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NEXT KCDXC MEETING:

APRIL 25

The next meeting of the KCDXC is April 25, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting location will be the Salvation Army building at the corner of Troost and Truman Road. The address is 1110 Truman Rd. KB0U is buying dinner for all who come early and meet at the restaurant. Don't miss this great opportunity!

The program will be a presentation of all of W0JM's new jokes. Also, QSLs to sort will be distributed by KB0U to the deserving. Plan to be there!

KERGUELEN REPORT

FT5XO Kerguelen Island DXpedition logs nearly 68,000 contacts: The recent FT5XO Kerguelen Island DXpedition racked up 67,954 QSOs during its 11-plus days of operation in late March. Located in the subantarctic region of the Indian Ocean, Kerguelen (IOTA AF-048)--also known as "Desolation Island"--is ranked as the 13th most-wanted DXCC entity worldwide and the 10th most-wanted in the US. The multinational Microlite Penguins Dxpediton Team--AG9A, GI0NWG, HB9ASZ, M0DXR, N6MZ, N0TT, SP5XVY, VE3EJ, VK6DXI, W3WL, W7EW and 9V1YC--reports that 68 percent of the contacts were made on CW--many of them on 40 and 30 meters--while 29 percent were on SSB and 3 percent on RTTY. European DXers were the primary beneficiaries, accounting for slightly more than one-half of the FT5XO contacts made. Japan followed with 21 percent, and the US at 17 percent. The DXpedition was organized and sponsored by the Northern California DX Foundation. QSL FT5XO via VE3XN.--George Fremin III, K5TR

KCDXC HONOR ROLL DXCC TOTALS

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	RTTY	160
W0TM	352	343	334		
K0JN	357		356	301	
K0CS	349	254	340		198
AB0X	349	331			189
K5ZQ	349				
W0NS	349				
N0XA	345				285
W0JLC	345	343	325		102
AK0A	342	332	337	280	
K0CA	340	337	333	295	52
NX0I	339	334	332		191
KB0U	339	319	318		
K3PA	336	322	314	139	51
K0HQW	331	300	331		
K0ZM	322	303			
K0GY	321	308	319		
KR0I	320	286	253		
N0UF	275	145	271		9
W0LHK			298		21
AA0MZ	279	242	262		
KG0UA	275	269	111		
K0XM	245	172	202		32
AE9B	268	219	245	78	104
KI7WO	241	143	228	33	5
KD0FW			201		
NW0L	190	2	175	95	
WD0SRI	67	8	63		3



ASK ELMER

By Wd0SRI

Spring has sprung here in NE Kansas! In fact, it's a little hard to stay inside and sit in front of the radio when the crappies are biting and KSU Spring football has started! In fact, I ran into the local pervert from Wetmore the other day and Mike Zulu said "It is so nice out, I think I'll leave it out!"

Nevertheless, I had several really good ham radio and DX questions come in this month and I want to get right them.

Dear Wise One,

How does a Dixer know where to call in a huge pile up that is split and spread out over 5-10 KHZ?? Do you chase the listening frequency and try to find the previous guy worked and then call there OR do you park on a frequency and call until worked???

Leawood Dixer

Dear Sore Fingers from twisting the Dial,

If you have a super signal like NOXA, then turn on Godzilla and call a couple of times and then go watch TV.

If you are a normal guy, like most of us, you should consider the propagation and if the DX station is really loud then trying to spot the previous station's frequency is a serious consideration.

If propagation is poor and the DX station is barely moving the S Meter, then I would recommend going to either edge of the split and camp out awhile and start calling. The up edge will generally have the fewest callers so try there first.

If you still can't get a QSO, email the group and tell them to listen for you because you are QRPP.

If that doesn't work, go over to WOJM's house and work the dxpedition from there!

Deer Elmer,

Driving home from the last KCDXC meeting I started worrying about hitting a deer. I have hit two in the past 4 years, the last one causing \$3,600 in damage

while driving up to Seneca, KS with the family for pizza. I have heard that there is a radio transmitter you can mount in your car that emits a frequency only deer can hear and will provide a warning to protect your car. Is this a gimmick and a waste of money? Any suggestions would be appreciated.

In fear and 73,

Mike "Crash" ZooLoo

Dear Crash,

Yes, the rf devices you speak of to ward off deer work very well. My cousin Skeeter, and his son, each had of these rf transmitters mounted on their pick ups. They set up Grandma with her rifle at a key junction in the road and herd the deer toward Grandma. Of course, Grandma is a pretty good shot. As a result of using Grandma and the rf "deer" transmitters, Skeeter seems to always have an ample supply of meat. They even got a an extra freezer to hold all of it. Grandma gets a nice kick back too, as she mounts all the deer with good racks in her taxidermy shop and sells them to cowboys and honky tonks.

I would recommend you give it a try. Because the way you are going you are going to run out of cars or deer pretty soon up there in NE KS.

Dear Elmer,

I went out to my Hy-Tower vertical one morning after calling the FT5XO station for 3 hours on 160 Meters the night before and found 47 dead starlings, 21 sparrows and 7 robins, 2 blue jays and partridge in my peartree. I know the total because I had to pick up all these dead birds before the wife or neighbors saw them.

Do you think they were sitting on the Hy-Tower and something arced? Birds sit on HV lines all the time. What could have caused this unnatural event??? I'm afraid to goose Big Godzilla again!

Ray D. Alls

Dear Ray D. Alls,

Well, my friend, you have learned first hand why the Surgeon General requires Godzilla Amplifiers to post a warning that excessive RF can be hazardous to your health on all their equipment!!

Also, you forgot to mention in your letter that you just bought a new FlameThrower II Linear, didn't you? We all know what happened to Little Scruffy, the dog, a couple of years ago when he got too close to the Big Girl who wrecked havoc on Tokyo.

This time of the year, birds are going through the mating rituals and fly crazy in wild flocks all the area.. They just got too close to your vertical and felt the heat of Godzilla's Breath!

Now for some local news:

I made a visit to Custom Radio the other day to see KOLW and had the opportunity to meet their newest employee. Take a look below for a pic of LaKima Dubois.



LaKima said "Big LeeLee", the head man hired her to be a receptionists at the office because she gives good phone!

Sounds like Big LeeLee has "some splainin to do!"

Git 'er Done! From Wetmore de Mike ZooLoo:

I just found out "Larry the Cable Guy" is from around this (Nemaha County) area just across the Nebraska border. (Melissa and I was up in Pawnee City last week. Spent a little time at Thriftway trying to get our money back out of the pop machine...we never had so much fun!) Anyway, I can see how a fella can come out of there like "Larry the Cable Guy." (I've met his cousins NONB and KCOHOV) The man who add the catchphrases "Git-R-Done" and "Lord, I Apologize" to the American lexicon and draws fans by the pickup truck load to his shows has proven to be one of the most successful comics of the early 2000s. Dan Whitney, known better as Larry the Cable Guy, claims he was born in the back of an El-Camino during a Foghat concert. His drawl may sound Southern, but Larry was raised on a pig farm in Pawnee City, Nebraska. His upbringing was conservative, traditional, and church going. That didn't mean that strip-bars were out of the

question when Larry reached 18 (maybe even a little earlier). Fascinated by this redneck life - "redneck" being a term he is not only fine with, but endorses - and always looking to comment on it, Larry's friends were captivated by his humorous observations and dared him to try his hand at stand-up. He did in 1986 and the fans reaction to his slow, approachable style had him hooked. Two years later, he relinquished his title as funniest bellhop at the Ramada Inn and set out for a career in comedy.

Some More good stuff:

Skeeter and I have had a burglary the other night at our office. So, Skeeter change the sign out front from "You Dump, We Pump" to, well, take a look yourself. Do you think it will work???



I am out of space this month, but stay tuned for more insightful and thought provoking questions next month. Also, watch for some more good poop on some of our KCDXC members!

Have you started planning for your trip to Dayton Yet?? Me and Skeeter are going to drive from NE KS!

Wd0SRI

2005 KCDXC DUES! DE KBOU

It is time for all KCDXC members to come to the aid of the local radio club and send in their 2005 dues! KBOU will accept your \$15 at the next club meeting or a check can be mailed to Rick at PO Box 4798, Overland Park, KS 66204. KBOU says gratuities are welcome!

TRUE STORY?? TNX NA0Y

A 'seasoned' ham (**W0JM**) , age 80+ visited his doctor for his annual physical.

The doctor says: "I'm amazed at your good shape, what's your secret?"

The JM replies: "Well Doc, it's like this. I'm a ham operator who likes Morse Code, and that keeps me young. I get up well before dawn every day for some early morning high-speed Morse code conversations with operators around the World - that keeps my mind sharp. Then I generally putter around my workshop building projects, which keeps my fingers and arms limber and wards off arthritis. In the afternoon, I often climb my antenna tower for adjustments, or move heavy radio equipment around, which gives me plenty of exercise. At night, I like to read technical books and magazines which soothe my eyes, and when I'm finished, I sleep great." The Doctor says: "That's amazing; how old was your Dad when he died?"

The JM replies: "Died!?" Who said anything about Dad dying? He's a spry man of 99, he's also a ham operator, and in fact, this morning I had my usual Morse code conversation with him and he's doing fine."

Now the Doctor is really impressed. "Well, how old was your Grandfather when he died?"

W0JM replies: "Died!?" Who said anything about Grandpa dying? He's 118 and...."

Now the Doctor is getting a bit exasperated: "Don't tell me, he was on the air with you this morning also..."

JM: "Actually Doc, he usually is, but this morning he got married.":

Doc: "Got married? Why on earth would a man of 118 want to get married?"

JM: "Want to!?" Who said anything about Grandpa WANTING to?"

LOCAL GIRL BLOWS UP!

(For you Old guys, this is modern slang and means she is a big success! -Translation by AB0X)

You will not see it printed anywhere in the ARRL SS

CW Web Report, but we placed 5th nationally in the 2004 SS CW Multi-Op Category using the callsign KB0VVT. This is the first time that we have ever placed in the Top Ten at my house so we are pretty happy. I know, Multi-Op is not as intense as Single Op High Power. We like to participate in Multi-Op because we appear to be competitive with our small station, and more importantly we get to operate amateur radio together as a family.

Barbara has not done much CW since passing her 20 wpm, so Rebecca and I usually operate this contest alone. This year was a little different because Steve K0OU agreed to come play radio with us. Rebecca did most of the operating during this contest. Except for a couple short bathroom breaks, Rebecca ran various frequencies on different bands, from 3 PM until 11:30 PM. She wanted to go longer but I suggested she go to bed. You see, she was scheduled to perform a violin solo during early church service the next morning. Once Rebecca went to bed, I operated until around 3 AM or so in the morning. I went to bed around 4 AM. This is the part of the contest where Steve really made a big difference. When I go to bed at 4 AM, I generally have a tough time getting back up early enough on Sunday morning. Steve showed up to start running the station at around 6:30 AM. I took over running the frequency around 10:00 AM. Rebecca took over for me once she returned from church, and operated pretty much full time the remainder of the contest.

As you may know, the SS exchange can be rather challenging especially at 30 wpm. I know that there are quite a few young contesters out there that operate phone, but I do not know many young teenagers that are ready to be competitive during SS CW at 30 wpm. Good Job Rebecca!

73, Dave KG0US

ARRL DX BULLETIN

QST de W1AW

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To all radio amateurs

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by DF5WA, NC1L, QRZ DX, the OPDX Bulletin, The DailyDX, DXNL, WA7BNM

and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. Just, LA9DL will be QRV as 9M6/homecall from IOTA OC-088 on April 9 and 10. Activity will be on 20, 17 and 15 meters using SSB around the IOTA frequencies. QSL to home call.

BOLIVIA, CP. Rene, DF9GR is QRV as CP6/DF9GR until April 15. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters, and possibly 30 and 17 meters, using mostly CW, with also with some RTTY and PSK. QSL to home call.

IRAN, EP. Hamid, EP4HR has been QRV on 17 meters using SSB from around 1430 to 1600z. QSL via I2MQP.

MARTINIQUE, FM. Berthold, DF5WA and Gunter, DF7GB are QRV as homecalls/FM. Activity is on all HF bands, and possibly 160 meters if the location is suitable, using mostly CW, but also some SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL to home calls.

ITALY, I. Nicola, IZ3EBA and Enrico, IZ3EAY will be QRV as homecalls/p from Lido Island, IOTA EU-131, on April 9. QSL to home calls.

LEBANON, OD. Francis, OD5PL has been QRV using RTTY or PSK31 on 15 meters around 1200z.

SUDAN, ST. Nader, ST2NH can generally be found on 20 meters around 2200z. QSL via EA7FTR.

GREECE, SV. Ben, OZ5AAH is QRV as SV/OZ5IPA from Athens until April 13. Activity is on all HF bands, including the newer bands, using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

COTE D'IVOIRE, TU. Gerard is QRV as TU2OJ and has been active using PSK on 17 meters around 1000z and then around 1700z. QSL via F5IPW.

MALI, TZ. Members of the International Amateur Radio Volunteers, IARV, are QRV as TZ6U until April 13. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via JA1UT.

BRUNEI, V8. Ambran, V85SS has been QRV on 160 meters around 1000z He is also active on 80, 40 and 30 meters using CW. QSL via operator's instructions.

OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Somalia, 6O0X, from November 18-26, 2004 .

YOU MIGHT BE A KC DX CLUB MEMBER IF ...

You cut grass like Jim Bob does!



Or Paid to have this done to your truck!



Or Post this sign on your property like K0LW did!



Or Have a grand daughter like ABOX who rides dogs instead of horses!



If you have a good picture of club members and family doing weird stuff, send it over to the Editor!

BPL IS NO BALANCING ACT, ARRL SAYS IN FCC FILINGS

DE ARRL LETTER

In filings before the FCC, the ARRL has again challenged some basic assumptions made by BPL proponents and included in the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) adopting new rules governing the deployment of broadband over power line (BPL) systems. The League took particular issue with any notion that a balancing test exists between BPL's purported public benefits and its potential to interfere with licensed services.

"There is no balancing to be done in the case of compatibility between unlicensed devices and licensed radio services," the ARRL asserted April 1 in its Reply to Oppositions from Ambient Corporation and the United Power Line Council (UPLC). "Unlicensed devices are not entitled to operate if they cause harmful interference to licensed radio services, and they cannot be authorized at all . . . if they have, as does BPL, a significant interference potential to licensed services." The League's remarks reiterated a point it's made in other FCC proceedings pitting unlicensed Part 15 devices against licensed services.

The Reply to Oppositions comments mark the last opportunity for BPL stakeholders to comment in the FCC rule making proceeding that led to last October's R&O. In separate replies, the ARRL zeroed in on oppositions to petitions for reconsideration filed by Ambient, the UPLC, Current Technologies, three utilities--Ameren Energy Communications, Virginia Electric Power and Tucson Electric Power--Homeplug Power Line Alliance and Intellon.

The ARRL targeted Ambient's stated assumption that the FCC's goal in the proceeding should be to "ensure that its interference protection rules and policies do not inadvertently hinder development and deployment" of BPL. The League cited its own experiences with Ambient to make its point. "Ambient's priorities and spectrum manners are evident not only in [its] statement, but as well in its atrocious record of harmful interference and unresponsiveness to verified interference complaints in its BPL test operations," the ARRL said. It attached a copy of its latest interference complaint involving Ambient's Briarcliff Manor, New York, BPL pilot project.

"The interference to Amateur Radio communications at that site has been unresolved for a period of an entire year," the League emphasized.

Ambient's Opposition filing, the League said, suggests the company "believes that the potential future benefit of BPL justifies whatever harmful byproduct there is in terms of interference to licensed radio services." But the Ambient pilot project, the ARRL continued, "form an obvious, empirical rebuttal" to the FCC's assertion in the R&O that BPL has a low interference potential, and that BPL providers have some incentive to remedy BPL interference. "Both of these fundamental premises have proven false," the ARRL said.

The ARRL also took issue with the UPLC's suggestion in its Opposition that the FCC's R&O "struck the right balance between protecting against potential interference and promoting the public interest in BPL deployment." The League said previously stated FCC policy that radiated emission levels sufficiently low to prevent interference to licensed services rather than mitigating it after the fact have provided the basis for authorizing unlicensed RF devices such as BPL.

Any "balancing test" with respect to BPL is improper, the ARRL concluded, adding that any future public

benefits of unlicensed BPL systems "are irrelevant" under the Communications Act.

Beyond that, BPL operators have a greater incentive to deny the existence of any interference, harmful or otherwise, the ARRL said, "and so far, the Commission has given every indication that it will indulge them."

"BPL providers are the beneficiaries of the Report and Order." Amateur licensees on the other hand, the ARRL said, "must bear the burden" the R&O creates, despite the fact that Amateur Radio is a licensed service.

The ARRL says analyses by the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) and others have shown that if a large number of BPL emitters is deployed, "they will raise the ambient levels of man-made noise worldwide." The League countered assertions that BPL is a point-source radiator for measurement purposes rather than a line-source radiator.

The ARRL also urged BPL providers to seriously rethink the idea of using BPL to carry emergency communications and provide utility company management of the power grid. "BPL is entitled to no protection from interference at all, and it can neither expect nor claim any such protection," the ARRL said, pointing to tests demonstrating that even low levels of RF can disrupt BPL transmissions.

Copies of the League's Reply to Oppositions are on the ARRL Web site

<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/files/>>.

DEEP THOUGHTS! POINTS TO PONDER ???

Will a Slinky Rust if left outdoors?????

MORE DX NEWS: OHIO/PENN DX BULLETINS

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3A, MONACO (Special Event). Look for members of the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (CERAC) and the Amateur Radio Association of Monaco (ARAM) to be active as **3A0CE** between **May 4-8th**. Activity is to celebrate the **Council of Europe's anniversary**, as well as the admission of **Monaco** as the

46th member of State in the Council of Europe.
QSL via F5LGF.

1. 3B8, MAURITIUS. Mart, DL6UAA, will once again be active as **3B8MM** between **mid-April through possibly May 10th**. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau. Visit his Web page at: <http://www.dl6uaa.com>.

4X/4Z, ISRAEL (Special Event). The "**2005 Holyland Contest**", organized by the Israel Amateur Radio Club, will be held on Saturday, **April 16th**, from 0000-2359z, on both CW and SSB. It will provide a good opportunity to work many 4X/4Z stations toward the "Holyland Award". Full details are available on the Web page (under contests) at: <http://www.iarc.org>. The Contest Manager is Mark, 4Z4KX (E-mail: 4z4kx@iarc.org>).

9K, KUWAIT. With the help of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (KARS), operator David, M0AYL, has obtained a licence and will be operating as **9K2/M0AYL** beginning **April 28th**. His length of stay and activity is not sure, but very long. In addition to KARS's help, they have also offered him an open invitation to their Society HQ and shack. He will be active regularly on the "Royal Signal Amateur Radio Society's" (RSARS) recommended calling frequencies and Nets. Visit the RSARS Web page for information on their activities at: <http://www.rsars.org.uk/rsarsqrg.htm>.

A52, BHUTAN. You still have a few more days to work Stig, 9N7JO, as **A52JO** until **April 12th**. He had a very nice signal on 17 meters SSB around 1430z. QSL via 9N7JO.

ANTARCTICA NEWS. The Mediterraneo DX Club reports that the Antarctica Award has issued their 100th certificate to Piero Marino, **IT9ZGY**, one of the leading DXers in Italy. Visit the following Web pages for more details: MDXC - <http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/award.asp> and IT9ZGY - <http://www.qsl.net/it9zgy/biografy.html>.

C6, BAHAMAS. Duncan, EA5ON, will once again be active from **Freeport** as **GM7CXM/C6A**. Expected dates are from **May 26-30th**. As in previous years this will be a business trip. However, Duncan hopes to be fairly active on 80-10 meters, mostly on SSB but also some digitals. He may also try to participate in the **CQWW WPX CW Contest**. The IOTA reference is **NA-080 (Grand Bahama**

Island). QSL via EA7JX.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND (URL Correction). The correct URL for the Sable Island DXpedition Web page is: <http://www.wb8xx.com/sable/>.

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS. Eddie, DU1EV, informs OPDX that he is back in Manila as of last Thursday. However, Gil, 4F2KWT is still operating from **DX0K** and is waiting for the next available trip back home. He has been operating six meters into JA and HL last Thursday and Friday. Gil shall be DXing until the plane arrives, which is of an uncertain date. Eddie mentions that this time around the antenna for HF is just a dipole, but they used a 500 watt ALS 500. QSL DX0K via 4F2KWT.

E-MAIL UPDATES. Bob Schenck, N2OO/9M6OO, suggests that (Just a thought..) once in awhile everyone out there should check their E-mail addresses listed on QRZ.com and HAMCALL.net to make sure it is current. It is truly amazing how many are dead E-mail accounts which cause bounced messages. (Just a thought..... ed. A good thought Bob!)

FM, MARTINIQUE. Operators Berthold/DF5WA and Gunter/DF7GB are expected to be active now as **homecalls/FM**. Their length of stay is unknown. No QSNs have been reported as this was being typed. Their expected activity is to be on all HF bands, and possibly 160 meters if the location is suitable, using mostly CW but also some SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL to their home call signs

FT5XO DXPEDITION WRAP-UP. The Microlite Penguins DXpedition Team sent out a wrap-up press release early last week. OPDX InterNet subscribers will receive the complete release as an additional bulletin. Excerpts from the press release indicate that the DXpedition to the Kerguelen Islands lasted for 11.5 days and netted almost 68,000 QSOs using the callsign FT5XO. QSO break down is as follows: CW 45687 (68%), SSB 19903 (29%), RTTY 2358 (3%) and EME 6. The total was 67954.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN (Update). Some members of the Radio Club Tivadar Puskas (HA5KHC) will once again go here for a week between **May 14-21st**. Their QTH will be at Chalet Wannu (JN47SD), **Masescha** 1350m ASL. The operators are: Laci/HA5MA, Pisti/HA5OJ, Ed/HA5BWW, Karl/HA7PC. Operators will sign **HB0/homecall**. Their equipment: FT-990 + 400 watts PA, FT-1000MP MARK V., dipoles for 160 and 80 meters, and verticals for 40-10 meters including the WARC bands, too. On 2 meters they will try to do something with a FT-100 and an IC-271+1 kW PA and 9 el Yagi. (maybe some WSJT will do too) All QSLs can go to the operators' home addresses or via the HA QSL Bureau.

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