



The DX HUNTER

SEPTEMBER 07

TVDXA CLUB INFO

MEETINGS: 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
SEPT. MEETING: 9/13/07 - 6:30PM @ WALLY'S
OCT. MEETING: 10/11/07 - 6:30PM @ WALLY'S
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Island Hoppers:

The TVDXA gang will be going to Follys Island, SC., Sept 22 to 29. I have been there, it is beautiful, and the Charleston area is very historic. If time permits, take the Buggy ride thru the old homes/waterfront – it is fun and informative.

Field Day:

Even with the terrible conditions and limited operators, TVDXA made a good showing.

GREAT JOB and WELL DONE TO ALL THE OPERATORS!

The Low Country Boil and BBQ burgers/dogs were also a hit. From what I could tell, no one went hungry.

We will start making plans and changes for the '08 **Field Day** now. If you have thoughts, ideas or suggestions let's hear them – Don't wait until it's too late. A lot will need to be accomplished for us to be ready next year!!

CLUB INCORPORATION:

We are working on the final changes and will be ready to take the next step. At this months meeting we will discuss any changes and decide on how to elect officers.

TVDXA PERSONALITY

Ed Jones – W4QPR

Ed is one of our new club members and has been a ham since August 2006. As an Extra Class, Ed is just starting his DXCC journey. He has 4-6 confirmed DX contacts.

Ed was born and raised here in Chattanooga, went to Kirkman Technical High School and Chatt. State.

He has been to Field Day and is interested in becoming proficient in CW. He gets on 10 meters (28.385) with some friends most nites for a rag-chew.

His call was issued the same day as his Mom's birthday.





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CONTESTING NEWS

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>WEEKDAY - TIME UTC</u>	<u>CONTEST NAME</u>	<u>MODE</u>
1- 2	Sat 0000 - Sun 2400	All Asian DX Contest - SSB	
1	Sat 0000 - 2400	Russian "Radio" RTTY WW Contest - RTTY	
1	Sat 0400 - 0600	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint - CW	
1	Sat 1300 - 1600	AGCW Straight Key Party - CW	
1- 2	Sat 1300 - Sun 1259	IARU Region 1 Fieldday - SSB	
1- 2	Sat 1300 - Sun 1300	RSGB SSB Field Day - SSB	
2- 8	Sun 0001 - Sat 2359	FISTS Straight Key Week - CW	
2	Sun 1100 - 1700	DARC 10 m Digital Cont. "Corona" - DIGI	
3- 4	Mon 2300 - Tue 0300	MI-QRP Club Labor Day CW Sprint - CW	
4	Tue 0100 - 0300	ARS Spartan Sprint - CW	
6	Thu 1700 - 2100	10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/Digi	
7	Fri 0230 - 0300	NCCC Sprint - CW	
8- 9	Sat 0000 - Sun 2359	Worked All Europe DX-Contest - SSB	
8	Sat 0230 - 0300	NCCC Sprint - CW	
8	Sat 1300 - 1859	Swiss HTC QRP Sprint - CW	
8- 9	Sat 1400 - Sun 0600	Arkansas QSO Party (1) - CW/PSK/SSB	
8-10	Sat 1800 - Mon 0300	ARRL September VHF QSO Party - All	
8	Sat 1800 - 2400	SOC Marathon Sprint - CW	
8-10	Sat 2300 - Mon 2300	G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest - CW	
9	Sun 0000 - 0400	North American Sprint Contest - CW	
9	Sun 1500 - 2400	Arkansas QSO Party (2) - CW/PSK/SSB	
9-10	Sun 1800 - Mon 0300	Tennessee QSO Party - All	
9	Sun 2000 - 2359	QRP ARCI End Of Summer Digital Sprint - DIGI	
11-13	Tue 1400 - Thu 0200	YLRL Howdy Days - All	
14	Fri 0230 - 0300	NCCC Sprint - CW	
14-15	Fri 2000 - Sat 0200	(Your LOCAL time) 070 Club 80m Autumn Sprint - PSK31	
15	Sat 0230 - 0300	NCCC Sprint - CW	
15-16	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	The 49th Scandinavian Activity Contest - CW	
15-16	Sat 1300 - Sun 2100	South Carolina QSO Party - All	
15	Sat 1500 - 1700	Feld-Hell Club Sprint - Feld-Hell	
15	Sat 1500 - 2100	QRP Afield - All	
15-16	Sat 1600 - Sun 0700	Washington Salmon Run (1) - CW/SSB/Digi	
15-16	Sat 1800 - Sun 1800	QCWA QSO Party - All	
16	Sun 0000 - 0400	North American Sprint Contest - SSB	
16	Sun 1400 - 1500	SSA Månadstest nr 9 - CW	
16	Sun 1515 - 1615	SSA Månadstest nr 9 - SSB	
16	Sun 1600 - 2400	Washington Salmon Run (2) - CW/SSB/Digi	



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17	Mon 0100 - 0300	Run For The Bacon QRP Contest - CW
20	Thu 0030 - 0230	NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint - CW
21	Fri 0230 - 0300	NCCC Sprint - CW
22-23	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	CIS DX Contest - CW/RTTY
22-23	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	The 49th Scandinavian Activity Contest - SSB
23	Sun 0000 - 2400	SKCC Weekend Sprint - CW
28	Fri 0230 - 0300	NCCC Sprint - CW
29-30	Sat 0000 - Sun 2400	CQ WW RTTY DX Contest - RTTY
29-30	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	Ireland Calling Contest (CQIR) - CW/SSB
29-30	Sat 1200 - Sun 1200	TOEC WW GRID Contest - CW
29-30	Sat 1400 - Sun 0200	Texas QSO Party (1) - All
29-30	Sat 1700 - Sun 1700	Coast-coast FISTS Clubs QSO Party - CW
30	Sun 0600 - 1000	ON Contest 80 m - CW
30- 1	Sun 1300 - Mon 0700	Classic Exchange (CX) - Phone
30	Sun 1400 - 2000	Texas QSO Party (2) - All



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PAUL QUILLEN QSL MAILING INFO

I went to the Post Office and bought a bunch of 41 cent "good forever" 1 ounce stamps. That eliminates sending extra postage.

My QSL Bureau prefers 6 X 9 envelopes with the flap on the 6" end.

I researched envelopes and found that a **metal clasp** can throw it into a higher postage category.

So I looked for 6 X 9 envelopes, without clasps, that were made of Kraft paper, 28 pound (instead of flimsy 24 pound). Here's what I ended up buying: <http://tinyurl.com/29hxr7>

Here's the Post Office's requirements for staying with 41 cents:

First-Class Mail Letters

First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, or Express Mail is required for personal correspondence, handwritten or typewritten material, and bills or statements of account. First-Class Mail may also be used for advertisements.

Dimension Minimum Maximum

Height	3-1/2 inches	6-1/8 inches	[6" fits this range]
Length	5 inches	11-1/2 inches	[9" fits this range]
Thickness	0.007 inch	1/4 inch	[1/4" should do fine for several QSL cards]

First-Class Mail Letter Rates

Weight Not Over (ounces)

1 = \$0.41
2 = \$0.58
3 = \$0.75

Letters that meet one or more of the non-machinable characteristics below are subject to an additional \$0.17 non-machinable surcharge.

- It is a square letter
- It is too rigid – does not bend easily
- It has **clasps**, string, buttons, or similar closure devices
- It has an address parallel to the shorter dimension of the letter
- It contains items such as pens that cause the surface to be uneven
- The length divided by height is less than 1.3 or more than 2.5. [6 X 9 = 1.5]

If you have articles or information of interest and would like it published in the NEWSLETTER, send or e-mail them to me. Pictures are also needed. This is YOUR Newsletter.



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ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS

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<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION/CALL</u>	<u>QSL VIA</u>	<u>INFO</u>
2007 Sep01	2007 Sep03 Leichtenstein	HB0	Home Call By IZ2DPX IW2NEF as HB0/homecall fm Malbun; HF + 2m, possibly 70 mHz; QSL OK via Buro or direct
2007 Sep01	2007 Sep08 Turks & Caicos	VP5	W1AI By W1AI as VP5/W1AI fm Providenciales (NA-002); 160-6m; CW SSB
2007 Sep01	2007 Sep15 Aruba	P41USA	W3TEF By W3BTX W3TEF; 160-6m; QSL OK via Buro or direct; special callsign to commemorate Sep 11 terrorist attack on the WTC
2007 Sep01	2007 Sep16 Grenada	J3	DL7VOG Buro By DL7VOG as J3/DL7VOG fm Carriacou Is (NA-147); 160-6m; CW RTTY, some SSB
2007 Sep03	2007 Sep07 Jersey	GH6UW/p	M0BLF By G7VJR M0BLF M0TDG G3ZAY fm Les Minquiers (EU-099) for 48 hours; QSL OK via Buro or direct; also with personal calls (QSL via home call)
2007 Sep06	2007 Sep10 Isle of Man	MD0LON	DF1LON By DF1LON; HF; CW SSB
2007 Sep07	2007 Sep09 Alaska	KL7	N6AWD By K6VVA as K6VVA/KL7 fm Revillagigedo Is (NA-041); 40-17m; mainly CW; QRV for CW Sprint Contest; NB: QTH is Alaskan Revillagigedo, not Mexican
2007 Sep07	2007 Sep24 Agalega & St Brandon	3B7C	G3NUG By 9M6DXX DK7YY DL7AKC EI5DI G0OPB G3BJ G3IZD G3NHL G3NUG G3SVL G3XTT G4TSH K3NA N6HC N2BB SM5GMZ G3USR GM3POI N6OX fm St Brandon (AF-015); focus on low bands; also 6m: 50090 (CW), 50102 (CW), 50145 (USB); LotW
2007 Sep08	2007 Oct10 Malta	9H20	PB9ZR By PA group; 80-6m; also w/ personal call signs (QSL via homecall); "nine hotel twenty" is special callsign commemorating 20th year of PA activity fm Malta
2007 Sep08	2008 Jan15 Falkland Islands	VP8CXV	GM0TQJ By GM0TQJ fm East Falkland (SA-002); mainly SSB, some RTTY PSK31
2007 Sep10	2007 Sep17 Dodecanese	SV5	IW1RLF By IW1RLF as SB5/IW1RLF fm Rhodes (EU-001); QSL OK via Buro or direct



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2007 Sep10	2007 Sep24	Kenya	5Z4	DL2MDU Buro	By DL2MDU as 5Z4/DL2MDU; mainly CW; holiday style operation
2007 Sep12	2007 Sep18	St Pierre & Miquelon	FP	See Info	By W9ILY K9MDO as FP/homecal; 80-10m; mainly SSB RTTY PSK; holiday stype operation; QSL: FP/W9ILY via LotW, Buro, or direct; FP/K9MDO via Buro or direct
2007 Sep14	2007 Sep27	Gambia	C56YK	ON7YK	By ON7YK; 80-6m; SSB
2007 Sep21	2007 Nov30	Egypt	SU8BHI	HA3JB	By HA3JB fm Cairo; CW RTTY SSTV PSK, some SSB
2007 Sep23	2007 Sep28	Honduras	HQ		By RC Honduras + 4 US ops fm Swan Is (NA-035); special call sign applied for (HQ0S or HQ6S)
2007 Sep23	2007 Sep29	Papua New Guinea	P29VCX	SM6CVX	By SM6CVX G3KHZ G4EDG CT1AGF fm Nukumanu Is (OC-284, new); all bands, focus on 80 160m nights; 3 stns, 2 linears; verticals, dipole
2007 Sep24	2007 Sep28	Monaco	3A	ON5NT	By ON5NT as 3A/ON5NT; holiday style operation
2007 Sep24	2007 Oct04	Willis Island	VK9WWI	See Info	By AA7JV HA7RY; focus on 160 80m at night, other bands during days; QSL according to op instruction
2007 Sep26	2007 Oct09	Burundi	9U0A	DL7DF	By DL7DF DK1BT DL4WK DL7UFN DL7UFR SP3DOI; all bands, all modes; focus on low bands + digital; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
2007 Sep27	2007 Oct14	Barbados	8P6DR	G3RWL	By G3RWL fm NA-021; 80-10m; CW + digital; duplicate QSOs will result in "no QSL"; QRV for CQ WW DX RTTY
2007 Sep29	2007 Oct12	Niue	ZK2	DL2AH	By DL2AH; 40-10m; SSB RTTY; FT897; loops; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct (SAE + 1 IRC)
2007 Sep30	2007 Oct05	Papua New Guinea	P29NI	G3KHZ	By SM6CVX G3KHZ G4EDG CT1AGF fm Takuu Is (OC-283, new); all bands, focus on 80 160m nights; 3 stns, 2 linears; verticals, dipole
2007 Sep30	2007 Oct12	Maldives	8Q7AK	G7COD	By G7COD fm Embudu Is (AS-013); 30-12m; mainly SSB, some CW; 0830-1030z and 1300-1515z; QSL OK via Buro or direct