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PROPAGATION: Aug 7, 8, High/Low Normal; Aug 9, 10, High Normal; Aug 11, Above normal; Aug 12-17, High Normal; Aug 18, High/Low Normal; Aug 19, Low/Below Normal; Aug 20, High/Low Normal; Aug 21, 22, Disturbed; Aug 23, Below Normal/Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

POLAND

Neither food nor gasoline shortages will keep Rich Assarabowski, K1CC, from his appointment at Poland's biggest ham radio gathering ever, on September 5. Rich is still asking for slides to take with him, especially of DXpeditions. If you have any to loan him for the trip, please send them to K1CC, 1563 Boulevard, West Hartford CT 06107. Rich will send the slides back to you as soon as he returns to the States.

Rich, who speaks both Polish and Russian, has already been to Poland four times, the last being in 1979; following this year's Dayton Hamvention, he was telling a Polish radio acquaintance about the world's biggest ham activity, and he sent a Dayton program over to Warsaw. The Poles decided to have their own "Dayton," and invited Rich to participate. Many of the local amateurs, including the convention organizer, are active in the Polish Solidarity Union activity. The main movers behind the meeting are members of club station SP9KRT.

K1CC became interested in amateur radio when his grand uncle, SP2CC, emigrated to the U.S. in 1964. At that time, SP2CC was the oldest living ham in Poland. TDXB asks that you help Rich make the best possible impression of U.S. amateur stations and operators by sending him some slides of your station, DXpeditions, etc. Thanks!

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GAMBIA

The last stop on W4MGN's latest Africa tour was to have been the Gambia, and had been tentatively scheduled to begin Jul 29 (Issue 93). Nothing has been heard of Ed from Gambia, probably because the President, Sir Dawda Jawara, was ousted in a coup while he attended the Royal Wedding in London on Jul 29.

PROPAGATION

KH6BZF reports that recent very poor band conditions were due to a major magnetic storm on Jul 25-26. More of these are expected Aug 7/9, and 19/22. Lee says the average solar flux for July will be about 191, considerably above June's 157 figure.

CW DXCC

ARRL's DX Advisory Committee has received a number of letters regarding the CW DXCC and the manner in which some contacts are being contrived by first working the station on 'phone. ARRL's single-mode requirements are slightly more stringent than CQ's, the League requiring 2-way contacts. Some cards submitted for CW DXCC credit have not indicated 2-way.

The DXAC is suggesting that if complaints continue, another look will have to be taken at the entire makeup of the single mode awards program. If you have thoughts on the subject (or on any DXCC subject) the DXAC will be glad to hear from you. Copies of your letter sent to TDXB will be considered for publication if you request.

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160 METERS

August QST has an article on 160 M. by Assistant General Manager Sumner, K1ZZ. The League proposes a "band plan" to thwart possible chaos this winter when users begin running kilowatts. The intent is to head off a confrontation between CW and phone operators, and between DXers and ragchewers. ARRL is requesting your comments on their proposal, which is on page 56 of August QST. On matters such as this input to the League is usually very small, so your comments can have a great impact. Of course, the band plan, if implemented, will be simply a recommendation and will not prevent entirely a.m. phone stations in the DX Window, etc.

K5VT/Africa

See Issue 100 for the tentative K5VT africa schedule; Vince replaced Burundi with Zaire the last week of July (9Q5VT), then was in Lesotho on schedule last week as 7P8BZ. K5VT/SV5 was a pirate.

FOQFB is Ross Forbes, WB6GFJ, who is also licensed as FOQGFJ; he will be active from the home of FO8DF until the first week of September, and is being joined by WB6RFI until Aug 16.

XZ5A and XZ9A have been pretty silent the past few weeks. They now have the linear donated by K2HFX of the Long Island DX Association. ARRL's DXCC desk has received some sketchy documentation from Burma, most of which confirms the belief that rebel forces are involved and that the operation will eventually NOT count for DXCC.

WIAW was saying that W4LZZ would put Guinea on the air around Aug 5, 3X1Z. No other information was available.

HFQPOL on the S. Shetlands has been active on the low end of 15 CW, working Europe; no skip to N. America lately.

Europeans are also reporting LU3ZY S. Sandwich 21250 at 2000Z.

W9 DXCC

This annual event, in its third decade, will be held September 12 at the Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights IL, the same spot as the past three years. The roster of speakers is still forming but two dignitaries already committed are ARRL's DXCC chief W3AZD, and Dick Ehrhorn, W4ETO, maker of Alpha amplifiers.

A "mailer" has already gone out to those who have attended at least once in the past few years; a second mailer will follow in about another week. Registration is \$25.00 before September 6, \$27.50 thereafter, including at the door. Registration for guests spouses, etc is \$20.00. All registrations include the Saturday evening banquet, which is not to be missed. Send registration checks, made out to "W9DXCC," to Howie Huntington, K9KM, 65 S. Burr Oak, Lake Zurich IL 60047. The Hilton number for room reservations is 312-394-2000.

Dentron Radio Company has filed for protection under the Chapter 11 bankruptcy laws. The "W5YI Report" (a newsletter out of Dallas) attributes Dentron's troubles to their introduction of the HF200 transceiver, which never did sell very well due to competition from Japan.

PROPAGATION - Thanks KH6BZF

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
7/21	219	10	2
7/22	229	17	4
7/23	229	28	3
7/24	250	7	2
7/25	252	85	7
7/26	255	80	5
7/27	254	35	4
7/28	217	11	2
7/29	207	8	3
7/30	204	14	4
7/31	192	10	2

TIPS

9G1YS 14210 @ 0100
OE8AJC/YK 14210 @ 0100
FO0FB 14225 @ 1100
EA9FZ 14210 @ 0000
VQ9AA 14210 @ 1200

ZS6ANL/3D6 14010 @ 1300
HS5AID 14035 @ 1300
DJ0UN/SV5 14035 @ 2300
VQ9QA 14030 @ 1200
VU2GX 14015 @ 1200

3B8DB 14025 @ 1100
8Q7BF 14220 @ 1200
WH8AAC 14030 @ 0300
VK9ZG 14210 @ 1300
FH8CL 14215 @ 0400

JT0WA 14225 @ 1500
5B4KU 14025 @ 2100
9V1UY 14025 @ 1100
9M2LN 14040 @ 1100
VP8QE 14010 @ 2200
(Falklands)

9N1BMK 14020 @ 2200
8P6AU 14015 @ 2300
VQ9QA 14035 @ 1100
FK8DV 14045 @ 1100
CE0AE 14025 @ 0300

FO8HH 14030 @ 0300
FR7BP 14015 @ 1200
A9XDA 14225 @ 0200
VK9NL 14035 @ 0900
JY3ZH 14225 @ 2200

VS5RP 14025 @ 1200
EL2AG 14210 @ 1000
KG6RT 14035 @ 1000
VU2GX 14025 @ 1200
VS6JR 14025 @ 1300

AH2L 14020 @ 1000
AH2L 14205 @ 1100
3B8DB 14025 @ 1100
FR0FLO 14220 @ 1100
P29DI 14210 @ 0900

VQ9DI 14035 @ 1000
9V1UY 14004 @ 1100
VS5DX 14225 @ 1100
YJ8VV 14220 @ 1000
YB9AAT 14210 @ 1100

TIPS

8Q7AZ 14210 @ 1200
WB0ICS/KH7 14215 @ 1100
FK8DR 14210 @ 1000
C21AH 14230 @ 1000
KM6DI 14210 @ 1100

D4CBC 14215 @ 0700
A7XD 14220 @ 0200
ZL3PA/Chatham 14205 @ 1000

A4XIH 21251 @ 1700
DU1JB 21277 @ 1800
5R8AL 21030 @ 2000
JT0WA 21354 @ 0200
HZ1AB 21027 @ 1900

VK9NL 21040 @ 0400
4S7MX 21030 @ 0000
OE8AJK/YK 21280 @ 0200
EA9JZ 21025 @ 2300
VS6JR 21025 @ 1700
FO8HH 21030 @ 0200

YB2AG 21270 @ 1600
9K2DR 21280 @ 1900
7Q7LW 21252 @ 1800
VK9NYG 21194 @ 1300 QSX 355
5B4JP 21025 @ 1300

9U5WR 21030 @ 2100
A71AE 21025 @ 1500 (A7XE)
7P8BZ 21025 @ 1600 (K5VT)
XT2AW 21010 @ 1000
VU2HI 21269 @ 0200

KP4KK/DU2 7007 @ 1000
5B4JP 7008 @ 0000
XT2AW 3504 @ 0200
9V1UY 7004 @ 1100

All above reports are
from the U.S. East Coast
and Central States.

QSLs

A71AE - DF4NW
C31NM - PA0GIN
C31QD - PA0GIN
DJ0UN/SV5 - DJ9NX
EK8R - UJ8JJJ

F0CH/FC - HB9TL
FO8HH - KA3A
FO0FB - WB6GFJ
GU5DYP - DL4FL
HH0N - WD4JNS

SV0AA/5 - N200
TN8VT - K5VT
VQ9AA - AJ3N
VQ9QA - N3QA
5B4KU - SM5ASE

5R8AL (7/81)-JA2KLY
7P8BZ - K5VT
9N1BMK - JA8BMK
9Q5VT - K5VT
9U5AV - K5VT
9U5WR - SP6FER

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

Gambia	C5ACC	By W4MGN probably cancelled; I. 102
Lesotho	7P8BZ	By K5VT now; next stop ZE; I. 100
Andorra	C3ILM	Spanish group until Aug 15; I. 96
Aland Is	OH6JW/OHØ	Now until Aug. 10
Convention	Pac. NW	Portland OR Aug 8/9; I. 95
Tahiti	FOØFB	Until Sep 5 by WB6GFJ; I 102
Guinea	3X1Z	By W4LZZ rumored now; I 102
Contest	WAE CW	Aug 8/9
Leichtenstein	HBØ	Aug 7-9 by HB9AQW
Macao	CR9	Rumored Aug 9-15; by JA1PCY/JA1UT
Contest	All Asia	CW Aug 22/23
Contest	WAE Phone	Sep 12-13
W9DXCC	Chicago	Sep 12; I 102
San Felix	CEØX	Starts Sep 11; I 101
Convention	DXPO 81	Atlanta, Sep 19/20; I 98
Luxembourg	DA1WA/LX	Oct 24/25,

W7YF, K1RM, WA2SQY, W9DH, KA1KD, KA3R, W5OSJ, W4VQ, XE1NI, WA1SQB, KE1F, WØBW, WB4TCH, WA2SON, KAØE, K7RDG, K4SMX, K6IR, WA2PHA, W8UVZ, W1UN, WØEAN, W3AZD, W2LZX, K1CC, W9OBF, K9KM.

QSL HELP NEEDED

K9RX looking for 5U7AZ (says CN8CG doesn't work)

WA4UPS needs TJ1AA

HP1AC needs 7Q7RM

VP2MO is NOT manager for any station

Next week TDXB celebrates its second anniversary. Thanks to all of you who have made it possible and fairly successful. About 700 of you receive renewal notices in August and September, and most of you have been on board since Issue 1. How many of you renew will determine the future of TDXB.

KEEP YOUR CHIN UP!

Feeling bad 'cuz you haven't made the Honor Roll yet? Shucks, we are about to pass the twenty-year mark as a ham and haven't made it yet! Little things like college and apartment dwelling seemed to get in the way.

TDXB celebrates its second anniversary next week and, according to our very unofficial calculations, had you not missed a single DXCC country on the air in the past two years you would now have 292 (309 needed for Honor Roll). Looking over Issue 99, with the Survey results, little hope can be held out for many of the top twenty five; BY and VS9K, forget it. XZ, less than 50-50 as we see it. ZA, no way. Heard? Maybe this winter if VK9NS solves a number of logistical hangups. 7O? XU, FB8W, 3Y? Doubtful at best, all of 'em.

There's good news for San Felix, this year's #11, as we have been reporting, with SVØBV and others due there next month. Of the remaining DXCC countries in the Top 20, 7Q7 is on now, S9 will depend on K5VT's diplomatic skills, and the U.A.E. A6X might magically open up if the government decides to suddenly recognize all the operators who are on the air from there now. And another Peter and Paul Rocks PYØ operation is always a possibility, one taking place every five years or so.

There is definitely a lack of people journeying to the truly rare spots these days; unsafe political situations and the escalating costs of a major expedition are the two biggest factors.

TDXB would like to hear from some of you who have made the Honor Roll recently, as to how long it took you, etc. That might cheer up some of us "little pistols" down in the low 300 range!