



# The DX HUNTER

SEPTEMBER 18

## MDXA CLUB INFO

**MEETINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH  
7:30 AM @ GOLDEN CORRAL HWY 49  
GULFPORT**

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## CLUB NEWS

### MDXA MEETING PROGRAM

This months program will be on ARES/RACES. Tom Hammack W4WLF is the new ARRL EC for Harrison County. He has requested to present MDXA with a 10 to 15 minute program and discussion on what ARES and RACES are and are not. He would also like to try to clear up what training is probably going to be required and which operators it may impact as well as which ones will not apply.

CONGRADULATIONS to Bill NA5DX on his VUCC for 100+ Grid Squares on 6 meters.

### DX Stories by Paul M. Dunphy, VE1DX

#### Cycle Minimum Blues

One of the local QRPers was up the hill the other day, this one to slouch down in a chair and heave a heavy sigh of despair. "It's the sunspot cycle", he said, "this minimum is terrible." We were a bit surprised for this particular QRPer was always optimistic. "Not to worry", we said in a properly sympathetic voice, "the sunspots always come back. Why, you were just saying at the club meeting last week that we were near the bottom and it can only get better. Why the sudden change?" The QRPer looked at us for a moment, then stared at the floor. "It's not going to come back up this time.", he sighed, "The flux is stuck at 67 and there's no hope. Every other cycle came roaring back, but this one won't. We are doomed to work DX on 160, 80 and 40 for the rest of our lives."

Son of a Gun! We were becoming confused. "What's wrong?", we asked, "have you been reading some of those theoretical papers out of NASA again?" The QRPer began to glare at us with his beady little eyes. "No, I haven't been reading anything at all", he said, his voice rising, "You and I both know it's got nothing to do with solar physics or NASA or anything else! It's the Palos Verdes Sundancers that bring on the sunspots and the DX." We admitted that this was true. "You are beginning to understand the Mysteries of the Ages", we replied, "Don't worry. They will be hard at work this fall and there will be DX for everyone." We sat back in the chair, confident the crisis had been averted. "No there won't be", the QRPer said, "there won't be any DX at all. Have you listened down in the barrancas? Did you hear what they are playing?" We had to admit we had not visited Palos Verdes country in a long while. "They are playing Mendelssohn's 'Symphony in C Minor'! That won't bring on the next cycle! We are never going to see the flux over 70 again!" And before we could get a chance ask more, he was off down the hill, convinced that the Great Days of DXing were never to return.



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What could we say? So we went straight down to see the leader of the Palos Verdes Sundancers . . . and the QRPer was right. The tones of Mendelssohn were stirring in the background. "What gives?", we asked. "Oh nothing," he answered, "the Dancers are just a bit tired. Remember the good conditions when Peter 1st was on? And when we gave it our all so the east coast could work Pratus and Scarborough Reef? Well, it's taken its toll. We just need some relaxation. It's part of the new management philosophy of the 90's," he explained. This was a new one on us and we were starting to worry that the QRPer was right.

The leader of the Palos Verdes Sundancers saw the look of concern on our face. "Not to fear! This fall there will be DX for all! We are working on a new strategy. Ragtime! In 2-4 time, characterized by a syncopated melody over an accented bass. In true Scott Joplin style!" he explained, "the Dancers are just using the symphony to relax." And with that, he did a double-heeled click and was off. Son of a Gun! Who are we to argue with the success of the Palos Verdes Sundancers? The Great Days of DXing are at hand! The signs are everywhere. Be a Believer . . . and learn to like ragtime! DX IS!

## ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS

September					
2018 Sep01	2018 Sep10	<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	<b>EX0PL</b>	SP9KAT	By SP9ONC SP9OUV SP9ETE SQ9IWS SP9AMF SQ9OUK SP9NLT SQ9MCI P9SCZ SP9IVD SP9MZH SP9DEM fm MN92ci; HF; QSL OK via Buro or direct, also Club Log
2018 Sep02	2018 Sep15	<b>Iceland</b>	<b>TF</b>	LotW	By VE2DX as TF/VE2DX; 40 20m, perhaps 80 15 10m; SSB FT8; QSL also OK via VE2DX Buro and eQSL
2018 Sep04	2018 Sep24	<b>Mauritius</b>	<b>3B8</b>	PA3HGT	By PA3HGT as 3B8/PA3HGT; 40 20 10m; mainly SSB, some CW + digital; QSL OK via PA Buro or direct; holiday style operation
2018 Sep08	2018 Sep15	<b>Sint Maarten</b>	<b>PJ7</b>	K5SL	By K5SL as PJ7/K5SL; 40-17m; CW SSB; holiday style operation
2018 Sep08	2018 Sep20	<b>Dodecanese</b>	<b>SV5</b>	LotW	By HB9OAU as SV5/HB9OAU fm IOTA EU-001; 80-10m; SSB FT8; QSL OK also via HB9OAU (Buro or direct), Club Log, eQSL
2018 Sep12	2018 Oct01	<b>East Kiribati</b>	<b>T32AH</b>	DL2AH	By DL2AH fm Christmas I (IOTA OC-024); 80-10m; SSB FT8 RTTY; 100w; Windom; holiday style operation
2018 Sep14	2018 Sep23	<b>Maldives</b>	<b>8Q7EC</b>	OE3DEC	By OE3DEC fm Biyadhoo I (IOTA AS-013); focus on 20m; SSB; holiday style operation; QSL OK via OE Buro or direct or Club Log
2018 Sep15	2018 Sep27	<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>3W9JK</b>	SP5APW	By SP5APW fm Cham I (Sep 15-22, 3W9JK/p, IOTA AS-162) and fm Hoi An; 20-6m; SSB; 1kw; Hexbeam; QSL also OK via Club Log
2018 Sep16	2018 Sep28	<b>eSwatini</b>	<b>3DA0AO</b>	LotW	By HA5AO; 80-10m; CW RTTY FT8, some SSB; vertical; spare time operation; QSL also OK via online OQRS system and HA5AO direct (see Web); formerly Swaziland



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2018 Sep17	2018 Sep26	<b>Malawi</b>	<b>7Q7ELA</b>	Buro Auto	By IW5ELA; mainly CW; 100w; vertical; holiday style operation
2018 Sep19	2018 Sep30	<b>Maldives</b>	<b>8Q7IP</b>	HA3JB	By HA3JB fm Huhumale I (IOTA AS-013); 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; QRV for CQWW DX RTTY Contest
2018 Sep20	2018 Sep25	<b>Svalbard</b>	<b>JW</b>	DJ2AX	By DJ2AX fm IOTA EU-026; HF; CW SSB + digital
2018 Sep20	2018 Oct06	<b>Mayotte</b>	<b>FH</b>	LotW	By OK1BOA OK1FCJ OK1GK OK2ZA OK2ZC OK2ZI OK6DJ as TBA; HF, focus on low bands; SSB CW RTTY FT8; QSL also OK via OK6DJ
2018 Sep21	2018 Oct06	<b>Mayotte</b>	<b>TO6OK</b>	LotW	By OK1BOA OK1FCJ OK1GK OK2ZA OK2ZC OK2ZI OK6DJ fm IOTA AF-027; 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8; QSL also OK via OK6DJ and Club Log
2018 Sep26	2018 Oct10	<b>Rwanda</b>	<b>9X0T</b>	LotW	By I1HJT I2YSB IK2CIO IK2CKR IK2DIA IK2HKT IK2RZP JA3USA; 160-10m; CW SSB, RTTY and FT8 (9X0Y) on 20m only; 3 stations; QSL also OK via online OQRS and I2YSB direct (see Web)
2018 Sep28	2018 Oct14	<b>Samoa</b>	<b>5W0GC</b>	LZ1GC	By LZ1GC in Apia (OC-097); 160-6m, focus on 160 80m; CW SSB RTTY; @5W1SA; QSL also OK via Club Log
2018 Sep29	2018 Oct06	<b>Christmas I</b>	<b>VK9XT</b>	LotW	By A65DC A65DR SM0CXU VE7HDW fm IOTA OC-002; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital (perhaps FT8); QSL also OK via qrz.com logbook and eQSL
2018 Sep30	2018 Oct12	<b>Nauru</b>	<b>C21GJ</b>	W7GJ	By W7GJ fm IOTA OC-031; 6m; mainly EME but some CW SSB, FT8 (50.313 MHz)



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## CONTESTING NEWS

### SEPTEMBER

Colorado QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 1 to 0400Z, Sep 2
Alabama QSO Party	1500Z, Sep 1 to 0300Z, Sep 2
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 2 to 0300Z, Sep 3
Ohio State Parks on the Air	1400Z-2200Z, Sep 8
ARRL September VHF Contest	1800Z, Sep 8 to 0300Z, Sep 10
Iowa QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 15 to 0200Z, Sep 16
New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 15 to 0400Z, Sep 16 and 1600Z-2200Z, Sep 16
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 15 to 0700Z, Sep 16 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 16
New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 15 to 0359Z, Sep 16 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 16
Maine QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 22 to 1200Z, Sep 23
+ <b>CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY</b>	<b>0000Z, Sep 29 to 2400Z, Sep 30</b>
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 29 to 0200Z, Sep 30 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 30

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