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U.S. AMATEURS TO HAVE 10 MHZ BAND

TDXB Issue 155 published a letter from U.S. Senators Goldwater and Schmitt, requesting FCC make special arrangements for U.S. amateurs to use the 10 MHz band before the Senate ratifies the 1979 WARC Treaty. Here is FCC Chairman Mark Fowler's reply:

"This refers to your letter of August 3, 1982, jointly signed by Senator(s) Goldwater and Schmitt. I appreciate the information concerning the Treaty ratification process and your suggestion about immediate action. We have not taken action on the ARRL application for review regarding authorization of the 30 meter band (10.1-10.15 MHz) for the amateur radio service because we were assuming prompt ratification of the Final Acts of the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference, and we did not intend to initiate the implementation process until after ratification of the Treaty.

"In light of your information that the ratification may be delayed and consistent with your view that immediate interim access to the 30 meter band by United States amateurs would be appropriate, I have instructed the staff to revise our approach. Accordingly, in early fall, I anticipate Commission consideration of two related matters. The first will be a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing the implementation of the Final Acts. The second matter will be whether the Commission should authorize early temporary access to the 30 meter band by amateurs, under Section 115 of the Radio Regulations as you suggest. If the Commission were to act affirmatively on both matters, ARRL's concerns would be satisfied.

"I appreciate your apprising me of your interest in this matter and I fully support early access by United States amateurs to the 30 meter band. The Commission is anxious to begin the implementation of the Final Acts and I look forward to ratification of the Treaty at the earliest possible date."

/s/ Mark S. Fowler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission

On a related matter, CQ Magazine has clarified its rules for upcoming contests... no contacts on any of the WARC bands (10, 18, and 24 MHz) will count for points.

Ville Hillesmaa, OH2MM, has postponed his visit to Mozambique indefinitely, due to political troubles in that country. Although a number of Scandinavians are in Mozambique working, Ville's trip was to be strictly amateur radio. As the DXCC status of any operations is in doubt, Ville wisely is waiting for Newington "approval" before going.

The group Ville was to have joined is in the northern part of Mozambique, exploring for charcoal. After "guerillas" blew up a railway line and generally made trouble, the group broke camp and moved into tents 60 miles north of the original location. One member of the group is OH2BNL/C9, who has received a new callsign...OH3EB. He operates sporadically, and often uses commercial wireless links to talk to friends at home in Finland. His radio license is "general," for "needed radio activity," both within Mozambique and for communication outside the country. SM0MLL/C9 has the same type of license, which Ville and others feel is valid for amateur radio.

HEARD ISLAND

VK6XI's latest update in Australia's Amateur Radio magazine (September issue) discloses some of the logistical problems with a Heard Island expedition: since it is impossible to fly there and powered boats are too expensive, they are taking a "maxi" yacht, the "Anaconda II." Food for sixteen team members for twelve weeks will weigh about two tons, and a very large quantity of diesel fuel for the generators will have to be carried in small drums.

Radio equipment also presents unique problems. Gale-force winds mean antennas will have to be extremely heavy-duty. The

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(Heard Island) Australians have been testing various kinds of coax and other cables, to find the ones which lose the least flex at low temperatures. As for the radios themselves, they will have to be protected from the bitter cold and moisture by covering them with electric blankets. To ensure that you will get in the VKØHI log-book, special pens and paper have been selected to withstand the elements.

Major fund pledges by IDXF and NCDXF (\$10,000 each) have been supplemented by another few thousand from individuals and from the Wireless Institute of Australia. More money is still needed.

Finally, a special request has been made for a remote VFO for a Collins KWM-2. This would be loaned and returned after April, 1983. If you can help, write immediately to Dave Shaw, VK3DHF, 9 Milton Street, Heathmont Vict. Australia 3135. VK3DHF, incidentally, is going to Heard.

YAlBM was being worked last week (8/28) by a number of Europeans and Japanese. On 21255 at 2000Z he gave his name as "Ahmed," and address as Box 377, Kabul. Later, he appeared on 14235 and was working "split," by call areas. The Russians are losing ground to Afghan guerillas, according to England's The Economist, and much of the action has been around Kabul. Two weeks ago the biggest military engagement of the war occurred near the capital city, which the Russians are trying to control; they have given up trying to control the countryside. If anyone has a QSL from YAlBM from the good old days, please let us know!

If you feel like getting even with the "Woodpecker," Worldradio has this to offer:

"The following message sent in CW on the frequencies that Russian intruders are using will often get them to shift out of the band:"

UITA OEASTOTA OEASTX MEVDUNARODNOJ
LIMBITELSXKOJ POLOSJ OEASTOT
POVALLUJSTA QSY TOTOEASVE.

Run OE, UI, and IM together to form the correct Cyrillic characters. The message says simply that the frequency is part of an international amateur radio band, and requests an immediate QSY.

The DXCC HONOR ROLL CW is still led by Bob Locher, W9KNI, whose total is now 309 current countries; bottom is 298 with two gaps. Upcoming deletions of Bajo Nuevo, Serrana Bank, and the S/A Neutral Zone are not expected to have much effect on any of the three DXCC Honor Rolls.

ZLlAMO leaves any moment (by ship) for the Fijis (3D2RW) followed by Pitcairn and VR6RW. The latter will be the first 2-way

CW action from Pitcairn in some time.

Fernando, EA8AK, is reportedly in hospital, scrubbing any ZA action on his part for the time being.

ARRL's DXCC Desk is now running only four weeks in turnaround time. The Honor Roll will appear in October QST and the Annual Listing in either December or January. The deadline for endorsements to make the Annual listing is September 30. Incidentally, the only Iraq QSL cards (of recent vintage) now being accepted are Y11BGD and Y14SC. None of the Japanese operations nor the 1981 Y11AS operation are being credited.

A word from the Swedish Desk about SMØAGD: Eric will leave FWØAG Wallis for SMØAGD/KH8 Amer. Samoa, then ZM7AG, 5W1EC, followed by T31 and KH1 in October. After that, Eric is talking about T32, Kingman Reef KH5K, and is also in touch with the owner of Palmyra KH5 for a possible run there late in Oct.

European reports are also indicating there should be some radio amateurs in the French crews being assigned to FB8X and FB8Z in Oct.

WA2BGE, W6DQH, and WA6GUA sail mid-October for the Fijis, Vanatu and New Caledonia... WB3GPR (ZF2DZ) and WA3UFI (ZF2CZ) fire up from Grand Cayman Sep 17-26; QSL ZF2CZ to WA3UFI, ZF2DZ to N3BKZ, 1010 Peermont Ave, Pittsburg, PA 15216.

Fred Lucas, K1EFI, returns to Bermuda Sep 23-Oct 4 to operate 10-40 Meters. Fred Laun, K3ZO, with the U.S. government in Bogota, is now HK3NBB. KA3BUJ/8R1 is just now finished with his summer tour in Guyana, and QSLs will start coming out (from N7YL) at the end of September. KP2A/KP1 Navassa QSLs from IDXF are now going into the mails at 200-500 daily, and the crew expects to have all answered in about two weeks.

IDXF needs volunteer workers in a number of areas, and they also seek gear and miscellaneous items. We'll try to find room for the complete list of needs next time, or you can get a copy from them at PO BOX 117, Manahawkin NJ 08050.

Someone pointed out to us that the weekend of Sept 11 has four operating events scheduled: the W9DXCC Convention, the Worked All Europe Phone contest, the September VHF QSO Party, and the North American Sprint Contest (sponsored by the National Contest Journal, K7GM Ed). They were right on three of the four (Sprint is later in the month) and the G-QRP activity is the weekend of the 11th.

Please remember to send in your info on contest weekend expeditions for this fall and winter. We should have a list for the CQ Phone weekend ready for next week. Look for some surprises!

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

A22GTF 14230 13C 27	J73PD 14212 00E 25	YB2ACR 14226 13E 26
(Gaborone Trade Fair)	KC6IN 14202 13C 23	YB3DC 14208 13C 28
A71AD 21307 17C 22	(E. Carolines)	ZB2EO 14045 22E 25
A71AD 21296 16C 27	KC6IN 14214 12E 26	ZB2FK 21327 18E 26
CE0ZAD 21300 19E 26	KG6RT 14035 10W 27	ZK1CG 28520 00C 23
CE0ERY 14216 03E 27	KX6OA 14310 04C 25	ZK1CG 14235 07E 26
(Easter Is)	KB7IJ/	ZK2BGD 14005 06W 24
CN8CY 14236 18E 24	KH2 14202 13C 23	ZL4PO/C 14265 06C 24
CN8CY 14011 23E 27	W5VTH/	(Chatham)
CR9BK 21029 12E 28	KH8 21345 01C 23	ZS3E 14248 06C 24
CR9M 14044 11E 29	WD0EUP/	ZS3GB 21288 19E 26
OH2SX/	KH0 7179 11C 26	ZS3TL 21022 16E 27
CT3 14026 01E 25	KH0AC 14206 12E 27	Z21GL 14025 12E 22
CT3OF 21303 15E 26	LX1AU 14028 23E 22	Z21GI 21308 18E 27
CX9AA 21264 20E 26	DF6PP/	3A2TA 14012 17E 24
C21NI 21054 02E 29	LX 14216 22C 26	3B8FK 14013 12E 24
N0ZO/	M1C 21027 14E 22	3B8FG 14011 03E 25
DU2 7002 10E 23	M1C 21035 19E 24	3B8DB 14218 11E 25
K4COG/	M1C 21293 14E 26	3B8DB 14026 11E 26
DU2 14043 12E 24	EL2A/	3B8DB 14219 12C 26
W0AFR/	OD5 21335 20E 26	3B8FL 14219 03C 26
DU3 14219 11C 25	OD5BP 21276 17E 26	4U1ITU 21293 16E 27
D44BC 14220 02C 24	OD5FB 14211 02E 26	WALLUH/
EA6HI 14215 23C 26	OD5FB 14207 03C 27	4X 21269 20E 26
EA8AJU 14223 00E 24	OY2J 14030 01E 24	5B4LY 14023 02E 24
EA8BF 21021 18E 26	OY5J 14224 15C 25	5B4LY 14035 01E 25
EA8ABR 21031 19E 26	JALWUL/	5H3BH 21280 19E 22
EA9KN 7012 00E 24	PZ1 21031 19E 22	5H3FN 14019 01E 26
EA9KQ 14023 00E 24	SU1BA 21313 18C 26	5H3DM 21300 21E 27
EA9KN 21011 21E 26	SV1NH 14031 02E 22	5N6SKD 21290 21E 26
EL2AP 21290 15E 24	S79MC 21306 17E 28	PA0AAX/
FB8WG 14332 13C 25	TF3SV 14220 07E 28	5N0 21290 20E 26
FB8WG 14332 13C 26	TL8ER 14012 05E 29	5W1DQ 21295 21E 26
FC8TT 21028 19E 28	TU2HJ 21214 02C 23	5W5DQ 14219 11C 27
FK8CR 7085 11E 22	F6FIC/	5W1EJ 14219 08E 28
FK0AF 14006 05C 27	TZ 14275 17C 22	6W8DS 14298 19C 25
FM7BJ 14029 10C 24	F6FIC/	7X2LS 21300 18E 26
FM7WO 14026 22E 25	TZ 21275 18E 22	7X4BL 21262 19E 28
FO8BI 14016 06W 24	T32AF 14012 06W 23	8Q7AZ 14208 23E 24
FO8HG 21345 23E 27	UA2AG 14009 14E 22	8Q7AZ 14209 00E 25
FP8AA 14026 12C 31	UA2CM 14024 21E 26	9R1J 21024 13E 22
FR0FLO 14210 13C 22	UD6DJH 7003 01E 28	KA3BUJ/
FR0FLO 14226 12C 24	UL7BAW 14023 00E 27	8R1 21024 02E 22
FR7BP 14034 14W 24	UL7MG 14007 15W 27	8R1J 21026 01C 23
FR7BP 14025 13E 28	UH8EAA 7006 00E 28	9H1EU 21303 20E 26
FR7BP 14025 12C 29	UJ8JAF 21026 13E 22	9H4B 14249 06E 28
FR7BP 14024 04E 29	UM8MDX 14043 02E 28	9J2JN 21355 16C 24
FW0AG 7003 12E 26	UA9YEW/	9J2BO 14024 14E 24
FW0AG 14024 11E 27	U9Z 14015 23E 23	9J2BO 21027 18C 25
FW0AG 3504 11E 27	VELAWS 14025 19E 29	9J2BO 14224 13C 27
FY0BE 21019 21E 22	(Sable Is.)	9L1MS 21290 19E 26
FY7AQ 14223 11C 25	VELAWS 14025 12C 31	9M2HB 14224 16C 24
GD3MBC 21294 18C 27	VK2AGT 14221 12C 24	9M6BE 21044 01C 22
GU4EON 21398 21C 22	(Lord Howe)	9M8JS 14026 10E 25
DL7NS/	VK2AGT 14220 07E 28	9M6VW 14208 13C 28
HB0 14027 02E 26	VK2AGT 14247 06E 29	9V1VP 14025 13E 24
KA2GSG/	VP5PIX 21306 18C 24	9V1VB 14008 14W 26
HC8 14202 01E 26	VQ9GD 14031 11E 26	9X5KE 21362 19C 26
KA2GSG/	VQ9CI 14209 12E 31	
HC8 14220 00E 27	VS5MS 14225 15E 24	
HH2JR 14245 00E 25	VS5HG 14206 13C 25	
HL9FR 14023 13E 24	VS5MS 14211 15C 26	
HL9AZ 14223 13C 27	VW5MK 14214 16C 26	
HZ1AB 14206 03C 26	VS5HG 14208 12E 1	
H44WB 14230 10E 23	VS6CT 14210 14W 23	
JW5VAA 21018 14E 28	V2AU 14024 10C 24	
JY9RC 14210 13E 26	V2AK 21290 18E 27	
J28DN 21270 20E 27	VU9GI 14013 01E 27	
J28DN 14205 03E 27	VU9RQ 14014 00E 27	
J73D 7010 10E 23	XT2AW 21010 22E 27	
	YB0JH 14204 16C 22	

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until Wednesday morning.

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It is getting hard to choose a winner, and in August at least five or six readers could have won. Best bets are to send gobs of good BANDPASS, a first-hand story, or phone in a last-minute hot tip.

Winner for August is Dave Siddall, K3ZJ, President of the Capitol Hill Amateur Radio Society.

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

Mozambique OH2MM/C9 postponed; Issue 157
 Sable VE1AWS now to mid-Sept; 20 CW
 Crozet FB8WG weekends; I 152
 Mali F6FIC/TZ NOW, 15/20 SSB
 ZLIAMO At 3D2RW NOW, then VR6RW; I 157
 SMØAGD Still at FWØAG, followed by 5W1,
 KH8, ZM7; Issue 157
 Iraq JAs still /YI but don't count
 for DXCC; I 157
 10 MHz Coming to the U.S. soon! I 157

Afghanistan YI1BM reported I 157
 Leichtenstein DL7NS/HBØ until Sept 10
 Corsica FCØFRV and FCØFRZ until Sep 9
 PYØ P/P Rocks still rumored; I 155
 Mayotte FHØFLO until Sep 10 by FRØFLO

Eq Guinea 3C1JA Sep 7-14; I 152, 155
 W9DXCC Convention Sep 11; I 156
 Wontest WAE Phone Sep 11/12
 Caymans ZF2DZ, ZF2CZ Sep 17-26; I 157
 Bermuda K1EFI/VP9 Sep 23-Oct 4

Chad TT8 by TL8GE rumored end of Sep
 Jersey GJ3GJ by G3GWT Sep 20, two weeks
 Pacific Fijis, New Caledonia by W6DQH,
 WA2BGE, WA6GUA mid-Oct
 Kenya 5Z4 becomes 5Y4 in Oct

Convention Houston, Oct 2/3; I 156
 Congo TN8AJ (on NOW) rumored again Oct
 DXPO 82 Maryland, Oct 16/17; details next
 issue
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IDXF (N200), K3ZO, K1EFI, KM9J,
 WB3GPR, KB4RV, N2CAP, NN4R, KØCVD,
 KP4EQF, W8UVZ, KA3R, WD5AAM, W4VQ,
 AB8K, N4VZ, WØUQD, WØBW, HP1AC,
 XE1NI, W7YF, K4BAI, KA1KD, KD7H,
 WIHJF, KA1DOS, WB6RSE, I2MQP, VK3AH,
 OH2MM, N4MM, K3ZJ, WD8QVD, JA1VDJ.

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