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184	215	118	3/22	123	8	n/a
189	204	117	3/23	124	17	2
185	190	118	3/24	116	22	0
200	191	118	3/25	114	23	3
204	195	118	3/26	112	25	3
198	198	110	3/27	121	12	3
204	201	105	3/28	130	17	3

ARRL BOARD MEETS; ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At their Mar 26 meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors met in Hartford, Connecticut, and elected officers for the next two years. The new president is Larry Price, W4RA. Price holds a PhD and is chairman of the Finance and Law Committee at Georgia Southern College. He previously served as Southeastern Division director and as ARRL 1st Vice President.

Elected 1st Vice President was Leonard Nathanson, W8RC, who was Great Lakes Division director. Nathanson is an attorney in the Detroit area. Additional vice presidents are Gar Anderson, K0GA, and Jay Holladay, W6EJJ. Vice directors taking over in their divisions until the next regularly scheduled elections include George Wilson, W4OYI (for Nathanson in the Great Lakes Division), and Fried Heyn, WA6WZO (for Holladay in the Southwestern Division).

Carl L. Smith, W0BWJ, who had served the remainder of the term of the late Vic Clark, W4KFC, becomes IARU Vice President; Richard Baldwin, W1RU, is IARU President.

DX NEWS

KERMADEC EXPEDITION ENDED MAR 25. The team's boat was apparently rendered unseaworthy upon landing, and they hitched a ride off the island on a passing ship, cutting the operation several days short. QSL information for ZL8AH0, ZL8BQD, ZL8AAS, and ZL0AJW/8 is as previously published.

CHINA activity continues by VE7BC at BY4AA, BY1PK, and possibly this week from BY8AA. Operation is on 20 Meters SSB only. A new YL operator has been heard at BY4AA, apparently a resident. It is probably safe to QSL VE7BC's contacts to his home address.

CAMBODIA's XU1SS is back on the air, only on Sundays, according to the Japan DX News. They specify 0200-0400Z and 0700-1400Z, 30 up on CW and on 14.195, 21.295, and 28.595, with possible appearances on the "W7PH0 Net" and on SEANET. Radio and technical books are solicited, to Chak Bory, XU1SS (Ampil), c/o KPNLP, PO BOX 22-25, Ranintra P.O., Bangkok 10220 Thailand.

SAN FELIX CE0X is in the news...latest note from the Colvins of YASME expressed an interest in operating from there; their time is growing short, however, as they are expected to be at the Visalia International DX Convention at the end of April (at Dayton, too). Other rumors name a certain U.S. amateur as a possible San Felix operator, but those rumors have been denied.

SPRATLY ON TAP again, by DU1CK, following the acceptance for DXCC of last May's 1S1CK short operation. Chito and others will go to Thitu Island for 1S2CK, Apr 30 to May 7.

JAPAN'S DX FAMILY FOUNDATION announces an upcoming operation from TAIWAN, to celebrate the Foundation's fifth anniversary. About a dozen of their members will be there, with radios, April 28 to May 6; their application for licenses has been approved, but bands/modes are still uncertain. They are assured of having the same privileges as Tim Chen, BV2A/B, i.e., 10, 15, and 20 Meters, and the Japanese are hopeful of getting clearance for other bands. More information will follow later.

DXPRESS out of Holland says that G8GRN is no longer a valid callsign in England, and that G4CTQ (specified as QSL manager for G8GRN/5X) is currently operating from the Sudan as G4CTQ/ST2. All this may cause problems down in Newington. Stay tuned.

F6BFN/TT CHAD has left but F6AJB (FB8ZQ) will replace him there any day now. These Frenchmen are apparently part of a relief effort in Chad, which is facing a famine due to the worst central Africa drought in a decade.

ZK1XL (K60ZL) is marooned on the North Cooks, and expects to be there several more weeks.

STATISTICS from the most recent 1A0KM S.M.O.M. operation furnished by I0IJ: 4,003 QSOs on 1.8 through 28 MHz, including 166 on Top Band. Operators were I0IJ, I0JX, I0AMU, and I0MGM.

DJ6SI promises a 6-band CW only effort from Senegal and the Gambia for about ten days, which started Mar 28; it is not known how long he will be in each country.

ARGENTINA'S DX GROUP says many of the LU/Z QSLs from 1982 and '83 got lost...try again as follows: LU3ZI to LU1DZ; LU5ZA, ZE, ZI, and ZR to LU2AH. Incidentally, old familiar CE9AH was reported on again from the S. Shetlands (Mar 27, 20 Meter SSB), says he will be there for about two months.

CR6CK/D2ACK reported a Silent Key, but CT1A0Z has the logs and will QSL...4S7WP temporarily off the air with keyer troubles...next issue will have the monthly QSL listings...and the QSL Help Needed column...W4ZWE reported heading for Egypt...don't forget large envelopes are needed for the oversize BY QSLs...

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1984 CLIPPERTON EXPEDITION DE W6SZH

YASME

BY NOW YOU HAVE HEARD that the 1984 expedition to Clipperton Island did not make it to the island. First, some background information. Planning and organization of this expedition began over two years ago. Once the landing permission and license were obtained, the effort necessary for a 14-operator, 6-transmitter multi-national expedition became almost a full time job. Literally thousands of hours and dollars were spent by the operators to ensure a safe and successful operation.

In early November we signed the charter contract for the Svanen, a 90 foot sailboat. The boat was then in Venezuela, leaving it more than sufficient time to arrive at Apaculco for the March 5 departure. At the end of January, we learned that the Svanen had encountered serious engine trouble and would not be able to make the trip. As a result of this, our charter agent began an intensive search in Mexico for an alternate boat. In mid-February, we located the Black Eyes, a 92-foot steel-hulled schooner. The boat was then in Panama and we were assured that it could arrive in Manzanillo Mexico by Mar 5. Based on these assurances, DJ9ZB, F6GXB, F9LX, F08IW, F08HL, and F08GW left their respective countries and arrived in California on Mar 1-3.

On Mar 2, we learned that Black Eyes had been delayed by a few days but was expected to arrive in Manzanillo on Mar 10 or 11. We delayed our departure from California for a few days and left for Manzanillo Mar 8, arriving that night. After making arrangements in Manzanillo to obtain the last remaining items for the expedition, we began the long wait for Black Eyes. The boat had not been in communication with the charter agent (or anyone else) for several days and we were left to guess when it might arrive.

On Mar 12, with no news about Black Eyes, we began our search for another boat. Over the next six days, we scoured the Mexican coastline for suitable boats but none was found. We had numerous meetings with the Mexican military, with representatives of Productos Pesqueros Mexicanos, a state-owned fishing fleet, and with owners or skippers of private boats, but suitable arrangements could not be made. The six days were an emotional roller coaster for the operators, as one boat after another initially appeared suitable and available and then fell through.

On Mar 14, we learned that Black Eyes was about 200 miles south of Acapulco (550 miles from Manzanillo, becalmed and with a busted engine. On Mar 16, F08IW and F08GW flew to Mexico City to discuss the matter with officials of the French embassy and with members of the Mexican Amateur Radio Club. They returned on Mar 17 with news of our last chance: 120-foot motor sailer named Sara Lee, that was supposedly located somewhere about 75 kilometers north of Manzanillo. Six of us spent the day searching every bay from Manzanillo to a point about 100 km north; no boat was found. With no other alternative, we returned to California Mar 18, bitterly disappointed.

Even before leaving Manzanillo, we began discussing another Clipperton expedition. Those discussions are continuing and details will be distributed to the DX community as they are worked out. We will write individually to those who contributed to the expedition, offering the full refund of each contribution. We hope contributions will be left in place for a future operation, but no guarantees of when that might be. The operators wish to express their sincere appreciation to all who supported our efforts.

W6KG/CE0 Easter Island finished operations Mar 16 with 8,000 contacts in 127 countries. We arrived on Easter Island (2300 miles from the coast of South America) just in time for the ARRL SSB DX Competition. After setting up we discovered that the line voltage was only 170 instead of 220; a quick trip to CE0AE's house got us a voltage regulator and we were on in the Competition for 48 hours.

The Chilean authorities have recently issued many amateur radio calls which do not follow the traditional pattern of CE0A for Easter and CE0Z for Juan Fernandez; lately, CE0Z and CE0F calls have been issued on both Easter and Juan Fernandez Islands. The only sure way to know where a CE0 is these days is to ask. We had trouble obtaining transportation to Juan Fernandez (but they finally made it - ed).

--W6KG and W6QL

THE INTERNATIONAL DX FOUNDATION
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IDXF IS ALIVE AND WELL! You have not heard from us because we need a new newsletter editor, and volunteers are sought.

The Heard Island expedition (January 1983-ed) went very well and over 40,000 contacts were made to over 150 DXCC countries. This was the expedition of the Century in terms of distance, cost, and effort, and it left our treasury in a depleted state. Business has been interfering with my activity and I have not had time to devote to the affairs of the Foundation. Our new president is Dr. Mike McGirr, K9AJ, and Terry Baxter, N6CW, has volunteered to handle all of our QSLs in the future. Vice Presidents are Rudy Lehnert, KB2XS, and Jim Grauser, WB2KXA.

We need volunteers for newsletter editor, publicity manager, slide show coordinator, and printing. Meanwhile, we have no large operations planned; our DX Committee (K9AJ, KP2A, KB2XS, N6CW, and K8CW) selects expeditions for support. Please write to K9AJ (13 Oak Hill Drive, Crete, IL 60471 USA) to volunteer your services and make suggestions for future directions for the Foundation.

-- John Ackley, KP2A, Director

TELEX/HY-GAIN

The TH6DXX hardware you mentioned (in IDXB #228) which rusted was only produced for a very short period of time before we went to stainless steel. I have told my Customer Service Department to send you the new hardware, as we did with all of our customers who received the irridited hardware. Since the TH6DXX was discontinued several years ago, all our antennas have used stainless steel clamps, bolts, and nuts.

I wonder if you have the courage of your convictions to put an answer to your (charges) in your DX Bulletin. Also, you may state that we are still happy and willing to replace any hardware that is defective at no charge. We still care!

-- Alan B. Caplan, W0RIC
Sales Manager
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- * IMPEDANCE: 2,000 OHMS
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- * PRICE: \$22.95



PRESS RELEASE

THE HC-4 "DX DREAM" MICROPHONE ELEMENT

FROM HEIL, LTD.

IN RESPONSE TO THE SERIOUS DX AND CONTEST OPERATORS, THE ENGINEERS AT HEIL SOUND INTRODUCE THE HC-4 MICROPHONE ELEMENT.

THIS NEW "KEY ELEMENT" HAS A 10 DB PEAK AT 2,000 HZ. AND THE LOW END RESPONSE IS ROLLED OFF SHARPLY AT 12 DB. PER OCTAVE UNDER 500 HZ. THE HC-4 PROVIDES EXCELLENT CLARITY AND ARTICULATION FOR GETTING THROUGH THE NOISE AND PILE-UPS.

THE SIZE IS A BIT SMALLER THAN THE ORIGINAL HC-3 AND WILL MATCH MOST LOW IMPDEANCE INPUTS.

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- * PRICE: \$22.95

HEADSET CONTROL SYSTEM

MODEL HCS FROM HEIL, LTD.

THE HCS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER HO-HUM HEADSET. IT HAS BEEN OVER TWO YEARS IN THE PLANNING, PREPARING AND PRODUCING EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE AMATEUR RADIO MARKET. TO DATE, 100% OF THE HEADSETS USED BY AMATEUR OPERATORS WERE DESIGNED YEARS AGO FOR INDUSTRIAL PAGING, THEATRICAL STAGE COMMUNICATIONS AND BROADCASTING. THE AMATEUR MARKET WAS A DREAM OF THE MARKETING PEOPLE OF THOSE COMPANIES TO JUST SIMPLY INCREASE THE SALES OF THEIR PRODUCT.

UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN VERY POOR AND ARE FOR THE MOST PART INADEQUATE. THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE HTT (THE HEIL TEST TEAM!) WE WERE ABLE TO TURN SOME VERY INTERESTING DESIRES, HOPES AND DREAMS OF SERIOUS DX AND CONTEST OPERATORS INTO REALITY. THE HCS.

THE HCS IS NOT JUST "ANOTHER HEADSET". IT IS A COMPLETE SYSTEM DESIGNED FOR ONE THING IN MIND - THE AMATEUR RADIO STATION. THE CREW AT HEIL STARTED FROM ABSOLUTE SCRATCH. AFTER 6 MONTHS OF FRUSTRATION IN LISTENING TO DOZENS OF HEADSETS, WE DIDN'T FIND ONE SET THAT EVEN CAME CLOSE TO THE TEST TEAM'S DESIRE. THEY WERE FOR THE MOST PART TOO HEAVY AND UNCOMFORTABLE, - VERY TIRING IN LONG CONTEST RUNS. THEIR QUALITY WAS NOT VERY GOOD FOR COMMUNICATION RECEIVERS AND WHEN IT CAME TO THE MICROPHONE USED IN THE BOOM, THERE ARE NO WORDS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TO DESCRIBE JUST HOW AWFUL ALL OF THEM SOUND! ALSO, ALMOST EVERY AMATEUR THAT ATTEMPTS TO USE ANY OF THESE HORRIBLE THINGS DO SOME OF THE MOST INCREDIBLE MODIFICATIONS TO TRY AND MAKE THEM WORK. (EVER SEE A TELEX WITH D-104 HEAD DUCT TAPED TOGETHER?) WE HAVE ALL DONE IT. WE HAVE TAKEN THIS ABUSE. THOSE DAYS ARE OVER.

THE HEIL HCS STARTED WITH THE MICROPHONE ELEMENT. WE ALL KNOW OF THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THE HEIL HC-3 SO THAT WAS EASY. THEN, WE STARTED IN TO DESIGN THE ACTUAL HEADSET AND BOOM ASSEMBLY. AFTER MANY MONTHS OF MORE FRUSTRATIONS IN TALKING TO AMERICAN MOLDING COMPANIES, WE TURNED TO AN OLD FRIEND IN JAPAN AND BEFORE LONG, HERE CAME SOME OF THE NEATEST INJECTED MOLD PARTS. WE BORROWED SOME HEADPHONE DIAPHRAM TECHNOLOGY FROM OUR RECORDING STUDIO CONTEMPORARIES AND BEFORE LONG, WE HAD THAT END OF THINGS DOWN PAT. THEN CAME THE BOOM. AFTER SEVERAL DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS (NO DUCT TAPE!) AND APPLICATIONS WERE TRIED, WE CAME UP WITH THE HCS. THE BOOM IS VERY LIGHT. IS EASILY REMOVED FROM THE HEADSET ASSEMBLY, SHOULD YOU DESIRE THAT, BUT ONCE MORE WE HAVE BIG PROBLEMS. THE MOLDED END PIECES TO FIT OVER THE END OF THE TUBE WERE ALL TOO SMALL FOR THE HC-3 TO FIT INTO, SO WE WERE FACED WITH DESIGNING AN ENTIRELY NEW ELEMENT TO FIT THE BOOM PIECES - IF THE SIZE AND WEIGHT WERE TO BE KEPT TO THE PROPER REQUIREMENTS. SO, OFF TO THE DRAWING BOARDS, -AGAIN!

WE DRUG OUT SOME OF THE MANY NOTES AND PROJECTS FROM YEARS PASSED WHEN THE HC-3 WAS BEING CONCEIVED. IT WAS BACK INTO THE ANECHOIC CHAMBER TO BUILD A NEW ELEMENT SMALLER IN SIZE. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE TEST TEAM MEMBERS, DX AND CONTEST OPERATORS AND SERIOUS OPERATORS IT WAS CLEAR THAT WE COULD FILL A BIG VOID BY ACTUALLY BUILDING AN ELEMENT WITH A SPECIAL RESPONSE FOR THIS TYPE OF OPERATION. NOT THAT OUT HC-3 ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH, BUT IT WAS FELT THAT WE COULD REALLY PIN POINT THIS MARKET EVEN BETTER.

OCTOBER OF 1983 WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED. WE FINISHED THE WORK ON THE HC-4. THEN CAME THE HARD PART - AS ALWAYS....WHAT DO WE CALL IT? AFTER SEVERAL ROUNDS ON 75 METERS WHERE THE AUDIO IS MOST IMPORTANT,

THE ANSWER WAS SIMPLE. "THE DX DREAM MACHINE!" SO THE HEIL HC-4 IS IN FULL SWING AND WILL HIT THE MARKET IN MARCH OF 1984. IT WAS MADE TO FIT BEAUTIFULLY INTO THE BOOM OF THE NEW HEIL HEADSET AND WE SOLVED MANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS ONE LITTLE PRODUCT.

THE HCS SYSTEM CONSISTS OF THREE MAJOR COMPONENTS:

THE BM-10	BOOM HEADSET
THE RPS	POWER SUPPLY
THE HCS	INTERFACE

THE BM-10 IS UNIQUE IN ITS DESIGN. WEIGHING ONLY 8 OZ. WITH THE COMPLETELY ADJUSTABLE MINI BOOM SET UP, IT IS A NATURAL FOR LONG CONTESTING. THE FOAM EAR PIECES MAKE THEM VERY COMFORTABLE, PLUS CLOSING OUT MUCH OF THE OUTSIDE NOISES - A MUST FOR MULTI OP STATIONS. IF THE OPERATOR SO DESIRES, HE CAN REMOVE ONE OF THE EAR PIECES COMPLETELY, BY REMOVING THE SMALL BLUE 'BUTTON' AT THE TOP OF THE STAINLESS STEEL BAND AND SLIDING THE HEADSET OUT THROUGH ITS TRACK. SHOULD YOU DESIRE ONLY ONE EAR PHONE - THAT'S POSSIBLE.

AFTER A TERRIFIC AMOUNT OF ENGINEERING, WE FELT THAT AN OUTBOARD POWER SUPPLY WOULD LOWER THAT ALL IMPORTANT SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO. ALSO, WE FELT THAT SINCE THE INTERFACE CONTROLS WILL BE USED RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE RADIO IN LINE OF SPILLED COFFEE CUPS, BEER, ETC. HAVING 110 VOLT LEADS RUNNING AROUND AT THAT POINT WOULDN'T BE TOO NEAT OF AN IDEA, SO WE REMOTED THAT POWER SUPPLY AND FEED 100 MILLIAMPS OF PLUS AND MINUS 15 VOLTS. THIS WORKS OUT REAL WELL.

THE SYSTEM CONTAINS A DUAL CHANNEL 2 WATT AUDIO AMPLIFIER WITH A TWO INPUT MIXER - OPERATIONAL IN A DUAL CHANNEL (STEREO) OR SINGLE (MONO) MODE. THE TWO WHEN USED IN THE STEREO MODE, A VHF RADIO (RCV #1) CAN BE BROUGHT UP INTO THE LEFT PHONE AND AN HF RADIO (RCV #2) CAN BE HEARD IN THE RIGHT. THE LEVEL OF THESE CAN BE ADJUSTED BY THE TWO CONTROLS ON THE FRONT PANEL. YOU ALSO HAVE AN ACTIVE EQUALIZER ON THE FRONT PANEL THAT ALLOWS YOU TO ROLL OFF SOME OF THE HIGH FREQUENCY ENERGY THAT ACCOMPANIES MANY NOISE SOURCES. ADJUST THE EQUALIZER TO GIVE YOU COMFORTABLE LISTENING.



THE HEADSET HAS TWO PLUGS. A STANDARD SINGLE PHONE JACK WHICH COMES FROM THE MICROPHONE AND PLUGS INTO THE "MIC 1" JACK ON THE BACK PANEL. THE STEREO TWO CIRCUIT JACK IS THE LEFT AND RIGHT HEADSET. IT PLUGS INTO THE "PHONES 1" JACK ON THE BACK PANEL. SHOULD YOU DESIRE A SECOND SET OF HEADSETS FOR YOUR LOGGER TO MONITOR THE OPERATIONS, HIS BM-10 HEADSET BOOM WOULD PLUG INTO "PHONES 2" AND "MIC 2 IN". THE LOGGER WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR EVERYTHING. SHOULD HE MAIN OPERATOR DESIRE TO TALK TO THE LOGGER, PUSHING THE LONG HANDLE "INTERCOM" SWITCH ON THE FRONT PANEL WILL BREAK ALL OF THE RADIO CONNECTIONS AND CONNECT THE TWO HEADSETS TOGETHER. A SMALL TRIM POT MOUNTED ON THE P.C. CARD (IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE "RCVR 2" FRONT PANEL POT) WILL ALLOW LEVEL ADJUST OF THAT INTERCOM SYSTEM. A "TAPE OUT" JACK IS AVAILABLE FOR TAPING ALL INFORMATION FROM EITHER RCVR INPUT JACK. CAN ALSO BE USED TO FEED ANOTHER MONITOR AMPLIFIER SUCH AS THE HEIL SS-2. THIS IS KIND OF NEAT. YOU CAN MIX BOTH RADIOS DOWN INTO THE ONE OUTPUT AND THEN COME OUT OF THE TAPE OUT JACK WITH A MONO MIX OF THESE TWO SIGNALS. OF COURSE, FOR CONTESTS AND RARE DX CONTACTS, THIS MAKES A NICE ADDITION TO THE STATION IN BEING ABLE TO RECORD YOUR RECEIVER AUDIO WITH GREAT QUALITY. THE STEREO 1/4" "MIC 1" OUTPUT JACK CONNECTS VIA A PATCH CABLE TO YOUR TRANSMITTER MICROPHONE INPUT. THIS JACK IS THE OUTPUT OF THE HC-4 ELEMENT IN THE BOOM. YOU COULD PLUG THE BOOM STRAIGHT INTO YOUR TRANSMITTER AUDIO IN, BUT YOU WOULD HAVE NO INTERCOM CONTROL, SHOULD YOU DESIRE THAT. THIS MIC 1 OUTPUT JACK IS A STEREO 1/4" PHONE PLUG. TIP = P.T.T., RING = AUDIO AND SLEEVE IS GROUND. RIGHT BESIDE THIS JACK IS A "P.T.T." JACK WHERE YOU CAN PLUG A FOOT SWITCH OR WHAT EVER TYPE OF CONTROL YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEY YOUR TRANSMITTER P.T.T. LINE. OF COURSE, IF YOU USE V.O.X. YOU WILL NOT WORRY ABOUT IT, BUT IF YOU DESIRE THE FOOT SWITCH, IT IS THERE.

ONE OTHER LITTLE NIFTY FEATURE. SOME ICOM RADIOS MUST HAVE A PRE AMP TO DRIVE THEM AS ICOM BUILT THE FIRST AUDIO STAGE INTO THEIR DESK AND HAND MICS. WE HAVE BUILT IN A PRE AMP SECTION, BUT IT IS NOT CONNECTED. TO "INSERT" THE PRE AMP INTO THE MIC LINE, REMOVE THE JUMPER THAT CONNECTS THE "MIC 1 IN" TO THE "MIC 1 OUT" JACK. LEAVE IT CONNECTED TO THE "MIC OUT" JACK. DISCONNECT IT FROM THE "IN" JACK AD SOLDER IT TO THE PIN STICKING OUT FROM THE P.C. CARD RIGHT BESIDE THE "MIC 1 OUT" JACK. THIS WILL INSERT A 10 DB PRE AMP IN THE MIC LINE AND SHOULD DRIVE ICOM SHOULD IT NOT HAVE A PRE AMP BUILT IN. A PRE LEVEL ADJUST IS LOCATED RIGHT BESIDE THAT PIN ALONG SIDE THE PRE AMP CHIP.

YOU MAY DESIRE TO GROUND THE CHASSIS OF THE HCS SYSTEM RIGHT TO THE CENTRAL GROUND SYSTEM OF YOUR STATION. USE ONE OF THE SIDE SCREWS THAT HOLD THE TOP COVER ON - PREFERABLE THE ONE TO THE RIGHT NEAR THE STEREO-MONO MODE SWITCH.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY THE OPERATION OF THE NEW HCS. ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING AND PERHAPS JUST MAY BE THE SLEEPER OF THE YEAR FOR ALL OF US IS USING THIS IN THE STEREO MODE WITH TWO RECEIVERS AND TWO ANTENNA SYSTEMS FOR A DUAL DIVERSITY RECEPTION SYSTEM. RECENT TESTS ON 160 AND 75 METERS WITH IT HAVE PROVEN FANTASTIC - EVEN WITHOUT PROPER ANTENNAS ON THE SECOND RECEIVER. TRY IT.

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CALENDAR

ANTARCTICA ATØA by VU2IF ended last week
 FALKLANDS VP2KF by G3VPW ended last week, also
 YASME W6QL/CEØZ on NOW, Juan Fernandez
 C5/9J Senegal/Gambia by DJ6SI CW only NOW to Apr 8
 UGANDA G8GRN/5X in doubt; Issue 232

CHINA VE7BC from one of the BY stations, this week
 N COOKS ZK1XL continues another week or two by K6OZL
 CHAD F6AJB replacing F6BFN/TT soon; I 232
 CAMBODIA XU1SS reportedly Sundays only; I 232
 CANTON Still looking for T31/KH1 by T3ØAT...rumored
 MONTSERRAT VP2M by W8s AP, MMB, HAV, HAU, Apr 9-20

CONVENTION THE BIG ONE, at Visalia, CA, Apr 13-15; no
 other info received at TDXB, sorry.

FAROE IS By LA5VAA, LA5DW, and LA9PCA (OY7A), Apr 16-26
 ST LUCIA K7RLS/J8 Apr 18-21, 80 Meters ONLY
 CRETE DF4RD/SV9 Apr 29-May 13; QSL DF2RG
 SPRATLY 1S2CK by DU1CK Apr 30-May 7; I 232
 USSR New callsign structure May 1; complete infor-
 mation next issue
 TAIWAN By JAs, Apr 28-May 6; I 232
 RUMORED Desecheo in May, Andamans early summer, ZS2M

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 W5YH, WB8ZRL, WD5AAM, KR1G,
 K5TSQ, LA9PCA, K7RLS,
 WØBW, KM9J, K1MEM, K4BAI,
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K3UOC SCHEDULE Apr 14-17, K3UOC/PJ6, SABA
 Apr 17-20, K3UOC/PJ5, ST. EUSTATIUS
 Apr 20-22, K3UOC/PJ7, ST MAARTEN
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