

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB
BULLETIN



November 2008



Dan Severance N6ERD
Presents
PSK



Join us at
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
Nov 26, 2008
Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M
Program: PSK



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From the Prez.....

Glenn Rattmann K6NA



Gang,

Cycle 24 is alive... maybe!

We are seeing some news releases by NOAA and NASA which are encouraging; however, we should probably maintain our patience for a while yet. In the past month I've seen the SFI numbers shift around, in the range of 67-71. Sure enough, when it reaches 70 or 71, we can observe "extra" postings on the DX Clusters and seemingly more interesting DX stations being worked. It seems to me we are seeing more reports of VU, VQ9, HS, JT and other goodies being worked on the west coast, on both 40 and 20 meters. Even some long path contacts....

I didn't get any response to my earlier question, so I'll ask again: Are any members of the Club doing direct observations or photography of the sun's surface? Please share your knowledge and experiences with us!

Remember, the CQWW CW DX Contest on November 29-30 is a 48-hour opportunity to work a lot of DX, starting at 0000Z (Friday, 4PM local start). Again, note that during the week leading up to the contest, many of the contest expeditioners set up early and test their stations. So, jump in and enjoy the pileups! Check <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqc2008.html> for a detailed list of announced operations for the CW Contest. The list shows the expected callsigns to be used, which helps you recognize the unusual calls ahead of time.

Prior to the WW Phone contest, I neglected to mention that SDDXC member Joe, W6VNR would be active from his station ZF2AH in the Caymans. Sorry Joe! In the upcoming CW contest, look for Club member John, K6AM, who will be in the Caymans—I assume ZF1A is the call. If any other member is traveling to be DX for the contest, please let us know via the Yahoo Group reflector.

November Program

Our own Dan, N6ERD will give a presentation on DXing with some of the newer digital modes.

Now a reminder:

Remember, there will be a regular meeting November 26th.

Holiday party/December meeting

A proposed holiday party on December 6th has been cancelled by the Board of Directors due to insufficient interest by the members. We can certainly revisit the possibility again next year.

See you on the "low end"... and keep digging!

San Diego DX Club Policy

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DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!

TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING MINUTES



Leon Helms N6VS

Balance as of September 30, 2008: \$4601.09

Income:
 2009 membership renewal 10.00
 Book sale 30.00

Expenses:
 additional premium for laptop 8.00
 web site hosting 85.00

Balance as of October 31, 2008 4548.09
 Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00
 Balance Checking/Petty Cash \$4568.09

The policy update to include the laptop in our insurance has been received.

Four membership renewals have been received. 54 more renewals are due.

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road. President Glenn Rattman, K6NA called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 28 members present.

The SANDARC representatives reported that the Southwestern Division Director, N6AA had enquired if SANDARC would be interested in sponsoring a scholarship.

Steve.NF6V reported on the conditions he has encountered as VK3TDX in Melbourne.

Hiro, JA1FRQ told us of his activities since the last meeting he was able to attend.

During the DX roundup Merv, N6NO announced a planned trip to Easter Island where he has obtained permission for operation on 30 meters.

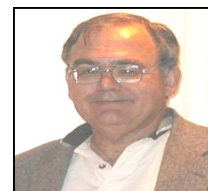
The evening's program was Ben, N6MUF's presentation of the DXexpedition to Mozambique (C91) during July, which he was able to take part in. Conditions were less than optimal, but the operation was executed well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Leon Helms N6VS
 Secretary/Treasurer

THE SDDXC TOP 10 (EXPANDED VERSION)

By John, K6AM



CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON CW

11/08	11/05	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	337	374	374	+3
2.	7.	K6AM	336	342	343	+4
3.	2.	W6KUT	334	339	339	-
4.	3.	N6CW	333	358	359	-
5.	4.	W6EUF	333	351	354	-
6.	5.	K6TQ	333	339	339	-
7.	8.	N7CW	333	333	334	+6
8.	-.	K9RHY	332	342	341	NEW
9.	10.	K6ZH	330	337	338	+10
10.	9.	W6YOO	326	327	329	+4
11.	12.	N6ND	325	334	346	+18
12.	-.	NN6K	325	325	325	NEW
13.	8.	N6AW	323	334	335	-
14.	-.	K6XT	316	?	327	NEW
15.	11.	W6TUR	315	315	318	-
16.	13.	K0XB	307	313	324	+3
17.	14.	W6BS	298	310	310	-
18.	15.	WN6K	281	288	317	+16
19.	16.	N6VS	256	256	263	+30
20.	17.	N7TY	244	244	253	+40

We've expanded the CW top 10 to include the top 20 players. Quite a few big moves since the last report in '05 as players rally for position in this very tight race where one QSL makes the difference. Our newest members jump into the race in fine position to make a run for the top.

There is still plenty of room here for most club members to get several new ones on CW. In many cases all that is needed is the QSL. These scores were based on your direct reports and the club ladder, whichever was most current.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 329th current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2008. Send your totals to the address above.



IBM Teams up with BPL Provider to Offer Services in Seven States

(taken from the ARRL Letter)

On Wednesday, November 12, IBM [announced](#) that it has signed a \$9.6 million deal with International Broadband Electric Communications ([IBEC](#)) to install equipment and provide [BPL](#) service to almost 350,000 homes in Alabama, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. According to the Associated Press, IBEC Chief Executive Scott Lee said the network, which will be funded by \$70 million in low-interest federal loans from the Department of Agriculture, should be in place in about two years. IBEC currently provides broadband to only about 1400 customers, most of them beginning to receive service in the past 18 months.

"IBEC's equipment doesn't use the ham bands," said BPL expert and ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, "making it less likely that they will have any interference complaints from amateurs. Their equipment, however, does interfere with shortwave broadcast and other spectrum, but in the US, not many users have complained. IBM has been in the BPL business for a few years now, so this venture is nothing new for them." IBEC staff member Brent Zitting, KB4SL, serves as a member of ARRL's EMC Committee.

IBM is the first major systems integrator to enter the market. According to an IBEC [press release](#) announcing the joint venture, IBM "will provide overall project management, oversight, and training of the line crews who will be installing the BPL equipment." IBEC "will provide the BPL technology and equipment and serve as the Internet Service Provider (ISP) to these rural residents."

A 2006 FCC study reported that fewer than 5000 homes receive their Internet connections via power lines. IBM and IBEC's joint plan, Lee said, will serve residents, of whom about 86 percent have no cable or DSL access, in the seven states.

According to reports, IBEC's strategy is to sign up electric cooperatives that provide power to sparsely populated areas across the eastern United States. Rather than compete toe-to-toe with large, entrenched cable or DSL providers, IBEC is looking for customers that have been largely left out of the move to high-speed Internet.

"Although the BPL industry is making progress on the EMC issues," Hare explained, "this process will not be complete until it supports regulations and industry standards that reflect its successful models. At recent meetings of the IEEE P1775 BPL EMC standards committee -- although utility and radio-communications stakeholders wanted to include an informative annex on the ways to address BPL interference, as well as a procedure to address complaints -- some in the BPL industry, including the representative from IBEC, blocked moving the EMC standard to IEEE ballot with the annex included."



WorldRadio to Cease Print Publication (taken from the ARRL Letter)

(Nov 13, 2008) -- In a joint statement, *WorldRadio* Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, and *CQ* Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, announced that *WorldRadio* magazine will no longer be published as a print magazine. According to the announcement, CQ Communications Inc has acquired *WorldRadio* and plans to continue it as an online publication on *CQ's* Web site. *WorldRadio* subscribers will have their subscriptions transferred to *CQ* magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.

Upcoming Events:

November 25: A5100A, Bhutan, active until then

November 30: EY8/F4EGS, active until then

November 29-30: CQ WW CW DX Contest

December 6: DXC Holiday party CANCELLED

December 5-7: ARRL 160m contest

December 13-14: ARRL 10m contest

Have an event you would like to promote, send it to me!!

Holiday Party Cancelled!

Due to lack of interest, the Holiday party has been cancelled for this year.