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PROPAGATION: Jan 29-Feb 1, Low Normal; Feb 2-4, High Normal; Feb 5, Above Normal; Feb 6-9, High Normal; Feb 10, High/Above Normal; Feb 11-13, High Normal; Feb 14, High/Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Date	Flux Alpha (84)	Alpha (84)	K (84)
171	175	132	1/19	98	8	4
167	173	125	1/20	97	19	3
162	169	120	1/21	97	12	2
161	159	117	1/22	107	14	2
62	153	119	1/23	114	12	2
162	154	118	1/24	117	6	1
180	177	127	1/25	133	11	0

CORRECTION: QSL manager for the initial Lacadives VU7WCY operation is VU2APE, not 'APR. We mis-typed it last week. The second operation ended January 24, and our best information is that VU2GDG is manager for all QSLs for that operation. We have been wondering if they are requesting you add the "/XXX" to your QSL so they can parcel the cards out to the appropriate operator after they are received at VU2GDG. That's only a guess.

XULSS QSLs from October 1983 operations are now being received by most. It appears the cards flow from JALHQQ monthly, so those who worked the station in November will probably get their cards in about a month.

DL1VU showed briefly from American Samoa, signing AH8/DL1VU; QSLs to DB5UJ. Beginning about January 30 he will sign 5W1DC from Samoa, QSL info to be announced on the air. After about a month, he will open from Tokelau as ZM7VU.

Latest word on YV0AA Aves Island is that it will be a three-day, round-the-clock operation by about a dozen operators, beginning Feb 29. They have run into the usual transportation problems getting to Bird Island.

Jim Smith, VK9NS, president of the Heard Island DX Association, says his permission for a Kermadec operation in February is open-ended. He'll need that, as funds are still being collected and transportation is yet to be finalized. Look for something to happen March or later. DX News Sheet advises ZL8AFH has been worked on 7085 at 0830Z, on the "ZL2AAG Net."

Several sources say the TI9J Cocos operation is postponed until Feb 15-22, transportation again the hang-up.

FR7AI/T says he'll be on Tromelin until about Feb 8, operating mostly CW but some SSB around 14.200. QSL to his home address. Do not put "Reunion" on the envelope.

Our good friend Jim White is laid up after a car accident. You may recall he was the winner of the Texas Armadillo Run last summer, after working all 254 Texas counties in a weekend; you may have met him at the ARRL National Convention in Houston in Oct. Send him a get-well card to Jim White, K1ZX, Coral Reef Hospital, Rm 205, Miami FL 33130.

Late word is that the 1A0KM S.M.O.M. operation has run into some snags, and I0JX says don't expect any action until April or thereabouts.

WA3HUP, QSL manager for CE0AE, sends a note concerning Easter Island licensees...twelve new novices are on board, callsigns from CE0ZIA to CE0ZIK, with CE0ZIB being the first native to ever be licensed. CE0ZIG and CE0ZIH are both sons of Hector, CE0ERY. Over on Jaun Fernandez, WB6WOD has a nice article in the latest CQ regarding his operations last October.

This editor took some heat when he published a report on KA2ORK's Grenada communications (TDXB Issue 213). Grenada disappeared almost immediately from the mass media, but a number of specialized publications are still trying to sort things out. The Jan/Feb issue of Channels of Communication has an article on deregulation of the FCC, and the part that Chairman Mark Fowler has played. Here's what writer Les Brown had to say:

"The present commission (FCC) has so many Reagan appointees and/or sympathizers that Fowler is in full control and therefore seems to be a one-man commission. And the FCC does, at times, seem to be operating as an arm of the White House, as when it banned ham radio contact with Grenada during the invasion. But seeming to be is no violation of the law."

We are too modest to think that a Real Professional Writer would be reading TDXB. Keep in mind that our Issue 213 was written on the second day of the invasion, at the height of the communications blackout, and our analysis was strictly our own.

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ONE OF OUR READERS works with an Indian, who had this to say about those VU7 spots:

"Andaman, Nicobar, and Laccadive Islands are part of India; Laccadive is derived from the word 'Laksh Dweep.' Laksha means 100,000 in Indian, and Dweepa means Island, therefore 'Laccadive; means 'Land of 100,000 Islands.' The Laccadive Islands are known for their natural habitat (for wildlife) and for their long, natural beaches. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are peaceful and have a rich history; large numbers of their residents joined the Indian national army to fight the British for independence. Cost of living on all these islands is very low, making them perfect vacation spots."

TRØAB was activated from Banie Island Jan 14 and 15, by Gerard, F2JD/TR8JD; he made 1316 contacts in about 24 hours, 60/40 SSB and CW. He hoped to be on again Jan 28/29 before returning to France. Banie Island is IOTA AF 43 with Corisco and Elobey (part of 3C1 Equatorial Guinea). QSLs go to F6AJA.

MORE THINGS ESOTERIC: CQ Magazines Contest and WPX Award Committees have had a falling-out regarding what's a distinct prefix. You will be able to read the details in about a month, in March CQ. The Contest definition is more liberal than the WPX Award's; in the CQ WPX Contest, for example, J3 and J37 count as separate multipliers. Conversely, for the WPX Awards program, they are the same thing. The Contest Committee is more liberal since some contest operators go to great length to obtain peculiar prefixes for the contest weekends, thus the Contest Committee wants them to be rewarded by counting them as separate multipliers.

NOTE NOT A SINGLE 10 Meter entry in this week's Bandpass, and little spectacular on 15, either. Last weekend, one of the locals had T2ADE and some other Pacific stuff on 15 about 2000Z, and by the time arrangements were made the band had crapped out. We took another nostalgic look at our 1973 logbook (one sunspot cycle ago) and found that in Jan/Feb of that year we were working DX on 20 and 80 Meters only, not having much on 40 at the time. We did work some useful stuff, though: YVØAA, CR5AJ. What's important, though, is that as we flipped the pages into late February and then March, 1973, things picked up, on both 15 and 10 Meters. You will note, also, that this week's N4XX predictions for early Feb are looking better, and the Flux is even rising. Just in time for the ARRL CW and Phone DX Competitions, we hope. No, we can't let you peek at our logbook from two sunspot cycles ago...in January 1962 we were a 13-year-old Novice ticket holder. You'll just have to wait another six months or so for some Real Nostalgia!

TDXB reader Luis Suarez, OA4KO, announces an operation from Churum Vena (Angel Falls) in Venezuela, the world's highest known waterfall (3,212 feet). The waterfall, discovered only in 1935 by an American aviator named James Angel, has been seen from the top by only a few people who have braved the trek to Devil's Mountain plateau. A special QSL card will, naturally, be available from CHURUM-VENA Expedition, Asociacion de Radioaficionados de Venezuela, PO BOX 3636, Caracas 1010-A. Call will be 4M5ARV/6, Mar 30 to Apr 1, SSB on the usual frequencies and CW on 3710, 7010, 14010, 21110, and 28110.

ALASKA DX ASSOCIATION has produced a slide show on their Pribilof Islands operation of last Fall. You can schedule it by writing directly to KL7Y, or to KB1BE, Paul Shafer, 7 Fern Dr, Bloomfield CT 06002. And a reminder that you may feast your eyes on the HKØTU Malpelo operation via slides and tape by contacting the LCRA club, Box 584, Bogota Colombia.

A woman named Tracy, signing N1CWH/TI9 appeared from "Cocos Island" the evening of Jan 26, on 20 SSB at 0200Z. Says she's part of an archeological expedition organized by Dartmouth College. She was on the "INDXA" net, which meets on 14.235 several evenings a week.

WE FILLED almost forty requests for the list of stations worked/heard by W5LFL/Space; the list had already appeared in the ARRL Letter, and is in February QST.

DX-NL says only BY4AA of the three China stations is being heard in Europe these days: they report Shanghai at 1800Z on 7001, 14.010 at 0750Z, and 21/032 at 0800Z...YBØARA is said to have a 2-element beam on 80 Meters, and is thinking of increasing that to four elements! He likes 1100Z every day on 3795... DX News Sheet reveals that VR6TC has a sked with DL8FL on Sundays at 0700Z, first on 7050, then on 14.140...our colleagues in Great Britain also say VU2JXO has received permission to operate 1950 KHz during the upcoming CQ 160 Contests, both CW and SSB... DX Report has one FW8AF on 7085 at 0700Z, and also predicts current VP5RAC will relocate to ZD8 Ascension soon, to join ZD7HH, who is also said to be pulling up stakes and moving up to Ascension...FB8WK says he will be on 160 before this winter's season ends... some confusion about the address of VU2GDG; we have been publishing what appeared in the 1983 Callbook. We suggest you hold off on QSLing until definite information is available...

		<h1>YVØAA</h1>		15° 42' N 63° 38' W	
ISLA DE AVES					
EXPEDICION DE 1973 - Radio Club Venezolano - 1973 DX-PEITION					
RADIO	DATE	GMT	QX	MC	RSIT
WA9AUM	10 11 12 JAN. 73	0337	17 CW	3.8	55
Efectuada con la colaboración de: La Comandancia General de la Marina y del Ejército y del Cuerpo de Bomberos del Distrito Sucre					
TNS QSL VIA YV1AJ P.O. Box 2183 Caracas, Venezuela					
QSO received by 					

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

AP2MQ 14208 13E 16	FR7AI/T 21013 14C 15	TAlAA 7002 23E 20	YS10 7006 03E 19
AP2SQ 14200 13C 18	FR7AI/T 21005 16W 21	(Dubious)	YULEXY 1826 01C 16
AT0A 14231 04E 15	GJ3DVC 14208 12E 14	W3TB/	YULEXY 1829 23E 21
(Antarctica)	GU3HFN 21048 16E 15	TF 3504 11E 14	Y83ANT 14010 01E 18
A22ME 21335 19C 15	DL7NS/	TF5TP 3798 12E 16	(Antarctica)
A35GW 14211 05W 20	HB0 3508 04E 15	TF5TP 3793 07E 18	ZB2EO 3504 22E 15
A4XJW 14192 13E 16	DL7NS/	TL8GE 14210 21C 15	ZB2EO 1836 00E 23
A6ASS 14227 13C 18	HB0 7005 01E 15	TL8DX 14225 22C 15	ZC4BI 3505 22E 22
A6ASS 14199 15W 21	HB0BFN 14012 18E 15	TR8SDP 14012 21E 15	ZK1DA 14222 04W 20
A71BK 14217 13E 12	DL7NS/	TR8JLD 14162 22C 15	ZL8AFH 3795 08E 20
A71BJ 14176 12E 14	HB0 3507 05E 18	TR8JLD 3508 01E 25	ZP5XDW 14024 03E 15
A71BH 14202 14C 15	HH2VP 14026 12E 15	TU2NW 14195 23W 14	ZP5XDW 21025 12E 15
A71BH 14203 14C 17	HH2WL 14212 12E 15	TU2NW 21296 18W 15	Z21AO 21335 19E 21
A71BK 14175 13E 18	HI3AMG 14048 12E 15	TU2NW 3797 06E 16	ZS3E 7055 05E 16
A71BH 14172 13E 19	HI8DAF 1827 03C 16	TU2NW 21025 18E 21	ZS3E 3795 05E 16
A71BH 14167 13E 21	HK1ANX 7033 03E 18	TU2NW 14195 21E 21	ZS3E 3795 04E 17
A71BK 14171 14C 22	HK4BKB 1838 03E 18	TU2NW 3792 02E 22	3A2LF 14217 14W 15
A92DT 14213 13C 10	HPlAC 14008 12E 15	TU2NW 1828 00E 22	3B8FG 14023 03E 17
A92DT 14199 15W 15	HPlXEK 21019 18E 15	T2ADE 21292 20E 21	3B8FE 14191 13C 17
BY8AA 14050 01E 17	HT1JCC 14027 13E 17	(list operation)	3B8CF 7014 03E 19
(very chirpy)	HV3SJ 14206 15W 15	T30AT 21021 19C 19	3B8CR 3506 02E 23
CE3DNP 7007 01E 15	HZ1AB 7003 13C 20	T30DB 21292 20W 21	3D6AL 21330 19E 21
CE6EAT 7004 02E 18	H44IA 3787 12C 17	T77V 21263 14E 15	3D6AN 14198 20C 22
CE0AE 21330 21W 21	H44IA 3798 12E 19	T77C 21026 16E 15	3D6AL 21415 20C 22
CE0ERY 14203 02C 11	JF1IST 3795 11C 21	T77V 3787 05E 16	3X4EX 14224 22W 14
(J. Fernandez)	JT1AO 7006 00E 16	T77V 3789 04E 22	3X4EX 14224 00W 15
CE0ERY 14214 01W 17	JW5NM 3790 05E 18	T77V 1840 06E 22	4S7CF 14188 02C 11
CE0FQV 14217 03W 20	J28EB 7009 01E 17	UK1PGO 14191 13E 18	4S7DA 7006 13E 19
(J. Fernandez)	J73AE 7006 22E 14	UK1PGO 14029 20E 22	4S7NE 7008 13E 19
CE0ERY 14195 02C 24	J37AH 3792 07E 22	UA9MEA 3504 02E 12	4S7CF 14204 13E 20
CN2AQ 3780 05E 16	KC4USX 14210 01W 14	UK9CVV 3513 00E 14	4S7EMG 7001 13E 23
CN2AQ 3789 06E 19	KC4USX 14230 04E 16	UK9HAC 7008 23C 18	4U1UN 14218 14C 15
W6KG/	KC4USY 14275 04E 16	UA9YCN 7001 11E 19	4U1VIC 14025 13E 20
CP6 21027 16E 21	NP4GD 1813 07E 21	UA0ICL 3517 10E 21	4X4JM 3503 01E 14
N6KG/	KC6DS 14310 03W 20	UA9YFG 3506 12E 22	5H3BH 21283 18E 16
CP6 14022 21E 22	(E. Carolines)	(Zone 18)	5N1ARY 3793 00C 11
CT2FN 7001 11E 16	KL7GKY 3805 08E 22	UK2AAG 1855 05E 22	5N1ARY 7008 02C 19
CT2DV 7014 23E 16	KL7GKY 1860 08E 22	UK2RDX 7002 13C 17	5Z4MX 3504 00E 15
CT2CB 3512 05C 17	("A WAS Net")	UK2RDX 1826 00E 22	5Z4MX 7005 20E 21
CT2DV 1837 00E 22	KH6CF 3505 11E 20	UQ2QD 1851 05E 23	5W1AB 14287 04W 20
CT2BQ 1831 04E 22	AH2G 7006 12E 22	UK5QBE 7003 23C 19	6W1CK 21330 19E 21
CT2DV 1834 00E 23	KX6DS 7005 12E 14	UO5AM 21015 14E 15	6W1DY 3790 22E 21
C30LAZ 21296 16E 19	KX6DS 3503 11E 15	UD6DHC 3506 01C 20	6Y5SG 7013 02E 14
DU9RG 3789 12C 19	KX6DS 7004 12E 15	UF6FFZ 3508 01E 12	8P6QE 7024 22E 15
EA6EA 14025 19E 15	KX6GO 7008 12E 18	UF6FAO 3505 23E 14	8R1J 7005 07C 17
EA6BD 3504 23E 16	KX6OH 3792 13C 20	UF6FAL 3508 01E 19	9H1BB 3799 06E 22
EA6KZ 3517 05E 20	AH3AA/	UG6GDS 14236 14C 13	9G1UF 7003 21E 20
EA8QP 21025 15E 15	AH9 21292 21C 21	UL7ECH 3503 22E 16	9J2LL 21031 16W 15
EA5YU/8 7015 22E 15	AH8/	UH8EAD 7014 04E 15	9J2LL 14028 20C 19
EA8QJ 3506 22E 16	DL1VU 7005 11E 18	UH8HCB 14207 12E 18	9K2BE 7004 22E 19
EA8ZI 3793 04E 16	AH8/	UK8WAY 14214 13E 19	9M2HB 14188 12E 20
EA8QL 3790 23E 16	DL1VU 7007 12E 21	UI8IZB 7007 01C 19	9N1MM 14212 13E 25
EA8LD 3791 23E 16	AH8/	UI8LBA 7004 02E 19	9U5JB 21260 16W 15
EA9KQ 7004 01E 15	DL1VU 3504 13E 23	UI8AHW 7003 03E 21	(likes Sundays)
EA9JH 3506 01E 16	LU3ZT 14020 03E 17	UK8JBD 14070 12E 16	9U5JB 21277 19C 15
EA9JH 7010 00E 15	(S. Orkneys)	VK6RZ 7007 22E 14	9U5JB 21260 19E 22
EL2AL 21298 17C 20	LX1BI 21278 16E 16	VK9NS 21298 00C 15	9V1VZ 3502 15W 14
FB8WK 7008 02E 21	LZ1KDP 1828 03E 17	VO2CP 3801 01E 20	
FB8WJ 14225 16W 21	LZ2CJ 1824 03E 20	VP2KBZ 21039 15E 15	
FB8WK 3793 02E 22	OA8CP 7008 23E 14	VP8AOD 14203 01W 14	
FB8WK 3508 01E 24	OA4ZV 14024 14E 15	(S Orkneys)	
FB8WK 7009 03E 24	OA4ZV 7006 01E 16	VP8AOD 14250 01W 22	
FC2XN 3505 00E 14	OA8CP 3790 11E 21	VR6KY 3806 12E 20	
FC9VN 1850 06E 22	OE5CK 1835 05E 20	VS6DO 14157 12E 13	
FC8TT 1832 00E 23	OY7ML 3502 00E 25	VU2BK 7005 23E 14	
FG7AS 7013 22E 15	PA0HIP 1827 07E 22	VU2GI 3898 01C 15	
FG7XJ 7006 23E 16	W1BIH/	VU2BX 3507 23E 16	
FK8DK 7006 13E 15	PJ2 7008 00E 15	VU7WCY 3894 00E 23	
FM7WE 3798 10C 21	PZ1DW 14178 14C 13	VU2GI 3525 00E 23	
FM7WS 1834 04E 25	PZ1DT 3784 05E 16	YB2ARH 7001 22E 14	
FO8KW 14209 03W 20	PZ1DV 3507 00E 19	YB0WR 3793 23E 16	
	SP9DH 1831 04E 20	YI1BGD 14206 14C 13	
	SV1JG 1841 05E 23	YI1BGD 14210 14W 15	
	N2TM/	OE8DFL/	
	SV5 3507 01E 12	YK 21299 14C 22	

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Best contributor of information each month wins a free year of TDXB.

Winner for January is Tom Russell, N4KG.

CALENDAR

Angola D2ASV rumored on; need reports
Macao CR9CT by VS6CT Feb 1-5
Cocos N1CWH/TI9 on 20 SSB 0200Z, 1/27
Crozet FB8WJ, WK still on 80-15 Meters, CW+SSB
YASME Colvins now at W6KG/CP6

Kermadec ZL8AFH on 80 SSB, other bands soon
Cambodia One report on XU1SS past month, 20 CW
Tromelin FR7AI/T on now to Feb 8; Issue 224
Samoa 5W1DC by DL1VU Jan 30-Feb 29
Maldives 8Q7AH by HB9TL Feb 9-27

Cocos TI9J operation Feb 15-22
Middle East K4YT there now; itinerary Issue 222
Niger KC7UU still trying for 5U in Feb/Mar
Contest ARRL DX CW Feb 18/19
Botswana A22 QSO Party Feb 18/19; I 221

Am Samoa K2FJ/KH8 rumored about Feb 20
Samoa 5W1ER by K2FJ also rumored about Feb 20
Fiji 3D2 by K2FJ rumored after Samoa, after Feb 20
Caymans ZF2GW by KZ2E, W2HPF, KA2TPA, KB2SG, 2/27-3/6
Brunei Special operation Feb 24-26; I 222

Caymans ZF2FL by N6RJ Mar 3/4
Contest ARRL DX SSB Mar 3/4
BVI VP2V by K9GL, K9PW, WB9TIY, K4UEE 2/27-3/12
BVI VP2VID by W4JVN 2/29-3/10
Kermadec H.I.DX.A. VK9NS operation probably Mar; I 224

Clipperton FO0XU-FO0XX Mar 10-23
China BY1PK by VE7BC end of Mar; I 221
Contest CQ WPX SSB Mar 24/25
DEADLINE Mar 31 Honor Roll QSLs to Newington
Andamans VU2GDG reported working on March permission

S.M.O.M. 1A0KM next operation April or later
Convention International DX, Visalia, CA, Apr 13-15

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