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PROPAGATION: Jun 13, Below Normal; Jun 14, Low Normal; Jun 15, High Normal; Jun 16, High Normal; Jun 17, Above Normal going to Below Normal; Jun 18, 19, Below Normal; Jun 20, Disturbed; Jun 21, Below Normal going to High Normal; Jun 22-24, High Normal; Jun 25, 26, Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
189	145	6/1	128	15	3
179	140	6/2	128	15	2
174	131	6/3	133	10	2
177	130	6/4	135	10	2
172	132	6/5	145	6	2
167	137	6/6	167	8	2
165	142	6/7	148	10	3
181	144	6/8	174	12	1

CHINA: Both stations on Fifteen Meters last week (see Bandpass). YL operator Jiao at BY1PK working contest-style and showing the apparent influence of YU2DX, who visited there last month. She started listening just above her transmitting frequency (21034) but kept sliding further and further up until, when she left the air at 0200Z, she was listening at 21060! Beware. A couple of times she even picked two calls out of the pileup and worked them in order.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: A6XJC, the only current station in U.A.E. who counts for DXCC, will be active another six weeks or so, saying he's transferring to Singapore after that. He works slop-bucket only, no CW, and likes the YL gatherings on 14275 at various times and on 21312 starting at 2200Z. QSL to PA0JGR.

SPRATLY: Another publication is saying that pressure is being put on the DXCC Desk for acceptance of last month's 1S1CK operation by DULCK, said pressure coming from an "IARU Region 3" officer who may, or may not, understand the Countries Criteria.

BANGLADESH: mixed reports on S2BTF. SEANET control station put some people in touch with him Jun 1; VK9NS said S2BTF was S9+ on Norfolk. At SEANET's time, 1200Z (on 14320) there should be propagation from Bangladesh to North America.

TAIWAN: BV2B was on again as promised, Jun 8, but no CW. W7PHO and his cronies shepherded a number of West Coast stations through. Many elsewhere could copy Tim, but not vice versa. Tim's beam, atop a multi-story building, is shielded to N.A. by a just-completed building which is higher than the beam. Tim's now running his 30-L1 into a higher dipole which just clears the new building.

NEW BANDPASS format this week is just a shot in the dark. A number of readers liked the Bandpass organized by date, although several who didn't pointed out valid problems with that format. We are still just experimenting.

1982 WRAP-UP of DXCC

IF YOU WORKED EVERY DXCC COUNTRY on in 1982, you'd have snagged 280 of the 318, according to the following list, compiled by Floyd Gerald, N5FG. Here are the thirty-eight, followed by the callsign and year of the last known activity:

A5 (A51PN 12/81)	VP8 Sand (LU3ZY 12/81)
A6 (A6XBD 2/79)	VU/L (VU7US 4/71)
C9 (C9MCS 1976)	VU/A (VU7GV 1976)
CE0X (W9IGW 4/72)	XU (XU1DX 1974)
D2 (OK3TAB 11/79)	XV (XV5AC 1975)
ET (ET3PG 3/80)	XW (SM0AGD 6/79)
FB8X (FB8XY 8/80)	XZ (XZ2TZ 1965)
FO/C (FO8XA 3/78)	YA (YA1GN 1974)
FR/E (FR0GGL 11/81)	YV0 (YV0AA 5/79)
HK0M (HK0TU 3/77)	ZA (ZA2RPS 6/71)
KH5 (K6LPL 1/80)	ZL/K (ZL1YL 11/77)
KH5K (AD0S 4/81)	ZS2 (ZS2MI 12/80)
KP4/D (KP2A/D 6/81)	1S (1S1DX 4/79)
S2 (S21GM 11/81)	3Y (3Y1VC 2/79)
S9 (S9VCT 8/81)	4W (4W1GM 1975)
SV/A (SV1IW 4/80)	5A (K5CO 8/77)
TT (N4NX 3/80)	5U (5U7AG 1/80)
VK0H (VK0RM 4/80)	5X (WB4ZNH 10/80)
VP8 S. Ga (1981)	70 (VS9ARS 10/67)

Since we began publishing TDXB in August, 1979, all but thirteen current DXCC countries have been on the air.

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TAHITI: Jul 10-17 will feature concentrated operating by various F08 stations, as Tahiti celebrates "Tiurai" (coinciding with French Bastille Day). Work three stations on at least two different bands and you're eligible for an award. Look for some stations to be using "T08" pre-fixes, and check 28600, 21300, 14240/14120, 7090, and 3800. Send log data and twelve IRCs to Radio Club of Fr. Polynesia, B.P. 5006, Pirae, Island of Tahiti, Fr. Polynesia, South Pacific. WB6GFJ will handle QSLs for F08HL, F08FB, F08DF, F08HO, and F08HI.

THE TERM "DUMMY LOAD" may take on new meaning, according to the latest issue of Westlink Report. Your editor is probably not the only person who filled his "Cantenna" with transformer oil courtesy of a friend at the electric company, and much of this oil was, until the late 70's, made partially of PCB. Atlanta's Center for Disease Control is making a survey, results to be out soon. Be especially cautious if your amplifier tends to boil the oil in your Dummy.

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LETTERS

"BANDPASS revision is easy to read but loses the impact of how active a given station is. If listing is done purely by callsign then it is easy to see how often he operates in a week. In correlating activity to a past propagation forecast you have not really drawn a valid comparison inasmuch as the number of reports is not great enough.

Your news reporting is consistently very good. It was interesting to read about the need for San Felix and Juan Fernandez among JA DXers. When I was at those spots we logged plenty of JAs. If DXpeditions really want to clean up the "wanted lists" of specific areas, they should 1) study the expected propagation, 2) make sure they publicize where and when they will be looking for certain parts of the world, and 3) use better antennas. Recent expeditions have been lacking in the antenna department particularly.

In 1962, when gear was big and heavy, we operated from Serrana Bank and Bajo Nuevo with two complete Hallicrafters stations and Telrex tri-banders. Our 1965 operation from San Felix (CE0XA) still involved hundreds of pounds of equipment. We assembled and checked the beams before leaving, too.

-- Ed Cushing W4GW (W4QVJ)

P.S. Don't be bashful about putting your call on the Bulletin.

The editor replies: It's flattering to get such a compliment from someone like you. We didn't think our identity was such a secret...the editor is Jim Cain, K1TN, who's been licensed since 1961 (formerly WA9AUM and WA1STN).

MANY THANKS for the very good Bulletin coming here every week. Regarding your recent article about the origin of the WAZ Award, my opinion is that (such an article) is better for a magazine like CQ or QST. What happened before WW 2 is not really news. I would like to see a little bit of research done by you...for example, what was the story behind VU7AN not being accepted by ARRL, who now has logs of the late W2CTN, K3RLY, etc, and so on. There is a lot of research to be done and I am sure that is better than old history. Otherwise I think The DX Bulletin is the best one available.

--Osten Magnusson, SM5DQC

I WAS SORRY to not meet you at Dayton but maybe next time. I really enjoyed my visit to the States and it was nice to meet so many of the gang I have known for so many years. I was first licensed in 1948 and have always been DX oriented.

I was dismayed to find that the vindictive campaign against the Heard Island DX Association was still going on. An article on our Heard Island expedition is enclosed (to be published here next week -ed).

-- Jim Smith, VK9NS

IN ISSUE 185 you asked for comments on the Extras' 20 Meter SSB "DX Window." Here's mine: effective immediately, cancel my subscription to The DX Bulletin and refund my money.

The ARRL has took (sic) away my only interest in ham radio. I am interested only in SSB DXing. Most of my new countries are worked on (sic) the lower 25 KHz of the 20 Meter Band. Without this privilege, I don't need your publication.

I agree with most of your comments in Issue 185, but I don't like them. The Advanced Class operators got a rotten deal. You have a good publication. I picked up several new countries based upon your information. I hope there are enough Extras to support it.

-- Robert G. Ray, WB4TCH

SOME BIG DXers are shy...they aren't even in the DXCC list. They listen to the bands every day, chatting with their DX fellows, often on CW. When a rare station comes on, they know, call him twice, and get it. Their shoebox contains 310 or more countries, and they can apply for Honor Roll anytime they want. For beginners, the DX lessons of such DXers are pure gold.

--Dr. Michael Christ, XE1MD

HAD A BALL at Dayton again this year. Was disappointed that Alex, VK9YA, had to cancel his plans to visit. However, Martin Atherton, G3ZAY joined us (G3ZAY is co-editor of RSGB's DX News Sheet -ed). Martin's cousin is conductor of the Muncie (Indiana) Symphony Orchestra.

As for Cocos-Keeling Island, we feel that most of the demand has been cleaned up the past few years. Alex, VK9YA, is now stationed in Malaysia, Frank, VK9NYG, has also left the island, and VK9YC will return to England in Sept.

--Bob Polhamus, KB9UV

HERE's a LIST of 10-Meter beacons stations I heard last week:

VE3TEN (28.175)	VK2RSY (28.262)
DLØIGI 28.200/.205)	ZS6PW (28.270)
VP9BA (28.235)	YV5AYV (28.280)
Z21ANB (28.250)	VP8ADE (28.284)
LULUG (28.255)	PY2AMI (28.298)

--Joe Gumino, K2OLG

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

A6XJC 21314 00W 30	KS6CQ 14310 06W 30	A71BA 21255 13E 28	JY5RBM 21273 19E 30
A6XJC 14275 00C 5	TU2JL 14190 06W 31	KA4JRY/	UJ8JAS 21013 19E 29
CT3DJ 14033 00C 1		DUØ 14206 13E 4	ZC4GO 28025 19E 30
TR8JLD 14040 00E 2	EA8LS 14249 07W 31	FRØFLO 14196 13W 2	ZP5MJO 21296 19E 2
T32AB 21006 00E 31	AH2AN 14214 07W 31	JWØA 21036 13E 28	5Z4MX 21045 19E 29
UM8MDX 14064 00E 30	P29CF 14216 07W 2	KB7IJ/	5Z4CQ 21277 19W 30
ZS6CK 3503 00E 4		KH2 14222 13E 30	7X2BK 14188 19E 29
9H4B 14180 00E 4	FO8FW 14024 08C 5	VK9XI 14211 13W 30	9U5JM 21294 19E 29
	T3ØAT 14019 08C 5	VP5EE 14006 13E 30	
A6XJC 14002 01E 28	T31AF 14015 08C 4	VS5HG 14207 13W 30	CT3DJ 21028 20E 29
BY1PK 21034 01E 8	3D2CJ 14016 08C 5	VS5HG 14205 13W 2	EA8AFB 21055 20E 29
HZ1HZ 14003 01E 28		VS5HG 14202 13E 4	5Z4MX 28010 20E 30
TR8IG 3518 01E 4	VP8ANT 3506 09E 4	YB4FN 14202 13E 4	
TR8JLD 14025 01C 4	ZL2OM 3502 09E 3	Z23JO 28034 13E 28	A4XJV 14260 21E 30
UL7EAQ 14045 01E 1		W6YB/	A6XJC 21311 21E 2
UI8CB 14027 01E 2	C21BD 14159 10E 7	3D6 14163 13W 30	FO8GW 28583 21E 3
3V8AA 14017 01E 3	KHØAC 14184 10E 3	4U1UN 14197 13C 29	JY5HY 21287 21C 4
5T5RY 14179 01W 1	VP8ANT 3504 10E 31	4U1UN 14188 13E 4	W4SIK/
5Z4CQ 14009 01E 28	VP8ANT 3505 10E 1	9M2MO 14206 13W 28	OX 21329 21E 5
	YB5ASO 14029 10E 1		PYL1EFM/
BY8AA 21047 02E 9	ZL1AZE 3503 10E 4	HL5HN 14224 14W 3	PYØT 21303 21E 5
EA9KQ 14007 02E 1		KHØAC 14225 14W 30	VR6KY 21305 21E 30
TO7GAS 7007 02E 8	NØZO/	TL8ER 21021 14E 30	4Z4XB 21335 21W 30
(FG7AS)	DU2 14172 11E 31	VK9XI 14211 14C 30	5H3DM 21314 21E 5
OY7ML 14026 02E 29	DU7RLC 14215 11E 6	VS5MS 14208 14W 28	5Z4DD 21043 21C 28
TF3YH 7010 02E 28	FB8ZQ 14024 11E 30	ZS5PG 14221 14W 3	
TT8AD 21017 02E 29	FK8DP 14028 11E 30	W6YB/	A6XJC 21312 22E 4
UL7MAR 21031 02E 29	FRØFLO 14189 11E 1	3D6 14163 14C 30	C3ØLB 14090 22C 1
UI8ADF 14027 02E 4	KX6AJ 14236 11E 6	4U1UN 14180 14E 28	C6AEY 21309 22E 4
VR6KY 14240 02W 2	P29AX 14170 11E 5	5V7WI 28009 14E 4	EA6BD 21011 22E 31
3V8AA 14026 02E 3	YBØARC 14228 11E 6	5Z4CQ 28018 14E 29	EA9JE 14088 22C 1
4S7WP 14069 02E 28	3B8FK 14026 11E 4	5Z4DE 14220 14W 31	TL8TX 21315 22E 4
KC7UU/	3D2CJ 14018 11E 3	9M2OK 14200 14W 31	VU2BK 14059 22E 2
5N6 14027 02E 2	5W1DZ 14164 11E 2		ZB2CJ 14018 22E 31
		A4XJO 21030 15E 29	5H3BH 21255 22E 4
TO5RV/	C21BD 14239 12E 5	BV2B 14227 15W 8	
FC 14195 03C 7	DU9RG 14222 12E 4	KG6DX 21049 15E 29	A6XJC 21314 23E 29
DALWA/	EL2AL 21275 12E 28	UL7LAW 21027 15E 29	CEØZAD 21345 23C 31
HBØ 7004 03E 5	FB8ZQ 14024 12E 30	UL7MG 21016 15E 4	EC8UZ 21055 23E 28
HL1ACD 14203 03E 30	FK8DP 14041 12E 4	9K2BE 21032 15E 29	HZ1AB 14024 23E 1
TT8AD 7025 03E 28	FRØFLO 14199 12E 5	9M2HZ 14202 15W 30	TR8JLD 21007 23E 30
VU2UGI 21276 03E 30	HL1AQ 14020 12C 8	9M2HB 14225 15W 31	UI8AEK 14032 23E 30
3B8FG 14028 03E 4	H44SH 14218 12E 5	9V1WC 21034 15E 30	V2AU 14016 23E 3
3B8CF 14044 03E 4	AH2G 14010 12E 4	9V1TL 14225 15W 31	
	P29RM 14175 12W 28		-----
FO8GW 14244 04W 31	P29LB 14242 12E 5	BV2B 14218 16E 1	Mail reports to reach
JY3ZH 14220 04W 31	VS5HG 14221 12E 29	EL9B 21354 16W 2	Vernon by Wednesday,
3B8FG 14028 04C 7	3B8FK 14025 12C 4	9V1TL 21026 16E 2	or phone:
4S7WP 14021 04E 30	3D6AJ 28505 12E 28		
	W6YB/	DU1RLC 21285 17E 30	203-871-7699 24 hours.
KS6DV 14310 05W 31	3D6 14054 12E 28	9K2BE 21027 17C 29	
KS6CQ 14310 05W 31	9M2MO 14025 12C 3		Best contributor of in-
OX5RM 14184 05W 30	9V1WC 14009 12C 3	YC5AK 21296 18E 30	formation each month wins
YJ8TT 14220 05W 31		TT8AD 21056 18E 28	a <u>free year</u> of <u>TDXB</u> .
		TT8AD 21024 18W 31	

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