

## CDXC, Spectrum Forum Report, Oct. 2015

### 1 General position

Membership of CDXC has grown internationally and numerically to an all-time high currently standing at 948, with 27% being overseas members. Neville G3NUG retired from the Presidency in August and there is now a new leadership team. In September we sent all members a questionnaire and are using the results as a mandate for change. CDXC are now one of the ten largest contributors to DXpeditions world-wide.

### 2 DXpedition Pileup Widths

CDXC considers poor operating and deliberate or malicious QRM a form of spectrum abuse. Furthermore it shows the hobby in a bad light and discourages newcomers.

CDXC members on DXpeditions strongly control pileups to be as narrow as practical. This has proven to be very successful on the 3, 4, 5 & 6G DXpeditions and is showing the global DX community good practice that is beneficial to concurrent DXpeditions and other band users in general.

The situation with concurrent DXpeditions is that it is necessary to coordinate announced operating frequencies so that the pile-ups are kept well apart.

### 3 International band-plans

Steve Telenius Lowe, G4JVG, PJ4DX, has raised the issue of US ops coming on SSB below 7125, 14150 or 21200. I also experienced this on 21.120 in CQWW. It's a case for the ARRL members to lobby the FCC but the starting push is coming from the CDXC. From Steve's QRZ.com page;

*"USA STATIONS PLEASE READ: I also hold an FCC Amateur Extra license, so I know exactly where US stations are allowed to operate. But I am concerned about the number of USA stations who call me outside the US Phone bands when I am operating SSB below 7125, 14150 or 21200. Everyone makes the occasional mistake, but the sheer quantity of US stations who call me outside their bands suggests that most of the time this is a deliberate violation of the rules. I enjoy working USA Phone stations and I take part in the ARRL DX and 10 Meter contests, CQWW and CQ WPX etc. But when I am trying to work DX in Europe, Asia or Oceania I deliberately operate OUTSIDE the US Phone bands. I believe the FCC band limits to be unnecessarily restrictive, but I suggest US amateurs lobby the FCC and / or ARRL to bring their country into line with the rest of the world, rather than just ignoring the rules and risking a violation ticket."*

Randy, K5ZD, recently operated from Steve's QTH in Bonaire, and he is on the CQWW contest organising committee. Now that he has operated from outside the US he's seen how big the problem is and he is aware of it as an issue.

### 4 Offensive Behaviour in CQWW

Following below is a comment to the CDXC reflector from an Intermediate licensee. What does the Spectrum committee as a group think should be done about this? You may have seen various suggestions about reporting to Intruder Watch (but it's not an intruder) and to CQ organising committee right through to posting a recording on You Tube! We think the Spectrum Committee should formulate a view. In the US, ARRL would be on to this guy (ARRL member or not) like a tonne of bricks - should RSGB think similarly?

*"I had one unidentified station (a Brit I might add) telling me to F\*\*\* off calling me a W\*\*\*\*r and telling me to get a proper callsign*

*The person giving abuse did not identify himself so not much point in reporting it but I did manage to record some of the abuse whilst I was calling CQ. I just said thank you to him*

*Yes well I'm not too sure how to share it. It's a bloke calling me a W\*\*\*\*r and me saying thank you. He sounded local to me maybe Birmingham/Coventry area? But you're right if we could find someone who may know him then Great.*

*Many thanks*

*Kindest regards*

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