



# The Pileup Lite

## Newsletter of the CDXA

**Two For the Price of One!**  
**(Fail to read at your own PERIL)**

If you are on the CDXA Mailing List, you recently received a message from Contest Manager, Art Tolda (W1AJT/VE3CT), reporting on the results of the 2021 DX King results. CDXA's DX King competition is merely a mirroring of the CQ DX Marathon. CDXA finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the World as a club in CQ DX Marathon despite only 17 entrants participating from a membership of well over 150 folks who identify themselves as DXers.

It occurred to this "oldtimer" at the DX King game that the only reason CDXA's participation is so low is because most people don't realize just how easy it is to enter this competition. The second reason may be found in the question, "What's in it for me?"

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Let's start by answering the last question. Each year since its inception, the DX King competition has included the possibility of being entered in a free raffle just for competing (and entering your score in the CQ DX Marathon) as long as one scores 150 points or more. (Points are determined by adding the number of unique CQ-defined entities worked in the entire calendar year—without need for confirmation—to the number of CQ Zones worked in the same period.) If you do any DXing or contesting at all, getting 150 points is EASY. The raffle prize value has been a prize or a gift card worth at least \$100. Now, I don't know about you, but with less than 20 participants for a \$100 payoff, the odds are pretty darn good. I've never been "THE DX 'KING' " in any year, but I have won the raffle three times in the approximately 14 years this contest has been running. With more participants, my chances of winning the raffle will doubtlessly decline, but I'd rather see CDXA do well on the World Stage. Do I have your attention yet? Then, keep on reading.

Just how easy is it to enter this "contest"? Do you have a computerized log? Do you participate in HF  
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World Wide Web Homepage	www.cdxa.org
Wednesday Luncheon (11:30 AM)	Skyland Family Restaurant, 4544 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC

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contests and does your contest software produce an ADIF file at contest's end? If the answer to either or both questions is yes, then you're 99% of the way to having your entry completed, since you've already put in the "butt in chair" time. One of CDXA's founders—Roger Burt, the Zeppelin Commander (N4ZC, SK)—used to say, ". . . you can earn DXCC in a weekend by entering the CQ WorldWide contest". That means 100 DXCC entities in ONE weekend is possible, and along with that you've probably worked more than 30 zones, so getting 150 points quickly is a breeze.

Those who have been contesting in Art Tolda's scheme so far in 2022, probably have their 150 points already, but CQWW SSB and CQWW CW are yet to come up yet at the end of October, and November, respectively. So, you still have time in 2022 to enter the DX King contest. All your contesting and DXing year to date can provide a second "payday" for the small effort of also entering CQ DX Marathon and getting a shot at winning the raffle! And, wouldn't it be nice if CDXA would move up smartly in the Worldwide rankings of CQ DX Marathon with more member participation?

Even if you've not been tracking your DX King progress month by month, here's the simple way to make your contest entry with only a modicum of computer skills and a small amount of time. Here are the steps:

1. If you log with your computer, produce an

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The purpose of the Association is to secure for the members the pleasures and benefits of associating with 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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ADIF file from your logger of ALL contacts made in calendar year 2022. If you are a contester, then merge the ADIF files of your contest logs for all HF contests entered in 2022. (Logger32, DX Labs Suite's DX Keeper, DX4WIN, and probably many other logging programs provide easy mechanisms for exporting your logs as ADIF files for the current calendar year. DX Keeper will even produce a report of your CQ DX Marathon progress!)

2. Get the 2022 CQ Marathon score sheet from the CQ DX Marathon "manager's page" at <https://dxmarathon.com/>
3. Finally, go the ADIC's page and download the CQ DX Marathon Converter software. The link to this page is: <https://ad1c.us/software/marathon/index.html> Follow the simple instructions on use of the converter, and voila'—you're done.

The converter program will read all entries in your ADIF file and completely fill in the CQ DX Marathon Entry sheet after about 15 seconds of computation time. Then, the onus is on you to upload the score sheet to CQ Magazine, usually by the end of the first week in January, 2023.

Please note that CQ has six additional "entities" over and above the ARRL's DXCC list. These entities are: UN's Vienna International Center (4U\_VIC), Scotland/Shetland Islands (GM/s), African Italy (IH9), Sicily (IT), Svalbard-Bear Island (JW/Bear), and European Turkey (TA1). You'll have to do a little checking to find if you've worked those six entities which are probably not counted by your logging program which only concerns itself with DXCC entities.

So, that's it! Double your pleasure for the same amount of work. Let's all see if we can make CDXA move up in the standings for 2022!

Finally, contact ME if you need some assistance. I've already helped a fellow ham in Uruguay make his first CQ DX Marathon entry for 2021, and he's avidly working on his 2022 submission with 196 Entities and 40 CQ Zones already in 2022—and he's mostly working using FT8!

## Why am I getting this Newsletter?

By John Scott, K8YC

If you are a relatively new member of CDXA, you no doubt will not recognize my name and callsign. Between 2000 and 2021, I edited the PILEUP for 15 years. I also edited the newsletter of the International DX Association between the years of 2006 and 2019 as INDEXA's Vice President. During those years, I was honored with a 100% raise in my annual compensation each year for writing the newsletter for both organizations which I served as editor. Yet I am not flush with riches from those two experiences. (I remind those not competent in mathematics that 100% of ZERO is ZERO!)

Despite what I have heard from others, I believe that most organizations benefit from the "glue" that a newsletter provides to hold the organization together. I had my 81<sup>st</sup> birthday in March 2022, so the last issue I produced for CDXA was in December 2021. I hoped then, as I do now, that someone would be willing to step forward to pick up the reins of the editor, but nobody has yet shown up. I don't know how much "gas is left in my tank", but I wish to see CDXA continue to be a viable organization for DXers to congregate and share their experiences.

To that end, I decided to produce this issue which I've named "Pileup Lite". The purpose is to keep some form of communication among the membership of CDXA now that we seem to be on a revival from the scourge that Covid-19 piled on our society. I am sure that at least a few of our members have SOMETHING they'd like to share with others in the DX community. I am willing to help put those thoughts into a form suitable for distribution. Once a timid author finds that putting his/her thoughts on paper is not that hard, I am hoping we'll find our next editor. With no promises of any "scheduled" communications, I offer to serve as a vehicle for getting the word out. If there are any amongst us that have something to share with the membership, please contact me, and we'll work together to see that your thoughts are made available to all.

John Scott, K8YC

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### **CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST--SSB**

October 29-30, 2022

Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; Ends 2359 UTC Sunday

Log Deadline: 2359 UTC November 4



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### **CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST--CW**

November 26-27, 2022

Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; Ends 2359 UTC Sunday

Log Deadline: 2359 UTC December 2

