

## THE ECDXA PILEUP

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### Upcoming Contests, DXpeditions And Special Events:

SuitSat 1 — Listen For It (145.990 Mhz) As It Passes Overhead Starting February 3 2006

<http://suitsat.org/>

Peter One Island DXpedition February 7—?? 2006

[www.peterone.com](http://www.peterone.com)

ARRL International DX Contest

CW - Feb 18-19 2006  
Phone - March 4-5 2006  
[www.arrl.org/contests/](http://www.arrl.org/contests/)

CQ Worldwide WPX Contest - March 25-26 2006

[www.cq-amateur-radio.com](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com)

ARRL Field Day - June 24-25 2006 — More Information In The Next Edition Of *The ECDXA Pileup*

## EAST COAST DX ASSOCIATION - ACTIVE AGAIN

*"The other day I came across The DX Magazine (Jan/Feb, 1999 issue). In it was the 100 Most Needed Countries survey results broken down into World Wide, Europe and the different time zones represented in the USA. Which country, or "entity" do you think topped all the lists? Well, actually the top 5 were pretty much the same on all of them. If you guessed P5 - North Korea, you guessed right!"* (taken from the February 1999 ECDXA Newsletter.)

When Andy, WB2RQX, SK wrote this in his President's Message back in 1999, he was still chasing BV9P - Pratus, A5, Bhutan, BS7 - Scarborough Reef, VU4 Andaman and Alpha/Power was just purchased by RF Concepts. Back then we were concerned with the FCC610V for vanity Callsigns, whether or not the E44DX (Palestine) team could get a 'new one' on the air, and what the year 2000 would mean to the ARRL DXCC program.

First of all let me say, welcome back, to all of you who have anxiously awaited ECDXA's return. We didn't actually go anywhere, we've been here since 1995 when our former President, Andy Birmingham, WB2RQX - SK, published the very first ECDXA newsletter and formed the club. As you can see from the opening paragraph, little has changed in the world of chasing that elusive DX. P5, North Korea still leads the DX - Most Wanted List. But what has changed is our Worked/Confirmed Countries count, hopefully.

Another important change about to happen is the mission of East Coast DX Association. Our vision for this club is simple. We want to offer you the opportunity to work DX by getting involved with others who have the same desire.

We will be actively promoting many opportunities to get you on the air and experience contesting, either by working in a group setting or at your own home station. Sharing information about logging programs, contesting technique, antennas, radios, QSLing and QSL cards, and mentoring new Amateurs. And yes, very importantly, HAVING FUN!

East Coast DX Association is proud to be a Special Service Club with the ARRL, The National Association for Amateur Radio. We have the ability to provide Amateur Radio testing through our association with the ARRL/VEC and our Volunteer Examiners.

ECDXA was always an active participant in the ARRL Gavel Competition, where we encouraged everyone to submit their logs mentioning ECDXA as their club affiliation. One year we came in 16th in the nation as our members participated in the ARRL November Sweepstakes CW and Phone. We had fun!

The ECDXA website has undergone a 'face lift' and we are in the process of designing a handout detailing ECDXA and what we can offer the Amateur Community. Please refer to the website: [www.ecdxa.org](http://www.ecdxa.org) to keep informed with ECDXA activities and events.

With your support, we hope to publish an ECDXA e-letter, with the new name, *The ECDXA Pileup*. As part of an active club, we will be looking for our members to promote Amateur Radio and to participate in as many Operating Events as they can. As the sunspots are still on the decline, we have had to become more efficient operators, making use of our digital modes to make contacts. Yes, even I, KA2ANF, have found love at the keyboard working RTTY and PSK31.

While I still long for those DX signals once heard of 10 meters, I realize to every season there is a time and a purpose. And like Andy always said: "Hopefully, with the improving conditions, there will be a better chance to work some of these DXpeditions in the next coming years". As for the upcoming 3Y0X - Peter I operation, for some it is a 'new one'. Good luck and I'll see you in the pileup.

73 de Joyce KA2ANF

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## ECDXA To Highlight Mentoring As A Key Element Of Its Mission:

ECDXA members plan to be in the forefront of mentoring many new and returning Amateur Radio operators. As the FCC Part 97 Rules for Amateur Radio operation evolve and as we move into a period of more active operating conditions, there will be a need for experienced operators to guide those who are either new to the hobby or out of practice. ECDXA members have experience in many aspects of Amateur Radio and they will be available to provide not only a perfect but also a friendly solution for getting both the new and the returning Ham on the air.

Through a program of one-on-one as well as group mentoring, ECDXA will seek out these individuals and guide them onto and along the right path so that their journey into the many and varied aspects of the hobby is not only smooth but also informative and fun.



ECDXA Members KA2ANF and KB2MER Taking Part  
In The ARRL's 'Take Your HT to Work Day' 2005

## ECDXA To Sponsor VE Sessions In Paramus NJ And Other Locations

Having a readily available and regularly scheduled local VE program is key to getting newly licensed and upgraded operators on the air.

While the last few years have seen a downward progression of conditions, that will change as we move into seceding years. The improved conditions, along with changes that will be soon made to the license structures by the FCC will require an active and adaptable VEC .

ECDXA has the people and tools to make VE Testing easy and adaptable for most situations. By having both a base of



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operations in central Bergen County NJ (Paramus) and by going on the road to do local testing at other locations when needed, ECDXA is ready for the new challenges.

All ECDXA VE's are part of the ARRL's VEC Program and ECDXA is always fully Field Stocked with all necessary

paperwork and materials. Testing is offered for all license classes at each session. At the Paramus NJ Sessions, walk-ins are always welcomed. For complete and up to date information on the VE Testing Program check the ECDXA Website at:

[www.ecdxa.org](http://www.ecdxa.org)

**ECDXA VE Sessions**  
Paramus Congregational  
Church  
205 Spring Valley Road  
Paramus NJ

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April 1 2006  
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