

NorthEast Wisconsin DX Association

Board of Directors information to NEWDXA membership



NEWDXA NOVEMBER 15, 2008 MEETING

NEWDXA member - Tom Liska, K9CJM, Wisconsin Rapids was nice enough to bring the latest addition to his shack to the November meeting. The hottest rig around these days the *Elecraft K3*. This most talked about rig is nothing short of outstanding. Tom placed an order for his kit in February and received it in June. He said he spent about 10 years assembling it. He has placed an order for the sub-receiver and is waiting for its arrival then he will install it. This kit version requires “no” soldering and goes together with ease. If you wish to purchase one there will be a considerable wait. However, it will be worth it!

Tom has had the rig on the air and it performs beyond expectations. If you check the internet web sites on rigs this rig and this company receive very high reviews on a quality product and outstanding service.

Tom will use the rig this winter with a dipole. Tom spent about twenty minutes speaking to the attributes of this fine piece of amateur radio equipment. The NEWDXA membership thanks Tom, K9CJM for bringing this rig to the November meeting and sharing his thoughts about this highly regarded transceiver.

Happy Holidays to all members and their families



More information can be found at:

www.elecraft.com AND

www.eham.net/articles



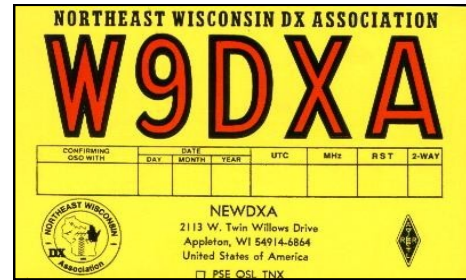
NEWDXA NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2009

OLD COUNTRY BUFFET

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

START TIME: 10:00AM

**DX QSL FIELD CHECKER STATUS**

John Meyer, NZ9Z has volunteered his services as the NEWDXA DX QSL field checker. John has been appointed by the DXCC desk of the ARRL and is active as of now as a field checker. Contact John for an appointment to check your cards. His email is: jmeyer@tm.net

We wish to thank Jeff Rymer, KE9S who has served NEWDXA for many years as the association field checker for dx cards. Tom Prust, N9WI also volunteered his services if more than one checker may be appointed. We have been notified by the DXCC desk that they ***will not*** approve another field checker for our association. So we only have one!

We look forward to their service for all state amateurs.

NorthEast Wisconsin**DX****Association**

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QUALITY SERVICE

It is disturbing to read reviews from internet sites such as eham.net and others to find that amateurs are reporting that service on amateur radio equipment is following along the lines of inadequate quality service found elsewhere in American society. Reports indicate that YAESU (Vertex Standard) is among the worst. ICOM fairs somewhat better than YAESU. KENWOOD follows ICOM with reliable service. The best at this time seems to be ELECRAFT followed closely by TEN-TEC. Do any members have incidents to report? Let us know if you do. It may help other members.

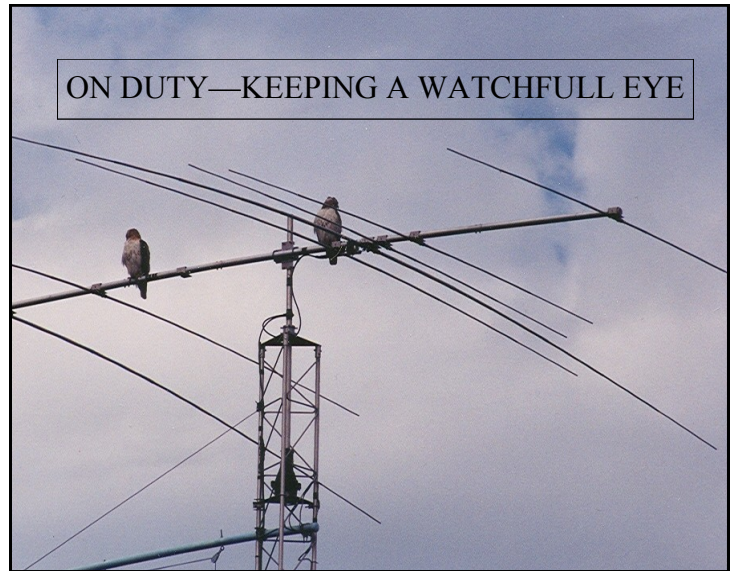
Reports on expensive high end rigs such as the FT-9000 series costing over \$10,000 are not good. In some cases rigs not functioning properly are returned to the factory because of problems and amateurs want a refund of their money because of dissatisfaction with the rig. Amateurs are waiting for over one year to get a refund on YAESU rigs returned because of defects.

Rigs today are very complex and most amateurs can not repair them if problems occur. Firmware and software are used extensively in modern amateur transceivers today and such complexity can easily cause problems. Manufacturer service has always been important and today it may be even more important.

BUYER BEWARE



Newdxa member Wayne Johnson, K9MIF, Plover, WI. Wayne is a retired U.S. Navy Master Chief RM, Subservice.

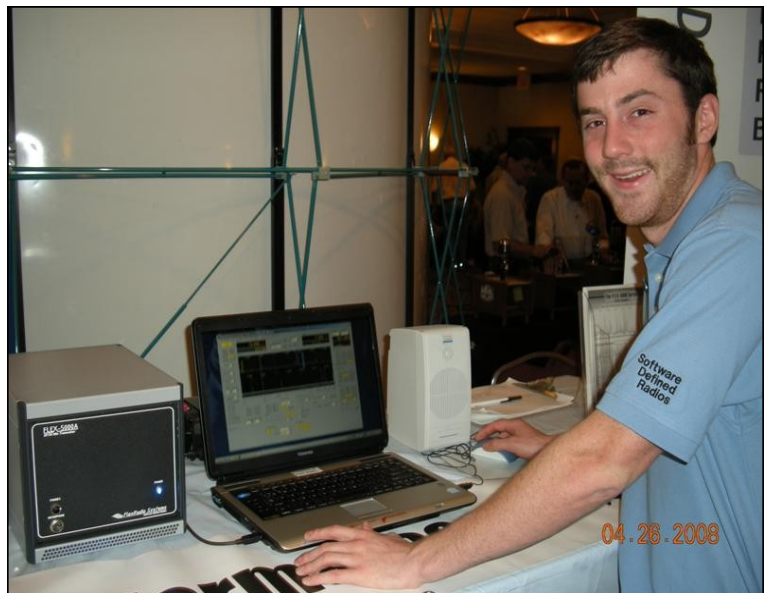


At our November meeting we had the opportunity to receive information on the Elecraft K3 transceiver. We are looking at our January program to possibly have a report on the new Flex transceiver. The Flex is a SDR transceiver - SDR software defined radio. This would be interesting if we could get a report on it. We may have members looking for this type of rig. Below is a photo of the new FLEX 5000 it is the box to the left of the lap top. 160-6 meters at 100 W out. See FlexRadio Systems on the internet for more info. (Software Defined Radios)

W9NN
Bob Baird, W9NN - NEWDXA member Life # 47 - (SK) was a legend in Amateur radio. Bob Baird wanted his niece Betty to obtain his call sign to keep it in the family. When Bob passed away Betty Johnson waited the required two years and obtained the call sign W9NN.



Betty Johnson, W9NN, Extra class operator.







Tim Leigh, N7TAL, Maniwoc,
WI

Member # 104

NEW MEMBERS — NOVEMBER 15, 2008

We welcome 3 new members to NEWDXA. These individuals were brought into membership at the November 15, 2008 meeting at the *Old Country Buffet* in Green Bay. We are glad they share an interest in DX. We look forward to their continued membership and attendance at our meetings.

NEWDXA sponsors for the NEW members were: Steve Weinert, K9ZW Manitowoc for Tim. Gene Olig, KD9ZP, Fond du Lac for Louis and John Meyer, NZ9Z, Manitowoc for Phil.



Louis Simon, KB9VQM, Fond Du
Lac, WI

Member # L-102



Phil Simila, W3TOS, Green Bay,
WI

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