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PROPAGATION: Feb 8, High/Above Normal; Feb 9, 10, High Normal; Feb 11, High/Low Normal; Feb 12, Low Normal; Feb 13, High/Low Normal; Feb 14, High/Above Normal; Feb 15, Above Normal; Feb 16, High/Above Normal; Feb 17, High/Low Normal; Feb 18-20, Low Normal. TNX N4XX, KH6BZF.

ANNOBON

Carl and Martha Henson made about seven thousand contacts from Annobon in not quite one week of operations on 10, 15, and 20 Meters. Most of the work was on SSB but some CW contacts were made.

The pair originally left Atlanta on Jan 7; the airline wouldn't accept their generator so it was left behind. In Madird, their next stop, ticket problems prevented their getting to either Equatorial Guinea or their alternate destination, Tunisia, so they returned to Atlanta. They left again Jan 14, this time with generator in tow. It was smooth sailing on the second try, through Spain to Equatorial Guinea.

Five days of negotiations were needed to get licensed, and the assistance of an American archeologist there was what made it possible; the scientist ended up accompanying them to Annobon. Originally, the authorities wanted \$150.00 U.S. dollars per day of operation, but finally settled for an even hundred bucks for seven days. The license was good for Annobon only, thus no operating from the mainland.

Transportation to Annobon required two round trips, and the cost of renting the Cessna 402 was \$6000. The Hensons found living conditions on Annobon actually better than on the mainland, even though the island has no electricity. They stayed at the home of the island's doctor, who keeps his drugs cool by using a kerosene refrigerator. Carl and Martha found enough trees to put up dipoles for 20 and 15 and they used a small beam for 10.

The licenses did not permit operation on 80 Meters, because a government radio station works both CW and SSB on around 3.7 MHz, signing 3C424. No operation on any bands was allowed from 2300 to 0700Z, for reasons not exactly clear. Carl believes these restrictions were placed on their licenses merely to show that the government had some authority in the matter (in other words, treat these cases as is you were suing for damages...ask for double what you expect to get - Ed).

3CØAC and 3CØBC worked strictly by split frequency, taking all comers except for brief periods when they listened only for W6, W7, and WØ. Long path propagation to the U.S. western reaches was dismal, Carl says. Once, when Carl was operating on 10 Meters, a "runner" came down from the DK20C Net, asking him to please come up to 28740. Carl respectfully declined.

The generator was left on Annobon due to the Cessna being potentially overweight on the return trip; the generator will eventually be transported back to Equatorial Guinea and donated to a mission school there.

QSL 3CØAC to N4NX, 3CØBC to K4PHE.

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Greetings to those attending Miami's Tropical Jamboree this weekend (you lucky devils). It so happens that the entire ARRL Board of Directors is in attendance, and they will be interviewing six finalists in the race for ARRL General Manager while there...it is entirely possible that a choice will be made and announced. If so, we will have it for you next issue.

Bob Black of Miami, WA4SKE, has announced a tentative operating schedule for several Asian countries he will visit on business this month...Hong Kong, Singapore, East and West Malaysia, and Thailand. Dates are in the Calendar. When he's on, Bob will make 14,280 MHz his spot, and will look for North America around 1130-1200Z; if he has no luck he'll move to 14150 to work other parts of the world.

WA4SKE, who operated from 7Q7LW about a year ago, had hoped to do it again this March, but was turned down for permission. Les himself (7Q7LW) seems to be holding the fort pretty well by himself. Malawi was #20 in the 1981 TDXB Countries Needed Survey but is expected to drop off the list completely this year.

Finally, WA4SKE is in the final stages of planning for an operation from C9, Mozambique, with Z21GO. They are shooting for the end of March, if licensing comes through. The outlook on that score is not particularly good, but with at least one Swedish ham at their embassy it is possible that things could open up. It all depends on how the authorities view Americans vis a vis Swedes.

At presstime the East Carolines operation by KC5EA was in doubt, due to transportation hangups; N5RM seems to be more sure of his time on Truk, Feb 13-15, and he will work CW only.

Sentiment concerning the new 10 MHz band is running mostly in concurrence with the suggestions made in TDXB Issue 124. As for the idea of measuring output power rather than input, ARRL is, in fact, moving toward some recommendations along that line for all bands. HB9CDX writes to advise that Swiss hams already have operating permission not only on 10 MHz but also on the other new bands, at 18

and 24 MHz. The IARU Region 1 plan is to have CW only on 10.100-10.140, and CW plus RTTY on 10.140-10.150. That recommendation also includes no contests on 10 MHz, and supposedly European sentiment tends toward no contest work on 18 or 24 MHz, either (according to HB9CDX). TDXB's opinion is that perhaps one weekend per year could be set aside for a single-band contest on each of the three new bands, such as is now done with the ARRL 10-Meter Contest in December.

SP2BHZ/JW is now signing JWØP, a special call commemorating fifty years of Polish Polar expeditions on Svalbard. Remember that QSLs for his contacts after Dec 1 go to SM5DQC. Incidentally, one DXer we know of worked 9U5WR on Dec 1, mailed a QSL to SP6FER that very day, and got a reply in mid-January. The envelope had been opened and rubber-stamped somewhere along the pipeline but the QSL for 9U5WR was still inside.

You may remember that Andy, SP2BHZ, was previously stationed at HFØPOL; the current LU5ZI South Sandwich operation is from King George Island, just 15 km from the HFØPOL site. LU5ZI (LU2A) is still not saying which island will be his next stop. Incidentally, the logs from LU3ZY's South Sandwich operations, which closed in December, are now in Argentina, but no QSLs have been forthcoming.

Rich Chilcote, K8ZH, and buddy K8WW will activate Bermuda during the ARRL International DX Competition CW weekend Feb 20/21, on 160-10 Meters. Here at TDXB, no decision has been made as to what category to enter the Headquarters Station in.

Jim Rafferty, N6RJ, is heading South again this year for the ARRL Phone Competition, this time again to Grand Cayman and ZF2FL. Last year he worked 20 Meters single band from there.

Hy-Gain finally has published details on the new TH7DXX...some are wondering what things are coming to when a two-page advertisement for a new aerial fails to give the boom length! If one is familiar with the TH6DXX and looks closely at the illustration of the TH7DXX, one can determine that the TH7 is merely a TH6 with an additional driven element and a different matching network.

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

A22DC 21291 20E 29	KL7JEF 3504 04E 29	UI8IZ 7003 13C 23	ZL3TZ/C 3507 12E 28
A4XIJ 14244 04E 27	LU5ZI 7083 04C 24	UI8ACG 14027 03C 29	ZL2AFH/C 14220 05E 31
A4XJO 7003 13C 29	(S. Shetlands)	UK8JAA 14069 04W 27	(Campbell)
A9XDD 14240 04E 27	LU5ZI 21289 23E 26	UJ8JCQ 14202 03C 30	ZS3NU 28519 17C 31
A9XDO 28535 14C 31	LU5ZI 3693 03E 28	UM8NAN 14034 04W 26	3B8CF 3505 02E 27
CE9AH 21310 00E 25	LU5ZI 14215 04W 30	UM8MBA 7003 01E 27	3B8AS 14010 03C 29
CN8CU 7004 23E 28	LU5ZI 14212 05E 2	UM8PAC 14022 03E 27	3B8DB 14020 02E 30
CN8CY 28544 13E 29	M1V 28595 15E 31	VK6HD 3506 12E 28	3X1Z 14214 21E 29
CN8CO 3763 05E 30	OD5FB 14213 01E 29	VK6RO 7004 11E 28	3X1Z 14211 00E 30
CN8AT 28516 15C 30	OD5FT 28556 14C 31	VK9NS 3503 12E 28	4K1A 21308 00E 29
CO1HJ 3503 04E 30	OK1KSO 1852 04E 31	(Norfolk)	(Antarctica)
CT1BCM 3503 01E 29	N6MW/	VK9NS 3502 12E 29	4S7MX 7006 13C 23
CT1BCM 3504 02E 1	OX 14030 02E 27	VK9NYG 28510 13E 29	4S7EP 14210 12E 29
CT2BV 14206 01E 28	W1BIH/	(Cocos)	4S7MX 14029 13E 30
CT3AB 3799 01C 31	PJ2 1826 05E 31	VK9ZH 28502 23E 28	4U1UN 7004 01C 30
C53EK 14201 23E 31	PA0VDV/	(Willis)	5H3BH 21291 20E 29
DU1RD 28505 23E 28	PJ7 3503 03E 1	VP2MCW 1833 04E 31	5V7HL 28550 12E 28
DU9RG 28532 22E 1	PA0VDV/	VP8ANT 7012 01E 28	5W1DQ 7080 12E 30
EA8AK 1825 04E 30	PJ7 7007 00E 1	(Antarctica)	5Z4CM 28528 19E 28
EA9JZ 14048 03E 27	PY1MAG 1823 01E 31	VP8ANT 21012 01E 28	6W8AR 3781 07E 31
EP2TY 21295 15E 26	P29CF 28506 21E 31	VP8ANT 3505 03E 28	7Q7LW 28513 19C 1
F8VJ 1852 05E 31	SV1JG 3505 05E 30	VP8ANT 14011 01E 30	7X2LS 14201 21E 29
FM7WS 7078 10E 28	S79RD 21337 20E 31	VP8ANT 1825 04E 30	7X4BL 21291 20E 29
FM7CD 3519 06E 30	TR8GM 21263 20C 29	VP8ANT 3509 02E 2	7X2LS 21355 20C 30
FP0DD 1825 04E 31	TU2LE 28601 11E 29	VQ9DO 14202 15E 31	8Q7BN 14205 12E 31
GM3IGW 1828 06E 30	TU2JJ 14216 02E 30	VS6DO 3503 12C 28	9G1OC 21284 12E 31
HF0POL 14022 03C 1	TU2HJ 14213 03W 30	VY1BC 3505 03E 27	9J2EK 21291 20E 29
HK0EHM 28740 12E 29	YU2IZ 21297 02E 31	(St Paul)	9J2EK 28533 15E 29
HL9AA 14220 06E 30	TYA11 28507 14E 31	VY1BC 3506 03E 28	9J2LL 14216 21E 29
HL1CX 14033 14E 30	T2GMM 14202 06E 31	XT2AT 28635 22C 29	9J2HN 21041 22E 30
HR1RMG 3796 02C 31	T30AT 14009 05E 31	YB9ADE 3505 12E 28	9L1SL 14032 23E 30
HS1AMN 14206 19E 30	UA9YFG 3503 12E 24	YC1CBL 28531 13E 28	9L1SL 14032 00E 31
H44SH 3793 12C 30	UA0NH 3504 13C 29	YJ8VU 3505 12E 28	9M2AR 7080 11C 30
IS0OMH 7006 02E 29	UA0YAE 7001 13C 30	YJ8VU 14003 07E 29	9N1MM 14236 03E 30
IS0VMB 28592 17C 31	(Zone 23)	YJ8VU 7004 11C 29	9U5WR 14026 20E 30
JT1KAI 14027 01C 30	UA0YAD 14029 03C 30	ZD7BW 3505 02E 28	9X5PP 21291 20E 29
JT1BH 14035 13E 30	UD6DJH 3506 01E 29	ZD7BW 14225 01E 28	
J28DM 14023 23E 30	UD6CN 7029 02E 31	ZD7HH 14211 21E 29	
J6LDB 14209 12E 30	UF6FFJ 7003 01E 27	ZD8TC 7016 03E 27	
KG6RT 3502 11E 29	UF6CR 3516 01E 30	ZL3TZ/C 3507 12C 27	

W1/W2/W3: please mail reports by Monday
All others: please mail reports by Sunday

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Joeke, presently active as PA0VDV/PJ7 from St. Maarten, plans a short stop on Anguilla on his way home, Feb 13/14. He will be joined by old Curacao pal Ari, PJ2ARI. QSL VP2EL to PA0VDV and VP2EO to PJ7ARI. Ari likes phone, Joeke CW.

PA0GMM was right on schedule from Tuvalu (T2GMM) and should be active, again on schedule, as T30AT until Feb 10... see Calendar.

Martii Laine and friends also came on from Macao on schedule, opening up about 1600Z on January 29; their stay was plagued by rotten band conditions. QSL CR9BH to OH2BH except Japanese QSL to JA1BK.

DL1VU worked low-band CW almost exclusively from YJ8VU, and is expected to do so again this week as 3D2VU.

H44SH plans much 40/80 Meters on Sundays.

CALENDAR

Crozet	FB8WG on NOW; Issue 126	Thailand	HS1WR by WA4SKE Feb 22/23
Sudan	G3DYY/ST2 expected soon; I 126	Montserrat	VP2M by K9MK Feb 24-28
Angola	Still awaiting OK3TAB/D2	Cocos-K	By VK3OT Feb 24-Mar 10; I 127
W Kiribati	T30 by PA0GMM Until Feb 10	Virgin Is	K5NA/KP2 Mar 1-14
Fijis	3D2VU by DL1VU started Feb 5	Grenada	J3 by W8UVZ, WB8LDH Mar 1-10
E Carolines	KC6VY by KC5EA? Issue 128	Tristan	ZD9BV starts Mar 1; Issue 125
E Carolines	KC6DZ by N5RM Feb 13-15; I 128	Samoa	5W1DV (VK3VU) and 5W1DW (VK3DET) Mar 2-9
Riv Ggedo	XF4MDX Feb 12-15; Issue 127	Competition	ARRL DX Phone Mar 6/7
E Kiribati	T32 by PA0GMM Feb 11-16	Caymans	ZF2FL by N6RJ Mar 6/7
Antigua	V2AMK by K9s MK, DX, LA, Feb 14-24		
Hong Kong	VS6AG by WA4SKE Feb 14/15; I 128	Christmas Is	VK9X by VK3OT Mar 10-17
St Kitts	K4FW/VP2K Feb 14-27	Niue	ZK2 by VK3VU/VK3DET Mar 10-24
Wallis	FW0VU by DL1VU approx Feb 14	BVI	VP2VHV by K9BJ Mar 18-25
Singapore	9V1NR by WA4SKE Feb 17; I 128	Mozambique	WA4SKE hoping for Mar 20/21
W Malaysia	9M2AV/EE by WA4SKE Feb 19/20	Tonga	A35RF by VK3VU Mar 26-Apr 15
Anguilla	VP2E by WA8CZS inc RTTY Feb 19-Mar 5	N Yemen	G3DYY trying for Mar or Apr
Competition	ARRL DX CW Feb 20/21	Barbados	8P8EU (W1FB) and 8P6FJ (W1CKK) Apr 2-16
BVI	Tortola by K1IJU group Feb 20-Mar 4	Hong Kong	Activity days Apr 3/4
		Fiji	3D2 by VK3VU Apr 16-21
E Malaysia	9M8FW/FK by WA4SKE Feb 21	Convention	Visalia CA Apr 16-18
N Cooks	ZK1CG Frb 22-Mar 15; I 126		

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Alain, D68AM, has stated in a letter he fears amateur radio on the Comoros might be suspended; no reasons given. He still has a list operation with K0VVV alternate Tuesdays, 21285 at 1900Z; next running will be Feb 16.

CQ Magazine gearing up for nominations for their Hall of DX Fame...presentation probably scheduled for Dayton Hamvention. A certain DL7 has already been nominated, other nominations sought.

At least one person we know got a QSL for SM2DWH/C9A of about a month ago, via the SSA Bureau.

KA6AA says correct address for Radio Society of Okinawa is Box 217, Torii Station, APO San Francisco 96331.

Next regular (Monthly) TDXB QSL listings: Issue 130.

Current RUMORS: Navassa by IDXF mid-Mar; Mellish Reef by VK2BJL May 9-16; Heard Is by VK9NS and SV0BV.

Six Meters already showing signs of springtime conditions, with many parts of the U.S. working DL3ZM/YV, HP1XDS, TI2NA, TI2HL, and VP2MH, about 1600Z Feb 2.

Rumored that Dayton Hamvention will have a new coordinator for DX activities this year; TDXB is checking into it.