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PROPAGATION: Nov 1, High Normal; Nov 2, Low Normal; Nov 3, Below Normal; Nov 4, Low Normal; Nov 5, High/Low Normal; Nov 6-8, High Normal; Nov 9, Low Normal; Nov 10, Low/Below Normal; Nov 11, High Normal; Nov 12-14, Low Normal; Nov 15, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

HEARD ISLAND

We are sure poor Captain Heard never dreamed, when he sighted the island in 1853, that some day it would be a "country," at least to radio hams. Then again, Captain Heard hadn't heard of radio, either. Three out of every four of you have never worked Heard Island, and you are the world's top DXers. It would be fair to say that the expedition(s) coming in early 1983 will be the DX event of the year, if not of the decade.

The first contacts from Heard were made by Alan Drury, VK3ACD, in 1947; he returned as a member of the Australian National Antarctica Research Expedition the two following years. The next operation, which produced only a few contacts, was by Bob Allison, VK1RA, in 1963. In 1966, Don Miller, W9WNV, signed VK2ADY/VKØ, and Don pretty much cleaned up the demand at that time. Hugh Milburn, WA6EAM (who signed VKØHM) and Bill Rohrer, W7ZFY (VKØWR) finished the job Miller had started, in 1969. Except for the ill-fated VKØRM operation in early 1980, which produced only a couple dozen contacts, there has been no amateur radio activity from Heard for thirteen years.

Jim Smith, VK9NS (then P29JS) was involved in the 1980 VKØRM operation, mainly assisting in trying to get the TS-120S working again, by "remote control." Smith, sensing the demand, began at that time planning a future operation. He aimed for the weather window in early 1982 but transportation fell through. By that time, Smith's Heard Island DX Association was organized and he was soliciting funds for an expedition. Smith laid much of the groundwork for any future operation by contacting government authorities in Australia, and as of the first of October of this year, he had received licenses, landing permission, and had contracted for a ship, the "Cheyness II," a former whaling ship.

Smith's proposal is to depart Hobart, Tasmania, the first week of January, 1983,

with an 18-person crew (including six hams), and land on Heard for a two-week stay. His estimate of cost is \$150,000, part of which would be provided by the ten non-amateurs going with the expedition to do scientific research. Latest correspondence from VK9NS indicates he has every intention of pulling off his expedition.

The Heard Island DX Association will accept monetary donations in any amount; each contributor will receive an acknowledgement, but, as the ship has already been contracted for, refunds will not be possible if the operation does not take place. HIDXA is at PO BOX 90, Norfolk Island, South Pacific 2899.

As you know, the Wireless Institute of Australia is also planning an amateur radio operation from Heard Island, also for January, 1983. They are dovetailing with an international mountaineering expedition, and three amateurs would join eight mountaineers. The WIA has also estimated total trip costs at \$150,000, of which about \$37,000 would be provided by the amateur community. The International DX Foundation and the Northern California DX Foundation have each already supplied their pledges of \$10,000 each, adding to a substantial sum put up by the WIA.

The WIA also has the necessary paperwork completed and has chartered (along with the mountaineers) the "Anaconda II." They will leave Perth Australia and travel to Heard by the "Northern route," passing by both Kerguelen Island (FB8X) and Amsterdam Island (FB8Z). There will be brief amateur radio activity from both these spots, which were, incidentally, numbers 49 and 44 on last year's TDXB Countries Needed Survey.

Amateurs chosen for the WIA operation are Dave, VK3DHF, Alan Fischer, K8CW, and Dr. Charles Brady, N4BQW. VK3DHF is not a particularly experienced radio operator but he has considerable Antarctic credentials. K8CW (formerly W8BDO and W5ODJ) is an experienced contest and DXpedition operator. N4BQW, an Extra Class ham, is a medical doctor. He (along with Fischer, an engineer, and VK3DHF, a meteorologist) add more than just radio skills to the overall expedition makeup.

TDXB has waited for one of these two groups to fall by the wayside before making a "final report." Neither has done so,

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the "weather window" is now only two months away, and the time has come to "fish or cut bait." Deciding whether or not to make a recommendation in this matter has been this editor's most difficult decision in three years of publishing.

The obvious goal is to be able to work Heard Island. TDXB has absolutely no financial interest in either operation discussed. Both groups have good "track records," and both are obviously sincere and well-meaning. But the simple fact is that if donations continue to be divided between two distinct expeditions, both may fall short of their financial goals. Correspondence we have seen indicates there is little chance of any merger of the two groups.

TDXB, therefore, recommends you make your contributions to the expedition of the Wireless Institute of Australia/IDXF/NCDXF. The deciding factor is this: both IDXF and the NCDXF ask that you make your contribution in the form of a membership in their foundation. This means that your contribution will further more than just the Heard expedition. It is reasonable to assume that if, for any reason, the expedition should fall through, some of your contribution would still be available for other purposes.

If you want Heard Island to come on the air (it could be the last time for a long, long time) send a minimum of \$25 for an associate membership to either/or:

International DX Foundation
PO BOX 117
Manahawkin NJ 08050

Northern California DX Foundation
c/o John Troster, W6ISQ
82 Belbrook Way
Atherton CA 94025

If you send more than the minimum, your membership will be extended an appropriate amount. Please do it now, as time is growing short. Clubs and organizations are asked to send their contributions (\$30 Aus or more) to Heard Island Expedition, The Residence, Spectacle Island, Sydney 2000 Australia.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Date	Flux (82)	Alpha (82)	K (82)
202	267	10/20	149	18	1
206	240	10/21	163	8	2
209	221	10/22	170	8	2
198	210	10/23	182	8	2
195	203	10/24	193	8	1
189	188	10/25	202	21	3

Want to be a "contributor of the month" and win a free year of TDXB? Send a report with photos of the W9DXCC, DXPO, or NEDXCC dinner.

Westlink Report says there's a good chance amateur radio will be aboard the Oct, 1983 US Space Shuttle. Dr. Owen Garriott, W5LFL, will be aboard and plans are in the works for him to take a 2-Meter rig along.

Correct address for F6BUM, manager for recently active 5T5TO, is Jacques Mainguy, Brouquet, Buzet sur Baise, F-47160, Dama-zan, France. Mellish Reef VK9ZR QSLs from the operation last May are starting to show now. Probably on last weekend in the CQ WW Phone Contest were CULUA, CU5UA, or CS4UA; all are QSLed to CT1UA.

Tim Chen, BV2A/BV2B, is showing several different days of the week instead of just on Wednesdays (see Bandpass). He says he's still using a dipole as his beam remains down until the typhoon season passes.

A35TN is VK3DET, QSL to VK3VU. He'll be on Tonga until November 30, then from Samoa as 5W1DW Dec 1-7, followed by VK3DET/KH8 Am. Samoa until Dec 15. After that T2 Tuvalu and FW Wallis are possible.

The U.S. amateur going to Nepal we mentioned recently is WB4NFO, not VFO. He's Pradyumna Rana, who's going to visit family in Nepal, and will use the call 9N38 from the end of December until Jan 7, 1983.

W6QL and W6KG of YASME are now on from Djibouti, signing J2ØDU. No word on Lloyd and Iris's future stops but never fear...they are the best when it comes to keeping in touch with us.

Neil, VK6NE, now signing VK9YE, plans a week at Christmas Island Nov 3-10.

HCØ in the WW Contest last weekend was by the Quito Ecuador radio club...W4GSM was also heard before the contest /HC8. And the HC8 activity we mentioned last week for the CQ CW Contest was in error...our W1 friend will be there for the ARRL Contest CW.

Quiet on the African front...neither K4YT nor N4NW, both with the US government in Western Africa, are active. K4YT's last known whereabouts were Uganda, while N4NW is stationed in Accra Ghana. Darned if we can find out anything about that DK9XP/3B9 who has appeared in Bandpass the last two weeks, but a reminder that 3B8DA is due on from Rodriguez in Nov or Dec.

KCØFW will be on in ARRL's 10-Meter Contest from St. Kitts next month, with 160-10 Meter action before and after the contest. He's not received a callsign yet.

About the FCC's proposal for 1500 watts output on both CW and SSB, it should be mentioned that their goal was to pick one level for both modes and they chose 1500 supposedly so no one would have to reduce power on SSB (HUH? - Ed). Some DXers outside the U.S. will tell you that it is hard (with 150 W or so) to break the North American signal level which sometimes doesn't drop below an S7 across entire bands.

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

A35TN 14332 10E 26	JX1CY 14225 23E 17	ZD8DZ 14250 23E 23
A4XYC 28035 13E 21	J20DU 28003 19E 24	NK6F/
A71AE 28015 12E 17	HC0 14227 11E 18	3B8 28594 17C 20
BV2A 14043 12E 20	HL9RT 14218 13E 17	NK6F/
BV2A 14026 23E 23	KC4USX 14264 10E 23	3B8 14202 14E 21
BV2A 21350 00E 24	KC6DP 28556 00E 23	DK9XP/
*****	KB7IJ/	3B9 21303 20E 20
	KH2 28518 23E 24	4S7EA 14218 00C 22
BY1PK 21019 01C 23	WA6LOD/	5H3BH 21292 19E 20
*****	KH2 28600 23E 21	5T5OO 28517 17C 17
	KX6AA 14030 06W 18	5T5RR 28518 12E 17
	MLC 28033 15E 24	5Y4CX 21281 21E 25
	DF3AF/	6W8EX 21028 01E 17
CE9AT 21345 00W 18	ST2 21292 19E 18	6W8DS 14222 22E 22
(S. Shetlands)	S79WHW 14225 15W 16	7P8BL 21028 20E 17
WB6WOD/	TL8ER 21028 20E 17	7Q7LW 28507 18E 23
CE0Z 21339 00E 24	TL8GE 21280 20E 20	7X5JI 14221 06E 17
WB6WOD/	TL8GE 21281 20E 21	8Q7AV 14205 11E 13
CE0Z 28510 20E 25	TL8ER 21025 20E 24	8Q7AV 14203 12E 20
WB6WOD/	TR8JD 21299 21E 25	9J2BO 28025 20W 16
CE0Z 14255 00E 26	TU2LC 28605 17C 17	9K2BE 21008 13E 17
WB6WOD/	TU2LM 14210 05E 17	9M2OK 14203 15W 16
CE0Z 14205 10E 26	UK1PGO 14206 14W 16	9M2FR 14024 23E 18
WB6WOD/	(F.J.L.)	9M2AE 14250 10E 18
CE0Z 3748 10E 26	UK6FAB 14038 12C 20	
D68AM 21285 20E 18	UL7CAD 7006 12E 18	
N7ET/	UM8MBU 14044 02E 20	
DU6 28026 23E 22	VK9ZA 14332 10E 26	
EA6ME 14222 22E 22	(Willis)	
EA9NG 14215 03E 17	VQ9VO 14025 14W 16	
FB8WG 14332 13E 16	VQ9PG 14205 01E 17	
FK0AF 7007 10E 18	VQ9CI 14202 12E 17	
FK8CE 28014 00E 21	VQ9VO 14025 15W 20	
F08IV 14066 01E 17	VQ9PG 14216 20E 23	
F08FW 7010 10E 23	VS5MS 28620 03W 17	
W4GSM/	VS5HG 28547 22C 18	
HC8 28004 00E 19	VS5MS 28578 00C 22	
HL9AH 28531 00E 23	VS6CT 14320 13E 17	
HSLAMH 14233 11C 21	VS6CT 14225 16W 17	
HZ1AB 28026 14E 17	K7TI/	
H44SH 14213 12C 17	VS6 7003 12W 20	
H44SH 28596 21E 21	VU9KMK 14029 12E 17	
JT1KAA 14027 01E 21	YN1AEE 7008 11E 18	
JT1BM 14025 15W 21	YI1BGD 14221 06E 17	
JT1KAI 14031 00E 21	YI1BGD 14223 13E 23	
JT1AN 21350 00E 24	YJ8RG 3812 11E 18	
	ZD9DX 21335 22E 18	

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ner for September is Rich Assarabowski,
K1CC.

DX CALL
CT3DJ
EA9KN
FG7BM
FR0GGL/G
HT1JCC
KC4AAA
OH2SX/CT3
TU2JL
T30BY
VP8ANT
YI1BGD
Z21GN
3B8FK
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5N8ARY
5Y4DA
6W8CC
9L1MS
9Q5VT

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Box 439, Kano, Nigeria
Box 35, APO NY 09675
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Box 1292, Freetown, Sierra Leone
W2TK--for Sept. 82 contacts

DX CALL	QSL TO	IR00MH	IS00MH	PY0ZSC	N6CW	ZD9BV	W4FRU
A22GM	N4FD	IS0AEQ	IS0WON	PY0ZZ	PY7ZZ	ZD9BX	KALDE
A35JL	K9AUB	JW4GN	LA9VX	SLAH	DL2NO	ZF2BN	W4HET
A4XYB	G4KII	JW5VAA	LA4YW	TA2BK	DJ0UJ	ZF2DS	K2ITT
CN8CY	GW3IEQ	JW7FD	LA5NM	TL8DC	F6EWM	ZF2GD	W3ML
CR9M	JA1HGY	JW9PCA	LA9PCA	TU2DP	KC4IR	ZL4OY/A	VK3DWJ
C30OH	DL8OH	JY8YD	K8PYD	TU2HJ	W3HNK	ZM7AG	SM3CXS
C30TC	EA3AOC	JY9RC	W1KCA	VE1GU	WB2LCH	ZS1XR	N7RO
C31NP	EA3BNX	J3AH	W2GHK	VK5ATB	WB2LCH	1A0KM	I0MG
DL7NS/HB0	DL7NS	J40AA	N2OO	VK9ZA	VK6YL	3C1JA	JALFR
ED6MDX	EA6BE	J41MF	SV1MF	VP2MM	AB1U	3D2RJ	ZL1BQD
EL2AV	N6FL	J41MO	SV1MO	VP2MN	WB2LCH	3D2RW	ZL1AMO
FH0FLO	FR0FLO	J41NA	SV1NA	VP5BJX	N5UR	3D6AK	G3WPF
FH8OM	DJ1TC	J6LT	WB2LCH	VP8AEF	KA5IRZ	4K0A	UA1ADQ
FK8CE	K2ROR	J88AG	AD0S	VP8LP	G3VPW	4K1D	UA1AFM
FP0JA	WB2MSH	KE6RD/KH0	JALUT	VQ9VO	KB6VO	4N4LL	YU4LL
FP8AA	K2RW	KH0AC	K7ZA	VR6KY	LA7JO	4N9I	YU4EFR
FR7BP	W0AX	K2OLG/8P6	K2OLG	VR6TC	W6HS	4S7EA	WB9OQU
FY7YE	W5JLU	K7TI/VS6	K7TI	VS6DO	K4CIA	5N9GM	I8XIU
F5RV/FC	F5RV	N1AFC/VP9	N1AFC	VU9KMK	N7UT	5T5AA	I3NPN
G3PFS/3B8	G3PFS	OA3AK	WB8AVH	V2AJ	WB2TSL	5T5TO	F6BUM
G4OBH/JW	G4OBH	OA4AWD	VE2AQS	V2AN	WB8SSR	5W5EJ	W0WP
HB0AFI	HB9MM	OD5LX	SM0DJZ	V3TV	G3ATK	5Y4CS	J11VLV
HB0BNP	HB9BNP	OE2TWM/YK	OE-BURO	V3UR	N5UR	5Y4DE	KA4S
HB0NL	HB9NL	OE2VEL/3D6	OE2DYL	WD9IHD/HK4	WD4PTO	5Z4CS	J11VLV
HH2JR	KA5V	OH3EB/C9	OH2BH	XT2AW	KN1DPS	5Z4DE	KA4S
HH2MC	KB4IT	OX3AX	OZ5DX	XT2BG	F2BS	6W8DS	WA4VDE
HH2VP	N4XR	OX9ZM	OX3ZM	YB0ACL	WA4RRB	6Y5IC	G3XTJ
HH2W	WA2DFR	PJ4CR	WB2LCH	YB5AES	W4BBP	6Y5JT	WB2LCH
HI8CH	WB2LCH	PJ7VL	W2BBK	YJ8NMB	WA2MNM	7X4BL	K4CNW
HL9AZ	AD8R	PY0SP	N6CW	ZC4BI	G3KGB	9J2TS	JA2LZB
HS1BV	KO2A	PY0ZSA	N6CW	ZC4ZD	G3JKS	9Y4VU	W3EVW
HZ1AB	K8PYD	PY0ZSB	N6CW	ZD7HH	W4FRU		

CALENDAR

W2NSD In Asia now, HL, BV, 9M8, VS5; Issue 163
 BV2A/B More days/ times; Issue 164
 YASME Colvins at J2ØDU; next stop not known
 Africa F6BBJ rumored to start soon; Issue 163
 DK20C Net In business daily 28740 @ 1200Z

Iraq YI1BGD 14210/220/250 couple of times a week, 1300, 0100, 0600
 Congo TN8AJ still rumored soon; try DK20C net
 Juan Fern. WB6WOD/CEØZ on until Nov 6
 Christmas VK9X by VK6NE Nov 3-10

A35TN Until Nov 30 by VK3DET
 S Shetlands CE9AT sometimes shows with W7PHO, 21345 at 0100Z; get there early
 10 MHz Permission not granted as we go to press early 10/28

Wallis FWØXR by DK6XN/DK7XR early Nov; I 163
 E Malaysia Possible by W9GW, Nov 7-13
 W Carolines KC6YA by W9GW Nov 14-20; CW only
 Nepal By KP2A, first of Dec, again by WB4NFO later in Dec
 Contest CQ WW CW Nov 27/28

Contest ARRL 160 Meter Dec 4/5
 Contest ARRL 10-Meter Dec 11/12
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Please let us know your plans or those of friends for the CQ CW Contest, for inclusion shortly.

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