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PROPAGATION: Aug 14-17, 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; Aug 24, High Normal; Aug 25, High/Above Normal; Aug 26-28, High Normal; Aug 29, High/Low Normal; Aug 30, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

DXAC TO REVIEW STATUS OF

BAJO NUEVO AND SERRANA BANK

The U.S. Senate unanimously passed, on Jul 31, a treaty recognizing Colombia as sole owner of both Serrana Bank and Bajo Nuevo. This will result on one or both islands no longer meeting DXCC requirements and thereby being deleted from the Countries list.

While both these islands off the coast of Colombia have been claimed by both the U.S. and Colombia for many years, they are separated from the mainland by San Andres. It is thought that this separation is the reason the two were granted DXCC status in the first place.

BURMA

XZ5A and XZ9A continue active mostly on 20 Meters SSB (but occasionally on 21270), using their shiny new Kenwood equipment. Lists are taken almost daily by W7PHO and K5OS, despite the fact that ARRL has now received word from Rangoon, via the Department of State, that indeed amateur radio transmitting is still forbidden by the central government.

While many newcomers (and a few OTs) can be heard claiming they are simply "thrilled" to work Burma regardless of whether it counts for DXCC, older DXers generally recognize the historical reasons for the various DXCC rules. One line of thinking in this matter is that amateur radio in Burma could be damaged by the present unauthorized operations. Another way of looking at the

these operations is that, since amateur radio transmitting has not been allowed in Burma for almost two decades, probably little harm could be done and that something good might just come of the rebels' amateur radio activities.

One thing is certain...this is the first instance in many years when the biggest news on the DX bands (the most in demand stations on the bands) concerns stations which aren't even going to count for DXCC!

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The planned San Felix operation next month by WB1GDQ and others has run into several snags. They were unable to come to terms with a DX foundation which had made an initial offer of assistance, and it is not known at this time from where the necessary funds for the trip are going to come.

In addition, the Grecian operators slated to participate need U.S. novice or higher licenses in order to qualify for Chilean reciprocal permits; there is no SV/CE reciprocal agreement.

On a related subject, another publication is asking for donations to be sent to W0AX (one of the San Felix ops) for a possible Juan de Nova operation by FR0FLO and FR7BP. Their appeal just appeared last week, and they say almost \$6000 is needed by the end of August! That would cover half their transportation costs. TDXB is NOT recommending you send money because we have had no direct word from any of the parties involved.

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FCC NEWS

Another Extra class licensee has had his license suspended by FCC for deliberate interference. N5FX, of Wichita Falls TX was caught interfering with QSOs of WIGM and K4MME. Ironically, those two were recently also de-licensed by FCC for deliberate interference to the Maritime Mobile Net (TDXB Issue 100).

James McKinney is the new Bureau Chief for the Private Radio Bureau (which includes amateur radio). FCC insiders say McKinney is decidedly conservative in his attitudes, at the opposite end of the spectrum from former Chief Carlos Roberts, who was big on deregulation. McKinney is not a ham.

HOUSTON CONVENTION

The Convention has more to offer hams this year than ever before. Along with computer and radio exhibits and forums, guests this year will include DXpeditioners K1MM, K5YY, N4MM, and Father M. Moran, 9N1MM. The banquet will feature ARRL President Harry Dannals, W2HD. The Convention, which takes place this year Oct 2-4, has been designated the ARRL Texas State Convention. More details from Box 79252, Houston TX 77024.

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Jeff Maass, K8ND, seeks a couple of additional hams for an Anguilla VP2E operation in February and March. Jeff and others will be operating the ARRL International DX Competition and they would welcome both contesters and non-contesters. The advantage to you is that the planning is taken care of for you! Contact Jeff at 4410 Norwell Dr, Columbus OH 43220.

If you've given up on 10 Meters the past couple of months, its time to try it again. The band has opened to Europe from the East Coast most mornings the last two weeks. These early-August openings are right on schedule for a complete return of 28 MHz propagation in another month or so.

K5VT expected to follow 7P8BZ with operation from 5H3 Tanzania, but nothing reported on that one. He says the station signing K5VT/S9 on Jul 26/27 was not him. Vince was in Sao Tome for three days but unable to obtain a license. He was supposed to be vacationing on Rhodes so K5VT/SV5 was probably really him.

Several sources indicate W4SKE in Africa, planning a 7Q7LW operation Aug 15 and 16, followed by two common African countries and two more in Europe.

W4LZZ expects to return to Guinea and 3X1Z several more times over the next month or so. In between he will be in Mali and Benin but did not have advance licensing.

5R8AL operation by 5Z4YV...QSL to JA2KLT. Also reported JA2KLT/3B6 on 8/11, saying his next stop would be back to 5R8. Then hopes for additional African stops at A22, 3D6, TR, XT, 7P8, 9Q5 and 5H.

As expected, the Radio Club of Chile now plans an Easter Island operation Sept. 2-8, using some of the equipment they donated for permanent use there.

The International DX Foundation (IDXF) reports increased membership following their highly acclaimed Desecheo KP2A operation in June. With more and more DX-peditions begging for money these days, a logical alternative to sending a dollar here and a dollar there is to join IDXF. Your money will be put to more efficient use, as IDXF is stockpiling equipment and antennas to loan to deserving travelers.

Just as the bands are slow now, so is DX news. You can tell that by reading some of the other publications, which have resorted to just plain crazy rumors of operations from the Andamans, Laccadives, Heard, etc. But following this calm will come the storm of autumn activity. Drop us a postcard and ask for some reporting forms...we'll be glad to supply them and pay the postage.

FLASH! 3C1MM Tues 8/11, 2300Z,
21030. QSL EA1QF. Has
been on before,
and be gud.

TIPS

9V1UZ 14250 @ 1000
 J73D 21010 @ 1000
 J73D 14010 @ 1000
 VQ9PD 14220 @ 1200
 XT2AW 7020 @ 0600

UK1PGO 14225 @ 1500
 9M2LN 14010 @ 1000
 VQ9QA 14030 @ 1000
 OHØAC 21010 @ 1300
 UM8MAO 21015 @ 1300

VQ9AA 14225 @ 1200
 WDØICS/KH7 14240 @ 1200
 XZ5A 14225 1000-1500
 AP2MQ 14220 @ 1200
 ZS3AM 14215 @ 0600

FOØFB 14210 @ 1100
 P29EJ 14010 @ 1000
 KX6BU 14325 @ 0900
 S79WHW 14225 @ 1100
 H44SR 14202 @ 1100

VP2MIX 14210 @ 1100
 D4CBC 14210 @ 0200
 HZ1AB 14225 @ 0200
 A9XDO 14285 @ 0400
 FH8OM 14201 @ 1400

BV2B 14210 @ 1000
 3D6AX 14007 @ 1300
 TA1MB 14020 @ 2300
 ZF2AV 14225 @ 0300
 7X4AN 14005 @ 0300

STØAS 21290 @ 0200
 9G1RT 21297 @ 0100
 7P8BZ 14025 @ 1300
 KH3AB 21025 @ 0200
 7X4AN 7010 @ 0400

KH3AB 7010 @ 0700
 KH3AB 3510 @ 0700
 ZP5CA 7005 @ 0100
 ZB2EO 7005 @ 0200
 5NØFCA 14220 @ 2200

ZK1CG 7235 @ 0900
 VK9ZG 14215 @ 1100
 FRØFLO 14220 @ 1100
 7X2LU 14025 @ 2300
 SV1NA/9 14025 @ 2300

UL7PDU 14015 @ 2300
 VP2VJ 14010 @ 0000
 EA9HG 14025 @ 0100
 UM8MAZ 14015 @ 0100
 UH8HBZ 14025 @ 0200
 A51PN 14010 @ 0200
 EA9GE 21030 @ 0000

DJØUN/SV5 21020 @ 0000
 TF3GCN 21025 @ 0000
 UL7VBA 14035 @ 0000
 HP1XEK 21025 @ 0000
 GJ2LU 14025 @ 0200

XZ5A 14015 @ 1100
 EC9AU 21016 @ 2300
 XZ9A 14010 @ 1000
 5B4JP 14025 @ 0200
 FR7BX 14020 @ 1300

3D6AX 14010 @ 1300
 N6BAJ/DU1 14030 @ 1300
 DL2VK/ST3 21070 @ 1600
 JW6MY 14030 @ 2300
 VK9NL 7010 @ 1100

TL8CN 14230 @ 2200
 VK9ZG 14220 @ 0700
 A9XDO 21250 @ 2000
 9U5WR 14035 @ 2300
 OD5FB 14214 @ 0200

A4XIY 14235 @ 0200
 HFØPOL 21015 @ 1900
 (S. Shet.)
 YB9AAT 14210 @ 1100
 5T5JD 14210 @ 0700
 A35JL 14286 @ 0700
 A35JL 14286 @ 0700
 JY9RC 21280 @ 1900
 HC8KA 21260 @ 1900
 VK9ZG 14215 @ 1100
 J88AQ 14205 @ 0200

OD5RZ 21300 @ 2000
 S79RD 21280 @ 2000
 UI8TAA 14020 @ 0000
 CEØAE 21285 @ 2200
 3B8DA 14205 @ 0200

HS5AID 14015 @ 0900
 UK1PGO 14025 @ 0200
 FRØFLO 7075 @ 0300
 JTØWA 14230 @ 1700
 A4XIY 14235 @ 0200

EDITORIAL

We've never been enthused by those home video games you plug into the TV to play simple games like Hangman. The expensive jobs in the bars are pretty intricate and challenging, as they should be at \$5000.

Atari company has just come out with a new game tape for their video computer called "Asteroids," and it is incredibly complex, especially considering the entire package can be had for less than \$200 (plus TV).

That started us thinking about how modern the KWM380 seems with its Touchtone band changing and frequency selection. It is state of the art in ham gear yet is relatively primitive compared to much of the consumer electronics available. The reason is, of course, is that the amateur radio market is very small.

For about the cost of a Drake TR-7 and accessories you can equip your family with a large console TV, a video tape recorder, and an Atari which will save you many dollars in quarters at the local gin mill.

The large increase in the ham population a few years ago enabled Japanese manufacturers to market many new rigs successfully, yet the American radio makers seemed to have missed the boat, somehow. But there may yet be an untapped market for them.

Which leads to...does there now exist, on the amateur market, a fully compatible receiver and transmitter combination? There may be economic advantages to putting both in the same box, but the Drake pair, for instance, never cost as much as the TR-7 now does.

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

St. Vincent	J87BK	Aug 21-27 by N8BNF
Contest	All Asia	Aug 22-23 CW
Juan de Nova	FR/J	Rumored early Sept; I. 103
San Felix	About	About Sep 11; I 101, 103
W9DXCC	Chicago	Sep 12; I 101
Contest	WAE	Sep 12-13 Phone
Jersey	GJ5	Sep 19-25 by Germans
Convention	DXPO81	Atlanta, Sep 19-20; I 98, 103
Convention	Houston	Oct 2-4; I 103
Bermuda	W3OGY	/VP9 Oct 5-12
Luxembourg	DA1WA	/LX Oct 24-25; I 102

DA1PN, W2LZX, WIWY, K6DT,
L4YT, N1ACH, K1TGX, K6IR,
W8UVZ, K1RM, K0PCG, W3ODJ,
K8GG, N8BKB, K8IA, W4VQ,
DA3R, WA2PHA, W0BW, K2UFM,
K9MM, XE1NI, W1WEF, KE1F,
W2HAZ, W7YF, W0VX, K8ND,
K8CSG, K3ZO, W3OGY, W3AZD.

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