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PROPAGATION: Nov 13, Below Normal; Nov 14, Disturbed; Nov 15-18, High Normal; Nov 19, High/Low Normal; Nov 20-22, Low Normal; Nov 23, 24, High Normal; Nov 25, 26, Low Normal; Nov 27, High Normal; Nov 28, 29, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
246	262	150	11/3	99	22	2
261	270	143	11/4	99	15	2
272	259	139	11/5	104	8	2
302	249	145	11/6	107	5	0
278	246	145	11/7	106	4	1
178	245	148	11/8	111	12	3
266	237	152	11/9	106	25	2

CHINA

RECALL THAT LAST MAY K1MM was the first U.S. amateur to receive operating permission in China; Bill worked from BY1PK for about an hour. He's off on another trip to the area, stopping first in Japan and Hong Kong, then Beijing. Bill should be in the BY1PK vicinity the week-end of the CQ Worldwide CW Contest (Nov 26/27).

Our sources indicate that K1MM's thinking goes like this: if propagation continues to be marginal, the best chance to work North America would be on CW (we agree, although let's not get into another battle over whether or not CW gets through better than SSB!). But working CW during the CW contest would require "being in the contest," and would result in working many stations who do not need a first China contact. So the answer would be to get away from the contest QRM by working SSB, and we are betting that's what K1MM will do, if (and it's a fairly big if) he gets permission to operate at all.

While this may seem like much ado about nothing, if Bill gets a chance to put BY1PK on for an extended period of time, he could equal the entire QSO output of all three Chinese stations currently on the air over the past two years! The "guest" operations thus far have been busts when it comes to working into North America.

JARVIS

THOSE NEW TO DECLINING SUNSPOTS got an education last week as they hunted for AD1S/KH5. The operation began two days late and missed some good conditions on Nov 5/6. First, their boat was a day late arriving at Christmas Is-

land, and shortly after they departed the engine conked out. They were forced to sail to Jarvis, taking forty hours. Additionally, celestial navigation had to be used, apparently causing further delays. Departure was on schedule Nov 10, to be followed by a couple of days operation from Christmas (see Issue 214).

ANDAMANS: nothing heard of our "Stop Press" from last week. Holland's DXPRESS turned out to carry the same rumor in their Nov 4 issue.

PRIBOLOF ISLANDS not yet approved for DXCC status in Newington. USA Today reported that on Oct 28 the U.S. government cut off subsidies to some 750 native Aleuts living on St Paul and St George Islands. We are not sure if this has anything at all to do with the Pribolofs qualifying for DXCC status. It is still our understanding that while the Pribolofs may be far enough away from the Alaska mainland to meet the DXCC mileage requirement, they are too close to the Aleutian Islands, which are also part of Alaska.

WHEN ZL3AFH gets antennas up for bands other than 80 he should be workable from Kermadec. He will be using a new callsign as of Jan 1, as will many New Zealanders. Here is their new callsign breakdown:

ZL1-ZL4	New Zealand
ZL5	N.Z. Antarctic bases
ZL6	Intruder Watch and emergency
ZL7	Chatham Island
ZL8	Kermadec
ZL9	Auckland/Campbell Islands
ZL0	Visitors to New Zealand
ZK1	N/S Cook Islands
ZK2	Niue Islands
ZK3	Tokelau Islands

YASME REPORT: Following the Houston Convention (ARRL National) in Houston, Lloyd W6KG and Iris W6QL went to Colombia and made 6000 contacts in 133 DXCC countries signing W6KG/HK3. Thanks to people the Colvins had met before and to the Colombian amateur radio organization, they received licences very quickly. The Colvins are now on San Andres as W6KG/HK0; next stop will be Ecuador.

NOTE: because something very important is scheduled to happen, the next issue will be written and mailed several days late.

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N4NW checked in with a report on his TU2NW activities...Tom made 3,000 contacts in the CQ WW Phone Contest. He says he's going to try 40 Meters single-band in the CW 'Test' the end of this month. Tom continues to get set up on the Low Bands, including 160, on which he is having trouble getting his amp working. Best time for 75 and 40 Meters is 2300Z and later Fridays and Saturdays.

PREFIX HUNTERS may be interested to know that Dave Church, WA2HZR, will be in South Africa the first two weeks of Dec, operating from Ciskei as S42HZR. Dave is also awaiting licenses for H5 and S8. 80-10 Meters, CW only.

ROYAL OMANI AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY will celebrate Youth Year by signing A4YXY from their headquarters station, non-stop Nov 18-21.

QSLs:

BY8AA try Box 607, Cheng-du

XU1SS via JA1HQG, Yoshio Arisake
4-3-9 Yuigahama, Kamakura
Kanagawa 248 JAPAN

HELP NEEDED: P29KK (3/82, N7MC)
YS9EW (10/83, W5KFN)

Report from the 1983 New England Scrodfest

We made a brief appearance at the banquet on Nov 5...forgot to take a name badge but got recognized anyway...organizer of the affair was hospitalized for treatment that morning, got out for the meeting, went back in hospital that night...met many of our subscribers, all very friendly, found out later more were there whom we missed...at least a half-dozen people asked us if the car in the parking lot with "QRZ DX" license plates belonged to The DX Bulletin...avoided being embarrassed by claiming ineligibility to take the insanely difficult K1MM DX quiz...met W8LRL and thought he was WB4ZNH (guys with beards all look alike)...discovered that for a CW operator K8CW talks a blue streak...surprised that we were one of a very few to bring along a person of the female persuasion...caught someone actually reading a copy of the Long Island DX Bulletin in our presence...fielded with (we thought) aplomb a subscriber's complaint that the capital "J" in this type face looks like a "I"...enjoyed K8CW's Heard Island slide show immensely...missed those DXers who had stayed home to work the ARRL CW Sweepstakes contest...got our photo taken entirely too many times...in general, we had a terrific time. But next year, how about Scrod again instead of roast beef???

A DX Bulletin extra

A MODEST PROPOSAL

by Professor Dag X. Ray*

"Our HF bands are ever more crowded, and corrective measures must be taken immediately, before the amateur radio equivalent of grid lock brings DXing to a standstill." -- remark heard during a pileup.

As an amateur radio philosopher, I have often pondered this serious situation, although I must admit that I find HF conditions so stressful I rarely operate, preferring only to listen and reflect.

Some readers will express the opinion that what amateur radio needs, then, is more philosophers and fewer operators of any persuasion. Let me counter with the observation that the various journals which cater to our hobby have too often filled too many pages with the ramblings and ravings of self-proclaimed philosophers and seers, and a moratorium on ham radio philosophy might be welcomed by many beleaguered readers. Regardless, I press on.

The solution came to me only recently, when I was perusing the Burghardt Amateur Center catalog. There, on the cover, was the answer to a philosopher's prayer. I am quite certain this catalog will become famous. Burghardt announced their store would be closed on Oct 15, opening day of the pheasant season in S. Dakota.

Yes, what I am suggesting is the imposition of DX Seasons. Why not give each DXCC country a season, during which it could work other countries, and itself be worked for credit? Think how much easier it would be to work China during the "JA off season." And imagine the thrill of "Open Season!"

Of course, the U.S. would also have a season, perhaps different periods during the year according to regional climate. By staggering the seasons around the world, we could greatly reduce crowding, and the accompanying unsportsmanlike behavior it brings out in some DXers.

Being forced off the air (no transmitting during off season) would probably drive less-ardent DXers to become audiophiles or philatelists. The sincere devotees could, of course, listen, and many would probably find that a receiver is almost as much fun to operate as a transmitter.

For the serious addicts, club meetings would act as a form of group Gestalt therapy. Participants could "act out" their frustration with code practice oscillators (this is already happening with the AEA "Contest simulator"-ed). Roles to be played could include Big Gun, List Maker, DX Station, Policeman, etc.

As a philosopher, it is not my place, nor my intention to do more than suggest the problem, and a possible solution. I leave it to the powers that be to implement "DX Seasons."

*Professor Ray received his Ph.D in Amateur Radio Philosophy from the University of Newington, and was philosopher-in-residence there until 1978, when he retired to his mountaintop retreat in northwestern Connecticut. Now rarely seen or heard, he divides his time between pondering the meaning of amateur radio and repairing Italian cars. Through a series of deft callsign manipulations, Prof. Ray has kept his true identity a secret.

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

AP2MQ 14180 02C 5	GU3KFT 3782 06E 31	T2YKC 3787 11C 29	3B9FK 7003 01E 1
A4XJX 14200 13E 1	HB0CBJ 14015 20C 28	T2YKC 14211 14W 29	3B9FK 28025 13E 5
A4XJA 14185 12C 2	HB0BHA 7004 01E 31	T2YKC 21280 02W 30	3D2DM 3790 13C 29
CE8ABF 3798 04E 27	HH2WL 28615 21E 29	T30DB 14183 14W 29	3D6AL 28643 14C 28
CE3BGW 7030 01E 30	HH2VP 7002 11E 2	T32AF 21278 19W 30	3D6AN 21360 20C 5
CE0AE 21338 22C 31	W6KG/	T77C 21028 14E 5	3D6AL 28539 12E 5
CN2AF 3787 04E 26	HK0 7006 03E 5	RW9A 7054 12E 29	3V8PS 28512 14E 6
CN2AQ 3781 05E 31	W6KG/	UA0FCL 3640 10C 29	3X4EX 3800 07C 30
CN2CQ 3793 02C 2	KH0 28012 14E 5	UA0ZDD 3643 10C 29	3X4EX 28500 13C 4
CN2AQ 28535 15E 5	HL1ANV 28603 00W 29	UK0ZAD 21027 23E 31	3X4EX 21335 19C 5
C02PY 21015 15E 30	HL0U 21293 01C 8	UK2FBR 7005 02E 1	4K1GDW 3505 04C 31
CT2FN 7001 23E 29	HP1AW 7004 23E 29	UR2R3F 7004 02E 3	4K1GDW 3506 04C 3
CT2AK 3795 03E 1	HP1XEK 3508 02E 30	UD6DHC 28021 13E 5	4K1GDW 7002 03C 3
DF8ZH/	K0SD/	UF6FER 28015 13E 5	5H3BH 21355 18C 31
CT3 7002 23E 2	HR1 28519 20E 29	UI8IF 14024 13E 1	5N8ARY 3797 04C 29
DL1RK/	HR1RC 7007 01E 30	UJ8XCW 14172 02C 5	KC7UU/
CT3 7003 03E 3	HZ1AB 1840 00E 4	UM8PAA 14022 03E 2	5N23 14029 22E 29
DF8ZH/	H44SA 3790 13C 30	VK9NS 28595 02W 29	5N8BRC 21336 17W 29
CT3 3502 00E 4	IS0NNO 14036 22E 29	VK9NS 21275 02W 30	KC7UU/
DL1RK/	IS0FPH 7002 23C 5	VP8QG 28635 20W 29	5N23 3513 04C 31
CT3 28022 12E 5	JA3YKC/	VP8QG 28517 22E 29	5Z4CV 21335 19C 31
DF8ZH/	JD1 21281 03W 29	VP8AQA 14290 03E 29	6V0DY 21292 18C 4
CT3 3502 06C 8	JA3JHS/	VP8AQA 14234 03E 4	6W8CK 28583 12E 5
CX3ANP 3782 10C 30	JD1 21316 01W 29	VP9DR 14007 21E 29	7P8DB 14190 23W 29
C21RK 14205 03W 30	JT1AO 7009 12E 9	VR6KY 21305 00C 1	7P8DB 14237 05W 29
C31NP 7008 01C 3	JY5SK 14172 13E 1	VS5GA 28546 00W 29	7P8DB 3790 04C 30
DU7RLC 28576 03W 29	J28DS 28030 14E 4	VS5HG 21310 23C 5	7P8CT 28507 15C 4
D44BC 21332 19C 5	J28CB 28584 13E 5	VS6DO 3792 12C 29	7Q7LW 14285 05E 29
D44BC 14202 01C 5	WL7E 3505 03C 1	VS6DO 28557 01W 29	8P6MJ 7001 03E 3
EA6GJ 28036 13E 5	KG4DX 7003 03E 5	VS6DO 3799 11E 7	8Q7AV 14186 12C 7
EA5BS/	AH2AN 21282 23E 6	VS6KV 14210 12C 7	9J2LL 28037 17C 28
EA8 14030 22E 29	AH8K 14187 13E 5	VU2CK 14161 02C 5	9K2DZ 21406 17E 30
EA8AGF 21355 18C 31	AH8B 21313 22E 6	VY1CW 21345 22E 6	
EA9IE 28528 14E 5	AH8H 21333 22E 6	V2AU 7002 02C 29	
EA9IE 28515 14E 6	KE4UX/	V2AU 21013 13C 31	
FC9VN 28013 14E 5	KH9 21282 23E 5	V30DX 3505 03C 3	
FG7AM 7002 23E 29	LU1ZA 14230 02C 5	V3CQ 7001 03C 4	
FK8CE 28014 23E 31	OA4IU 7010 02E 1	YC0VM 21060 14E 5	
FK8EV 14044 13E 2	OX3UD 14020 21E 30	YI0BIF 21253 13C 7	
FM7CW 14011 19E 29	OX4WCY 3505 03C 6	YJ8RG 3790 08C 29	
FM7WD 14014 19E 29	OY9R 14202 19W 29	YS10 14025 13E 31	
FM7WD 28021 15E 5	TF3YH 14031 02W 5	YS10 7007 03E 2	
F08IW 14209 03W 30	TF3CU 14005 12E 5	YS1GMV 28007 15E 5	
F08JP 28550 22E 4	KD4LI/	ZD7BW 21335 19C 31	
FR0FLO 3792 02C 30	TI2 21025 00E 2	ZP5JCY 3798 04E 27	
FR7DB 28585 14E 6	TL8TX 21335 20C 5	ZS3GB 28500 16E 29	
FG7CL/	TR8IG 3790 03C 29	Z22JS 7013 04E 1	
FS 28618 17E 29	TR8DX 14217 04W 29	Z23JO 7004 03E 5	
FY7CH 21031 23E 31	TU2NW 3795 02C 29	Z21FN 28006 15W 5	
FY7AU 7006 03C 4	DL6GD/	3B8FG 14028 13C 8	
	TY 21380 20E 30		

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More Grenada

A Washington correspondent whom we trust has responded to some of our comments in the past two issues...he says that "both ARRL and FCC state that no permission was ever given any amateur to transmit outside the amateur bands (i.e. 14.351). Permission was granted to drop below normal voice frequencies at the request of the State Department...and it was noted that in a life-or-death situation anything goes..."

Section 605 of the Communications Act, the "Secrecy Provision" was cancelled last year; the news media may listen to amateur communications and base their accounts on what they

hear...what they cannot do is participate in the transmissions because that would constitute "business transmissions." Also, in the case of Grenada, there is no Third-Party agreement with the U.S.

Since it is not now clear (and indeed may never be clear) if Grenada was a life-and-death situation, the anything-goes provisions of the regulations will continue to be applied to what happened between KA2ORK/J37 and U.S. amateurs.

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

CHINA BY1PK, BY4AA, BY8AA all on; need reports
CAMBODIA No XU1SS since Oct 12
RODRIGUES 3B9FK ends next month
KURE N2EDQ/KH7 14/310 at 0300
A6XJC Need reports

CROZET FB8WK/WJ on the way there now
CHRISTMAS T32s by AD1S crew ending now; I 214
TN8AJ Rumored now to Nov 17; no reports
MACQUARIE VKØCK on but not very active
YASME W6KG/HKØ San Andres now; Ecuador next

TONGA A35ZM by K6ZM on Now
MADEIRA CT3 by W. Germans ends Nov 19
TAIWAN Try BV2A/Ø Wednesdays, 12Z, 20 Meters
GALAPAGOS HC8 by HC2SL Nov 15-25
PACIFIC By DL1VU begins Nov 17; I 214

ANGUILLA VP2ES by K8CV starts Nov 20
RHODES By SV1s NA, OL, OE, Nov 20-27; I 214
TANZANIA 5H3BH by SMØs AJU, JDZ, Nov 22-Dec 6
CAYMANS ZF2CC by N4RA Nov 23-29
BELIZE V3A Nov 23-29; I 209

St MAARTEN PJ7A by W2GD, K3VW, Nov 26/27
FR POLYNESIA BY K6HHD, W6GO, end of Nov
LORD HOWE By VK2BQQ rumored Nov 26/27
CONTEST CQ WW CW Nov 26/27
SPACE SHUTTLE W5LFL/mobile launches Nov 28

JAMAICA K4CXY/6Y5 Nov 30-Dec 6
NEPAL 9N1MM by K4TKM Dec 5-14
SRI LANKA 4S7TKM by K4TKM Dec 15-24
4U1ITU By K8GG Dec 19-21, Low Bands
DEADDLINE DXCC Honor Roll QSLs to Newington by 12/30

Dr. D.X. Ray, KA1BU, N1CIX,
DA2ER, W5KFN, N7MC, PT2BW,
WA2HZR, N4NW, K3ZJ, W4VQ, YASME,
W4ZFE, K6SSJ, W6OAT, K8GG,
N4RA, K4CXY, K8EM, K2OLG, AB8K,
K1SA, KM9J, W9WAQ, W7HRD, K2UFM,
KR1G, WØBW, W3ICM, K4BAI, N4SF,
K1XM, KA1KD, WD5AAM, WØJRN,
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