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CHINA

CHINA has been on the air, signing JA6HOZ/BY. The activity has been on 20, around 14120 and 14150, as well as 28530 or so. Apparently a few stations in the US worked them, although no first hand reports have been received. This was Aug 14/15. The time was 0700 or thereabouts on 20. Some JA stations and a few Europeans also made the grade. It would seem that extreme restraint on the part of DXers is called for here, as the operator may be unfamiliar with DXing procedures and with the import of the operation to those who have thirsted for so long.

FR7 Glorioso

FR 7 Glorioso will be available from mid-January to mid-March, according to communication from Guy, FR7ZL. The Southeastern DX Club, which sent Guy a Drake remote vfo for his TR-4, received word that the Glorioso trip is planned as an alternative to the original destination of Europa. The FR7ZL/G confirmations will be handled by N4NX, manager for FR7ZL/T. QSLing for the Tromelin operations is current, and N4NX has the logs in hand from the most recent IT activity. If you forgot to confirm that one, N4NX is Bill Barr, 305 Alpine Drive, Roswell, GA 30075.

SPRATLY CARDS should be appearing everywhere just now; so says participant K4SMX following word from Harry Mead, VK2BJL.

SAUDI ARABIA-IRAQ NEUTRAL ZONE, 824, may be active in September, according to the DARC (Germany) DX news letter. Operator to be OE6EEG of recent Abu Ail fame. More word on this soon.

If you need a QSL from S79MC and/or S79D, please note the correct address for manager N4NW is: Thomas L. Gregory, 3429 Plumtree Drive, Apt. DX, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Logs for Mar. 9 through May 6 were apparently lost between the Seychelles and Maryland, so patience is called for if one seeks confirmation of a QSO during that time span.

A well-known Mexican amateur has queried the DXCC administrator regarding possible country status for CLARION ISLAND. Among other considerations was the geopolitical similarity between this place and Desecheo. CLARION Island is some 263 nautical miles from Socorro Island (XF4) . . . (If this comes to pass and a pileup ensues, would it be referred to as a "Clarion Call?" — Ed.)

MANIHIKI is presently being worked by just about everyone, thanks to ZL1ADI and ZL1AMO, who are signing ZK1MB on all bands. Indications are (at press time) that transportation hang-ups may necessitate a stay of some 30 days. If you desire a confirmation of contact, send your request to Charles Rademacher, ZL1ADI, PO BOX 41066, St. Lukes, Auckland 3, N.Z. Chuck was formerly W8EMN and K3WEK, incidentally.

According to the August 17 issue of **Ham Radio's** HR Report, ON4UN has made the first five band Worked All Zones. Congratulations are certainly in order . . . take a look at a world map, imagine working CQ Zone 23 on 80 meters and it's no surprise the feat was accomplished first from Europe. ON4UN authored a book called "80 Meter DXing," available from the Ham Radio bookstore, and seems to have practiced what he preached.

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Also in the same issue of HR Report is word of a "well-planned attack on malicious interference" in California, led by W6EJJ and some politicians. No mention of bands is made but it is assumed that two meters is the primary target since the term "jamming" is used.

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The DX Bulletin has received four reports from Bob Kelley, W0BW, before the first issue was mailed! Several others have contributed at least twice, including W1NG, W1DA, K4SMX and K5OVC. As soon as we get organized there are going to be some free subscriptions to Honor Roll Contributors.

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Collins Radio will introduce the long-awaited new amateur rig, presumably to replace the S-Line, in October. It will be an all solid state transceiver (too bad), synthesized, priced at 3 kilobucks at least.

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Our typesetter is still learning . . . 470M got left out of the list of contributors to the previous issue. Sorry, Rod. At this point we are typing the second issue without having seen the first one in its typeset form, which was mailed yesterday, but reports from the print shop brought that bit of information. If there's only one typo in the first issue, typeset by a non-ham, that has to be a world's record!

WORLD FAMOUS RADIO HAM AND TRAVELLER CALLS THE DX BULLETIN!

You're wondering what he called us? Never mind. Chod Harris, WB2CHO/WA1SQB returns to Montserrat at the end of August following some visiting Stateside. Chod is VP2ML now and a resident of the island, where he made 3500 ssb contacts in the recent IARU-sponsored Radiosport Championship. You may remember working Chod in past operating activities as 6W8MM, WA1SQB/HC8 and such.

Chod is now President of the Montserrat Amateur Radio Society, which has a membership around 20 or so of the VP2M-types. Chod is also official island QSL manager, while his own personal manager is K1RH. Equipment available at Chod's hacienda includes an S-Line, TS820, Dentron and Heath linears and a Hy-Quad and dipoles. Chod is shopping for another tower capable of supporting a bigger quad, so he can use the present one for vhf antennas, or something like that. Presently running 100 watts on 50 MHz to a 4-element yagi, VP2ML activity will expand to include 2 meters and 432 MHz. 160 meters is indicated for this coming season with an inverted vee, supplemented by a Beverage receiving antenna.

Those who are interested in discussing matters with Chod such as visitation privileges, skeds on 160 or vhf, or the existential significance of chocolate bits should look for VP2ML on 21,260 at 8 pm Eastern time daily; that's OOOOZ through the end of October and 0100 until the end of April. Chod will be there conversing with his QSL manager and other acquaintances. Written communications, which can take as long as 12-14 days by airmail, may be addressed to Charles Harris, Spanish Point, Montserrat, W.I.

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VP8VN, Jon on **South Georgia**, heard Aug. 20 at 1030 on 14237; worked two USSR stations then moved down five and traded reports with a Texas duo and

faded. Gave G4CHD for QSL information. Those listening were left with the impression the operator did not fathom his apparent popularity.

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CEO SAN FELIX is in the offing come October by Juan Orrego, CE3TS. They are working now to obtain landing permission. A QSL on the wall here is from a San Felix operation a few years back by W9IGW and K9KNW; our official **CA** Amateur Radio Countries of the World chart gives the population of this island as approximately zero. This one is obviously most needed by many of the younger generation of DXers.

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A letter just received from JK1GDD indicates operation from Ogasawara Island, JD1, about this time. Darned if he has been heard hereabouts, but if you worked the station, which could have been signing any of six different JAcalls/JD1, QSL via Akira Matsunaga, JK1GDD, 52-1-9-204 Saiwai 4 chome, Tachikawa-city, Tokyo 190, Japan.

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Work **THAILAND** now while Fred Laun, HS1ABD is there. Known in these parts as K3ZO and formerly as LU5HFI and HI8XAL, Fred's operating from Siam has been mainly CW. Occasionally coming through long path, on both 15 and 20, the signal is good. We worked Fred on 20 in June loading a Kenwood into the coax to a 10-meter beam and got a 329 report . . . if there is a breath of signal from your station Fred will hear it. He will likely be active in the All Asia CW contest. Send cards to K3EST for service.

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VK0PK is smartly representing **Macquarie Island** on 14220 in the wee hours around 0900. On August 17 P29JS (Jim) was running a list, taking callsigns on the same frequency and requiring each station to repeat his signal report back to VK0PK. In 30 minutes all US call areas plus numerous Canadians and some South Americans were funneled through to Peter. Work this one now, activity from Macquarie being not exactly heavy. It is an all-time "new one" for many.

CHAD, TT8, diplomatic personnel from the US includes an amateur, name and callsign not available but being investigated. Some radio gear is in accompaniment for those who would like a QSO. Let's hope WB2CHO never goes there, else we would be faced with "Chod in Chad."

LAST CALL

ALMOST THE LAST CALL for the 27th annual W9DXCC gathering which will take place Saturday, September 8, 1979. Those who have attended this DX confab can attest to how much fun it is, especially compared to the big "general interest" conventions where DXers must be searched out of the crowds. Everyone at a DX meeting is either a DXer or at least a DX sympathizer.

If you can make it to the Arlington Park Hilton, Euclid Avenue and Rohlwing Road, Arlington Heights, IL., get in touch immediately with Howie Huntington, K9KM, 75 South Burr Oak Drive, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. Registration is \$20 if postmarked by August 29, \$21.50 thereafter. In case you're having trouble making up your mind, below is an outline of the program . . . it commences at 12:30 pm on Saturday, following registration at 11:30; presumably everyone will be at least semi-recovered by that time from the night-before festivities of fish tales, Slim sagas, and so on:

Modern Receiver Design	Jim Moorman, W9TK
Navassa DXpedition	Randy Rowe, N0TG & Joe Mankowski, N0WL
Technology of the Future	John Battin, K9DX
Station Operating	
Conveniences	Bob Locher, W9KNI
Coaxial Transmission Lines	John Becker, K9MM
DX Advisory Committee	Jim Rafferty, N6RJ & Bob Locher, W9KNI
DXCC	Don Search, W3AZD
Central Division Director	Dr. Don Miller W9NTP
W9QSL Bureau	Ken Neuffer, W9ZA
Contest Advisory Committee	Vic Shields, K9UIY

Following all this, the banquet commences at 7 pm; star attraction is Stew Woodward, K4SMX, telling tales of the 1979 Spratly expedition. Lucky ticket holders will walk away with prizes including the new Heath remote antenna switch, a Bencher paddle, a

Yaesu clock, a Bauman Sales turns counter dial, and more, including last but definitely not least a couple of free year's subscriptions to **The DX Bulletin**! So get in a car pool, take the train, bus or moped, and enjoy meeting 200 or more radio hams just like you at the W9DXCC.

PITCAIRN ISLAND may have its first YL VR6 licensee soon, according to Tom Christian, VR6TC. Listen for "Kari."

VE3HRS made a brief stop in the Mali Republic (earlier than expected), then moved on to the Congo (TN) for a month, beginning Aug. 17. After that he will go back to Mali for about a month. At least one US station was worked from Mail, on 14203 at 0945, sometime prior to the Aug. 17 departure.

BV2B may be found Saturdays at 2230 on 28030. F9UW/3A November through February on Tuesdays, 15-1700, 14205; FK8DD, Daily, 0630/0730, 14030.

COMMENT

"When I use a word," said Humpty Dumpty, "it means just what I choose it to mean, neither more nor less."

—Through the Looking Glass, and what Alice found there.

We all eagerly await the opportunity to work an amateur radio station in the People's Republic of China; for most of us, there has been no activity from China in our amateur radio lifetimes. Of course, the same thing could have been said for Clipperton Island a year and a half ago. The differences being, of course, that China is almost exactly the same geographic size as the US (i.e., gigantic), and that China has three human beings for every one in the US. China has the greatest population of any country on earth yet there is absolutely no amateur radio in China nor has there been any there for 25 years.

Yet China is, despite the dismal lack of amateur radio, a member of the international community of nations in that she generally respects the internationally-defined frequency boundaries. The insufferable interference on the hf bands known as the "Woodpecker" originates not in China or some equally mateur radio-less country, but rather in a country which boasts a large and dynamic ham population. Curious, isn't it? — J.C.

QSL INFO

W7OK knows nothing about recent M1B cw operations, but W7OK does handle cards for: VR1AF, VR1AG, VR3AR, FK8BG, FK8CR, P29DP, VK4AK/N.I., VK4FJ/L.H., VP2KA, VP2KN and VP2SF. W7OK is Don Brickey, Box 95, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

Delete N200 as manager for KV4KV, now handled by WB2VFT. OD5IQ Callbook address is n.g. Try Box 154, Beirut.

AE0L/KH2	via	K0LST
C31MK	via	EA3WZ
W7LPF/DU2	via	N2CW
F00J/FC	via	DF4GV
FK8DD	Box 3040, Noumea	
HH2VP	via	N4XR
HI8XWP	via	K1MM
IF9DMK	via	I2DMK
JY8BF	via	K4BF
J28AZ	via	I8JN
WA4CEH/KS6	via	N4AA
KX6PP	via	WD4NVH
OY9J	via	K21JL
TF3YH	via	WA8AEE
VK0PK	via	VK3OT
VP5AH	via	WA4DRU
ZK1CQ	via	ZL1AMO
ZK2VE	via	W7PHO
3B6CD	via	WD5BIF
3V8AA	via	IS0LYN
4N0MP	via	YU1BCD
5N0DOG	via	W4FRU
7X4AN	via	VE2DXU
9K2FX	via	W4KA

SV1's JG, DC, IW — Box 161, Athens

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Liberia representation by EL2T, who is presently signing 5L2T, may be from a different location shortly. Bud, who works for the Voice of America, anticipates a transfer. Cards are handled by K4BAI.

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The SEDXC is planning an effort from St. Kitts (VP2K) in the October Contest . . . the CQ WW. The call will probably be VP2KC.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

MANY THANKS!!!! To the Texas DX Society Members and others who helped put the first beginning issue together, until we get automated!

BANDPASS

All reports for **BANDPASS** are invited, especially concerning QSOs with rare countries, rare CQ zones, usual band openings, and contacts on 160, 80, 40 and 6 meters. In the listings below, an asterick (*) following the frequency indicates long path. E, C and W stand for Eastern, Central and Western North America. Reports from amateurs outside North America are **Welcome** and will be listed separately.

BANDPASS-40

August

VQ9KK	7006	2330E	10
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BANDPASS-20

JA3KWC/A2	14201	1100E	11
BV2A	14008	1513C	8
BV2A	14025	1250C	15
JA6HOZ/BY	14120	0700E	14
JA6HOZ/BY	14120	0600E	15
C31SE	14027	0310E	2
K0AX/DU2	14006	1230E	19
W7LPF/DU2	14034	0930E	16
HH2VP	14028	0240E	7
HH2VP	14025	1100C	9
HI8XWP	14019	0730E	18
JE3YAJ/JD1	14013	1230C	14
JW2CF	14013	1100E	14
AE0L/KH2	14025	1243C	7
J28AZ	14ssb*	1230C	31 Jul
KG6SW/KC6	(W)14225	1220C	11
K7GA/KH7	14038	0730E	14
OY9J	21010	1826C	7
VE6CKS/SU	14ssb	0200E	18
TF3YH	14023	1210C	8
UK1PAA	14025	1530C	14
UK1PAA	14003	0100C	3
UK8LAA	14004	0315E	9
VK0PK	14222	0030E	17
VQ9WJ	14252*	0950E	18
VR3AR	14004	1210E	11
VU2TVZ	14204*	1150E	8
YB2CR	14232	1245E	19
YJ8CS	14202	1045E	17
XT2AL	14029	0315E	16
3A2HB	14240	2200C	14
3B6CD	14025	1300E	6
3B7CF	14025	1200E	4
3B8CF	14026	1200C	15
3D6AX	14019*	1330C	4
3V8AA	14010	0148E	3
4U1UN	21026	1450C	8
5B4EP	14236	0340E	25 Jul
5N0DOG	14216	0830E	18
7X2MB	14027	2330C	14
8P6HZ	14267	2330E	9

8P6MB	14222	2315E	8
K9EF/8R1	14029	0010E	1
9K2FX	14190	0300E	10
9M6VW	14219	1240E	19
9Y4TF	14257	0125E	10

BANDPASS-15

JA3KWJ/A2	21300	1900E	12
A51PN	21320	0100E	19
DU1DBT	21ssb	1330E	18
F0FJ/FC	21020	1715E	5
HS1ABD	21295	0100E	18
J28CA	21024	2130C	9
XT2AV	21295	1830C	9
YB0WR	21ssb	1330E	18
4N0MP	21030	1800C	9
K9EF/8R1	21025	0030E	9

Ten meters will be back, any day now. And 40, 80 and 160 will, too. The fantastic thing about a sunspot maximum is that the higher bands are at their best during the fall and winter, while 40, 80, and 160 make their comebacks at the same time they do every year, so we get **all** six major bands good for DXing at the same time. No, Virginia, there **are** hams on the West Coast, and they do work DX, some of it stuff that East Coasters can barely hear. Watch here next week and you'll see.

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We are awaiting written confirmation of a proposed expedition to Kingman Reef and Palmyra this coming November. The same source indicated some talk that the US government would like to use Palmyra as a nuke dump site. There are some who would prefer that the executive offices of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission be used for that purpose.

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N5FG offers a nifty DXing record book to replace all the scraps of paper and dog-eared log sheets most of us use to keep track of what we have missed over the years. If you're interested, contact Floyd Gerald, N5FG, 4706 Washington Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501. These may also be available at your favorite radio store.

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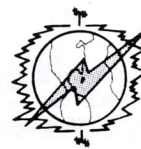
An effort is underway to publish a special issue of **The DX Bulletin** at year's end, which also happens to be Decade's End. It will be big, will cost an arm and a leg for us to mail, but will be something to show your grandchildren someday. No details lest someone else borrow the idea!

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That wraps up this second issue of **The DX Bulletin**. We are sort of in limbo, what with this issue going to the printer while the first one is arriving in DXer's mailboxes. Some things just haven't got caught up yet . . . like a Calendar of Events, for example. Next week. Thanks, everybody, for your encouragement. —Ed.

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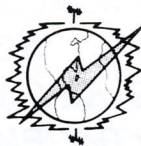
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