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PROPAGATION: Dec 20, 21, Low Normal; Dec 22, Below Normal; Dec 23-26, Low Normal; Dec 27, High Normal; Dec 28, 29, Above Normal; Dec 30, High Normal; Dec 31, Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Date	Flux (82)	Alpha (82)	K (82)
175	297	12/8	241	22	3
191	305	12/9	243	17	3
186	287	12/10	279	40	4
215	278	12/11	272	16	3
239	260	12/12	259	14	2
252	226	12/13	247	8	3
261	199	12/14	243	6	3

HEARD ISLAND

Jim Smith, VK9NS, President of the Heard Island DX Association, announces that the Association is incorporated in Australia, as of Nov 29. Jim has been spending time with the ship Cheynes II, docked at Hobart, Tasmania, completing preparations for a departure Jan 3 for Heard Island. Latest addition to the equipment is four 4-KVA generators.

Two television producers have signed on and will be producing a documentary film of the expedition for Australian television. The departure date was changed to Jan 3, a Monday, to enable coverage of that event.

Here is the operator line-up: Jim Smith, VK9NS, Kirsti Smith, VK9NL, Sjoerd Jongens, VK7ZSJ, Bob Walsh, WA8MOA, Walter Marshall, W7SE, Walter Flor, OE1LO. Two additional berths have been arranged aboard ship, and HIDXA is hoping for at least one more ham to join the expedition. Both DJ9ZB and EA8AK had been interested in going along but have had to back out. The rest of the crew consists of doctors and scientists, who will be tackling various projects on Heard.

POLAND

SP amateurs active during the CQ WW CW Contest were operating under temporary authority for that weekend only. Although martial law will officially be lifted January 1, the lifting is in name only, amateur licensing being a good example:

Each "former" amateur files a petition, through his local radio club, for reinstatement of his or her license. The local club verifies that the individual has paid club dues, then forwards the petition to the Provincial Branch of the militia for approval by a commission. If the militia approves the petition, the papers are forwarded to the Inspectorate Bureau of the Ministry of Communications.

This process is expected to take about one year...if the petitioner has not died, lost interest, or fled the country, an operating permit should be forthcoming. Insiders are guessing that anyone having been associated with Solidarity will have major difficulty getting their license reinstated.

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If you worked KJ6DO/KH7S, "Suitland Island" (September 1982 Hamscam), don't be surprised if you get a QSL from them via the ARRL bureau system. They claim to have worked about 2,000 stations in two days.

Those 14.100 beacons (Issue 168) are funded by the Northern California DX Foundation. 4U1UN, K6OPQ, KH60, and 4X4TU are all in operation now; JA2IGY is on-site but not installed, ZS6DN is in Customs, and OH2B and CT3B have yet to be shipped.

NCDXF asks that we mention that both SMØAGD's Pacific operations and PYØZZ Fernando de Noronha in October were aided by their foundation.

Back in August (2-13) K5KG, OHØNA, OHØRJ, and OHØNC put on a Market Reef operation; George Wagner, K5KG, claims the record for the longest-ever callsign: K5KG/OHØ/OJØ. They made 8000 contacts 80-10, including the first-ever RTTY operating from Market. OJØMA QSLs to OHØNA, K5KG to his c/b add.

Here's what's heppening in the Top Thirty or so (not everyone has a 300 sticker, you know): BY8AA still operates 21050 at 0100 but propagation is getting poor, even to the Midwest. East Coast DXers have re-signed themselves to waiting for spring band conditions. Other than Heard Island, nothing happening in the Top Ten. Those who missed FB8WG eagerly await new operators FB8WH and FB8WI soon to appear. There have been some A6 stations on 10 Meters SSB but none of them count for DXCC. TL8GE now says Dec 20 for his TT Chad operation (stay tuned for continuing updates). Three different individuals have, in the past few months, been denied landing permission on Kermadec. In # 21-30, VK9ZR Mellish QSLs have now all been answered by VK2BJL (for the May 1982 operation). YI1BGD continues active mostly on 20 SSB and occasionally on 10. 5R8AL is said to be leaving for France for a couple of months, if he has not already.

A glance through TDXB's survey for 1982 shows that of #31-73 needed, fully thirty of them were on in 1982. Next week's issue will be a special year-end wrap-up of 1982's DX doings; it is turning out to be a lot like marriage...a lot more work than we anticipated. It will probably arrive a couple days late, with the holiday postal crunch.

All Connecticut DXers are welcome to join the just-formed Connecticut DX Association, says President Ron Richards, WB1EAZ. V.P. is Paul Shafer, KB1BE, and Sec'y Tom LeClerc, WB1CBY. Get in touch with any of them (or TDXB) for further details...next meeting Jan 19.

Two expeditions have checked in with plans for the ARRL Phone International DX Competition Mar 5/6...WB8LDH, W8UVZ, and WB9TIY will be either VP5XX or just VP5X from the Turks and Caicos. Oak Ridge Tenn members K4LTA, KØOSN, KR4C, and WA4CDH, will be using a V2 Antigua

callsign during the 'phone contest. The Oak Ridge crew will also be on for CW, signing J87LTA from St Vincent, Feb 19/20.

Phil Forrest, KØ5V, writes from Saudi Arabia with HZ1AB news...Phil reminds us that HZ1AB is the only amateur radio station licensed to a foreigner, and that only three Saudis are licensed...HZ1AA, HZ1HZ, and HZ1FM. HZ1AB is the Dhahram Amateur Radio Club, sponsored by ARAMCO, and all but four of the members are ARAMCO employees. HZ1AB is at the Dhahran Airport.

Rigs at HZ1AB are KWM-2s and amplifiers. Phil says they've done a lot of antenna work this season, and the farm now raises A KT34X at 75 ft, 2-ele on 40, a 6-ele Telrex on 20, a steerable phased vertical system on 80, and a vertical and dipole on 160. They still use the big rhombic, too, which is 600 ft/leg, 70 ft high, pointed at the central U.S.

MORE HEARD ISLAND: our news of the "VK6 DX Chasers" expedition to Heard, scheduled to leave Jan 15 on the Anaconda II, continues to come almost exclusively from Australia. The Dec 2 issue of *The Australian*, a daily newspaper, reports that all is ready. They mentioned that the crew of eighteen includes three amateur radio operators, and also that they are about \$20,000 short of the \$150,000 needed.

TDXB has insinuated a possible lack of operating expertise among the three operators going on this expedition. Dave, VK3DHF (who was VK9ZD Willis last year) is the VKØHI licensee and is quoted in the January, 1983 issue of Australia's *Amateur Radio* magazine concerning operating:

"Initial appearances when propagation conditions permit will be made on the recognized SSB DX working frequencies of 3690, 7090, 14195, 21295, and 28595 KHz using transceive operation working through the callers by using the last letter of the suffix as an identifier in alphabetic progression, then split frequency operation to upper and lower nominated listening segments.

"CW operation will commence 25 KHz inside each band edge, shifting as QRM and operating techniques dictate...(I) also envisage working controlled Net operation, ...which will be a deviation for a more relaxed operation." (emphasis added -Ed)

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

AP2UR 14209 02E 6	JX1CY 14217 04E 7	VK6HD 3502 21E 7	4U1ITU 3501 23E 7
A4XJV 14220 15W 3	JX6RE 14029 14W 4	VK9NL 14033 13E 8	4X4NJ 3503 21E 11
A4XJV 14202 13E 10	J2ØBL 28019 14E 5	VP8QG 14207 03E 2	4Z4DX 7014 14W 28
A71AE 7006 14W 28	KG6RT 7006 09W 5	(Falklands)	5B4JE 28744 14E 10
A71AD 14205 15W 3	M1C 28594 14E 10	VP8LP 14213 01E 9	5H3BH 14026 15C 5
BY8AA 21052 01C 7	OD5BP 28545 12E 9	(Falklands)	5R8AL 21329 19E 6
BY8AA 21051 01C 9	PY2AC 3506 23E 9	VP8ANT 14217 03E 5	5T5RR 28506 17E 5
CE9AT 14226 04E 4	DF3NZ/	(Antarctica)	5T5TO 28033 16E 5
(S. Shetlands)	ST2 3793 04C 8	VS5GA 14224 23W 4	5Z4CL 28533 11E 12
CN8CY 28021 13C 11	DF3NZ/	VU9VSZ 7001 12C 3	6W8DS 28607 16C 5
CO2JY 3502 11E 7	ST2 28514 13E 9	VS6DO 3501 11E 8	6W8HL 28605 13E 9
C53DF 21291 19E 8	TL8ER 21025 20W 4	VS6KV 14220 12E 9	7P8CR 14219 22C 7
NØZO/	TL8ER 21026 20E 5	VS6DO 3798 22E 11	7X4AN 14015 01E 10
DU2 7001 12C 4	TL8GE 14202 04E 10	VU2TH 14224 13E 3	9J2BO 28025 16E 5
DU9RG 3795 12C 8	TL8CK 28763 13E 11	VU9AU 14221 11E 10	9K2DX 7011 14W 27
NØZO/	TL8GE 21292 18C 14	YB5AES 3503 22E 6	9M8HL 21029 00E 9
DU2 21026 00E 9	TN8AJ 14219 23W 4	YBØPG 14218 12E 10	9V1VP 7009 12W 27
N7ET/	TN8AJ 14198 04E 10	YJ8DX 21024 23E 9	9X5PP 21291 19E 6
DU6 28023 22E 9	TR8JD 28010 16E 5	YK1AO 14213 14E 4	9X5PP 21292 20E 10
EA8JS 28550 14E 10	TR8IG 3502 21E 7	GM3YOR/	
EL2EM 14026 01E 8	TR8IG 3508 21E 9	ZB2 3505 22E 13	
FH8CL 14219 14W 5	TR8JD 10103 21E 9	ZD7BW 7044 03W 28	
FK8EJ 3501 11E 11	TU2JL 14254 04E 10	ZD7TW 14251 03C 5	
FR7ZN 21292 18C 14	T32AB 14006 08E 8	ZD8TM 14032 01E 9	
HK3YH 3501 10E 11	UAØAG 3550 00C 30	ZD9BX 21334 19E 6	
HKØBKX 28016 19C 8	UAØZCN 3510 11E 10	ZL3TZ/C 3501 11E 11	
HL5GZ 21007 01E 10	(Zone 19)	Z22JS 7003 04E 5	
JA5CZE 3501 10E 14	UD6DHC 3504 22E 11	Z23JO 28745 13E 10	
JTØGM 7011 13W 25	UH8DU 14026 13E 8	3B8FG 14202 03E 1	
JTØGM 14221 03E 5	UI8ADQ 14022 03E 9	3B8FK 14021 02C 8	
JX1CY 14201 00W 4	UM8NAP 7007 01W 26	3V8AA 28745 14E 8	
JX1CY 14217 02C 7	VK6HD 3502 12E 7	4S7EK 14214 11E 10	

Please MAIL reports to reach Vernon by Wednesday, or phone:

203-871-7699 24 hours.

Best contributor of information each month wins a free year of TDXB.



Harald Becker, XT2AW, is now home in Germany, following a short visit in the U.S. which ended Dec 5. He will return to Upper Volta in early January, and will leave permanently next summer, if a replacement for him is found. He's very active from Upper Volta on the low bands and gladly changes bands when asked. Incidentally, his QSL is a beautiful job, with an individually hand-drawn full-color design on each one. QSL manager is KN1DPS.

(Photo courtesy KN1DPS)



One feature of the annual W9DXCC Banquet each September is the passing of the coveted "DX Hog of the Year" trophy from one DXer to the next. This year's recipient of the honor was Gene Volkman, AB9E, following in the giant footsteps of last year's "winner," Al DeMarre, K9RF.

(Photo courtesy K9KM)

CALENDAR

BEACONS 14100 NOW; Issue 168, 171
 Dec Rumors ZS2MI, 3B9DA
 Chad TL8GE starts Dec 20 at TT
 10 MHz Issue 165; avoid the "window"
 Wallis FWØ by VK3DHT now to Dec 29

Nepal Now to first week of Jan by many
 visitors: Issue 169

YASME A4 or A7 soon
 Congo TN8AJ leaves approx. Dec 20
 Cooks ZK1XS by KØCS Dec 21/22
 Caymans ZF2FK by WD9IIC now to Jan 1

Macao CR9CT by VS6CT Dec 23-28
 Tonga A35 by KØCS Dec 27-29
 Samoa 5W1EA by KØCS Dec 23-26
 Syria Special Callsigns Dec 25/26 and
 30/31; Issue 166

Amsterdam FB8ZP by F6DWQ soon
 Kerguelen FB8XR by F6GVX soon
 Contest ARRL QSO Party CW Jan 8/9
 Contest WCY Worldwide Jan 15; Issue 170
 Contest ARRL QSO Party Phone Jan 22/23

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MORE RADIO SWIFTIES

"Don't ask a writer what he's doing
 staring at the wall...that's when the
 best work gets done."

--- E.B. White

Last week, a reader took time out from
 beating his kids to cancel his sub-
 scription, blaming it all on Radio
 Swifties. He even had the audacity
 to blame This Editor for concocting
 the Swifties in Issues 168 and 169.
 The following Swifties can be blamed on
 Frank Emerson, KJ4L, who managed to
 pull himself together long enough to
 submit them:

"I'm pointing my beam at the Aurora,"
 Tom buzzed.

"There's nothing like EME," Tom
 echoed.

"You wouldn't believe the business
 that HK3/MM is in," Tom sniffed.

"Pileups are the only way to work
 DX," Tom said listlessly.

"Without the ionosphere, it would
 all be impossible," Tom reflected.

KJ4L sent more of these, and some of
 them are Actually Worse! You'll just
 have to wait. Happy Holidays!

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