



The Carolina DX  
Association

# The Pileup

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## Hamfest Edition

### From The Packetcluster

CDXA.

N4GVF, 21-Feb-1990 1313Z

Hi gang! Most of you know the ARRL SSB DX CONTEST is coming on March 3 & 4.....right? Last year the CDXA placed 4th in the local club category with 2.1 million points submitted by just four op's. Thats better than 60 percent of the REGIONAL clubs scored with three and four times the op's!!!!

Welllllllll.....why dont we let the rest of the world know we're all back on the air in a big sort of way??? Our club roster looks like a Who's Who of the Honor Roll and I KNOW we can kick some butt!

I have the current paperwork and will be glad to send anyone copies who needs them. If you have a PC, I'll even give you a copy of the K1EA contest software.

73! Robert, N4GVF



### From The Editor's Desk

First of all, let me welcome all non-members who may pick up a copy of the *Pileup* at the Charlotte Hamfest. We encourage you to join. I am going to keep this short but encourage all to read the article by N4ZC on page 2 about Victor. If have not paid your 1990 dues, this is the last newsletter you will receive. See the NOTICE below. Members will notice that we are folding the letter in thirds. This is suppose to keep the USPO from mutilating the *Pileup*.

## A BIG THANKS

to the Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society for providing FUNDS for Victor's tour around the USA while he is in this country. Also a thanks for all who donated to purchase the ticket from Russia to America for him.

## Notice

Dues are payable for 1990. The upper right corner of your mailing label has a date. If that date is 1989, then your 1990 dues are due and this will be the last newsletter you will receive. The current rate for CDXA dues are \$30 for packet using members and \$15 otherwise. Dues payments should be sent to:

W4UNP, Bill Jennings  
630 Whitepine Drive  
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## VICTOR, LY2ZZ, COMES TO CHARLOTTE (USA)

Written by N4ZC (Roger)



What does a DXer do? To most of you it is a quick name-QTH-signal report to add a new one to the DXCC list. This, along with a quick contest report, made up most of my contacts. Once you get on the Honor Roll, there isn't much to do because new w and far between.

I have filled in the long time between new ones by developing closer personal relationships with a number of DX friends around the world. One of the most satisfying of these relationships is with

Victor of LY2ZZ/UPIBZZ. We have had many one to two-hour contacts over the last eight years or so. The longest QSO of my 35+ years in ham radio is a four-and-one-half hour QSO with Victor. Since I don't speak Russian or Lithuanian, you can be sure that Victor has little trouble with English. He has given me new insight into his world, and I think I have helped him to understand mine.

It was about a year ago that the subject of a visit to the U.S. came up. There had been a dramatic change in life in the Soviet Union and a warming of relations between the Soviet Union and this country. Victor told me one of his ham friends had been given permission to visit relatives in the U.S. Would it be possible for Victor to visit a friend in this country? John, K1AR, had done some investigating into the subject and sent me a copy of the papers needed for the necessary "Official Invitation." I won't go into all the problems leading from the official invitation to the passport, visa and airline tickets, but at last...success.

Victor is scheduled to arrive in Montreal, Canada, on March 4. He will stay with his aunt in Montreal for a week before flying to Charlotte on March 13. He will be the featured speaker at the Charlotte Hamfest March 17/18. To my knowledge Victor will be the first Soviet ham to ever give a talk at a U.S. hamfest. My guess is that because of this fact, we will need to schedule his program on both Saturday and Sunday to take care of all the people who will want to have a face-to-face with a Soviet amateur.

Victor is a quality control technician at the Shauliai TV Receiver Factory. Shauliai is the third-largest city in the Baltic Republic of Lithuania. It has a population of about 200,000. Victor made his first QSO in December, 1971. While Victor has his own call, UP2BIG, he uses the TV factory club call, LY2ZZ, ex-UPIBZZ. The station has DXCC Honor Roll, 5BDXCC, 5BWAZ, and not so easy from that distance, 5BWAS, and USACA 2500.

At the age of 35, Victor is already a leader in Soviet amateur radio. He is a member of the Short-Wave Committee. This is a body of 18 amateurs from across the Soviet Union which act as an advisory

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(Victor continued)

board to the government to recommend any changes in amateur radio rules, regulations or status. This group periodically meets in Moscow to discuss needed changes in Soviet amateur radio as the society opens at an ever-faster pace.

To tell you of another of Victor's high honors, it is necessary to talk about the Soviet Sports Federation. The Soviet Sports Federation is in charge of all sports in the Soviet Union. To encourage high levels of sports competition, the Federation confers honorary titles to the top athletes of the country. An athlete who wins a national sports meet a number of times over the years would be given the title, "Master of Sports." An athlete who won international sports competitions over a number of years would be given the title, "Master of Sports, International Class." Amateur radio in the Soviet Union is called "Radiosport" and as such falls under the Soviet Sports Federation. There are only 30 amateurs in the Soviet Union who have ever achieved the honor, "Master of Sport, international Class." Victor is one of these 30 hams.

Victor has operated a multi-op contest expedition from the Soviet Republic of Armenia. The operation, which was a number of years ago, was in the area of last year's major earthquake. Armenia has also been in the news over the last few months because of the conflict between it and Azerbaijan. Anyone who has followed the news during the past year knows that Victor's Republic of Lithuania is in the forefront of those areas of the Soviet Union now trying to break free to become a sovereign nation again.

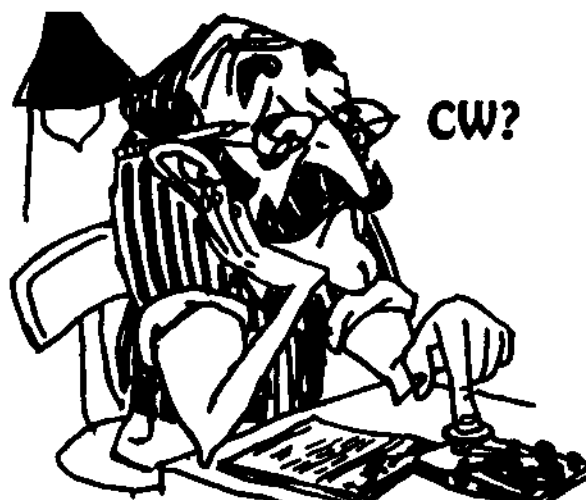
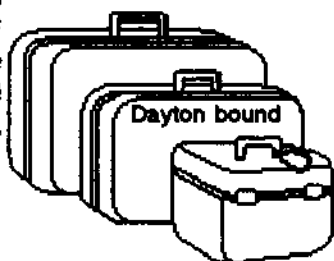
Just a few words about Victor's personal life. He has two younger brothers, and until last March was a bachelor. Since he was planning to skip last year's WPX phone contest, he decided to use the opportunity to marry Inga during the contest weekend. I know a few hams in the U.S. who did this and have grown to regret the decision. You find that your anniversary and the contest you love to operate return together almost every year. Most wives place a wedding anniversary at a higher level than a contest. Enough about ham radio...Victor is now the proud father of twin baby girls.

Victor will be in and out of the Charlotte area a number of times during March and April. We will try to set up a few informal meetings for those of you that may miss him at the Charlotte Hamfest.L. I know he is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

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## Dayton Trip

Don't forget to sign up for the Bus trip to the Dayton Hamfest. Rooms are running out fast. This trip includes private chartered coach and tour of USAF Museum also. For more information and rates(very reasonable), contact:  
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## Charlotte Hamfest and Computer Show Forum Schedules

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FORUM SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 17, 18 1990.

SATURDAY

10:00 MARS

11:00 NCPRC (PACKET)

12:00 TBA

13:00 ARRL

14:00 VICTOR

15:00 QSL BUREAU N4ZC

16:00 EC MEETING

SUNDAY

10:00 MICROSATS WB2LEI

11:00 DXAC KC1MM GLEN NORTON

12:00 VICTOR

13:00 TBA

### Carolina DX Association Drop-in March 17, 1990

CDXA IS INVITING ALL THE DXERS AT THE HAMFEST TO A DROP-IN AT THE ADAMS MARK HOTEL ON SOUTH MCDOWELL STREET AT 1900 SAT EVENING. THERE WILL BE BEER AND WINE AND HOURS DOUVERS... PLAN ON DROPPING SOME MONEY IN THE JAR TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AS THE ROOM AND STUFF ISN'T FREE (SUGGEST \$10 PER COUPLE). LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU THERE AND KNOW WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING VICTOR. ALSO WANT TO THANK SKIP WA4UUP AHEAD OF TIME FOR ALL THE LEGWORK PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.  
73,KEN WA4UNZ.



**General Comments from the Packetcluster**  
W4NUS reminds us that as of January 1, 1990, the WOODPECKER has been removed from the air. At least that's the word.

CDXA will be adding a second DRSI board on the NODE to reduce if not eliminate the garbled messages we are getting on 145.75 backbone. We have 10 nodes active on the PK with 1 or 2 users talking about adding nodes in the

Lumberton, NC and southern South Carolina area. No new stations will be allowed on the backbone as it is now full.

The newsletter will have a special section on the PacketCluster next month.

Just a reminder that you must be paid up(90 DUES) by the close of the Hamfest to continue to receive the *Pileup*.

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## QSL BUREAU INFORMATION YOU MAY NEED

A recent conversation from a local QSL Bureau member brought up an interesting if not sad, condition. That is; that most of the overseas QSL cards are simply thrown in the trash because the call area Ham does not have any envelopes on file. They usually wait 90 days to trash them, but no one ever seems to remedy their problem. With the number of cards coming in, you should not depend on the Bureau sending you a reminder slip to send more envelopes. Also envelopes are never thrown away, so some have 17 cent stamps on them.

It would be a good idea to publish a note in your next club newsletter to notify Hams that their QSL cards may be getting trashed because they have failed to keep envelopes on file. Overseas Hams QSL about 80% of the time. They don't ask you first if it's OK. If your a new Ham like me, don't get on 10 meters and start your Overseas contacts without first sending envelopes to the QSL Bureau. The Overseas Ham will send a card quicker than a blink, and for nothing. It probably wouldn't hurt to have a syllabus entry, teaching new Hams how to QSL. The overseas Hams are getting a raw deal. The current Bureau address' are:

Area	Address
1	Mt. Tom Repeater Association, Box 216, Forest Park Station, Springfield, MA, 01108
2	North Jersey DX Association, Box 599, Morris Plains, NJ, 07950
3	Cumberland County ARS, Box 448, New Kingstown, PA, 17072
4	Single letter prefix- Mecklenburg ARS, Box DX, Charlotte, NC, 28220
4	Two letter prefix- Sterling Park ARC, Call Box 599, Sterling Park, VA, 22170
	Puerto Rico- P.R. ARC, Box 1061, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00902
	Virgin Island- Virgin Island ARC, G.P.O. Box 11360, Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands, 00801
5	W5 QSL Bureau, Box 44246, Oklahoma City, OK, 73144
6	QSL Bureau, Box 1460, Sun Valley, CA, 9135
7	Willamette Valley DX Club Inc, Box 555, Portland, OR, 97207
	Hawaiian Islands QSL Bureau, Box 788, Wahiawa, HI, 96786
	Alaska Alaska QSL Bureau, 4304 Garfield St, Anchorage, AK, 99503
8	QSL Bureau, Box 182165, Columbus, OH, 43218
9	Northern Illinois DX Association, Box 519, Elmhurst, IL, 6012
0	W0 QSL Bureau, Ak-Sar-Ben ARC, Box 291, Omaha, NE, 68101

### SWL Incoming Only

Mike Witkowski, WDX9JFT, 4206 Nebel St, Stevens Point, WI, 54481  
(It wouldn't hurt to send a couple envelopes here also!)

So to foster better International brotherhood, and being plain nice, get those cards printed and mail some envelopes to your QSL Bureau before hitting the airwaves. If you don't remember when you last sent envelopes (year) then it might not hurt to send some new ones. Just in case you get a hankerin to emmanate RF. I know it's been an education for me. 73 and make this QSL Month.  
Steve N5OWK @ WB5FWE.#COK.OK.USA.NA

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# THURGOOD PONTIFICATES

Greetings fellow DXers of the Higher Order! I trust your DX goals are being reached day by day.

Recently I received a letter from an operator who is planning a DXpedition this summer. He writes, "Mr. Thurgood, I am planning a big DXpedition. I will be operating split frequency. How will I ever be able to keep my transmit frequency clear? I'm afraid all the Deserving will miss out on a QSO because of QRM."

Well dear child, your question comes at a most opportune time. There is in existence a new volunteer organization called QRM Technology. The goals of this organization center around providing QRM-free DXing for the Deserving the world over. The following is from their Press Release #1:

Greetings fellow DXer. By this announcement, you are being made aware of a service now available to all DXpeditions. Our name is QRM Technology. We combine a fully staffed team of operators with state-of-the-art technology to reach our goal of providing QRM-free DXing. Here's how we operate.

Before your next DXpedition, drop us a copy of your initial date of operation, your final date of operation, and a list of transmitting p73 frequencies for your group. Upon receipt of this information, we will dispatch trained teams of "Frequency Security Guards," who will move into place to begin frequency protection

We can provide frequency protection on up to six (6) bands simultaneously, with a mix of modes.

Our initial operation was the December 1989 3Y5X, Bouvet Island DXpedition. As you were able to see for yourself, a potential QRMer who asked "QRL?" on one of the DX transmitting frequencies was immediately blasted with a string of "QSY QSY," "LID LID," and/or "GO BACK TO CB." Amid the deluge of humiliating comments, the QRMer was forced off the frequency. All of this is possible EVEN WHEN THE DX STATION IS NOT ON FREQUENCY! We ask you this, where else can you find complete 24 hour frequency protection? That's right - nowhere else. Only QRM Technology has the staff, the equipment, and the expertise to provide QRM-free DXing in the 1990s.

When planning your next DXpedition, remember our slogan, "When you think of QRM, think of US!"

Fellow DXers of the Higher Order, I wholeheartedly recommend these brave operators who are willing to fight QRM in this new decade. Let us hope that they will prosper and that DXing win improve for all of us into the 21st century!

Your friend and fellow sojourner on this never-ending quest for DX Greatness,

Patrick S. Thurgood, SAINT/W4 ( Thanks to the LONGPATH, the North Alabama News Letter)

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