



The Pileup

Newsletter of the CDXA

******* IMPORTANT *******

Write your Congressman About HR607!

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Your help is urgently needed to save the 70cm VHF band from being yanked out from under the Amateur Radio Service. House of Representative bill HR607 is being considered to provide improvement of public service communications. This is an action that most public service/first responders feel is needed. The ARRL is in support of the spirit of the bill, as might be imagined. The bill will move toward a unified communications band in the 700MHz segment and help to provide interoperability between fire, police, and agencies coordinating disaster response.

So what's the rub? By allocating this spectrum, the government

will lose the ability to "sell" it to the highest bidder. As a creative way of making up for this "loss", the aforementioned bill proposes taking the 420MHz to 450MHz spectrum from the Amateur Radio Service so it can auction it off to make up the shortfall created by allocating the spectrum needed for the public safety bill! The section of the bill which does this is Section 207D. You can read the actual text of the bill by "Googling" US House of Representatives and searching for House Bill HR607 on the website of the House of Representatives.

Please go to the ARRL website and read about HR607. If you don't want to lose this actively used UHF band forever, you must write your Congressman. You can find your Congressman at the same House of Representatives website found above. You can choose to send an email or prepare a letter. However, it is my understanding that since the anthrax scare following 9/11, mail headed for the Capitol may be quarantined for a while pending mail inspection. **YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER IS NEEDED NOW!**

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K4MD (AR Cluster via Telnet)	k4md.no-ip.com
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Hamfest 2011 Provides Enjoyment for All

By John Scott, K8YC

On Sunday night after the Charlotte Hamfest, I always feel a little letdown. There is a lot of energy in the air getting ready for the event. Many things must be done by many people in preparation: find a suitable raffle prize to help raise monies to support DXpeditions, find speakers for forums to help the Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society have a good forum lineup, prepare hand-outs for the CDXA booth at the hamfest, produce an exhibit of some of our latest contest tools like Skimmers and Reverse Beacons, arrange for staffing of the CDXA Booth, arrange for a banquet location, arrange for a public address system at the banquet and find door prizes for our annual Banquet. Others have their own tasks—Ken Boyd, manager of one of the two 4th call area QSL bureaus, prepares everything needed to man the QSL Bureau at Hamfest, Gary Dixon preps for QSL Card Checking. Then, it is all over too quickly and in the aftermath is a tinge of sadness that it will be a while before we get to see the many friends that we have such a short time to visit with on hamfest weekend.

Yet, there is much to be elated about. A number of people went home with some neat prizes. Eileen Benkis (KO4DI) was the ecstatic winner of a FT-2000 transceiver donated by Yaesu as the Grand Door Prize. Eileen mentioned to this writer that it was the FIRST prize she'd ever won. And what a prize that was! By the way, Eileen is #1 on the DXCC Honor Roll. Paul Ponak (AD4IE) was happy to learn on Sunday morning that he had won the 24" HDTV offered as the CDXA raffle prize. Bill Parris, AA4R, walked away from the Cabarus Arena with a door prize from the Hamfest itself.

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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.

Yearly dues are \$25.00. A second licensed Amateur family member living in the same household can join for \$5.00 for a total family price of \$30.00 per year. The total price for 3 or more licensed family members living in the same household is only \$35.00 per year. All family members enjoy full member status. Dues are payable annually in December by check to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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While the time to see old friends was too short, and maybe we didn't get to gab with all that we wanted to, we can celebrate the fact that we were at least able to renew some acquaintances. If we are really blessed, we will be able to do it all again next year. Thus, any sadness must be short lived. I hope to see you in 2012 and maybe even again before 2011 has ended.

Visitors from Afar

Hamfest weekend always brings people from all over to participate in the festivities. I usually try to do a N-E-S-W rundown in my mind as to whom came the farthest. Here's what I came up with for 2011. If I misplaced you, let me know.

From the ranks of CDXA, I had Robert McNeill (W4MBD) of Morehead City as the farthest east. Maybe I should give the nod to Mary Hobart (K1MMH) of Connecticut, since CT is surely east of NC! To the north, I figured Bill Parris (AA4R) of Frankfort, MI probably takes the honors, even though Bill "winters" in Pinehurst. If I stick within the Carolinas, Charles and Lesley Lewis (KY4P and N3TIA) from West Jefferson, NC take the honors as northernmost. Heading south, I figured Steve Reichlyn (AA4V) from Isle of Palms, SC has it. Looking west, Lynn Lamb (W4NL) and George Dominick (W4UWC) from the Knoxville area can claim the prize. Within the Carolinas, I don't think we reached any farther west than a tie between Eric and Cameron Hasson (Gastonia) and Joe Spears (Conover). I'll grant Dennis Motschenbacher an "honorary" award as a California CDXA member, since I'm sure I felt Dennis' presence in the room.

When I expand my search criteria to include those who came from afar who are not CDXA members, I think only those from the west and south provide us some new names. I believe Ted Jimenez (HI3TEJ) from the Dominican Republic wins as the southernmost attendee, and Rick and Holly Roderick, our esteemed forum speaker and his XYL from Arkansas represent the western edge of our travel contingent.

Welcome New Member

Welcome to **Lesley Lewis (N3TIA)** of West Jefferson, NC. Perhaps Lesley should be introduced as S92YL or S9YL. Those calls might be more familiar since she used them often when with her OM Charles Lewis (KY4P, ex-S9SS) while in Sao Tome. We've seen Lesley at a number of recent CDXA events with Charles, and we're glad she is now a member of CDXA.

Hamfest Forums Provide a Treat

Hamfest 2011 provided a series of excellent forums. The necessity of getting something to eat after about 2:00 PM prevented me from taking in CQ Magazine Rich Moseson's topic following about 4-1/2 hours of enjoying continuous forum material. Because of an early start on the Roanoke Division forum, I missed the early part of that forum, and the Army MARS forum was too late for me to catch. If you are a forum aficionado, you could have spent the entire day in forums.

The three forums I did fully take in were (1) Dan Henderson's (ARRL Regulatory Affairs) and Bill Morine's (NC Section Manager) discussion about antenna legislation, (2) Rick Roderick's (K5UR) forum on "Tip: Working and Confirming more HF and VHF DX" and (3) Don Daso's (K4ZA) rundown on "Taking Care of your Towers and Antennas".

Antennas and Legislation

Dan and Bill began the forum by explaining that they were asked by the attorney of a local ham (who is a CDXA member) to not discuss a current active tower zoning dispute because of the sensitivity of the matter in its present status. Yet, Dan's position at ARRL HQ in Regulatory Affairs still left him with a lot of suggestions and anecdotes to help avoid pitfalls in installing antennas.

Bill Morine spoke first and highlighted the 22 years that elapsed from the issuance of PRB-1 in 1985 requiring "reasonable accommodation" of antennas/towers at the Federal level to the 2007 enactment of a "reasonable accommodation" statute in the State of North Carolina. Main point: it may take some time—hopefully not 22 years—for municipalities (read counties, cities, towns, and villages) to craft and/or correct ordinances that conflict with State and Federal statutes, and along with that wait may go some pain.

Dan then cited instances of some well intentioned hams who had offered sample legislation in certain states—sometimes borrowed from other state statutes—that resulted in some unintended interpretations. The overriding suggestion is to let ARRL become involved and use its experience to help craft wording. In any event, effort should be to keep the wording of any legislation simple and to the point so interpretation is minimized. For example, if defining a "tower" in restrictive legislation, rather than trying to differentiate between a commercial broadcast tower and an amateur tower, one might say, "This definition does not apply to stations licensed in the Federal Communications Commission Amateur Ra-

dio Service." That statement precludes dragging hams into an issue.

We all know that ARRL has legal counsel in Washington, D.C. keeping an eye on government happenings that may affect the Amateur Radio Service. Support for these services come from member dues and contributions to the Spectrum Defense Fund from ARRL members like us. The recent BPL onslaught has taken a lot of legal effort and financial resources to battle. Dan Henderson reminded those who may think otherwise that ARRL is not in a position to provide litigators to help hams. They can, however, provide names of attorneys who have been found to be qualified and who wish to work with hams on antenna issues. Many of these attorneys are themselves hams.

In wrapping up the session, Bill and Dan suggested that in any dealing with government officials we must treat them with civility. All are citizens of the community and deserve our respect as much as we expect them to respect our views. Moreover, ARRL experience seems to show that a political solution is usually less costly and more suitable than a litigated solution.

(Sometimes, as in the case of Broadband over Power Lines (BPL), the only recourse is to litigate—a course that even the ARRL had to choose. —The Editor)

Working and Confirming More HF and VHF

As noted in the February 2011 *Pileup*, Rick Roderick (K5UR) is an excellent DXer as proven by his "numbers". You can tell by listening to Rick that he lives DXing. That passion is probably why he has chosen to rise to the level of First Vice President of ARRL. All present at this forum were most pleased that Rick took the time to come from Little Rock, Arkansas to provide us his "Tips".

Information was flying thick and fast in Rick's talk. Here are some of the highlights in no particular order:

Listen, listen, listen, and then listen some more.

We've all heard the DX send or say "listening up" and had it followed immediately by someone calling right on the DX frequency. Rick recommends getting the lay of the land before jumping in. Who's the DX? Where's he listening? How wide is the pileup? How's the DX working the pileup—jumping around, changing 2 KHz at a time, bouncing from top to bottom? Is he picking up calls from the edges of the pileup? By listening, you can learn a lot of these things and your success will go up immensely.

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Know propagation. Know when the DX you want is most likely to be on the chosen frequency. Know whether long path might be preferable to short path. Is there a predominant known skew path?

Be there when the DX is likely to be there. This goes hand in hand with knowing propagation. You probably won't work Chile on 160m at midday! Find out by using spotting networks when the needed DX is on certain bands, and be there when he is. If that means waking every hour of the night to look for him, do it!

Use your time effectively. Persevere. Good things don't always come easily, but intelligent use of your time can leverage success. Don't "run" on an open band just because you can get a lot of QSOs from countries that you don't need. If the band is open to a part of the world start listening for the one you need buried in the noise between the pileups. Would you rather have one "new one" out of 50 QSOs for a couple of hours work or would you rather have three "new ones" after working 20 QSOs? Your choice will be the latter if you are a serious DXer.

Have good receiving antennas. Monoband yagis are generally best for directional antennas. Vertical antennas accept more man-made noise, but they have a low take-off and listening angles—that's good for DXing. Have some Beverage antennas if you have the space, even shortened Beverages. Traps in antennas—not Rick's style! Slopers are marvelously simple and nicely directional. Experiment with what works at your QTH—something may work well at your place that won't work well at another place, even if nearby. Rick said he had so many wire antennas up around his abode that despite warnings to an insurance adjuster by Rick's XYL, the adjuster nearly decapitated himself.

QSL correctly. Use nesting envelopes when possible to avoid folding your return envelope. If enclosing dollar bills, make sure they are new—some cultures strongly dislike "dirty" money. Keep your QSL card simple: all data on one side, no Flags, no eagles and report your time in UTC (Zulu, GMT). Self stick envelopes save the QSL manager time and negate the need to lick a gummed envelope flap from unknown sources.

When in the pileup, get an ATTITUDE that you will get you through. Rick was very generous in answering all questions from the floor. But, he reminded all present that in a pileup, he'll hate you. HI HI!

Taking Care of your Towers and Antennas

Don Daso, K4ZA, treated all present in his forum to a spellbinding visit to a Texas Radio Ranch that his company, Tower Works, has been working on periodically for more than two years. This Texas-sized project involved 14 towers with multielement monoband stacks on many of the towers and some large four-square arrays. Everything is bigger and better in Texas, as they say.

Don provided some background as to how his hobbyist activity of tower building grew into a business of erecting towers. Then, once known for his tower erection skills, ARRL asked if he'd author a book on the subject. That book was published by ARRL in 2010 under the title, "Antenna Towers for Radio Amateurs". That project took Don about 1-1/2 years to complete as his work schedule permitted. The longer time than expected by Don was not because of a work-related reduction of effort but because he packed so much more into the publication than he imagined he'd do at the start. Since publication, Don's phone has been quite busy and Tower Works has been retained to do the very work he writes about.

Since "care and feeding" of towers and antennas was the highlighted topic of the forum, Don was able to provide anecdotal commentary on some of the things that he's seen in his days of tower climbing that one should NOT do. Rather than highlight the things one shouldn't do, here are a few of the things that Don suggested you should do when erecting a tower:

Follow manufacturer's instructions. It goes without saying just because the manufacturer doesn't enumerate the things you should not do doesn't mean that you are permitted to do them! If you're not sure, ask.

Don't overload an antenna supporting structure. Follow the engineered specification for a tower as to wind loading and weight bearing.

Use a proper mast material. Common water pipe is NOT mast material. Remember, mast loading is a function of the wind load and the lever arm between the load and the support point (bending moment).

Perform periodic inspections. No material will last forever. Periodic inspections will help negate surprise failures and may even mitigate a deteriorating situation.

Make sure guys are properly tightened. Guys which are too loose can cause problems from wind vibration.

ARRL DX Contest Half Time Report

Dick Williams, W3OA

When you read this the ARRL Contest will be finished but I'm writing this before the SSB portion in order to meet the publication deadline. So I can only report on the CW portion. I'm glad to say that our Club total of scores reported to date of 13.9 million points is just the same as our total score at this point last year. This, despite the fact that two members who traditionally make big scores in this contest had major problems. N2TU brought a case of flu back from the Orlando Hamfest and N4ZC had difficulties using the Packet/Skimmer system (see his comments below). You can see all the scores on our Website.

Everyone who operates in either contest should submit their log to the ARRL to contribute to our Club score. ARRL 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.arrl.org/arrl-dx>. Remember to show "Carolina DX Association" as your Club.

The deadline for submitting logs to the ARRL is March 21st for CW and April 4th for SSB.

Here are soapbox comments (edited) from some of our participants:

K4LY: This was the maiden voyage (for contesting) of my Flex SDR-1000. While it didn't Titanic, it's definitely not contest-ready. SDR radio is the radio of the future, but the first generation SDR-1000 is a teaser until you study and study and solve and solve problems. I didn't solve enough of them. Out of 28 hours at the radio, I had about 26 hours when I was actually able to make contacts and about 2 hours when I was pulling my hair out trying to get the #@%\$%# thing to work. The least reliable appliance in a ham shack is the computer, and SDR radio is mostly the computer. Because there are dozens of computer models, at least two outboard soundcards with their own software and adjustments, several operating systems, and several versions of Power SDR software, and several versions of contest software, almost no SDR-1000 set-up is like any other. For every software problem there are dozens of possible solutions, most of them archived in the Flex Forums and Flex Knowledge Center. When you add those "notes" to the manual, you have a manual that weighs more than the radio with a learning curve unlike anything I've experienced. However, software is NOT the main problem. The main problem for me is the cabling between the radio, the outboard sound card, and the computer

(especially the amplified computer speakers)—six cables not including key and mic. Besides the plugs and jacks not "setting" correctly, the main problem is the RF that enters the radio, computer, and especially the amplified speakers, if you don't toroid all the cables exactly right. I'd been using the radio successfully on 160-40, but when I went to 20/15/10 during the contest the amplified speakers howled like wounded coyotes. I hope my signal was T9 and seemed to be the several times I checked it on another rig. Other problems required exiting software or turning off the radio or computer and reloading everything. The newer generation Flex radios are closer to plug and play. Mine was plug and pray! Remember to be flexible if you use an SDR radio.

K4YR: My 80M antenna down and beam non-rotating, seems not getting voltage to unlock the brake—frustrating trying to work pileups off side or back of beam!

KH6/AA4V: I wasn't able to operate as much this year due to visitors from the mainland. The 14 hours of operating, spread over the two days was great fun. Working conditions on this side consisted of Elecraft K3 and a Tokyo High Power HL1.1Kfx amp (400W). Due to a local Home Owners Association member with time on his hands, I used a Butternut HF6V at night and an Outbacker (12 foot tall vertical) during daylight. Both worked very well. Lots of radials under both. Being on the west coast of the big island with two 14,000 foot volcanoes between me and the mainland, I could only marvel at KH6LC (multi-multi) on the Hilo (east) side of the island running stateside and me not hearing most of their contacts.

N4PQX: Spare time S&P only. Very little time on the low bands, mostly on Saturday during the day. Bands were up and down but Saturday seemed better as I actually worked some Europe on 10m, and Sunday 15m seemed poor. Nothing broke so maybe Murphy has moved on for now. Heard all the usual locals OA, GQ, ZC, TU, TZ etc.

N4ZC: Well this was really one for the books. I hope none of the others had my problems with the spots. At times, in the middle of a big contest, there would be as few as two spots in the whole 100 kHz of the cw band. If things would show up, after 10 min, they would disappear, never to return over the entire weekend. It was like operating assisted, with no assistance, a good bit of the time. Show DX never added anything, at any time. I lost connection while I slept and there would be zero

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spots on all bands to start the day. I think it would have been easy to break 2 million assisted, but a good bit of the time, I wasn't.

W4WNT: What a weekend! With the propagation and running the TS-570 under computer control I managed the best score ever in any contest. Being able to jump from one frequency to another with a mouse click saved a lot of time and made for many more contacts than turning knobs.

W4ZV: With the recent solar activity I seriously thought it might be time to go back to my second favorite band, 10m. But Friday it appeared we were in for an extended period of unsettled conditions so I opted for 160 again (good decision in retrospect). You can see just how fickle 160 is when you use the Reverse Beacon <http://www.reversebeacon.net/index.php/> analysis to track yourself versus others. There are interesting things to be learned if you haven't tried it before.

(Dick prepared this article to meet the normal publication date of the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The Pileup was delayed one week this year to permit coverage of the Hamfest. He'll report on the successful full ARRL DX Contest results next month –The Editor.)

Charles Lewis To Talk on VOA, Sao Tome

Charles Lewis (KY4P, ex S9SS) will give a presentation at the upcoming meeting of the Piedmont Chapter of the QCWA on March 19 in Clayton. It will be primarily a pictorial tour of the Voice of America Sao Tome Transmitting Station where he was the station manager during his final tour of duty as a US Foreign Service employee. Included will be photos of the interior of one of the 100 kW shortwave transmitters and of a **600 kW** AM band transmitter. There will also be photos of a massive dipole curtain HF antenna with sixteen driven elements. Charles will touch very briefly on the VOA stations in Botswana and Greece where he also served. Finally, he will also include a bit concerning his ham radio activities while deployed at the VOA station.

There may be space available to experience Charles' presentation for those interested. Kent Miller, K4MK, a fellow CDXA member, also serves as the Vice President of the Piedmont Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. Check with Kent about space availability if you have an interest in hearing Charles. Since Clayton is near Raleigh/Durham, those of you in that vicinity might find this particularly convenient.



DX King News
By
Dick Williams, W3OA



Item 1: Full details of our DX King Contest and your chances to win a 26 inch LCD flat panel television are on page 8 of the January Pileup (<http://www.cdxa.org/pileup/archives/cdxa1101.pdf>).

Item 2: Here are the 2011 DX King scores I have as of February 28:

Call	Category	Countries	Zones	Total
K5EK	Unlimited	216	39	255
WA4DT	Unlimited	181	36	217
W3GQ	Unlimited	163	36	199
K2SX	Unlimited	127	35	162
N4PQX	Unlimited	128	31	159
W1AJT	Unlimited	125	30	155
W3OA	Unlimited	123	31	154
K4ESE*	Unlimited	113	32	145
W3ZL	Formula	119	26	145
KZ2I	Unlimited	100	35	135
K1MIJ	Unlimited	108	27	135
N2TU	Unlimited	102	26	128
K8YC	Unlimited	102	25	127
W4WNT	Formula	94	22	116
AF1E	Unlimited	24	16	40

* All 80 meters

Item 3: 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.

A Long Climb

At 11:34 UTC on 7 March 2011, Gary Dixon (K4MQG) paused after a long climb. When he worked T30 on the 160m band that day, Gary had earned his 3000th point in the DXCC Challenge. With 340 Entities on the DXCC list these days and essentially 10 bands to apply DXCC Challenge Award QSOs, Gary's accomplishment means that he has worked over 88% of all possible band/country combinations. There are few who can count that many, and it usually means that those who earn it have been Amateur Radio Operators for a long time.

Congratulations, Gary!

Welcome Old Friend!

(The following item was received recently from George Dominick, W4UWC, from over Knoxville way.)

I had an experience a year or so ago that may be of interest to the readers. Here is my story:

The Story Of One 75A3

In 1953 I was presented a new Collins 75A3 receiver as a high school graduation gift by my parents. I guess they never figured that I would ever graduate because of the time I was spending on my "hobby". But when I did they went all out with this new DX receiver. It must have taken my Dad a year or so to pay Walter Ashe Radio in St Louis for it. My old HQ129X went in on trade. The new A3 served me well through college and into the world of SSB. I added a product detector to it for SSB reception around 1956. As time went on the old A3 became trade-in material for a Collins S-Line, I think about 1961.

Now this is where the real story begins! About a year ago guess what turned up? Yep you guessed it—my old A3 as a senior citizen showed up again. It was still alive and well! in its old age! While talking with Mark, WA2MO in New York on 15 meters some time back he ask me if I had ever owned a Collins 75A3? After I said yes, then he told me that he had noticed my call printed on a operators manual that he had received with a 75A3 which he had purchased from an estate sale in Florida. So after all this time my old A3 resurfaced. Now you know the rest of the story of my beloved Collins 75A3. I am certain that if that receiver could talk it could tell many stories spanning those many lost years.

Just another story John. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming gala CDXA dinner.

73, George, W4UWC

Git 'yer QSLs Here!

(The following note is from Charles Lewis (ex S9SS et. al.). If you need a QSL from one of Charles' many operating venues, read on . . .)

I have finished transcribing to computer files all my old paper logs for A22AA, A25AA, S92SS, SV0LM, SV5/SV0LM, and A25/KY4P. These spanned the period of 1989 to 2002. They are all on LoTW now. (I kept the S9SS logs from 2002 to 2007 on computer, and I uploaded them to LoTW weekly.) Not many hams

have uploaded logs to LoTW from as far back as 1989, but some who need those old confirmations are doing one-by-one uploads to LoTW to get matches. I have received several emails from hams who did not find a match they felt confident should be there. In some of those cases I found that I had committed typographical errors when transcribing, so I uploaded corrections. I'll be happy to check the logs for anyone who thinks I might have made an error. I know I made many. I'm a lousy typist!

I'm glad this project, which I have worked on sporadically for several years, is at last finished.

73, Charles - KY4P

Life Membership to Goldthorpes

Amid the festivities during the Hamfest Banquet was a short ceremony to honor Ted and Itice Goldthorpe for service to CDXA. CDXA has been led by Ted for 13 years of its 29 year existence—1983-86 and 2003 to the present.

In his inaugural message to the membership in December 1982 as he was about to take the reins of CDXA for the first time Ted wrote, "The Carolina DX Association is only as good as it's membership. . . That's why we need you. . . . Lets go for one of the best DX Associations in the Country." Ted has helped realize that vision.

Your Board of Directors felt the vision and guidance by Ted with able support from Itice warranted granting them LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the Carolina DX Association.



Bill Fisher awards Ted and Itice Goldthorpe Life Membership for ably guiding CDXA for 13 years.

Charlotte Hamfest 2011 Photo Album



Eileen Benkis (KO4DI) shows her winning ticket for a FT-2000 as Ted Goldthorpe, Lou Dietrich, and Ted Jimenez (HI3TEJ) look on.



What would Hamfest Charlotte be without the "Tennessee 8" contingent? They came in force once again.



Mary Hobart (K1MMH), Holly Roderick, and forum speaker Rick Roderick (K5UR) wind down after a busy day.



Nobby Mills (W4UFO) and Gary Colborne (N1GC) made the trip from Statesville and points north, and await their dinners.



Roanoke Division Director Bodson and Vice Director Bohner along with NC/SM Bill Morine and Eric Hasson (KJ4DLJ) enjoy table chat.



A healthy Joe Blackwell (AA4NN) chats with Ken Cannaday and Shelley Pendleton while Dick Williams and Sam Hawes (barely visible on right) talk shop.

The Back Page

****** IMPORTANT ****** Amateur Radio could lose the 420-450 MHz band if HR607 passes in its present form. You need to write your US Representative as soon as possible. Details on Page 1.

If you were too busy to hit all the **forums at Hamfest 2011**, see Page 3 for a recap. Sorry, but your editor missed what was reported to be a very good forum led by CQ Magazine's Rich Moseson, but even your editor must eat lunch once in a while.

A report on **ARRL International DX CW** resides on Page 5. Results on the SSB portion will appear in April's issue of the Pileup.

Charles Lewis (KY4P) will be addressing the Piedmont Chapter of QCWA in Clayton, NC on Saturday, March 19 on his role as station manager of VOA in Sao Tome. Details on Page 6. There may still be seats available.

Follow the race for **DX King 2011**. Ed Kuebert (K5EK) is doing a "horizon job" on the field. See Page 6.

Gary Dixon is nearly over the horizon in the DXCC Challenge. Check out Gary's progress on Page 6.

George Dominick (W4UWC) found an old friend. Find out about this chance meeting on Page 7.

Need a QSL card from one of Charles Lewis' VOA venues? They're on LoTW. See Page 7.

Is there a way to honor a person who's led an organization for nearly half of its total existence? Maybe. See Page 7.

Pictorial record of Hamfest 2011. See Page 8.

(Publication of this issue of the Pileup was delayed a week to report on the Hamfest. Publication will resume on a normal schedule in April.—The Editor)

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