

NorthEast Wisconsin *DX* Association

Board of Directors information to NEWDXA membership



Corsica DX-pedition —TK4Z

The January meeting was held at the Stadium View Restaurant in Green Bay. Twenty four members were present. The presenter for the program portion of the meeting was NEWDXA member Larry Hammel, K5OT. Larry presented a very interesting program on his October, 2002, DX-pedition to the island of Corsica (TK). Larry and other amateurs N6AA (Dick) and N6ZZ (Phil), who were the group leaders, also W6XD (Art), K6MC (Tony), K6ZH (Jim), and AB6BH (John) made up the group. They operated multi-multi during the CQWW (phone) contest, operating 160 m thru 10 m. They made around 11,500 Q's during the contest and around 5,500 mostly cw contacts before the contest started. This expedition was special for N6AA as it was his 40th CQ ZONE that he operated from. CQ divides the world into a total of 40 zones. So this was Dick's final zone and he is the **first** ham to accomplish this. They were assisted in Corsica by TK5EP (Patrick), TK5MH (Fabien) and TK5AE (Francois). Four xyl's attend the DXpedition, and Larry's wife Leona K5OTX was one of them. There is a website where further information maybe obtained. This site was developed by the host, TK5EP. Visit: <http://tk5ep.free.fr/>. This site has a summary of their score and some photos of the group, which can be seen by clicking on the heading "Me & Radio", then "contests", then "TK4Z". The QSL manager for the operation is K6VNX. Larry indicates several NEWDXA members are in the log. Get the TK4Z card, it is beautiful and they are ready. Thanks Larry for an interesting program. I think that a presentation on either or both XX9X or EY2A would be of great interest to NEWDXA members as well. Outstanding Larry and Thanks.

February - 2003



K5OT

Larry Hammel

DX'er & Contest Operator

XX9X from **Macau** "1998"
CQWW

EY2A from **Tajikistan** "2000"
CQWW

TK4Z from **Corsica** "2002"
CQWW

After the presentation by K5OT the association, at the suggestion of member Ed Douglas, AA9OZ took time to discuss a topic of mutual interest to all and a topic that every amateur has an opinion about "QSL ing". There was a very active discussion on the various ways that are used to obtain QSL cards, i.e., ways to get by the "postal thieves" in foreign countries. Direct mailing was discussed, bureau mailings, QSL card mailing service providers and other methods as well. Green stamps and IRC coupons were also discussed. Website information about postage from foreign countries to the USA was provided so you know how much to include in your mailing. Not all countries accept green stamps and it may be illegal to have US funds. It was a discussion that was very interesting. The cost of sending cards is becoming prohibitive. Estimated cost direct mail is \$3.00 plus with postage, green stamps, card and envelop costs. A new ham at say age 13 couldn't afford such costs. Electronic QSL'ing may be the way of the future. Keep trying!!! *Always WFWL*

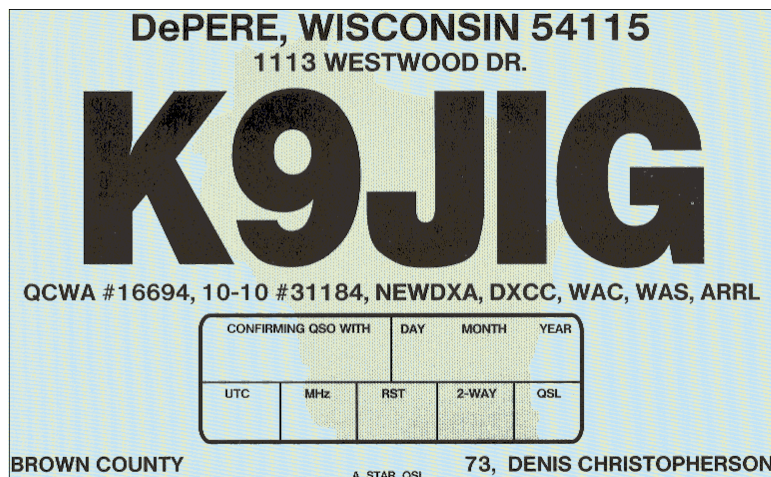
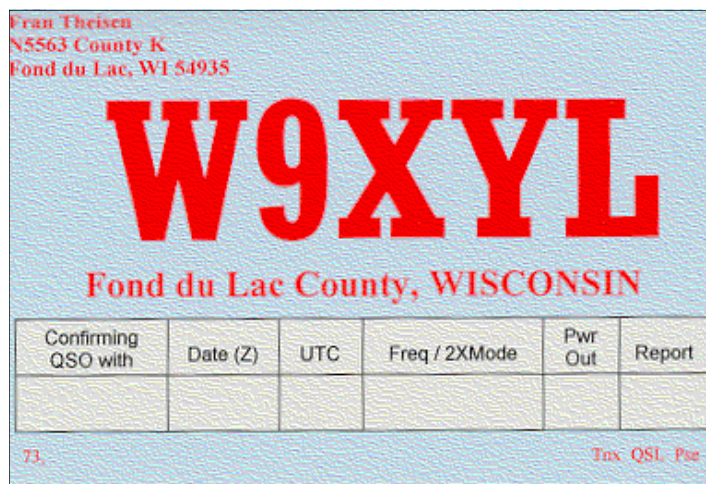


DX NOSTALGIA

YEMEN

I wonder how many NEWDXA members wished this card would have been approved by the DXCC desk. There has been at least one approved operation since this one took place in the year 2000. However, not many had the opportunity to work that last operation by a Finnish station. Maybe 701YGF will eventually get the documentation to satisfy the DXCC desk. We shall keep our fingers crossed. As they say *WFWL*

CONGRATULATIONS to NEWDXA member Fran - **W9XYL** who recently received her DXCC certificate from the DXCC desk. Fran is no longer an associate member. Upon receiving the DXCC certificate she has been moved to FULL member status. Outstanding work Fran. Thanks for joining NEWDXA and for continuing to strive toward full status. You MADE it!



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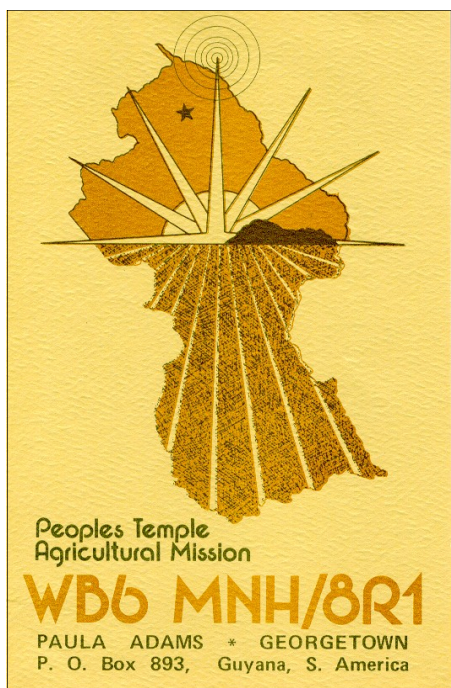
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CONGRATULATIONS to NEWDXA member Denis - **K9JIG** who retired in January, 2003 after 40 years with the state. As a retirement present for himself he purchased a ICOM 756 PRO II. I don't think any member would argue with you about the gift. Enjoy your retirement Denis and thanks for being part of NEWDXA.

Minutes of the January 25, 2003 meeting may be found on the web-site

What about those “old” QSL cards?

Looking at this old card peaked my interest so I did some checking. Here’s what I found.



Amateur Radio Operator

Paula Adams
WB6MNH



Guyana Flag

“Peoples Temple Agricultural Project”

This amateur radio contact was made March 3, 1978. The QSL card was received by direct mail several weeks later. This QSL card is from the Jim Jones project in Guyana, South America. This was a 4,000 acre mission carved out of the dense jungle. Some of you may remember this tragic event and maybe you have this card?

About eight months after this contact was made on November 18, 1978 Jones and his followers committed suicide by drinking a grape drink laced with cyanide. 914 people died and nearly three hundred of them were children. Also killed was Congressman Ryan from the U.S. and three reporters they were shot at the airport by mission guards.

After some internet research I find that the call sign WB6MNH is no longer assigned. Also, I find that Paula Adams was the partner of Guyana’s ambassador to the United States Laurence Mann. At the time of the mass suicides she was 23 years of age. Paula was not present at the mission at the time of the mass suicides.

Five years later in 1983 this amateur radio operator was killed along with her child. She was killed by her partner Laurence Mann who also killed himself. She was 28 when she died. A tragic and sad ending. SK

Printed on the back of the card it said: Working to assist the Guyanese government to feed, clothe, and house its people, and further the human service goals that have characterized the peoples Temple for many years.

Written below that and signed by Paula Adams it said: “Tnx for the QSL. This is a vry beautiful country and they are vry friendly to the U.S. But they need all the help and encouragement they can get. Best wishes to u and to urs. CUL 73’s Paula”

NEWDXA - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Guest Amateur - KF9X

Attending the meeting as a guest of Tom Liska - K9CJM and Wayne Johnson - K9MIF was Michael Podawiltz KF9X who is considering joining our group. Michael we would certainly welcome you to our association. We hope you follow thru and join NEWDXA.

NEWDXA NEXT MEETING

MAY 3, 2003

IN

MARINETTE

At the

RAILHOUSE INN

This meeting was scheduled for a week earlier, however, that was a conflict with the USS Cobia operation of which several NEWDXA members take part. So we moved it to May 3 so they can attend the May NEWDXA meeting. Moving back a week would have gotten us into the Easter week end and the Michigan QSO party. The QSO party would have prevented many NEWDXA members from attending the Marinette meeting. So May 3 seemed to be the best date to accommodate as many members as possible.

We hope the changes made to accommodate members will bring out **MEMBERS**

MANCORAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Fred, W6BSF reports that MANCORAD members will once again be on the air during the week-end of April 26, 2003. Starting Saturday and continuing on into Sunday the submarine USS Cobia will be on the air operated by amateurs from MANCORAD. The call sign will be N9BQV. The official call sign of the Cobia was NBQV during her service. Fred mentioned that the Cobia's radios and radar have been refurbished.

Dxpediton - JERSEY

The word that warms every DX'ers heart

NEWDXA member B. Peter Trembl-K8PT, from the upper peninsula of Michigan will be part of a DXpediton to Jersey during March 19-24, 2003. He would like to work NEWDXA members, so put that on your Calendar. He will use the call sign MJ/K8PT. They will be the guests of the Jersey Amateur Radio Society and will use their club station, i.e., antennas. Peter and his friend Craig - K3PLV will bring rigs, amps., etc. This is the fourth year they have visited the Jersey station. Also, this dxpediton has been written up in the September 2000 issue of World Radio pages 6-7 and in the DX Magazine July/August issue 2000 pages 43-45. NEWDXA will provide a reminder and more details in our March issue.

KH3— JOHNSTON ISLAND

UP NOW UNTIL February 4TH

CALLSIGN: **AH3D**

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