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PROPAGATION: Oct 8-13, Low Normal; Oct 14, 15, High Normal; Oct 16, Below Normal; Oct 17, 18, Low Normal; Oct 19, Below Normal; Oct 20-22, Disturbed; Oct 23, Below Normal/Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Date	Flux (84)	Alpha (84)	K (84)
188	194	191	115	9/27	74	30	3
185	200	196	119	9/28	73	23	3
182	204	204	114	9/29	73	11	3
174	203	202	114	9/30	69	10	2
n/a	214	205	114	10/1	72	14	2
n/a	208	218	117	10/2	72	10	1
n/a	196	195	120	10/3	75	12	2

YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS ARE AT WORK AGAIN as ARRL goes after FCC regarding the 40 Meter band. According to the Sept 27 ARRL Letter, the League has filed comments in Docket 84-706, opposing FCC's licensing of U.S. broadcast stations outside Region 2 in the segment 7100-7300. Such stations are already licensed in Regions 1 and 3 (outside the Americas) but ARRL contends that U.S. licensing of such stations would "be inconsistent with overall U.S. policy concerning 7 MHz." An example, we suppose, of what could happen might be a station on Guam broadcasting toward Southeast Asia, run by the Voice of America.

IF THE RUMOR MILL WERE GRINDING COFFEE, there would be a cup for each of us this week. A story: a couple of years ago, the editor of a local club bulletin heard a IDXB item on the radio, and proceeded to mis-quote us without seeing the actual news item. The same thing happens daily on 20 Meters. We have published information from Norway that a Bouvet scientific expedition early next year might have a radio operator aboard; now the word on the bands is that an actual 3Y0 license has been issued. Trouble is, they are confusing Bouvet with Peter I Island. They are talking about a Peter I expedition, when there is no indication that the prefix for that one will be 3Y! As for S. Yemen, we have quoted Holland's DX Press that OE6EEG is working on it, and, sure enough, we now have 702LZ, QSL via I6PQP" showing on the bands.

OTHER ITEMS reported this week about which we have no knowledge (as yet) include 3C0A on 20 CW, QSL via I8ACR, I4CDM/A51, worked in Europe Sep 22 at 1900Z on 14.207, and IT8CW, on 14.011 at 2300Z Oct 3. That one was saying he'd be there one month, QSL F6GXB.

MOVING UP THE BELIEVABILITY LADDER...VK0GC is said to be due back on Macquarie any day now, length of stay unknown...XU1SS will be trying a Tuesday morning schedule with DU9RG as list-master; no time or frequency specified but probably the same as for the BY stations, i.e., 12-1300Z below 14.200... speaking of the BY stations, both BY5RA and BY4AA are being worked on 20 SSB during the advertised times, but they are often louder here on the East Coast than their list-master. The same situation occurred last Sunday, with XU1SS stronger than VS6CT...

HARD TO BELIEVE CE0AA has been on from San Felix a full month now, with several weeks left. They are sticking to the operating schedule published on page four of last week's issue, and are doing more and more "free-style" operating, especially on 75 Meters. One reader in Northern Europe observed that he may be in the most difficult spot from which to work San Felix (due to aurora and having to work through both N. America and Southern European DXers), but he's still managed to work them via lists on 40, 20, and 15, plus on 15 CW. He says 15 opens for them about two days a week, for only about thirty minutes.

CLIPPERTON DX CONVENTION was, according to RSGB DX Newssheet, held Sep 22 near Paris. About a dozen overseas visitors attended, including TL8GE, who reiterated that he's to be in the S. Sudan about one week per month through this year. He's best found on 14.236 at 2230Z.

WORK THOSE 4K1 STATIONS! You never know when a Russian might be on something more interesting than Antarctica. Spots such as S. Sandwich and S. Georgia may be very rare in the future, as the British Antarctic Survey has now closed their S. Georgia base and the island is uninhabited. We do have word from two different sources that an expedition to both S. Sandwich and S. Georgia is being considered for early 1986. This would be by a British group. The USSR, as well, has reportedly obtained permission from Great Britain to put a team on South Sandwich (look for 4K1I); no time frame yet.

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MORE GOOD NEWS FROM DX Newsheet is that F6EUX expects to activate FT8XA from Kerguelen in late November. Mostly CW, QSL to F6FYD. If you've seen either of the Heard Island slide shows you have a good idea of what FB8X is like!

ABOUT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION: you probably know that the Postal Service is almost certain to raise first-class stamps to 22 cents early next year. As usual, there will be no formal advance warning. No indication of what effect this will have on overseas airmail rates or on cost of IRCs. We regret that the U.S. Dollar has risen 33 per cent on foreign markets over the past three years; our overseas subscription rate has stayed the same and will continue to do so.

MORE MACAO: in addition to the advertised K0CS operation the last week of October, VS6DX advises he will put XX9DX on Oct 12-14. No mention of CW, and only 20 on SSB. VS6DX from Hong Kong will be activated in the multi-operator category in the CQ Phone Contest the last week-end of October.

***TT8CW (page 1) might be F6AJN (ex-FB8ZQ); if you work him, ask!

KD7P/KH2 has been very active, and heard very weakly on 160 last week in New Hampshire and Alabama. Bob will be visiting Iwo Jima (Minami Torishima) and Marcus Island (Ogasawara) Nov-Jan, and says he plans lots of CW operation. Says he'll spend a total of about ten days on each island, working and hamming.

VU2GDG saying there is a good chance he will be on 1.8 MHz this season; he will have to request specific dates from the government. If our experience on 80 Meters is any indication, we would suggest the first week of December, but old 160 Meter hands know better than we.

Three nets emphasizing 160 Meter news:

14.185, 1800Z (4X4NJ), daily
1.870, 0400Z (N7CKD), Wed and Friday
14.260, 1600Z (N7CKD), Saturdays

QSL HELP NEEDED: VQ9BP (10/73) by W1VKQ; FK8AU (9/79), and FM7WN (1/78), by KC9DJ; K9GL/VP2V (3/84), by W0ULU; and A9XCC (7/77), CE0XE (12/67) (no good-ed); CR5AJ (10/73), VK9GW (4/63), VP8GQ (10/62), YJ8JM (9/69), and 5R8AS (12/67), all by W8PR.

Memo to: Mr. Jim Cain
Editor, The DX Bulletin

from: Mr. J. Robert Dibble-Sonn
Account Executive
Boil, Bane, Dirnfrock
Advertising Agency
New York New York

One of our accounts, Advanced Electronic Applications, Inc., of Lynnwood, Washington, recently introduced a new product, "DOCTOR DX." Although The DX Bulletin's editor was on a list of potential recipients of advance publicity for this product (and possible loan of the device for a "review"), it was the professional opinion of Boil, Bane, Dirnfrock to exclude you from these courtesies. In fact, your direct competitors in the newsletter field were also excluded, albeit for different reasons.

As you undoubtedly know, marketing research has come a long way from mere "demographics" in recent years. Just a few short years ago standard procedure would have classified you, Mr. Cain, as "early middle age" (35), a Yumpie (young, upwardly-mobile professional), educated (college plus), etc. Recent advances in fitting everybody into pigeon-holes has, however, enabled us to refine our marketing groups. To wit:

Our research indicated you are solidly in the group we call "Inner Directed," sub-group Soc-ietally Conscious. Members of "your" group tend to live in California and rural New England, and to be aware of social issues and politically active. The next (and final) step for you is into the group we call Integrateds, which are, to be frank, our ideal.

In other words, your group shuns things which you perceive as "artificial." You will spend a thousand dollars for a genuine pinball machine rather than playing the video version. There is not likely a single piece of plastic furniture in your condominium. We assume that you, as a businessman, are familiar with these marketing concepts.

Naturally, it was in our client's best interests to maximize "bang for the buck." Although your publication might well have devoted as much as a full page to a "review" (free advertising), as the slick monthly magazines did, your limited circulation precluded your receiving a sample of the "DOCTOR DX" device. Admittedly, further reflection on our part did lead us to conclude that your publication is probably nearly 100 per cent aimed at our client's target audience.

Our final decision was based on your personality profile as an editor. Your type is unlikely to look favorably upon a device which is clearly "artificial" and, therefore, not a good economic buy. As our newly-retained amateur radio consultant put it, you would be prouder talking to a station across town with a radio you wired yourself than conversing with Outer Mongolia on a store-bought device. To be blunt, we predicted you would liken the "DOCTOR DX" device to playing solitaire, or worse!

While it may seem immodest on our part, we did, as predicted, receive about \$10,000 worth of free advertising in the four "major" magazines in your field. We are certain that you understand both ours and our client's primary interest in this matter (money), and that someday you, and others of your "group," will get with the program.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ *Jim Cain*



BOB LOCHER, W9KNI, President of Bencher and author of The Complete DXer.



Jan K6HHD and Jay W6GO O'Brien, publishers of the QSL List.

BANDPASS	FG7XJ 7002 00E 23	KJ9W/	KA2DIV/
A22ME 21022 14E 29	FG7CP 7010 11E 28	KH2 3796 11E 25	V2A 3508 02C 30
ZS6BUX/	FG7AM 3508 04E 29	KD7P/	V3GP 14205 13E 23
A22 7002 01E 29	FG7AM 1836 05E 29	KH2 3793 10E 26	V3ZZ 7007 12E 28
ZS6BUX/	FH4AA 14032 21E 25	KJ9W/	XU1SS 14245 13E 29
S22 21022 14E 29	FM4DJ 14049 13E 23	KH2 1827 11E 28	YB2BNJ 14008 14E 22
A71AD 3795 02E 1	FM7WD 7010 01E 25	KJ9W/	YB5ASO 7004 11E 25
CE3GFD 7006 00E 23	FM7WD 7011 02E 27	KH2 7005 12E 1	YB5ASO 7007 11E 27
CE8PD 7006 04E 29	FM7WO 7005 11E 28	DK2HE/	YB5ASO 7005 10C 30
CE0AA 7030 04M 24	FY7AU 14004 21E 22	OA4 14029 22E 27	YJ8RG 14309 02W 27
CE0AA 14030 23E 24	GU3HFN 21024 15E 29	OH0A 14165 16E 22	YN1CC 14010 00E 24
CE0AA 14030 00M 25	HB0NL 3508 02E 28	OX3UV 14038 16E 25	YN1TA 3786 11E 25
CE0AA 21031 17E 25	HB0NL 1828 05E 28	K2BS/	YS1GNV 3798 04E 28
CE0AA 7175 04E 26	HC5NAI 7003 00E 23	PJ7 7009 23E 26	ZB2EO 14010 22E 26
CE0AA 3795 04E 27	HC1SK 7004 00E 24	K2BS/	ZD7AL 21265 20C 22
CE0AA 3795 10E 27	HC5NAI 7016 03E 25	PJ7 3501 04E 27	ZD7AL 14200 22E 27
CE0AA 21244 20E 27	HI8GB 14208 03W 24	PZ1CP 7005 02E 22	ZD8J 14314 02W 25
CE0AA 21031 15E 29	VE3LKU/	PZ1AP 7004 10E 25	ZD9CC 21258 17C 25
CE0AA 3795 04E 1	HI8 3507 02E 28	PZ1AP 14187 12C 26	ZK1XG 14171 03W 25
CM2AS 1831 03E 24	HK3HY 14041 00E 24	PZ1AP 3508 01E 29	ZK1CG 14309 03W 25
CO2VG 7008 11E 25	HK1BYM 7012 06E 26	P29PR 7010 11E 21	ZS3GB 21201 15E 22
CM6GC 7036 01E 25	HK0BKX 7004 02E 22	SU1ER 3775 03E 28	ZS3HL 3780 04E 29
CO1HJ 7025 03E 26	HK0HEU 21335 19W 23	SV0AA 1832 02E 23	Z22JS 7005 04E 24
CN2AQ 3502 01E 24	HK0HEU 1815 04E 23	SV1KU 21025 14E 29	Z22JS 7005 04E 26
CN2AQ 3508 04E 29	HK0HEU 14305 02W 24	S79WHW 14225 22C 24	Z22JS 3503 04E 27
CN2AQ 7009 03E 2	HK0BKX 14022 12E 26	S79WHW 14227 17C 2	Z22JE 3798 04E 27
CP6IB 7011 10E 25	HZ1AB 1832 02E 23	TF3XUU 14011 00E 23	3X4EX 14199 22C 25
CP6IL 3796 10E 26	HZ1AB 1827 02C 30	TF3KG 14003 22E 27	3X4EX 14204 22E 27
CT2QN 7007 00E 25	H44IA 7007 12C 27	TI4BGA 3505 03E 28	3X4EX 3797 00E 28
CT2FN 7012 00E 25	H44IA 7010 12C 29	F0FRZ/	3X4EX 3786 05E 30
C53EK 14174 22E 27	H44IA 7007 12E 2	TK 7006 22E 24	3X4EX 3785 06C 1
C6ANU 7025 02E 22	JA1CGM 3503 11E 28	TR8JLD 14008 00C 23	3X4EX 7095 06C 1
DJ0SB/	JW6VDA 14225 00M 23	TR8DM 21031 21E 28	4X4NJ 1827 03E 28
C6A 3797 03E 27	JW0EQ 7001 23E 26	TR8IG 7007 00E 29	4X4NJ 1828 03E 29
D44BC 21255 19C 24	JW0EQ 7004 00E 29	TU9RN 14234 22C 24	5B4DN 7010 02E 22
D68WB 21285 20C 22	J28EB 21202 16E 22	T77C 21308 16E 22	5H3BH 14193 21E 22
EA3VY 1841 06E 26	J28CI 14020 21E 22	T77C 14170 16E 22	5W1EJ 7009 10C 19
EA8ATA 21260 20C 22	AG3L/	T77C 14029 19C 23	5Z4WC 21333 18C 29
EA8ABR 14005 21E 24	J3 14017 12E 24	UA0FF 3649 12M 25	5Z4DU 21313 18C 29
EA8ID 3800 02E 1	J39BH 3790 01E 27	UD6DC 3503 01E 29	6W1NQ 21273 20C 22
EA9MF 14024 21E 24	6Y5DZ/	UD6DJ 7001 02E 2	8P6AH 3790 01E 27
EA9KQ 7004 00E 25	J3 3772 02E 28	UG6GAW 7006 14W 23	8P6OX 3800 04C 1
EA9KQ 7005 00E 26	J6LKO 3790 01E 27	UH8EAA 14242 17E 22	8R1J 7008 10E 25
EA9IE 3799 04E 29	J73LC 21325 20C 24	VE8DX 14225 23E 26	8R1RBF 3808 07E 30
EL2BC 21247 17C 24	J73AH 3789 02C 26	VP2VI 14024 21E 24	9M2CO 3795 22E 25
EL2P 14031 01E 25	J73LC 3786 03E 1	VP2MO 14292 00E 24	9Y4AT 7005 10E 25
FB8WK 7009 14M 23	J88AR 7010 03E 26	VP2MLD 14283 12E 25	
FB8WK 7008 03C 26	J88AQ 3795 03E 28	VP2MO 3789 02C 26	
FB8WK 7010 03C 28	KC6IN 3799 10E 26	VP8WA 21335 19W 23	
FB8WK 7006 04E 29	KX6PO 14292 04W 27	VP5BAM 3787 02E 27	
FB8WJ 7175 03E 30	KH6CC 7004 04E 29	VP8KF 21019 21E 23	
	KH6CC 1833 05E 29	VQ9AC 14227 21C 24	
		KA2DIV/	
		V2A 7007 23E 24	

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

CAMBODIA XU1SS w/VS6CT, Sundays, 14.245, 1200Z; also w/DU9RG, Tuesdays (or maybe Thursdays), 20 SSB, morning
CHINA BYs w/VS6CT or DU9RG, Wednesdays and Saturdays, occasionally other days, 20 SSB, 1200Z
S SHETLANDS 4K1GAG on now, 80/40/20
ANTIGUA KA2DIV/V2A on NOW, mostly CW
WILLIS VK9ZA on now, need reports
UGANDA KC7UU visiting 5X5GK Oct 13-15
TRISTAN ZD9CC Tuesdays, 21.290, 1900Z
S SUDAN TL8GE/STØ on 14.236, 2230Z, one week a month
LEICHTENSTEIN HBØNL by HB9NL active low bands rutil Oct 14
THAILAND HSØA reported in EU on 20, 40; look for an operation in the CQ Phone Contest end of Oct
CROZET FB8WJ/WK active 40 and 80 CW; leaving in Nov
MALDIVES 8Q by PA3DEV now to Oct 16; no reports
CHAD TT8CW reported 10/3, 20 CW; F6EUX?
SAN FELIX CEØAA through Oct; schedule in Issue 257
TAIWAN BVØW Oct 4-13; I 255; Goldwater group in Nov
ST LUCIA J6L by KC2CS, KC2JM Oct 9-19; I 255
WALLIS FWO by ZL1AM0 Oct 10, three weeks
ECUADOR Special HC1A Oct 10; I 255
LOW BAND W1 Meeting Oct 13; I 254, 255
MACAO XX9DX by VS6DX Oct 12-14; I 258
DXPO 84 CONVENTION OCT 13; W2GHK for details
DOMINICA KC2CS/J73 Oct 14016
ALASKA KL7GPG 25th statehood station Oct 18; WL7K QSL
COOKS (SOUTH) ZK1XC/XD by PA3s BKM, DHH, Oct 23-Nov 5; I 256
MELLISH Oct 25-Nov 6 by VK group; I 251
JAN MAYEN JX rumored by OH group Oct 23-30
CONTEST CQ WW Phone Oct 27/28
ZONE 2 K8AQM/VE2 for CQ Phone
MONTSERRAT VP2MW by British group for CQ Phone
BVI VP2VCW by N6CW Oct 23-31
MACAO KØCS group for CQ CW; I 256
LEICHTENSTEIN HBØBHA/AON by Germans for CQ Phone
CAYMANS ZF2HP by AA8G Oct 22-29
SAO TOME WB7RFA trying for Oct 23-Nov 6; I 250
OGASAWARA And Minami Torishima, by KD7P, Nov-Jan; I 258
DINNER New England DXCC, Nov 10, K1ST for details
160 METERS DXCC endorsable starting Nov 1
KERGUELEN FT8XA by F6EUX starts in Nov; I 258

KA1BU, KH6BZF, KB1BE, NIACH, K9VV, SM5DQC, AA8G, W7HRD, WB8ZRL, KR1G, NQ6N, W4BAA, KA3R, N4KG, W8IMZ, KA1SR, KA1XN, W1WAI, KØCVD, WØBW, N4NO, W4VQ, WD5AAM, K4BAI

MORE AERIALS

LAST ISSUE'S article on low-band aerials has brought many comments, some of which were even favorable!

We tried to keep our comments simple and basic, but elaboration has been requested. First, regarding Beverages, someone reminded us that it is really quite simple to match the antenna to the coax feedline, with a homewound transformer (balun). Personally, we never saw much difference one way or the other. Bill Orr, W6SAI, in his Oct Ham Radio magazine column, goes on to say that the resistance to ground at the "far" end of the beverage can be critical, and he has an ingenious method of varying that resistance as you listen to the antenna. Check out his article.

More next week, if you wish.

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