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The Pileup

Newsletter of the CDXA

Presidential Ponderings

OK, it's hot!! I now understand that North Carolina can really put on the heat, enough already. The temperatures have not yet reached the levels that must occur in Cancun, Mexico, where a few years ago we noticed that the dashboards on the Nissan Sentras used as taxis had melted at some point in their history. Now that's hot!

Joe Blackwell, AA4NN, our traveling ambassador should be in Myanmar while John Scott is putting the Pileup together. He and a team of Italian hams will be putting Myanmar on the air this month. Joe usually operates CW, I don't think he owns a mike.

I was very sorry to see Pete Eldridge, WA4PLR, passed away in May. Pete was a regular at the Wednesday lunches in Charlotte and other CDXA events and always had a smile on his face and a good story to tell. He will be missed.

Jack Guion, W4JG, our Vice President, is busy lining up a location for the CDXA Holiday Party in December. We usually do this on a Wednesday or Thursday night in the second week of the month, so keep that week in mind and we'll give you more details as they develop.

Speaking of Officers, your current slate of officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary//Treasurer) will be leaving office in December, so we need some folks to step up and take their place. Bob Burton will head the nominating committee, so think about running for office in CDXA and contact Bob or one of the current officers.

73, Bill Turner, W4WNT

CDXA PacketCluster & Other Communication Systems		
W4DXA Young Mountain	144.93 MHz (1200 bits/second)	441.00 MHz (9600 bits/second)
K4MD Charlotte, NC	144.91 MHz (1200 bits/second)	441.075 MHz (9600 bits/second)
Digipeater near Wingate, NC	144.91 MHz (DXWIN)	
CDXA Repeater 147.18 MHz (+600)	W4DXA, Near Fort Mill, SC	
World Wide Web Homepage	www.cdxa.org	
Wednesday Luncheon (11:30 AM)	Shoney's, 355 Woodlawn Road, Charlotte, NC (704-525-4395)	

A Pleasant Surprise

By John Scott, K8YC

When my XYL and I each chose “talking books” from our local library for a recent driving vacation, I had no idea I had chosen a book which had amateur radio woven into the story in an interesting, non-contrived manner.

The book I chose was called “Atlantic Fury” by Hammond Innes. The story is about the British Army vacating a radar station on Laerg—a craggy island with high cliffs north of Great Britain and the Hebrides Islands. A freak storm is predicted by the Army’s meteorological officer—a ham radio operator with a GM3 callsign—using supplemental knowledge gained from radio communications with various ships and trawlers at sea. The plot thickens when we learn of the mysterious Major Braddock who in some way is connected with the story’s narrator and who is the operational director of the withdrawal.

This is an exciting story with an interesting twist. The book is available on cassette tape from the Charlotte Mecklenburg County Library. Recommended reading.

Errata

Apologies for misspelling a person’s name in last month’s article about new members. I always catch these errors AFTER the Pileup is in print! I spelled Mary Holtschneider’s name incorrectly. Mary, you’ll recall, won the book on DXing that CDXA gave away at the Charlotte Hamfest, and apparently finds DXing intriguing. Welcome, Mary.

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The purpose of the association is to secure for the members the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons having a common interest in Amateur Radio.

Members of the CDXA shall adhere to “The Amateur’s Code” as published from time to time in *The ARRL Handbook for Radio Amateurs*, and shall consist of those valid licensed amateur operators having an interest in promoting amateur radio. Long distance communications (DX) is of special interest to members of the association, but said interest is not a requirement of membership.

Dues are \$30 per year for those using the PacketCluster maintained by the Association, \$15 otherwise, payable each January. Dues are payable by check to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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Clare W. “Pete” Eldridge (WA4PLR), SK

A few weeks back, I learned of the passing of Pete Eldridge. This came as quite a surprise, since I had seen Pete at a luncheon only a few weeks before that, and he looked as spry as ever. As a relatively new member of CDXA several years back, I shared a luncheon table with Pete at Shoneys. We got to talking, and I was impressed with Pete’s in-depth grasp of satellite communications in the Amateur Radio hobby. I could not help but think how great our hobby is that people of all ages can enjoy the hobby as a lifetime pursuit. Pete, who was born on September 7, 1913, probably didn’t get into satellites until his early retirement years, since I don’t recall there being too many amateur satellites before the mid-1970s. Yet, here was the old master giving the “youngster” (I was about 56 then!) a rundown on how to make a satellite QSO.

So that’s how I remember Pete. Still interested in life and mentally active as an octogenarian. My XYL remarked that the term “silent key” was a fitting way of describing the loss of one of our numbers. It was only after thinking about it for a while that I realized that SK is also the prosign for the end of a CW QSO. So, old friend, dit-dit-dit-dah-dit-dah. We’ll miss you. —
The Editor

Instant Amateur Radio QTH

Nobby Mills of Statesville advises me that he’s got his house up for sale. Here’s a ready-to-go radio location since the tower is already in place. Details as provided by Nobby follow:

W4UFO QTH: Lake Norman (35K acres, 520 miles of shoreline) waterfront 35 miles north of Charlotte, NC. 2400sf, 8 rooms—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, office/shack, hot tub/wet bar, 60 x 12 foot deck, 2+ car finished garage. Beautiful sunsets, heavily wooded, deep water dock/boat slip. Custom built rustic contemporary. Many extras: burglar/fire alarm, automatic lawn sprinkler, storage shed, massive rock fireplaces. Good DX location, CDXA PacketCluster Access, 100’ 25G tower, antennas: ALL bands 160m to 70cm. No antenna restrictions.

Adjoining waterfront lot available for additional towers, verticals. Contact: Nobby Mills Email: w4ufo@aol.com Phone: (704) 528-5013

DX — Contest Dinner at Shelby Hamfest

Dinner will be held at the Days Inn on U.S. Highway 74 Bypass west of Shelby on Saturday, August 31, 2002. Cash bar at 5:30 P.M. and dinner at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are \$12.00 each. The meal will be a buffet dinner.

A dinner presentation by Dave, KW4DA, on his recent DXpedition to Baker and Howland Islands, where the team operated as K1B, is featured.

Make checks payable to Claude Oakes (Send a SASE to have tickets returned to you) and remit to:

Claude Oakes, NC4NC
509 Community Road
Shelby, NC 28152

For more information contact: Claude Oakes at (704) 480-0050 or John Ledford at (704) 462-4910. Email: w4jl@shelby.net.

Shelby Hamfest Doings

The circular announcing the Shelby Hamfest announced a DX forum at 2:00 PM on Saturday. A later announcement disclosed that the forum will be featuring Wes Lamboley, W3WL, covering the recent DXpedition to South Georgia and South Shetland Islands. If you missed this presentation at the Charlotte Hamfest, this will be a great opportunity to see the pictures and hear an account of the expedition.

Another Card Checker in our Midst

I received the following note from Bill Fairey, N4QOG in Columbia, SC after publishing the last Pileup:

John: I just finished reading the July edition of "The Pileup" and don't want to take anything away from Gary, K4MQG, but I am also an Award Checker for the WAS and VUCC, even though we don't have many CDXA members in the Columbia, SC area. Just recently checked N4JJ's VUCC Award submission.

73, Bill Fairey, N4QOG

That takes care of the areas south of Charlotte. I recall Ed Swiderski, KU4BP, in Winston-Salem stating he's a CQ Award Checkpoint as well as an ARRL WAS checker. So, we've got the northern tier of the Carolinas covered, too. —*The Editor*

A Different Look at DXCC Awards

After publishing some of the DXCC statistics last year, one of our number wrote me that there is a whole world even within DXCC besides the top runners in the "mixed" category.

Digging out our member data from the way the DXCC yearbook is published is less than enjoyable since I don't have all of our member's callsign in an instant recall database in my brain. Finding our members is a tedious cross check and is a sure way to cure insomnia.

Yet, I've done it again, but this time for some of the other categories like all SSB, all CW, 160 meters, 80 meters, etc. As a group, the CDXA has some top fliers in these categories. First, however, a disclaimer. If I've missed you in my compilation, forgive me and please offer to do this compilation next year! Also, let me know your numbers, and I'll give you special attention next month.

Category: All SSB contacts. (Callsign, count)
K4MQG, 363; N4MM, 359; N4ZC, 354; AA4S, 352; AA4V, 351; W4MBD, 346; KZ2I, 338; N4JJ, 337; K4MK, 325; N4PQX, 324

Category: All CW contacts. (Callsign, count)
N4SU, 360; N4MM, 344; AA4V, 341; K4CEB, 341; N4JJ, 341; W4CZU, 341; AA4R, 324

Category: 160 Meter contacts. (Callsign, count)
W4ZV, 306; N4SU, 287; N4JJ, 273; AA4V, 222; N4MM, 163; N4UH, 127

Category: 80 Meter contacts. (Callsign, count)
K4MQG, 337; W4ZV, 336; N4JJ, 332; N4SU, 277; N4MM, 269; AA4V, 263; N4PQX, 201

Category: 40 Meter contacts. (Callsign, count)
N4JJ, 346; N4SU, 334; AA4V, 322; N4MM, 320

Category: 20 Meter Contacts. (Callsign, count)
N4SU, 370; N4MM, 353; N4JJ, 342

Category: 17, 15, 12, 10, 6 Meter Contacts.
(Callsign, count, band) N4MM, 329, 17; N4MM, 349, 15; N4MM, 320, 12; N4SU, 255, 12; N4MM, 343, 10; W4ZV, 337, 10; N4JJ, 307, 10; N4MM, 110, 6; W4VHF, 103, 6.

Congratulations to all these fine operators. —*Editor*

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Going to **Shelby Hamfest**? Claude Oakes is holding his annual “Shelby Shindig”—a DX-Contest Dinner—on Saturday, August 31 for those wishing to meet and greet old friends. See Page 3 inside for details.

For those in eastern Carolina, consider the **Virginia Beach Hamfest and Electronic Flea Market** to be held on September 28-29. This event will also host the ARRL Roanoke Division Convention. Their website is: <http://www.vahamfest.com>. Tickets are \$5 each. Email inquiries to: hamfest@exis.net.

DX Calendar Make note of the coming DX operations

Date	Callsign (if known)	Location
Aug 20-30		San Andres
Aug 25-29	VK9CI	Cocos Keeling
Aug 25-31	5V7XO	Togo
Aug 31-Sep 7	OJOLA	Market Reef
Sept 11-16	A52DX	Bhutan

Upcoming **contests**:

Date	Event	Comments
Aug 17-18	SEANET Contest	See August QST, Page 87
Aug 31-Sep 1	YO DX HF Contest	See August QST, Page 88
Sept 7-8	All-Asian SSB Contest	
Sept 14-15	Worked All Europe SSB	

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