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PROPAGATION: Nov 28- Dec 1, Above Normal; Dec 2-4, High Normal; Dec 5, Low Normal; Dec 6, High Normal; Dec 7, High/Low Normal; Dec 8, 9, Below Normal; Dec 10, 11, High/Low Normal; Dec 12, Low Normal; Dec 13, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

## 6 METERS

About this time two years ago did you read about Wls working JA stations on Six Meters and think "Gee, that would be fun but now it's too late in the Sunspot Cycle to get started on 50 MHZ?" Many of us did think just that, and what a sad mistake it was.

Three weeks ago we mentioned that 6 had "exploded" around Oct 31-Nov 1, based on a report from W1JR, Joe Reisert. But that wasn't the end. We have two reports from the East Coast and would like to hear from others, especially from the Midwest and West Coast, about what they've been working on 6 the past few weeks. If you are like this editor, you may find the following Bandpass interesting:

VE1BNN: Nov 13, HC8VHF, HC1BI, XE3VV, PAØXMA; Nov 12, KH6IAA, XEs, HKØBKX, 6Y5RS, VP2MO, J6LOV, HK4EB, VP5D, C5AEH; Nov 14, three PAØs, GM3WOJ/mobile (!), DK6JL; Nov 15, four KH6s, T32AB, VY1AU; on Nov 16 Reg worked AH8A on 50 MHz for his 6 Meter country number 50.

Clem Paskus, K1EM, worked the following on 6, running a hundred watts to a 6-element yagi at 32 feet: Nov 1, TF3SG, 5B4AZ, HK4EB, TI2HL; Nov 11, PJ2DW, 9Y4LL, HKØBKX; Nov 12, C5AEH, J6LOV, 8P6CX; Nov 15, HC8VHF and KG6DX; Nov 16, AH8A; Nov 17, PAØXMA and F6FHP and ZB2GW. Between Oct 25 and Nov 12 Clem worked all continents, finishing up with C5AEH who, VE1BNN said, was S9 plus 20 dB.

In the next few weeks we are going to concentrate on finding out the prevailing opinions on whether we can expect these sort of conditions in 1982; if so, TDXB will be on 6 Meters next autumn!

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LET's MAKE A LIST

There's a letter from Carl Henson, WB4ZNH circulating. Carl, of /5X5 fame last year, cites apparent increases in poor operating practices, and uses as an example the many requests he and his wife had from Uganda to check in somebody's net or to let someone make a list for them. Carl also asks if he is alone in being the victim of "selective list taking." Not by a long shot, Carl.

Carl proposes that the ARRL DXCC rule 12 be modified in some way to include the making of lists and the contacting of DX stations via nets in with "poor operating ethics," which can be used to disqualify stations from DXCC.

Actually, the present Rule 12 already is written to allow for disqualification along most any lines, if the poor operating is blatant enough. If enough people hear "Net X" assisting in the passing of callsigns and reports (for instance) and those people complain to the DXCC Desk, action could very well be taken. However, the mere use of nets and lists is highly unlikely to ever result in any disciplinary action.

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TWO CORRECTIONS from last week's issue: ZL1AMO is Ron Wright, not Williams, and ARRL DXCC does not accept T5TI QSLs (they are still awaiting documentation).

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The FB8WG "on his own" operating on 14113 CW is not all it might seem to be cracked up to be...it is Russian Roulette" style, and he waits until everyone has quit transmitting and then goes back to the last caller (UGH). There is also a vicious rumor going around that George does not keep a log, except "in his head."

Latest word is that VP8AEN on S. Georgia does not yet have the keyer which is being sent to him. Seems like taking a radio without a keyer would be like going to France without a corkscrew.

Whoever has been signing "XF4A" is giving "W20Y" as QSL manager. Somebody now has that callsign (W20Y) after the original died several years ago. The first W20Y was famous on 40 Meters for calling CQ, "no lids, no kids, no space cadets."

Both VKØAN Macquarie and VK9XW Christmas Is are appearing regularly on 14332, Tuesdays and Thursdays, around 0930Z; these are list operations.

FH8OM and FH8YL seem to have a regular Friday sked on 28530 at 2000Z.

T5TI showing fairly often Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays on 21297 at 18Z with his QSL manager IØSSW.

At least one club (the Arkansas DX Association) has already endorsed one of the candidates for ARRL General Manager. Others are expected to follow.

Radio Moscow is reportedly coming up on the WWV 15 MHz channel at 0100Z. This is in violation of international agreements. They haven't answered our offer of a free subscription to TDXB, either.

TDXB's notification to the local power company of RFI brought quick results...turned out we had two subscribers who work for the power company! They just hiked their rates (again) and probably can use all the good p.r. they can get.

Our mention of the Heath remote coax switch in Issue 115 brought a letter from Technical Products Manager David Poplewski...he says the problem in most cases is because the power supply filter network requires time to charge up when the

control box is first turned on...also, Heath has been putting the higher current transformer in all the kits since last July (we ordered ours in October). Maybe we are just idealistic, but it seems to TDXB that in this age of computers a company like Heath could keep track of who has bought what kit, and they could generate addendum letters to those purchasers when a problem is discovered and a solution found.

In our CQ WW Phone Contest wrap-up in Issue 114, we speculated on how much of an advantage the American operator had at VO2CW by virtue of being able to use the 20 Meter phone band below 14200. It turns out that Americans operating in Canada are required to stay in the American bands, so the point was moot.

By the way, the U.S. now has reciprocal operating agreements with sixty four countries.

Norwegians are temporarily being allowed on 160 Meters, and will be there for the CQ CW Contest: 1810-1840.

The Second Call Area QSL Bureau is now at NJDXA, Box 599, Morris Plains NJ 07950.

Next meeting of the Southern New England DX Association will feature K1CC's presentation on his September trip to Poland. New officers of the SNEDXA are K1MEM Pres, KA1CY VP/Sec, K1GSK Treas, and N1AJ0 Activities Mgr. Their local DX repeater is 147.06/147.66 with a 220 link on 223.06/224.66.

Here's another super idea (thanks to Tom Vavra, WB8ZRL): TDXB could compile a listing of repeaters and simplex freqs on vhf, where DXers gather. When we got our first 2 Meter fm rig here at TDXB a few weeks ago, it didn't take long to find several acquaintances on one of the local machines and another group of active DX hounds on an obscure simplex channel. We think it would be great fun to travel with a radio in the car and a TDXB DX activity listing for 2 Meters. Send in your info on a postcard and we will compile it. TNX.



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

AP2IZ 14203 12C 19	AH2L 7006 11E 18	VK9NYG 28517 14E 23	4U1UN 21345 22C 17
A22PH 28520 19C 19	M1P 21009 12E 20	VK0AN 14332 12E 19	5H3PM 28506 21C 17
A22PH 28518 20E 19	SM0GMG/	(Macquarie)	5H3TM 28506 19C 19
A6XJC 28706 15C 18	OH0 14025 03E 16	VP8MR 21022 23E 21	4X4VE/
A6XTH 28703 15C 19	OY3H 7004 01E 17	(Falklands)	5N8 28029 20E 16
A6XJC 28705 14E 23	P29NSF 28559 02C 21	VP8AJM 21260 01E 22	6W8IC 28609 20E 17
A71AD 14205 10C 17	TA2KS 14226 03E 17	(S. Orkneys)	6W8JX 28600 13C 18
A9XP 28524 14E 23	TJ1GH 14025 22C 20	VP8AEN 21320 21C 18	8Q7AZ 14332 12E 19
CE9AH 14205 03E 16	TJ1GH 28025 17E 21	(S. Georgia)	8Q7CC 14215 02E 20
(S. Shetlands)	TJ1GH 28025 17E 22	VQ9AB 14213 12C 18	9J2BO 28024 19C 19
C5AEG 14212 03E 16	TL8RC 28508 21C 17	VS6DO 3502 11E 23	9M2DW 28574 00C 16
C5AEG 28595 00C 17	TL8RC 28745 14E 23	XT2BG 21034 12E 18	9M2DW 28574 01C 18
EL2P 21034 23E 16	TR8DX 21298 22E 16	YB0PG 14223 17W 16	9Q5VT 28640 20E 19
FB8YH 14035 13C 17	TU2JL 21278 22C 17	YK1AO 14211 14C 17	9Q5VT 21313 20E 21
FH8OM 28523 18E 17	TU2JJ 14206 00E 19	YK1AO 14211 04C 17	9V1VB 14007 15E 17
FR0GGL/E 21029 18E 22	UD6CN 7011 03C 19	ZD7HH 21294 20E 17	9V1VV 28597 02C 21
HC8MD 7002 04C 17	UH8EAA 7011 12C 16	ZK1BM 3790 07W 19	9X5MH 28523 18C 17
HC8MD 21026 03E 19	VK6HD 3505 11E 19	Z21CK 28531 20E 17	9X5MD 28523 19C 19
HC8MD 28595 16E 23	VK9ZG 14332 12E 19	(New prefix ZE)	9X5MH 28535 21E 20
HZ1AB 28021 12E 16	(Willis)	1A0AM 7001 05C 17	
J28DP 28026 13C 16	VK9NYG 28517 13C 16	3B8DB 14220 12C 19	
	(Cocos)	3B8CF 7006 22E 21	

W1/W2/W3: please mail reports by Monday

All others: please mail reports by Sunday

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SP2BHZ/JW should be on by now from Svalbard; it is a Polish polar expedition doing some scientific research, and the radio operator is Andy, SP2BHZ who was on the other end of the globe at HF0POL two years ago. He will try to be on weekends on CW five up and SSB at 28490, 21205, 14240, 7086, and 3795. Look for him during the CQ WW "Test CW and QSL to SP2ESH.

\*\*\*This station is on the air now...worked 21006 11/24.

Jacky, 3B8CF, wants QSL requests direct only, not via the Bureau; he answers QSLs for 3B9CF, VQ9SM, VQ8CFB, VQ8CFB, 3B6CF, 3B7CF; send to S. Mandry, 6 Shastr Road, Candos, Quatre Bornes, Mauritius.

VK9NS says please QSL each of his operations separately and direct only. This is purely to help him answer the very large number of QSLs he gets fastest.

PROPAGATION  
(Thanks KH6BZF)

D68 AM lists are still most Tuesdays, 1900Z, 21285, by K0VVV. Next scheduled operation is Dec 8 (no operation on Dec 1). CW contact requests are sometimes accomodated, sometimes not.

9V1UR and 9V1UQ leave Singapore permanently Dec 4. Stateside they are WB5TQL and WD5ELJ, respectively.

Still no answers to our letters to Spain about an Albania operation; Dec is still the month to watch.

DATE	FLUX (1980)	FLUX (1981)	ALPHA (1981)	K (1981)
10/27	185	174	9	2
10/28	177	185	12	3
10/29	189	191	9	2
10/30	205	204	12	2
10/31	215	210	6	3
11/1	230	232	8	3
11/2	238	247	6	3
11/3	246	262	7	3
11/4	261	270	5	2
11/5	272	259	-	4
11/6	302	249	11	3
11/7	278	246	32	3



CALENDAR

Svalbard SP2BHZ/JW on NOW; Issue 118  
 Madeira CT3BZ by OH2BH NOW to Dec 6  
 Galapagos HC8MD/HC8VHF NOW to Dec 15; I 116  
 Crozet Current FB8WG list sked I 117, 118  
 Gambia C5AT NOW to Dec 1 by OH2FR; I 116

Europa FRØGGL/E NOW on; I 116  
 Martinique FMØGA by N6ZV NOW to Dec 1  
 Mauritius By K4YT Dec 1-8  
 Norfolk VK9N by DL1VU sometime in Dec  
 Taiwan BV2A/B on 15 Meters Dec 1; I 117

Botswana A22GM by W9VL on NOW; I 117  
 Albania Still rumored for Dec by Spaniards  
 Saychelles By K4YT Dec 9-16  
 Jamaica 6YØ by NØTG, NØWL, Dec 10-17  
 Chatham ZL1AZV/C Dec 15-23

Cayman Is ZF2FK by WD9IIC Dec 18-26; I 116  
 Swaziland W6YB/3D6 Dec 24-31

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 VE1BNN, K1EM, KØDEQ, KB8KW, K1RM,  
 W2HAZ, KA3R, WA7OBH, WØLHS, KC9Z,  
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Write or phone TDXB for a  
 supply of reporting forms  
 and postpaid envelopes!

Jack Sproat, W4LCL, is back in Indonesia, and will be signing YBØACL again momentarily. His space is limited and he will have a quad for 10 and 15 Meters only, with a dipole on 40. Jack'll be active in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest and also trying to work the States this winter on 40 Meters (CW only). QSL manager for Jack is WA4RRB.

By the way... Indonesia's Vice President is now licensed as YBØAMB; not known if he will be active anywhere except talking to locals (getting votes?) on 2 M fm. The presentation of the license was on national TV; on the government-owned station.

The Northern California DX Foundation is still compiling a listing of DX-oriented clubs and their officers...send your club's info c/o Stan Kaisel, K6UD, NCDXF, PO BOX 2368, Stanford CA 94305 (and a copy to TDXB, please).

Flash...St. Maarten on again for the CQ WW CW Contest by KF1V, signing P47A. QSL to KF1V c/b address.

EDITORIAL

We surmised from past experience that most TDXB readers are anything but "little pistols." 800 responses to the 1981 Countries Needed Survey proved that, with the average DXCC total for the 800 being around 275. That's why you won't find any CT2s or the like in our BANDPASS.

Have you noticed that the majority of rare DX mentioned in TDXB these days is available only on "lists?" It seems that most everyone is talking about what can be done to discourage list operations.

Here's the answer...when you hear a list being taken, get on it whether you need the contact or not. Then simply do not show up when the list is run! If only a few do this they will probably be blacklisted, but if enough DXers do this maybe we can put the listmakers out of business.

Then maybe the fun, the sport, can be put back into DXing. This list problem is going to become critical in a few years when 10 and 15 Meters die and we are all crowded into a hundred KHz of 20 Meters.

(put me on the list!)