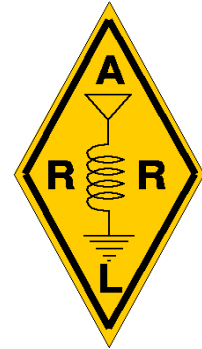


August-September 2013

"Ohio's First DXCC Field Checking Club"



The NODXA RAG



Fireside Chat With KB8NW

Fellow DXers,

As I am writing this, the 39th Annual 2013 Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show is only a few days away (September 22nd) at the Cuyahoga County Fair- rounds in Berea, OH, and it looks like I will be able to attend this year.



I missed the last two because I usually have to travel to Tennessee for my grandson's birthday party, so I am really looking forward to attending. Just a reminder that Dwaine, K8ME, will once again be at the club's booth checking QSLs for "WAS" and "VUCC". Keith, N8KOL, should be there also to check cards for DXCC. This is also a good time to renew your membership if you have not yet done so.

If you have not heard, the ARRL Directors have asked the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) to review the DXCC rules and possibly make changes. It has been over 10 years since the rules have been revised/changed, but my best guess is this all has to do with trying to get Kosovo added to the DXCC list. I do not believe you will see any major changes other than possibly something to get Kosovo added to the list. I know that there are many individuals who would like to see a rule to have some DXCC entities deleted/removed from the list because they have not been on the air for many years. I do not think such a rule will ever be added. Hams always seem to find a way to activate something (it may take years, but there is always that possibility). This review should be an interesting task for our newly appointed Great Lakes DX Advisor Stan Arnett, AC8W, of Marysville, MI.

Just a reminder that there are some major DXpeditions coming up. By the time you read this, a team should be heading to Wake Island (KH9), and are expected to be on the air as K9W between October 7-18th. Details available at <<http://www.wake2013.org/>>. Remember, NODXA has donated funds to this DXpedition, and our club logo is now posted under sponsors.

The updated list of other DXpeditions to look forward to during the next few months are:

- October 1-11th - CY0; Sable Island
- October 12-24th - TN2MS; Rep. of Congo
- October 15-22nd - C82DX; Mozambique
- November 5-18th - T33A; Banaba Island
- *November 8-20th - XROZR; Juan Fernandez Island
- November 19-29th - S2; Bangladesh
- December 3-11th - T32; East Kiribati Island

(*) NODXA donated funds to this operation, and our logo is on their Web page at:

<http://www.juanfernandez2013.com>

In closing, I hope you can attend one of the upcoming general membership meetings. If you have a topic to discuss about DXing or Contesting, bring it up at the meeting. Also, if you would like to put on a program of some interest for the club, let us know so we can schedule you in for a meeting.

We are always looking for a program. I can not believe summer is almost over.

73 and Good DX de Tedd KB8NW

Minutes of the July 1st, 2013 NODXA Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7:32 p.m. by Tedd, KB8NW. There were 25 members and guests present. After the round of introductions, the minutes for the meeting of June 3 were read by Glenn, AF8C. There were a few corrections needed. Mary, N8DMM moved, and Karl, K8BCK seconded, a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed on a show of hands. Mary,



N8DMM reported the treasury balance was Ka-Ching! Ron, K8VJG moved, and Dwaine, K8ME seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read. That motion passed on the vote. The repeater was reported by Glenn, AF8C, as operating as well as last month. If the usual cross-mod style of interference on the repeater can be captured as an audio file, the file will be sent by Glenn to Denny, WB8K. Dave, WD8IOU, reported that the newsletter went out before Field Day and contained some humorous stories. The next newsletter needs volunteers who took photographs of the Field Day operations to send them to Dave.

Last month the members favored beginning meetings with a pledge of allegiance to the flag. As a warm-up for August, Tedd played a recording of "John Wayne's Pledge" in lieu of our pledge. A U.S. flag had been hung on the front wall for the meeting.

John, K8YSE, reported on the activities of the 2013 NODXA Field Day operation. QSO points amounted to 1298 CW and 1060 phone, including points from 6m and satellite. Special thanks were given to Pete, N8TR for the antenna setups and related provisions; to Dwaine, K8ME for his generator; K8VJG Ron's buddy pole and FT100 6m radio; and to those who provided the FT1000D's. John, K8YSE worked satellites with an IC-910 transceiver. WRITELOG was used for logging. Computers were not networked. All CW keying was accomplished by computers running on the emergency power with the radios. A new asphalt roadbed had been laid up to the vicinity of the operating site. Approximately 16 gallons of gasoline were used by the generator. Pete, N8TR, and Bruce, N8DJX, provided training on the emergency generator transfer switch operation. John's report submitted to the ARRL lists 950 bonus points in addition to the QSO points earned. A media post was sent to some newspapers including the POST. There will be a post-Field Day article in the POST on Sunday.

Mary, N8DMM reminded the members that the club provides a \$100 donation every year to the Mt. Augustine Health Center and that this year should be no different. Dave, WD8IOU moved and Vic-ki, K8VGM seconded that we again send the \$100 donation to thank them for use of their property on Field Day. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Old/New Business:

Dwaine, K8ME, received his 706T confirmation in Logbook of the World, but has no card. John, K8YSE, reported that the 2013 Thirteen Colonies operation has started and will run all week. Gary, NI8Z, reminded everyone operating in that event to try to work WM3PEN for the special certificate. Tedd reminded us that the Juan Fernandez contribution motion is still tabled. The membership left it there again for this month. Tedd has only minimal information on a possible Bangladesh Dxpe-dition during November 19-27. Action on that contribution request was tabled. Tedd announced that

the ARRL has a free Android smartphone app for looking up repeater information. It is not yet known if such an app exists for iPhones.

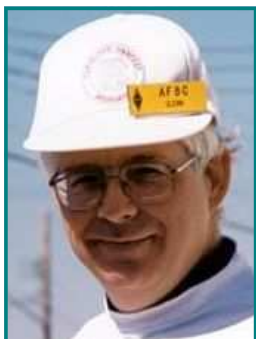
The next meeting will be on August 5. The raffle basket contained \$44.00 and the winner of the half-share was Karl, K8BCK, who donated his share back to the club. Tedd reminded everyone of the BARF80 informal breakfast that occurs at this location on every first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. The meeting was declared closed at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully, Glenn, AF8C, Secretary

Minutes of the August 5th, 2013 NODXA Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7:32 p.m. by Tedd, KB8NW. There were 21 members and guests present. After the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the usual round of introductions, the minutes for the meeting of July 1 were read by Glenn, AF8C. There were a few corrections needed. Bruce, N8DJX, moved, and Ron, K8VJG, seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed. Mary, N8DMM, reported the treasury balance was Ka-Ching! Dwaine, K8ME, moved, and Vicki, K8VGM, seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read. That motion passed on the vote.

Tedd, KB8NW, showed the article from the POST on NODXA's Field Day. Then John, K8YSE, read the article. On Field Day we did about the same as last year, with the ratio between phone and CW contacts being a bit different. We got a full set of bonus points. There was a discussion on satellites worked. Bruce, N8DJX, asked about our standing. Tedd answered that that information will become known later in the year when all the results are announced. The repeater was reported as working fine. Dave, WD8IOU, reported that the newsletter is in progress, and asked that people with articles send the articles to him. It was noted that Android apps exist for playing CW.



Old/New Business:

Tedd, KB8NW, reported that there are a couple of events coming up. The Ohio QSO Party is on August 24. The rules are at www.ohqp.org. The club sponsors a plaque for DX in OQP. The Cleveland Hamfest is on Sunday September 22. A club table is \$20, per Al, N8CX. Pete, N8TR, moved to reserve a table. Denny, WB8K, seconded the motion to spend the \$20.00. The motion passed. Byron, KF8UN, is listed in the OPDX Bulletin as a Tanzania call, 5H3BB, from now until August 20, as Byron and his YL Sandy, K8FUN, safari there. John, K8YSE, said that a TH3MK3 antenna that was taken down last year is for sale for \$200 as reconditioned by John. The Juan Fernandez Dxpediton, XROZR contribution motion is still on the table. XRO is only #43 on the need list. They say they will have 80m and 160m. Bruce, N8DJX, moved, and John, K8YSE seconded that we donate \$100.00 to the Juan Fernandez Dxpediton, via PayPal. Next, Tedd announced the Wake Island, K9W, Dxpediton that will occur in the first part of October. Jack Hubbard, NI8N, will putting on a Powerpoint talk at the American Red Cross building in Elyria, Friday August 16, at 7:30 p.m. Per Tedd, KB8NW, the main purpose of this club is for promoting and funding Dxpeditons. There is one person in the club who exemplifies that purpose and has provided years of extra support. That person is none other than Bruce, N8DJX, who tonight received a plaque commemorating that support, and a photo with Tedd, KB8NW. Bruce by the way says his tower is currently status quo. The rotor is due to arrive in August and the antenna is due to arrive in September.

The next meeting will be on the second Monday, September 9. The raffle basket contained \$42.00 and the winner of the half-share was John, K8YSE, who donated his share back to the club. The meeting was declared closed at approximately 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully, Glenn, AF8C, Secretary

N8DJX Special Appreciation Award by Dave Autry, WB8IOU

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The artwork of the plaque was designed by Nick Jakubisin, son of WB8K. Denny, WB8K, built the plaque in his workshop. Congratulations Bruce!



Wayne Green, W2NSD, SK by ARRL

Wayne S. Green II, W2NSD ("Never Say Die"), of Hancock, New Hampshire, died September 13. He was 91. A well-known and often outspoken figure during what some consider Amateur Radio's golden years in the 1950s and 1960s, Green helmed *CQ Magazine* for 5 years before becoming the self-proclaimed "El Supremo and Founder" in 1960 of *73* magazine, which he published until 2003.

"The purpose of [73] at that time was to get more hams building equipment," Green recounted in a [radio interview](#) several years ago. A hallmark of 73 was Green's iconic, rambling, and wide-ranging "Never Say Die" editorials, in which he rarely missed an opportunity to tweak the ARRL and his magazine competitors for their perceived shortcomings. In 2012 Green contributed back issues of 73 to [Internet Archive](#).

"Wayne will be remembered in many different ways by many different people, but he will be long remembered," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "He maintained his membership in the ARRL despite being a persistent critic. In the early days of packet radio he gave me some good advice as to how the ARRL should promote the new technology: 'Talk about it as if everybody's doing it, and eventually they will be.'"

Indeed, Green often was ahead of the curve in promoting such technologies as single-sideband phone, solid-state, FM, and the marriage of computers and ham radio, and he went on to found and publish *Byte* and other computer-oriented publications. "I live mostly in the future," Green was quoted as saying.

Former ARRL Contributing Editor Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, once wrote in his "Surfin'" web column, "We take computers and the Internet for granted today. I first became interested in computers when Wayne Green, W2NSD, started writing about them in 73 magazine in the 1970s. Back then, you had to build your own from scratch or from kits."

Green maintained a larger-than-life presence, even in the years after he faded from the Amateur Radio spotlight, and he never did really retire. "Hey old buddy, I will miss you," radio talk show host Art Bell, W6OBB, posted to Wayne Green's [blog](#). "NEVER SAY DIE is a phrase that will be with me till it's my time." Green was an occasional guest on Bell's "Coast to Coast AM" overnight talk program. There hardly was an issue that Green would not confront, and he expounded a variety of unconventional science, health, and medical theories — from cold fusion and the moon landing to AIDS and cancer cures. He continued to [write](#) and speak frequently on these topics and others, as well as on public policy, even at hamfests where he was a guest.

The "Final" in his blog sums up Green's overarching philosophy. "Wayne Green passed away September 13, 2013 in a peaceful, painless transition from this life on Earth. An eternal optimist, and one who loved to share his never-ending zest for life, he was a friend to many and will be missed greatly. Wayne was not afraid of dying and was very much ready to embark on his next great adventure to the afterlife."



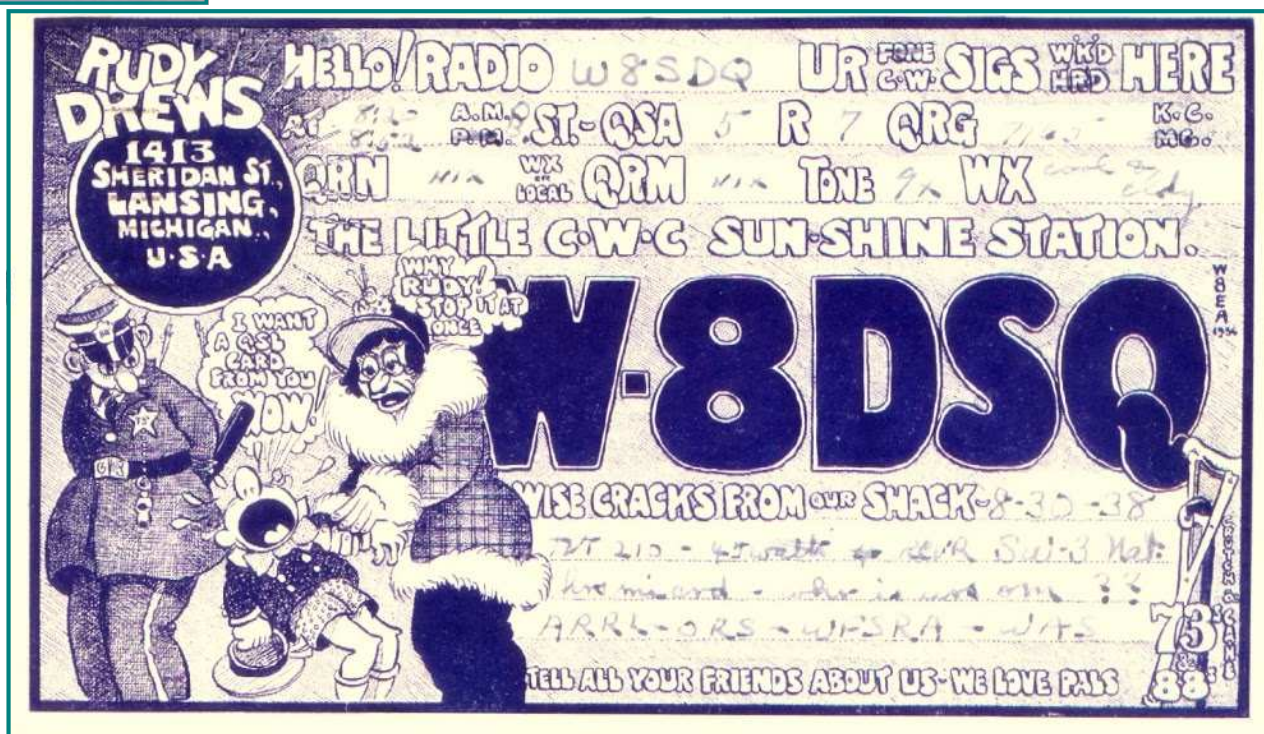
"The Mission of the Northern Ohio DX Association is to promote and support Amateur Radio and the DX Community around the world."

Best of the Blog by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Breadboard Radio. <www.breadboardradio.com> Breadboard Radio sells a couple of small kits including the Splinter QRPP Receiver/Transmitter (\$55), the Toothpick Audio CW Filter/Amp (\$25), and the Sawdust Regen Receiver (\$25). One cool thing about these kits is that you get a base onto which the PC board mounts. The audio filter or the regen receiver might make a good first kit.

MaineStore.Com. <www.MaineStore.Com> Name tags, belt buckles, coffee mugs, Christmas ornaments, and more, all personalized with your callsign are available from MaineStore.Com.

QSL Cards From the Past. <www.oldqslcards.com> W8JYZ has built a collection of more than 43,000 QSL cards dating back to the 1920s, and he's scanned many of them and put them online. As far as I can tell, he's doing this just to preserve our ham radio history. This is a great website. There are a lot of QSLs from stations whose callsigns spell words.



Are you isolated? There are many times in amateur radio where you want to "isolate" two pieces of equipment or avoid "ground loops." For example, when connecting a computer to a rig to do digital modes, you should isolate the signals so that there's no direct connection between the rig and the radio.

What does it really mean to be isolated, though? And, for that matter, what is "ground"?

You can learn what these terms actually mean and when and why you need isolation if you view the webinar [Fundamentals of Signal and Power Isolation](http://alturl.com/ezctr). <<http://alturl.com/ezctr>> Here's how they describe the webinar: This Fundamentals course will briefly look at power isolation (often required in conjunction with signal isolation) and then focus on signal isolation techniques. It will look why it is needed, where it is needed, the relative attributes of techniques for implementing it, and other considerations.

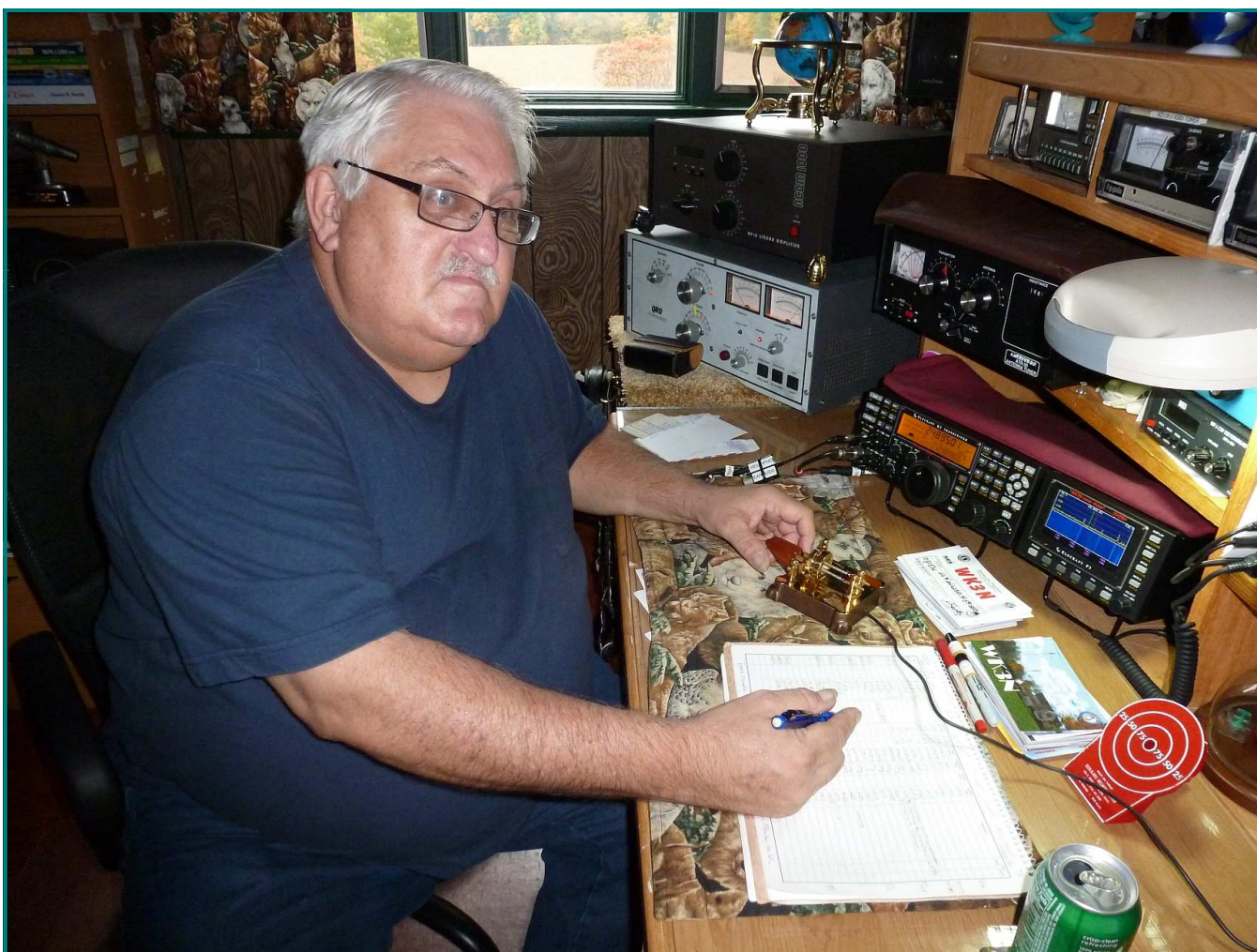
ARRL to spend big bucks on LoTW. <<http://alturl.com/x5xmu>> The board voted to spend \$75,000 on outside professional services to improve LoTW's database. The Board also okayed the hiring of a full-time Headquarters staff member with "strong IT development and architectural skills" to address LoTW improvements. That seems like an awful lot of money to me.

Club Members Activities by "The DX Sentinel"

Last winter NODXA members Scotty (WK3N) and Dwaine (K8ME) teamed up to operate the yearly special event station for Antarctic Activity Week to the tune of over 2000 QSO's. Dwaine, our club vice president, took on the cw duties as Scotty's hands are too arthritic for extended cw. A special QSL is also available for their event station. It is a actual photo of the building of the South Pole station in October of 1956, even the South Pole Station itself has one on display!



It appears these two club members have known each other for many, many years. Their first meeting was in 1968 in Detroit, Michigan where they were both attending the RCA Journeyman Electronics Technicians School. They re-met in 1990's at an NODXA meeting, but it took a few years before Dwaine remembered their earlier ties of year ago. Their common interest in DXing fostered their successful DX alert phone calls between each other and other club members. Both are on the DX Honor Roll. They assist each other in chasing the DXCC Challenge as well. We are looking for members stories for NODXA Rag publication. How about you ?



K8ME operating at WK3N during the Antarctic Activity Week special event.

Editors Note: Information about the 2014 Antarctic Activity Week (February 17-23) is available here: <http://www.waponline.it/Default.aspx?tabid=113>

The Secretive World of XYL Swapping by K5KAC via Hamhijinks.com

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - A group of local ham radio operators, who wish to remain anonymous, are finding love in all the right places. "It sort of arose organically," said a local club president. "I was rag-chewing with some guys and they were debating a possible QTH swap, a light when on in my head and I began to research XYL swapping." His search took him deep into a guarded world.

It is not known when XYL swapping was officially born, though the advent of the LED callsign badge seems to be a major catalyst in its success. At the end of each club meeting, the secretive club, wishing to be known as the League of Extraordinarily Well-Grounded Gentlemen, place their flashing LED Callsign Badges in an empty Heathkit Antenna. Then, each member takes his turn pulling a badge from the Antenna.

"You are awarded the XYL of whichever call you pull. Our club meetings typically wind down about 12:30 UTC, so you get back to the other guy's shack just in time to work some DX on 20m. The XYL is then free to watch her TV programs in the other room and come in and nag you occasionally. Sometimes there are chores. It seems strange, but I have never been happier back at home," said a club member speaking on condition of anonymity.

Most reason that XYL swapping is as old as QSL cards and raffle baskets. "We assume the CBers were onto this is in the 70s. I mean, it was the 70s and we are talking 11m here," mused the club president. However, there is no definitive proof. One thing is certain: XYL swapping is alive and well in the ham radio world.

The 39th Annual 2013 Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show

September 22, 2013 8:00am to 2:00pm
at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea, OH
Admission \$6 per person

Flea Market \$6 per space, available first-come, first-served the morning of the fest
Talk-in on 146.73/R minus offset, PL 110.9 or 444.900/R positive offset, PL 131.8
DXCC Card Checking by ARRL. WAS & VUCC Card Checking by West Park Radiops
Ohio ARES Tenth District Go Box Contest

For more information visit www.ohioares10.org

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Club Item For Sale

HyGain TH3-MKIII antenna complete with
BN86 Balun and new set of plastic trap caps.
Antenna is in good condition.

This antenna was donated to the Northern
Ohio DX Association as part of an estate.

Please contact John Papay at
john@papays.com



Meeting Information

NODXA Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the *Gourme Family Restaurant* at 15315 Pearl Road (Rt. 42) just west of Interstate 71 and south of Rt. 82 in Strongsville at 7:30 PM. Come early and have dinner and meet your fellow DXers and enter the 50/50 raffle.

NODXA Information

NO8DX: Special Event Callsign
 W8DXA: NODXA Repeater 147.360

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DXCC Info

As of February 2012, the current DXCC Entities total is: **340**.

NODXA Application and Renewal Form

The Northern Ohio DX Association is a non-profit organization with a primary interest in DXing. We encourage all DXers to join our group and share the interest and fun of DXing.

Please complete the application below and send along your appropriate dues or renewal to:

NODXA, P.O. Box 361624 , Strongsville, Ohio 44136

First Time Membership/Renewal (U.S. and DX) \$20.00

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