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# The DX Bulletin

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PROPAGATION: Mar 29, Disturbed; Mar 30, Disturbed, going to High Normal; Mar 31, High Normal; Apr 1, High Normal; Apr 2,3, Above Normal; Apr 4, Above Normal; Apr 5, High/Low Normal; Apr 6, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

CROZET, OK!

Out of the top 25 most needed in last year's TDXB survey, only four are presently active: 7Q7LW, 5R8AL, ZD9BV, and FB8WG Crozet. 68 percent of the 800 who submitted lists last year needed Crozet.

FB8WG, on the air since last fall, has been mostly absent from the bands for months. He made a surprise appearance on the DK20C gathering on 28741 at 1200Z on Wednesday, Mar 24, and worked those lucky to have happened to be on the channel. Georges promised to appear again the next day, and word traveled fast. Hundreds awaited him on Mar 25, and lists were made up in a very orderly fashion, with all concerned operating in an exemplary manner. Not a single person came on to ask who the list was for or to inquire "What's Georges' call?"

When Georges showed at 1300Z with a good signal, the control station immediately began running the lists, and no one called out of turn. Georges, in a better than average mood, proceeded to reel off almost 200 hundred QSOs in little more than one hour. He got every call and signal report right, with absolutely no relaying. When someone came on out of turn and said "QRP" the multitude listened in awe as the station, obviously running only three or four hundred watts, made his contact.

When Georges finally had to leave it was all right, because everyone who had wanted a Crozet contact was satisfied, and many huzzahs for the smoothness of the operation were heard. Georges promised to be back every other day until his tour of duty is completed, and further said how happy he was to be able to make so many DXers happy.

APRIL FOOL!

But of course you knew that. Here's what really happened: FB8WG did indeed show on the DK20C slot Mar 24, promised to return Mar 25, and the word got around (at the speed of light). When Georges came on the frequency at the appointed hour, lists had been made only for some Europeans and a few W1 stations; DK20C, Uli, had been busy on the telephone and did not want to make any lists until FB8WG actually showed.

Georges had a good signal and about fifteen stations were worked in Europe, many of them by the "buddy system." Then, the control station (DK20C) began having some W4 stations call FB8WG. This came as somewhat of a surprise to those who had called in to work sick and had been on the channel for 90 minutes or more, as no W4 list had yet been taken. When some of the W4s inquired as to just how all this had come about, no answer was forthcoming. As hundreds of pairs of eyes began rolling and stomachs began churning, the hoots, catcalls, and CW swishing began. Georges promptly left, and that was that. As a result of this lunacy, we may have seen the last of FB8WG.

Who's to blame for this terrible state of affairs? Is there anything that can be done to stop it?

In this particular instance, the blame can be laid a number of places. First, Georges himself has brought some of the trouble home. He is not a good operator and does not care that he is the only ham in one of the very rarest of DXCC countries. But much as some of us would like to think that he is passing up the

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amateur radio dream of a lifetime, what he does with his time on the air is his own damn business. When he pulled the plug last Thursday nobody for a second could blame him for it.

No, the blame lies with the almighty struggle for more DXCC stickers and the no-holds-barred attitude of those who seem to have forgot that amateur radio is supposed to be a hobby for civilized people. Mind you, these sickies are in the minority...a tiny handful are rotting the whole barrel.

That phone call to DK2OC we referred to earlier was from someone who asked to be put on the list (before FB8WG showed) and in addition passed a number of other calls along to Uli. No one knows how many because only the first three or four made it through before Georges threw in the towel.

That phone call should have been ignored, at best, or the call signs put at the end of the list, at worst. What is the use for those who play the game to battle it out in a pileup six layers deep to get on the list, when others are phoning in their orders? While the W4 stations who complained about this are not to be admired for moaning, hardly anyone can knock their anger. Sorry to say, had they kept their mouths shut the telephone list could have been run, and Georges would probably have stayed for a long session.

Well, that's the story. As you can imagine, this editor was in there and played the game. To tell the truth, when it was over I was sick to my stomach, partly because I wasted a couple of precious hours on Bulletin Day. Now I'm way past my deadline, and my heart just isn't in it.

I do not expect to be innundated with letters of support, but I do hope this effort has been worthwhile. I'd like to think I have expressed the feelings of most of you.

If I didn't put this story in print, who would?

## GOOD NEWS

J5HTL in Guinea Bissau by SM3RL will be on until April 5, and likes 15 M, both phone and cw.

9U5WR is active again and QSLs are now being received in quick order from SP6FER.

TN8AJ is going to be on again for a few days or weeks, and DK2OC is expecting him to show starting about Apr 1 (no foolin').

ZD9BV lists now being run mostly on 28591, with a switch to 21337 if no propagation. Andy shows signs of getting bored with spoon-feeding, and W4FRU is gently coaching him in the art of split frequency work.

J28AZ said to be aiming for Abu Ail and another J20/A operation Apr 15-21.

DL1VU active from ZM7VU but not as steady as he was from 5W1DC. CW only, until Apr 13.

New ARRL DXAC liaison is W3KT; former liaison N4MM has moved over to the CAC. DXAC said to be readying material to delete Bajo Nuevo and Serrana Bank, as the U.S. just relinquished all claims to both spots (which would remove their DXCC status). Apparently nothing happened at the Board meeting re Burma operations.

ZK1CG appears to have left N. Cooks earlier than he thought, and VK9NM/Lord Howe extended his stay (VK9NM/DJ5CQ turned out to be a top-notch operator).

Several XE operators will be using XF1 prefixes from Alcranes Island Apr 8-10, CW and Phone, QSLs to XE1UL.

KP2A/KP1 Navassa made 32,000 contacts of which about 22K were with the States; the stations were on the south side of a hill and Europeans and Japanese were very difficult to work. For comparison, the Desecheo operation last June netted some 44,000 Q's, 30K with the U.S.

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 CN2AQ 7010 03E 20  
 CN8CY 3799 06E 23  
 CN2AQ 7007 03E 24  
 SM0GMG/  
 CT3 14025 23E 22  
 CX5RV 14029 23E 15  
 KP4KK/  
 DU2 7006 12E 16  
 W3WYP/  
 DU2 21345 00E 20  
 DU9RG 14211 14C 20  
 DU9RG 14209 13C 24  
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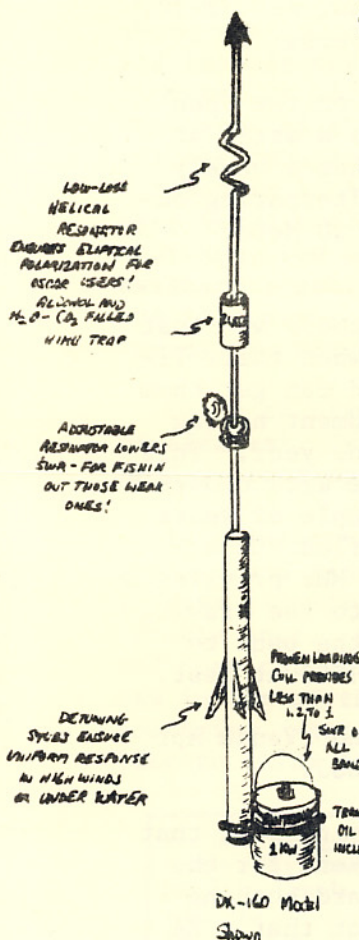
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 ZB2GR 28610 14C 21  
 ZB2CJ 21251 00C 25  
 ZD8TC 28020 19C 18  
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 ZK1CG 21345 00E 18  
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CALENDAR

Crozet Catch-as catch can; this issue  
Tokelau ZM7VU CW only until Apr 13  
Tristan ZD9BV about five days a week; I 135  
Niue ZK2BA, BB until Mar 24 by VK3VU  
and VK3DET

Guinea Bissau J5HTL until Apr 5; I 135  
Sable VE1AI still trying for mid-April  
Malagasy 5R8AL Fridays; I 133  
Chad UK6CAA Apr 12-19; Issue 135  
Cayman ZF2FX Apr 12-18; Issue 135

Trindade Rumored two months Apr/May, de-  
tails to follow  
Barbados 8P6EU/8P6FJ Apr 2-16 W1FB/CKK  
Fiji 3D2VU by VK3VU Apr 16-21  
Abu Ail Rumored Apr 15-21; Issue 135  
Convention Visalia Apr 16-18  
Hamvention Dayton Apr 23-25  
Pacific By SMØAGD Apr/May; I 132  
Mellish By VK2BJL group early May; I 131

Several Russian engineer-types are  
said to be headed for Chad and they plan  
to operate signing "UK6CAA." This will  
be Apr 12-19, and the operators are  
UD6DGX, UD6DLO, and UD6DFY, all bands  
CW and SSB. We are not sure just how  
they could be signing a USSR callsign  
from Chad.

K4UEE of VP2KAE contest fame will  
sign ZF2FX from Grand Cayman, Apr 12-18,  
with emphasis on 160-40 Meters.

VKØAN Macquarie appears on the Open  
House Net a couple of times a week, at  
about 1000Z on 14332. He has a weekly  
sked with VK9NS at 0700, alternating be-  
tween 14210 and 7090; next 20 Meter  
sked is Apr 6.

FCC has announced that those who lost  
their secondary callsigns when their li-  
censes accidentally elapsed can get them  
reinstated if they can document having  
filed a grievance within one year. This  
affected a number of people with chosen  
Extra Class callsigns a couple of years  
ago. Those people who ruffled FCC's  
feathers regarding U.S. 10 MHz privileges  
are said to be going back to the drawing  
board, but don't look for the band to  
open for U.S. until early 1983 at best.

V9ADX from S.A. "homeland" Venda Apr  
3-12 all bands cw/ssb by ZS6J.

TDXB received absolutely no word that  
1AØKM would be on last weekend for the  
CQ WPX Contest. And we heard nothing  
substantial about that rumor that a ZA  
station would be on Mar 28 at 0200 on  
14239. No, not 238, 239!

In reply to complaints of late de-  
livery of TDXB: we had a meeting with a  
high-powered Postal Service official last  
week, after writing to both our U.S. sena-  
tors. We hope things will look up. The  
Bull is never mailed later than Saturday,  
about 90 percent of the time mailed on Fri-  
day.

Madison (Wis) DX Club officers are  
Pres KC9JP, V.P. KC9LM and Sec/Treas K9QXY.

THANKS TO...

WB2THN, K3ZO, KP4EQF, K9QXY, K4UEE,  
K6IR, W6OKX, WA6CPP, K5ZMS, W7YF, KE1F,  
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W2HAZ, W9KNI, KA3R, WØBW, W1AM, KE1A,  
KD7H, K2OLG, KK5I, W6HXW, WB6FBN, N5FG,  
KA3CHS, WA1IZS, WA4QBX, K4YT, KK9G, KD7H,  
WB7VHA, W7AQB, W1YY, K6GNX, K3ND, NF4A,  
KB8KW, WD8QMS, KH6DSW, NA4J, WA7OBH,  
KM9J, W300, AG1K, W4OEL, W1WDD, KE4I,  
WA1AER, K8BM, N4NO, WD8JLM, K8CV, K4KUZ,  
XE1UL, WD5AAM, W2LZX, N8RK.

Beginning with their June issue, 73  
Magazine will have a new DX column editor:  
Mr. Charles J. Harris, WA1SQB/WB2CHO, of  
Santa Rosa, California. Mr. Harris is  
publisher of Pacific Woodworker magazine  
and has operated from the Galapagos, Mont-  
serrat, Bermuda, and Easter Island.