



The First Class CW Operators Club

Spectrum Forum Meeting – Saturday 5th November 2011

Agenda item 7.5 FOC

1. The IARU proposal to encourage contest organisers to constrain contest activity to about 70kHz of the CW sub band did raise one comment: Roger, G3SXW, who's on the CQWW organising committee, says it's totally impractical for CQWW, where the activity usually bursts out of the current CW sub-bands.

2. DQRM and DX Code of Conduct. The organising group behind the DX Code initiative (W6SJ, G3SXW, G3PJT, ST2AR, ON4WW, ON4UN, N7NG, ZL2IFB) have continued to push for greater action to counter this problem. We have revamped the website (around 20k visitors last year) and are pleased to see many DXpeditions and individuals supporting the initiative. However with the event of some large scale DXpeditions recently it has been possible to observe some of the factors which lead to chaos. We have compared T32C, TX7M, 3XY1D and a few others. T32C had excellent disciplined operating techniques but TX7M/3XY1D were less controlled and it was clear that in these two expeditions there were several instances of significant DQRM caused by DX operator inexperience. Therefore we now propose to rebalance our website to reflect the need to educate the DX operator with emphasis on such factors as appropriate CW speed, confusing messages such as the '?', partial calls, not acknowledging completion of QSO. We may try to balance the website front page something like the DXers telling the DXpeditioners how to behave and the DXpeditioners telling the DXers how to behave. We have also started to collect some recordings of operating (tnx G3PHO) and would like to assemble a training video if could find the resources. We would welcome any insights people can give us on how to address these complex human behaviour problems.

We would like to gain the agreement of RSGB to publish G4FSU's article on our website.