

SWODXA Frank Schwab W8OK Award

The SWODXA Frank Schwab W8OK Award is presented at the annual DX Dinner in Dayton, OH. The purpose of the award is to promote better and more DX activity among SWODXA club members, to provide an incentive for better operating practices, to increase participation in SWODXA club activities, and to increase participation in other amateur radio-related activities.

Rules for the award

1. The award may be given each year; however, the recipient can only earn the award once. An award will be given only in years in which one or more candidates are ruled eligible and approved by the W8OK award committee. No award will be given unless at least one nominee is ruled eligible and approved to receive it.
2. The current sitting President of SWODXA is not eligible to receive the award during tenure as President.
3. The W8OK award committee shall consist of the current sitting SWODXA President and 2 additional SWODXA active recipients of the award beginning with the most current recipient. Active shall mean current dues paid and able to participate on the committee.
4. Nominations of a paid-up SWODXA club member may be made by any paid-up SWODXA club member. Applications are to be submitted to the SWODXA President who shall determine the active status of the nominee and the nominated SWODXA member. The W8OK award committee shall select the award recipient. The SWODXA President shall act as the committee head and teller for the selection process.
5. Each nominee will be considered during the selection process, with full attention being given to the following:
 - a. Operating ethics and courtesy.
 - b. Station activity.
 - c. Signal quality.
 - d. Observance of FCC rules.
 - e. Contribution to the club such as participation in club activities, contests, etc.
 - f. Contributions to amateur radio such as helping new hams or foreign operators in any way practical.
 - g. Attitude toward fellow hams.
 - h. Attitude toward the public, including neighbors - e.g. managing TV, BC and telephone interference.

- i. Perseverance in listening for new countries, obtaining QSLs, striving for DX goals of various sorts, and ferreting out DX information.
- j. Operating skills including membership in the A-1 Operators Club.
- k. Success expressed as a qualitative ratio of DX worked to the capabilities of the station. In other words, how well an amateur performs with the station he has to operate.
- l. DX Announcements/helping others - e.g. Packet Cluster or Telnet spots.
- m. Other factors as considered relevant.

Nominations may be made on the form provided on the SWODXA web site and should include as much information as possible that is related to the nominee and that supports his/her candidacy.

Note: Please provide as much of this and other relevant information as available about the nominee. The more information that is available to support the nominee, the more effective the review of the nomination by the W8OK award committee.

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Nomination Form

SWODXA DX'er of the Year – The Frank Schwab W8OK Award

Your call _____

Person you are nominating _____ Callsign _____

Year First Licensed _____ Age at license grant _____

Previous Callsigns _____ Years SWODXA member _____

DX-Peditions, if any _____

Awards received/dates _____

Club Memberships/Leadership positions _____

Contest Awards, if any _____

Currently Active? Bands _____

Other Amateur Radio-Related Activities _____

Non- Amateur Radio-Related Activities _____

Other information to be considered _____
