

NorthEast Wisconsin **DX** Association

Board of Directors information to NEWDXA membership



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NEWDXA On-Line Database

(Evaluation Site)

By KD9ZP - NEWDXA # 63

After attending the last meeting, there was some conversation regarding the security of the putting in member email addresses on the NEWDXA WEB site. Since I have done several sites for Club Databases, I volunteered to put up a test site for NEWDXA.

Checkout:

www.marac.org/database

www.fdlhams.org/database

The site is located at:

www.fdlhams.org/newdxa

I put together the site in rather big hurry. And, thus, it had some of the carryover from the Fond du Lac Amateur Club site. I apologize for that.

The site used Microsoft Access 2000 for the database and thus adds several levels of security to protect the members from Spam.

NEWDXA needs to decide if they want to continue with this type of site. If so, the following have to/should be done:

1. *Move the database to the NEWDXA site. Currently, it is on my personal site. The server people would have to be contacted to see if they support Microsoft extensions. Additionally, **one directory would have to be setup for Write privileges.***
2. *Change the look of the site from FDL look to a NEWDXA look. At this point **K9IA** has this done and all I need to do is merge it into the current site.*
3. *Develop an **on-line update** program. I have this done for the **FDL** club I (and **MARAC**) and it would require very little to modify it for **NEWDXA**. This would allow several Club people to update and maintain the (central) database.*
4. *Change (or add) some of the fields to allow better control and sorting. I.e. add number of confirmed countries.*

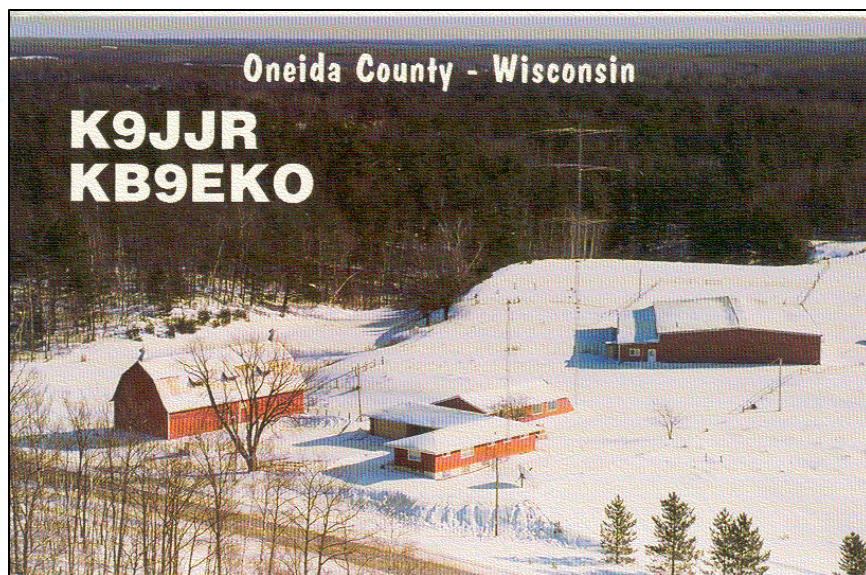
Locate someone in the Club that has **Microsoft Access 2000 (Microsoft Office PRO 2000)** to print reports etc. Or have someone i.e. - secretary purchase a copy. Please take a minute to look at the site (also **MARAC** and **Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club** sites) and forward your opinion and/or thought to me at:

kd9zp@fdlhams.org

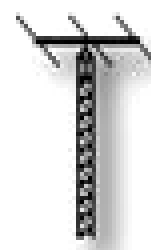
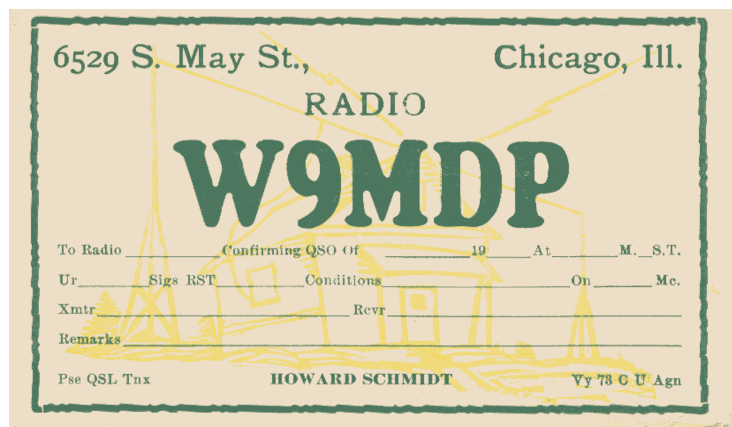
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Marian McCone - KB9EKO*Silent Key*

NEWDXA member number L—29 passed away on Sunday evening January 26, 2003. Marian and her husband Doc (K9JJR) lived in the Stevens Point area most of their lives. Doc had a successful Chiropractic Business until his retirement. The two moved to Kentucky several years ago to be closer to family. Marian was the first XYL to be a member of NEWDXA. We will remember Marian and our prayers go out to Doc.



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 email: w9dxa@newdxa.com
<http://www.qrz.com/w9dxa>
www.fdlhams.org/newdxa

***What are the odds?***

Back in the 1980's I was on the air one evening on 40 meters rag chewing with a guy in Virginia. As the conversation was coming to a close an amateur broke in and said W9MDP do you have a minute. I responded with "sure". After the other QSO ended this new one started and the operator told me he had been issued the call sign W9MDP in 1938. We had a nice QSO and eventually said our 73's. About two weeks later I received this souvenir QSL card in the mail. It is a nice addition to my collection of cards. It is made of heavy card stock. Probably twice the thickness of today's QSL cards. Notice the time "At ____M.__S.T." no UTC. **On the back of the card it says:**

Issued June, 1938—Expired after WWII. I have not been in amateur radio until I got a Novice in December, 1977. I just got my General in May, 1978. I never forgot my code - Hi Hi - signed:

Howard Schmidt - WD6ESD—Garden Grove, CA



Yemen Again 70/OH2YY

In the February issue we displayed the 701YGF QSL card. The March issue shows the only card recently approved by the DXCC desk. We display the back side of the card to show you how many Q's this operator made.

He made 4,150 contacts with 2,840 different stations in less than 40 hours. That is an hourly rate of 103.75 Q's. That is an outstanding hourly rate. This card was provided by NEWDXA member Mark, W9OP. I know there are a few of us who wish we had this card. Thanks Mark for sharing this card with the membership.

To Radio:

70/OH2YY confirms the following QSO(s):

Date	UTC	Band	2way	RST
2002-05-09	21:05	17m	SSB	59

W9OP

Operator:

Pekka Ahlqvist, OH2YY

Operating QTH:

Sanaa, Republic of Yemen

Equipment:

Icom FT-840, Cushcraft R5 vertical

QSL via OH2YY callbook address

Sanaa, the capital of Republic of Yemen is located in the mountain area at the altitude of 2400 meters. The city is an interesting mixture of old and new. New construction can be seen everywhere while Suk, the charming old town takes you back to the past world. There are beautiful old buildings with lots of colorful small shops offering a huge variety of traditional merchant items including antiques, carpets, garment, food etc.

The surroundings of Sanaa also offer to a visitor two totally different worlds. Very bare but in its own way beautiful mountain views are combined with flourishing and green valleys.

My visit in Yemen in May 2002 was rather short. What made it very special this time was the opportunity to bring my radios with me and operate them during my spare time. This I appreciate very much.

I was able to operate a bit less than 40 hours and I made 4150 QSO's with 2840 different stations.

I was great fun for me and I hope it was also fun for you.

My sincere thanks to Loris and to his lovely family. You made this operation possible and I will always remember your overwhelming hospitality during my stay at your home. Also many thanks to Mr. Al Shaibani who played a major role in organising the operation permit.

NEWDXA - Membership Data Base

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At the January meeting a discussion was held regarding how much data about members should be listed on the internet. There are programs that scan sites and obtain individuals email addresses. The programs then use those stolen (so to speak) email addresses to email unwanted materials to the individuals. Gene, KD9ZP offered a data base suggestion. He has since taken the time to prepare a membership data base that is very professional and has the security that we were looking for. We hope to have agreement on this type of site and have it up and operating in the near future.

Any member could access the site and find out information about other members. Maybe you are looking for a phone number, street address, etc. You can access the site and obtain that information. We hope to add additional information that has been suggested by the membership such as: each members total country count and current country count. We urge you to access the sites mentioned in the first page story by Gene Olig and view a sample of what the NEWDXA site may look like when completed.

The NEWDXA Board of Directors wishes to thank Gene for his time in preparing this evaluation site.

NEWDXA MEMBERS WHERE HAVE THEY BEEN



John Meyer - NZ9Z

NEWDXA member # CL - 02

John lives in Kellnersville with his wife Cindy. John operated from Sri Lanka April 11 to 21, 2000 (card at left). He also operated from there January 13-23 1993. John was part of a Dxpedition to T88II in December 1998. At his present location in Kellnersville he has a 100 foot tower and a Sommer Log/Yagi at the top. His rig is a Ten Tec with Drake L-4B amp. John is a DXCC Honor Roll member.



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"THE KINGDOM IN THE SKY"

RIG: Kenwood TS-440S
Heathkit SB-1000

ANT: Cushcraft A4S
Inverted V

ITU ZONE: 57 CQ ZONE: 38

CONFIRMING QSO WITH

STATION	DAY	MO.	YR.	UTC
REPORT	MHZ	MODE	QSL	

73, ED DOUGLASS
P.O. BOX 1570
MASERU 100, LESOTHO
SOUTHERN AFRICA

Ed Douglass - AA9OZ

NEWDXA member # CL - 15

Ed lives in Sturgeon Bay with his wife Adele. Ed operated from Lesotho from 1986 to 1992. While living there he worked 5 BAND DXCC the first issued to a 7P8 call sign. He is starting DXCC again from his new QTH where he has a 24 meter tower with a TH6 on top.

His rig is a TS-850s and a SB-220 Linear when he uses it.