

# The DX Bulletin

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**PROPAGATION FORECAST:** Sept. 16, 17: Below Normal; Sept. 18: High Normal/Low Normal; Sept. 19, 20: High Normal; Sept. 21, 22: High Normal/Low Normal. Thanks N4XX.

JA7AO reports working the following stations on 160 Meters August 25 and 26: N7AM, N6DX, W6RW, N6CX, AE6U, W7QID and N6RO. FB!

**DESECHEO:** KP4AM says the following: "I suggest that all hams who have not requested or did not get a card from NCDXF yet now QSL direct to me. I have the complete and original logs of the KP4AM/d DXpedition to Desecheo. Those cards are acceptable now for DXCC credit." The address is David Novoa, KP4AM, PO BOX 50073, Levittown, Puerto Rico 00950.

KH6BZF reports a 3-hour opening on 6 Meters around 0300 on Sept. 2, when he worked Texas, Arizona, etc. Lee says 6-75 Meters were all open to the Mainland simultaneously.

"The fabled **FCC LINEAR AMPLIFIER BAN** continues to bring criticism...the latest from another government agency, the Allegheny County Fire Radio Advisory board in Pennsylvania. The fire fighters would like a lower frequency cut off...since they are having trouble buying gear for their 33-35 MHz allocation for fire communications!" Thanks Dentron "Waves."

**CONGO REPUBLIC:** TL8AZ is in doubt, in spite of the correct beam heading. TL8JM will be good as gold, though; it's (Big) John Montague, who is waiting on a rig and keyer sent by the Delta DX Club. They have a sked set up but nothing heard yet.

**EQUATORIAL GUINEA/ANNOBON.** Word is EA8CR and two others have licenses for 3C1 Oct. 4-10, followed by 3C0.

**A7XAH in QATAR** should be active again starting the first week of October, after a stay in the UK. Two spots to watch are 14225 and 14305.

Latch onto Guernsey Island's most active amateur, Dale Jones, GU5CIA, before he leaves at the end of September. Dale will be reassigned to Oregon after that, signing K5MM/7. A new Guernseyan should appear soon, signing GU4IOU, in the person of an up-and-coming 16-year old, according to Dale. Since May 21, 1978, GU5CIA has tallied 41,500 contacts in 237 countries. Dale has worked all 50 states on 10-40 but still needs six on 80 (didn't say which ones).

During his time at the ZK1MB Manihiki operation, Chuck Rademacher, ZL1ADI suffered a serious injury. While they were unloading their gear a tractor rolled over Chuck's leg, which subsequently became infected. A doctor from a nearby island saved the day with antibiotics and Chuck was later well enough to climb some trees for antenna-stringing duty. He says next stop is ZM7.

5H3KS has left for Europe and won't be back in Tanzania until January, 1980. Mail cards to PO BOX 250, Dar-ES-Salaam, Tanzania, where they will be held for 5H3KS until his return.

If you worked ZF2CV in late June, and need a card, send it to: Fred Kimble, AI5I, 1702 Highgate Drive, Duncanville, TX 75137.

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As of the first week of September, some fifty KZ5-types have been processed for the HP1X or HP2X callsigns, with another 150 to go before October 1. KZ5 callsigns will be no good after September 30, says Jim Miller, KZ5JM, who turns into, no, not a pumpkin, but rather HP1XRK at midnight that evening.

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**ICELAND** is the destination of AF9K, WB9UXR and WB9TOU, where they expect to be on the air October 8 through 14. QSLs will go to each operator's home call address. They are contemplating 48 hours of activity from Westman Island, where the prefix would be TF9 (for you prefix chasers). That would take place Oct. 10 and 11.

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Another W9DXCC meeting is history. Aside from the published program which went off on schedule, some awards were presented...#1 Honor Roll plaques went to W9JUV and W9DWQ; a special award went to Jerry Swetsky, WB9EBO, for his tremendous dedication to the W9 QSL Bureau. The Northern Illinois DX Association "Member of the Year" award went to Ken Neuffer, W9ZA. Following the banquet and his slide show on the 1S1DX expedition, Stew Woodward, K4SMX, was presented with the best award of all: \$120 collected toward defraying the costs of that plagued but eventually highly successful jaunt.

After much hesitation, we reluctantly also record one final award presentation. The dreaded "DX Hog of the Year" symbol, a grotesque plastic pig mounted unceremoniously atop a garbage can lid, made its way to the podium in the hands of last year's recipient Dave Zeph, W9ZRX (a most worthy one himself). Dave, gloating at the promise of ridding himself of the horrible thing, did the dirty deed of announcing that the assembled multitude had voted to assign the albatross to the neck of none other than Norm Meyers, N9MM, for having been the most active W9 DXer of the year preceding. Not a hint of remorse was visible on W9ZRX's face as he handed over the ugly pig to his "friend" Norm. As Dave put it, "My wife will sure be glad to have that thing out of the living room." And thus ended the 1979 W9DXCC meeting.

On a more cheerful note, if you crave a QSO with Monaco, look for a list on 3A2HB every Tuesday at 2000 on 14240.

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**GENEVA** news...The WARC American "team members" have been given special third party authorization for the use of 4U1ITU for messages to the USA. Other countries have their telecommunication as a government owned facility and are given free telephone privileges for their team members.

The USA has private telecommunications so its privilege is in the form of third party traffic via 4U1ITU. This authorization is for the duration of WARC and US amateurs are advised that requests for phone patches by Americans operating 4U1ITU are perfectly legitimate...This is official news direct from one of the Americans going to Geneva for the WARC.

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The Amateur Radio Society of Ireland will sponsor special events station EJ2PV sept. 29 to Oct. 1, during a visit by the Pope. Operation will be on "all bands and modes."

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On Tuesday, Sept. 11, CQ magazine was sold by Cowan Publishing to a new management group. Effective with the December issue, staff will be K2MGA, Publisher; K2EEK, Editor; W2LZX, Advertising Manager. The new offices will be at 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801. *Thanks* W2LZX.

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#### CQ Magazine 5-Band WAZ Program Update

In December, 1978, CQ announced their 5BWAZ; offered was a certificate for 100 band-zones, endorsement stickers for levels between 100 and 200, an "Honor Roll" at the higher levels, and a plaque to every DXer confirming all 200 band-zones. A fee was charged for the initial award, for each endorsement, and for return postage and registered mail.

The October, 1979 issue of CQ reveals, in the "Zero Bias" editorial, a "reorganization" of the 5BWAZ. After admitting that the program was started "without being prepared to adequately support it, both in administrative procedures and in actually having award material to distribute," CQ editor K2EEK describes the following changes in the program: applications will be accepted only from those having *all* 200 band-zones, and only the first five successful applicants will receive plaques. All thereafter will get certificates.

*The DX Bulletin* has the following comments regarding this matter:

1. Since working all 40 CQ Zones on each of five bands will require great dedication, and will mean considerable expense in obtaining QSLs, applicants would undoubtedly be willing to assume the cost of

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**BANDPASS:** All reports for BANDPASS are invited, especially concerning QSOs with rare countries, rare CQ zones, unusual band openings and contacts on 160, 80, 40, and 6 meters. In the listings below, an asterisk (\*) following the frequency indicates long path. E, C, and W stand for Eastern, Central and Western North America. Reports from amateurs outside North America are welcome and will be listed separately.

80	3...	UTC	SEPT.
KS6DV/KH1	795	08W	1

40	7...	UTC	SEPT.
PJ9EE	007	03W	2
6W8DY	094	07W	1

20	14...	UTC	SEPT.
AP2TN	220*	13C	3
AP5HQ	224	12C	5
A35SM	022	10C	6
A51PN	005*	13E	2
CN8CG	015	06C	1
C5ACB	010	06C	1
EA8PA	246	23C	1
EA9HU	255	07E	3
FB8XV	204	16C	3
FH8CL	010	03E	3
FK8CS	042	07W	5
FK8CZ	013	11C	1
FO8EI	010	07W	5
FR7BU	041	05W	3
GJ2LU	028*	08W	5
5K0SSA	222	04E	7

(San Andres)

HL9TO	045	11E	6
JT1BF	225	14C	2
JY5ZM	214	04E	7
J28AZ	240	04C	2
J6LCT	228	04E	4
KS6DV/KH1	304	04E	7
KX6PW	063	11W	6
SU1AL	220	02E	1
SV1JX	087	14W	6
S8AAP	225	15C	2
T2AAA	225	12C	1
UH8HAI	007*	13E	2
UH8HAJ	049*	14W	5
UI8ABW	227	02C	1
UK1PAL	007	00E	4
UK1ZAA	224	16W	2
UM8NNN	030	02E	2
VR1PJ	304	04E	7
VU2RQ	030*	12W	6
VU2WA	032*	14W	5
XT2AV	204	00W	3
YB0WR	208	11E	7
YI1BGD	235	16C	3
YI1BGD	225	08E	3
YI1BGD	225	00E	3
ZD8TC	024	23C	2

ZE8JW	051*	14W	2
3B6CD	027*	12W	6
3B8DU	055*	14W	2
3D2BM	205	12C	5
3V8ONU	210	23C	6
4K1B	047	08W	5
N6ANQ/4X	037	03W	3
5B4OI	235*	14C	3
5T5JA	009	04E	7
5V7GE	346	01E	7
5Z4JE	054	04W	3
9G1RU	195	23C	5
9M2FR	030	13C	1
9M2FK	027	11C	1

15	21...	UTC	SEPT.
A51PN	322	01E	7
A51PN	323	02C	7
WB5LBJ/DU	322	00E	5
OK3TAB/D2	316	22W	1
EA8RL	015	16W	3
EA9FV	298	16C	3
JW2CF	013	16W	1
M1C	022	15W	4
DK5BD/ST	308	20W	2
SV0AM	308	20W	2
UH8HBI	010	18W	3
VQ9TR	032	15W	3
VQ9TR	033	17C	3
VQ9MR	030*	19W	1
VS6CX	318	00E	5
VS6EK	324*	13C	3
ZD8TC	045	21W	1
3D6BP	353	19E	1
4S7ROV	034	17E	5
5U7BE	304	23C	3
F9EF/8R1	026	23E	4
9M2BZ	278	17C	3
9X5PP	353	18E	3

10	28...	UTC	SEPT.
A22BX	532	17W	7
A4XID	580	20C	1
D4CBS	593	16W	1
5L7K	551	17W	5
JA7MVX	505*	14C	2
S79MC	588	19E	1
S8AAT	532	12C	2
VP2ML	525	16W	5
ZD7BW	537	17W	6
ZD8AI	550	12C	2
ZD8TC	031	17W	1
ZS3JJ	594	16C	2
ZS3KC	539	16W	2
ZS3LK	516	17E	2
3B8CF	027	16W	1
3D6BW	559	17C	5
4S7KG	520	16E	8
5N0DOG	522	15W	7
5T5JA	020	16W	6
7X2CW	630	17W	5



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their plaques. So, why stop at five only?

2. What about those who have already spent considerable sums of money in getting QSLs, submitting them to CQ for certificates and stickers, and may not be in the top five for all 200 band-zones? As one correspondent told The DX Bulletin, "I already have 5BDXCC, WAZ, and over 300 countries; the hundred bucks I have spent so far for band-zone QSLs is down the drain since the cards aren't needed for anything else." If this DXer is "beat out" of the first five, we doubt he will spend another hundred dollars to get a piece of paper for an award.

3. The administrative, bookkeeping nightmare an award like 5BWAZ presents for its sponsor is obvious. It is not difficult to understand that CQ must curtail the program somewhat and we commend them for doing it now, before more DXers are disappointed. To be fair, all intermediate certificates and stickers must be withheld, even from those who have submitted cards and funds. However, those DXers who have invested in the intermediate steps should be compensated in some way, best left to the aggrieved parties.

The DX Bulletin recommends that CQ consider making the plaque available to *all* who qualify for 5BWAZ; if they do not, it is doubtful many will continue their efforts, and the program will die. Or maybe that is what CQ wants. — Editor.

#### THE DX BULLETIN 1979 WEEKENDER TROPHIES

*Introduction.* The CQ Worldwide DX Contest, held in October (phone) and November (cw), offers the two best weekends of the year for DXers. Whether one is chasing overall countries/zones, or band-countries/zones, the two weekends ordinarily bring out plenty of at least semi-rare DX. George Jacobs, W3ASK, predicts the "best conditions in 20 years" in his propagation column in October CQ. Whether one despises contests per se has little bearing on leisurely chasing DX during these two weekends.

CQ itself and various trophy donors cover most areas, within the framework of the contest: available are single band certificates (and trophies), national champion trophies, continental trophies, etc. The one exception is for strictly multiplier chasing, i.e., countries and zones, regardless of number of contacts. Therefore, The DX Bulletin will award two trophies (one phone and one cw) to the single operators working the greatest number of countries *plus* zones, per the CQ rules. **NOT** band multipliers but total different multipliers, regardless of band. That is, one might work 110 multipliers on 10 Meters, 4 additional on 15, 11 additional on 20, for a total of 125.

The rules appear below and will be listed each week through the end of November, for maximum exposure. Just think — you can win a trophy and only have to work one station in each country and zone all weekend!

#### RULES, THE DX BULLETIN 1979 WEEKENDER TROPHY COMPETITION

1. Eligibility: All individual subscribers to The DX Bulletin are eligible. One must be a subscriber prior to the weekend in which he or she competes.

2. All CQ WW DX Contest rules apply as to dates, times, log keeping. The entrant must submit an official entry to the CQ Contest Committee per their rules.

3. The entrant must comply with all recognized rules for single-operator stations, i.e., absolutely no help of any kind, including spotting nets, phone calls, etc. In addition, the entrant must operate a station located in the dwelling in which he or she permanently resides - *no* "guest operators."

4. The entrant shall submit an exact copy of his official CQ entry, plus an alphabetical-by-prefix list of countries worked and a numerical list of CQ Zones worked (1-40), to The DX Bulletin.

5. Any entrant who wins a regular CQ contest trophy will not be eligible for a Weekender trophy.

6. The top entrant each weekend will receive a trophy. In case of a tie, duplicate trophies will be awarded.

7. Results will be published in The DX Bulletin and will also be made available to CQ Magazine for their use.

8. In case of dispute, the decisions of The DX Bulletin staff will be final.

9. Mailing deadline for entries to the Weekender Trophy Competition are the same as those for official CQ entries.

#### PUBLISHERS NOTE:

Thanks to all of you that resubscribed fast. We had over one thousand subscriptions the first week, causing a slight backlog in processing. *If* you missed a issue, just ask for it. The west and east coasts are tied for highest number of subscriptions, with the midwest caught in the middle! The city with the highest no. of subscribers is Chicago.

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## CALENDAR

FRANZ JOSEF LAND — UK1PAA cw, UK1PGO ssb, 9/10-???  
 ST. PAUL ISLAND — VE7BT/1 9/14-9/24  
 NEW CALEDONIA — FK8XR by DK6XR and DK7XN, 9/19  
 WALLIS ISLAND — FW0XR by DK6XR and DX7XN, 9/19-9/26  
 TONGA REPUBLIC — N6DX third leg, 9/21-9/27, A35??  
 SAC CONTEST — 9/22-9/23, phone  
 ST. PIERRE ISLAND — FP8AA, FP0VI by K2RW, W2BHM,  
 9/24-10/6  
 FIJI ISLANDS — N6DX fourth leg as 3D2??, 9/27-10/3  
 NEW ENGLAND CONV. — Including Spratly show,  
 9/28-9/30  
 NEW HEBRIDES — YJ8XR by DK6XR, DK7XN, 9/28-10/5  
 RODRIGUEZ — 9/29-9/30 possible operation by 3B9CF  
 IRELAND — Special callign EJ2PV, 9/29-10/1; all bands  
 CAN-AM CONTEST — CW, 9/29-9/30  
 FERN. DE NORONHA — PY2XB/PY0 160-6 Meters, 9/30-??  
 QATAR — A7XAH returns first week of Oct.  
 FRENCH OCEANIA — Tahiti, 10/6-10/10, FO0XR by DK6XR  
 and DK7XN  
 N.E. DX MEETING — 10/6 for one day. W1RR for details  
 ANNOBON — and Eq. Guinea about Oct. 4 by EA8CR  
 BANGLADESH — S2BTF expected back on the air 10/7  
 ICELAND — By WB9S UXR, TOU, AF9K, 10/8-10/14  
 YASME — The Colvin road show leaves, destination not firm  
 CORSICA — FC0FHN by DL1RK, CW only, 10/13-10/27  
 CQ PHONE CONTEST — The Big One, 10/27-10/28

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