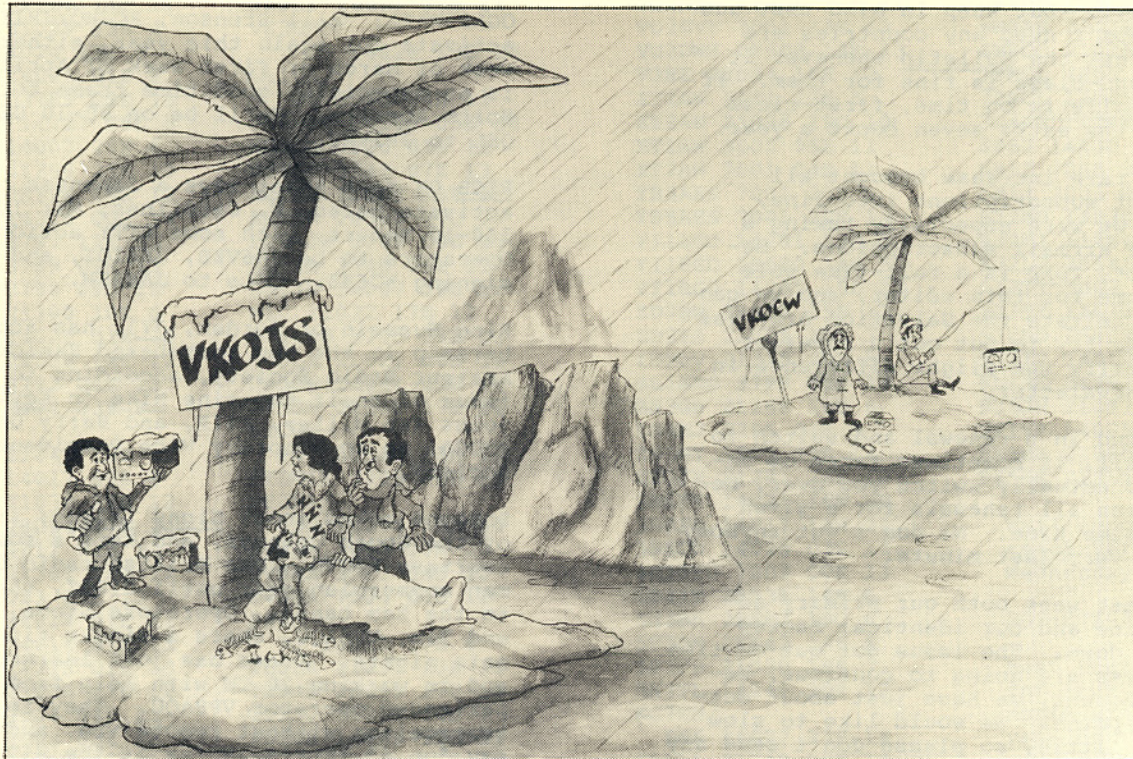


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HEARD ISLAND 1983...GONE, BUT NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN!

PROPAGATION: Feb 20-22, Low Normal; Feb 23, High Normal; Feb 24, High/Above Normal; Feb 25, High/Low Normal; Feb 26-28, High Normal; Mar 1, High Normal; Mar 2, Above Normal; Mar 3, Above Normal/Disturbed; Mar 4, 5, Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

**BANGLADESH:** Late word and a revised schedule from Kazunori Abe, JA8MWU...he and JH8NYK have been operating 9N1WW since Feb 7 and are finished in Nepal Feb 20. They hope to open from Bangladesh Feb 21, until the 26th, as S21MM and S21WW. Unfortunately, the political situation between India and Bangladesh has heated up the past week, possibly putting a crimp in their plans. The two are now scheduled to operate 8Q7JA from the Maldives Mar 2-16. JH8NYK may have his own call sign, 8Q7YK. QSL info to follow next issue.

**HEARD:** about all the information we have is that both groups appear to have left Heard Island around Feb 15. The mountaineering expedition, of which VK0HI/CW were a part, finished their climb on Saturday, Feb 12. Both groups reported rapidly deteriorating weather. Band conditions were so poor that both groups were stuck mostly on 20 Meters, and the two station sites were only about a half mile apart. The H.I.D.X.A. operators, five in all, found themselves sitting on their hands much of the time, with no bands to operate on. Complete QSL information appeared in recent issues of the Bulletin.

FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH

Koln, West Germany, Feb 7: members of the Cologne DX Group will activate Peter and Paul Rocks Mar 4-8. Operators will be DK9KX, DJ9ON, DF9KH, DL8CM, and an unnamed Brazilian. QSL information not given but assumed to be Dieter Löffler, DK9KD. TDXB will confirm that next issue. They will appreciate donations to help with costs.

And an even Bigger Flash: the same letter advises an operation at the end of March to a very rare DXCC country. The operation will be for five days, beginning Mar 22 or 23. DK9KD asked that we not publish the details until after March 1, and we of course respect his request.

Looks like we may have to delay the TDXB Annual Countries Needed Survey until mid-April, as there are going to be a lot of people working new ones in March. And it also appears this will finally be the year when your editor makes the Honor Roll. Neat!

ARRL has just announced that the new manager of their Technical Department will be Paul Rinaldo, W4RI. He is currently editor of their QEX newsletter for experimenters. He will be taking over when current Manager Doug DeMaw, departs in May.

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A FEW WORDS ABOUT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION. Bear with us on this...a lot of people ask the same questions and we are spending entirely too much time writing letters. Second-class mail service continues to leave a lot to be desired, and we would be happy, to tell the truth, if everybody just paid the extra for first class mail. But keep in mind that subscribers who don't need any countries are just happy to get the Bulletin whenever it comes, so second-class is fine for them. If you want the Bulletin on time, first-class mail is worth the extra seven bucks a year.

The recent rate increase brought all three levels of subscriptions into line, profit-wise. We were especially taking a beating on the airmail subscriptions. Believe it or not, TDXB is a full-time sole source of income for this editor, and we cannot afford to imitate the Salvation Army (as others do). We try to put out a superior product to justify the slight difference in price of our newsletter.

When you send in a renewal and switch to first class mail, it sometimes takes us several weeks to actually switch you over, because we process all renewals for a given month at the same time. We don't cut anybody off until the very last minute.

Finally, last week both our primary addressing machine and our identical backup machine broke down. The issue got out on time but the problems are going to continue, because, to be honest, we have just about outgrown our equipment. We would like to slow things down a little, so please don't send any money until you get a renewal notice. And we would just as soon you not mention TDXB if you can avoid it. When our advertising runs out in two magazines, we are not going to renew it. We are no longer going to offer multi-year subscriptions. If you are rich and can bank the additional money, you break even on multi-year payments. In the case of TDXB, we have lost.

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Doha, Qatar, Feb 6: Our operation as W6KG/A7 ended 5 February 1983. We were on the air three weeks and made 8,000 QSOs, with amateurs in 135 countries, working SSB and CW on 10 through 40 Meters.

This country is similar to Oman because it is a recently rich oil country with tremendous new expansion. Although the treatment of women here is more liberal than in the past, only approximately 5 percent of the people seen on the streets of the modern city of Doha or in the restaurants are women. The biggest supermarket in town has one day set aside just for women and their families. It is not felt appropriate to have single men and single women go shopping together!

For the first time ever, we operated from a skyscraper building. Our antennas were located on top of a 14-story hotel with a perfectly clear view in all directions. The great height seemed to help us on both transmission and reception; we averaged consistently about two QSOs per minute while on the air.

Visiting personnel of all kinds, and especially radio amateurs, are not encouraged to visit in the Arabian countries. We are

extremely grateful to Mike, A71AD, who has helped us enter and operate in several Arab countries.

/s/ Lloyd, W6KG  
Iris, W6QL

OGASAWARA: Bill Stenson, KC2HQ/JR1YGP, will activate JD1 again this year, either the last week of March or first week of April. This is an especially good time frame for working North America. He'll be on 80-10 SSB and CW, QSL to JR1VAY.

RSGB DX News Sheet says a Japanese group will activate Belau, W. Carolines, Mar 16-22, on 160-10 Meters, with some RTTY action to boot. Operators to be JA6VZB, JR6IQI, and JH6SOR, signing KC6SZ. QSLs to JA6BSM.

King Hussein of Jordan, JY1, has accepted membership in the New York-based Senior Citizens Amateur Radio Society, according to the latest issue of their magazine Mike 'n Key. Hussein joins Ken Miller, K6IR, and Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, as an Honorary Vice President of the Society.

Someone asked about Signy Island; it is part of the South Orkneys, and here's some info, courtesy K0CVD. The British radio operators man commercian gear until 0100Z, then switch to the ham bands. Operators Steve, VP8AOB, and Tim, VP8AQU, share a single rig and alternate nights. Steve has just learned the code and is working 20 CW with help from more experienced operator VP8AQU. They're using a transceiver without remote vfo, and when they say "up 4" that's as far as the RIT will allow.

VP8AQU will be reassigned at the end of Feb, either home to England or to South Georgia. Unfortunately, his memory keyer will leave with him, so get S. Orkneys on CW now if you need it!

The Carolina DX Association announces that members K4BF, AA4SC, WB4YFD, KC4CD, and KU4V will operate CN8CX Mar 3-10, with a heavy push into the ARRL DX Phone Competition. QSL K4CEB.

And Jim Rafferty, N6RJ, just can't stay away from the Caymans...he'll be back signing ZF2FL in the ARRL Phone Test. Jim asks QSLs be sent to Ham Radio Outlet, 2620 W. LaPalma, Anaheim, CA 92801 (Jim's vice president there).

Ray Johnson, N9BSD, is looking for operators for a "Great Straits DXpedition" later this year. This would include CN8 Morocco, EA9 Cueta, ZB2 Gibraltar, and EA7 on the Spanish mainland. These four points are all along the Straits of Gibraltar between Spain and Morocco, are no more than 60 miles from each other, and are, of course, four DXCC countries. Ray hopes to have enough operators to activate all four at the same time. Write him if interested at PO BOX 27643, Tucson, AZ 85726.

DAYOTN TRIP: a group of amateurs in Hartford is chartering a bus to the Dayton Hamvention in April. They will leave Thursday and return early the following Monday. We will have more details next week but if you're in a hurry, contact Bernice Carpentieri, KA1BRD, PO BOX 11043, Newington CT 06111.



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

AP2MQ 14230 03W 1	HZ1AB 7003 23E 9	VP8AOD 14226 02E 8	5X5FS 28536 15E 12
AP2MQ 14207 02C 10	HZ1AB 7002 02E 10	VP8AQU 14018 03W 4	5X5FS 28630 15E 13
AP2SQ 14206 14C 11	JD1ABZ 7020 14W 10	VP8AQU 14011 02E 13	5X5FS 21036 17E 13
A35JL 3786 12E 13	JT1BN 14017 02E 10	VU2BK 7005 23E 7	5Z4CV 7006 03E 12
A4XIK 14201 13E 3	JY5ZM 14221 05E 10	VS5HG 14332 13E 6	5Z4CM 28573 16E 13
A4XJW 14209 14C 11	J28CI 14020 20E 11	VU2BBJ 14202 12E 11	6W8DS 28518 15E 6
A92CE 21029 13E 4	VE3DFD/	VU2GVY 7001 13E 13	6W8AR 21279 18E 10
BV2A 14024 13E 9	J7 14028 13E 10	VU2DWH 28508 19E 13	6W8CC 21025 23E 13
BY8AA 14023 01E 8	KA1UA/	V3HE 28034 15E 12	7P8CL 7005 03E 9
CE3DNP 3788 08E 13	J8 3796 04E 11	XT2AW 3501 22E 5	7P8CL 14025 02E 9
CE0ERY 14227 05E 5	KC4USV 14248 05E 10	XT2AW 21026 19C 10	7X4AN 14028 22E 13
CN8CU 14007 20E 6	KG4CD 7006 01E 11	XT2AW 3502 05E 11	8P6J 14030 00E 12
CN8BT 21258 21E 10	KG4CD 3789 07E 13	XT2AW 7001 04E 11	8R1J 7005 02E 9
CN8EU 28526 15E 12	AH2AR 28643 23E 6	YB5AES 7001 23E 8	8R1J 7005 03E 10
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CP1IL 3789 09E 13	LU5ZA 3749 06E 13	YI1BGD 28580 14E 5	9J2LG 28541 15E 6
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CT3BM 21290 18E 6	M1C 21022 17E 12	ZD7BW 28537 15E 13	9J2TY 14012 00E 8
C31NP 14021 01E 10	OA8AAH 3795 08E 13	ZD9BZ 21025 20C 7	9J2BO 28023 18C 9
C53DF 28536 14E 12	OD5LX 21021 16E 12	ZD9BV 21335 20E 8	9J2TY 14010 23E 14
D44BC 3792 08E 13	OX5JW 14241 23E 10	ZL1AMO 3799 09E 13	9L1AC 21297 21C 6
EA8RL 3504 03E 8	OX5JM 21268 17E 11	ZS3GB 21268 19E 6	9U5JM 21287 20E 6
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EL2P 14012 01E 12	SV0AA 7003 03E 10	3B8CD 14025 03E 13	
EL2BN 21362 16E 12	SV0AA 3513 04E 10	4U1ITU 7003 00E 13	
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FM7CD 7009 05E 13	TZ 14278 18E 5	5T5TO 28024 15E 12	
HK0LR 14008 02W 8	UA9UF 7003 11E 7	5T5TO 21035 00E 13	
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HR2 7019 03E 12	VP8AOD 14225 22E 7	5X5FS 21269 20E 11	

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**MALPELO:** Our operative in Bogota reports that he is on the Malpelo planning committee, and that rumors of a March expedition are completely false. They are looking at September, although there is an outside chance that the operation could come off in August 1983. Stay tuned!

**KERGUELEN:** a reminder that the HIDXA group might be stopping for some FB8X action this week, on their way back to Australia from Heard; FB8XAB didn't make much of a dent in the need during his stay of one month, which ended on Feb 16.

According to QRZ DX, K5YY leaves Feb 28 for Asia and 9M2, 9M6, VS5, and 9V1. San will work only 40 and 80 Meters, mostly CW, with a "DX Edge" in his hot little hands to check sunrise and sunset times. He might be on from Brunei in the ARRL Phone DX Competition.

**UGANDA:** 5X5FS, showing regularly on 10 and 15 SSB around 1900Z, seems to be the real McCoy. Says he is EI9G and to QSL to that address.

A Late report that IDXF has been contacting DX clubs for additional Heard Island funding; they say money coming in with QSLs has never been very productive. IDXF has not contacted The DX Bulletin concerning this.

About the Bermuda Contest next month (Issue 178), CQ Magazine's Contest Calendar Editor W1WY has taken us to task, and rightly so, for failing to mention that CQ has, for years, mentioned the fact that winners get an airplane ticket to Bermuda so they can receive their trophy.

Those "blind" BY8AA callers on 20 CW are Jerry Cross's "irritation of the month." Jerry notes that they take up space which could be used for real communications, BY8AA is not known to acknowledge such calling, and probably is inspired to just not get on at all when such blind calling is heard.

W8AH says he listened to BY8AA for 35 minutes on Feb 7, 0105-0140Z, transmitting 14018-020, during which BY8AA made zero contacts.

Finally, one of you sent a note of apology for phoning the Hotline around 10 pm one day... no problem. The 203-871-7699 Hotline is in our radio room, and we answer it when we are there. Otherwise, we put the answering machine on... you can phone any time, day or night, and please feel free to do so. We get lots of good info from the 'phone.



CALENDAR

BEACONS On 14.100 MHz NOW; I 168, 171, 172  
 BEACONS On 1, 24 MHz NOW; Issue 176  
 Nepal 9N1WW NOW to Feb 20 by JA8MWU, JH8NYK  
 Bangladesh S21MM/S21MW Feb 21-28; Issue 179  
 Heard VKØHI/CW gone now; I 179  
 Heard VKØJS/NL gone now; I 179  
 Rodriguez 3B8DA/3B9 on 20 SSB now to May  
 Kenya 5N4NN by JI1VLV now to Feb 27; I 179  
 Kerguelen Look for HIDXA group from FB8X this week  
 Crozet FB8WH/WI on 14.110 sometimes at 1500Z  
 P/P Rocks Mar 4-8 by German Group; Issue 179. PYØ  
 Bahrain Colvins showing as W6KG/A9 anytime  
 Montserrat VP2MDB by W2WSE now to Feb 28  
 N Cooks ZK1WL by ZL3AHF, CW only, through Jun  
 Monaco No reports on PA3EXC/3A (now to Mar 1)  
 K5YY In 9M, VS5, 9V, end of Feb; maybe VS5 for  
 ARRL Phone "Test"  
 ZF2FL By N6RJ in ARRL 'Phone 'Test; QSL info I 179  
 Anguilla VP2EU, VP2ES, VP2EAA until Feb 25  
 Turks VP5FUX by K9VV now to Feb 26  
 St Vincent J87LTA by K4LTA until Feb 28  
 Trindade PYØTA by PY1RR starts about Feb 22  
 Turks VP5XX Feb 28-Mar 9  
 Morocco CN8CX by Carolinian group; I 179  
 Antigua K4LTA/VP2A Mar 1-8  
 Montserrat VP2MKD Mar 1-10  
 Antigua V2AMK by K9MK Mar 1-10  
 Maldives 8Q7AH by HB9TL Mar 5-23  
 Competition ARRL DX Phone Mar 5-6  
 W Carolines KC6SZ by JA group Mar 16-22; I 179  
 Bahamas K9VV/C6A Mar 5-6  
 St Maarten K3UOC/PJ6, PJ8 Mar 26-31  
 Malagasy F6EXV at 5R8AL Mar 13-27  
 Macao Possible late Mar by KL7IHP  
 St Maarten K3UOC/PJ7 Apr 1-3  
 Hong Kong KL7IHP/VS6 Mar 26-Apr 2  
 Ogasawara By JR1YGP end of Mar; Issue 179

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"His dog is tripping the vox  
 again," Tom muttered.

"I'm sure that's the reason,"  
 Tom concurred.

"But he's still a real DX hound,"  
 Tom howled.

"I can't stand this @#\$\$%¢ kinky  
 hard-drawn antenna wire,"  
 Tom snarled.

"It's caught in the tree again.  
 That copper wire is the root  
 of the problem so let's leave  
 it alone and branch out into  
 other projects," Tom barked.

Now you've got the editor doing  
 these things again. We got a  
 letter from a reader who is a  
 psychiatrist the other day, and  
 wait until you read it. He  
 did, of course, submit a Swiftie.

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