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PROPAGATION: Mar 28-30, Low Normal; Mar 31, High Normal; Apr 1, Low Normal, Apr 2,3, Low/Below Normal; Apr 4, Below Normal; Apr 5-8, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Flux (84)	Date	Flux (85)	Alpha (85)	K (85)
212	211	103	122	3/15	70	14	2
189	230	116	136	3/16	71	12	3
176	233	119	119	3/17	73	7	2
174	229	119	134	3/18	75	10	2
169	224	119	129	3/19	75	10	2
177	219	122	128	3/20	75	8	2
183	214	117	127	3/21	77	8	2

UGANDA CANCELLED:

DJ6SI and DJ5RT cancelled their 5X5 operation at the last minute; the reason given was that their air transportation fell through. The continuing problems with 5X5GK getting his documentation approved in Newington may, we think, have had something to do with the decision, too.

EAST MALAYSIA:

We had two reports of 9M6YY on 40 Meters Mar 15; this operation was without advance warning and there is no indication at this point if it was legitimate or if any other stops were planned. The QSL route given was K5YY.

ST BRANDON:

Official word from Eric Sjolund, SMOAGD, that he will arrive St. Brandon April 12 for 1-2 weeks of operating, "depending on transportation." He will be accompanied by LA7XB and 3B8CF. They will work 1.8-28 MHz, CW and SSB. Each operator will handle his own QSLs.

(They) "will try some new methods of working the SSB pileups. So listen carefully for the operator's instructions. If you find his receive pattern, your chances to QSO will increase greatly.

"St. Brandon is a group of small coral islands located some 300 miles north of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. St. Brandon has no permanent settlement but there is a meteorological station there and fishermen from Mauritius stay there temporarily. The operators will meet in Mauritius on April 7. During the final preparations we will test our equipment on the air from time to time. We will travel to St. Brandon on a fishing vessel. The trip will take two days. We will take a 3-element yagi plus verticals and wire beams for the low bands.

"Any contribution, large or small, will be very much appreciated." -- SMOAGD.

MIDWAY:

Callsigns for the operation beginning now are KD7P/KH4 and ND6T/KH4; they plan almost a week of operating. During the CQ WPX Contest they will sign /NH4. QSL to home callsigns. Another source has AH2U also on the expedition.



All QSLs for NG840 have now been answered; a few mis-printed QSLs accidentally got into the mail. You can get a replacement by writing to manager Dick Mannheimer, K6LAE, 650 Westholme Av., Los Angeles CA 90024.

CHINA:

20 Meters has started its usual springtime improvement, BY5RA being the biggest beneficiary. W7PHO runs lists at various early evening times, beginning about 0000Z, on 14.227. The openings to the East Coast are brief.

CLIPPERTON:

The ship Royal Polaris was scheduled to leave San Diego Mar 27; sixteen operators include W8TN, who replaced W6SZN at the last minute. The group hopes to activate Revillagigedo, XF4, Mar 31 and Apr 1, and to be on the air from FO0XX at 1900Z Apr 4. They will stay until Apr 11. You can get progress reports by listening for W6XX/MM between now and Apr 4.

NOTES

Wayne Green, W2NSD, editor of 73 Magazine, is being sued again, he says. This time it is for the name of one of his new magazines, "Digital Audio." Wayne says CBS, which publishes the magazine "Audio," has rights to any magazine with that word in its name. Wayne says that's ridiculous.

Trio-Kenwood denies our report of a few weeks ago that the TS-940 would replace the TS-930. The California office of the Japanese manufacturer says they have no such word. However, we stand by our report that TS-930 accessories are either scarce or non-existent in Japan at this time.

Honor Roll plaques have been shipped to those who initially ordered them, but the engraved brass plates with your callsign on them are still in the works and will be sent later. The Honor Roll plaque itself is silk screened onto its own brass plate, unlike the 5-Band DXCC and life member plaques, which are ceramic. The word is that the ceramic plaques had a very high attrition rate. Many of them were force-fitted so tightly into their wood backing that when the temperature dropped and the wood contracted, the ceramic plates often exploded right out of their mountings!

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 EA8AAU 1849 0507 15 CT
 EA8AAU 1840 0540 13 VT
 H44IA 1825 1100 18 RI
 HC1BI 1834 0300 12 CO
 IT9GKY 1840 0520 18 RI
 KC6MR 1806 1110 18 RI
 KH6CC 1832 0600 12 EU
 KL7GKY 1843 0636 19 CT
 P29PR 1826 0915 18 RI
 T32AF 1820 0620 12 MA
 T77V 1840 0418 14 NH
 UB5ZAL 1833 0340 17 MA
 V3C 1846 0500 13 VT
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 VK7BC 1807 1100 15 MA
 VS6DO 1823 1320 16 CO
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 CN2AQ 3777 0423 18 MA
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 DU1DBT 3798 1301 18 CA
 FT8XA 3795 1432 17 CA
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 J88AY 3506 0140 14 MI
 JA1FRE 3797 1055 18 MA
 KC6JC 3806 1105 15 MA
 KC6JC 3806 1117 17 MA
 KC6JC 3806 0752 15 CA
 KC6JC 3806 1120 17 MA
 KC6JC 3806 1100 15 NH
 KC6MR 3802 1413 18 CA
 KH6SB 3767 0641 18 CT
 KL7AF 3514 0549 16 AL
 KL7AF 3767 0515 22 CT

KL7U 3786 0457 18 RI
 KX6/KC6MR 378 1250 13
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 KX6DS 3504 1204 16 MA
 KX6DS 3505 1055 17 MA
 LX1BI 3785 0607 18 RI
 OD5SH 3792 2255 16 MA
 OY7ML 3508 0015 14 MA
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 SU1ER 3778 0430 15 MI
 SU1ER 3779 0407 15 MA
 SU1ER 3779 0410 15 NH
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 ZK1DD 3797 0652 16 CA
 ZP5JCY 3795 0333 15 CT

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 3B9CD 709 0219 16 GA
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 4K1F 7003 0220 14 CO
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 HL5OC 7002 0854 15 MD
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 JW0EQ 7004 0423 16 CO
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 KC6MR 7002 1107 20 MD
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 TF3CW 7003 0100 12 MI
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 V85AM 7005 1400 16 CO
 V85AM 7005 1258 15 WA
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 UL7TM 14017 1302 18 AL
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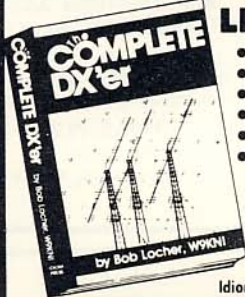
Five years ago in The DX Bulletin

(April 3, 1980): The fledgling International DX Foundation announced an expedition to 9M6VU for the end of April, to be sandwiched between operating stints from Brunei as VS500; operators were N200, KP2A, and N2CW. JH1VRQ (now N1CIX) who was well known to many DXers as overseas liaison officer of the Japan DX Radio Club, lost most of his QSLs and records in a fire. W1NG mentioned that he had worked 254 countries in the preceeding 150 days, and that his goal was 280 in one year.

The Calendar was jam-packed, with operations on tap from over twenty semi-rare DXCC countries, including Lord Howe, Okino Torishima (now deleted), Niue, Norfolk (pre-Jim Smith days!), Brunei, Tonga, Johnston, Glorioso (rumored), New Caldeonia, and Mt Athos (also rumored). About half of the Bandpass entries were 10 Meters.

CALENDAR

UGANDA	5X5BD (DJ6SI) and 5X5WR (DJ5RT) CANCELLED	CHINA	BY5RA with W7PHO 14.227/0000Z
CLIPPERTON	FOOXX April 4-11; 1274, 281	CARIBBEAN	K3UOC/PJ6 Mar 30-Apr 1; /PJ5 Apr 2-4; /PJ7 Apr 5-7; /PJ2 Apr 18-20; /PJ3 Apr 20/21; /PJ4 Apr 22/23
REVILLAGIGEDO	XF4 possible by Clipperton group; 1281		
MIDWAY	By KD7P, ND6T, Mar 28-Apr 8; Issue 281		
NAVASSA	Apr 4-9 by 6Y5NR group; 1274	CYPRUS	Special action ZC4MR, ZC4EP1 Apr 6/7
ST BRANDON	3B7 starts April 12, by SMOAGD, LA7XB, 3B8CF, for 1-2 weeks; Issue 281		ZC4MR on lists 14.227/1630Z
PITCAIRN	DXPress says ZL4DW/VR6AB there for next two months, Saturday best	FERNANDO PACIFIC	PYOFN1 rumored staying until April 1
CHRISTMAS	VK9XB/XG Mar 26-Apr 9		By WA6VNR Mar 16-Apr 8, A35CQ, T2CQ, ZK2CQ, 3D2CQ, 40 CW and 75SSB
			No reports
SINT MARTIN	WA1AYS//PJ7 Mar 24-30	BERLENGA IS.	CT0BI (IOTA EU40) Mar 29-Apr 2, QSL CT4UW
NETH ANT.	W9NUF/PJ3 Mar 28-Apr 5	ETHIOPIA	ET3PS reported in Eu. 21.253, 1200Z
CRETE	DF3GX/SV9 Mar 30-Apr 13, CW only	RODRIGUES	3B9CD There until June
IRAQ	Y10AY ends Mar 30;	MT ATHOS	Rumored soon by 10SNY
TONGA	A35EA By ZL1AMO continues to Apr 2	S GEORGIA	VP8DIS showed last week; again Apr?
CONTEST	CQ WPX SSB Mar 30/31	SVALBARD	JW5E (OH8s MA, YL) Mar 26-Apr 2
MADEIRA	OH1MM/CT3 40 Meters in WPX Contest	S SHETLANDS	4K1F there on 40, 20 CW
MADEIRA	OH1RY/CT3 80 Meters in WPX Contest	CYPRUS	RAF bases DXCC credit Jun 1; 1274
PREFIX	GB2PX in WPX by G4LJF group	MOZAMBIQUE	C90A active, no DXCC credit
FRANZ JOSEF	RSGB says EO1AOK is there now	UGANDA	5X5GK active, no DXCC credit
		GUINEA/BISSAU	J5WAD until November
		MACQUARIE	VK0GC likes 75 SSB at 1000Z
		REV. GIGEDO	XF4MDX rumored postponed to Apr
		FIJI	By JH1RNZ Apr 15-23
		CONVENTION	FRESNO, APR 19-21; 1271
		HAMVENTION	Apr 26-28, Dayton
		CONTEST	USSR "M" May 11/12



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