

The Pileup

Newsletter of the CDXA

Field Day 2015 CDXA Has More Fun at KI4TZ

Dick Williams, W3OA

CDXA put on another fine Field Day effort from the QTH of Joe, KI4TZ. This year we operated in Class 2E (home station, two transmitters, emergency power). Our score of 7,398 points was almost 2,000 more than last year. Once again, Joe was a very enthusiastic host, taking care of the many details needed for a successful operation. And he provided great food. Thank you Joe! (From the picture, he doesn't look too stressed by all the hard work.)

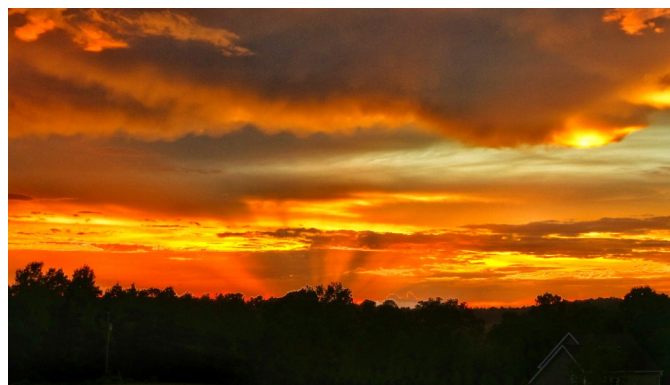
Here's our QSO count:

N4QT	Hal Bouton	President
W4GRW	Bill Fisher	Vice-Pres.
W3ZL	Cliff Wagoner	Sec.-Treas.
K4MD	Joe Simpkins	Cluster Mgr.
W3OA	Dick Williams	Contest Mgr.
W3GQ	Paul Sturpe	W4 QSL Bureau Manager
WB4BXW	Wayne Setzer	Webmaster
NV4A	John Forbus	Editor

	CW QSOs	Phone QSOs
80m	0	121
40m	329	313
20m	787	403
15m	34	87
10m	0	0
TOTAL	1150	924



CW QSOs count two points each, phone QSOs one point, so the total of our CW and phone QSO points is 3,224. Our power multiplier is 2 because all our transmitters were under 150 watts. This gives us 6,448 points. We can add 950 bonus points for using 100% emergency power, attempting to get media publicity, copying the ARRL Field Day Message, sending a message to our Section Manager, handling 10 National Traffic System messages, being visited by an elected official, being visited by a Red Cross representative, conducting an educational activity, and submitting our scores via the Web.



The two stations were each in a separate room in Joe's house. One station used Joe's Kenwood TS-2000 with his permanent station antennas – a Tennadyne T12 and G5RV. The second

This view of the sunset at the KI4TZ QTH (picture complements of W4GRW) would have made the weekend worthwhile all by itself

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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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station used a Yaesu FTdx1200, a Cushcraft A-3, a Butternut HF2V, and 80/40 crossed dipoles. Both stations used N1MM Plus logging software.

Our CW operators were Joe (AA4NN), Cliff (W3ZL), and Tony (W4OI). Phone operators were Ric (AA4SC), Paul (AD4IE), Tom (K4DRV), John (K8YC), Joe (KI4TZ), Steve (KZ2I), Dean (N2HXX), Gary (W2ZV), John (W3SA), Dick (W3OA), and Bob (WR2K).

Sam (KJ4ZM) and Brad (AE4VJ) visited and provided moral support. Brad is the ARRL South Carolina Technical Coordinator and was one of the group of roving Roanoke officers trying to visit as many Field Day sites as possible.

CDXA Welcomes New Members

The South Carolina Hamfest brought us a great group of new members. (See the [May Pileup](#) for information on our participation.) New members from the SC Hamfest are:

K4MC, Ben Melvin, 902 Henry St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086, 704-477-1813, km4c@kmse.com; W9BN, Ray Drause, 40 Keenan Creek Way, Simpsonville, SC 29680, 864-228-3965, w9bn@arrl.net; KW4TM, Ted McCall, P.O. Box 2115, Easley, SC 29641, 864-855-0701, ted.mccall@gmail.com.

We are also happy to welcome another new member, AE4PB, Jerry Moore, 2385 Whitley Rd., Fort Mill, SC 29708, 803-431-1870, jermo@carolinaheli.com.

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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 or through [the CDXA website](#), to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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DX King News Dick Williams, W3OA

Item 1: Full details of our DX King Contest and your chances to win an MFJ-891 Giant SWR/Wattmeter are on page 9 of the [January Pileup](#).

Item 2: Here are the reports for the 2015 DX King competition. These are the scores I have as of June 30:

Call	Category	Countries	Zones	Total
K5EK	Unlimited	265	40	305
K7BV	Unlimited	262	40	302
AA4SC	Unlimited	260	40	300
W3GQ	Unlimited	238	39	277
K8YC	Unlimited	193	39	232
W3ZL	Formula	178	36	214
K4HC	Limited	171	37	208
K4FS	Unlimited	161	38	199
W4UFO	Unlimited	164	35	199
K4HC	Limited	158	36	194
K2SX	Unlimited	154	37	191
W3OA	Unlimited	138	37	175
N2TU	Unlimited	140	31	171
KI4TZ	Unlimited	135	35	170
NK0S	Unlimited	133	36	169
NV4A	Unlimited	132	27	159
N4GBK	Limited	122	30	152
K4SD	Unlimited	115	31	146
K4UWH	Limited	113	33	146
W4WNT	Formula	113	28	141
K2SD	Unlimited	103	29	132
K4MLD	Formula	86	27	113
K1MIJ	Unlimited	85	25	110
KZ2I	Unlimited	77	27	104

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.

The Wayback Machine

It seems the Wayback Machine has been harder to keep running than some of the old cars I've owned over the years. Anyway, the recent mentions of "first stations", in particular Hallicrafters receivers, in recent "issues" of the CDXA Reflector made me decide to get it going again to chronicle some of the equipment mentioned. It started with this note from Cliff, K4MLD:

"I just bought a copy of "Radios by Hallicrafters" by Chuck Dachis. Great read. Lists every Hallicrafters radio from beginning to end and a history of the company as well. Lots of memories. I had an SX100 back in the 60's."

...It got me thinking about the SX-101 my buddy had. I wanted one badly, but was stuck with an SX-16 built in 1936 (!) ...but, it still worked in 1963. Apparently I wasn't the only one for whom Cliff's note brought back memories. Here are a few of the responses:

"In 1959 when I was 13 my dad bought me my first shortwave radio, an S-108. I was expecting an S-38E so the 108 was a pleasant surprise. It became my receiver when I got my novice license in 1962. I donated it a few years ago to another CDXA club member who has a collection of old radios.
-Paul AD4IE"

"The S-108 was my Novice receiver also in 1962/1963. I wished that I had the SX-110 but the 108 served me well.
Best Regards, Dan Schaaf"

"I had gotten my General in May 1960 so for Christmas, I wanted an SX110. You can imagine my shock when there was an SX100 under the tree. My dad was a working man so 300 dollars was probably 2-3 weeks pay back then. Those were the days. My shack was the sx100, Globe Chief 90A with homemade pp 807 modulator and a Heath VF-1.
Cliff Hedgepeth, K4MLD"

"My working dad took me periodically to the Ham radio store in downtown Pittsburgh (we had ham radio stores back then) and he kept his eye on what gear interested me. Then at Christmas time is when I got the goods. First was the S-108, next was the Hallicrafters HT-40, next was the

vertical antenna and finally the TA-33JR.

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Appreciation, a word forgotten by more recent additions to the human race.

Best Regards, Dan Schaaf"

"All the discussion about old Hallicrafter radios, brings back lots of memories. My first Hallicrafter was a S-38C that my parents bought me in 1953 when I was a SWL in the Boy Scouts. Listening to it I got interested in Ham Radio and got the books out and studied the Novice license manual and passed the exam back in 1955. Built my first rig, a Heath AT-1 which I still have. Been enjoying the hobby ever since. Ben, K4GHS"

...and that's just a sample of the comments. So, it seems that many of us were Hallicrafters fans, and Hallicrafters owners. Also a lot of us, myself included, started off as SWLers. In my case the SWLing was done with an old short wave radio in a stand-up wooden cabinet ...a Crosley, I think.

Does anyone have pictures of their old shacks? If so, please send me a copy, along with description ...or even just a description, so we can fire the WayBack Machine up again.

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VHF News

The AA4ZZ Team trekked up the Mountain once again for the June ARRL VHF Contest. Here's a Team Picture.



AA4ZZ Team June VHF Contest: L/R: Bill, W4GRW; Chris, WW4CP; Paul, AA4ZZ; Wayne, KU4V; Roger, W4NW; Ric, AA4SC; Joe, KI4TZ; Paul, W3GQ; Marc, N4UFP; Dick, W3OA; and Gary, W2ZV.

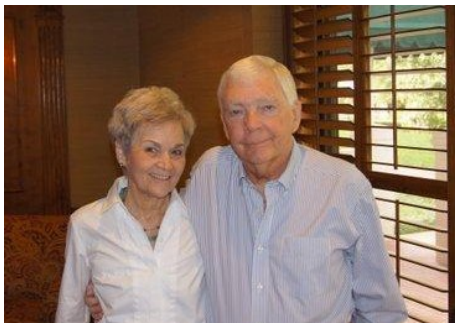
To honor the memory of Ken, K4DXA/sk, who was not only a key member of CDXA, but of the AA4ZZ Contest Team as well, the Team is dedicating a plaque in his honor for the Top Overall Multi-Operator Scorer for the June ARRL VHF Contest.

In other VHF news, W4MW will be operating in CQ WW VHF July 18 & 19. They were #3 multi-op team in the USA last year.

In Memory of W4VHF

The family of our good friend Ted Goldthorpe, W4VHF/sk, requested that Memorial Donations be made to the Ted (W4VHF) and Itice (K4LVV) Goldthorpe Scholarship Fund, ARRL Foundation. CDXA members donated almost \$2,000 to the Fund. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

CDXA is also sponsoring a plaque in Ted's memory for Top Overall Rover Scorer in the ARRL June VHF Contest. As most of you know, Ted very successfully operated in the Rover Category for many years.



2014 DX King Final Results



Dick Williams, W3OA

CQ Magazine has published the results of the 2014 CQ DX Marathon so we can now finalize the results of our CDXA DX King competition for 2014. The top standings are listed below.

Class	Call	Points
First Place, Unlimited Class:	K5EK	320
Second Place, Unlimited Class:	K7BV	310
Third Place, Unlimited Class:	W4HG	302
Fourth Place, Unlimited Class:	WA4DT	295
Fifth Place, Unlimited Class:	AA4SC	294
First Place, Limited Class:	NK0S	203
Second Place, Limited Class:	N4GBK	173
Third Place, Limited Class:	W4FRA	118
First Place, Formula Class – 100 Watts:	W3ZL	251
Second Place, Formula Class – 100 Watts:	W4WNT	165
Third Place, Formula Class – 100 Watts:	K4MLD	163
Fourth Place, Formula Class – 100 Watts:	K4FAN	153

K5EK was also 5th in North America and 12th world-wide. W3ZL was 8th in North America and 11th world-wide in the Formula Class – 100 watts option.

Those listed will receive CDXA certificates acknowledging their achievement.

CDXA placed second world-wide in the club competition. CQ has only been publishing Marathon club scores for three years and we have been second all three years.

Congratulations to all our winners. There are still almost six months left in the 2015 competition so everyone has ample opportunity to increase their score for 2015.

2014 ARRL 10 Meter Contest Final Results

Dick Williams, W3OA

The final results of last year's ARRL 10 Meter Contest have been published. This included the results of the 2014 Club Competition. CDXA's total score was 5,114,306. This put us eleventh among the 35 clubs in the Medium Category. We only had 19 entries of the 50 allowed in the Medium Category. So we can move up a lot this year just by increasing the number of our members entering the contest.

Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the CDXA members who contributed to our Club score and scored in the top half of their class. The last column shows the member's place in his class in the geographic area shown and the number of entrants in that class from that area.

Call	Final Score	Area	Class	Place/No in Class
AA4R	282,632	North Carolina	Single Op Unlimited, Low Power	1/2
AA4SC	240,300	South Caolina	Single Op, High Power	1/4
AA4V	219,200	South Caolina	Single Op Unlimited, High Power	2/4
K2SX	585,504	South Caolina	Single Op Unlimited CW, High Power	1/1
K4NC	205,084	North Carolina	Single Op, Low Power	1/9
KU4V	219,898	North Carolina	Single Op Phone, High Power	1/2
N1GC	170,016	North Carolina	Single Op Unlimited Phone, High Power	1/4
N2TU	1,352,464	North Carolina	Single Op Unlimited, High Power	1/4
N4HW H	8,928	North Carolina	Single Op Phone, Low Power	8/18
W3OA	642,060	North Carolina	Single Op Unlimited, High Power	2/4
W3SA	105,840	North Carolina	Single Op, High Power	2/3

Carolina DX Foundation

Here's an important announcement from CDXA's Secretary Treasurer, Cliff, W3ZL.

NOTICE: we have received approval for our 501(c)(3) tax exempt entity (exclusively for DXpedition support). It is separate from the CDXA and is named the "Carolina DX Foundation" (CDXF). The officers will make a formal launch next month after composing the comprehensive announcement. In the interim, if anyone wishes to make a tax exempt contribution to the fund, please contact me. - 73, Cliff Wagoner, W3ZL, jcw53@cornell.edu, 704-987-8795.

The Back Page

- CDXA had another successful Field Day. Thanks to our host, Joe Barkley, KI4TZ; and to our Contest Manager, Dick Williams, W3OA, who did his usual outstanding organizational job.
- The results of CDXAers participation in the 2014 ARRL 10 Meter Contest are shown on Page 2.
- The results of the 2014 DX King competition are now official, with CQ Magazine publishing the DX Marathon results. CDXA finished #2 in the world in Club scores. K5EK once again was the #1 CDXAer with 320 points. The detailed list of high scorers in each class are on Page 4.
- Don't miss the preliminary announcement, on Page 5, of the Carolina DX Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt entity set up exclusively for DXpedition support. More details will follow.
- Got pictures or descriptions of your first station? Please send them to me, to help keep the Wayback Machine fueled.
- Last, but certainly not least, we had a pleasant visit from Itice Goldthorpe, K4LVV, at the CDXA lunch on July 1st. It was great to see her, and she reports that things are going well.

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