

Working DXpeditions

Tips for DXers
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- Learn basic information from the DX Bulletins, newsletters before its operation if possible.
- Figure out your strategy to work them
 - By mode
 - By band
- Listen to the DX station and who/when they're working and how they do it.
- Split frequencies
 - Why? What advantage do they provide for you and for the DX station.
 - If told to transmit "up 2", listen a little higher for a clear spot.
 - If told "listening up", find the upper edge of the pile and call there. Or a little higher.
- Try to see patterns and recognize their style.
- Avoid just blasting your call and hoping for the best. Have a plan.

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 - Tail-ending
 - Full calls
 - Using Phonetics
- Operating technique is important.
 - Do not use "cute" phonetics. Use standard ones, **always** when calling a DX station.
- On phone or CW, say or send your call clearly just once. Do not rush saying it. The goal is for it to be caught correctly on a single attempt.
- Try to time your call strategically.
- Always respect DX station directives such as calling by call area, continent or filling in a partial call.
- Avoid giving unnecessary details such as name, weather, power, how strong he is, etc.
- Pay attention to questions being asked by the DX station and respond, if asked. Such as "Is my signal building or declining?" or "Is my frequency clear?"

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- ALWAYS follow the DX station's lead and instructions. Like it or not, they paid the money to be the DX. They may make the rules.

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- Google <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/DXCC/dx-basics.pdf> and copy it to a file. Study it and learn from it.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-CPQR7rpp0>