



The Pileup

Newsletter of the CDXA

35 Great Years ...One Great Party!

On Sunday, July 24th, the Carolina DX Association celebrated its 35th anniversary with a celebration at Jetton Park in Cornelius. We were honored to have 7 of our Charter Members present. Each of them got a chance to say a few words about the beginnings of the Club. Roger Burt, N4ZC, founder and First President, was, as usual, not at a loss for words when he said that wherever he had lived, in whatever country, there was always a local DX club for him to join. When he moved back home to the Charlotte area, he was surprised at what he didn't find: a local DX club. So, he says, he decided to start one. Thank you Roger! We all enjoyed the party, reacquainting with old friends, getting to know members we'd never met before, and just enjoying the great (air-conditioned!) location and the good food. Thanks to CDXA VP Bill Fisher, W4GRW, for all the preparation work. To see lots of pictures of the 35th Anniversary Celebration, there are plenty of them, including a group shot of all the members who were there, posted on the CDXA website, [here](#). The pictures below feature the Charter members in attendance, who each received a Certificate of Appreciation thanking them for "35 great years", and a wooden CDXA Call/Name Badge.

K4MD	Joe Simpkins	President
W4GRW	Bill Fisher	Vice-Pres.
W3ZL	Cliff Wagoner	Sec.-Treas.
K4MD	Joe Simpkins	Cluster Mgr.
AD4IE	Paul Ponak	Contest Mgr.
W3GQ	Paul Sturpe	W4 QSL Bureau Manager
WB4BXW	Wayne Setzer	Webmaster
NV4A	John Forbus	Editor

Our Charter Members, from left to right:

Gary Dixon, K4MQG

Paul Deyo, N1PD

Roger Burt, N4ZC

Jim Miller, K4SQR (in front of Roger)

Larry Knain, W6NMS

Ric Porter, AA4SC

Scott Douglass, K2SD

For individual pictures, see the next page.



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



Roger, N4ZC, seems happy with his Certificate



CDXA President K4MD presents Ric, AA4SC, his Certificate



Paul, N1PD, showing off his Certificate. And thanks to Paul, who took the only photo we have of the original members gathered on Roger's carport.



Whatever Larry Knain, W6NWS, was saying, everyone must have enjoyed it!



Gary, K4MQG, is admiring his new name tag.



Scott, K2SD, shows off his new Certificate



K4MD presents a Certificate and Name Tag to Jim, K4SQR

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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](http://www.cdxa.com), to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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

Gary Dixon, K4MQG, CDXA Life Member

When CDXA President Joe Simpkins, K4MD, finished handing out the Certificates to the Charter Members at the 35th Anniversary Celebration, he called Gary Dixon, K4MQG, back up. Joe proceeded to read a proclamation, reproduced below, and handed Gary a Certificate, making him one of a select group of CDXA Life Members; joining Frank Dowd, K4BVQ, Itice Goldthorpe, K4LVV, and Roger Burt, N4ZC. Gary was obviously surprised by, and very appreciative of, the honor, as seems obvious by his big smile.



Here's the text of the Proclamation presented by Joe:

“Gary Dixon, K4MQG, a Charter Member of CDXA, has in the past 35 years been a key member of our Club, mentoring many of us, and always being there when needed. Gary’s accomplishments are many. He has led the way to reaching some of the highest country counts ever seen in the annals of the DXCC Award. Locally, he has represented CDXA as its President and has hosted the CDXA Repeater at his QTH for many years; nationally, he serves on the ARRL DX Advisory Committee; and internationally, he is the current President of the International DX Association. Not only is Gary highly regarded as one of the world’s most accomplished DXers, as demonstrated by his membership in the CQ DX Hall of Fame, he is a loving husband, father and grandfather who inspires all who know him.

Therefore, The Carolina DX Association Board and membership, as of 24 July, 2016, take great pride in awarding the coveted Life Member status to our own Gary Dixon, a leader in the community, and a genuine friend! “

2015 DX King Final Results

Paul Ponak, AD4IE

CQ Magazine has published the final results of the 2015 CQ DX Marathon in their June issue so we can now finalize the results of our CDXA DX King competition for 2015. The top standings are listed below:

CLASS	PLACE	CALL	POINTS
Unlimited	First	K5EK	319
Unlimited	Second	K7BV	309
Unlimited	Third	W3GQ	298
Unlimited	Fourth	W4HG	298
Unlimited	Fifth	AA4SC	296
Limited	First	K4HC	254
Limited	Second	N4GBK	173
Formula - 100 Watts	First	W3ZL	219
Formula - 100 Watts	Second	W4CC	195
Formula - 100 Watts	Third	W4WNT	158

K5EK was 8th in North America and tied for 16th worldwide in Unlimited. K4HC was 4th in North America and 9th world wide in Limited. W3ZL was 8th in North America and 16th world wide in Formula 100 watt option.

Those listed will receive CDXA certificates acknowledging their achievement.

CDXA placed fourth world-wide in the club competition, down from second place the previous three years, but still a strong showing. There’s still plenty of time left in 2016 to make this year’s results better, if the propagation will cooperate. (See this year’s results to date on Page 5.)

Congratulations to our winners.

The Dayton Hamvention has a new home

In case you missed the press release on “Dayton’s” new home:

“XENIA, OHIO – The Greene County Agricultural Society Board of Directors in partnership with the Greene County Board of Commissioners, the City of Xenia and the Greene County Convention & Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce the Greene County Fair & Exposition Center will be the new home of the Dayton Hamvention®.

Since 1952(the)Hamvention has been sponsored by Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA). For many years it has been the world’s largest amateur radio gathering, attracting hams from throughout the globe. Over 25,000 amateur radio operators and their families will descend upon Greene County and the entire Miami Valley for three days of camaraderie, education and exhibits. In 2017, the Dayton Hamvention will be held May 19-21.

...The Greene County Fair and Expo Center located in Xenia, Ohio is a 501 non-profit, multi-purpose, 38 acre complex specially designed for fairs, concerts, meetings, convention/trade shows, sporting and livestock events.”

According to Google Maps, the new location appears to be about 22.5 miles from the HARA Arena.

CDXA Silent Keys

While it’s wonderful to be celebrating the Club’s 35th anniversary, it is also a time to pause to remember the members who have passed away over all those years. There is a new page on the CDXA website listing all the known [CDXA Silent Keys](#). Please take a moment to have a look. Have we missed anyone? Details on management of the page will be available soon.

A special thanks to Don Daso, K4ZA, who gave us the idea early this year, and supplied most of the names on the list.

The Wayback Machine

All of us who attended the 35th Anniversary Party (see Page 1) got to take a ride in the Wayback Machine. There were 7 of our Charter Members present, and all got a chance to say a few words. Roger, N4ZC, explained that he invited some local DXers to his house 35 years ago because everywhere he’d lived, there had always been a DX club. When he finally got back home to the Charlotte area, he found no such thing ...so he proposed starting one. The result is CDXA. Gary Dixon explained the origin of the CDXA logo. Ted Goldthorpe, then WA4VCC, asked a non-ham in his office to help come up with a logo for the new club. The result is the logo we still use, which still looks quite modern today. Gary also mentioned that the CDXA newsletter became the *Pileup* when Charter Member Scott Douglass, K2SD, became the editor in January of 1987. In the January edition, you have to get to the second page to see a reference to “the CDXA PILEUP”, but in May, Scott moved the new name to the top of the first page. Thanks Scott! What better name could we have for the newsletter of a DX club?

Speaking of the Pileup, if you’ve never looked at the collection of old *Pileups* on the website, you really should. The oldest CDXA “Bulletin” is from December, 1982, and informs us that the new officer lineup for 1983 is going to be: President, Ted Goldthorpe, then WA4VCC; Vice President, Larry Sossoman, K4CEB; Secretary/Treasurer, Gary Dixon, K4MQG. We have the oldest Bulletins and Pileups thanks to the fact that Ken Boyd, K4DXA/SK, then WA4UNZ, saved them. It’s amazing what you can learn perusing the old newsletters, by whatever name. For instance, while many of you know this, I discovered that past and present CDXA president Joe Simpkins used to be WD4R. There seems to be a pattern in Joe’s call choices. We’ll delve more into the oldest newsletters as our 35th anniversary year continues.

Back to our Charter Members, with help from a couple of members, Charter Member “Jim”, WB1AUL, was identified. I got an e-mail from John Covington, W4CC, which says in part “...Jim Weeks, WB1AUL became KD4ST, moved to King, NC and last renewed his license in late 1993, and his license expired in 2003....I am not certain, but I believe he became a silent key in 1995.” Cliff Hedgepath found WB1AUL in the call database of <http://www.hamcall.net/>, which seems to beat anything else for finding old calls. Thanks to John and Cliff for identifying our “mystery” Charter Member.

DX King News

Paul Ponak, AD4IE

With seven months down and five to go, the race for first place in the Unlimited class has tightened up a bit as Dennis, K7BV, has come within 10 points of our leader Ed, K5EK. Meanwhile Cliff, W3ZL, has a good lead in the Formula class. As expected those new zones and countries are getting a bit harder to come by for the operators near the top of their class. Remember that we have CQWW coming up in October and November so there's still plenty time to get into the competition and the drawing at the end of the year. See the January Pileup for details.

Callsign	Category	Countries	Zones	Total
K5EK	Unlimited	264	40	304
K7BV	Unlimited	254	40	294
W3GQ	Unlimited	237	39	276
W4HG	Unlimited	226	40	266
W1AJT (VE3UTT)	Unlimited	208	40	248
K4HC	Limited	170	38	208
K8YC	Unlimited	174	34	208
W7DO	Unlimited	161	34	195
K2SX	Unlimited	153	37	190
NV4A	Unlimited	150	31	181
W3ZL	Formula	142	28	170
W3OA	Unlimited	137	33	170
KZ2I	Unlimited	130	36	166
K4FS	Unlimited	133	31	164
K3IRV	Formula	119	30	149
N4GBK	Limited	108	29	137
K1MIJ	Unlimited	91	23	114
W4WNT	Formula	73	19	92
K4MLD	Formula	59	20	79

News from Hog Country?

This e-mail showed up in my inbox the other day:

John,

Just got my plaques for 10 Band DXCC and Challenge through 2,000. Attached a picture so the gang knows we are trying to keep up out here in hog country!

73,

Dennis Motschenbacher K7BV

PS: Current DXCC Total = 325 total/321 current entities. Current Challenge = 2,200.

The picture from Dennis holding his awards is reproduced below, along with a close-up of the plaque.

I confess that I had to go to the ARRL website, and also e-mail Dennis back to make sure what I was seeing. Concerning Five-Band DXCC (5BDXCC), the ARRL says "The 5BDXCC certificate is available for working and confirming 100 current DXCC entities (deleted entities don't count for this award) on each of the following five bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. The 5BDXCC is endorsable for these additional bands: 160, 30, 17, 12, 6 and 2 Me-



ters. 5BDXCC qualifiers are eligible for an individually engraved plaque."



So, if you look at Dennis' plaque, it may say "5BDXCC", but it has five "endorsements" for 6, 12, 17, 30 and 160! 10BDXCC! Way to go Dennis. As he says, he's "...trying to keep up out (t)here in hog country." ...and doing a pretty good job too.

Final CDXA Scores in the 2016 ARRL International DX Contests

Paul Ponak, AD4IE

Since our last issue of the Pileup, the ARRL has published the scores for both the CW and Phone contests on their website and they are posted in the spreadsheet below. You will see the call sign followed by the power category (all entries were single operator) followed by the CW, then the Phone scores, and finally the total of the two contest scores added together. Some stations ran different power levels for each contest so that was noted. Remember that these are the scores that ARRL has published, not the ones that were reported to me.

In the single operator category of the CW contest in the Roanoke Division Dennis, K7BV, placed 5th followed by Ed, K5EK who was 6th. Paul, W3GQ, and Dennis, K2SX were 9th and 11th.

In the same group for the Phone contest Dennis, K7BV, placed FIRST while Ed, K5EK, placed 3rd. Paul, W3GQ, and Roger, N4ZC, placed 4th and 5th.

Here are scores:

CALL	CAT	CW SCORE	CAT	PHONE SCORE	TOTAL SCORE
K7BV	H	2,238,336	H	1,985,454	4,223,790
K5EK	H	2,034,912	H	1,828,044	3,862,956
W3GQ	H	1,591,200	H	1,539,681	3,130,881
W7DO	H	921,960	H	1,305,408	2,227,368
W3OA	H	803,337	H	1,251,261	2,054,598
K2SX	H	1,400,652	H	190,554	1,591,206
AA4R	L	751,446	L	715,200	1,466,646
N4ZC	H		H	1,353,132	1,353,132
KZ2I	H	918	H	1,088,760	1,089,678
K4FS			H	1,040,076	1,040,076
KU4V	L	214,245	H	641,355	855,600
NV4A	H	304,704	H	169,332	474,036
W3SA	H	189,024	H	243,090	432,924
W4LVH	H		H	400,932	400,932
K8YC			H	357,225	357,225
K4FAN	L	69,375	L	206,973	276,348
K4KAY	H	88,404	H	111,375	199,779
AD4IE	H	55,080	H	124,392	179,472
W3ZL	L	156,480		16,683	173,163
K2SD	H	116,865			116,867

CALL	CAT	CW SCORE	CAT	PHONE SCORE	TOTAL SCORE
K4CEB			H	111,600	111,600
W4PNY			L	40,755	40,755
W4WNT	L	32,670	L	5,106	37,776
W4LM	H	31,218			31,218
TOTAL =		11,000,826		14,726,388	28,101,819

This is the first time that I've taken the final scores of a contest and compared them to reported scores. Most of us realize that the final scores tend to be a bit less than what we submitted. I took 5 samples from different sections of the scores reported to me, divided the actual scores by the reported scores, and got accuracy rates of 98.2 to 90.5 percent.

FCC Happenings

On April 25th, the FCC released a Public Notice, which didn't attract my attention until CQ Magazine mentioned it in its June edition. The Notice "announces and describes the Commission's upcoming plans to modify the Commission's Registration System ("CORES"). These modifications, which will take effect on or about September 1, 2016, will implement several user-specific identification requirements designed to enhance security and makes CORES more user friendly. Specifically, these changes will:

- Implement a requirement for existing and new users to designate user-specific IDs (Usernames) to access FCC Registration Numbers (FRNs) and related records;
- Allow registrants to establish multiple Usernames for each FRN with different levels of access;
 - 1 · Require users to provide a valid e-mail address for online access to the system;
 - 2 and Establish password-recovery security questions specific to each user...." So, I guess we should expect to answer a few questions the next time we log in to the FCC's License Manager.

Speaking of licenses, the FCC decided awhile back to stop sending out paper licenses. If you need/want a paper copy, you can still log in and request one.

One other note: Since there's no license fee anymore (...at least for now) I wondered if there might be more people applying for "short" 1x2 or 2x1 calls. There aren't usually many, if any, available, but I looked on [AE7O's website](#), which tracks call availability. There just happened to be a couple of 1x2 "4" calls becoming available on the same day. I checked the day after the

calls became available, and both had over a hundred requests! A 2x1 "4" call became available a few days later, with the same result. I really can't say for sure that the large number of requests is because it doesn't cost anything to throw your name in the hat, but if you don't already have a 1x2 or 2x1, you're going to face a lot of competition, since the FCC simply puts all the requests received the first day of availability for a call into a (virtual) hat, and randomly draws a winner.

....But, for those of you with good luck, and you know who I mean, it's free to try, and there happen to be three 1x2 "4" calls becoming available on the same day: 9 September.

New Members

We have three new members to welcome this month:

Doug Allen, K4LY, 170 Littlefield Dr., Inman, SC 29349, 864-384-3627, dougk4ly@gmail.com. Be sure to check out Doug's QRZ page. To say that Doug keeps active, on and off the air, would be putting it mildly

John Schneider, KB2COP, 5609 Onyx Ct., Wilmington, NC 28412, theoldcop@ec.rr.com, 631-387-3464.

John's QRZ site says he's a member of the Suffolk Police Amateur Radio Club (SPARC), and his picture shows him in a uniform in front of a police vehicle. I'm thinking that the call, the e-mail, and the picture combined say John is, or was, a policeman. John is also a member of FISTS, so he just might be a CW guy as well.

Mark Scott, K4MV, 414 Emerald Bay Dr., Salisbury, NC 28146, mwscott74@gmail.com, 704-603-8415.

Mark has the same information on QRZ as your editor does on is page ...nothing. Mark, feel free to let us know more about you.

We hope you can all find time to make it to Wednesday lunch!. We do realize that it's a quite a haul from Wilmington, and a bit of a haul from Inman.

"The Grand-Daddy of Them All" Returns to Cleveland County Fairgrounds

...That's the Shelby Hamfest, of course, which will return to Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 1751 East Marion St. in Shelby on September 2-4. For more information go to www.shelbyhamfest.org/default.htm. The pre-registration prize is once again a Hygain TH-3MK4. CDXA members have a good track record for winning it, so pre-registration just might be worth it!

Bring your "want/need" list, and we'll see you there.

Don't take a wooden nickel, but you might want to seriously consider a wooden name badge!

The wooden name tags which were passed out to Charter members and Club Officers at the 35th Anniversary Party are available from <http://gifts4hams.com/badges.htm>. Although it doesn't show up on their "available club logo" list yet (as of 8/14) the company has the CDXA logo, so there's no extra charge for it. Therefore, with the Club logo, the cost would be \$10.50 + shipping.



The Back Page

- The major Happening last month was the big 35th Anniversary Celebration. It's covered on the first two pages, and lots of pictures are available on the CDXA website too.
- Gary Dixon, K4MQG, was made a CDXA Life Member during the Celebration. Congratulations to Gary, whose picture with CDXA Prez Joe Simpkins is on Page 3.
- The final, verified, results of the 2015 DX King Contest are on Page 4. I expect it'll shock you that Ed, K5EK, won, followed closely by Dennis, K7BV. K5EK is still holding on to the lead in 2016, as shown on Page 5.
- In other "surprise" news, the Dayton Hamvention is moving at last. See Page 4.
- Dennis, K7BV has a reason ...make that reasons ...to smile. You can see his latest awards along with that smile, on Page 5.
- The final CDXA scores in the 2016 ARRL DX Contest are in. See Page 6. This time K7BV outscored K5EK.
- Catch up with a few things going on at the FCC on Page 7.
- Help us welcome some new members.Page 7.
- Also, on Page 7, if you'd like to get a wooden name tag like the ones given out at the 35th Anniversary Party, have a look at where you can get one.

73 till next month,

John, NV4A