



The DX HUNTER

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MDXA CLUB INFO

**MEETINGS: 2nd SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
7:30 AM @ GOLDEN CORRAL HWY 49
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CLUB NEWS

MDXA MEETING

We will be looking for and reviewing members needed to fill the Club Officers positions for the 2019 year. If you are interested in being a Club Officer please contact Marjorie Farve KE5YPT or any Club Officer.

We will also be discussing our Fall Picnic plans and our Christmas Party and Awards Banquet.

DX Stories by Paul M. Dunphy, VE1DX

Generally Speaking

One of the Local QRPers came beating his way up the hill the other day, puffing and sweating as the first signs of early summer took their toll. It really wasn't very warm, but the QRPer looked like he'd spent quite a few hours sitting in front of the rig this winter. We'd seen this before, and once the antenna and tower work began in earnest, he'd be back in shape

He flopped down in the chair beside us, wiped a bit of sweat from his brow, and asked, "What is the best DX rig?" We thought for a moment and then used the old trick of answering a question with a question, "Why do you ask?"

"Because all the Big Guns at the DX club were arguing about it at the meeting last night. One of them has one of those TS-2000 rigs, and he swears nothing can touch it! But another one bought a FT-1000MP over the winter, and he was just as adamant it was the best DX rig. And then this other guy who has 340 or 350 worked said he was happy with his TS-430, and that if you spent any more on a rig, it wouldn't make any difference!"

We nodded and peered over our bifocals at the QRPer with a non-committal look. He took a deep breath and continued on. "Last fall I bought a FT-847. It's a middle-of-the-road rig. And with my 600-watt amp and tri-bander, I worked a lot of DX with it these past six months. Now I'm beginning to wonder. Maybe if I had a \$5000 rig, I'd have worked more DX. And if a lot of DX is good, more must be better. Maybe I should buy - 1000MP or an IC-781. What do you think?"



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We thought about our FT-101 that was still grinding away after 25 years, and of all the DX we'd worked with it. Often we'd been tempted by the glossy ads and the new bells and whistles, but we'd stuck to our DX guns. Maybe if we had bought a new rig every few years, we'd have worked more DX. But maybe we wouldn't have, either.

The QRPer was tapping his fingers on the table, waiting for an answer. We took our time, and then replied. "You've heard the Old Timer say that all things are relative, although some more so, right?" The QRPer nodded and replied impatiently, "Yes, yes, I know! He always says that. It's what Albert always said too. But what's it got to do with buying a new rig? Should I dig into my savings and get one of the new high end rigs or not?"

We weren't about to advise anyone on how much money to spend on a rig, so we decide to hit him with one of the Eternal Enigmas of DXing. "That's the special theory of DXing the Old Timer kept telling you. You obviously haven't heard of the general theory of DXing, have you?"

"What's that?", he said, standing up and staring at us, "and what does it have to do with buying a new rig?"

We looked at him and replied in a knowledgeable tone, "DXers believe that, generally speaking, he who has the best antenna will work more DX. And generally speaking, he who spends more time in front of the rig will work more DX. And generally speaking, he who has the biggest amp will work more DX. So maybe the general theory of DXing implies he who has the most expensive rig will work the most DX too. But it never has been proven. Albert spent years working on a unified DX theory, and he never figured it out."

The QRPer looked confused, and he just stared at us. We stared right back at him, and said, "Generally speaking, however, Albert did prove that he who has the best propagation wins. That is why DX IS!"

He jumped to his feet and bellowed, "What kind of answer is that?" We shrugged as he stomped out the door and down the hill, probably no wiser than he had been a few hours earlier. Someday he would probably understand, but maybe he'd have to go through a half dozen expensive radios before it sunk in.



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ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS

October					
2018 Oct01	2018 Oct12	Albania	ZA5V	S59A	By S59A + OE6V club members fm Lake Shkodra Resort (JN92rd); 80-2m; CW SSB JT65 FT8 MSK144 JT65B for EME; 1.5kw; call sign requested (else ZA5A)
2018 Oct02	2018 Oct29	American Samoa	KH8	DL2AH	By DL2AH as WH8/DL2AH fm Ofu I (IOTA OC-077); 80-10m; SSB FT8 RTTY; QRV for CQWW DX SSB; holiday style operation
2018 Oct03	2018 Oct27	Vietnam	XV9WJR	LotW	By WA7WJR fm Vung Tau, Con Son I (IOTA AS-128) and Phu Quoc I (IOTA AS-128); 40 20 15m; mainly CW, some PSK31 and SSB; QSL also OK via WA7WJR and eQSL
2018 Oct04	2018 Oct09	Palau	T88	See Info	By JH7IPR as T88UW, JA6KYU as T88HS, JA6FQI as T88WM; 160-6m; CW FT8 FSK SSB; yagis, wires; for QSL see qrz.com page
2018 Oct06	2018 Oct16	Niue	E6Y	LotW	By ZL3PAH ZL3GA ZL3AB ZL4TT fm IOTA OC-040 (AH50bx); 160-10m, perhaps 60m; 500w; Hexbeams, verticals, wires; Oceania DX contest SSB and CW; QSL also OK via Club Log; ZL3PAH (Buro or direct) also OK, but LotW/CL preferred
2018 Oct09	2018 Oct14	Norfolk I	VK9	LotW	By JO7GVC as VK9/JO7GVC and JK7LXU as VK9/JK7LXU; 40-10m; CW PSK FT8; holiday style operation; QSL also OK via Club Log and eQSL
2018 Oct09	2018 Oct19	Norfolk I	VK9N	TBA	By N7BF as VK9BF, ZL2HM as VK9PM, N7QR as VK9QR and W6ABM as VK9EV; 40-6m; SSB FT8; 100w
2018 Oct09	2018 Oct21	Chad	TT8KO	LotW	By LA7GIA fm N'Djamena; 160-10m; CW, perhaps SSB; QSL also OK via LA7GIA direct
2018 Oct09	2018 Oct27	Reunion	FR	DJ7RJ	By DJ7RJ as FR/DJ7RJ; 160-10m; CW SSB; 600w; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct



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2018 Oct10	2018 Oct15	Svalbard	JW	LotW	By LA7XK LA9DL LA6VM as JW7XK JW9DL JW6VM (JW5X during SAC Phone) fm IOTA EU-026; CW SSB + digital; QSL also OK via LA7XK
2018 Oct10	2018 Oct16	Vietnam	XV9RH	OE1ZKC	By JH4RHF; HF; mainly CW; spare time operation
2018 Oct10	2018 Oct24	Guantanamo	KG4	Home Call	By W4WV as KG4WV and W6HGF as KG4HF; focus on 160 80m; SSB FT8 PSK RTTY, some CW; QSL also OK via Club Log
2018 Oct10	2018 Nov06	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LotW	By W5JON fm Calypso Bay, St Kitts; 160-6m, incl 60m; SSB FT8; yagi on 6m, verticals, dipole; QSL also OK via W5JON direct
2018 Oct12	2018 Oct16	Laos	XW1IC	LotW	By E21EIC; 40-6m; QSL also OK via E21EIC
2018 Oct12	2018 Oct19	Aruba	P4	Home Call	By NN5E as P4/NN5E and NT5V as P4/NT5V; 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY FT8
2018 Oct12	2018 Oct22	Laos	XW4XR	LotW	By 3W3B; 40-6m; CW RTTY FT8; QSL also OK via E21EIC
2018 Oct15	2018 Nov04	Vanuatu	YJ0GC	LZ1GC	By LZ1GC OM5ZW OK2WM fm Efate I (OC-035); 160-6m, focus on 160 80m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via Club Log
2018 Oct15	2018 Oct30	Christmas I	VK9XG	LotW	By G3SVL G3TXF G3WGN G3WPH G2NF; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8 (in DXpedition mode); 4 stations; QSL also OK via G3TXF and Club Log
2018 Oct16	2018 Oct22	Ceuta & Melilla	EA9	LotW	By JA1XGI as EA9/W1XGI fm Melilla; likely 40-10m; mainly CW FT8; QSL also OK via JA1XGI direct and Club Log
2018 Oct16	2018 Oct22	Chatham I	ZL7X	LotW	By JH1GNU JH1HRJ JE1SCJ fm IOTA OC-038; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; focus on low band CW and FT8 on all bands; QSL also OK via JA0VSH (Buro or direct) and eQSL
2018 Oct16	2018 Oct30	Christmas I	VK9XG	LotW	By G2NF G3TXF G3SVL G3WGN G3WPH fm IOTA OC-002 (OH29uo); 160-10m; major FT8 effort; QSL also OK via Club Log
2018 Oct17	2018 Oct24	Palau	T88SM	JA6EGL Direct	By JA6EGL fm Koror; 160-6m, focus on 40 30m; mainly CW, some SSB + FM; 1kw; yagis, wires



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2018 Oct19	2018 Oct29	Haiti	4V7R	EB7DX	By EA7FTR EA1DVY EA1ACP HH2MK HH2JR EB7DX; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY FT8
2018 Oct20	2018 Oct29	Ivory Coast	TU5MH	LotW	By DF3FS; CW SSB; QSL requests via Club Log (your card not needed)
2018 Oct20	2018 Oct30	Bonaire	PJ4	LotW	By NE9U as PJ4/NE9U; QSL also OK via NE9U (Buro or direct with SASE)
2018 Oct20	2018 Nov03	Ducie I	VP6D	LotW	By K3EL HA5AO W2LK DJ9RR WA6O ZL3CW N6HC W1SRD N6WM HA0NAR PY2PT N6XG K5GS UT6UD NG2H fm IOTA OC-182; 160-10m; CW SSB + digital (incl FT8); 7 stns; QSL requests via Web OQRS (your card not needed)
2018 Oct22	2018 Oct30	Burkina Faso	XT2SZZ	S59ZZ	By S54W S57L S58Y S59ZZ S50A; HF + 6m; QRV for CQWW DX SSB
2018 Oct24	2018 Nov28	Tanzania	5H3MB	LotW	By IK2GZU fm Ilembula; HF; triband Yagi fixed on EU, vertical, dipole; spare time operation; QSL also OK via IK2GZU (Buro or direct) and eQSL
2018 Oct24	2018 Oct29	Ogasawara	JD1BNA	JL1UTS Direct	By JD1BNA fm Hahajima I (IOTA AS-031); mainly 160-40m; QSL: Nick Seki, 4-731-6 Sakuragi, Omiya-Ku, Saitama-C, Saitama, 330-0854, Japan
2018 Oct26	2018 Nov06	Zimbabwe	Z23MD	LotW	By IZ8CCW I2VGW IZ2GNQ F5EOT ON4LO YO8WW YO5OED ON7RB; HF; CW SSB RTTY; QSL also OK via IK2VUC (see Web page for details)
2018 Oct27	2018 Nov03	Samoa	5W	LotW	By JF1OCQ JJ1TBB as 5W7X and 5W0TB; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8; side trip to Am Samoa using W1VX/KH8 and KH8C; QSL also OK via JF1OCQ (Buro or direct) except KH8C which is LotW only
2018 Oct27	2018 Nov11	Guadeloupe	FG	LotW	By SM7RYR as FG/SM7RYR fm IOTA NA- 102; 20m; CW; 100w; vertical
2018 Oct29	2018 Nov06	Mayotte	FH	DJ7RJ	By DJ7RJ as FH/DJ7RJ; 160-10m; CW SSB; 600w; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2018 Oct31	2018 Nov14	Bermuda	VP9KF	See Info	By VP9KF; 160-10m; CW; QSL via W4/VP9KF direct



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CONTESTING NEWS

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California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 6 to 2200Z, Oct 7
Nevada QSO Party	0300Z, Oct 13 to 2100Z, Oct 14
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 13 to 0600Z, Oct 14 and 1400Z to 2400Z, Oct 14
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 13 to 0500Z, Oct 14 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 14
South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 13 to 1800Z, Oct 14
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 15 to 2359Z, Oct 19
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 20 to 0200Z, Oct 21
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 21 to 0100Z, Oct 22
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 27 to 2400Z, Oct 28

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