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Introduction to DXing
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A great video - DXing and DXpedition by Ralph Fedar KOIR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4dJcK-WVRw

DX - Where is it?
ALL BANDS (160-6M)
Including WARC Bands 30,17 and 12 meters
ALL MODES (CW, SSB and Digital)
DXpeditions
Contests
DX Spotting Clusters

Current Cycle is on the rise
Daily forecast via Internet or WWV
GENERAL SEASONAL CONDITIONS
-Winter 160-80-30-20-17-15 with rare 12 and 10 meter
-Spring 40-6
-Summer 20-6
-Fall 40-10
*Time of Day
Early morning 80-20
Mid-morning to mid-afternoon 20-10
Late afternoon to SUNSET 40-10
Night time to early morning 160-40
**FOR DXing on 160 and 80

THINK "SUNRISE/SUNSET" Greyline

DX Resources

- -DX Spotting Clusters
- -Propagation Forecasts

ARRL

DX websites

Local club members/E-Mail reflectors, DX Websites

-DX News https://dxnews.com/

Internet Newsletters

- -425 DX News -Weekly bulletins https://www.425dxn.org/
- -Daily DX Newsletter by W3UR https://www.dailydx.com/
- -ARRL DX bulletin by ARRL.org

Logging

A Computer logging program is highly recommended.

There are many, some free..

The ability to track your contacts for QSLing and AWARDS is invaluable.

Log all DATES and Times in UTC.

QSLing

When requesting a QSL card always include proper return postage.

All Times and dates are in UTC time

Design your card so it is easy to read..

via BURO.. in our area (W2) North Jersey QSL service for incoming and ARRL HQ for outgoing. Fees apply. https://www.njdxa.org/

There are also many QSL services like QDure, https://qsl.ure.es/en/ that will handle outgoing QSLs.

Also

- -QRZ.com
- -EQSL
- -Clublog
- *Not all services qualify for the various awards, ej ARRL DXCC

TIPS

Upgrade to Extra Class

- Learn CW
- Subtribe to LogBook of the World (LoTW)
- Join a DX club
- Subscribe to a DX newsletter or two
- Optimize your station_ but:
 - Don't Be intimidated by the "Big Guns"
- Operate Smart:
 - Study and apply propagation theory
 - Determine the DX's listening pattern if "Split"
- Be patient

Good DX and 73
... see you in the pileups -Tom KA2D ka2d@optonline.net