

**CDXC Report to the RSGB Spectrum Committee Meeting
September 2009**

1 General position

CDXC members are primarily interested in chasing DX and working contests in the HF and 6m bands. Our membership of nearly 750 includes most of the 'big names' in UK DX-ing and boasts a very active and informed group of licensed amateurs. CDXC is held in high regard worldwide and sponsors many DX-peditions. The aim of the club is to promote HF operating in Amateur Radio and to encourage excellence, particularly in DXing and contest operating.

2 Spectrum abuse

CDXC was a strong advocate of the work done by G3WKL and others towards an effective 'deliberate QRM detection and eradication system' under the auspices of IARU Region 1. CDXC share the disappointment of the HF Manager and the Amateur population at large at the decision not to take this forward in its proposed state.

CDXC has recently taken its own initiative by mailing every one of its members a copy of the IARU's *'Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur'* booklet. Furthermore it will provide a copy of this booklet and a copy of the book *'DX-peditioning Behind the Scenes'* to all DX-peditions which it sponsors going forward.

CDXC will continue to support initiatives to track down and prosecute spectrum abusers within our HF bands.

3 PLT

DX-ing by its very nature often requires low-signal work. The proliferation of licensed and unlicensed devices is slowly and inexorably raising the noise floor in many urban and semi-urban environments. Blatant disregard of the Amateur Spectrum appears to be the approach of some commercial organisations: consumer wins against our small protest group. If our hobby is to survive in the HF spectrum, we must continue to lobby against PLT devices and their like which are known to produce wideband noise. We must also insist on the enforcement of EMC standards by OFCOM.

CDXC is disappointed with OFCOM's response to RSGB efforts and urges RSGB to continue the fight.

4 Increased bands

CDXC members applaud the work done in gaining additional spectrum at 7MHz across Region 1 and the removal (well almost) of the Commercial Broadcasters.

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