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ARRL DX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARRL President Harry J. Dannels, W2HD, has announced the ARRL DXAC line-up for 1981, with three changes from 1980.

John Kanode, N4MM, who has been the representative from the Fourth Call Area, has been elected Roanoke Division vice-director for 1981-82, and concurrently has been appointed the Board liaison to the DXAC. He is replaced as DXAC member by David Novoa, KP4AM.

Ed Kuebert, K3KA, is the new Third Call Area DXAC member, taking over for James Douglas, W3ZN. The appointments are for two years.

Continuing on the DXAC are WIOT, W2QM, K5YY (chairman), N6RJ, K7LAY, WB8EUN, N9MM, W0SR, and VE3QA.

There is always some confusion as to the powers and responsibilities of the various ARRL advisory committees. The members are appointed by the League president, in consultation with paid headquarters staff members and board members. The advisory committee posts are entirely voluntary and without compensation. Applications are solicited from the membership and the decisions are made on the basis of expertise, experience, etc.

The board liaison to the advisory committee is a board member conversant in the particular subject area. Each year, the chairman of each advisory committee files

a report of the committee's activities for the year, which the liaison board member presents at the annual board meeting.

A letter or other correspondence addressed to the DXAC and mailed to ARRL headquarters is copied for each DXAC member and for the board liaison. You may receive a reply from your area DXAC representative, from the headquarters, or both.

Each advisory committee has a paid staff liaison who handles the paperwork of distribution to the committee. The headquarters liaison often functions as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the advisory committee.

While advisory committee recommendations can be overridden by staff or the Board, ideally they are not. In the case of the DXAC, the makeup and thinking of the DXAC membership has great bearing on what is accepted as a new country and what is not, as well as rules interpretations.

While each committee has "hangers-on" who do nothing, all have members who do considerable work with no thanks whatsoever, except for fleeting fame. All the advisory committees need input from their constituencies. A letter to them with a copy to your favorite DX publication goes a long way toward shaping the face of DXing.

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Some of the JYs have been hinting on the air that the YI1JY operation in early February might be supplanted by a brief mid-January sojourn to S. Yemen or N. Yemen. The intricacies of Mid-East politics would seem to make anything possible. Beware!

600DX cards from I2YAE seem to be arriving in reverse order; those having worked Guiseppe in October and November are getting cards while those who made contact last summer still are waiting.

That CR9CT at the end of December was by Phil Weaver, VS6CT, who worked only 20, 15, 1nd 10 Meters. G3KDB mgr.

Several readers have inquired as to they might get on one of those "Crap Lists" (Issue 69). Not wishing to cast stones in any direction we will leave it to the imagination. AFTer all, this is a Family bulletin, and the Hour is not right.

And there is the guy who continually crows about how he is going to make 5-Band DXCC all on phone only. Oh, the glory of it all! What he really means is he doesn't know the Code anymore.

BV2A has been pretty consistent on 14025 Wednesdays at 1300Z, for an hour or more. His signal drifts.

TL8WH has an 80 Meter dipole up and operates around his sunrise time of 0440Z. That time doesn't change much through the year, due to the Central African Republic straddling the Equator.

Turkish correspondent TA2FM will shortly have a Stateside QSL manager. Since his last letter to us back in October, further civil unrest has resulted in almost complete lack of amateur radio activity, except for TA1UA and TA2TAT. QSLs from those two are received very promptly, however.

*****Ergonomics:** the science that seeks to adapt work or working conditions to suit the worker.

Last issue's comments on the Drake TR-7 have already brought several phone calls in response. Personally, we have been interested in the science of ergonomics for some time, specifically as it applies to automobiles. Isn't it amazing that Detroit continues to try to sell cars which do not have an adjustable backrest for the driver? And how about the ones where the steering wheel blocks the view of the instrument panel?

It is like the engineers who design the cars don't drive (shades of Ralph Nader!). The same seems to apply to some radios, also. Take that wonderful new design of the CDR rotor control box, the one where you have to push two buttons to turn the antenna, and you have to hold the buttons down for the duration of rotation. The "D-Lay-5" has a fix for that (Issue 67).

Maybe we are just idealists, but the glitches in the TR-7 pointed out last week could be eliminated for ten bucks' worth of parts, and could have been found by having an operator sit at the radio for a half-hour. And have you noticed how the Heathkit ads never show a key or paddle? They still have not discovered RIT, either.

Those who assemble their antennas on top of the tower, piece by piece, have done a lot of tooth grinding over the decades as a result of antenna designs which make the task next to impossible. Notice how the antenna ads always show an unguyed tower and/or using a crane (\$100/hour) to ease erection?

When operators are involved in the design of radios, the results are clear. Dick Frey of Ten Tec and Dick Ehrhorn of Alpha come immediately to mind, but surely there are more.

We are going to visit the owner of a new Collins KWM-380 soon and will give our impressions if anyone is interested. Say the word.

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

Low Bands

A7XE/7002/15W/16	EC9AR/7020/01E/22	OY7ML/7006/00E/20	VS6DO/3507/12E/11
OH1MA/	FG0AD/7005/23E/26	W3BTX/	VS6DO/7005/12E/13
CT3/7004/23E/15	GJ3EML/7021/07E/15	PJ7/7002/02E/25	VS6DO/7006/12E/22
C6ABA/7003/07W/22	K7CA/	SV1JG/7002/00E/21	VU2GSM/7010/12E/13
KP4KK/	HC1/7005/01E/22	TG4NX/7086/09E/21	ZD8TC/7016/23E/16
DU2/7006/13W/9	HK0BKX/3501/06W/22	U2A/7005/23E/24	ZK2VU/7002/03E/22
DU6RH/7002/13E/14	JW2CF/7001/13C/16	UF6FDP/7004/04E/18	ZK2VU/7009/05E/21
W7LPF/	JY4MB/3795/04W/21	UF6FDP/7004/01E/22	ZL2BT/3805/08E/30
DU2/7004/12E/17	J20CN/3788/15W/9	UF6FDP/7009/01E/25	4S7MX/7004/01E/22
EA6JD/3514/01E/22	J6LB/7060/08E/21	UG6GBD/7016/02E/13	4U1UN/3506/01E/21
EC9AQ/7026/01E/17	KG6RT/3501/13C/18	UK0QAA/7010/05E/15	5N0MAS/7006/05E/23
EC9AQ/7023/07C/18	KG6RT/7001/12E/21	VK8HA/7004/12E/18	
	LU6AMU/3514/03E/21	VP2SS/7010/01E/16	
	OA4AWD/7003/01E/27	VS6DO/3505/11W/11	

Africa

A22ED/28510/16E/17	FR0FLO/28550/13C/18	ZD8TC/14023/23E/16	5V7HL/21325/21E/17
A22BX/28600/19C/22	FR7BP/28055/18E/23	ZD8TC/14025/15W/25	5Z4RS/14220/06E/13
CN8AP/14251/08E/12	J28AZ/14026/03E/13	ZE2JS/14033/04E/12	6W8AR/28770/14W/16
CN8OK/28610/18E/14	J28CI/14025/04E/18	ZE2JS/14039/05E/14	7P8BL/28780/14W/16
CN8AT/28530/16E/16	J28CI/14023/05E/22	ZE3JJ/14026/03C/16	7X2AJ/21340/20C/18
CN8EM/28518/16E/23	DF3NZ/	ZE3JJ/14046/05E/17	9G1RF/21330/12C/18
C5ACJ/28541/21W/22	ST/21272/23E/18	ZE2JS/14031/04E/21	9G1RI/21254/22E/20
C5ACL/28575/13C/24	SU1ER/14228/08E/12	ZE1BP/21300/06E/12	9G1JM/21285/12C/24
D4CBC/14202/04W/11	SU1BA/28750/13C/18	ZS3HL/21355/20E/12	9G1AV/28652/18E/12
D4CBC/14211/06E/12	S79RD/13246/21E/24	ZS3KC/28535/17E/16	9G1RT/28505/12C/20
D68AM/14239/04C/15	TJ1BB/14010/23E/12	3B8CF/14027/03E/12	9G1BY/28600/13C/23
EA9HG/14067/22E/10	TJ1SB/14030/22E/14	3B8DB/14027/03C/16	9J2WS/14030/05E/20
EA9HW/14042/01E/18	TL8WH/14213/15W/26	3B8DA/14034/04E/18	
EC9AQ/21051/18E/10	TL8WH/28656/13C/21	3B8DB/14025/02E/24	
EA9HV/28502/17E/17	TR8DX/14227/20E/18	3B8AE/	
FH8OM/14212/15W/19	TR8IG/28012/15E/20	3B9/28654/14E/26	
FR7BX/14005/04E/14	TU2JD/14210/04W/25	3D6BX/14040/06E/10	
FR7BP/14025/14C/13	TU2IK/28850/12E/14	VK4NIC/	
FR7BY/14043/03E/16	TU2JJ/28525/11E/19	3X/21300/23E/14	
FR7BP/14018/14E/21	TU2JJ/28525/11E/19	VK4NIC/	
FR7BY/14042/04E/26	XT2AW/14265/22E/12	3X/28735/19C/13	
FR0FLO/28528/13E/16	ZD7HH/21294/19C/18	5N6ATT/28625/16C/21	
	ZD7HH/21295/20W/25	5T5OU/21300/22E/13	

Asia

AP2MQ/14216/03C/21	DU6JM/28549/01C/22	UA0YAD/14001/02E/13	UM8MDZ/28536/13E/15
AP2IJ/14220/12E/21	DU9RG/28542/00C/23	(Zone 23)	VS6CT/14218/11C/18
A\$XIZ/14024/23E/12	N6ET/	UA0YAE/14031/02E/20	VS6GY/14022/13E/19
A4XIU/14236/01E/19	DU6/28035/00E/23	UK8AAF/14030/12E/10	VS6JR/14031/13E/21
A7XD/14220/07E/12	HM1AQ/14028/05E/20	RH8EAK/28750/14C/16	VS6DX/28638/00C/17
A7KAH/14225/05W/21	HM1IJ/21045/23E/15	UI8ADN/14005/03E/11	VS6DD/28555/00E/18
A9XDB/28506/14C/12	HS5AID/14033/02E/23	UI8ABA/14018/03E/20	VU2CGS/14040/12E/17
A9XDB/28580/13E/19	HS5AID/14013/19E/23	UI8CQ/14037/02E/20	VU2LQA/14252/11C/18
BV2A/14024/13E/17	HS1WR/14214/15W/23	UI8LBA/14035/03C/25	VU2BK/14044/02E/20
BV2A/14025/13E/24	HS5AID/14032/02E/25	UI8ZAC/28529/13E/15	YB0PG/14208/14E/21
BV2A/28735/23C/13	JT1BM/14017/03C/19	UK8JAA/14069/04W/13	4S7CF/14212/02E/11
CR9CT/14225/15E/26	JT1KAA/14036/08W/19	UJ8BQ/14022/00W/14	4S7EA/14204/12W/25
CR9CT/21345/00E/24	JT1BM/14200/13E/19	UJ8AG/14044/03E/19	5B4DI/14224/14W/26
DU2DVK/14205/13E/24	JY0LAU/14056/01E/20	UK7LBA/14005/12W/16	5B4JK/28067/15E/25
DU7AEL/28622/00C/17	JY3ZH/14222/06C/13	UM8MCC/14020/13E/12	9K2EW/28644/13E/15
W7LPF/	OD5MR/28523/13E/15	UM8MCC/14026/03E/20	9K2DR/28826/15E/21
DU2/28029/23E/21	UD6DLJ/28520/13E/15	UK8MAA/14229/00W/21	9M2KG/21035/23E/15
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CALENDAR

<p>San Andres Velau Grand Cayman Lebanon DEADLINE</p>	<p>HKØCOP ZF2DX OD5KK CQ WW CW</p>	<p>By W9UCW, NOW through Jan. 18; this issue West Caroline Islands' by JAs on NOW; this issue Jan. 15-22; this issue Jan. 15-Feb. 4 by N2KK; Issues 62, 69 and this issue Logs must be postmarked to N6AR by Jan. 15</p>
<p>Nepal Mauritania Somalia Contest Montserrat</p>	<p>5T5RH 60ØDX CQ 160 VP2MS</p>	<p>Possible action by JAs mid-January By 9G1RT possible mid-January; Issue 70 Possible again mid-January; Issue 66 Jan. 23-25 By W7s ISX and EKM, Jan. 14-23; Issue 70</p>
<p>Iraq St. Kitts Heard Is. Cyprus Kingman/ Palmyra</p>	<p>YI1JY VP2KAO/KAP 5B4KK</p>	<p>Possible early Feb; alternate 4W/70; Issue 70 and 71 Feb. 2-7; this issue Still hoping for February; Issue 70 By N2KK, Feb. 4-11; Issue 62 By VK2BJL and others possible April; Issue 63</p>
<p>Competition</p>	<p>ARRL DX</p>	<p>Phone Feb, CW Mar; back to former rules (pre-80); details/forms from ARRL</p>

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