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PROPAGATION: Nov 14, Above Normal; Nov 15, High Normal; Nov 16, Below Normal/Disturbed; Nov 17, 18, Below Normal; Nov 19, Low Normal; Nov 20, High Normal; Nov 21, Low Normal; Nov 22 -26, High Normal; Nov 27, 28, Above Normal; Nov 29, Low Normal. TNX N4XX and KH6BZF.

BOUVET

Dieter Loffler, DK9KD, advises that his Cologne DX-Friends have "all necessary permissions and licenses" for a trip to Bouvet. They will go in January if financing "can be assured." A ship is available for twenty one days but the cost for that alone is thirty six thousand dollars. They are asking all foundations and well heeled individuals to contact Dieter immediately.

Callsigns 3Y0A and 3Y0B have been issued, and the team will (would) consist of DK9KX, DF3KX, DJ3NG, and DJ9ON. January is, of course, mid-summer on Bouvet and the prime time for a landing.

SOUTH YEMEN

J28AZ has been monitored on the bands making arrangements for an assault on 70 S. Yemen sometime in December. He is still talking about callsign 70IAB. Arrangements are being made to get an ICOM linear to him in time to complete a compact station for the operation. The International DX Foundation (IDXF) is also involved, mainly in the area of handling QSLs, and San Hutson, K5YY, has been mentioned as being the other half of a two-man team.

FR0GGL is a new operator on Europa, which still counts the same as Juan de Nova. Some talk has been coming out of France that the two islands may be separated (unquote) but nothing definite and it is not known yet how this might affect DXCC status. FR0GGL/E has been found both on CW and on several French nets (like 21170 at 1600Z). QSL Box 386, St. Pierre, Reunion Is, via France.

Latest report on Warwick, ZL3AFH, operating from Campbell Is, is that he returned to the air Oct 1 after replacing blown output transistors in his transmitter. He concentrates on 20 Meters CW and RTTY around 14090, 05-09Z. He is also found sometimes around 14320-330 in the same time frame. As reported earlier, ZL40Y reports to Campbell November 23 for a one-year stay, and he plans to operate mostly 10 Meters 'phone. Their peak work period is mid-summer (Dec and January), and amateur radio will be curtailed during those two months.

Baldur, DJ6SI, returns to Africa this week and will operate from Cameroun Nov 19 to the 25th. He does not say where the next stop will be...ask him.

Antigua amateurs are now using the prefix "V2," and an expedition there recently by W9SWM, KJ8R, WB8QXN, and WD8IDZ had all members of the group signing /V2. QSL all to their home stateside call addresses.

FB8WG Crozet continues to be a tough nut for most DXers to crack. Lists conducted by W7PHO and W7RQ have been done at 1300, 1400, 1500, and 1600 on 14225. George can also be found around 0400Z on a French Net at 14110 or slightly higher, and sometimes he will work a few North Americans.

HC8MD Galapagos (by HC1MD) was scheduled to begin Nov 12 for one month, and will also sign HC8VHF on 6 Meters. Try usual phone frequencies and 3 up on CW.

Start looking for Jordanians to use the "JY7" calls any day now, for a seven-day period commemorating Hussein's birthday; work seven JY7 stations and you are eligible for a special award.

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TWO CORRECTIONS

SMOM 1AØKM

In past comments on the upcoming Signal One MILSPEC 1030, due for release in January, we hinted that receiver design had been by Ulrich Rohde, DJ2LR. This is not true...undoubtedly the receiver circuit was influenced by design work done by Rohde in the past, but he had no direct connection with the S/! design.

The ZK2ZZ operation from Niue during the CQ WW Phone Contest last month was sponsored by the Northern California DX CLUB, not the NCDX Foundation. The Foundation avoids all support for contest operations so as to not help one group in winning over another group.

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Herb Caen had the following to say in the November 11 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle:

"Latest Action Report of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance, published by the State Department of Consumer Affairs, we find this under disciplinary action: 'Miller, Donald Alan, MD, - stipulated decision. Conspiring to have his wife murdered constitutes unprofessional conduct.' Picky, picky! Get government off our back."

Dr. Miller is (was) W9WNV.

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CQ WW CW Contest coming Nov 28/29; members of the Northern Cal DX Club will again operate from Niue. The team includes K6RU (ZK2RU), W6VG (ZK2VG), and AA6AD (ZK2AD). They leave the States Nov 25 and return Dec 3, and may get on briefly from Samoa 5W1 after the contest.

K8MFO and W8DNC have added W8TPS to their operations from the Bahamas, Nov 20 to Dec 1. They state it is a CW only operation and no one-way 'phone contacts will be gi. During the Contest, special attention will be paid to 160 Meters at 0400Z each night. QSL all to W8TPS.

K1CC (callbook address) has IRCs for sale at 40 cents each; send an SASE with your order, minimum of ten IRCs.

In response to our article on the DXCC history of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in Issue 112, we received the following letter from Mario Gallavotti, IØMGM:

"I am very surprised about the SMOM article. It is my opinion that most people still ignore this matter, and now complaints come from those who for some unknown reason did not work 1AØKM, during its three months of extensive operations with more than 12,000 contacts. Work first, worry later is still a valid proverb!

"The material submitted first to DXAC and then to HAC (of ARRL) resulted in the approval of DXCC status, and that was a right and fair decision according to the DXCC rules in force (note that the DXAC vote was not close). I do not know about the previous application for DXCC status for SMOM but I am quite sure it was superficially considered.

"How can people say that 'nothing at SMOM has changed' with respect to the previous application? The first thing to consider is the treaty signed between Italy and SMOM, which recognizes SMOM's full sovereignty on its territory. SMOM has been recognized by 45 countries of the world, seven countries signed treaties with SMOM recognizing its stamps and establishing regular post office traffic and treaties with 18 other countries are in progress. Telecommunications arrangements have been made between Italy and SMOM.

"I have worked hard for ten months on SMOM DXCC status, and I can say that DXAC and HAC members have considered the matter very seriously. Both DXCC and legal competency are required to really understand this matter, and from what I hear most DXers are happy about the decision. I have received a lot of congratulating letters expressing the joy to have a new country and a true country, one with a history, and not just a reef."

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And another reminder...all 1AØKM QSL cards will count for DXCC starting January 1, 1982. DO NOT submit them to Newington until AFTER that date!

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

AP2MQ 14225 03C 4	LX2BQ 7002 00E 4	UM8NAP 7005 10E 5	3B6CD/7 14028 03C 3
C5AEG 14200 04E 12	PA3AIR/	VK9NYG 28525 13E 4	3B8DO/7 7012 02E 5
DU1PJS 28528 23E 4	LX 7004 00E 3	VK9NYG 28530 14C 4	4S7MX 7003 00E 4
EP2TY 28517 16E 4	TF3SG 50014 14E 2	VK9ZG 14332 11E 5	4S7DJ 14214 01E 5
FK0AD 28050 02C 3	UA1PAM 28546 22E 2	VP2VGC 7003 09E 5	4U1UN 21029 16W 1
FR7BP 14002 13C 4	UA1PAM 14016 02C 2	VS5DD 28522 00E 5	5N8AIS 7009 00E 3
FR0GGL/E 14020 04E 12	UK1PGO 7010 03C 3	VS6IC 28578 23E 3	5T5RR 28516 23C 1
HC2RG 50100 15E 2	UK1PGO 14026 18C 3	VS6DO 7001 11E 33	5W1DO 28550 00E 4
HM0K 21024 02E 5	UK1PGO 28750 12E 4	VS6DD 28552 00E 5	8Q7AZ 28510 02W 2
HS1AMS 28573 00C 4	U10ML 21025 17C 5	VS6CT 28600 01E 7	9J2GJ 21290 18C 6
JD1BAE 28522 23E 2	UL7JAV 28546 03E 2	VU2UGI 28531 13E 4	9Q5VT 21323 23E 3
JX7FD 28755 13E 5	UL7TBM 7005 02E 5	WB8QXN/	9U5WR 28029 13E 7
J28AZ 14282 04E 12	UH8HAI 14039 04C 3	V2 7007 02E 5	9V1UQ 28575 00C 3
J5HTL 21029 02W 6	UI8IAN 28750 13E 2	YB2AG 28540 23E 3	9V1TK 21013 23E 4
J73D 7002 01E 3	UI8ADQ 14017 03E 5	ZD7BW 21292 19C 5	9V1TK 21013 23C 5
AH2L 7005 12E 5	UM8MBA 28015 13C 3	ZE2JS 14025 04C 3	

W1/W2/W3: please mail reports by Monday

All others: please mail reports by Sunday

TDXB: 203-871-6251

Fred Laun, K3ZO, writes from Bogota that the HK3A operation during the CQ Phone Contest was a multi-single one, with HK3AXT, HK3TF, and HK3AFD joining Fred. HK3A is a special contest call and Fred will use it single-op in the CQ CW Contest. The gang on phone made almost 5,000 contacts and 6.2 million points. Fred sez one curious thing he has noticed in his time in Columbia is that on 10 Meters (in particular) the East Coast us is 'way down in signal compared to the rest of North America. W0 stations are the loudest. Anybody got an explanation for that?

W9DH visited Tim Chen, BV2A/B during the Sunday of the CQ Phone Contest; Loren carried back Tim's latest operating schedule, which is Wednesdays, 12-14Z, 14025/14050...Wed, 14-16Z, 14218 and 14250...Saturdays, 23-00Z, 14218/250 ...and finally Sundays, 00-02Z, 28530/575.

We finally got a written notification of the JX8A Jan Mayen operation which did NOT come off for the CQ Phone 'Test... it was mailed from Norway Oct 2, for an operation scheduled to begin Oct 22, and arrived at TDXB November 12. No wonder... they sent it sea mail! The note mentions the difficulty in getting landing permission, and that's apparently why the planned operation did not take place.

Bob Read, KF10, is scheduled to leave for San Felix again Friday, Nov 13; actually, he stops in Santiago first but is fairly certain of proceeding to CE0X almost immediately. He is taking radios with him but puts his chances of any operating at next to zero. On San Felix, he will be doing the repair work which his survey three weeks ago indicated was required.

Read and several buddies in Athens will travel to Crete for the CQ CW Contest, probably will sign SV0BP/9 for the 'Test.

N0TG Randy Rowe and N0WL Joe Markowski will operate /6Y0 from Jamaica Dec 10-17, only the second time the 6Y0 prefix will have been available. All bands, they say, with lots of CW. QSL to Val Turner, N0BZE, 12484 Sealane Dr. Florissant MO 63033.

Dick Beers, WD9IIC, will sign ZF2FK Dec 18-28, with most operation on CW and plenty of time in the Novice bands. QSL c/b adr.

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

YASME 9Y4KG on NOW
 Bahamas W8EX/C6A until Nov 16
 Crozet FB8WG NOW; Issue 116
 Volta XT2 by W9GW until Nov 18; I 114
 Zambia By K4YT until Nov 17

Tanzania By K4YT Nov 18-23
 Bahamas K8MFO group Nov 20-30; I 116
 Virgin Is WB3JRU/CZK Nov 21-27
 Martinique FMØGA by N6ZV Nov 23-Dec 1
 Malagasy By K4YT Nov 24-30

Niue By NCDXC Nov 25-30; I 116
 Columbia HK3A by K3ZO Nov 28/29
 Crete SVØBP/9 Nov 28/29
 Mauritius By K4YT Dec 1-8
 Seychelles By K4YT Dec 9-16

Jamaica 6YØ by NØs TG, WL, Dec 10-17; I 116
 Norfolk VK9N by DL1VU in Dec
 Albania Still rumored for Dec; I 108
 S. Yemen Rumored for Dec by J28AZ; I 116
 Kermadec Rumored for Dec/Jan by K5YY

***** C5AT Nov 23-30 by OH2FR; I 116

K6HHD, W1VH, W1DQH, WB1EAZ, K6SSJ, WA1IZS, W3ODJ, AI3E, K2UFM, WD5AAM, WØYBV, KB8RT, W4VQ, K1RM, N8BKB, W7YF, W3FU, KØKES, K5BLV, VE1BNN, KØDEQ, WØYBV, K8MPF, K6IR, WA7OBH, N6CW, W1VV, K9PQG, W2HAZ, KA3R, WØBW, WA2SON, XE1NI, KB8KW, KE1F, KA1KD, WD9IIC, NØBZE, W9DH, K3ZO, IØMGM, K1CC, K8MFO, W6ISQ, W1NG, KB2CV, W5GAI, DK9KD.

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Please send information on any CQ WW CW Contest expeditions immediately for inclusion in next week's issue...that's the last one guaranteed before the "test."

A last minute report that OH2FR will operate the CW CQ Contest from the Gambia, signing C5AT on 10 Meters only. After the Contest he will operate on 20 Meter 'phone. QSL to OH2FQ.

Newington DXCC Desk has still not heard from one of the Japanese VU7AN operators from the brief appearance made on 15 CW back in August. The embassy in Washington is looking for him, too, but he hasn't shown.

Editorial comment on the W7CNL letter: there is a growing group of DXers who feel that any contact made with any assistance from a third party does not constitute a legitimate contact. That would exclude lists, nets, "listen for my friend," repeater alerting, telephone calling.

Shucks, someday this group of moss-backed old timers will be expecting us to be able to repair our own radios, copy the code, keep a log, and who knows what else!

LETTERS

Jack Hotchkiss: "Regarding the "listen W7CNL for my CW requests in the

phone subbands, I think the obvious has already been well covered but perhaps your readers would like to consider another view not widely mentioned.

"Most will agree that passing calls and reports should be discouraged, yet when you analyze the "CW" contact in the phone subbands this is exactly what is being done. The call has already been passed, the readability and signal strength of the report has already been established, and all other pertinent data has been exchanged on phone. Not only that, but everybody stands by while the call is made on a clear frequency, which is a type of list.

"The bottom line is simply if you think passing calls and reports is improper then you will not be asking for a CW contact in the phone subbands."