S&P for DXer's Sphere of Life

OHDXF & CCF Cruise

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S&P

- Searching and pouncing
- Contester term

DXers seen by a for-now contester, a wannabe DXer

Top DXer

- The people who have the biggest DXCC counts across all bands
- Today we have the DX Marathon

Sphere of Life

- Who are the DXers
- DXer Equipment
- DXer QTHs
- People around the DXer
- Comparing to contesting
- The new DXers and their future

The top 15 DX Marathon Finns

• OH1XX 3024

• OH2BU 3023

• OH3SR 3008

• OH3YI 2985

• OH1MA 2975

• OH2EE 2915

• OH8KN 2895

• OH5WW 2848

• OH3BU 2833

• OH5KW 2828

• OH8SR 2818

OH5VX 2783

• OH8OR 2766

• OH2BR 2764

• OH9RJ 2747

OH7OK 2747

Source OHDXF: http://dxa.fi/reports/get/27

Top RTTY DXers

- OH2LU 339
- OH3SR 338
- OH2BU 337
- OH2DW 336
- OH4NS 332
- OH5VX 325
- OH3TY 318
- OH7MN 316
- OH1MA 308

- Some are specializing on RTTY
- Many are on the CW/SSB marathon as well

Source OHDXF: http://dxa.fi/reports/get/29

Top DXer Equipment

- Many have single boom multi band yagis
 - OH1XX, OH5VX, OH3BU
- Tower heights typically 20-36 m

- Many do not have a yagi for 40
- Not even for WARC
- Only OH1MA has a stack for WARC
 - Jaska is the only one having ever built an 80m yagi
 - OH1MA won SAC back then, constantly in top 3

RX antennas

- All top 15 use receiving antennas on low bands
- Beverages of various kinds
 - Expedition specific installations
- 4 and 8 whip arrays
 - HiZ (http://www.hizantennas.com/Hi-Z%204%20Element%20manual%20v1.0%20HI-Z%20AMP%20APPEND.pdf)

QTH

- Most have a specific QTH for low bands
 - At least receiving remote in Southern Finland
- Some have bought a second home for DXing and then started finding other uses to the QTH
- Some have their main QTHs in a city, like Kotka or Espoo

People around the DXer

- If there is a DX, the DXer is there or gets there
- Some times a DXer has simply left his workplace just for the DX
 - Some DXers told me they regret they stayed an extra minute at the work and that there was so much traffic driving home.
 Only to find out DX had just gone QRT!

• Around the most active DXers, the DX drives the Sphere of Life

Comparing DXer life to Contesting

- The station has to be there on all bands at all times
- The operator has to be there
- Contesting reserves only maybe 6 weeks per year
- Contesters can relax until a week before the contest
 - Only during the contest, nothing else matters
- In case of station improvements, both plan their improving activities carefully

Some DXers Contest

- OH1MA is very successful in international contesting with many record breaking operations
 - Mainly EA8
 - Very successful in SAC from Finland
- OH3BU is successful in Less Congested Categories
 - Jari says he maximises success by
 minimising competition = category selection
- OH2BU is successful in Finnish domestic contests
- Others have been active earlier, like OH3YI
 - Ossi focused his contesting to WAE

The Future of the New DXers

- Future build up by looking at history
 - Development of the current top Dxers

- Who are at least some of the future top Dxers
- Ways to accelerate the new DXer development

3 cycles ago

01/1980 - 12/1980 on 160 and 10

01/1980											
1.8F		1.8CW		3.5F		3.5CW		28F		28CW	
OH2BO	38	OH2BO	62	OH1XX	228	OH1XX	164	OH5NW	287	OH2BAD	211
OH3VV	35	OH1SJ	46	OH3YI	219	OH1VQ	137	OH2BAD	256	OH3YI	▲ 197
OH5NG	35	OH5NG	46	OH1TY	206	OH1YV	134	OH3SR	248	OH3NY	191
OH3FK	28	OH1MA	43	OH1IW	191	OH5UX	125	OH3YI	244	OH3XT	186
OH1MA	26	OH3VV	43	OH1RU	187	OH7RF	124	OH1BR	230	OH1VR	183
OH2BM	24	OH3XZ	38	OH5NW	181	OH2BCI	113	OH1VR	218	OH3RU	181

OH1XX NEW

OH3SR GETS 25 OH2BOZ NEW

		OH3XZ	GETS	0	H3YI & C	H3XT					
12/1980									G	ET 22	
1.8F											
OH2BO	38	1.8CW		3.5F		3.5CW		28F		28CW	
OH3VV	35	OH2BO	62	OH1XX	237	OH1XX	174	OH5NW	289	OH2BAD	220
OH5NG	35	OH5NG	50	OH3YI	227	OH7RF	140	OH3SR	273	OH3YI	219
OH3FK	28	OH1MA	48	OH1TY	210	OH1VQ	137	OH3YI	263	OH3XT	208
OH1MA	27	OH1SJ	47	OH1IW	191	OH3YI	135	OH2BAD	260	OH3RU	206
OH1XX	24	OH3XZ	47	OH1RU	187	OH2YV	134	OH2BOZ	255	OH6FJ	203
OH2BM	24										

12/1980 -	01/1982 ((14 months)
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12/1980											
1.8F											
OH2BO	38	1.8CW		3.5F		3.5CW		28F		28CW	
OH3VV	35	OH2BO	62	OH1XX	237	OH1XX	174	OH5NW	289	OH2BAD	220
OH5NG	35	OH5NG	50	OH3YI	227	OH7RF	140	OH3SR	273	OH3YI	219
OH3FK	28	OH1MA	48	OH1TY	210	OH1VQ	137	OH3YI	263	OH3XT	208
OH1MA	27	OH1SJ	47	OH1IW	191	OH3YI	135	OH2BAD	260	OH3RU	206
OH1XX	24	OH3XZ	47	OH1RU	187	OH2YV	134	OH2BOZ	255	OH6FJ	203
OH2BM	24										
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OH1XX +9

OH1XX NEW OH1MA +10 **OH2BOZ +16**

LIST RENEWAL OH7RF +41 OH1XX +51 OH2BAD +6

01/1982											
1.8F											
OH5NG	40	1.8CW		3.5F		3.5CW		28F		28CW	
OH2BO	37	OH2BO	63	OH1XX	243	OH1XX	189	OH5NW	282	OH7RF	238
OH3VV	37	OH1MA	58	OH3YI	232	OH7RF	156	OH3SR	277	OH2BAD	236
OH1XX	35	OH1XX	53	OH1TY	209	OH3YI	149	OH2BOZ	271	OH1XX	235
OH1MA	30	OH5NG	53	ОН7ОК	196	OH6FJ	144	OH3YI	271	OH3YI	235
OH3FK	28	OH3XZ	51	OH7RF	197	OH5PT	137	OH2BAD	261	OH3XT	228

Source Radioamatööri magazine

01/1982 - 12/1983 (24 months)

01/1982											
1.8F											
OH5NG	40	1.8CW		3.5F		3.5CW		28F		28CW	
OH2BO	37	OH2BO	63	OH1XX	243	OH1XX	189	OH5NW	282	OH7RF	238
OH3VV	37	OH1MA	58	OH3YI	232	OH7RF	156	OH3SR	277	OH2BAD	236
OH1XX	35	OH1XX	53	OH1TY	209	OH3YI	149	OH2BOZ	271	OH1XX	235
OH1MA	30	OH5NG	53	ОН7ОК	196	OH6FJ	144	OH3YI	271	OH3YI	235
OH3FK	28	OH3XZ	51	OH7RF	197	OH5PT	137	OH2BAD	261	OH3XT	228

OH1XX +23 OH3VV +20 OH5NQ NEW OH1MA +21 OH5NG +9

OH1XX +27 OH1MA +22 OH2BO +7

OH3SR NEW

OH3SR +11 OH2BOZ +12 OH5NW -OH3YI +8 OH1XX NEW

OH3YI +18 OH1XX +16 OH7RF +13 OH2BAD +3

12/1983											
1.8F		1.8CW		3.5	F	3.5CW		28F		28CW	
OH1XX	58	OH1XX	80	OH1XX	249	OH1XX	211	OH3SR	288	OH3YI	253
OH3VV	57	OH1MA	77	OH3YI	241	OH3YI	178	OH2BOZ	283	OH1XX	251
OH5NQ	55	OH2BO	70	OH7RF	210	OH7RF	175	OH5NW	282	OH7RF	251
OH1MA	51	OH5NG	64	OH1TY	209	OH6FJ	167	OH3YI	279	OH6RC	244
OH5NG	49	OH3VV	60	ОН7ОК	208	OH5PT	153	OH1XX	272	OH2BAD	239
				OH3SR	172	/					

Source Radioamatööri magazine

12/1983 –12/1990 (7 years)

12/1983											
1.8F		1.8CW		3.5	F	3.5CW		28F		28CW	
OH1XX	58	OH1XX	80	OH1XX	249	OH1XX	211	OH3SR	288	OH3YI	253
OH3VV	57	OH1MA	77	OH3YI	241	OH3YI	178	OH2BOZ	283	OH1XX	251
OH5NQ	55	OH2BO	70	OH7RF	210	OH7RF	175	OH5NW	282	OH7RF	251
OH1MA	51	OH5NG	64	OH1TY	209	OH6FJ	167	OH3YI	279	OH6RC	244
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				OH3SR	172						
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OH1XX +89 / +119 OH3VV +97 / +64 OH1MA +49 / +72 OH3SR NEW OH2BU NEW

OH3SR +24 / -OH3YI +31 / +38 OH2BOZ +24 / -OH1XX +33 / +48

10 MHz NEW

12/1990															
1.8F			1.8CW		3.5	F	3.5CW		28	8F		28CW		10CW	
OH1XX	147		OH1XX	199	OH1XX	303	OH1XX	281	О	H3SR	312	OH1XX	299	OH3JF	138
OH3VV	104		OH1MA	149	OH3YI	294	OH2BU	252	О	H3YI	310	OH3YI	295	OH1TN	135
OH1MA	100		OH1VX	143	ОН7ОК	279	OH3YI	250	О	H2BOZ	307	OH2BU	294	OH1XX	132
OH3SR	94		OH2VY	136	OH2BU	276	OH2BVM	212	О	H1XX	305	OH6RC	283	OH2BGG	122
OH5NQ	85		OH3VV	124	OH5NW	273	ОН7ОК	205	О	H2EE	303	OH2BAD	278	OH3SR	122
			OH2BU	109	OH3SR	271						OH3JF	275		
												OH3ES	267		
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12/1990 - 01/2002 (11 years)

12/1990													
1.8F		1.8CW		3.5	F	3.5CW		28F		28CW		10CW	
OH1XX	147	OH1XX	199	OH1XX	303	OH1XX	281	OH3SR	312	OH1XX	299	OH3JF	138
OH3VV	104	OH1MA	149	OH3YI	294	OH2BU	252	OH3YI	310	OH3YI	295	OH1TN	135
OH1MA	100	OH1VX	143	ОН7ОК	279	OH3YI	250	OH2BOZ	307	OH2BU	294	OH1XX	132
OH3SR	94	OH2VY	136	OH2BU	276	OH2BVM	212	OH1XX	305	OH6RC	283	OH2BGG	122
OH5NQ	85	OH3VV	124	OH5NW	273	ОН7ОК	205	OH2EE	303	OH2BAD	278	OH3SR	122
		OH2BU	109	OH3SR	271					OH3JF	275		
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on /or	thon sta	arted 160	90	10	Sum					OH3ES	267		

	Marathon	started			
	01/2002	160	80	10	Sum
1	OH1XX	282	326	332	2919
2	OH3SR	230	319	332	2856
3	OH2BU	246	320	329	2850
4	OH3ES	244	307	326	2847
5	OH3YI	227	325	330	2841
6	OH1MA	244	314	312	2747
7	OH8KN	203	296	314	2722
8	OH8SR	187	281	319	2692
9	OH7OK	79	317	324	2680
10	OH2QV	126	261	325	2678
11	OH5WW	154	268	320	2613
12	OH2EA	111	266	316	2603
13	ОН7КВ	86	281	316	2595
14	OH5VX	128	245	309	2584
15	ОНЗТМ	87	250	316	2551

	160	80	10
OH1XX	+80	+20	+30
OH3SR	+130	+50	+18
OH2BU	+130	+40	+29
OH3YI	NEW	+30	+35
OH1MA	+90	BACK	BACK
OH8KN	NEW	NEW	NEW

NEW STATIONS CAN CLIMB TO TOP 15 IN A SUNSPOT CYCLE

01/2002 - 01/2013 (11 years)

	Marathon	started			
	01/2002	160	80	10	Sum
1	OH1XX	282	326	332	2919
2	OH3SR	230	319	332	2856
3	OH2BU	246	320	329	2850
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14	OH5VX	128	245	309	2584
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5 have entered	DXer top 15
OH1XX +105	OH2EE +?
OH2BU +173	OH9RJ +349
	OH2BR +371
OH7OK +67	OH3BU +650

	01/2013	160	80	10	Sum
1	OH1XX	315	339	338	3024
2	OH2BU	317	337	338	3023
3	OH3SR	300	336	338	3008
4	OH3YI	289	337	332	2985
5	OH1MA	295	336	327	2975
6	OH2EE	257	312	336	2915
7	OH8KN	245	321	323	2895
8	OH5WW	203	303	330	2848
9	OH3BU	264	293	305	2833
10	OH5KW	276	318	311	2828
11	OH8SR	217	299	327	2818
12	OH5VX	175	289	320	2783
13	OH8OR	188	298	318	2766
14	OH2BR	206	290	311	2764
15	OH9RJ	210	285	309	2747
16	ОН7ОК	112	321	327	2747
17	ОН7КВ	116	292	326	2741
18	OH3LYG	239	297	301	2704

IT IS WELL POSSIBLE TO ENTER TOP 15 DXERS GROUP FROM LEVEL OF 2000 POINTS DURING JUST ONE CYCLE

Who are the New DXers?

Looking at Marathon operators at below 2000 points										
01/2013	Sum	160	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10
OH4MFA	1942	223	159	226	131	282	217	270	190	244
OH2FT	1677	9	262	270	127	314	134	292	54	215
OH3CV	1626	16	121	171	93	331	186	314	126	268
OH7MN	1614	29	87	203	142	316	281	299	19	238
OH3KRH	1564	70	130	170	202	234	171	288	125	174
OH3NHF	1562		33	109	53	330	207	327	207	296
OH5C	1398	16	58	83	4	278	208	267	176	308
OH4KZM	1164	171	155	175	62	189	104	201	12	95
OH3GGQ	1117	11	82	150	130	199	173	182	73	117
OH2BAI	1089	17	85	162	120	248	136	168	79	74
OH2OA	1024		36	98	85	229	179	178	105	114
OH6GAZ	968	3	43	58	43	235	151	187	113	135
OH8LXT	941	1	14	49	32	247	148	237	95	118

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The Most Active Finns - 706T

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OH2BU
          22 21 OH5RF
                       16 41 OH6PA
                                     15 61 OH2EA 12 81 OH7LXL
  OH1MA
          21 22 OH7HD
                       1642 OH7KB
                                     14 62 OH2BAD 12 82
                                                       OH6DX
  OH5KW
          21 23 OH1LEU
                       1643 OH9RI
                                     14 63 OH1HM 12 83
                                                       OH6VI
  OH8OR
          20 24 OH2WI
                       1644 OH6KN
                                     14 64 OH1RX
                                                                11
                                                 12 84
                                                       OH6ID
  OH3SR
          20 25 OH7MM
                       1645 OH2BH
                                     14 65 OH7OK
                                                 12 85
                                                       OH2CK
                                                                11
  OH3JR
          20 26 OH3BU
                       1646 OH2TA
                                     14 66 OH1VR
                                                 1186
                                                       OH1SU
                                                                11
  OH6MW
          20 27 OH2BGD 16 47 OH2XX
                                     14 67 OH1LEG 11 87
                                                       OH8LO
                                                                10
          20 28 OH6JD
                                     14 68 OH1CH
                                                  1188
  OH1XT
                       1648 OG2M
                                                       OH7HXH 10
  OH9MDV 19 29 OH3NDH 16 49 OH2BPU
                                                 1189
                                     14 69 OH1OJ
                                                       OH7MKR 10
10 OH2BV
          1930 OH2ZZ
                       1650 OH5NZ
                                                 1190
                                                       OH3UO
                                     14 70 OH6CT
                                                       OH3NHF
11 OH1ND
          19 31 OH2BEN 15 51 OH2EE
                                     14 71 OH9TH
                                                 11 91
12 OH3XR
          19 32 OH2BR
                                     1472 OH6OS
                                                                10
                       15 52 OH8KN
                                                 1192
                                                       OH9AR
13 OH5BM
          18 33 OH6WW 15 53 OH7XI
                                     13 73 OH9RJ
                                                 11 93
                                                       OH5KT
                                                                10
                       15 54 OG6N
14 OH6NIO
          1834 OH9SQ
                                     13 74 OH6QU
                                                 1194
                                                       OH8HZT
                                                                10
15 OH3 YI
          1735 OH1TV
                       15 55 OH2BLD
                                     13 75 OH3YO
                                                 1195
                                                       OH7NO
                                                                10
16 OH1XX
          17 36 OH4NS
                       15 56 OH5NE
                                     13 76 OH2TM
                                                 11 96
                                                       OH4BNP
                                                                10
17 OH4KBC 17 37 OH2BO
                       15 57 OH1TIN
                                     13 77 OH2AUK 11 97
                                                                10
                                                       OH3OJ
                       15 58 OH5XX
18 OH7UE
          17 38 OH1O
                                                 1198
                                                       OH5XO
                                     12 78 OH1UM
                                                                10
19 OH2RI
          1739 OH5WW 1559 OH7MP
                                     12 79 OH5LP
                                                 11 99
                                                                10
                                                       OH7RJ
20 OH8SR
                       15 60 OH1MAU 12 80 OH2BPI
                                                 11 100 OH4MDY 10
          1640 OH8US
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From top15: OH2BU 22 OH1MA 21 OH5KW 21 OH3SR 20 OH3YI 17 OH1XX 17 OH8SR 16 OH3BU 16 OH5WW 15 OH8KN 14

10 OF TOP 15 ARE ON LIST

ONLY TWO NEW CALLS: OH7HXH OH8HZT

Comparing to Swedish - 706T

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22 21 SM2SUM 16 41 SM5F
                                   13 61 SL0ZG
 SM5CEU
                                                1081 SM5ACQ 9
          21 22 SM1TDE 16 42 SM5CBM 13 62 SA3ANZ 10 82 SM3FVW 9
  SM0MDG 21 23 SK3PY 16 43 SM6CTQ 13 63 SM0BSB 10 83 SM7ALC 9
  SM5CRV 2024 SC3DX 1644 SK4BX
                                  13 64 SM5LNE 10 84 SM7CFZ
          20 25 SM0W 15 45 SM3VAC 12 65 SM3CXS 10 85 SM0OGQ 9
  SM6CCO
  SM5AOD 19 26 SM3PHM 15 46 SK3BG
                                  12 66 SM3LGO 10 86 SK6HD
  SM6NOC 19 27 SM5CZQ 15 47 SM0DTK 12 67 SM5BMB 10 87 SM6JCC
  SM4EMO 19 28 SM5GMZ 15 48 SM7GIB 12 68 SM7HCW 10 88 SM5AYY 8
          19 29 SM3NXS 15 49 SM2GCQ 12 69 SM3CBR 10 89 SM0MPV 8
          18 30 SM3GSK 15 50 SM7CMC 12 70 SM7CFR 10 90
          18 31 SM6CMU 15 51 SM6CVX 11 71 SM5YMT 10 91 SM5DKJ
          18 32 SM1ALH 14 52 SM6CKU 11 72 SM5SWA 10 92
                                                              8
          18 33 SM3DTR 14 53 SM0NZY 11 73 SA5ACR 10 93 SK3W
          18 34 SK2AT 14 54 SM7TE
14 SM7DLK
                                   11 74 SM6XKB 10 94 SI4A
          18 35 SM2EKM 14 55 SM6HRR 11 75 SM0BYD 9
16 SM0DDK 17 36 SM4FZW 14 56 SM5IMO 11 76 SM4RGD 9
17 SM5API
          17 37 SJ2W
                                   11 77 SM1CJV
                       13 57 SM2EJE
                                                     SM4ONW 8
18 SM6MCW 17 38 SM2OAN 13 58 SK7AX 11 78 SM0NJO
                                                     SM6TOL
          1639 SM0ACF 1359 SM4MI 1079 SM5BFJ
                                                9 99
                                                     SM5CCE
20 SM3EVR 16 40 SM3CCM 13 60 SM0AJU 10 80 SM5DFF
                                                9 100 SM5BHW 8
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Finns have 8 stations logging at least 20 QSOs

Swedes have 5

Finns have 41 Stations logging at least 15 QSOs

Swedes Have 31

There is even more room for newcomers

The Most Wanted Countries

List on K8CX - http://hamgallery.com/countries/

17 of top 30 have become less needed.

17 have become more needed.

It is a Sphere!

The New DXers Sphere (>2000 points)

- They may enter DXers top 15 in the next cycle
- They must be able to log more than the others
- They can log 150 points per year or more until they reach 2400 or 2500 points
- After 2500 points they can log maybe 100 points, then less and less per year
- A lot of efforts and investments ahead
- After 2600 points the investment need increases
 - Time and some money

New DXers need

- Better antennas than the people above them
 - -160 + 80 RX
 - 10 & 12 yagis
 - Other bands just come into log when pushing for the edge bands QSOs
- More time than the people above them
- Less QRM from the people above them
 - If the band point is already secured, give way for the new ones to get their points

If we want more DXers

- We can market DXing
 - Collecting the status of band points on 80 as earlier
 - DX forums
 - Building DX stories at club meetings
 - Simply encouraging the young

The People on Cruise

- Not many new DXers
- They are likely at home searching for the DX

Everybody, have a Fun Cruise