# The DX Bulletin

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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)	(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, OEILO. 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 <u>CQ</u> 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" amateurfiles 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, K6OPO, KH6O, 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.

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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 resigned 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). YIIBGD 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, WBIEAZ. V.P. is Paul Shafer, KBIBE, 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, KO5V, writes from Saudi Arabia with HZIAB news...Phil reminds us that HZIAB is the only amateur radio station licensed to a foreigner, and that only three Saudis are licensed...HZIAA, HZIHZ, and HZ1FM. HZ1AB is the Dhahram Amateur Radio Club, sponsored by ARAMCO, and all but four of the members are ARAMCO employees. HZIAB 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

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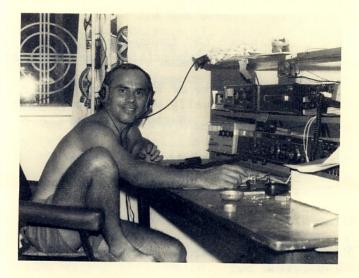
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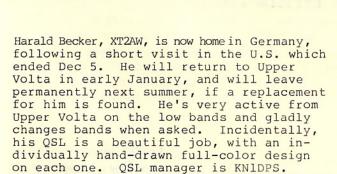
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One feature of the annual W9DXCC Banquet each September is the passing of the coveted "DX Hog of the Year" trophy from one DXer to the next. This year's recipient of the honor was Gene Volkman, AB9E, following in the giant footsteps of last year's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

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

ZK1XS by KØCS Dec 21/22

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 subscription, 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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