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest (CW)

2300Z Sept 15 to 0100Z Sept 16

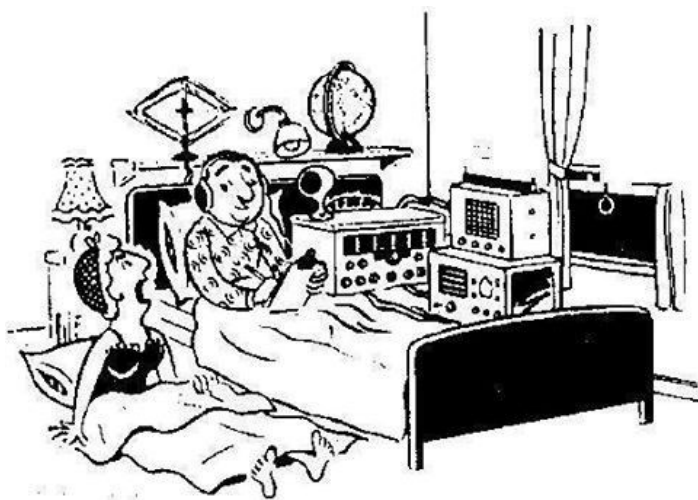
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest (CW)

0000Z Sept. 19 to 0300Z Sept. 20

Oceania DX Contest, Phone

0600Z, Oct 5 to 0600Z, Oct 6

Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware. See also: <http://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html>





DXpeditions in September 2024

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2024 Aug23	2024 Sep30	Tristan da Cunha	ZD9GJ	LoTW	By W7GJ fm IOTA AF-029 (IF32uw); 6m; mainly EME, some SSB FT8; dates tentative
2024 Aug24	2024 Sep04	Mozambiqu e	C91	eQSL	By CT1EYQ as C91/CT1EYQ; mainly 15m, perhaps 20 10m; CW FT8; 20w
2024 Aug25	2024 Sep05	Dodecanese	SX5GB	SV2MAC Direct	By SV2MAC SV5DZX SV5FRD ON4PO SV5TAA SV5TAB SV5SZZ SV5DZR SV7JAR; 160-2m
2024 Aug26	2024 Sep04	Ghana	9G5AS	eQSL	By M6NXW; 20 17 15 12 10; SSB FT8 FT4
2024 Aug26	2024 Sep05	St Paul I	CY9C	LoTW	By WA4DAN W0GJ K9CT N2TU K4ZLE K9NW W4DKS WW2DX N2IEN W0PR as CY9C and CY9R; 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 RTTY + EME SAT; QSL via WA4DAN direct
2024 Aug28	2024 Sep24	Crete	SW9IL	DJ5IL (B/d)	By DJ5IL fm IOTA EU-015; 40-10m; CW; holiday style operation
2024 Aug29	2024 Sep30	Georgia	4L	LoTW	By F4JZW as 4L/F4JZW fm Rustavi; 80-6m; FT8 SSB
2024 Aug31	2024 Sep03	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	LoTW	By DC8TM as FP/DC8TM and DF3TS as FP/DF3TS fm St Pierre; HF; SSB FT8; SOTA POTA WWFF sites
2024 Sep01	2024 Sep08	South Cook Is	E51WLG	LoTW	By N2WLG fm Rarotonga I (IOTA OC-013); 40-10m; CW + digital; QSL via N2WLG (B/d)
2024 Sep02	2024 Sep10	Grenada	J3	LoTW	By N9GB as J3/N9GB; 40-10m, perhaps 6m; CW SSB; QSL via EB7DX; holiday style operation
2024 Sep02	2024 Sep16	American Samoa	KH8T	M0URX	By N5DD W5MJ K5PI VE7KW; 80-10m, perhaps 160 and 6m; CW SSB FT8; 2 stations
2024 Sep03	2024 Sep13	Zimbabwe	Z22AO	HA5AO OQRS	By HA5AO fm Zambezi National Park (KH21ww); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8
2024 Sep04	2024 Sep19	Fiji	3D2YY	LoTW	By OH7O; HF; SSB CW
2024 Sep05	2024 Sep09	Monaco	3A	EB7DX	By MM0NDX as 3A/MM0NDX and MM0SAJ as 3A/MM0SAJ; focus on low bands + 6m; SSB RTTY FT8
2024 Sep05	2024 Sep15	Pitcairn	VP6WR	LoTW	By G0VDE; 80-10m; SSB FT8, perhaps CW; QSL via M0URX OQRS
2024 Sep06	2024 Sep13	Maldives	8Q7WN	I8KHC	By IZ8PWN fm Thudufushi I; 40-10m; SSB, perhaps FT8; 100w; multiband dipole
2024 Sep08	2024 Sep22	Burkina Faso	XT2AW	LoTW	By DF2WO fm Ouagadougou; 80-10m; SSB FT4 QO-100; QSL via M0OXO OQRS
2024 Sep09	2024 Sep30	Somalia	600T	LoTW	By team; focus on low bands + 6m; SSB CW + digital
2024 Sep10	2024 Sep17	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	LoTW	By WE9G as V4/WE9G fm Frigate Bay (FK87pg); HF; mainly digital; QSL via Club Log OQRS
2024 Sep10	2024 Sep20	Madagascar	5R8SR	Club Log OQRS	By M0KRI fm Nosy Faly (IOTA AF-057); 80-10m; CW FT8 SSB; 100w; vertical; dates tentative

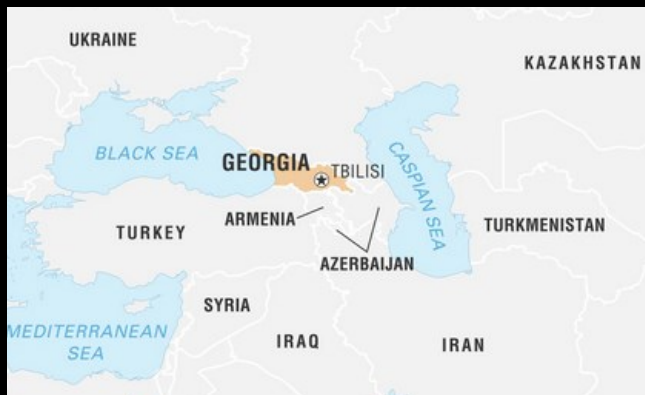


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2024 Sep11	2024 Sep16	Jersey	MJ	LoTW	By TA1HZ as MJ/TA1HZ; HF; QRV for WAE SSB Contest; QSL via Club Log OQRS or TA1HZ direct w/ 5USD + SAE
2024 Sep14	2024 Sep23	Zambia	9J2AO	HA5AO OQRS	By HA5AO fm nr Victoria Falls (KH22wc); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8
2024 Sep17	2024 Sep21	French Polynesia	FO	TBA	By G0VDE as FO/G0VDE; 80-10m; SSB FT8, perhaps CW
2024 Sep18	2024 Oct01	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LoTW	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals; QSL also OK via W5JON direct
2024 Sep18	2024 Oct06	Tanzania	5H1WX	I8KHC	By OK2WX fm Mafia I (IOTA AF-054); 80-10m; CW SSB + digital
2024 Sep19	2024 Nov12	Namibia	V51WH	DK2WH (B/d)	By DK2WH; 160-10m, including 60m; SSB FT8, some CW
2024 Sep20	2024 Sep22	Greenland	XP2I	LoTW	By OZ2I fm Black Ridge (GP47pa, 200m ASL); 80-10m, perhaps 160m; CW; QSL via Club Log OQRS
2024 Sep24	2024 Oct04	Botswana	A25AO	HA5AO OQRS	By HA5AO fm Chobe National Park (KH22ox); 80-6m; CW SSB FT8
2024 Sep28	2024 Oct07	Reunion	TO2DX	OM2DX	By OM2DX; HF; CW + digital; EFHWs; QRV for CQWW DX RTTY Contest
2024 Sep30	2024 Oct11	Namibia	V55LA	M0OXO	By LA7THA + team; HF; CW SSB
2024 Oct03	2024 Oct10	Samoa	5W0TE	TBA	By ZL4TE fm Apia; HF; CW FT8



Club Business and Announcements

August 2024 Meeting Minutes

by Fred Kepner, K3FRK

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

In attendance: AC4G, AG4W, AJ6T, AK4PR, K3FRK, K4CNY, K8KI, KF4BOG, KG4TEI, KG5VK, KM4BGF, KM4ECH, KQ4CTD, KQ4VT, N4BCD, N4CNZ, N4JR, N4NM, N4WC, N5DF, NK3V, NN4NT, NV4B, W4WB, W5WQQ, WA4HR, and WA4ZXV

Two hams were voted in as new members.

- KQ4CTD - Kris Gibbs
- KM4ECH - Eric Silkowski

DX banquet information was shared.

- Social will start at 5:30, dinner at 6:30
- Gene Spinelli, K5GS will be the presenter and will speak about the TX5S Clipperton Island.
- 1 ticket available – talk to Bob, K8KI

DX worked

- Many members reported working Jarvis Island, N5J.

LongPath

- We need articles. Bruce, AC4G and Fred, K3FRK requested articles and encouraged everyone to write about their Hamfest experiences.
- September LongPath submissions will be due August 28th.
- The July minutes were approved by vote.

Financial Report

- Bob, K8KI explained the format and how to read the budget spreadsheet appearing in the August LongPath.

- A lot of financial activity occurred with banquet expenses and incoming funds from ticket sales.
- The financial report was approved by vote.

Old Business

- Bob, K8KI purchased the ARRL brick for Sandy Bell, KBODLS as voted on in July.
- The Rotuma DXpedition was funded as directed by vote in July.
- Hamfest discussion
 - Rick Roderick, ARRL President will be at the banquet.
 - The same number of tables as last year will be used. Bob will setup on Friday evening.
 - Steve, AG4W will ask for prizes on Saturday.
 - A volunteer was requested to assist with requesting prizes on Saturday. Mike Rozer, N4CNZ volunteered.
 - Steve, AG4W and Fred, K3FRK will check cards.
 - Steve, AG4W discussed how DXCC online applications are not yet online. Card checking is expected to be more complicated and application approvals will be slow.
 - Mark, N4BCD recommended downloading the Hamfest pamphlet to your phone.
 - Rob, NN4NT and Chuck, N4NM will help distribute the prizes. Fred, K3FRK will hand prizes to Bruce, Bruce will draw raf-

August 2024 Meeting Minutes (continued)

file tickets.

- Barry, WA4HR will sell raffle tickets at the door. Bob DePierre, Mary Duncan, and Birgit Stensby will work the door.
- Bob, K8KI will be purchasing the drinks, plates, cups, and plastic wear.
- Mary (from the museum) will run the A/V and Billy, KM4BGF will be available to help if needed.
- Volunteers were requested to help Bob at 2pm on Friday. Bruce will be present.
- Barry will print name tags for attendees.
- The club will have a flea market table. A signup sheet was placed on the front table. Bruce pressed the big need to get volunteers.
- DX Club booth – Jim, NK3V will help on Saturday. Club info handouts will be available. Kris, KQ4CTD will help on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
- Bruce reported that he did not inquire with ARRL about LOTW because the system came back up.
- Steve Smith, KG5VT, ARRL Texas Section Manager, reported that the DXCC online application system is not currently functional because the DXCC system software was written many years ago on an outdated computer platform. ARRL is rewriting the code, line by line. The process is expected to take a long time. It is being conducted by experienced and knowledgeable volunteers. The ransomwear cost was covered by ARRL's insurance company.
- Club picnic – A change was approved, the pic-

nic will be in October and we will hold a September meeting. John, N5DF will contact some parks to find a location. Bruce's QTH will be the backup option.

- Christmas party – Where should we hold it? The membership was asked to come up with some ideas. We will discuss further at the September meeting.
- The museum's ham station antenna was destroyed. The club donated a Cushcraft X-7 and X-740 to replace the original hex beam. A summary was given of the current situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Mike Crownover, AD5A presented on the CBOZA DXpedition on Juan Fernandez Island.

About the NADXC

2024 NADXC Officers and Directors

President	Bruce Smith, AC4G
Vice President	Fred Kepner, K3FRK
Sec./Treasurer	Bob De Pierre, K8KI
Directors:	Mick Bell, N8AU
	Director #2 - Vacant

How to Join

Come to a club meeting or send in an application by mail (form on www.NADXC.org)

Monthly Meetings

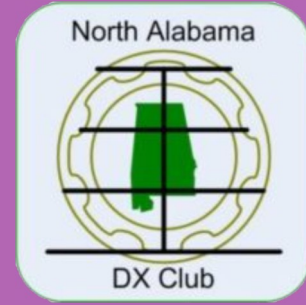
Meetings are held at the Museum of Information Explosion at 6:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Participants can also join the meeting virtually via [Zoom](#).

**This edition of The LongPath published by:
Fred Kepner, K3FRK**

Financial Update

by Bob De Pierre, K8KI

2024 NADXC Financial Status		07/31/24	End August
Budget Category	Targets	Year Totals	Subtotal
Year Start	9224	9,223.89	10,363.07
Dues In	1150	574.21	40.00
Huntsville Hamfest Donation			
Recurring Exp	-1175		
recurring expenses		-57.00	
repeater elect	-160		
web hosting/domain service	-20		
repeater maintenance			
to HARC for Zoom	-50	-100	
use of museum	-400	-400	
Miscellaneous	-475		
DX Plaque	-70		
Bank checks			
Other Transactions	-320		
Donations/equipment to sell	500		
Dxpeditons	-700	-850.00	
Picnic	-120		
ARRL Bricks		-551.95	-551.95
DX plaque			
DX Banquet	-170	478.63	
venue	-700	-700.00	
food	-2350	-2,377.86	-2,377.86
speaker+room+travel	-450	-369.70	-369.70
ticket sales	3650	4,222.35	1,510.38
raffle	400	428.64	428.64
grand prize	-400	-381.50	-381.50
beer/wine/soft drinks/glasses	-200	-237.30	-237.30
insurance	-120	-106.00	-106.00
EOY Bank Delta	-515		
Year End Bank Balance	8,709	8,317.78	8,317.78



Help Wanted: LongPath Publishers

LongPath Publisher Fred, K3FRK is looking for several people to assist with creating the monthly LongPath newsletters.

Volunteers will be trained to turn submitted articles into the final LongPath document.

After training, the LongPath publishing team will take turns publishing the monthly newsletter.

Anyone interested should contact Fred, K3FRK.

K4A - "9/11 Remembering Our Heroes" Special Event Station

The Alabama Contest Group (ACG) will be conducting a special event under the callsign K4A to honor the victims of the 9/11 terror attacks in New York City; Shanksville, PA; and Washington, D. C.

The special event will run from 00:01 GMT on Sept. 8, 2024 until 23:59 GMT on Sept. 12, 2024.

Operations are planned for 10m through 160m using SSB, FT8, CW, and RTTY.

A special QSL card will be available. Those who contact K4A on 3 bands can request a certificate.



More information can be found on the [ACG webpage](#).

Special Event POC: Robert Beaudoin, WA1FCN

970 Mountainview Rd.

Cordova, AL 35550



Financial Update (continued)

It's over and done now, folks. For those who attended, WOW. We put on a show. We had good attendance from the ARRL folks, tons of door prizes, and a great DXpedition presentation.

So now I'm reduced to arithmetic and statistics. I pay attention to the budget on the previous page. It tells me some interesting things:

- We expected \$1,150 in dues, but we've only received \$574. That's less than half. I attribute that to our aging membership. Fred keeps our online membership list pretty accurate. You can readily see there what has happened. The folks who attend meetings have paid their dues. The ones who haven't paid haven't been to meetings in the last year. As Rick Roderick said during the banquet, we desperately need younger members, and it's our duty to find them.
- Membership dues are a small part of our budget. We rely more and more on donations, unfortunately from SK estates, but also from the Hamfest committee. And it sure helps if the Banquet can finish out in the black.
- DX Banquets at Hamfest have always been our biggest effort of the year, and have typically fallen just short of "break-even." As you can see on the budget breakdown, I had planned to lose about \$170 on the venture. But we actually made about \$479 on it. Of course there are reasons, and if you were involved, you are certainly aware: the extra raffle tickets, the lower cost location, and the larger attendance.
- Banquet attendance always eludes me. The museum can barely hold 100 people. Last year we sold 99 tickets and I ordered 99 meals, but only 91 showed up. This year we

sold 98 tickets and I ordered 100 meals. The excitement went up as one of the ladies at the door sold an extra 2 tickets – making it 100, and then every single seat was filled. I was really worried about folks not getting a meal, but Bubba's staff handled it so well!

- In the end we spent \$4,172 in order to take in \$4,690, so our profit was \$479. Other things I'd like to note with pride: Bruce and Fred put a lot of effort into making the show go smoothly, especially in distributing the door prizes. This had been a small disaster in the past when teams weren't set up logically in advance. I'd also like to thank Steve Werner for collecting so many door prizes from the Hamfest vendors. If you haven't seen this before, you're really missing something special! Congrats, guys!

I need feedback from you. I go to 2-3 banquets at the Hamvention every year. They have bars there and usually charge \$6 for a beer. We don't have a liquor license, so we can't sell it here, but we can give it away. So it's free. I bought a lot less beer this year, but we still had a bunch left. I thought this would be an incentive to come, but it might not work that well for the local population. Does that affect the demand for banquet tickets? Let me know.



The banquet was sold out and the room's seating space was filled to capacity. The Museum of Information Explosion and its exhibits fascinated both the local and out-of-town hams.

Pictures from the 2024 DX Banquet



Gene Spinelli, K5GS gave a memorable presentation on the TX5S DXpedition to Clipperton Island.



ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR presented club Director Mick Bell, N8AU with a miniature version of Sandy Bell's (KBODLS) brick at ARRL HQ.

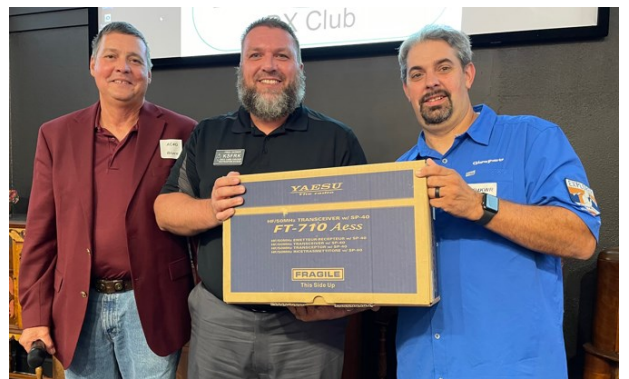
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Fred, K3FRK (center) was the lucky raffle winner of the Yaesu FT-710AESS donated by Gigaparts. It was presented by Gigaparts' Steve Molo, KI4KWR (right) and NADXC President Bruce Smith, AC4G (left).

The NADXC Club thanks Bob DePierre, K8KI and all of the other members, spouses, and supporters who made this year's banquet a great success.

Call For Nominations for the Board of Directors

In accordance with the [NADXC Constitution and Bylaws](#), President Bruce Smith, AC4G has appointed a Nomination Committee to recommend a slate of Officers and Directors to serve the club in 2025. There are 5 positions to fill: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Directors. If you are interested in serving or would like to nominate a fellow club member, please contact a member of the Nomination Committee. The committee members are John Stensby, N5DF (Chairman); Chuck Lewis, N4NM; and Rob Suggs, NN4NT.

2024 Club Awards

In June, President Bruce Smith, AC4G announced a revamp of the club's annual recognition awards. In recent years, the club has voted only on the DXer of the Year award, which has been given to the club member who the membership felt best served the club or the DX community during that year. For 2024, the club membership will award four different awards. The DXer of the Year, Best LongPath Article, and Best Club Program awards will be selected by secret ballot. The President's Award recipient will be selected by the President. The awardees will be selected at the November meeting and announced at the December Holiday Dinner, so start thinking about who you will nominate. Below is a list of this year's programs. Past issues of the LongPath can be found on the [club website](#).

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
January 9, 2024	Steve Werner, AG4W	TJ9MD Cameroon Dxpediton
February 13, 2024	Zach Rozar, K4ZSR	Becoming the (mini) DX: Operating QRP Portable in Europe
March 12, 2024	Mark Wohlschlegel, WC3W	CQ DX Marathon Overview
April 9, 2024	Krish Kanakasapathi, W4VKU	VU4A and VU7N DXpeditions
May 14, 2024	Bruce Smith, AC4G	Six Meters -You Must Be Present to Win
June 11, 2024	Rob Suggs, NN5NT	NN4SA Club and Activities Overview
July 9, 2024	Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA	W8S Swains Island DXpedition
August 13, 2024	Mike Crownover, AD5A	CB0ZA Juan Fernandez Is Dxpediton
August 17, 2024 (NADXC Banquet)	Gene Spinelli, K5GS	TX5S Clipperton Island DXpedition
September 10, 2024	Bob DePierre, K8KI	Who Invented the Sine Wave?
October 8, 2024		Fall picnic, no October meeting
November 12, 2024	Barry Johnson, W4WB	Elecraft KH1 Features and Operation
December 10, 2024		Holiday Dinner, no December meeting

North Alabama DX Club (NADXC)

“Club Fact Sheet”

Who We Are: NADXC is a group of active radio amateurs with a deep compassion for working DX, contesting, and other aspects of Amateur Radio. We welcome everyone who is interested in joining our club. NADXC members are active in all facets of DX and contesting. The NADXC also donates funding for various DXpeditions all over the world. The NADXC sponsors a DX Banquet in mid-August of every year in conjunction with the Huntsville Hamfest in Huntsville, Alabama. NADXC members moderate various programs at club meetings and during the Huntsville Hamfest, covering amateur radio technical and operating topics for all to learn and enjoy. The NADXC sponsors a prestigious award at the end of year for the most deserving DXer of the Year from the NADXC club.

DX Funding Policy: The policy supports major DXpeditions that meet our requirements for financial sponsorship. Details are available on the NADXC website and in the “Longpath” newsletter.

Club History: The NADXC was organized in December 1966 by a group of 12 charter members. The original constitution was adopted and signed on December 19, 1966. The first chairman was Dan Whitsett, W4BRE (SK). In the early-1970's, the NADXC was custodian of the W4, K4 QSL Bureau which became such a huge undertaking that it eventually was passed to other larger clubs. In January of 1977, the club bought a VHF repeater for sharing DX spots and hosting a weekly net on Wednesday nights. The repeater was located on Redstone Arsenal, Weeden Mountain using the frequencies of 147.91/147.31 MHz on two meters. Today, the repeater has been relocated and utilizes the frequencies of 147.90/147.30 MHz, with a callsign of W4QB. The weekly net has been discontinued. In 1980, the club started the monthly newsletter known as the “Longpath” which currently continues to be produced every month.

While organized as a DX club, NADXC members are active in all aspects of the hobby. We trust that this information will be of interest to all and hope all hams have a long and pleasant association with the NADXC.

Requirements for Membership: The NADXC welcomes all hams radio operators who have an interest in DXing. It does not matter whether you are a new ham, a seasoned ham operator, an old-timer to DXing, or a ham who has just been hit with the DX bug; everyone is welcome! See the club website: www.nadxc.org. Dues are paid in January of every year.

Meetings: The NADXC club meets the second Tuesday night of every month, with the current location at the Signals Museum of Information Explosion (MIE) located at 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, Alabama and virtually via Zoom. Some members gather early to eat their dinner, socialize, discuss DX worked, and then we have a short business meeting starting at 6:30 P.M. CT. followed by an exciting, interesting program to help, entertain, and teach members about DX and amateur radio in general.

Club Officers: There are four elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and three elected directors on the NADXC Board of Directors. The current roster of club officers and directors can be seen of the NADXC web site or in the “Longpath” newsletter, which is uploaded each month to the club website.

Website: The NADXC club maintains a website at www.nadxc.org. This site provides club information and activities throughout the year about a variety of subjects related to the club, DX, and amateur radio.