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PROPAGATION: Aug 8, Low Normal; Aug 9, Below Normal; Aug 10, Disturbed; Aug 11-13, Below Normal; Aug 14, Low Normal; Aug 15, Below Normal; Aug 16, Low Normal; Aug 17, High/Above Normal; Aug 18, High Normal; Aug 19, Low Normal; Aug 20, Below Normal; Aug 21, Disturbed; Aug 22, Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

W4MGN, Ed Richmond, is right on schedule with his African trip, having operated from D68AM and FH8CL the last week of July. He's been signing FRØHIF and now moves on to Mauritius (last week), then S79ARB on the Seychelles until Aug 11. Ed's final stop is back at "home base," 5Z4CZ, then home to Atlanta. All QSLs to WA4VDE.

The current Market Reef OJØMA multi-station operation may be the last one from that spot for some time. Word is a change of administration of the reef and lighthouse may make hamming from there much more difficult in coming years.

As of Aug 5, nothing heard of that oft-rumored Albania operation. But it's been nice to hope, anyhow. OH2BH's training session of two Albanian operators is scheduled for early Fall.

Karl Renz, K4YT, made about 5,000 contacts from TYA11 in ten days Jul 9-19, 80-10 Meters, almost exclusively SSB. QSLs for that period only to W2TK, Karl's "permanent" manager. Karl confirms that Rudi, TY9ER, left Benin in late 1981 and now signs DC9VM. TYA11, issued to embassy staff member Jim Bullington was the last amateur license to be issued, and apparently in the future it will be nearly impossible for others to get licensed in Benin unless they have the sort of pull Bullington did. This in spite of the fact that U.S./Benin relations have warmed some the last couple of years. TYA11 closed up shop for good July 22.

After two weeks at base in Nigeria, K4YT will be in the Camerouns, starting

just about now, but is unsure of being able to operate. He hopes to find a resident ham there. Karl mentions that someone in the U.S. embassy in the Camerouns, N4JR (a call not heard on the air) is being re-assigned to the American embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan.

In addition to OH2BNL and OH2MM mentioned last week, SMØMLL is said to have a license for Mozambique operation. He was supposed to be there Aug 2-23 and would operate CW only.

Three Polish Club Stations are on the air, by special permission: SP5ZHP, SP5PZK, and SP5KCR. These are merely token operations and seem to indicate no move toward allowing all SPs back on the air, or even returning their equipment. SP5ZHP is a "Scouting" club station, SP5PZK is the WIAW of Poland, and SP5KCR is Civil Defense. You will probably find them on 20 CW.

Eric Sjolund, SMØAGD, is encamped on Nauru and operating furiously from club station C21NI. He's looking at T3Ø Gilbert Island (W. Kiribati) and a stint there anytime, plus still talking about KH1 in October. Eric obviously knows that is the one spot in the area needed by many.

JA1DNG/YI is joined by JA2SKN/YI, both of whom will be stationed in Iraq for about six months. They are both radio technicians and are sharing a rig. JA2SKN will work SSB only, and has been active on 21250 at 1600Z. His QSLs go to JA2TPS.

LATE WORD says look for KH6JEB/KH7 Kure Island, for two weeks starting Aug 9. No details available.

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# DICK SPENCELEY, KV4AA

KV4AA died of a heart attack on July 30, 1982, at the age of 77.

Dick had lived on the Virgin Islands for over fifty-five years, hamming as K4AAN from 1927 until 1941, then as KV4AA. A member of FOC (First Class CW Operator's Club) and other organizations, Dick was elected as the fourth member of CQ's Hall of Fame in 1969.

Dick created the CQ Magazine Prefix program while DX editor of CQ (1951-59) and he was one of the founders of the YASME Foundation in the 1950s. He was YASME president 1959-65, and was instrumental in starting Danny Weill, VP2VB, on his now famous DXpeditions.

Dick's last project was to get amateur radio in the Guinness Book of Records. They are now considering his claim of 195,000 contacts in a six year period (1976-81). That would be a fitting tribute to one of the most famous DXers of all time.

If you worked CS5SRL the first week of Aug, that was a Scout Camp in Portugal. QSL manager is Carlos Moreira, PO Box 2763, 1119 Lisboa Codex Portugal.

Geoff Watts, long-time editor of the RSGB DX News Sheet, has stepped down due to family illness. Geoff's paper is one of the longest-running, if not the longest, in the field. RSGB is looking for a new editor at this time.

FEEDBACK: Correct zip code for Garth Hamilton, VE3EUP, QSL manager for the recent St. Paul Island operation, is LØS 1EØ (correction from Issue 148). The African Safari Net (Issue 151) meets on 21292 at 1830, Mon-Fri. KC4ST reports that passports for his children (Issue 151) took only nine days (apparently the long waits have been at the big-city offices).

We have a hot tip on a fast route to an LU3ZY S. Sandwich QSL card. We are trying it here before passing along to you...stand by! MP4BEU from 1964 can be had by sending to the MP4BBW address in the Callbook. FB8WG cards take varying amounts of time, depending on how close your contact was to the time of the "next boat out." YI1BGD cards seem to depend on who's invading whom in that part of the world. The address is still PO BOX 5864, Baghdad.

K4ISV is looking for assistance on WA6ZZD/KP6 in April, 1967, and XV5DA March 75 (not W7PHO). And K9RX needs a direction for a 1974 5U7AZ contact.

New Officers of the Northern California DX Club are W6DU Pres, W6VG V Pres, K6RK Treas, and WB6ZUC, Sec'y.

Two very old-time conventions and one new upstart fall in the Fall: the annual W9DXCC is Sep 11 at the Holiday Inn in Glen Ellyn Illinois, the DXPO 82 is at the Marriott in Gaithersburg MD Oct 16 and 17, and the Houston '82 Convention is Oct 2/3. Mark your calendar and we'll have more details shortly.

ARRL's National Convention at Cedar Rapids hosted about 3500 a couple weeks ago, and more details on the happenings will appear next week.

When you're at those conventions, please take some photos and send them along to TDXB...starting the first of October we will be able to print *high quality* pictures in these pages, and it would be nice to start out with a good backlog.

## EDITORIAL

Have you given much thought to FCC's determination to institute a code-free license and the implications of that? We at TDXB think the idea is OK, just so they have distinctive callsigns, operate on their own bands and that they aren't called "hams."

This editor figures he never would have made 5-Band DXCC without using CW, and at least a couple dozen of our overall DXCC countries have been worked on CW only... a good example was the famous Okino Torishima operation in the mid-70s, when conditions to the East Coast were so bad the



CALL	FREQ	TIME	DATE	YB9VA	14.221	12E	29	MORE BANDPASS
ON6BC/ST4	14.214	01E	26	HK0BKX	14.022	13E	29	
SW1EL	14.213	11E	26	VQ9CI	21.295	16E	29	A71AD 21316 19E 31
FK0AB	14.232	11E	26	9J2DR	21.290	18E	29	C21NI 7005 12E 3
VQ9CI	14.210	11E	26	EL9B	21.276	18E	29	EA9KN 14220 02E 31
VK9YA	14.210	11E	26	5H3BH	21.292	18E	29	EL9A 21290 19C 30
VU2GI	14.220	11E	26	PJ3JHH	21.314	18E	29	FO8IR 28029 23E 30
YB3DC	14.208	12E	26	CN8CY	21.280	18E	29	FO8BI 14024 08E 3
YB8AEG	14.208	12E	26	CP6EL	21.280	18E	29	FRØFLO 14223 11E 29
VS5HG	14.208	12E	26	5B4IJ	21.252	19E	29	FRØHIF 14194 04E 2
ZS2EE	14.235	13E	26	5Z4BM	21.252	19E	29	HC8GI 14222 04E 2
D68AM	21.275	17E	26	5Z4CX	21.312	19E	29	JW5VAA 14018 02E 30
4X4MS/5N9	21.296	17E	26	PZ5AA	21.257	19E	29	JY9ZH 14249 04C 30
YB3DD	14.253	10E	27	ZD7HH	21.286	19E	29	J28AZ 14227 05C 30
5Z4CM	14.332	10E	27	EL9B	21.293	19E	29	AH3AH 14310 04C 30
FROFLO	14.218	10E	27	KV4AD	21.250	19E	29	KG6RT 7003 11E 31
AH2AN	14.332	10E	27	TU2JL	21.280	19E	29	KG6RT 7004 11W 31
VJ8DB	14.332	10E	27	UK2BAS	21.288	20E	29	KX6OR 14310 04C 30
HH2VP	14.028	10E	27	HK0FBF	21.345	00E	30	OD5LX 14026 02E 29
VQ9CI	14.210	11E	27	4U1ITU	14.208	03E	30	TR8IG 21030 23E 30
VK9NL	14.004	11E	27	HZ1AB	14.225	03E	30	TU2IJ 21272 18C 30
2B99				J2BAZ	14.227	03E	30	T32AB 21290 20E 1
FH8CL	21.287	17E	27	4X4EL	14.261	03E	30	VK9ND 14216 11E 29
5H3BH	21.292	18E	27	C53EK	14.265	03E	30	VQ9CI 14297 12C 31
7X2LS	21.292	18E	27	QX3AE	14.297	03E	30	VS5TX 14204 15W 27
9X5FP	21.292	18E	27	UK2GAB	14.202	04E	30	ZB2EO 7021 00E 1
EL9B	21.305	19E	27	TL8GE	14.207	04E	30	ZD7AL 21290 18C 30
5Z4CX	21.308	19E	27	JY9RC	14.233	04E	30	ZK1CG 21345 00E 2
5Z4CM	21.292	19E	27	4S7EA	14.213	11E	30	3D6AK 21031 17E 31
PJ2WG	28.529	21E	27	VQ9CI	14.210	11E	30	5H3BH 21291 19C 30
TL8ER	21.024	21E	27	VPSBAM	14.283	11E	30	5H3DM 21316 20E 30
VR6TC	21.351	00E	28	YB9VA	14.230	12E	30	5H3BH 14250 18E 1
FO8WG	21.333	01E	28	VK9ZA	14.233	13E	30	5Z4CX 21275 20C 30
VU2GI	14.201	02E	28	YB0BQR/8	14.203	13E	30	5Z4US 21320 21E 30
J88AQ	14.204	02E	28	EL2AM	21.298	18E	30	9J2TJ 21301 18E 31
E8BAAU	14.207	02E	28	TU2IJ	21.272	18E	30	9M2BB 14210 14W 28
UK7PAL	14.220	02E	28	ZD7AL	21.291	18E	30	
A35JL	14.250	05E	28	5H3BH	21.292	19E	30	
KX6OA	14.332	06E	28	TU2JL	21.293	19E	30	
4U1ITU	14.219	07E	28	ZD7TW	21.278	19E	30	
7X2LS	14.219	07E	28	6WBJX	21.294	19E	30	
ZF1AE	14.219	07E	28	VQ9CI	14.209	11E	31	
VR6TC	14.178	07E	28	FY7CG	14.030	11E	31	
FK0AF	14.033	08E	28	3D2DX	14.026	11E	31	
H44WB	14.195	08E	28	FK8BU	14.040	12E	31	
FH8CL	14.216	11E	28	VU2AU	14.202	12E	31	
KA3BUJ/BR1	7.001	08E	29	VU2GI	14.220	12E	31	
FO8DF	7.013	09E	29	5W1DQ	14.242	12E	31	
9M8PW	14.332	10E	29	ZS6AEZ	14.258	12E	31	
C21NI	14.332	10E	29	J88AQ	21.301	17E	31	
VS6CT	14.332	10E	29	VQ9CI	21.300	17E	31	
VK9XW	14.332	10E	29	5Z4US	21.297	18E	31	
H44KR	14.332	10E	29	5V7HL	21.301	18E	31	
5Z4CM	14.332	10E	29	4Z4UR	21.280	19E	31	
3D2DB	14.332	11E	29	J28DM	21.302	19E	31	
FH8CL	14.209	12E	29	BP6KX	14.202	01E	01	
FROFLO	14.224	12E	29	PJ8UQ	14.296	02E	01	
VK9ND	14.216	12E	29	A71AD	21.291	18E	01	
				9K2TJ	21.267	18E	01	

Please mail reports to reach Vernon by Wednesday.

Phone reports to 203-871-7699 until Wednesday morning.

only way to work 7J1RL was on 20 Meter CW, even that was very marginal. One of this year's Annual Survey sheets was from someone who had about 300 countries but was missing CT3. We immediately thought of OH2BH's performance last November in the CQ Contest (as CT3BZ), which was CW. On the flip side of the sheet was the answer...operating percentage indicated was 100 percent 'phone.

But at least that ham had the opportunity to try CW and decide he just didn't like it. The no-coders will never know. We've found 2-Meter DX openings have almost no CW activity, everyone struggling to work on SSB. And we called a Belgian station on a satellite recently (on CW) at about 5 wpm. He said "no contact, SSB only." Sigh.

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# CALENDAR

Camerouns By K4YT NOW; Issue 153  
 Crozet FB8WG weekends; I 152  
 Market Reef OJØMA Now to Aug 12; I 150  
 W Kiribati T3Ø by SMØAGD soon; I 153  
 Iraq JA1DNG, JA2SKN active; I 152, 153  
  
 Kure KH6JEB/KH7 Aug 9-22; I 153  
 Seychelles S79ARB by W4MGN Aug 8-11  
 W Carolines (KC6 Belau) by AD1S/N5DLM Aug 8-11  
 Kenya 5Z4CZ by W4MGN Aug 12-14  
 Sardinia DJ2AA + DK9CG/ISØ Aug 12-20  
  
 Tromelin FR7CG/T rumored for anytime now  
 Marianas AHØ by AD1S/N5DLM Aug 11-14  
 Marshalls KX6OS by AD1S/N5DLM Aug 14-16  
 Contest WAE CW Aug 14-15  
 E Malaysia 9M8 by VK9NL/NS Aug 15-Sep 6  
  
 DEADLINE Aug 15 for comments to FCC on Docket  
 82-83 (phone band expansion)  
 Leichtenstain DL7NS/HBØ Aug 18-Sep 10  
 Corsica FCØFRV (DJ2AA) and FCØFRZ (DK9CG)  
 Aug 20-Sep 9  
  
 Eq. Guinea 3C1JA by TR8OIT Aug 25-30; I 152  
 Contest All Asia CW Aug 28/29  
 Mozambique OH2MM/C9 end of Aug; I 152/153  
 W9DXCC Convention Chicago Sep 11  
 Convention Houston Oct 2/3  
  
 DXPO '82, Maryland, Oct 16/17

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 KM9J, K4YT, W8UVZ, WØBW, W1BL, KØCVD,  
 K6IR, W1VV, WØUQD, K4BAI, N4VZ, W7YF,  
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