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# The Pileup

## Newsletter of the CDXA

### DXpedition to Rwanda—9X0R

by Fabrizio Vedovelli, IN3ZNR-WH0Q



*(Fabrizio “Brix” Vedovelli is a member of CDXA and recently was a member of the 9X0R DXpedition to Rwanda. Brix provided this recount of the effort to the members of CDXA in gratitude for the financial support given to the DXpedition by CDXA. The CDXA logo is to appear on the QSL card.)*

The seeds of our DXpedition to Rwanda started a long time ago, in mid-2006, when we had returned home from our Western Sahara effort. Talking about a possible next trip with Tony (EA5RM) and after a lot of emails, we decide to choose Rwanda. That country seemed like a good choice for several reasons—the last big operation from there took place several years ago and DX Magazine’s “Most Wanted” list ranked 9X as number 45. Moreover, after 14 years

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CDXA PacketCluster & Other Communication Systems		
W4DXA (11 mi. NE of Mooresville)	144.93 MHz (1200 bits/second)	441.00 MHz (9600 bits/second)
K4MD Charlotte, NC	144.91 MHz (1200 bits/second)	Not Available on 9600 bits/second
NG4DX (Digi near Galax, VA)	144.95 MHz (1200 bits/second) Connect to NG4DX, then type “C W4DXA”	
K4MD (AR Cluster via Telnet)	k4md.no-ip.com	
CDXA Repeater 147.18 MHz (+600 )	W4DXA, Near Fort Mill, SC	
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World Wide Web Homepage	www.cdxa.org	
Wednesday Luncheon (11:30 AM)	Murphy’s Food and Spirits, 131 E. Woodlawn Road, Charlotte, NC	

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of a terrible civil war, the country was at last a quite peaceful place. We concluded it would be a beautiful adventure for our old “Desert Patrol” of Western Sahara.. OK, we were committed to our objective, but a large obstacle was still on our road. Yes, that little paper with the magic word “license”.

After a lot of faxes, emails, and phone calls proved useless, in January Tony decided to travel to Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. This decision was the key to our success! After a number of meetings with the Rwandan officials and the collaboration of Peter Stabuch (9X5SP) and Colonel Diogene Mudenge (9X1AA), chief of Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Agency (RURA), EA5RM came back with licenses for all of us, also opening the door for others. As a gesture of thanks for the cooperation of Rwandan officials our amateur radio group of operators, with help from RURA, agreed to help establish the Rwanda Amateur Radio Union (RARU) as its National Amateur Radio Society. The main RARU aim will be to promote amateur radio in Rwanda. We agreed to donate a transceiver to Kigali University to aid in the teaching and training of new amateur radio operators to help build a new Radio Club. So the good news from Rwanda coming to us in mid January was that 9X0R was to become a reality!

While Tony was still completing his business in Kigali, those of us back home decided we wanted to go to Rwanda as soon as possible. In only two and one-half months we assembled our team, prepared equipment, arranged accommodations, and solved countless logistical issues to make things ready for twelve multinational operators. The nucleus of the crew was Western Sa-

hara’s veterans, but for this trip we wanted to have more CW operators. Using a useful survey put up on our quickly arranged website, we asked all DXers to tell us which modes and bands were most desired. Those survey results pointed out that CW, digital modes, and low bands were among the most wanted. The operator team was finalized to include: Tony (EA5RM), Javier (EA5KM), Bernard (F9IE), Javi (EC4DX), Gerard (EA3EXV), Manuel (EA7AJR), Dima (UY7CW), Robert (EA2RY), Manolo (EA4DRV), Ruben (EA5BZ), Gianfranco (I0ZY), and Fabrizio (IN3ZNR).

Our departure date was set for mid March. With the help of “SteppIR” antennas, we planned to set up at least three different operator positions, possibly four. This became a reality when we finally arrived in the field. We were able to set up four operator positions—one for CW, one for Phone, one for Digitals, and the last one for any needed mixed operations. All four positions were furnished with 1 KW amplifiers, because of the sponsorship of “SPE” of Rome Italy. SPE provided us three brand new “Expert” 1K-FA (fully automatic), all solid state, compact linear amplifiers. Gianfranco is the owner of the SPE factory. Being a member of the team gave him the chance to see his company’s product operate under field conditions, and to also operate from a highly sought DXCC entity. His presence also gave me the chance to periodically speak with someone in my mother language, HI. Ninety percent of our operators were from Spain, so the official language between the crew was Spanish. The Rwandan official language was incomprehensible for us. Another widely spoken language in Rwanda is French. Some, especially the young people, understands some English. I often became fatigued by end of day listening to three different languages and then translating all into Spanish.

As preparations moved forward during February and early March, day by day our equipment list grew until a mass of 300 kg of material was delivered to and stored in Madrid. Finally everything was ready. All our equipment was moved to Brussels, Belgium and we all met there on the morning of March 15. That same day, we easily reached Kigali Airport in the late evening. The next morning we had a long check out by Rwandan customs officials, and also a careful inspection of our transceivers by RURA (the FCC in Rwanda). By early afternoon, we had completed all entrance formalities and we were able to begin our journey Akagera Lodge. Our QTH was to be in the middle of beautiful Akagera

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### The Pileup

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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 December. Dues are payable by check to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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Game Park, near the Tanzanian border. Being a small state, Akagera was only two hours drive via very good roads. The Lodge was on top of a hill, with beautiful paths in all 360 degrees—a real dream location for hams! Moreover, we were at around 5600 feet elevation, so, luckily we encountered no mosquitoes at all. Before darkness, (as planned), we were already active with two stations on the air—with one yagi and one vertical at full power. After the first CQ, “9X0R, QRZ”, suddenly we understood that the pile-ups were going to be huge.

The number of callers were more than we ever imagined, suggesting that Rwanda was even higher than #45 on the most wanted list. Shift after shift we operated almost all night long, although we were very tired from the trip and the initial setup duties. Early on the second morning, all the crew not involved in shifts at radios worked hard to finish the antenna set up. Two more yagis, the BigIR verticals by SteppIR and inverted “L” antennas for 80 and 160 meters were erected in one day and half. Weather was mostly overcast because we were at the beginning of the rainy season. So luckily the antenna job was made carefree, but we did have a strong rain beating on us for one hour. After the rain-storm, the equatorial sun with us working at 5600 feet elevation easily burned our skin.

Using very good pass band filters we were able to keep at least three stations (and often four) operating simultaneously. After some troubles in the first days, we were finally able to upload logs to the on-line log on our website. We were pleased to be able to use a very complete log system used by other recent DXpeditions. This log was rich with interesting statistics as “how many contacted” by mode, by countries worked, or by CQ zone. Perhaps this kind of “classified result for DXers” actually increased the pile-ups for different modes or bands, even not really needed for DXCC. Our targets were: to work many North American and Asian hams; to use CW and digital modes more than phone; and to provide low



**Several hundred kilograms of equipment made the trip safely to the Akagera Lodge. This veteran team knew what it needed, despite a short planning window.**

band contacts. For this reasons, we paid attention to the Americas whenever the propagation would help us. Moreover, we were on air very often with two stations on CW, one in digital and only the last on phone.

We reached our goals for our first two targets. Unfortunately, for the low bands we discovered very early the meaning of “Equatorial noise”.

Almost every night some stormy weather with thunder and lightning filled 80 meters and 160 meters with a lots of scratching and crackling. The third day we set up a Beverage antenna to USA and EU, and this helped our top band specialist to pick out more stations from the noise. I guess we were a little too far into the rainy season—December and January would be the better months on the Equator. Our accommodations and meals were good enough for the team, but we were always tired. To keep three stations on the air 24 hours a day with only 12 operators is very hard work! There were very few guests in the Lodge, monkeys apart! Yes, a group of “baboons” were always using the garden of the Lodge as a playground, . . . HI. Our antennas were there, and one morning two monkeys were jumping over our Beverages, playing with wires. I screamed a lot to scare the group, but they soon paid little heed to me.

Our target number of QSOs was at least 60,000. We did it, reaching 62,300. The last day and night we had a lot of power line failures. I believe that without this setback our grand total of QSOs would have been at least 5,000 more. Luckily this happened only at the end of operations. If it had happened in the first days, our morale and mood, would not have been nearly as good. On a personal note: I must thank in the name of all

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**Brix at the microphone in Rwanda “briefly” talking with his fellow members of CDXA while in the pileup.**

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9X0R team, officers and all CDXA members for their financial support for our DXpedition. During my long duties in the SSB shack, I remember the QSOs with many CDXA friends, and I was very glad when one of my fellows of the Carolinas jumped out from pile-up. When I finally recognized a particular caller, it was always a pleasure to be greeted with my personal name, HI. When heading back home on the airplane, we already began talking about our next step.

Stay tuned, a new DXpedition with the “Cuadrilla” (Squadron) is on the way !

--73 es ciao!      *Fabrizio*

### Coming Six Meter Activity

Aficionados of the 6 meter band who enjoy collecting grid squares and new DXCC entities on the “magic band” have a treat in store for them in late June.

One group has announced it will be operating from **Sable Island** as CY0X as a Six Meter DXpedition, seeking to make some transAtlantic QSOs on six meters. They plan to operate from June 25 to July 7. Details are available on the website for this DXpedition at [www.cy0x.com](http://www.cy0x.com).

With **Saint Barthelemy** as a new DXCC entity, it was only a matter of time that someone would go there to give the 6 meter crowd a crack at a new gridsquare and a new entity. The current plan is to operate using CW at

50.103 MHz with an upward split. This team also chose the peak summer VHF season of June 28 to July 6 for their operation.

Finally, Dennis Motschenbacher (K7BV) of Yaesu, who has dined with CDXA members the past two years at the Charlotte Hamfest, is heading off to the Caribbean once again. He’ll again visit Belize, but the place many will be looking for Dennis at is **San Andres Island** (NA-033, EK92) operating as 5J0M. Like the other two DXpeditions, Dennis will be active in the period June 28 to July 6 from San Andres, earlier from Belize. Details can be found at [www.qth.com/k7bv/caribe2008](http://www.qth.com/k7bv/caribe2008).

So, make sure your 6 meter rig and antennas are all ready to go for a busy week at the end of June.

### Ten and Twenty Years Ago . . .

*(This article is based on information from past issues of THE PILEUP which are archived on the CDXA website at [www.cdxa.org](http://www.cdxa.org).)*

#### Ten Years Ago

Ken Boyd, then WA4UNZ, was in the process of rebuilding the W4DXA cluster node at his home. . . . Gary Dixon, K4MQG, was busy making and installing a new harness for the CDXA 147.18 MHz repeater installed at his QTH in Fort Mill. . . . Editor Don Daso, K4ZA, was reminiscing about things that happened 25 years earlier—take a look if you want to go back 35 years from now. . . .URLs of neat software available from the World Wide Web were beginning to appear in the Pileup. . . .Don Daso posted his comments on the value of using stainless steel hardware when erecting antennas—is there anyone who still doubts Don’s wisdom on that matter?

#### Twenty Years Ago

Western Sahara (S0) was to become a reactivated DXCC entity as of June 1. . . .9Q5NW was on a mission to get a license from the Congo (TN) government and the Chad (TT) government, but was yet to be successful. . . .QRZ DX reported that the “buzz” was that North Korea (P5) was to receive status as a separate DXCC entity. . . . Christmas Island and Minami Torishima were soon to be activated by two separate teams going there. . . .DXpeditions to Palmyra and Kingman Reef had just concluded and CDXA was planning on a meeting at Gus’ 49er near the UNCC campus to do of all things—EAT!

## SEDCO IV and Ten-Tec Hamfest on Horizon

Ten-Tec has done a great job of announcing their very popular hamfest and SEDCO IV. Take a look at: <http://radio.tentec.com/Hamfest>. It's Ten-Tec's 40th anniversary with special events planned.

Plan on being part of a ham's dream weekend. It's held during a great season in the Pigeon Forge, TN area and the ladies will love the shopping!

The SEDCO convention tickets will remain the same as last year at \$25, as will the Saturday evening dinner catered by Damon's at \$25. Ten-Tec will again offer the tickets beginning July 1st, and please, please give call-signs when ordering. This allows us to have the badges ready at check-in and speed things up at the door.

Reservations may be made at the MainStay Suites desk (865-428-8350). Mention SEDCO for your convention or Ten-Tec Hamfest hotel reservations. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.SEDCO.Homestead.com>.

SEDCO works in partnership with Ten-Tec because we are interested in the same thing . . . fellowship for our wonderful hobby. Ten-Tec is in business to sell American made equipment of course, but they take this time to get to know their customers and to let us get to know them. Ten-Tec does listen to their customers and potential customers. If you want a hand at designing the radios of the future, take a look and respond to the survey on their webpage <http://radio.tentec.com/Amateur>. As we said, 'they are listening'!

Information on these two events will be updated often during upcoming months, so check the websites, and plan ahead. SEDCO's presenters will be the BEST ANYWHERE in the areas of DXing and Contesting. We always have some surprises. These folks come to give back to the hobby, and we also accent youth in our hobby.

Pass the word please, and if you have any questions contact me at W4NL@Charter.net or Ten-Tec.

73, **Lynn** (W4NL), **Rosie** (KA4S), and **George** W4UWC

P. S. Information may also be obtained from any of the following members of the leadership team for this event: Carl (N4AA), Ted (W4NZ), David (K4PZT), Dave (K4SV), Stan (WD0BGS) and Scott (W4PA).

<http://radio.tentec.com/Hamfest>  
[www.SEDCO.Homestead.com](http://www.SEDCO.Homestead.com)

## CDXA Places Third in NC QSO Party

Dick Williams, W3OA

In the March Pileup your Editor, John Scott, described how Murphy effected our entry in this year's North Carolina QSO Party. At that time we knew our recent string of three victories had come to an end. The results have now been published and we placed third in the field of twelve entries in the In State Club category. The scores for the top three clubs are:

W4UNC	444 QSOs	90 mults	92,630 points
W4CQ	337 QSOs	87 mults	75,629 points
W4DXA	351 QSOs	89 mults	73,458 points

John reported our belief that W4UNC used an outstanding contest station. Looking deeper into their numbers shows some interesting points:

- o Their breakout of CW and SSB QSOs was about the same as ours – approximately one-third CW.
- o They had no 40 meter QSOs, we had 182. We had 58 20 meter QSOs, they had 292.

This gives us some things to consider when we plan our strategy for next year while looking for a better operating location.

The full results are posted at:

<http://w4nc.com/ncqpreresults.html>

Check out the results, if interested.

## A Final Farewell

*This was received from Jon Elwell, son of Henry (N4UH-SK) and shows a small memorial they erected to Henry and Millie in the back 40 of the property in Cleveland. We have permission to distribute it and I thought it might be worthy of some space in the next Pileup.*

73, Wayne, W4HG

Hi All,

I thought you would be interested in the attachments. It is not my intention to exclude anyone from this email. However I am limited to the number of contacts I am familiar with. Please feel free to pass this on to any interested parties.

I decided to create a memorial for our parents and thought I would share it with you. The memorial is attached to the base of the rhombic tower located in the pasture. While it may be in an obscure location, it is the only place I could think to do it where it would be out of harms way, and at

the same time have an appropriate effect.

I bolted a tower section to the rhombic base, and then added the broken spire section which came from the fold over tower in the field that Don Daso had replaced. I then poured a concrete form around the base.

My wife {Phred} gifted the plaque to the family. I bolted the plaque to a radio panel which was part of the radio shack communications center, and then to the tower. Eventually the property will be sold, but I am hoping the memorial will not be disturbed and that it will stand for a long time.

On behalf of the Elwell family I would like to thank all the hams for their condolences, and for the individual time each of you spent helping us. You guys made an overwhelming process simple and effective. It would have been very difficult for us without your help.

Best regards to all, Jon Elwell

**Below: A small memorial to “Uncle Henry”, (N4UH) and Millie Elwell mounted—on a section of Rohn 25G—in their “back 40”.**



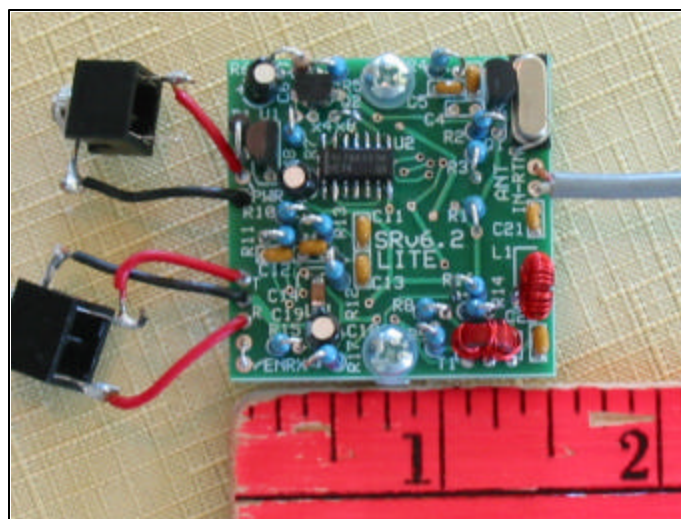
### Errata

In the April 2008 issue of the *Pileup*, the Front Page article about recent DXpeditions stated that Cocos Island was where the film “Jurassic Park” was filmed. Joe Blackwell, recently returned from Cocos Island and knowing what it looked like set the record straight. Joe reported that the island scenes in “Jurassic Park” were actually filmed on Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands. In the movie, the fictional Jurassic Park was stated as being an island off of the coast of Costa Rica, and over the years some had surmised that Cocos Island “could have” been that island. The editorial staff of the *Pileup* regrets making this error.

## SoftRock and CW Skimmer—Chapter Two

Dick Williams, W3OA

My article on this subject in the March Pileup outlined some of the lessons I’d learned in my first efforts using the SoftRock software defined radio with Rocky and CW Skimmer software. At the end of the article I said I had ordered a 20 meter SoftRock radio and would run CW Skimmer on a dedicated computer. This article will bring you up to date on what I’ve been doing.



The picture shows how small the SoftRock radio is. It’s a double-sided board and there are three more integrated circuits and some capacitors on the opposite side. Not much to it. One of the connectors on the left side is for power; the other is a stereo audio output that goes to the computer sound card input. The coax on the right goes to an antenna. This Softrock came as a kit and cost \$12. The seller has discontinued the single band version and is now selling a multi band version, called SRLite+Xtall V8.3, for \$42. The best way to stay current on availability of the SoftRock radios is through the Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/softrock40/>.

The screen shot of CW Skimmer in the March article showed the waterfall display with decoded CW signals. I think this should be a good aid in working DX in pileup situations but I haven’t tried this much so can’t make any meaningful comments about that. I have focused on how to make Skimmer useful in contests. Skimmer has a built in telnet server that allows access to DX Cluster style spots Skimmer generates from the signals it decodes. A lot of us use N1MM for contest logging. N1MM has a very nice band map feature and I thought it would be great to get the Skimmer spots on the N1MM band map, along with Cluster spots. The

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problem is N1MM only provides one telnet connection. So I started a software project to find a way for N1MM to get both Skimmer and Cluster spots through that one connection. I tried a number of different approaches and ended up placing a new Cluster node on the Internet. This has the advantage of providing a means for CDXA members to use the Skimmer spots and the accompanying article tells how you can connect to that node.

An article on Skimmer can't be complete without mentioning the controversy it has generated in the contest community. There was a raging debate on the CQ-Contest mailing list that was finally put on hold until after discussions at Dayton. Opinions varied from "Skimmer is just another advancement like keyers and computer logging," to "Using a Skimmer, even it's in your shack with no internet connection, should put you in the Assisted category," to "Skimmer is a big step toward completely automatic contest stations so all uses should be illegal in contests." Two topics in the Dayton Contesting Forum are sure to spark the debate: "SDR and Contesting—The Future is Now" and "The Great 2008 Contest Technology Debate." There is an Internet petition to disallow contest entrants from using Skimmer at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/skimmer/index.html> and a survey at <http://www.contesting.com/survey/204> asks if single ops (not assisted) should be allowed to use Skimmer. It looks like an interesting time for the various contest sponsors.

### See CW Skimmer Spots on Your Computer

Dick Williams, W3OA

Telnet to w3oa.no-ip.org Cluster node in the same way you telnet to the K4MD node. You should see spots coming from both the W3OA 20 meter Skimmer and the K4MD DX Cluster node.

If the band is open here you will probably see more Skimmer spots than Cluster spots. Of course the CW decoding is all done by computer so busted calls in the Skimmer spots are fairly common. And sometimes the frequency will be wrong for very strong signals - especially those from other hams near my QTH (i.e. N2TU and W3GQ). The Skimmer spots will all be between 14.000 and 14.070 and will show "CWskimmer" in the comment field.

The W3OA node computer is turned on 24/7 but the Skimmer will usually only be on and adding spots from

7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Skimmer will be on all weekend for the WPX contest at the end of the month.

Please let me know of any success or problems you have connecting to w3oa.no-ip.org and if you find it useful. We need to decide if the Skimmer/Cluster project is worth continuing and possibly expanding. To pursue this further, other members could set up Skimmers on different bands and we could combine the spots from all of them together.

### CDXA Jeopardy

You all know the game. It's on TV every night with Alex Trebek as the host. It goes like this: A clue is given, and the first contestant who signifies he has the question for which the clue is an answer is allowed to give that solution.

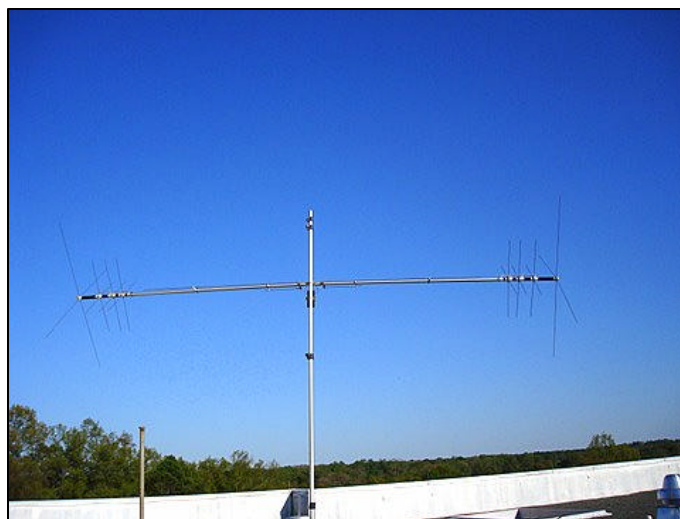
Example: This man of Italian descent was the first man to send a radio signal across the Atlantic Ocean.

Solution: Who is Marconi? (Ta-Da)

Are you ready to play?

Okay, Begin:

**The man whose antenna, shown below, was recently installed on the empty roof of his residence is a ham who is #1 on the DXCC Honor Roll, who holds DXCC on 6 meters and who touches your hand with "Gold" whenever he meets you.**



Answer will be found on the Back Page.

## Field Day 2008—Another Year, Another Record?

By Ron Bailey, AA4S, and Dick Williams, W3OA

Last June CDXA made history by setting the Field Day record for Class 4E (home station, four transmitters, emergency power). Our score of 12,702 points beat the record of 10,504 points set in 1999. Our objective this year is to set the Class 5E record.

We were also 16<sup>th</sup> among all entrants last year and we want to do better than that this year. If our score last year had been ten percent higher, 13,972 points, we would have been in the top ten.

Here's the plan for 2008:

Time/ Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Location: QTH of Ron Bailey, AA4S, south of Shelby (same as last year).

Class: 5E. We will try to run four CW stations and one SSB station as much as possible and three CW stations and two SSB stations the rest of the time.

CW Stations: Two will be in the house primarily running 20 and 40 meters but the 20 meter station will also run 160 CW/SSB and 10 meter CW.

Two will be in the garage covering 80 meter CW and 15 meter CW.

Antennas for these stations include monoband beams for 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters plus inverted-vees for 160, 80, and 40 meters, a vertical dipole for 80 meters, and a 20 meter H-Double Bay. Seven Beverage receiving antennas are also available.

SSB Stations: Most of the SSB operation will take place in the eight by ten foot utility building. We will be able to operate one or two stations there. One can CQ while the other operates search and pounce mode.

SSB antennas consist of a two-element 40 meter inverted-vee beam pointed west, a 40 meter inverted-vee broadside northeast/southwest, a 75 meter inverted-vee (basically omni directional at 45 feet), an A3 tri-band yagi for 10, 15, and 20 meters, and a 20 meter four square.

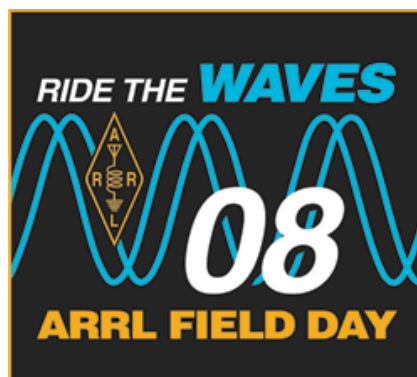
Two Work Days: One will be Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, one week before Field Day, beginning at 10 a.m. to finish setting up antennas and to check for inter-station interference.

One will be June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Friday before Field Day, to complete the set up.

Six Meters: An Icom IC-7000 will be set up in the garage for use in the event of a six meter opening.

A six-element yagi is available for this band.

We need operators - If you are interested in joining our winning operation, please contact Dick Williams at [w3oa@roadrunner.com](mailto:w3oa@roadrunner.com) or (704) 658-0915. Let Dick know when you can be available and your preferred operating mode(s).



## The Back Page

**Fabrizio “Brix” Vedovelli** (IN3ZNR) provides an exclusive report to CDXA members on the recent DXpedition to Rwanda (9X0R). See Page 1.

Possible “**new ones**” on **6 meters** coming soon. Three DXpeditions coming in late June might provide new grid squares and new entities on 6 meters for many. See Page 4.

Planning on going to **SEDCO IV**? See announcement on Page 5.

**CDXA Slips in North Carolina QSO Party**. Wait’ll next year, as they say. . . See Page 5.

More on **SoftRock and CW Skimmer** from Dick Williams. Why the controversy? Can I see it work? See Page 6.

**Field Day 2008** is just around the corner. CDXA needs “a few good men” to keep its winning ways. See Page 8.

**CDXA Jeopardy**: (See Page 7) Answer: Who is Ted “Goldthorpe”? Did you win? If so, you’ve just won the Editor’s undying gratitude!!

The **ARRL June VHF QSO Party** will be held on June 14-16, beginning at 1800Z on 14 June. Get on the air to help your fellow CDXAers. We expect to be able to send an email to the membership citing who the serious participants will be before the contest begins.

There will be no **Pileup** in June to give the Editor a needed vacation.

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