



# THE MAGNOLIA DXer

## CALLS & FREQUENCIES

### MDXA Gets Club Call

**L**isten for the Magnolia DX Association in the contests as **KC5OBU**

Our packet cluster node is **WN5IJZ** at 144.950 on your dial. The Finest!

The local DX repeater is courtesy of **KA5VFU** on FM at 147.375 +600

A DX Information Net takes place on the DX repeater every Tuesday night at 7:00 P.M. Don't just signal sap! JOIN IN! Latest DX info from the bulletins, newsletters and airwaves, QSL info, cards received, general bragging and new rig information.

#### MDXA ITEMS AVAILABLE

Wanna let the rest of the world know you belong to one of the top DX Clubs? The following items are available to dress up you and your shack:

- Name badges with club logo & space for your DXCC pin.
- Print ready logos. (For your QSL cards or personal duplication)
- Tee shirts, long or short sleeve, jackets, etc. (A special thanks from all to Gary, **KC5GSO**, for these items.)
- Membership lists -FREE- Trx **KB5WQ**
- Membership certificates.



#### CHAD? IS THAT IN AFRICA?

#### MDXA "Most Wanted" List

The latest list of countries Most Wanted by MDXA members is taken from the **SHOW/NEED** feature of the **WN5IJZ** node. Is yours up to date? If not please update your needs.

1. **P5** *North Korea*
2. **VU7/A** *Andaman & Nicobar*
3. **A5** *Bhutan*
4. **VKØ/H** *Heard Is.*
5. **VKØ/M** *Macquarie Is.*
6. **FT8Z** *Amsterdam & St. Paul*
7. **3Y/B** *Bouvet Is.*
8. **7O** *Yemen*
9. **SV/A** *Mt. Athos*
10. **XW** *Laos*

## CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

**G**reetings and Best Wishes to you and upon your family for this Holiday season. This year we got our club call sign **KC5OBU**. Several members participated in our Field Day operation using the club call sign from Ed and B.J. Byrd's QTH. A great time was had by all who participated and we look forward to making this an annual club event. By the way, I heard the ice cream was wonderful. Thanks to Ed and B.J. for hosting this get-together!

Speaking of Ed and B.J., they took a direct lightning hit and had to replace damaged electronics and antennas. They are now back up with some new toys. Regarding damages: Floyd also lost his amp and it is in Colorado for R&R, but perhaps the worst hit was Hud, **KF4BU**, who weathered TWO hurricanes from Ft. Walton Beach. Hope to hear Hud on the air again in the winter months. We were glad to see him at Biloxi this year.

In a close race of new toys this year, I think Vic, **WA5SUE**, is in the lead with George, **WN5IJZ**, maybe a close second. However, Cliff, **KB5WQ**, John, **KR4QQ**, and Mike, **WDØGML**, all have new additions to their ham shacks. (Mike's shack is in his car.) John, Cliff and Vic are now QRV on RTTY.

Steve, **KX5V**, has, with George and Cliff's assistance with delivery, a complete set of radios that really do "glow in the dark". Bill has a new call **AB5YG**, and several new antennas and is putting together a great contest station in Ocean Springs for the contesters in the group.

Tom, **AC4ZB**, has a new monster antenna by Mosley, 40-10 meters including WARC bands on one BIG boom! Hear him working DX on 20.

Mike, **KK5ER**, got to Biloxi and met lots of locals and got his DXCC cards checked.

Sadly we report Cecil, **WB5VCE**, has sold all of his ham gear except for his tower. We hope Cecil will continue to be as active with our group as time allows.

Congratulations to Lee, **KB5IXI**, and his wife for their new baby girl born in September. Frank, **N5KKG**, has been quiet lately, must be working DX.

Also kudos to Ernie, **W5OXA**, for getting elected Section Manager for our ARRL Section. If you would like an ARRL appointment, contact Ernie.

We also want to wish good luck to Ed, **WA4BPK's** daughter Catherine on starting to learn Morse code, training with her dad. Ed was a CW op in the Navy.

This year we changed our monthly meetings from dinner with video programs to a more casual breakfast meeting and that has met with better attendance and a lot of good conversation, and we also got to see some members such as Don, **AA5AU**, Harvey, **N5ASO** and Bill, **AB5YG** that we don't see often.

Jim, **W5HTV**, from Jackson has been a frequent check-in on Gary's node, **W5VSZ**, in Hattiesburg. Hopefully Jim and Mike Causey, **KK5EP**, as well as Larry, **K5MK**, and Dick, **W4VN**, in Jackson can get us MDXA-3 in the Jackson area and then "onwarded north" to **WA5TUD**, **K5VV**, and **AC4ZB** in Memphis and we can all "t-talk" on the cluster. Wouldn't that be great? Good luck to the guys working on that project!

Tommy, **KB5OGM**, has completed a two year tenure as President of the MCARA. Along with Donna, **KA5OER**, they had a very successful year running the MCARA and put on a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hamfest this year and are both to be congratulated for their efforts in the VE program in Harrison County. Both of them accomplished

this without being in the best of health. Donna finishes the year with 275 countries and a spot on the CQDX Honor Roll

Our DX Club had 15 attendees at the 1995 New Orleans International DX Convention. First timers this year were Ed and B.J.. Ask them if they had a good time? We did miss Paul, **WA5TUD**, and his wife Gloria this year. Hopefully these and others can attend New Orleans next year. It is a "great" DX convention for the true blue DXers. Gary, **W5VSZ**, spoke on his RTTY DXpedition to Thailand. Our club's Field Reps checked many, many cards there this year and Floyd, Cliff and George checked over 2,200 for one ham, **NI6T**, Gary, of Conway Reef fame.

This year's MCARA sponsored Delta Division Convention went very well and our DXers sponsored the DX Forum again. Rick, **K5UR**, presented the program and we had a larger attendance this year than in the past.

Our annual "DX Dinner" was held at Quincy's and we had over 50 attendees. Our dinner-speaker was also Rick and he gave a speech about DXing that was absolutely inspirational. We are already looking forward to next year's Fest. One of the group from the Delta DX Association, Mike, **W5ZPA**, also won \$16,000 at one of the boats! Another reason to go to the DX Dinner. (It brought him good luck, he said.)

For next year's MCARA Biloxi Hamfest the suggestion has been made by Cliff, **KB5WQ**, and several others to have the DX Dinner at one of the coast's many fine restaurants, complete with perhaps a cash bar before the dinner. Suggestions?

I have already contacted **WF5E**, Les Bannon, who manages the "incoming" **W5** bureau as well the very fine "OUTGOING" services to be our speaker for the DX Forum and of course we hope to have Rick back for our dinner speaker.

#### THANK TO:

Gary, **KC5GSO**, for his help with logos and tee shirts this year.

## The Magnolia DXe

George, **WN5IJZ**, who has added several enhancements to our node this year.

We are getting the very latest DX information off the Internet thanks to Mike, **WD0GML**, and Floyd, **N5FG**.

To Jim, **WU3V**, for opening increased access to over 100 nodes.

#### ACCOLADES:

##### CLUB

Club call sign issued. We got our club mentioned on the **Peter One Video** (USA version), and on the **South Georgia Operation QSL Cards**.

##### MEMBERS

George, **W5RUK**, and George, **WN5IJZ**, both as "major contributors" to the **Kermadec Operation** on his QSL card.

##### WALLPAPER

Many members are now members of the **A1 Operator Club**, and all who qualified got ARRL certificates for the **Old Timers Club**. (Thanks to Ernie, **W5OXA**, Section Manager, for his help with the OTC certificates.)

##### SPECIAL

To George, **WN5IJZ**, for making #1 **All SSB**. (Conway Reef was the last one.) And for being elected First runner-up for **Delta Division Ham of the Year**.

To Steve, **KX5V**, and Ray, **N4CSF**, for getting on the **ARRL DXCC Honor Roll!**

To Floyd, **N5FG**, for completing all 200 Zones for the **CQ 5B WAZ Award**, for making the **ARRL DXCC CW Honor Roll**, and last but not least, for being elected **MDXA DXer of the Year for 1995!**

#### ?CLOSING QUESTIONS?

1. Are your "needs" correct on the node?
2. Will you please help Floyd, George and B.J. in calling the 2 Meter Net on Tuesdays?
3. Can you believe that DXing will be better soon?

4. Are you a current subscriber to the GoLite List?

The great days of DX are coming.  
Keep your headphones on and  
"Good DXing".

### 73, Red Eye Louie



### SEEN IN "CQ"

For many years the DX column in CQ magazine was written by Hugh Cassiday, **WA6AUD**. Most of his articles began with a few lines of poetry, mostly his. The wit and wisdom found in these poems will be easily recognized by any "True Blue" DXer. Enjoy.

*Tell them I lingered alone on the shore,  
When we parted, in sorrow, to meet  
nevermore;  
The night-wind blew cold on my desolate  
heart,  
But colder those wild words of doom,  
"We're going QRT--"*

*The wind passeth over it,  
And it is gone.  
And DXers thereof shall know it no more.  
Deleted!*

*The whole earth is my birthplace,  
And all DXers are my brothers ....*

*Don't ever try to get there;  
It's to dream of, not to find.  
The Honor Roll's glory will always be  
Mostly in your mind ...*

*My DX airs, my OM bears  
But says he sometimes wishes,  
That I could spare time off the air  
To help him do the dishes.  
(Amateur Radio News Service)*

*Out of the shadows of night,  
The world rolls into light.  
It is daybreak,  
And DX is everywhere ....*

*No DXing is in vain,  
Its reward is in the doing,  
And the rapture of pursuing.  
The prize is the country gained ....*

*We beat the bands and wish for needed  
calls in vain,  
DX is to be still the unguessed memory,  
Unworked, unheard, the DX needs remain...*

*And DX shall be music  
When no one is near,  
A fine song for singing,  
The rare one to hear ...*

*I know the Kings of DXing,  
I quote the fights historical.  
From Abu Ail to Zanzibar,  
In order categorical ...*

*Of all the languages on earth  
In which the human kind confer,  
The Master Speakers are DXers,  
They are the Great Interpreters ...*

*I'd love to roll to Rio  
Some day before I'm old.  
I'd love to hear Bouvet again  
Before the bands grow cold.*

*Ah! Sweet mystery of DX at last I've found  
you.  
And now I know the secret of it all.  
'Tis the power, 'tis the calling, 'tis the CQs,  
'Tis my band-skirts blotting out all others  
when I call. ...*

*I've drunk delight of battle with my peers,  
Far on the ringing band of twenty,  
I am part of all I've worked  
I am a DXer! And I need help. ...*

*'Ere the darkness falls around me,  
I would fain lay down and rest.  
Call me early, mother darling,  
For the CQ World-Wide Test. ...*

*We will not speak of years tonight  
For what have years to bring?  
But more and more DX to work  
And DX songs to sing. ...*

*O woe is me, my sad refrain,  
So many countries still remain,  
Unheard, unworked and unconfirmed,  
And yet the world seems unconcerned.  
-WB4FOT*

*I called and heard, and knew at last,  
the How and Why of DX past,  
And present and forevermore,  
The eternal enigmas, cleft to the core. ...*

*DX is an endless cycle of song,  
A medley of extemporania.  
So why, when they tell me my signal is  
strong,  
Have I never worked Albania ...*

*If there's hope for ever woe,  
And a balm for every pain,  
Then tell me when 10 meters  
Will come alive again ...*

*I must go down to the shack again,  
To the shack and a lonely band ...*

*And if I worked them Wednesday,  
Well, what is that to you?  
I'll work 'em again on Thursday,  
Just to show I'm getting through ...*

*Then they heard his linear's thunder,  
Heard his call so often uttered.  
Calling, calling through the QSOs,  
"Pleasant is the sound!" he shouted.  
"Pleasant that I'm in your logbook".  
"What's the call sign? I don't read it.  
"Name the QSL route; I have no Callbook.."*

*I sing the hymn of the conquered,  
who fell in the Battle of Bouvet.  
The hymn of the wounded, the beaten,  
who died overwhelmed in the fray ...*

*Though the latitude's rather uncertain,  
And the longitude's rather flex,  
Still the people I miss, who know not the  
lists,  
Of the wonderful world of DX ...*

*Seek thine DX? What paineth thee?  
That others on the list might be ...*

*When first we met  
We did not guess  
That DX would prove  
so hard a master ...*

*Soon we'll sing in merry chorus  
In the watches of the night.  
For we'll tune the bands for DX,  
'Til the pale dawn brings the light ...*

*It is the mystery and the dark way  
That makes DXers weep so sore,  
They ask if sunspots will return some day  
Or possibly, come no more ...*

*I want to be a DXer  
And with DXers stand ...*

*"Oh stay," the maiden said, "and rest  
Thy weary head upon this breast!"  
A tear stood in his bright blue eye,  
But still he answered with a sigh,  
"DX, DX ..."*

*Morning, evening, noon and night,  
"CQ DX!" sang the DX blight..*

*The way of DXing has no favorites.  
It is always with the Deserving  
And the big amplifier ...*

*Should you ask me, whence these stories?  
Whence the legends and traditions,  
With their frequent repetitions?  
And their wild reverberations?  
I should answer, I should tell you,  
I repeat them as I heard them,  
Never wonder, each is true ...*