

The Eastern Iowa Dixer



The official Newsletter of the Eastern Iowa DX Association

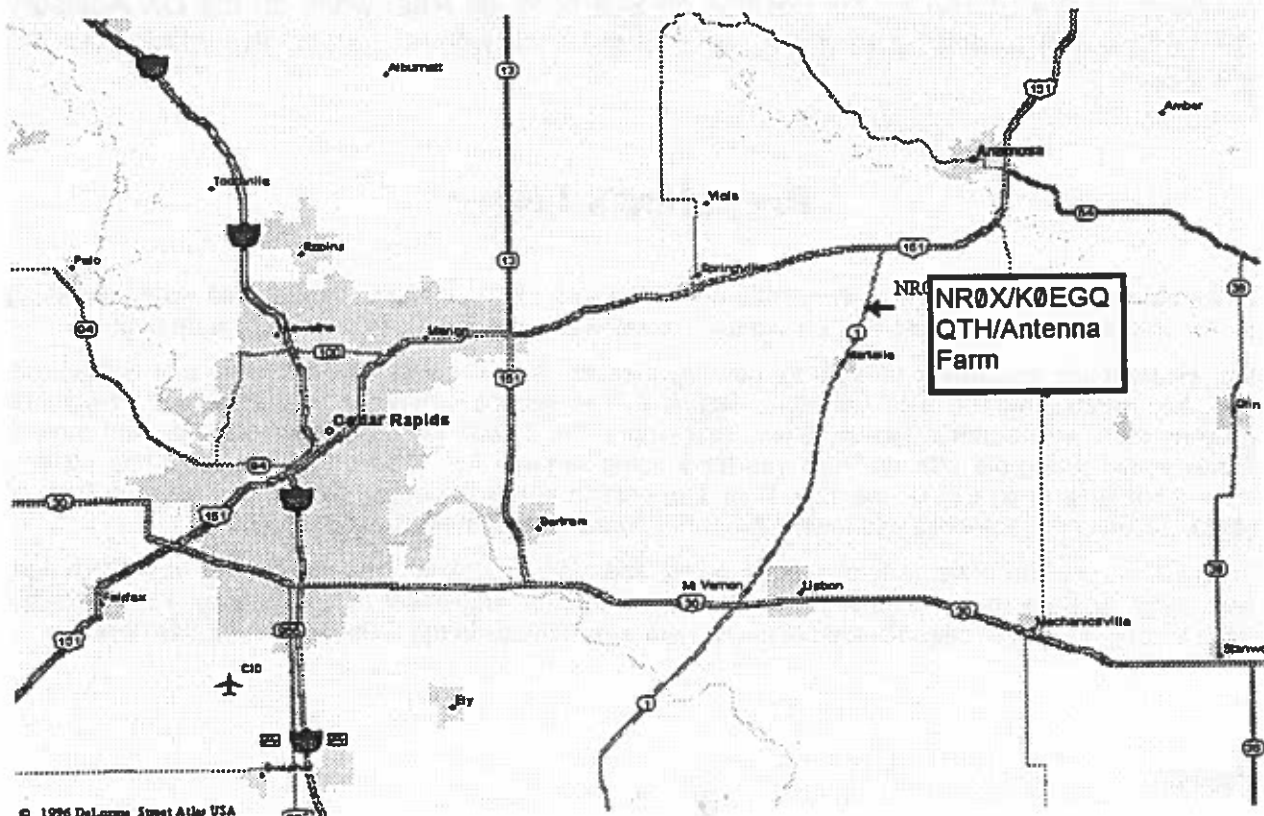
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July, 1997

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MEETING NOTICE:

The July meeting will be Saturday, August 9, 1997, starting at 4:00 PM at the NR0X and K0EGQ QTH/antenna farm. The meeting will actually be a family picnic so bring the family. The antenna farm is between Martelle and US 151 on the east side of IA 1. Like in horseshoes and hand grenades, you just need to get close to find it – look for the antennas! If it is foggy, use 145.19 as a call-in. See Terry's comments in the President's Corner for instructions on what to bring. I hope the map helps.



W0SR HONORED FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

At the May meeting of the EIDX, Jim Spencer, W0SR, was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by ARRL Midwest Director, Lew Gordon, K4VX, in recognition of Jim's contributions to amateur radio, most notably his long tenure on the ARRL DX Advisory Committee. From the smile it would appear that the surprise was complete! Congratulations, Jim!

Photos courtesy of WB0ZKG



Jim was also recognized by Lew, K4VX, and Terry, WD0AWL, on behalf of the members of the EIDX for his position on Scarborough Reef while on the DX Advisory Committee. (It is difficult to get a piece of the rock without getting the whole rock, in this case!)

President's Letter

Since being elected as your president several months ago, I have thought that I should write something for the newsletter. But, nothing that I could think to say was worth putting in print. That is up until now!

We will be trying something different for our July meeting. Actually, that's the first thing that is different. The July meeting will be held Saturday, August 9. The second difference is, we decided at our last meeting to have a summer family picnic. That's right The EIDX will break from tradition and have a family picnic. Bring the wife and kids and have some summer fun. What's that you say? You want to learn something at an EIDX meeting. Well, the location of this fun outing will be the antenna farm of NR0X. Viewing the antennas and towers will definitely be an educating experience.

The club will provide brats, hot-dogs, buns, relish, and grills to cook on. You will provide your beverage, lawn chair, and any thing else that you think might add to the enjoyment of this meeting. I will probably bring a covered dish of baked beans. Actually, I am quite famous in the Cellman clan for this delicacy.

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President's Letter (con't)

Maybe you could also bring a dish to pass or even a bag of chips. With any luck we can eat the tomatoes right out of Heinz's garden.

The fun begins when you get there. It was mentioned at the meeting that this should be from 4:00 P.M. till you leave. For those of you that get tired of staring up at antennas, I will bring along the Pitcairn video for you and your family to watch. This is more than a ham radio video, it goes into the lifestyle of the people that still live on this isolated island. Another highlight of the evening will be the presentation of a very prestigious award to one of our members.

I sure hope to see a lot of you at this meeting, brats and hot-dogs are sure hard to return.

73 's good dx, de WD0AWL

Minutes of the Last EIDX Meeting

9 May 1997

The Spring meeting of the EIDX was called to order by Terry, WD0AWL. Among those present were Lew Gordon, K4VX, Division Manager and Jim Lasley, N0JL, Section Manager.

A moment of silence was held for Jack Muckler, NB0H, who became a silent key since our last meeting.

Tom, WB8ZRL said that the DX cluster was working well.

Al, K0VM gave the repeater report stating that the repeater was working well as the temperature had warmed up.

The meeting began with the minutes being approved as published. The treasurers report was given that as 1 May 1997, there was \$632.34 in the treasury.

The club voted to purchase 250 three color membership certificates for \$105.75.

Jim, W0SR gave the DXAC report.

Terry, WD0AWL, pointed out that call sign badges with the club logo were available from The SIGN MAN III.

Not enough shirts have been ordered yet. Terry Cellman, WD0AWL, requested that anyone interested in ordering a shirt should contact him.

Glen, K0JGH, is looking for QSL card orders.

It was proposed that the August meeting be a picnic at NR0X, Heinz's QTH. It will be a family event with the club supplying hot dogs, brats, and sauerkraut lasting from about 3 PM to dark.

It was requested that the members names, addresses and Email addresses be included in the next newsletter. Email addresses were requested on the attendance sign up.

After the formal meeting, Lew Gordon, K4VX, gave a talk and played a video tape of the World Radio Sport Championship.

After the video Lew presented Jim, W0SR, a Lifetime Achievement Award for his long service on the DXAC. Jim received a well deserved standing ovation. Previously Jim had been presented a couple of gag awards.

Following the presentation, a tape of the recent VK0IR, Heard Island DXpedition was played. EIDX was listed amongst the contributors in the trailing credits.

Respectfully

Frank Apple, W0GWK

Sec. / Tres.

Short Notes

It is hard to believe that once again, summer is about half gone. I guess it is a bigger shock when you realize your yagis have been down for refurbishment since last fall and are still not ready to go back up! Progress is being made.

Congratulations, again to Jim, W0SR, on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. Thanks to Lew Gordon, K4VX, ARRL Midwest Director, for being here to make the presentation to Jim and for giving the meeting program.

I have been told that the new membership certificates are in hand. Frank, W0GWK, says he will try to have them ready by the next meeting for those members who have not received one.

Thanks to Chuck, WB0ZKG, for the pictures included in this issue. I think pictures add a lot to the newsletter. For those who have pictures to include in future newsletters, I can use either color or monochrome photos, but can only print in two colors, black and white. (Also, if you have not checked prices, color copying is still VERY expensive! It will be a while before we make that transition.) If you are thinking about it while you are taking your pictures, please try to use as much contrast as possible (light background for darker subjects or vice versa). The larger the print, the better. I reserve the right to crop pictures so they will fit and will not be responsible for the quality of the picture as included in the newsletter unless it turns out great!

Tower Ordinances - As we all should know by now, this will not go away. I received a call from KA0YAP in Fort Madison a few weeks ago. Apparently, a presentation was given by some lawyers which dealt with regulating towers, with cellular towers the target, at a COG (Council of Governments) meeting recently. This meeting

was attended by people responsible for planning and zoning in cities and towns of all sizes in eastern Iowa and western Illinois and maybe elsewhere. It had come to Rick's attention that a draft tower ordinance was being circulated to other city department heads for review prior to presenting an ordinance to the city council for consideration. Fortunately, the situation in Fort Madison is not the same we found ourselves in here in Linn County a while back. My real concern is that the wrong tower ordinance message is being preached far and wide by other so-called expert attorneys and this message, while maybe not being preached with amateur radio in mind, is apparently affecting our hobby negatively - once again. I would feel a bit more comfortable if the Linn County model was being proposed by these "experts", but that is apparently not the case. My message once again is one of diligence. Individually, we need to monitor what is going on in our own city and county governments to be sure a new ordinance does not slip through virtually unnoticed. Local governments are not supposed to operate in a vacuum, but it may not always be obvious what is happening on various issues, i.e. tower ordinances. **KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON WHAT YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY BE DOING TO OUR HOBBY!**

As requested, a membership roster with the e-mail addresses listed for those who have them is included in this issue. If there are any errors in your listing, please let me know.

Elsewhere in this issue is information for ordering the official EIDX badge.

Don't forget the upcoming CVARC Hamfest at a new location! Again, look elsewhere in this issue for details.

73, Wade W0EJ

What is a leap second?

A leap second is one second added to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) to make UTC agree with astronomical time to within 0.9 second. UTC is based on the performance of atomic clocks. Astronomical time is based on the rate of rotation of the earth. Since atomic clocks are more stable than the rate at which the earth rotates, leap seconds are needed to keep the two time scales in agreement. The first leap second occurred on June 30, 1972. Although it is possible to have a negative leap second (a second removed from UTC), so far, all leap seconds have been positive (a second has been added to UTC). Based on what we know about Earth's rotation, it is unlikely that we will have a negative leap second in the foreseeable future.--National Institute of Standards and Technology

From the ARRL Letter

PHIL WIGHT, VS6DR – A DX ORIGINAL

by Fred Laun, K3ZO

It was with great sadness that I put down the telephone on Saturday morning June 7 after having just been informed by Chester Lunsford, XV5AC/W4EVG, that Phil Wight, W5UHK/VS6DR, had died that morning at the age of 57. I hasten to add that there is a lot about Phil that I don't know and probably a lot that I have forgotten too, and there are probably others around who could fill in many other details, but here goes:

I first got to know Phil in 1968 when I was assigned by the U. S. Information Agency to the U. S. Information Service office in the city of Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand's Golden Triangle area. Though amateur radio was nominally illegal in Thailand in those days, thanks to the research carried out by another DX'er who I have really been missing for the past 10 years, Don Riebhoff, K7ZZ/HS3DR/HS4ABM, who was assigned to Thailand several months before I was, I knew by the time I was ready to ship my stuff to Thailand that in fact it was possible to get on the air there, and so I put a Drake line and NCL-2000 amplifier in my household effects shipment to Chiang Mai, along with a 14AVQ vertical and odds and ends of coax and wire.

Sure enough, through the good offices of the late Thai Police Lieutenant Chankij Boonyaratvej, HS1CB, I was issued the call sign HS3AL by the Society of Thai Amateur Radio (STAR) of which he was President, and once my gear arrived I put the vertical up on my house in Chiang Mai and I was on the air. I noticed at once that one of the more active stations in the area was one VS6DR out of Hong Kong. Since HS1CB had asked those of us operating from Thailand to stay on SSB, since he was not about to try to tune through the CW band to try to find an HS station that might be operating there when on SSB a voice provided instant ID of the 15 or so of us that were privileged to be operating from Thailand at the time, an awful lot of evening on-the-air time was spent just rag chewing in round tables on 20 meter SSB with other stations in the area, most prominently VS6DR, who styled himself as the "biggest DX'er in the Orient" not because his country total was the highest -- though he wasn't far behind the leaders -- but because his approximately 500 pound bulk cut an imposing

figure at radio club meetings in the area. He even topped the famous "Big John" Van Lear, VE7IR/YB0AAA -- another good friend who, sadly, has passed on since -- who only ran to about 330 pounds or so.

Phil was an excellent operator and at that time was one of the high scorers in the area in many of the major contests. Don Riebhoff had already visited Phil in Hong Kong so it was only natural that the first vacation I took after arriving in Thailand was a trip to Hong Kong, where Phil met me at the airport in his chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce with the specially-outfitted back seat to allow Phil's bulk to be transported around town in regal comfort. I sat up front with the chauffeur, and we headed for Phil's town house apartment on Victoria Peak. Phil leased the whole top floor of about a four-story building at the very top of Victoria Peak. One of the first things we did on arriving at Phil's place was to go to the roof where I was given a guided tour of the VS6DR rooftop antenna farm -- a tribander and wires at the very top of the local topography, with an unobstructed 360 degree view of the horizon. I watched in amazement as aircraft lining up to approach Hong Kong's Kai Tak Airport circled the colony at altitudes well BELOW the altitude we were standing at.

The Victoria Peak residence came with its own Phil Wight story. Hong Kong was under rent control at the time, and so Phil's Chinese landlord was forbidden to raise his rent unilaterally. When Phil initially moved there the rent was fairly expensive as Hong Kong rents went, but once the real estate market took off -- too much money chasing too few available apartments -- Phil ended up with a real bargain, and refused to accept a significant rent increase. Thus the landlord took the only legal step available to him -- he tore the building down and built a new one. Phil eventually had to move downtown to a much less desirable DX QTH.

Phil was an excellent cook and as I recall he whipped up a first-class Mexican dinner for the two of us, and in a conversation that went well on into the night I began to learn a little about my fascinating host.

My first surprise was that Phil was actually a couple of years younger than I was -- I was only

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31 at the time -- and yet he was already an experienced hand in the Oriental colony's business circles. He was the Chairman and CEO of Pacifica Products, Ltd., and, despite the fact that it was still about three years before the USA recognized the Peoples' Republic of China, Phil was already doing big business with the "mainland".

Phil was one of those people you meet in your lifetime who had absolutely no fear of failure. He was willing to try anything that seemed promising, and his business sense proved to be right on the money most of the time. Though a congenial and gracious host, he evidently could throw his considerable bulk around in the business world when he had to. He had begun his working life as a bass player with a band in a Las Vegas casino, and somehow found his way to Hong Kong while still a very young man -- I never heard exactly how.

He was a specialist in finding a business "niche" where there was a demand and no one was fulfilling it. I am sure I don't know the half of what his dealings with the PRC amounted to, but one big profit center was his purchase of human hair from PRC traders which eventually found its way to hairbrush manufacturers in the States. (ed.: and for human hair wigs to Europe). In succeeding years Phil even utilized his knowledge of Las Vegas to charter aircraft so that high rollers from Hong Kong's business elite could travel non-stop to Las Vegas in style and gamble to their hearts' content. However that business generated so much loose cash that some of Phil's employees were tempted to get light-fingered, and he eventually dropped that line of endeavor.

Of more interest to me was the fact that Phil was astute enough to obtain for Pacifica Products the exclusive franchise for all of China from several Japanese radio manufacturers, who had no objection to granting such a franchise since everyone knew that the Chinese Government couldn't afford to buy modern radios anyway. A few years later when the Peoples' Liberation Army modernized its communications systems, Phil literally "cleaned up" with the commissions he received.

My days during my stay in Hong Kong were spent using Phil's downtown office as headquarters for my foray into Hong Kong's commercial districts where I had several suits made to order for a pittance of what they cost in

the states, and otherwise watched in fascination as Phil spent his days signing contracts and business letters put in front of him in myriad folders by his faithful secretary Ceci, whom he later married.

On one of the evenings I was there he took me over to the China Fleet Club where the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society was having its weekly session of the DXers' Liars and Barfly Society -- not a real club meeting but sort of a "can you top this one?" bull session complete with plenty of Gilbey's Gin and Schweppes Quinine Water flowing as the tropical night went on.

Also by this time Phil had begun a ham radio magazine in Hong Kong called OHM (for Oriental Ham Magazine), which gave a number of us expat hams in the Orient a chance to become authors for the first time in our lives. There was no pay involved, but it was still nice to see one's name on the byline of an article which was circulated all over the world. Imagine my satisfaction when an article I wrote about the ITU banned country list actually drew a response from Dick Baldwin, W1RU, then the ARRL's Assistant General Manager (and now, of course, the President of IARU).

It was not long after my return to Thailand that Phil began making ever-more-frequent visits to Thailand, and if Don and I could get to Bangkok on such occasions we would. Most of our time there was spent on guided tours of Bangkok night life provided by the radio club President Lt. Chankij, who of course as a police detective knew where the action was. This being a family list, I will go into no graphic descriptions of what happened, except to say that Phil was an enthusiastic participant in whatever it was that we did on such occasions, despite the skepticism of some business owners as to whether his size would allow him to fully participate in all of the evening's activities.

Following our diplomatic assignments in Thailand, both Don Riebhoff and I were transferred to Viet Nam, where there was a war going on at the time and the U.S. Government made it rather clear that if you wanted to continue to have a career in the U. S. Diplomatic Service, a tour as a civilian advisor in Viet Nam would have to be served eventually -- why not now?

Naturally Don and I started working on getting ham radio legalized in Viet Nam and OHM Magazine was a big ally in our efforts, lending

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its pages to whatever we wanted to write about what we were doing. Don and I met Chester, W4EVG, who was already in Viet Nam when we arrived, literally by following the coax lead-in from a monstrous 4-el quad on top of an American Government apartment building to the apartment where it entered the building. Chester, who was to have the major role in establishing the first legal ham station in Viet Nam in many years, was a new enlistee in the "Phil Wight Fan Club" and in Phil's final years he had no more loyal friend than Chester, who held Phil's hand by e-mail more than the rest of us in order to try to keep Phil's mind off his health problems.

It was not long after our arrival in Viet Nam that Phil began making Saigon a regular stop on his business travels throughout the area. I'll never forget the time that Phil came down to Saigon on his way to the very first Southeast Asia Net Convention in Penang, Malaysia, so that we could all fly over to the Convention together. We were scheduled to fly Air Viet Nam to Bangkok, with a stop in Phnom Penh, and, after overnighing in Bangkok, to take a Malaysia-Singapore Airlines flight to Penang. We got to the Air Viet Nam check-in counter at Saigon's airport only to find that Phil was carrying no health card showing that he had been vaccinated against yellow fever. Thailand was rather strict at the time about not allowing people to enter its territory from war-torn places like Viet Nam without health certification, and Air Viet Nam was not willing to let Phil board the flight without one, since they might be forced by Thai authorities to return him to Saigon from Bangkok free-of-charge. Never in my life have I argued so tenaciously with airline officials as on that occasion; we couldn't conceive of being at the SEANET Convention without our big friend. Finally I got the airline to produce a release-from-liability form – which it turned out they had all along – and once Phil signed it we were on our way. Oh, yes – the Thais never asked him about his health!

On our stop at Phnom Penh airport we stood under the wing of the 727 on the tarmac waiting until the local passengers were ready to board – since there was no power truck keeping the plane cool while it was on the ground – fantasizing about one day getting Cambodia on the air as well. Not long thereafter, "Big John" Van Lear – who was the one who organized this first SEANET Convention – managed to

accomplish that feat. We stayed that night in the Monthien Hotel in Bangkok. My memories of what happened that night are fuzzy, but the next morning I joined Phil in his suite for breakfast, which he ordered delivered to his room, and I remember that for the first time in my life I saw one of those extra-long shoe horns which was how Phil got his shoes on in the morning. Having expanded my girth considerably in recent years, I now utilize such an apparatus myself. Off we went to Penang and the convention, and we had a great time – all 17 of us. Ed, W2MIG, who was 9V1QD at the time, was another one of the participants.

I left Viet Nam just after Chester had managed to get the first legal ham station going there, but Don and Chester stayed on, and Phil Wight got very interested in getting the Spratly Islands on the air. He devoted several issues of OHM Magazine almost single-mindedly to the effort, and even went along on the first, abortive DX-pedition, though he had to stay on the mother ship because if he had tried to get off on the dinghy it probably would have tipped over. On succeeding efforts, including the successful one, Phil was satisfied to cheerlead on 20 meters from his shack in Hong Kong, but there is no doubt that his enthusiasm helped drive the effort to its eventual success when Chester and Don along with WB4UZP, N5TP and "Scotty" – WA4??? – made several thousand QSO's from one of the Spratlys. I had only had sporadic contact with Phil after that until last summer, though mutual friends had told me about encountering Phil in his electric vehicle prowling the exhibit floor at electronics conventions. Among those keeping me informed of Phil's activities was Phil's long-time accountant, Vince Chinn, K6KQN. Then last summer, inasmuch as I was going to be in the San Francisco area for the World Radiosport Team Championships anyway, my XYL Somporn and I accepted a long-standing invitation to be house guests of Phil's. By this time Phil had been having serious health problems for years, and though Pacifica Products was still going great guns in Hong Kong, Phil was a virtual shut-in at his house in Mountain View. Immobile as he was, his old brain was still racing ahead as always, and it wasn't long before I had forgotten his infirmities as we got caught up in a passionate review of what had happened since we had last seen each other in Bangkok in 1979, during my second tour of duty in Thailand. I am really pleased that my XYL Somporn got to meet him and see what a great guy he was. One final

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anecdote illustrates the way Phil went about doing things in his own original way. I happened to remark that his home telephone and fax numbers both seemed like the kind of numbers that would be assigned to the switchboard of a major business or government establishment – numbers like 568-9600 and 568-9400. He answered that when he had moved into the house he had programmed an automatic dialer to dial every number ending in "double-zero" in the area, and finally he found two such numbers where an automatic recording informed him that "the number you have dialed is no longer in service." He then asked the phone company for those numbers and got them.

Unfortunately our stay as Phil's house guest was all too brief, as the very next day Phil was ordered by his doctor to go back into the hospital. After I left for the WRTC festivities that day, I never saw my friend in person again, though Somporn stayed at the house that day and accompanied him to the hospital. I now regret not having made a final effort to get by the hospital to see the old boy.

A real original has passed from among us, someone who vastly enriched the lives of every one he touched. RIP, Phil Wight!

Forwarded via the Internet DX Mailing List/WB8ZRL

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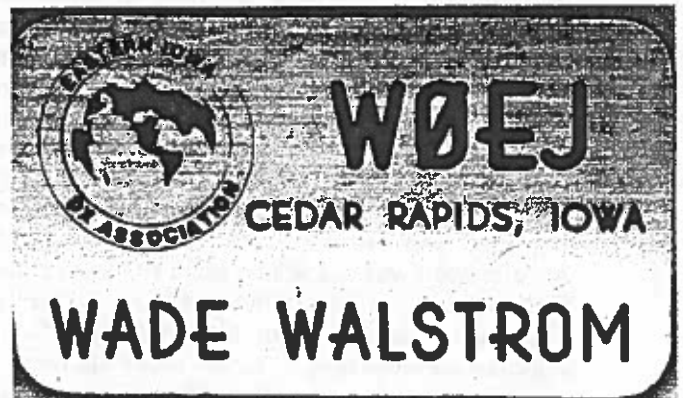
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Total \$6.50

You have seen the badges. The illustration gives an idea of the badge layout.

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S & H for up to 20 badges for \$3.50
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DXCC APPROVES OPERATIONS

The ARRL DXCC Desk has received and approved documentation for the following operations:

3A/DJ7RJ, 3B8/DL6UAA, 3B8/EA3ELM, 3C5Z, 3D2UK, 3XY03A, 8Q7AF, 9H3VG, 9H3VH, 9H3WD, 9H3WM, 9K2/YO9HP, and 9U5T.

Also: BS7H, C50YL, C53HP, C93/JA6SJM, C93/JG6BKB, C93/JR6XIW, D25L, D2FIB, D68KS, ES1HR, ET3FB, HS9AL, J3X, J6/F5CCO, J75T, J77C, J77FT, J79BP, J79QA, J79RC, J79WP, PJ8DX,

Also: S07NY, SM5ENX/DU1, T32HA, TI/AA8HV, TI/ON7ZM, TL8EJ, TN7A, TO5C, TT6FNU, TY1RY, V5/DK2WH, V5/W8UVZ, VK0IR, VK9FL, VK9PG, XT2GA, XZ1N, YV7/AH6OM, YV7/WH6DAG, Z2/SM0FIB, and ZK1JOO.

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The Eastern Iowa DXer

DXCC-2000

Although the final proposal will be presented to the ARRL Board of Directors next January, the interim proposal for the DXCC-2000 award presented to the MSC looks very promising. As proposed, it will be a DXCC band sum total award with 160, 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, and 6 meters available. Points are will be awarded for the number of DXCC countries on each band. At the current DXCC country list standing at 329, a total of 2961 countries is available. Contacts made prior to the start of the program January 1, 2000, will count for credit for the award which will have levels ranging from 1000, 1500, 2000, and 2500 points. Each year the person with the highest total will receive the "King Kong" plaque. This is a lifetime award issued only once with yearly endorsements after that for King Kong repeats. There will be no "Top of the Honor Roll" for this program as it will be impossible to reach the top unless one has all of them on all bands. (Imagine 329 on 6 meters!) Also deleted DXCC countries do not count toward points. To inaugurate the program, a special DXCC-2000 "sprint" starting from scratch will be begin January 1, 2000. The winner of this one will be the top gun for the year 2000. The same point system will be used, but this will be a one time event. For us old timers, the current DXCC program and the DXCC Honor Roll will be maintained as-is so don't become apoplectic just yet! Understand that this is still in the proposal stage only. It will be voted on next January. (K4VX)

From the July 1997 Midwest Division Membership Letter

CQWW Rule Change

The following is correspondence between W0UN and K3EST --- from the Internet.

The recent discussion re: "[CQ-Contest] QRPer runs 2KW" revived the issues related to my discussion and resulting petition to the CQWW committee from many months ago about allowing other bands to be used for mult chasing during a contest. Last week (just before I walked out the door for a brief trip) I received the following letter from Bob Cox. This seems to address the issue I raised as well as the issue of the QRPer calling with a KW and then reducing his power for the exchange. It also appears to address moving a qso from one mode to another, something I had not requested but something that seems to make sense when viewed in a similar manner.

I want to acknowledge everyone who made comments to both me and to the committee-- both in support of and in opposition to the rule clarification. And I want to acknowledge the efforts of the CQWW committee for their work, as well. I know that there was significant discussion within the committee, since many of the comments in support of moving mults from another band in a single band entry were made by committee members!

To see an issue be raised to the committee and to see that issue be studied and debated within the committee and to see the committee act on that issue is to see a dynamic example of a committee dedicated to keeping the CQWW contest the top international DX contest. And it is an example of what a ground-swell of

individuals can do to affect changes as changes are needed.

Thanks again for being part of the process.

73 John W0UN

Hi John,

This is an official letter.

Last winter you petitioned the CQWW to look into the practice of a single band entry using other bands to look for QSOs. The scenario would be a 40M single band guy using 80 or 20 for example to look for multipliers to move to his entry band.

The CQWW Committee recently took up this issue and agreed to place in the rules a sentence which will apply to all categories not just the situation you raised.

The additional sentence to RULE.III is:

"All entrants must operate within the limits of their chosen category when performing any activity that could impact their submitted score."

I want to thank you for bringing this to our attention. Not only did it make us think about single band but we broadened the scope of the inquiry to include all categories.

73, Bob, K3EST
CQWW Director

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