

DX Advisory Committee Semi-Annual Report

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**To the American Radio Relay League
Board of Directors**

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Introduction

The first six months of 2007 have been very productive from a Dxers point of view. Despite propagation conditions that are at or near the bottom of the sunspot cycle, numerous DXpeditions have taken place. Several DXpeditions to “Top Ten“ DXCC entities resulted in very large QSO totals. This proves once again that Dxing is possible throughout the sunspot cycle....the QSOs are just made on different bands. The high bands are productive during good sunspot conditions and the low bands are productive during poor sunspot conditions. A summary of the major DXpeditions is included below.

The DXAC has had informal discussions about two issues that seem to be of concern to the DX community. However, we have not been formally tasked with any studies or requests for recommendations.

DXpeditions completed to “top ten” entities

January, 2007...VU7RG, Lakshadweep Islands was activated by a multi-national team located on four different islands. In a two week operation, from the #2 most needed entity, 110,000 QSOs were made. The mostly North American team located on Agatti Island (of which the author was a team member) was extremely successful making North American QSOs, including thousands of contacts on the Low Bands. The VU7RG DXpedition was awarded the coveted “DXpedition of the Year” award at the Dayton Hamvention in May, 2007.

April, 2007...N8S, Swain’s Island was activated for the 2nd time since becoming a new DXCC entity last year. The first operation was a short, token operation conducted by JA1BK and a small team last year, so for all practical purposes, Swain’s Island was the #1 most needed DXCC entity. A multi-national team, led by YT1AD, made 117,000 QSOs over a two-week period.

April-May, 2007...BS7H, Scarborough Reef, #1 on most DXCC wanted lists, was activated by a multi-national team led by Bob, W6RGG and James, 9V1YC. The political and logistical obstacles to activate “the rocks” took 5 years to overcome. The operation made 46,000 QSOs over a one-week period.

Issues/Concerns/feedback in the DX community

There are two issues that the committee members are hearing about from DXers in their respective Divisions. The first has to do with Operating practices, specifically malicious interference, especially during DXpeditions, and the use of obscene language. The DXAC has discussed these issues on their Internet reflector and many thoughtful, well-reasoned comments were aired. The bottom line is that self-policing is the probably the best answer, along with peer pressure applied to those offenders that can be identified. If requested, the DXAC would be pleased to offer some ideas to the ARRL.

The second issue has to do with the use of remote stations to make DX QSOs. In the highly competitive world of Dxing, DXCC and the DXCC Challenge, some participants are crying “foul”. Currently, the practice does not violate any DXCC rules, although it certainly is considered by most to be unsportsmanlike!

The DXAC will continue to solicit feedback from the DX community on current DX issues and pass those opinions on to ARRL staff. We remain ready to discuss and make recommendations on any matter or issue referred to the DXAC.

Other comments

Many favorable comments regarding the LOTW and on-site DXCC card checking have been received. Jim O'Connell, W9WU former DXAC Chairman, has agreed to be Vice Chairman for the current DXAC year 2007. I aggressively sought volunteers and only Jim came forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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