

NorthEast Wisconsin DX Association

Board of Directors Information to Members

NEWDXA - SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING



At the NEWDXA meeting in September our membership reached 115 members with the addition of four new members. It is nice to see that amateurs interested in DX and Contesting continue to find value in our association and decide to become members and support the services we have to offer. Since starting in 1993 with 21 charter members we have continued to grow and serve those who enjoy these aspects of amateur radio. NEWDXA has grown with your support to become the largest DX group in the state of Wisconsin. In 2013 we will finally reach twenty years as a DX association. Thanks to all members for keeping us a viable organization.

ON LINE DXCC

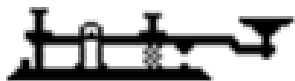
Information which is important for all NEWDXA members is the new procedures to submit DX QSL's to the ARRL. The information below has been compiled by our association DXCC field representative in an effort to help members understand the new process.

Late this spring, the ARRL turned on its long-awaited Online DXCC program, which combines online QSL submission with field checking of cards, replacing the traditional paper DXCC application. This article will, hopefully, give you an overview of this new procedure. (The old method is still available, though, should you wish to use it.)

Online DXCC submission is really quite easy, and the online instructions are very good. Additionally, online submission is cheaper than the old way, primarily because there is no longer a need for the DXCC staff to manually enter your data.

Entering your QSL card data is straightforward. First, however, you must be signed into the ARRL Members Only section. Signing on involves your Username (usually your call sign) and a password you have set up. (continued on page 4)

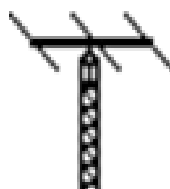




KC9UHH
Anne Dirkman
Francis Creek, WI
Newdxa # 112



KC9HQV
Mike Martch
Manitowoc, WI
Newdxa #113



WA8LE
Les Elder
Escanaba, MI
Newdxa # 114

DONATIONS TO DX PEDITIONS

The membership approved increasing the amount available to dx peditions from \$300 to \$500 annually. After recommendations from the DX committee (Dwight, NS9I & Skip, KE9L) the board is notified and then makes the final approval of the amount to donate.

N8YP
Jeremy Reese
Escanaba MI
Newdxa # 115



WELCOME TO THESE FOUR NEW MEMBERS FROM WISCONSIN AND MICHIGAN

NEWDXA WEBSITE

Visit <http://www.newdxa.org>

[control click to follow link]

HOME PAGE & current board of directors,

MEMBERSHIP roster with updates each June and January

HONOR roll members

MINUTES of previous meetings & the most recent meeting

MEETING locations & dates

HALF CENTURY GROUP – members in amateur radio continuously for fifty or more years.

NEWSLETTERS from past years

FOR SALE items, give away, items needed

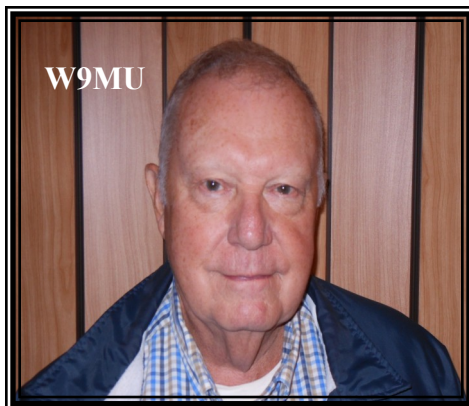
LINKS to various amateur radio sites of interest

SOLAR conditions (current)

NEW - A LINK TO “ON LINE DXCC”



Visit the newdxa website



MEETING GUEST

Jack (W9MU) was invited to our meeting by Mike, N9UA. Jack maintains a residence just south of the Wisconsin border in Richmond, Illinois. Most of his amateur radio operating is done from his home in Richmond, but he does operate from his home in Marinette, WI. His primary station is an FT 5000 and an Alpha 9500 amplifier using tri-banders, dipoles, and

with some wire antennas. Jack worked at the College of Lake County for thirty years as a Technology and Engineering instructor. He is a co-author of *Basic Communication Electronics* and he edits material occasionally for Gordon West, publications. He has been licensed continuously since 1955. He was first licensed as KN9BWO and has held a number of calls over the years, including KR6JN (Okinawa) and W9KDX/J6.

He operates all modes but enjoys RTTY. He is on top honor roll for mixed SSB and honor roll for CW and digital. He supports his local club MCWA (McHenry County Wireless Assn.) and NIDXA (Northern Illinois DX Association). W9MU **thank you** for accepting N9UA's invitation to attend our meeting. It was nice to meet you.

NEXT MEETING - OLD COUNTRY BUFFET/GREENBAY - NOVEMBER 10

ONLINE DXCC CONTINUED

Once signed in, the first page of the Online DXCC gives you step-by-step instructions for proceeding. You enter the QSO data one at a time, with the same information that you used to write on the DXCC Record Sheet – Call, QSO date, Band, Mode, and Entity.

The Online program will list the possible DXCC country (or countries). Make sure that you select the correct country for your QSL! Bill Moore at the DXCC desk has written to checkers that the main problem so far has been selecting incorrect countries. If you cannot find the proper DXCC entity in the list supplied, the program does allow you to select from any of the entities.

When all the correct QSO data has been entered, you hit Save, and your data will be saved. At this point, the data can still be edited and deleted. If you wish, you can enter QSL data as you receive the cards, submitting them later on. Oh, and before I forget, the QSL information can be entered in any order. With online applications there is no longer the need to sort the cards by band and mode. (That was done previously to assist the data entry people at DXCC.)

Further, as the ARRL notes: “If you use a logging program, you will find it faster and more accurate to prepare an ADIF file containing the QSO information for the QSL’s that you want to submit, rather than manually entering each QSO.”

The next step is to begin the application process by clicking on “Submit Application”. There are several parts to this: filling out the application form, selecting QSL’s, payment (which can now be done online by credit card), and previewing the application and the QSL list.

Up to this point you have been able to Save the QSO’s and later edit or delete them. The next step is an important one: once you hit “Submit Application” you can no longer change anything. All that is left is to print the list of cards and make sure that your cards are in order.

The final step is to get your cards to your card checker, where he verifies the list and, using the stamped envelope you supply, he sends the list in to the DXCC desk and returns your cards to you. There is also a new fee list linked to on the Online DXCC page. The cost for a member to submit online is \$7.50 for 101 QSO’s. Not bad! -- 73, *John, NZ9Z, DXCC Field Rep.*

Tom, K9CJM, [newdxa #76] has built both the K3 Elecraft on the left and the new KX3 on the right (which he brought to the meeting). Excellent equipment, quality made and operates beautifully. See Elecraft website for details — www.elecraft.com



ELECRAFT K3



ELECRAFT KX3

ELECTION — NEWDXA officers for 2013

Will be voted on at the November 10 meeting and they will take office at the January 19 meeting. Below is the present 2012 Board of Directors for NEWDXA. Anyone wishing to be nominated for a board position send your name and position desired to Tom, N9WI [newdxa # CL-19] newdxa secretary @ tprust@new.rr.com for placement on the ballot for the 11/10/12 meeting.

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**NorthEast Wisconsin
DX
Association**

Board of Directors

- President - George - W9MDP
- Vice President - Mark - W9OP
- Secretary - Tom - N9WI
- Treasurer - Jim - K8IR
- Ass't Treasurer - Gerry - WA9GON
- Membership Coordinator - John - NZ9Z
- Member at large - Mike - N9UA
- Past President - Skip - KE9L
- Member at large - Bob - KA9JAC
- Program Manager - Mike - N9UA
- Website Director - Gerry - WA9GON



**W9DXCC 2013 will be held next September 20-21
at the Holiday Inn-Elk Grove Village**



SMC

The **Society of Midwest Contesters** formed early in 1985 with the goal of uniting Midwest contesters into a competitive group and to further the idea of radio sporting in the Midwest. From 51 charter members in the summer of 1985, we've steadily grown to a membership of over 200 contesters, mainly in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and **Wisconsin**.
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