

DX Advisory Committee Report

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to the

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Board of Directors**

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Introduction

The DX community continues to be active though the fluctuations in sunspots that follow this current solar cycle and its second peak is having an effect on activity. The higher bands can be quite a challenge during these variable conditions yet can become exciting the next day. The DX community does take advantage of the conditions that are presented. Interest in the DXCC program appears to be continuing at a good pace as evident by the 800+ attendees at the International DX Convention (IDXC) in April of this year in Visalia, Calif.

Feedback from the DX Community

Prior to IDXC I had received an email in late February from Rich Holoch, KY6R, inquiring if the DXAC was discussing the status of Kingman Reef. I replied that the DXAC had not been tasked to comment on the status of Kingman Reef. I sent an email to Bill, NC11, to inquire about Kingman Reef and was informed by Bill that discussions were taking place at ARRL Headquarters. I subsequently learned that Paul Ewing, N6PSE, was talking to the US Fish and Wildlife about the possibility of activating Kingman Reef. Paul was most interested in the status of Kingman Reef because it could directly affect his planning efforts. I was informed of the announcement at the Dayton DX dinner that Kingman Reef would not be deleted and I am sure this was good news to the DX community and answered the question of a few DXers that has existed since 2001. Recent comments from the DX community have been mostly positive about the release of LoTW, version 1.14.1. This may inspire more amateurs worldwide to begin using this tool.

Committee Happenings

The DXAC has not been tasked during this half of 2013 and remains available for any future assigned tasks presented.

Final Comments

I'm very proud of the committee. Their expertise, continued dedication and support to the ARRL DXCC program, and active participation are very much appreciated by the DX community.

Respectfully submitted,

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