



UTILITY DXers FORUM (UDXF)

RULES & FAQ

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The Utility DXers Forum (UDXF) has been created to exchange HF utility radio related info and to learn and benefit from each other's knowledge.

Important:

You are strongly encouraged that you understand your own country's laws as to what is permitted to be posted in dealing with utility communications.

Disclaimer:

The owner and moderators of UDXF do not encourage any post that violates the laws of any country or post with discriminating texts. Persons making the posts should beware. The owner and moderators are not responsible for the contents of the messages posted to this list.

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Questions and Answers

1	Q: What is UDXF?	A: UDXF is the Utility DXers Forum. The forum is centered around the exchange of news and information relating to "utility", or "ute", stations and signals below 30 MHz. If it's below 30 MHz and it's not a broadcast station like the BBC or VOA, then it probably applies to the UDXF!
2	Q: What is the address for the UDXF website?	A: http://www.udxf.nl
3	Q: Where can I find the Yahoo Groups help files?	A: General help: http://help.yahoo.com/help/groups/ Posting to the list: http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/messages/
4	Q: How can I change my settings on UDXF?	A: Go to: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/udxf/join
5	Q: How can I contribute information or logs?	A: Send your logs and info by e-mail to udxf@yahoogroups.com
6	Q: This may be a bit off topic, but... SEE ALSO #18	A: Please refrain from posting messages not related to the topic of this list namely: the exchange of information concerning the hobby of monitoring "utility" radio transmissions and stations that appear in the radio spectrum below 30 MHz. This includes "virus warnings", messages on topics covered on other lists or newsgroups, flames, spam, or other off-topic subjects. Basically, if you are starting your message with "I know this is off-topic, but...", then the message is probably not appropriate for the UDXF list.
7	Q: Is mail from the UDXF list available in digest form?	A: Yes. Go to "Edit Membership" and change the message frequency to "Daily Digest".
8	Q: Someone asked a question that I know the answer to. Should I just send the answer to the person asking or to the entire list?	A: If the question has wide enough appeal that the answer would be of interest to all, then by all means post the reply back to the list, otherwise respond directly to the original poster. Note that the list is set up to reply back to the list and you must change it to post to the user.

9	<p>Q: Can I send an attachment?</p>	<p>A: No, attachments are refused. Files for upload can be sent to the owner of moderators of UDXF.</p>
10	<p>Q: I want to thank someone for answering a question I posted. Should I send it to the whole UDXF list?</p>	<p>A: No, send your message directly to the author/sender of the article or post. If 7 people answer your question, thank those 7 people, not the total list.</p>
11	<p>Q: Are there any other Listserver rules I should know about?</p> <p>SEE ALSO #17 & #21</p>	<p>A: Besides what has already been covered in the UDXF FAQ, here are some rules specific to Listserver usage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not send spam e-mail messages to Listservers. 2. Do not post commercial messages of any type to the mailing list. See #21 for information about your options to sell or buy radio related items via UDXF. 3. Do not include long signatures in your e-mail message. 5-7 lines is acceptable, more than that may be excessive and is very poor netiquette. 6. Please refrain from posting "Ebay" type auction notices. 7. No Flames or Personal Attacks. <p>Anyone who cannot abide by this rule will be unsubscribed.</p>

12 Q: Listserver Posting Codes?

A: We see comments about the wide variety of subjects available on the UDXF List. Some people have stated that they feel they have to sort through too many "uninteresting" or "unwanted" messages in order to find the few emails of interest. We have a procedure setup to solve this problem.

It is very simple really, just begin your subject line with a code. Many mail programs can automatically store messages in folders and it would be handy when a UDXF post with a specific contents drops in the folder that you created for that subject.

In addition, some email programs allow you to download ONLY the topics that interest you. If most of us would use these codes, it would make using the list more efficient for each individual user.

We request that you use a code that corresponds with the various area, such as:

AERO civil aeronautical stations
ALE ALE logs
DIG for Digital modes
MAR maritime stations
MIL military stations
MISC miscellaneous, all other stations that don't fit elsewhere
EVENT ute-related amateur events

So, how should it be used? An example:

To: udxmf@yahooogroups.com
Subject: MIL: Unid military stations
From: pietje@puk.net
Date: Sat, 15 April 2006 22:11:27 GMT

The subject code indicates that the contents of this message is about military stations. Your mail program will drop the incoming MIL post automatically in your MILitary folder. It is of course possible that you post a message with items that cover more than one field. Use in that case use 'MISC' for "miscellaneous items".

13 Q: I posted a message to the server but it didn't show up on the list...

A: There are many possibilities, like:

1. Posting to the list from a non-subscribed address.
2. Posting messages containing attachments.
3. Your message is lost in cyberspace.

14 Q: I'm having a problem posting to the list...I get an odd reply back when I post... I have a question about e-mail to the list... I have a question about the list.

A: Contact the list owner or moderator at udxf-owner@yahoogroups.com.

DO NOT POST THESE PROBLEMS TO THE LIST.

15 Q: Please unsubscribe me...I'm having trouble unsubscribing to go on vacation...

A: Unless there is some dire problem, YOU must unsubscribe and from the address you used to subscribe. Just send a mail to udxf-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

You might consider not to unsubscribe but to change your mail settings. Go to <Edit Membership> and change your <Message Delivery> option to:

(.) Web only, then change it back (to whatever) after the holiday.

Alternatively, if you won't want to miss anything while you are away, and your mailbox can take the strain, change it to (.) Daily Digest and change it back after the holiday.

16 Q: Is UDXF a moderated list?

A: UDXF is not a true moderated list. However, the list is monitored by the owner and a moderator. When you first subscribe you need to fill in the supporting information section telling the owner about your interests and why you would like to join, you must respond to this before you can join, blank applications will be rejected! It is also helpful if your profile shows your location.

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Q: What are the UDXF policies regarding Flame attacks, Quoting Person-Person Email, etc...

A: Members violating any of the rules will be asked to cease their activities. Anyone continuing their actions will be unsubscribed. Blatant violators will be unsubscribed without warning.

Some of our more important policies are:

1. Flame attacks or personal attacks against other members of UDXF will not be tolerated. We ask you not to criticize spelling and typos. One of the objectives of UDXF is to learn and benefit from each other's knowledge. Sarcasm really discourages many from asking questions for fear of being ridiculed in front of fellow DXers.

2. Quoting to the entire list from an email sent to you personally is not only bad netiquette, it is illegal in many locales. If someone sends you a personal email that you wish to quote to the list, get their permission first.

3. UDXF is a list which has members from all continents, from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, from all religious groups, and of all political persuasions. Insulting and/or derogatory comments about any of these groups are not tolerated. In addition, profanity will not be tolerated.

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Q: Is it ok to post utility-related radio amateur logs?

A: Yes and no. UDXF is not the place to post logs of amateur events but there are several exceptions. The following topics are welcome on UDXF:

- Propagation beacons
- MARS/CFARS stations
- Emergency networks (e.g. hurricane watch, Salvation Army, Red Cross, etc.)
- Utility-related radio amateur events in the 0-30 MHz range like:
 - Intl Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend
 - Museum Ship Weekend
 - Military/government related events
 - Night of Nights (Coastal stations)

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Q: What is the preferred format for logs on UDXF?

A: If you wish for your logs to be included in the published monthly list, the log-keepers request the log to be submitted in a format that can be easily transferred to the monthly collection. There work is voluntary and greatly appreciated.

The format is: Frequency (khz). Call-sign/Station Id[:] General user description. UTC, Transmission mode. Comments. Date. Monitor's initials.

Example:

05002.0 1601: Unid (Arab voice net) 0145
ALE/USB sndg. (2008-04-09) (MrABC)

1. Frequency in khz. The reason a 0 is placed in front of 4 digits is to enable easy numerical sorting in the database. ie. 04676.5 07650.5 etc.
2. Call-sign/Station Id. This is always followed by (:) = separator, again for database recording purposes. Unid: = unidentified.
3. General user description. In most cases I use the ITU country code prior to the User to illustrate User's country of origin or transmission source location. Where Enigma stations are reported I include the Enigma group "Control List" abbreviation.
4. UTC. Time transmission monitored.
5. Transmission mode.
6. Comments extracted from transmission. In ALE transmissions "clg" calling, "sndg" sounding.
7. Date transmission monitored.
8. Monitor initials. (sw) = Sam Watson

All this is not set in concrete for generalisation about monitored stations but when submitting logs to the group, it does assist the log-keepers if a standard format is adopted and hopefully if enough monitors adhere to the general principle it makes it easier for readers who may not fully understand the English language, which has been generally adopted by the forum.

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Q: Are Grouply mails and invitations allowed?

A: Grouply is tapping Yahoo lists and re-posting the messages to Grouply members. As soon as ONE list member joins this service, all of our messages will then be archived by Grouply. Grouply changes your email address to (yourname)@grouply.com for the purpose of your Yahoo list mail only. They will also go into your Yahoo account and change all of your preferences regarding how you view your mail, whether you get individual posts or digests, and whether you can be directly added to any of a million other Yahoo groups.

In order to do this, Grouply requires that you give them your Yahoo ID and password. I am truly hoping that most of our members are smart enough not to hand over that information to ANYONE, especially to another web service! There is no guarantee that this information that Grouply is aggregating is secure, thus leaving your sign-in info available to spammers and hackers, including all of our list files and photos.

Should anyone be thinking of joining Grouply, or receive mails from this organisation or any similar ones asking promising all kinds of wonderful services for you, and asking you to share your login details with them please do not be tempted, as we will take a dim view of this, and anyone found putting our membership at risk in this way will be removed from UDXF right away and banned from ever returning again.

If anyone should receive a post from them asking them to sign up please ignore it, or send it straight to the recycle bin, Grouply is not welcome on UDXF.

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Q: How can I sell or buy radio related items on UDXF?

A: Go to the UDXF Yahoo website and click on "Applications" in the column on the left side. You will see 2 options:

- For Sale - commercial offers.

This section is for vendors / commercial parties who want to sell their radio related items to UDXF members.

- For Sale / Wanted - non commercial offers.

This section is for UDXF members who are looking for radio related items or for members who want to sales such items to other members.

Note that it is NOT allowed to send mails about sales items to the mailing list!!!

DISCLAIMER

The owner and moderators of UDXF cannot be held responsible for:

- any damages which you may encounter as a result of using equipment, software or whatever you may have bought or sold via UDXF.
- non delivery of the goods
- malversation, fraud, or any other drawback that you may encounter when you buy or sell via UDXF.