

The Pileup

Newsletter of the CDXA



DX King News

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Item 1: Full details of our DX King Contest and your chances to win a 10 inch tablet computer are on page 3 of the January Pileup <http://cdxa.org/pileup/archives/cdxa1201.pdf>

Item 2: Here are the scores for the 2012 DX King competition as of March 31:

Call	Category	Countries	Zones	Total
N4ZC	Unlimited	250	40	290
K5EK	Unlimited	249	40	289
W2HTI	Unlimited	230	40	270
W4HG	Unlimited	219	40	259
K4GHS	Unlimited	216	40	256
W3GQ	Unlimited	198	39	237
W3ZL	Formula	166	36	202
K2SX	Unlimited	160	37	197
AA4SC	Unlimited	144	40	184
W3OA	Unlimited	147	35	182
K8YC	Unlimited	133	34	167
W1AJT	Unlimited	127	34	161
KZ2I	Unlimited	111	36	147



It's good to be King!

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CDXA PacketCluster & Other Communication Systems	
K4MD (AR Cluster via Telnet)	k4md.no-ip.com
W4DXA (AR Cluster via Telnet)	w4dxa.no-ip.com
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

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NK0S	Unlimited	109	29	138
W4WNT	Formula	109	29	138
N4QVM	Unlimited	96	26	122
K4ESE*	Unlimited	96	22	118
KO4DI	Unlimited	67	39	106
N4PQX	Unlimited	72	32	104
N2TU	Unlimited	74	27	101

* All 80 meters

Item 3: Don't forget to send me (w3oa@roadrunner.com) your DX marathon scores as of the last day of each month after your score reaches 100.

Welcome to New Members:

We've had two new members sign up during the last few weeks. Welcome to:

Duane Brantley, AB9J, 3930 Johnson St., High Point, NC 27265, 336-869-1049, ab9j@arrl.net, and Stuart Alpart, KC2SQP, 33-12 Halsey Rd., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410, 201-791-3232, stuartalpart@yahoo.com.

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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 or through the CDXA website, to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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2012 Field Day Dick Williams, W3OA

It's not too early to start thinking about Field Day. Operations will be Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24. CDXA will be operating W4DXA from the QTH of Joe Barkley, KI4TZ, just north of Chester, SC. The picture shows Joe wearing one of the handsome tee shirts each CDXA participant received last year. We will have a similar shirt for participants this year.



Next month's Pileup will have more details on our plans. For now, please put June 23 and 24 on your calendar and let me know when you can operate and your preferred mode, CW or SSB. I also need your tee shirt size. Email me at w3oa@roadrunner.com.



Corrected Life Member List

Gremlins got into the Life Member list originally published in the March Pileup. The version that's on the website now has been corrected, but just in case you didn't see the corrected list, here are our Life Members:

Al Guin	W4ZQB
Frank Dowd	K4BVQ
Henry Elwell (sk)	N4UH
Ted and Itice Goldthorpe	W4VHF & K4LVV
Roger Burt	N4ZC

A Last Reminder for SVHFS

Don't forget that the Southeastern VHF Society Conference is coming to Charlotte on April 20-21. Speakers will include ARRL president Kay Craigie, and Nobel Prize winning physicist, ham, and creator of WJST, Dr. Joe Taylor, K1JT.



Check out the SVHFS website for more details, at <http://www.svhfs.org/conference.html>.

NOTE: Tickets, which Do Not include prize eligibility, are available for only the dinner at which Joe Taylor will be the speaker, for \$40.00.

Developing News

The CDXA and W4BFB Boards have agreed that W4BFB members will be able to post their “goodies” on the CDXA Boneyard. The plan is that the BFB folks will also have a link from their site directly to the Boneyard. This will give members of both clubs more visibility into what's for sale. Stay tuned for more details.

The Way Back Machine

10 Years Ago in the Pileup:

Bill Turner, W4WNT, who was then President of CDXA, reported that Gary Dixon, K4MQG, “...picked up his QRP DXCC over a couple of days of activity.” Bill added that “...it must be nice to be retired.”

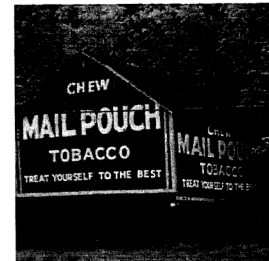
Bob Allphin, K4UEE, was a speaker for the second time in as many years at the hamfest, “...regaling the folks about the DXpedition to the South Sandwich Islands.” [...and he's still going strong!]

With four major DXpeditions during the spring (including one to HK0), K8YC had some things to say about the lack of etiquette and civility in pileups, with the “Policemen” yelling at those who accidentally called on the DX frequency, the deliberate jamming, and “...the occasional alligator (big mouth and no ears)

calling on the DX frequency for five or more minutes, and never hearing even the most abusive DX ‘policeman’ yet proudly giving his callsign on each and every call.”

20 Years Ago in the Pileup:

Dues in 1992 were \$30 for “packet using members” and \$15 otherwise. ...and there was this important announcement:



This is the new home of the PILEUP !!! Your Article could have been here! Submit to: Editor Pileup PO Box 232 Fort Mill, SC 29716

100 Years Ago This Month:

This April 14 and 15th mark the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic*. After the “unsinkable” ship struck an iceberg late in the evening of the 14th, only about 710 of the over 2200 passengers were saved after the ship went down early on the 15th. However, the toll would have certainly been worse had it not been for the *Titanic's* Wireless operator contacting the operator of the *SS Carpathia* using the *Titanic's* new and powerful Marconi 5kw spark gap transmitter. The *Carpathia* steamed at full-speed to pick up survivors. Fortunately for those who were able to make it off the ship into lifeboats, *Carpathia's* sole operator was at his station, even though he was off-duty. The disaster led to many changes in laws and shipping regulations, including a requirement that radio rooms be staffed 24 hours a day. (The *SS Californian* was actually much closer to the *Titanic*, but their operator was off duty and in his cabin at that late hour.)

It also led, directly and indirectly, to technical improvements and experimentation with radio, and helped give the nascent hobby of amateur radio a huge boost.

Whadaya Mean “Ham Recipes”??

...Looked over my wife's shoulder the other night while she was carefully studying a website on her laptop. I was a little alarmed when I noticed that the heading was “Ham Recipes.” Fortunately, just as I was quietly backing away, I saw that it was a site on techniques for glazing and cooking an Easter ham. Whew.

The Back Page

- W3OA provides us the latest DX King scores on Page 1, and on Page 2 reminds us that Field Day is coming up the last weekend in June.
- Welcome to the new members listed on Page 2.
- If you plan on going to SVHFS, or just want to go have dinner and hear Dr. Joe Taylor, K1JT, speak, see the last minute info on Page 3.
- Also on Page 3, check out the news that members of MARS/W4BFB will be able to post their for sale items on the Boneyard. There'll also be a link on the BFB site to the Boneyard.
- The Way Back Machine is back, and looks way back *100* years, to the sinking of the Titanic.
- And last but not least, we hope everyone had a Happy Easter.

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