

# The LongPath

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## From the President

By Bruce Smith, AC4G

This past year was a good year for the North Alabama DX Club (NADXC) and we, as a club, met our club goals. I am looking forward to another good year. Please remember that club dues are being collected to fund our club and accomplish our goals once again in 2025. Our web site ([www.nadxc.org](http://www.nadxc.org)) provides the details for paying club dues.

The club's Christmas Dinner at the Full Moon BBQ restaurant, Huntsville, AL on December 10 was another memorable occasion to "put in the books". In case you were unable to attend, you missed a good event and we missed you! The food was great. The fellowship was excellent. The club officers were inducted into office to serve another year. We had plenty of space. We actually had plenty of seats available. Finally, we awarded plaques to some deserving club members.

There were three plaques presented to club members based on your votes for Best Article of the Year; Best Program of the Year; and DX'er of the Year. One plaque was presented and awarded by me as the President of the NADXC. If you will recall, the stipulation for these awards was that no more than one plaque could be received by any one member. This allowed for more members to be recognized for their work and efforts accomplished in 2024.

There were many considered for the running of the President's Award; however, one stood above this elite group as I analyzed my criteria. The NADXC President's Award was presented to Bob DePierre, K8KI, who was a great example & mentor, had a great attitude, and worked hard

taking on and successfully accomplishing tasks essential for the Banquet, Hamfest, Picnic, and Christmas Dinner. Bob also stepped up as Secretary-Treasurer mid-year and I felt these efforts raised him to a level above and beyond my minimum criteria. His actions as a NADXC member throughout 2024 were unnoticed by many. I hope that in 2025, all of our members will consider stepping up to this challenge.

The other plaques were presented based on votes from the members of the NADXC attending the November meeting. Let me again congratulate Steve Werner, AG4W for Best Program of the Year. Steve participated and shared his TJ9MD DXpedition experience with the club. Fred Kepner, K3FRK received the DX'er of the Year award. Fred worked tirelessly throughout the year scheduling programs for the club at each meeting, worked as the Longpath editor, helped with the Banquet preparations and raffle drawing, the Hamfest, and worked & promoted lots of DX throughout the year. Also, I extend my sincere thank thanks for those members who enjoyed my articles written for the Longpath Newsletter especially one that allowed me the Best Longpath Article of the Year, "Six Meters – You Must Be Present to Win".

I hope all members will consider writing articles this year for the Longpath newsletter. By doing so, you will be in contention for the best Article of the Year. I also hope that we can get members to step up and prepare & present a program at the end of the business meeting each month. We have had some good programs in 2024. I trust we will be captivated by other great programs this year.

As far as DX goes, we have had some good DX Operations from amateur radio operators in December. I recall a couple of good ones such as VU4A (Andaman Islands off the coast of India) and S21DX (Bangladesh also near India). Both are difficult from our QTH here in the Northern Alabama area. From my observation, the high bands (10m through 20m) favored short path, while the low bands (30m through 160m) all favored long path propagation. Several NADXC members put these DXpeditions in their logbooks. Both have already been confirmed in LOTW. The operators remind us to consider sending a donation to help with their efforts. Both of these were self-funded, but were collecting donations to offset their costs. Please refer to our Longpath newsletter and other resources for more details and for upcoming DXpeditions.

Thanks to those members of the NADXC and others who bore the cold weather to assist the crane operator and those who served in individual and team capacities at the Museum of Information Explosion (MIE), University Drive, Huntsville, AL who helped install the huge Cushcraft X7 Log

Periodic (10m thru 40m) and new rotator in December. The temperatures were cold, the winds were not too bad, but the antenna, was installed high atop the tower, feedlines and rotor cables connected, all accomplished without incident in a safe manner. With the nice antenna and nice HF rig, we all should be able to work some DX before and after our club meetings each month.

Our next NADXC club meeting will be held on January 14, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at the MIE. I look forward to seeing all members, visitors, guests, etc. at our meeting and hearing your stories regarding DX worked since last meeting. ZOOM will be setup to facilitate those members unable to attend in person. Good DX and 73, Bruce (AC4G)

## About the NADXC

### 2025 NADXC Officers and Directors

President	Bruce Smith, AC4G
Vice President	Fred Kepner, K3FRK
Sec./Treasurer	Bob De Pierre, K8KI
Directors	Chuck Lewis, N4NM Mick Bell, N8AU

### How to Join

Come to a club meeting or send in an application by mail (form on [www.NADXC.org](http://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](#).

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## Upcoming NADXC Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025  
5:45 PM Doors open / 6:30 PM  
meeting

Program: "Overview and Capabilities  
of the [Geochron Atlas 2 4K](#)"  
by Patrick Bolan, KJ7ZSU

Location: Signals Museum of Infor-  
mation Explosion, 1806 University  
Drive NW, Huntsville, AL 35801 and  
via Zoom



## 2024 NADXC Christmas Party

On December 10, the NADXC held its annual Christmas party at the Full Moon Restaurant. Good food and a great time was enjoyed by all. Figures 1 through 6 below show some of the festivities.



Figure 1: The NADXC 2024 Christmas Party at the Full Moon Restaurant.



Figure 2: 2025 NADXC Officers are Installed.



Figure 3: Steve, AG4W, receives Program of the Year award.



Figure 4: Bob, k8ki, awarded the 2024 President's Award.





Figure 5: Bruce awarded Best LongPath Article of the Year.



Figure 6: Fred, K3FRK, awarded DX'er of the Year

## Minutes of the December 2024 NADXC Meeting

### NADXC Meeting Agenda (Christmas Dinner)

Twenty-five (25) members and family were gathered at the Full Moon Restaurant on University Drive for our annual Christmas dinner on December 10 at 6:30 P.M. We all gathered in a nice size room and all orders were received when members arrived. Eating began after ordering.

The meeting was called to order by NADXC President Bruce Smith at approximately 7:10 P.M. after all had an opportunity to eat.

### INTRODUCTION:

Bruce welcomed Members, Family, and Friends to our Annual Christmas Dinner. Bruce laid the order of events to discuss later: DX Worked; Induct our 2025 Officers; and Present some Awards. Bruce thanked Barry Johnson, W4WB for suggesting Full Moon BBQ for tonight.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

**DX WORKED:** One of the exciting parts of our meeting is reviewing DX worked this past month. Many worked the VU4A, Andaman Island DXpedition which had gone QRT on December 9.

**LONGPATH (Newsletter):** Bruce suggested that we had some articles in the Longpath which were quite interesting. He suggested that WE NEED ARTICLES from our members!! I am hoping that some of our club members will write an article for the Longpath. The life of our newsletter depends on your input and articles. Please consider writing an article for future newsletters.

**MEETING MINUTES (Printed in December 2024 LONGPATH):**

Approved last month's meeting minutes printed in the Longpath without any further discussion.

### FINANCIAL REPORT (Bob DePierre, K8KI):

Approved financial Report printed in the Longpath without any further discussion.

### OLD BUSINESS:

One of the first orders of business in 2025 is to consider funding DXpeditions after January 1, 2025. The Officers/Directors will decide if we should fund any of the following DXpeditions that have already requested funding. The club sent

letters to each DXpedition letting them know that funding distribution for 2024 had ceased and that we would table these for 2025.

TX7N – Marquesas Island, January 2025

VK9X & VK9C - Christmas/Cocos Keeling,  
February/March 2025

VU4X – Andaman Island, October 2025

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS in 2024

Bruce suggested that we had a great year in 2024 as the following were accomplished.

- We developed and maintained a budget.
- We hosted the Annual DX Banquet with Guest Speaker Gene Spinelli of Clipperton Island fame.
- We helped with the HSV Hamfest manning tables, checking QSL cards, supported the forums with speakers, etc.
- We provided funding to several, major DXpeditions.
- We had our Annual Picnic and many attending had loads of fun.
- We had many good articles in the Longpath Newsletter in 2024. Thanks to Fred Kepner, K3FRK for being our editor.
- We had some fantastic programs throughout the year at each of our meetings.
- **WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR the NADXC had!**

Let's Induct our Club Officers for 2025!. Bruce Smith first begin by introducing our Officers and Directors and asked that they come forward as he called their names. Bruce said that these are the club members that you voted for at the last meeting.

President – Bruce Smith, AC4G

Vice-President – Fred Kepner, K3FRK

Secretary/Treasurer – Bob DePierre, K8KI

Director – Chuck Lewis, N4NM

Director – Mick Bell, N8AU

Bruce asked that these Officers and Directors recite some words following my lead. (He handed out sheets of paper). They recited words from the NADXC Constitution indicating that they would serve per those words.

- Afterwards, Bruce present the NADXC Officers for 2025.

## **PRESENTATION of 2024 NADXC AWARDS:**

Bruce gave a few words prior to presenting our annual awards to a few of our club members. Bruce stated that in previous years, there were several awards presented each year. Over recent years, these awards were dropped for some unknown reason. Early this year, in order to motivate our members to write articles for the Longpath, prepare and present programs, and to get active in the club, he suggested that the club resurrect these additional awards.

Bruce stated that we will present awards in these categories: “Best Program of the Year”; “Best Article of the Year”, the “President’s Award”; and “DX’er of the Year”. It was stipulated that only one and only one member could be awarded one plaque for only one category and no other categories. This gives more members an opportunity to receive one of these awards.

Bruce reminded the members that OUR NADXC MEMBERS VOTED FOR EACH AWARD mentioned above, except the PRESIDENT AWARD. Each member cast their vote. We tallied the votes. We listened, and we will reward our members tonight for their work in 2024.

**Best Program of the Year:** Bruce said he found it fitting for our Vice-President, Fred Kepner, K3FRK to begin by presenting an award for the “Best Program of the Year”, since he was responsible for finding presenters at our monthly meetings AND present the award for “Best Article of the Year”. Fred said that there were many good programs this year, but the club voted for the Program of the Year Award recipient to be Steve Werner, AG4W for his Cameroon DXpedition Program.

**Best Article in the Longpath:** Fred also stated that there many articles from only seven (7) club members, but the club votes that were cast, for 2024 Best Article in the Longpath. After tallying the votes, Fred stated that the recipient for this award was Bruce Smith as the winner for his article “Six Meters – You Must Be Present to Win” also stated that he wanted us to think about a larger number of ticket sales for our DX Banquet and suggested a larger venue would be needed.

**President Award:** Next, Bruce wanted to briefly explain the President Award. This award was an award that, as President of NADXC, he felt should be presented to a club member based on some criteria that he developed. The recipient of this award:

- 1) Executed major actions & activities that stood out, and were noticed by many;
- 2) Motivated club participation and cooperation;
- 3) Promoted the exchange of information and amateur radio knowledge;
- 4) Led major activities that needed to be accomplished for the club; and
- 5) ‘Stepped up to the plate’ when no one else would.

The recipient of this 2024 President’s Award who stood above all other members for outstanding efforts working diligently throughout the year for the NADXC went to Bob DePierre, K8KI.

**DX’er of the Year:** Bruce reminded that the members voted for this award, while Bruce mentioned that the recipient was on most if not all, DXpedition logs and was know throughout the DX community for be active as a DX’er, was active supporting the DX Banquet, Huntsville Hamfest as a card checker, and help in other capacities throughout the year. The recipient of the 2024 DX’er of the Year Award went to Fred Kepner, K3FRK.

From the audience, several members indicated that this year was a good year and that the officers had performed well. Taking this as a compliment, the NADXC Officers look forward to serving in 2025. Bruce Smith adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00P.M.

As a side note following the meeting, the Officers met with Mark Brown, N4BCD, Huntsville Hamfest Chairman, who suggested Drury Inn across from Space and Rocket Center as another venue to consider for the DX Banquet, since in the future we may out-grow the MIE.

## The Power of Wind on Amateur Radio Antennas

By: Bruce Smith/AC4G

The week between Christmas 2024 and New Years Day 2025 was devastating to my ham radio station. I was reminded of the power that Mother Nature has as the winds from the Athens, AL tornado made a bee-line path up through the area where I live in Taft, TN approximately two (2) miles North of the Alabama-Tennessee Stateline. These high winds left a path of destruction to many residents including myself on Saturday night/Sunday morning December 29/December 30, respectively.

As part of my daily routine, I typically wake up at 5:00 A.M. to check the low bands for DX. Sunday morning was different because I woke up later than normal about 5:45 A.M. due to all of the storm activity occurring in the middle of the night (wee hours of the morning) keeping me awake without much sleep. Day break was already occurring and I was able to see the path of destruction. I first walked outside to see our self-supporting basketball goal, full of about 300 pounds of sand in the base, lying flat on the ground. I thought that to be very odd. [Picture 1] Next, I began glancing to my right and saw most of a large cedar tree on the ground. Then, I looked up to see one element of a Mosely Classic 33 twisted atop of my forty (40) foot aluminum tower. [Picture 2] I next saw the pool house that I had built my wife next to our above-ground pool, crushed and laying on its side with the roof blown completely off. [Picture 3] I began to quickly wonder about my other antennas.



Picture 1: Basketball Goal on Ground



Picture 2: Twisted Classic 33 Element



Picture 3: Wind Damaged Pool House

Due to the layout of my land, I had to walk up several steps and noticed my other tower with my Mosely TA-53M, 5-Band Yagi bent about 30 degrees off centerline from vertical. I began to sweat. My eyes next peered at my TA-53M it was undamaged. I could not figure how the tower bent due to high winds, but the TA-53M was still intact and undamaged. [Picture 4 and 5] Next my eye peered left to my 160m vertical made from aluminum tubing. It was severely leaning with the top hat mangled and twisted around the aluminum. After walking close to it, the top sections of aluminum tubing were bent by the high winds. [Picture 6] I also saw a huge tree near the 160m antenna on its side. This was only 125 feet from where the work crews were sawing up trees to clear trees & limbs off State Route 274. My 80m vertical also had a section bent.

During my morning walk, I noticed other items blown by the strong winds such as a shooting house on its side; two nicely stacked tin tightly strapped piles had many sheets folded back onto the strapped stacks; other fruit trees on their sides; tree limbs everywhere; a chair made of concrete blocks on its side; and other various items picked-up and blown everywhere.





Picture 4: Bent Tower



Picture 5: Up-close of Bent Tower



Picture 6: Bent 160m Vertical Antenna

There was not too much hype in our area regarding damage the day after, but my son sent me a request from the local newspaper (via Facebook) requesting pictures and damage reports. This made sense to me why during the night and waking my wife by the sounds of chainsaws, the local utility system was out from 1:00 A.M until 5:00 A.M. cutting huge, old oak trees off State Route 274, better known as Old Railroad Bed Road. The crew was working about 125 yards from my property line that joins Old Railroad Bed Road. The funny thing is that an overview camera from a drone would probably show a narrow path of destruction from strong winds that came from Taft through my land and northeasterly toward the other end of my farm. I did learn that when Mother Nature hits with strong winds, be prepared for potential damage. I have been spared in the past, but appears this was my time to be the culprit of Mother Nature. Luckily, we sustained no damage to our house, work shop, and carport.



Picture 7: A tree blew over creating a 20-foot diameter root ball and a 5 foot deep crater on north-end of AC4G Field

## DXpeditions Coming in 2025

The following DXpeditions are on tap for 2025. Please stay tuned!

Start Date	End Date	DXCC Entity	Call	QSL via	Info
2025 Jan05	2025 Jan12	Honduras	HR9	LoTW	By K6VHF as K6VHF/HR9 fm Roatan I; 80-6m; SSB CW RTTY FT8; 100w; QSL via K6VHF (B/d)
2025 Jan05	2025 Jan13	Maldives	8Q7FX	DO4FX (B/d)	By DO4FX; 40 30 20m; FT8; holiday style operation
2025 Jan05	2025 Jan13	Maldives	8Q7XF	DF3XY (B/d)	By DF3XY; 40 30 20m; FT8; holiday style operation
2025 Jan06	2025 Jan25	Honduras	VE3VSM	LoTW	By VE3VSM as VE3VSM/HR9 fm Roatan I (IOTA NA-057); mainly 30 20m; CW FT; holiday style operation; QSL via VE3VSM8
2025 Jan09	2025 Jan26	Guadeloupe	FG	LoTW	By VA3QSL as FG/VA3QSL; 40-6m; SSB CW + digital; 100w; Buddipole
2025 Jan10	2025 Jan31	Benin	TY5C	LoTW	By F5NVF; HF, perhaps 6m; CW FT8, some SSB
2025 Jan11	2025 Jan12	Senegal	6W1RD	EA7FTR	By F4GJE; 80-10m; SSB FT8 FT4
2025 Jan12	2025 Jan15	American Samoa	KH8	LoTW	By OE3GEA as KH8/OE3GEA; 30-10m; CW; QSL via Club Log OQRS or OE3GEA (B/d)
2025 Jan12	2025 Jan27	Marquesas	TX7N	LoTW	By F6BCW F5SDD + 12 op team fm Hiva Oa I; 160-6m; 5 stationsn; 24hrs/7days; QSL via Club Log OQRS
2025 Jan12	2025 Jan31	Curacao	PJ2	LoTW	By W2APF as PJ2/W2APF; 80-10m; CW SSB FT8; QSL via W2APF; operation to continue until Apr 8
2025 Jan18	2025 Jan28	Aruba	P40AA	Club Log OQRS	By DL4MM; 160-10m; CW FT8 SSB; QRV in CQ 160m CW Contest
2025 Jan19	2025 Jan27	Martinique	FM	EB7DX	By F4IFF as FM/F4IFF fm IOTA NA-107; HF; SSB + digital
2025 Jan21	2025 Feb03	St Helena	ZD7DPX	IK2DUW	By IZ2DPX; @ZD7CTO; 160-6m; SSB FT8 FT4; QSL via Club Log OQRS
2025 Jan23	2025 Jan26	Turks & Caicos	VP5	LoTW	By OE3GEA as VP5/OE3GEA fm Providenciales I (IOTA NA-002); 30-10m; CW; QSL via Club Log OQRS or OE3GEA (B/d)
2025 Jan27	2025 Feb15	Rwanda	9X2AW	LoTW	By DF2WO fm KI48xb; 160-10m; CW FT4 SSB; QSL M00XO OQRS
2025 Jan28	2025 Feb02	Turks & Caicos	VP5	LoTW	By KD8RTT as VP5/KD8RTT fm Providenciales I; HF; QSL via KD8RTT direct
2025 Feb02	2025 Feb28	Senegal	6W7	Club Log OQRS	By ON4AVT as 6W7/ON4AVT fm Warang; 80-10m; SSB + digital; QSL via ON4AVT; operation to continue until Apr 10
2025 Feb05	2025 Feb18	Cape Verde Is	D44OA	LoTW	By HB9AOU; 40-10m; CW SSB FT8
2025 Feb08	2025 Feb15	St Helena	ZD7KYD	KY8D	By KY8D; @ZD7CTO; 17-10m; CW; 50w
2025 Feb09	2025 Feb27	Solomon Is	H44MS	DL2GAC	By DL2GAC fm Manakwai; 80-6m; SSB FT8; to continue though May 7



## DX CONTESTS for January 2025

### Chuck, N4NM

#### YB DX Contest, (SSB), 80-10 meters

Jan. 11, 0000Z to 2359Z

Exchange: RS plus serial number

See page 77, Jan. QST and [www.ybdxcontest.com](http://www.ybdxcontest.com)

#### NRAU-Baltic Contest (SSB), 80 & 40 meters

Jan. 12, 0630Z to 0830Z

Exchange: RS, Serial #, region/province/Fylke/lan

See page 77, Jan. QST and [www.nraubaltic.eu](http://www.nraubaltic.eu)

#### NRAU-Baltic Contest (CW), 80 & 40 meters

Jan. 12, 0900Z to 1100Z

Exchange: RS, Serial #, region/province/Fylke/lan

See page 77, Jan. QST and [www.nraubaltic.eu](http://www.nraubaltic.eu)

#### DARC 10 Meter Contest, (CW/SSB), 10 meters

Jan. 12, 0900Z to 1059Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus serial No., DOK code

See page 77, Jan QST and [www.darc.de](http://www.darc.de)

#### DARC RTTY Sprint, (RTTY), 80 & 40 meters

Jan. 14, 1800Z to 1929Z

Exchange: RST, Serial No. & DOK (if any)

See page 77, Jan QST and [www.darc.de](http://www.darc.de)

#### HA DX Contest, (CW/SSB), 160-10 meters

Jan. 18, 1200Z to Jan 19, 1159Z

Exchange: RS(T) + S.N.; HA sends County (two

letter) See page 77, Jan QST and [www.ha-dx.com/en](http://www.ha-dx.com/en)

#### CQWW 160 Meter Contest, (CW), 160 meters

Jan 24, 2200Z to Jan 26, 2200Z

Exchange: RST + State/province; DX send RST +

CQ zone. See page 77, Jan. QST and [www.cq160.com](http://www.cq160.com)

#### BARTG RTTY Sprint, (DIG), 80 -10 meters

Jan. 25, 1200Z to Jan 26, 1200Z

Exchange: Serial no. only

See: page 77 Jan. QST & [www.bartg.org.uk](http://www.bartg.org.uk)

#### REF French Contest, (CW), 80-10 meters

Jan 25, 0600Z to Jan 26, 1800Z

Exchange: RST plus serial no. ( F stations give Dept. ID)

See page 77, Jan. QST and <http://concours.r-e-f.org>

#### UBA (Belgium) Contest (SSB), 80-10 meters

Jan 25, 1300Z to Jan 26, 1300Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus serial no.; ON sends province

See page 77, Jan. QST and [www.uba.be/en](http://www.uba.be/en)

#### UKEICC 80M Contest, (CW), 80 meters

Jan 29, 2000Z to 2100Z

Exchange: 6-Char grid square

See page 77, Jan QST and [www.ukeicc.com](http://www.ukeicc.com)

#### European Union DX Contest, (SSB/CW), 160-10 mtrs

Feb. 1, 1200Z to Feb. 2, 1200Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus ITU zone; EU send EU region (4

char.) See <https://www.eudx-contest.com/rules>

#### UKEICC 80M Contest, (CW), 80 meters

Jan 29, 2000Z to 2100Z

Exchange: 6-Char grid square

See page 77, Jan QST and [www.ukeicc.com](http://www.ukeicc.com)

#### UKEICC 80M Contest, (CW), 80 meters

Feb 5, 2000Z to 2100Z

Exchange: 6-Char grid square

See page 80, Feb QST and [www.ukeicc.com](http://www.ukeicc.com)

#### CQWW RTTY Contest, (RTTY), 80-10 meters

Feb. 8, 0000Z to Feb9, 2359Z

Exchange: RST, Serial No.

See Page 80, Feb QST and [www.cqwxrtty.com](http://www.cqwxrtty.com)

#### Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint CW (CW), 40 & 20 meters

Feb. 8, 1100Z to 1300Z

Exchange: RST & serial NO.

See page 80, Feb QST and [jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt](http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt)

Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware!



## The 2025 NADXC Budget

Bob DePierre

All sorts of financial things happen during the year. Some you don't expect. So the budget presented here reflects my best crystal ball.

We had some SK events last year. I didn't budget for any this year (I'd actually get stoned if I did). So no ARRL bricks, no donations of equipment to sell. I like to make a plan and stay with it, if at all possible, so I inserted a \$300 line for board of directors' decisions without a membership vote. If something happens beyond that, we'll get member approval.

We're still at the top of the solar cycle, so we have \$1,000 planned for DXpedition support. The picnic went very well, but the location cost more than expected, and the club bought the chicken dinners. So we spent \$340 on the picnic last year, and the BoD recommended cutting it back to \$200 this year by relying more on food brought by attending members. I think that's reasonable.

The biggest expenditures occur at the DX Banquet. For many years, we lost money at the event, although it never turned out to be a problem. We've been making a little money for the past 4 years, though. I think we can do it again this year, but we'll again need significant support from the membership. We did sell 101 tickets last year, and somehow we all fit. But that's the absolute limit to fit into the museum. I don't think another location would attract as many guests.

The bottom line is a drop in the bank account by \$546. But we had an unreasonable amount of money in the account at the end of the year, so I moved \$5,000 into a CD at the bank. That account should make a little over \$200 over the next year (although it's not reflected in the budget at this moment).

Budget Category	Proposed 2025 Budget
<b>Year Start</b>	<b>5803</b>
<b>Dues In</b>	<b>1100</b>
<b>Recurring Exp</b>	<b>-1176</b>
repeater elect	-63
web hosting/domain service	-77
repeater maintenance	0
to HARC for Zoom	-50
use of museum	-400
DX Plaques	-286
Miscellaneous	-300
<b>Other Transactions</b>	<b>-1200</b>
Donations/equipment to sell	0
Dxpeditions	-1000
Picnic	-200
ARRL Bricks	0
<b>DX Banquet</b>	<b>730</b>
Huntsville Hamfest Donation	500
venue	-700
food	-2400
speaker+room+travel	-450
ticket sales	4100
raffle	400
grand prize	-400
beer/wine/soft drinks/glasses	-200
insurance	-120
<b>Year End Bank Balance</b>	<b>5,257</b>
<b>Other Asset 3-month CD</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>10,257</b>
Asset delta	-546

# 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 tone access of 103.5Hz. The call sign is 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](http://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 on 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](http://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.