



The Pileup

Newsletter of the CDXA

CDXA Takes 1st Place in 2009 Field Day

Dick Williams, W3OA

CDXA, operating W4DXA from the QTH of K4DXA, won Category 3E nationwide by a wide margin in this year's Field Day event. W4DXA scored 8,876 points. The second place entry scored 6,210 points. You can read how we did this on page 3 of the July 2009 Pileup (<http://www.cdxa.org/pileup/Archives/cdxa0907.pdf>).

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Here are some different ways to compare our scores to others:

- o W4DXA was 1st among the 18 entries in Category 5E.
- o W4DXA was 4th among all 73 entries in the North Carolina Section. First in North Carolina ran 7 transmitters and 3rd ran 9 transmitters.
- o W4DXA was 10th among all 193 entries in the Roanoke Division. Seven of those that beat us ran between 4 and 11 transmitters.
- o W4DXA was 3rd among all 336 entries in E categories.
One of the stations that beat us ran 11 transmitters. The other was QRP with a power multiplier of 5 versus our multiplier of 2.
- o W4DXA was 34th among all 2,246 entries with 3 or fewer stations.
- o W4DXA was 75th among all 2,612 entries in all categories.

So, it was another great W4DXA Field Day effort. We dominated our class. Planning has started for Field Day 2010 at KI4TZ's QTH. Will you be with us?

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
K4MD (AR Cluster via Telnet)	k4md.no-ip.com	
NA4L (Near Hillsville, VA)	144.95 MHz (1200 bits/second) Connect to NA4L ("C NA4L")	
NA4L (AR Cluster via Telnet)	cdxa.no-ip.org	
CDXA Repeater 147.18 MHz (+600)	W4DXA, Near Fort Mill, SC	
World Wide Web Homepage	www.cdxa.org	
Wednesday Luncheon (11:30 AM)	Skyland Family Restaurant, 4544 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC	

Dues are Due!

It is the time of the year that Treasurer Cliff Wagoner is looking for your dues payment for the 2010 Calendar year. CDXA dues run on a calendar year basis to keep things simple for the treasurer. Please make it easy on Cliff and remit your dues to him promptly. All the information you need to renew or join CDXA is available on the website under the tab entitled "Join/Renew". You don't even need a stamp and envelope, since you can now pay your dues using PayPal and your credit card.

Member dues are \$20 per year. If you use the AR-Cluster spotting network, add \$15 to your remittance to support the costs of the hardware and software.

Here's what **membership in CDXA provides you:**

- o An association with amateur radio operators who share an interest in making worldwide radio contacts
- o An association with amateur radio operators who enjoy the radiosport of contesting both for its competitive aspects and for its ability to improve operating skills
- o An association with amateur radio operators who collectively have hundreds of years experience to share in effective techniques to both find and complete worldwide radio contacts
- o Participation as a club in standing events such as ARRL Field Day and North Carolina QSO Party

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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 \$35 per year for those using the PacketCluster maintained by the Association, \$20 otherwise, payable each December. Dues are payable by check to the Secretary/Treasurer:

Cliff Wagoner, W3ZL
P. O. Box 577
Davidson, NC 28036

Address, telephone, and email address changes should be directed to the Secretary/Treasurer at the above address or via email at: jcw53@cornell.edu.

- o Club recognition in our perennial "Contest Within a Contest" for participation in CQ Worldwide SSB and CW contests and in ARRL International DX SSB and CW contests

- o Self-achievement competition in CDXA's DX King Award—CDXA's adjunct competition to the CQ Marathon Award

- o A DX spotting network, accessible via the Internet, which informs you of callsigns minute by minute that are being heard on the air by other stations worldwide

- o A repeater operating on 147.718MHz (+600KHz) from Fort Mill, SC

- o An informative newsletter published ten times per year providing you with happenings in the association

- o An organization which provides financial support to selected DXpeditions to rare and semi-rare locations. Said support often results in our logotype appearing on the DXpedition QSL card and sometimes earns preferential treatment of early uploading of QSL data to Logbook of the World (LoTW)

- o An informative, dynamically changing website that provides information to the membership as well as useful links to other amateur radio websites and amateur radio equipment vendors

- o A standing weekly luncheon for those in the vicinity of Charlotte who just want to drop in for an "eyeball" QSO

- o Social events consisting of an annual Hamfest banquet, a fall Barbeque, and an Annual Meeting/Holiday party. Other events to hear members report on DXpeditions they've participated in are scheduled as needed

- o Access to CW Skimmer spots in selected major CW contests.



2009 Christmas Party/Annual Meeting

When: Thursday, December 10th
 Time: Cocktail Hour—6:30 PM, Dinner—
 7:20 PM

Where: Carolina Prime Steakhouse
 225 East Woodlawn Road
 Charlotte, NC

Cost: \$22.95, tax and tip included

Libation: Cash bar for beer, wine and cocktails

We have space for at least 65 attendees at this venue. Election of officers for 2010 will be conducted at the annual meeting and CWAC awards will be presented. Besides that, we'll just have a good time!

Contact VP Paul Ponak by December 4 with your reservation at:

pponak@carolina.rr.com

MENU

Soup of the Day

Your choice of one entrée

**9 oz. Center Cut Sirloin
 Grilled Chicken Breast**

7 oz. Fresh Salmon

Half Rack Honey Baby Back Ribs

Each entrée served with a side salad and potato of choice (or) fresh seasonal vegetables and bread. ALL meals come with coffee, tea or soda.



DX King News

By Dick Williams, W3OA



Item 1: Plan now to operate in the CQWW CW at the end of the month to add to your DX King score and contribute to CDXA's CQWW Club score.

Item 2: We've decided to have three raffle prizes for the 2010 DX King competition. I'm still looking for suggestions on what the prizes should be. Our budget is \$150 for first prize, \$100 for second prize, and \$50 for third prize. Let me know your suggestions in the next two weeks. We will publish the full details in the January Pileup.

Item 3: Here are the scores I have as of September 31:

Call	Category	Countries	Zones	Total
N4ZC	Unlimited	269	40	309
K4MQG	Unlimited	262	40	302
AA4SC	Unlimited	248	40	288
W3OA	Unlimited	244	40	284
K4YR	Unlimited	240	40	280
W3GQ	Unlimited	237	40	277
W4HG	Unlimited	237	40	277
N4PQX	Unlimited	229	40	269
KZ2I	Unlimited	213	40	253
K4GHS	Unlimited	212	40	252
N1GC	Unlimited	210	39	249
WB4ROA	Unlimited	201	38	239
W3ZL	Formula	186	37	223
K4DGJ	Unlimited	181	39	220
N2TU	Unlimited	181	38	219
K1MIJ	Unlimited	177	36	213
K8YC	Unlimited	169	36	205
K4ESE	Unlimited	150	32	182
KI4TZ*	Unlimited	145	33	178
K4DXA*	Unlimited	135	34	169
WA3GNW	Formula	126	30	156
W4UFO*	Unlimited	118	31	149
N4QVM	Unlimited	109	32	141
N4UFP	Unlimited	108	29	137
NK0S	Unlimited	101	29	130
AF1E*	Formula	98	25	123
WB2RHM	Unlimited	81	24	105
W4WNT	Formula	81	21	102

* New addition to the list this month.

Item 4: Don't forget to send me your DX marathon scores (w3oa@roadrunner.com) as of the last day of each month after your score reaches 100.

Welcome New Members

October was quite a month for membership additions. Shortly after our weekly luncheon in early October, Cliff Wagoner informed the officers that **John Forbus, NV4A** of Sherrills Ford, NC—an attendee at lunch—had joined CDXA. John has been licensed continuously since 1963 but only recently has reestablished his ham shack.

A week or so after we heard from John Forbus, Ted Goldthorpe received an email from **Edward Kuebert, K5EK**, then in the process of establishing his residence in Southport, NC. Ed told Ted he was looking for a DX club and wondered what we were all about. Ed quickly heard from your editor with two recent copies of the *Pileup* and from Dick Williams telling him about our contesting efforts. Ed has now joined us.

About the same time, Cliff Wagoner heard from three more folks interested in joining CDXA. **Patrick Phelan W4DXP**, of Cornelius submitted his application for membership. **Gaylord Gasque, N4SF**, (pronounced Gask-way) splits his time between Vista, CA and Brevard, NC and decided to have a more extensive connection with North Carolina. Gaylord and Steve Reichlyn (AA4V) recently operated CQWW SSB from Bermuda together. Finally, **Christopher Price, WW4CP**, of Charlotte also stepped forward to join us.

So, with five new members, our membership has reached 190 members. We'll all just have to work harder to find and welcome these new members to our midst. That should be easier for us hams, if we can only make a sked! Until that happens, to all our new members, WELCOME!

Call for Articles for Pileup

By John Scott, K8YC

From time to time, I look over the newsletters of other radio clubs to see what information is being presented in their newsletters. We stack up quite well in presenting contest results, award achievements, and advising you of upcoming club events. One area we don't do real well at is providing technical articles about something you've worked on that may be of interest to all the members. In the 10 years I've been editing the *Pileup* we've had articles by Roger Burt, Paul Trotter, Ron Bailey, Don Daso, Bob Burton, Dick Williams, Frank Dowd, Roger Webb and maybe a few others that I've forgotten. Yet out of the 100 issues I've produced, I don't think we can claim 30% as having at least one

technical article.

I believe we can easily change that. Perhaps you don't think your latest project is noteworthy, but I assure you it is. Here are some items that I think would make good reading:

- o WSJT and JT-65 software for meteor scatter and EME work
- o Techniques for making your own printed circuit boards
- o Working with surface mount technology
- o Building baluns and ununs
- o Transmission line transformers
- o Tower erection issues—concrete bases, guying, grounding
- o Interfacing Radios to your computer

During 2010, I ask that you write an article—pictures are always helpful—about YOUR knowledge area. I'll help in any way I can, but I'm not the expert you are. Make it a priority. All will appreciate it.

Where are you?

If you haven't received a copy of the *Pileup* recently, perhaps your email address is not current in the records of CDXA. Then again, maybe your inbox was full or your spam protection was not "opened" to receive email from CDXA. All of these problems have been experienced from the sending end at CDXA recently when trying to send you the newsletter.

When your email isn't working, the only way we can reach you is via a telephone call or by sending you a mailed letter. With a membership the size of ours, we need help from you to keep all of your member information current. If you have Internet access, it is as easy as going to the CDXA website (www.cdxa.org), clicking on the "Officers" tab and then clicking on the email address of the Secretary/Treasurer, Webmaster, or Editor—any one will do, since any one of them will notify all that need to be notified. Please give us a helping hand when your membership data changes.

Did you know . . .

- . . . the butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work?.
- . . . a grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart?
- . . . a backward poet writes inverse?

CQWW, CW, Starts Friday after Thanksgiving

Dick Williams, W3OA

CDXA's half-time report for the CQWW contest is looking good. As of this writing, our Club score is just over 14.5 million points. Last year at this time we were at just over 13 million points. We still need a very strong effort in the CW contest to reach our goal of getting CDXA back in to the top ten in the club competition. See another article in this issue to learn how to take advantage of CW Skimmer to improve your score. So, after you finish your Thanksgiving celebration get on the air, have some fun, and contribute to CDXA's club score. Everyone's contribution will help.

Joe (KI4TZ), Steve (KZ2I), Bob (N4PQX), Dick (W3OA), and Paul (W3GQ) formed the CDXA five-man SSB team. The Team scored over 5.5 million points. A very good effort.

Everyone who operates in either contest should submit their log to CQ to contribute to our Club score. CQ will send you an email confirming receipt. If you didn't get the email, you need to resubmit. Full details on how to do this are in the contest rules at

http://www.cqww.com/2009_Rules_cqww.pdf. Remember to show "Carolina DX Association" as your Club.

The deadline for submitting logs to CQ is December 1 for SSB and January 15th for CW.

Don't forget, I need your results, both SSB and CW, by December 1 so I can have the CWAC prizes ready to present at our December 10th Christmas party. Send me your number of QSOs, number of countries, number of zones, and total score. Additionally, I need your power level (high, low, or QRP) and whether or not you were assisted. And, if you made over 1000 QSOs, your preference for a prize—trophy or Outback Steak House gift card. Send your preference to: w3oa@roadrunner.com.

The Soapbox comments to follow have a lot of hints on using N1MM:

AA4V/VP9 (edited heavily): One of the most interesting aspects of this operation was the power limit in VP9. We were only allowed to run 100 watts. We ran a multi/2 setup using Elecraft K3 transceivers. The radios worked FLAWLESSLY. No problem with inter station interference. We had two nice sections of lawn to work with. On one side, we erected the HF9V. On the other side we mounted the HF2V along with a SteppIr. Under each vertical, we placed approximately 40 radials each

35 feet long. I have found that these antennas work very nicely when you can put down wire in the near field. Grounded radials do not have to be resonant. Our stated goal was for us to try to break the existing VP9 record for multi/2. We exceeded the record at 9:00 AM local time on Sunday and proceeded to add nearly 1.5 million points to the old record.

AD4IE: My logs submissions were being rejected because LOCATION was not in the header. My contest program is N3FJP. I communicated with K1AR and he said to insert "LOCATION: NC" (NC is my section) somewhere in the header before the logs. I did that and my resubmission was accepted.

K2SX: Nice to hear 15m open. Hope conditions improve by CW weekend, particularly on 10m since that will be my main band at HC8N.

K4DXA: Sunday sitting at 460k plus but had 4 to 5 hours Saturday AM with no rotor. After rain stopped found 3 out of 4 bolts in plate had dropped out. Had to Wait till contest !!! Found bolts in junk box don't know what happened to the ones that came out. (And later) Done for day, going to Panthers game.

K5EK: I had a good time in the contest with quite a few interruptions. It was the first time I used recorded messages. They seem to work out well and no sore throat.

K8YC: On Friday night, it didn't seem like my R-7000 was hearing at all on 20m after I went there from using my HF2V. On Saturday, I found the R-7000 SWR bouncing up and down when the wind blew. It looks like time to take the 15m trap apart, again. I tried using the R-7000 on 15m Sunday afternoon, but it seemed really marginal. I put the Moxon on top of a 10 foot stepladder and then things started to hop for at least the Caribbean and South America. I ran outside to use the "armstrong" method of rotation to grab a few Pacific entities. I did manage to fill out my Zone 3, 4, and 5 matrix for all spots but Zone 5 on 15m and 10m was a bust anyway. (Thanks to fellow CDXAers for the zone multiplier tip in earlier issues of the *Pileup*.)

KI4TZ: Not real good here. My tuner blew up sat night for 80 and 160, but managed a few barefoot contacts, AL-1500 performed well and new TS-2000 took some getting used to. Had A3S up 30 feet and 40/80 dipole at 28 feet (no big trees here). It was real frustrating, but nothing 100 feet of 45G with a T-12 won't cure next year and 1000ft beverages and so on and so forth.

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Heard ole' Rog one-calling all the ones I was yelling at...hi hi. Learned to use the Check box (in N1MM) this year after getting a costly 3 busted calls last year. I think the available multiplier window is the most valuable element in N1MM. I use the column sort to help me work a run sometimes. I worked 8 or 9 F's right in a row by sorting the Call column. When propagation is good to a certain area I sort by direction and just work up or down the line.

KZ2I: Sorry, guys, not my best effort. 1.) Blew up the AL572 last week (short in tube?), so was running the SB221 I picked up at an estate sale. No 10 meters on 221, but worked just about everything I heard. 2.) Still recovering from swine flu a couple of weeks ago. Meds had me tired and weak. I hope you recognize the 30 pound lighter me! One stupid thing I did (or didn't do). After the test I realized that I missed Zone 5 and USA on 10m. Let's make it a point next year of making sure we all work each other on 10 and 160 to cover that. File under DUHHHHH!

N4PQX: 30hrs 26min in the chair, heard the whole team, hope everyone did well, also heard N4ZC quite often, low bands were not very good for me, 15m was great, also great over the pole stuff on 20m, 99.5% S&P, never could establish a decent run. Glad I checked 10m often since I got burned one year by not checking often, as there were a few openings south, more than last year. Let's hope we get some solar help to bring back 10m for real next year. You might want to tell the guys that running the log through TQSL can find issues with contest logs.

N4ZC: I had a lot less time to operate this year. 19 hours operation.

NV4A: The logger thinks there are some "questionable" calls, including some "unique" calls. First time I'd used spotting for a contest, and I think I relied on it too much at first. I imagine there were a few scrambled or incomplete calls in there. Anyway, I learned a lot, including how to use N1MM to advantage. N1MM is pretty impressive software. I really liked the VFOA and B windows too, and the way if a split was entered with the spot, the VFOB frequency entry was automatic. It also worked perfectly after the contest when I converted my log to ADIF to dump into my general logger in Ham Radio Deluxe. Of course the main thing I learned is that I can't stay up for 48 hours anymore. . . . N1MM says I worked about 21 hours.

W3GQ: N1MM shows I had 35:43 time on the air.

Mine was all S&P. I kept Available Mults and Qs window sorted by direction (to minimize antenna rotation.) Then I went down the list until I found a station I could hear, say a station in France. Then I resorted on the call sign and worked all the French stations I could hear. I found out that if the band is open to France, it isn't necessarily open to, say Germany. The layout of the various N1MM windows is important. There are "need to know" windows and "nice to know" windows. The trick is to get the most important information where you are most likely to see and use it. I tried a new arrangement this year. It was a core of four windows, "Available Mults and Qs", "Logbook", "Entry", and "Check" windows. I didn't use the band maps nearly as much as before. I also learned a new trick (new for me at least) that I didn't know before. In the "check window" (the one just to the right of the entry window) you can click on a call to move it to the entry window. So if you hear a partial call, enter what you have and then check the "check" window. Once you have the complete call, click on it in the "Check" window. For me, that is easier than trying to edit what I already have in the entry window. Of course this assumes the call shows up in the check window which it does probably at least 90% of the time. Sometimes I tune to a call in the band map, or click on a call somewhere to move it to the entry window where it sits just above the call sign blank. Now don't just let it sit there. Hit the space bar to move it into the entry window and immediately look at the Check window. If the call shows up there, it is probably a good call. If the check window says "Unique", double and triple check the call.

W3OA: N1MM shows I operated 36 hours, 35 minutes. It seemed like a lot longer than that. All S&P. My goal was to break the 1000 QSOs mark but didn't quite make it. I was pretty discouraged after what seemed like a very slow start Friday night but things picked up after that. Sunday afternoon the amp started tripping out when I tried to run a full gallon at frequencies above 21.4 MHz. Don't think that hurt my score much but I'll have to find the cause. The JA opening Sunday evening on 20 was a very pleasant surprise. Not that they were there but that I got most of them in one or two calls. Maybe not much of the US was hearing them at that time. I had one antenna pointed to South America and one to Japan and it was fun to bounce between the two of them.

W3ZL: It took me, on average, 5 times as long per Q as you guys, but it's my little contribution to the "soapbox" comments.

Skimmer Will be Better for CQWW '09

Dick Williams, W3OA

CDXA will again be providing spots from CW Skimmer during this month's CQWW contest. Operators who used the Skimmer spots in the ARRL DX contest this spring found them very helpful. There will be some big improvements over the setup we used then.

We will have Skimmers running at two locations. One will be at K4DXA's QTH using his antennas pointed to Europe. This station will be used only for Skimmer. Skimmer will be automatically moving between bands at frequent intervals to catch all bands that could be productive, depending on the time of day. We've built and installed an automatic antenna selection system so Skimmer will be connected to the best antenna for the band it's on without the need for an operator's intervention.

W3GQ will be running another Skimmer as part of his contest station setup. His station uses a combination of software and hardware that ensures Skimmer will always be on the same band his transmitter is on and use the same antenna he is currently using. So when he is working, say, an opening to Japan Skimmer will automatically be using his best antenna pointed in the right direction for Japan.

I've got a new gateway program. You telnet to it and it asks you for your callsign. The gateway then signs into the K4MD Cluster node using your callsign. Everything you send to the gateway is repeated to the K4MD node. And everything the node sends to your callsign at the gateway is repeated to you. The gateway also sends you spots from the Skimmers at K4DXA and W3GQ. The big improvement over the set up last spring is that now you can use the normal Cluster commands, like show/dx, and receive responses from the K4MD node. You can also enter a spot and it will be sent to the Cluster network. Any filters you have set on K4MD will still be in effect. If the K4MD node goes down for some reason, I can connect the gateway to another Cluster node and you will continue to get the spots from the Cluster network. And it's easy to add connections to other Skimmers at other stations. So if you will be running a Skimmer please let me know.

A new feature has been added to N1MM so you can tell which spots have come from Skimmer. They are marked on the bandmap with a "#" after the beam heading. This tells you which stations on the bandmap have been heard by a receiver in our geographic area. So

these are the stations you may want to try and work first.

Now for some FAQs:

How do I get the Skimmers' spots? Just telnet to w3oa.no-ip.org. You can use the same software you currently use to get spots from K4MD and change the IP address to w3oa.no-ip.org (note the .org at the end as opposed to the .com at the end of K4MD's IP address).

What will I see? Both the spots from the Skimmers and K4MD. You won't lose the K4MD spots by connecting to W3OA. The Skimmer spots and K4MD spots will be interleaved together in time sequence. The Skimmers will be set to only send spots from verified DX stations calling CQ.

Can I test this out before the contest? Yes. The software will be running every day, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from now until the contest is over. Send me an email if you have difficulties (w3oa@roadrunner.com).

Ambiguity?!!

For those who love the philosophy of ambiguity, as well as the idiosyncrasies of English.

Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

CDXA Leaders Wrap up 2009

The leadership team of CDXA met in September to review operations of the past year and plot a course for the future. Pictured below: standing, Cliff Wagoner (W3ZL); seated, left to right, Joe Simpkins (K4MD), Wayne Setzer (WB4BXW), Paul Ponak (AD4IE), John Scott (K8YC), Dick Williams (W3OA), Paul Sturpe (W3GQ), and Ted Goldthorpe (W4VHF).



Annual December Elections of 2010 Officers

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting/Holiday Party of the Carolina DX Association is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2009 at Carolina Prime Steakhouse; 225 East Woodlawn Road; Charlotte, NC immediately following dinner at approximately 8:00PM. CDXA will elect its officers to serve for the 2010 calendar year at that time. All current officers have expressed a willingness to stand for reelection for 2010. Yet, anyone wishing to run for any office should make his/her desire known to the Nominating Official, Wilson Caselli (K1MIJ) at wcaselli@gmail.com to have their name put into nomination at the Annual Meeting. If you would like to nominate someone, please make sure that person is willing to serve, if elected. You may cast a write-in vote for any office, as long as the write-in candidate has agreed to serve, if elected.

Proxy voting for the Annual Meeting/Election of Officer was adopted by the membership as a By-Law provision at last year's Annual Meeting. A proxy is attached below. Write-in votes may be cast by filling in the appropriate blank on the proxy. *Send your proxy to the Secretary-Treasurer to arrive at least one week before the annual meeting.*

Carolina DX Association

Proxy for Annual Meeting/Election of 2010 Officers
To be held on December 10, 2009



I, _____, a member in good standing, do hereby appoint Cliff Wagoner (W3ZL), current CDXA Secretary/Treasurer or, in his absence, Ted Goldthorpe (W4VHF), current CDXA President, as my proxy to vote my choice for CDXA 2010 officers. If I decide to attend the meeting in person, I reserve the right to withdraw this proxy and vote my choices in person.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

President	_____ Ted Goldthorpe (W4VHF)	_____	Write-In
Vice-President	_____ Paul Ponak (AD4IE)	_____	Write-In
Secretary-Treasurer	_____ Cliff Wagoner (W3ZL)	_____	Write-In
Newsletter Editor	_____ John Scott (K8YC)	_____	Write-In
Cluster Manager	_____ Joe Simpkins (K4MD)	_____	Write-In
Contest Manager	_____ Dick Williams (W3OA)	_____	Write-In

Send executed proxy by December 3 to: Cliff Wagoner, P.O. Box 577, Davidson, NC 28036

The Back Page

CDXA finishes #1 Nationally in Division 3E in Field Day 2009. See Page 1.

Dues for 2010 are payable now. Ever wonder what your membership brings you? Check out the list on Page 2.

Come to the **Holiday Party/ Annual Meeting.** Meet your fellow CDXAers in person. Details on Page 3.

How are you doing in your **DX King** efforts? There was a lot of movement in the numbers in October. (See Page 3) You have about 7 weeks left to get your point total to 150 and have your callsign entered into the raffle for the flat panel TV. Full details can be found in the October 2008 issue of *The Pileup*, available from the archives on the CDXA website.

Five new members joined us in October. Keep your ears open for them on the bands. See Page 4.

What's your favorite pursuit in ham radio? Are you willing to share that passion with all CDXA members? The editor puts out a "call for papers" in 2010 to enhance reporting of what our members are doing at their stations. See page 4.

CQWW SSB is behind us. CQWW CW is coming. Read the soapbox comments from the SSB contest. Page 5.

New CW Skimmer capabilities will be activated for CQWW CW by Contest Manager Dick Williams. Read all about it on Page 7.

Vote in the Election of Officers for 2010. A proxy is available on Page 8.

The next issue of the Pileup will be January, 2010. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

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First Class Mail

See something wrong with your address label? Notify W3ZL at once, please.