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PROPAGATION: Mar 1, Disturbed; Mar 2-4, Below Normal; Mar 5-8, Low Normal; Mar 9, Below Normal; Mar 10, Low/Below Normal; Mar 11, Low Normal; Mar 12, Below Normal; Mar 13, Disturbed; Mar 14, Low/Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

Pretty bad conditions, eh? The last couple of weeks weren't anything to brag about, and it showed in the ARRL International DX CW Competition the weekend of Feb 20/21. If you didn't do so well, don't blame yourself. Our hired popgun here worked single-band 15 Meters and although he managed to stay awake it got pretty slow at times. Openings to Japan were short and only a couple of the ten-watters were worked. Central Asian USSR stations were very scarce, although VS5 and VS6 popped out of the woodwork to spice things up a little. Ten Meters was even worse, with Europeans coming into the Northeast via the Africa Path (shades of 1975!). You newcomers who think you're getting a taste of a sun-spot minimum, think again. Propagation is still good compared to the era when we went five straight years without hearing a single JA on 15!

The VP2E contest operation from Anguilla managed 6375 contacts in the Competition, probably helped by the poor conditions. Some of the group is staying around for the Phone Competition next weekend, and they will continue their emphasis on 160/80/40 Meters. QSL info for their various non-contest calls is:

VP2ED via AD8J	VP2EV via K8ND
VP2EE via AA4NC	VP2ES via K8CV
VP2EAA via W0RLX	VP2EU via K8MR
VP2EX via WB8PVA	VP2ESE via WB4QBB
VP2EB via WB8DQP	VP2EDX via WA8CZS

CORRECTION: QSL XF4MDX and 6J5LM to XE10X...XE10X.

ZD8JGN is John Naumann, W9CN, and he will be on until Mar 5; QSL c/b adr.

MELLISH REEF

Harry Mead, VK2BJL, confirms that he is planning on Mellish reef for May, and expects to be accompanied by DJ9ZB and EA8AK. Mellish, 600 miles east of Cairns, consists of numerous uncharted reefs and resulting strong currents. Harry says probably the only thing which could stop them would be the weather. They hope to get there the first week of May and stay for a full week, working split frequency style on all bands. The callsign will most likely be VK9ZR, which Harry has used in the past. On the way back the group will get on from Willis Island for a few days.

Harry adds that he and others are still trying to get permission for a Kermadec operation but that the authorities are not eager to allow radio amateurs to visit Kermadec.

VK2BJL handles cards direct to him only for the following: VK9ZR, VS5ZR, IS1DX, ZM7ZR, and 5W1DI.

THE SURVEY

April is the time for our third annual Countries Needed Survey. Mellish Reef was number 28 last time, twenty-two places up from the year before. Of last year's Top Ten, the only country which has been on is Crozet (FB8WG). We are going to be very interested in seeing how far down the list Crozet drops this time around. In numbers 11-20, CE0X was on (but probably won't count), along with S9VCT Sao Tome, and Malawi was represented by 7Q7LW and will surely drop off the list completely.

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Number 12 in the 1981 Survey was the Andaman Islands, and there is talk that Baruch, 4Z4TT, will operate from there this spring. We put this in the definite RUMOR category, mainly because it is still understood that India continues to have a one-year residency requirement for amateur radio licensing.

And the People's Republic of China, Number One on the Survey hit parade year after year, looks closer with the recent announcement that the government has finally approved a resumption of ham radio there. No time is stated and the operations will be schools and clubs only. Give credit to the ARRL for donating literature and to the many U.S. and Japanese hams who have been visiting China the past few years.

Bob Read, KF10, was arrested on Feb 16; according to the clerk of the Bridgeport (Conn) Superior Court, the charge was using bad checks to pay for airline tickets and a leased automobile. The arrest was made in Newington, Conn.

Many (and I do mean many) have inquired of this editor as to who might be selected by the ARRL Board of Directors as the new headquarters General Manager. The Board will be making their decision in a few weeks. Although a half-dozen candidates are officially in the running at this time, insiders believe the choice will be either current Assistant General Manager Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, a headquarters employee, or current Board President Harry Dannals, W2HD. We believe that the ARRL General Manager is the single most influential amateur in the world, so the importance of the choice is obvious.

This editor doesn't pretend to know what might be in the directors' heads at this time, but we do have a preference, and that is for Dave Sumner, K1ZZ. Not only does K1ZZ exceed every qualification we can think of, but he has earned his chance by working his way up the staff ladder over a decade, from college-student lab technician to the Number Two spot at this time. "Promote from Within" was never more appropriate than in this case. Write your Director.

Cards for Vince Thompson's S9VCT operation last year are now coming out...his current address is PO BOX 32487, Phoenix AZ 85064. He handles his own cards for all operations, including 9Q5VT, 9U5AV, TN8VT, 7P8BZ, S79WHW (K5VT operator only) 5Z4AB, EL2FA, and 3V8VT.

FØBLZ/FC Mar 5-8, including the ARRL Competition Phone weekend, will be by Bob Borhy, I4BFY. QSL to his c/b adr.

KB6TG was hauled into Federal Court in Los Angeles last week; outcome not known but he is believed to be off the air for good. Charges were malicious interference.

ZS6XD and another S. African operator will operate from Transkei, S8, April 2-16, with two rigs and tribander, working the usual DX Split frequencies. They don't have a callsign assigned yet.

T4FRC Feb 23/24 was a Cuban operation from the highest point on the island; QSL to RC of Cuba c/b adr.

K5NA will be joined by W4JVN, K2GBH, and WA2KCL for a multi-transmitter operation from the Virgin Islands; they'll stay Mar 1 14 and work all bands.

Still no word from IDXF regarding the proposed Navassa operation mid-March.

Looks like that "ZM7VU" reported by several the week of Feb 15 was a pirate, as DL1VU is now said to be signing HW1DC. Maybe we are just stupid, but we can't figure where that is, still think maybe 5W1DC. On Feb 23, Karl said his boat leaves for Tokelau and ZM7VU on March 13, and he will stay there until April 17. He wants to activate ZK1XG on the N. Cooks but is running out of money. His operations are CW only.

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(for input of DX info only)

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Wednesdays	1300-2200	OPEN
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BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

BV2A 14036 14C 20	N2M/	UF6CR 3640 03E 19	ZS5LB 3506 04E 15
CN8CO 3797 07E 15	J6L 14025 22E 18	UK7LAJ 14011 03E 17	3B8DB 14022 03E 16
CN8CO 3793 05E 19	J73PP 3793 05E 19	UH8HCR 7003 00E 18	3B8FG 14009 03E 17
C6ABA 3502 01E 19	J88AR 3506 00E 19	UJ8AG 14027 03E 16	3B8DA 14222 03E 17
D68AM 21292 19E 16	WBØICS/	UJ8JCQ 14202 03E 17	4S7WP 14002 12E 16
(next sked Mar 2,	KH7 28590 01C 22	UM8MBA 14008 03E 17	4S7WP 14006 12E 17
1800Z, 21285)	W5VTH/	VK6HD 3501 12E 15	4S7WP 14004 12E 18
EA6DI 14015 22E 16	KH8 14225 04C 17	VK9NS 3502 12E 18	4S7MX 7002 12E 18
EA9IE 3800 07E 19	LU5ZI 14215 02C 16	VKØAN 14210 12C 16	4S7MX 3507 01E 19
EL2AK 3785 07E 19	(S. Shetlands)	(Macquarie)	4U1UN 3792 01E 16
FB8YJ 14002 12E 16	LU5ZI 14215 02E 17	VP8PO 21345 23E 16	5H3TC 21275 19E 15
(Antarctica)	LX2FT 3504 01E 19	(Falklands)	5NØATW 7086 06E 15
FR7BX 14018 04E 18	OA4AWD 3507 11E 19	VP8QE 14010 02E 18	5NØKUY 21283 22E 18
FYØFOL 7008 01E 17	OHØXX 21027 00E 15	(Falklands)	5Z4KW 14300 03C 16
HC2WBC 3505 02E 18	SV1NA/5 14022 22C 15	VP8AEF 14023 02E 18	6W8DY 7075 08E 15
HC8GI 21355 18E 16	KA2MZS/	(Falklands)	7Q7LW 21280 20C 16
HKØBKX 14021 00E 17	SV9 14071 22E 21	VQ9CW 14213 11E 16	7Q7LW 28597 19E 18
HKØFBF 3794 05E 19	TI2BEV 3800 06E 19	VU2BBJ 14210 12E 16	8Q7BN 28522 12E 18
HL9FR 14015 12E 16	TR8DX 21303 21E 18	VU2UGI 14205 12E 16	9N1MM 14222 12E 16
HP1XEK 14025 12E 15	TU2JQ 21277 22E 18	VU2AU 14204 12E 18	9Q5ZA 21292 22E 19
HS5AID 14030 12E 18	T3ØAT 7006 08W 14	VU2NP 28506 12E 18	9Y5ØVU 14004 01E 16
HS5AID 14032 02E 19	T32AB 21314 02E 15	V3WS 3793 06E 19	
HS1AMS 14210 01C 21	UA1PAM 14015 23E 15	XT2AU 3799 06E 19	
HT1JCC 7009 11E 16	(F.J.L.)	XZ9A 14225 17C 15	**W1/W2/W3: please
HV1CN 28550 14E 18	UA1PAM 14023 00E 16	YS9RVE 3794 05E 19	mail reports by Mon;
HZ1AB 14029 12E 18	UA1PAM 14045 03E 17	ZB2EO 3504 23E 17	
ISØOMH 7003 01E 15	UD6AI 14011 01E 18	ZD8JGN 21253 20C 24	All others: please
JY9KP 28727 14C 20	UF6FCN 28528 12E 18	ZP5CA 14015 00E 17	mail reports by Sun.

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Toronto	147.93/147.33	Central Tenn	147.63/147.03	Seattle	147.0/146.4
Vancouver	147.9/147.3	Memphis	147.785	Detroit	14
				Detroit	147.73/147.13
Boston	147.66/147.06	Little Rock	145.49/144.89	Kalamazoo	146.46
Hartford	147.51	Albuquerque	147.51	Cleveland	147.54
		Santa Fe	147.72/147.12	Cleveland	147.96/147.36
Long Island	147.9/147.3 PL	Okla City	146.46	Dayton	147.54
Binghamton	145.52	Austin	145.77		
No. Jersey	147.78/147.18	Dallas	146.49	Cgo NW suburbs	146.685/146.085
		Houston	145.96/145.36	Chicago (PL)	147.96/147.36
Philadelphia	147.87			Gary-Hammond	147.50
Wash D.C.	147.42	Los Angeles	145.48/144.88	Ft Wayne	147.51
Potomac Val.	147.6/147.0	Orange Co.	145.620	Kokomo	146.49
		San Fran	147.96/147.36	Green Bay	223.94/223.34
No. Alabama	147.9/147.3			Madison WI	146.11
Jacksonville	147.48	Fairbanks	147.0	Milwaukee	147.36
Orlando	147.69/147.09	Kodiak	146.94		
Miami	147.93/147.33	Phoenix	145.620	Denver	146.43
Atlanta	147.5	Phoenix	147.93/147.33	East Iowa	145.19/144.59
Atlanta	147.795/147.195	So/Cent Mont	146.61/146.01	Kansas City	146.49
Bowling Green	147.93/147.03	So. Oregon	147.51	Salina	146.49
Charlotte	145.48	Salt Lake C.	147.6	St Cloud	146.29
				St Louis	147.6
				Omaha	145.45

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CALENDAR

Crozet	FB8WG on Now; I 126, 129	Tokelau	ZM7VU by DL1VU Mar 13-Apr 17
?????	"HW1DC" on now; I 131	Maldives	8Q7AH by HB9TL Mar 14-25
Anguilla	K8ND group until Mar 5; I 131	Sable	VE1AI/1 "mid-March"
BVI	Tortola VP2s VFI, VFT, VFU, VFV until Mar 4	Navassa	IDXF tentative for Mar 15
		BVI	VP2VHV by K9BJ Mar 18-25
N. Cooks	ZK1CG Until Mar 15; I 130	Convention	ARRL Roanoke Mar 20/21; I 130
Cocos	VK9YT, YM until Mar 10; I 129, 130	Tonga	A35FR by VK3VU Mar 26-Apr 15
Virgin Is	K5NA group Mar 1-14; I 131	Contest	CQ WPX SSB Mar 27/28, full 48-hour period. RS + number
Grenada	J3AH by W8UVZ, WB8LDH Mar 1-10	N Yemen	G3DYY/4W1 trying for Mar/Apr
Tristan	ZD9BV about Mar 1; Issue 125	Barbados	8P6EF/FJ (W1FB/CKK) Apr 2-16
Samoa	5W1DV (VK3VU) + 5W1DW Mar 2-9	Hong Kong	VS6Activity Days Apr 3/4
Competition	ARRL DX Phone Mar 6/7	Fiji	3D2 by VK3VU Apr 16-21
Corsica	F0BLZ/FC by I4BFY Mar 5-8	Convention	Visalia (Fresno) Apr 16-18
Caymans	ZF2FL by N6RJ Mar 6/7	Hamvention	Dayton Apr 23-25
Caymans	ZF2FR (KJ8G) + ZF2FQ (AB8Y) Through Mar 7	Reunion	New FR0DGP starting April
Anguilla	WB2THN group Mar 4-11 I 129	Mellish	Early May, VK2BJL group; Issue 131
Christmas	VK9X1, YT, Mar 10-17; I 129	Contest	CQ WPX CW, May 29/30; full 48-hour period; RST + number
Nine	ZK2 by VK3VU, VK3DET Mar 10-24		

CONTRIBUTORS

N8BZA, KA3R, W4DFU, K2OLG, W1VV, W7YF,
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W2HAZ, WB00QV, K6IR, XE1NI, KA0E, K2PK,
W4VQ, KA1KD, K2UFM, K1XA, I4BFY, W2LZX,
VK2BJL, W6USG, KA3CHS, KB9EE, N3CQM,
N4HH, WD9NKH, K8PUJ, N8AJF, W4JVN,
W3ICM, W9SC, WA4YZF, K7EG, K2UFM, K9FN,
K1EM, KA2BZS, WD9ADB, AB8Y, K8FC, K6GNX,
W300, K8EM, N5FG.

Turkey of the Month Award goes to F6EPQ,
in the ARRL CW Competition, for signing
F6EPQ/70 when he meant F6EPQ/70. 70 is
his department (county) number in France.

A certain DL1 will be in the running
for this prestigious award if he turns out
to be a 5W1 instead of an HW1.

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