

Internet Tools for DXers by David Piersall N6ORB

Speaker Intro

Dave received a Technician Class license in Detroit in 1978. Although he became inactive in ham radio within a few years, he kept renewing his license after moving to California. After retiring from his career with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, he decided to become active in ham radio again. Dave upgraded to General in 2005 and to Extra in 2009. After overcoming initial difficulties working HF, Dave discovered he was able to work beyond the U.S. borders and make contact with DX stations using only modest antennas and power. He now has confirmed 289 of the 340 entities on the ARRL DXCC list and all 40 zones required for the CQ Magazine Worked All Zones award. He hopes to add to his list of confirmations during Solar Cycle 25.

Presentation Summary

This class is intended for relatively new DXers who will be shown a variety of websites and learn how to use them to plan for upcoming DX activity in uncommon locations; check the current propagation, including solar activity; learn how to find the rare DX stations; and how to confirm the contact(s) for the DX Century Club (DXCC). Attendees will be shown non-obvious features of some websites that provide especially useful information for DXers.