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ETHICS

*"My way of joking is to tell the truth...
that's the funniest joke in the world."*

--Muhammad Ali

Dig out your copy of the ARRL DXCC LIST (form CD-216) and you will note that DXCC Rule #12 reads:

"Operating Ethics: Fair play and good sportsmanship in operating are required of all amateurs working toward the DX Century Club Award. In the event of specific objections relative to continued poor operating ethics, an individual may be disqualified from the DXCC by action of the ARRL Awards Committee."

Effective immediately, the wording of Rule 12 has been changed to the following:

"Operating Ethics: A. Fair play and good sportsmanship are required of all DX Century Club members. In the event of specific objections relative to continued poor operating ethics, an individual may be disqualified from the DXCC by action of the ARRL Awards Committee.

B. Credit for contacts with individuals who have displayed continued poor operating ethics may be disallowed by action of the ARRL Awards Committee.

C. For (A) and (B) above, operating includes confirmation procedures."

The background for this change is fairly simple. Last summer, 4Z4TT operated from the Pacific as ZM7TT. He would not answer QSL requests without receipt of one dollar. Some who sent envelopes and IRCs were answered with a note to the effect that IRCs were not satisfactory, even though they are readily exchangeable in Israel.

The topic became a fairly hot one on the bands; The DX Bulletin published an editorial on the subject in Issue 57, September 29, 1980. That editorial was picked up and reprinted by a number of other publications. Bottom line of the editorial was that while it is ugly business to "require" money for a QSL, it is within each individual's rights to do so if he desires. Such a practice is obviously not in the "Amateur Spirit."

While it seems unlikely that the ARRL will come up with a new "Official Ethics Patrol" appointment, a couple of possible twists could create problems. One is that you might make a perfectly

valid contact with a new "country," obtain a perfectly valid QSL card, only to discover that credit for DXCC will not be granted because the individual worked has been disqualified for DXCC (and thus contacts with him been declared invalid for DXCC also).

Another possible hangup could be in the obviously subjective nature of the Rule 12 itself and the differences of opinion among DXers as to just what are ethical practices and what aren't.

In the past, Rule 12 was a catch-all to permit the ARRL Awards Committee to disqualify blatant offenders; it has been applied very sparingly with virtually no complaints. The Headquarters felt that the new wording would be more specific and would enable potential problems to resolve themselves before action had to be taken.

Don't rush off to nominate your favorite Lid for banishment from the DXCC program, as it is unlikely very many cases will be made for undoing any DXCC memberships on the basis of poor operating; Lids are a fact of life and always have been. Anyone whose operating is bad enough to get him/her disqualified from DXCC will probably be nailed by FCC and lose his license.

One way of looking at the QSL for a dollar syndrome is that it is a "Don Miller (W9WNV) in Reverse." That is, Dr. Miller wanted money up front or he just didn't work you.

The new rule will not be applied retroactively; thus, if word gets around quickly, the effect may be to alleviate the problem and avoid actual implementation of the rule at all. We hope that will be the case.

The next printing of the DXCC List will reflect the new Rule 12.

Editor's Note: The reduced type size in this issue is a permanent change; it enables printing as much material on four pages as previously appeared on six. The message is clear...the operation has been streamlined so we can publish more material than ever before. The only problem is getting the additional input. Please help. You send it, and it will be published. Input has been at an all-time low the past couple of weeks.

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More ARRL News

Did you notice that the lead-off feature article in January *QST* was by none other than Dr. Don Miller, W9WNV, who "voluntarily" resigned as Central Division Director last November just before the ballots were to be counted in his bid for reelection? Dr. Miller is an acknowledged expert in the field of amateur radio television, and we have not heard the last of him. Neither has the League.

The four new ARRL directors were in Newington last week for an orientation visit, something new this year. One of those four was Mary Lewis, new Northwestern Division Director. Mary, W7QGP, is the first woman director, and she buried incumbent W7PGY by a three-to-one margin in the November Balloting. It is understood that her lawsuit against the League (*TDXB* Issue 66) has not been dropped yet.

Advertising rates for display ads in *QST* go up twenty percent with the April issue. Figures now compiled from the Long Range Planning Committee's survey done last spring (*TDXB* Issue 43) purportedly indicate that *QST* advertisements reach about ninety percent of those amateurs who spend any appreciable amount of money on radio goods each year. These figures will be used in a campaign to assuage advertisers' sadness over the rate increases.

*You can check out but
you can never leave.*

---The Eagles

New Contest Advisory Committee member for the U.S. Fourth Call Area is Ellen White, W1YL. Ms. White departed the paid Headquarters staff late in 1978 after a twenty-five year career which ended with her serving as Deputy Communications Manager. She joins Rick Niswander, K7GM (formerly W1PID) as the second former Hq staff member to serve on the CAC.

There's more...W1YL will also be taking over as the editor of "How's DX" in the ARRL official journal, beginning probably with the March issue. You read it first in *TDXB*.

Preliminary information on the 1981 International DX Convention has been released by Chairman Bob Thompson, K6SSJ. This has previously been called "The Annual Joint Meeting of the Northern and Southern California DX Clubs and Their Invited Guests," or "Fresno" for short. The year's premier DX gathering, it will happen May 1, 2, and 3 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Visalia, CA, with the official program running Sat. afternoon to mid-day Sunday. You can get on the mailing list by writing to NCDXC, PO BOX 608, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

JA DXers are holding a "mini-Fresno Feb. 7-8 in Tokyo, led by Nob, JA1KSO.

I2MQP telephoned *TDXB* last weekend to say that the Z1Z2A who was on 10 Meters Sat., Jan. 3, was 40 dB over S9 in Italy. He turned out to be a local Italian who ceased the antics after pressure from the other local DXers.

Carl and Martha Henson, WA4ZNH and WN4FVU, appeared from Swaziland signing /3D6 briefly

around New Year's Eve, then operated from Botswana until Jan. 8. They are now back in the States. QSL managers for the operation are the same as for their operations from Uganda back in October, i.e., WN4FVU via N4NX and WB4ZNH via K4PHE (ref. *TDXB* Issues 61 and 62).

9U5DS QSLs are still not accepted at the DXCC desk; it is reported that the first license issued in Burundi in the past six years went to 9U5AV, Vince Thompson.

600DX cards are also not yet being accepted for DXCC, as the appropriate papers have yet to show in Newington.

VK4NIC/3X came back on as scheduled January 3; the Liberians who had been working on permission for some Guinea activity did not appear at year's end. Neither did the S. Sandwich operations of VP8SSI.

Nothing has been heard from Dave Schoen, N2KK, who was lsst on Dec. 23 from S. Sudan as 6U0KK. He was rendered gearless that day and is still expected to pop up from somewhere else, probably 4W.

CE3GN writes that S. Shetland QSLs for CE9AK and CE9AH have run out and more are being printed at this time. The backlog will be caught up again in about two weeks. The end of the year about 800 cards were stacked to answer, with the pile growing daily.

The operation from newly-independent Velau (formerly part of the W. Carolines, *TDXB* Issue 71) appeared Jan. 2 signing KC6KR. QSLs to JA8JL, Kazuo Kumanaka, 237 Fuku-zumi, Toyohira, Sapporo 62 Japan. It is entirely possible that DXCC status for this one could be granted. Rumors that the same JAs involved in this operation would precede to Nepal do not seem to be true, as a letter from JA8KB makes no mention of same.

3B8AE/3B9, Moussa Atchia, will be operational from the Rodriguez weather station for several months more, although his work schedule does not allow for much air time. Best time to find him is around 0200Z on 20 Meters SSB. 3B8AE does not appear in any Callbook; his address is 7 Naprier Broom Street, Beau Bassin, Mauritius.

Phil Weaver, VS6CT, made 6100 contacts during his short stay last month at CR9CT. He mailed the logs by air to manager G3KDB last week.

ST0RK in 1978 can be confirmed through DJ3ES, but do it quickly because Hans leaves Germany shortly for some travel abroad. ST0RK contacts in the 1978 CQ WW CW Contest only can be confirmed through DL7AV.

Postal authorities are still in the dark about the new IRCs. Local post offices are still selling the old 4¢ variety. If you have some of those left, it would be best to use them up, convert them, etc., asap.

And don't forget that new U.S. airmail rates are now 40¢ a half-ounce.

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

Low Bands			
A9XCE/3506/03E/28	K7CA/	UH8EAA/7007/13C/27	ZD8TC/7001/23C/1
CM1RA/7024/04C/31	HCL/3503/04C/26	UH8EAA/7014/13E/31	ZK1AC/7006/10E/31
CT2AK/3792/08E/27	HI8JAG/3777/07E/27	VK6HD/3506/12E/1	ZL1NG/3802/08E/27
EA8QL/3792/07E/27	HK0COP/1806/04C/5	VP5PZ/3796/04C/30	ZL2UW/3511/08E/27
EA8QL/3790/06W/29	J73D/1805/03C/22	VS6II/3789/14W/28	ZL1AM/3501/12E/1
EA8RL/7017/08W/28	KG6RT/7002/12C/27	VS6DO/3505/12E/29	ZS5WT/3505/03C/30
EL2CA/3790/05W/29	KL7JEF/3904/09C/31	VS6DO/7003/12C/2	ZS1XR/7006/00E/2
FM0FJE/7081/01C/28	MLC/7008/04C/29	VU2KMK/7005/13C/27	3A2EE/3793/04W/31
FR0FLO/3791/02E/4	TG4NX/3800/07E/27	VU2GSM/7009/13E/28	5N0DOG/3505/03W/28
HB9AMO/7001/20W/28	TI2VVR/3796/07E/27	VU2DPK/7012/13E/2	5N0DOG/3505/04E/29
	UF6FAG/3504/03C/30	YJ8NPS/3798/12E/1	8Q7A2/7005/01W/28
Africa			
A22BX/28044/20E/28	DF3NZ/	ZE1DL/14036/16W/28	VK4NIC/
CN8AN/21282/18C/3	ST2/14209/22E/26	ZE1ET/14240/04C/1	3X/28699/14E/3
CN8AT/28612/16E/1	K5LBU/	ZS3DP/21024/22E/28	6W8IC/21270/21C/30
C5ACJ/28545/22E/27	ST0/14207/15W/1	3B8DB/14225/04C/3	7Z2AP/14224/15C/26
D4CBG/14208/05C/28	TL8WH/28503/13C/26	3B8AE/	8Q7AV/14206/02C/28
EL8H/14216/02C/4	TR8IG/14012/23W/26	3B9/14227/02C/26	8Q7AV/14204/13W/1
FR7BY/14045/03C/26	TU2JB/14020/21E/31	3D6BS/14217/04C/28	9G1RT/21319/22C/29
FR7BP/14025/12E/29	TU2HH/14205/01C/2	WB4ZNH/	9G1KB/28710/14C/1
FR7BX/14020/13C/31	TU2IN/14288/04C/2	3D6/14211/04E/31	9J2WS/14045/05E/31
J28CI/14030/05E/30	TU2IN/28584/17W/28	WN4FVU/	9J2JN/28724/14E/1
	ZE2JS/14026/04E/27	3D6/21300/23C/29	9X5MH/21332/19C/31
Asia			
AP2ZR/14210/03C/2	BV2A/14025/13E/24	JT0YFU/14213/01E/1	YB0PG/14210/11E/1
AP2IZ/14225/12E/2	BV2A/28574/01C/28	UG6GAI/14225/16E/3	YI2AM/14001/22C/2
A4XHI/28037/15E/28	KP4KK/	UH8BZ/14022/14W/31	YK1AA/14212/16W/1
A4XIZ/28510/14C/30	DU2/14014/00E/28	UI8AFI/14021/12E/31	4S7NE/14028/02E/1
A7XD/21280/18E/29	DU6RH/14005/12E/1	UJ8CQ/14221/04C/2	5B4EP/28662/14E/2
A9XDD/14276/20E/1	DU6JM/28560/00W/29	UM8MAD/14028/13E/31	9N1MM/14205/12E/1
A9XDB/14220/14C/2	HS5AD/14033/02E/28	VS5TX/28699/01C/21	
A9XDD/28748/14E/2	HS1WR/14220/15E/3	VU2BBJ/14201/11E/1	
	HZ1TA/14233/14C/28	VU2RAK/14208/02C/2	
		VU2CK/14215/02C/2	
Europe			
C31ST/21260/15E/28	Oceania	Elsewhere	
FC9UC/21295/18C/3	A35JL/21369/02W/1	FP8HL/28524/17W/1	
F6FGY/	FO8FN/14022/05E/31	HC8GI/21355/19E/28	
FC/28580/15E/28	FO8EW/21026/00W/29	HK0FBB/21345/00C/31	
HV3SJ/21295/18E/2	H44DR/28556/02C/3	J73CB/14229/04C/3	
HV3SJ/28598/13E/2	KC6KR/14026/22C/2	K4USV/14224/08C/30	
SV0AW/9/21302/18E/1	KG6RN/14217/22E/26	VP1BEH/14205/03C/2	
RAEM/28031/14E/27	KG6DX/28003/16E/31	VP8ON/14207/00C/30	
WB5CTK/	KH3AB/14032/01E/28		
TF/14044/02C/30	KH3AB/28033/21E/27		
TF3YH/14215/02C/2	KX6QC/28025/22C/27		
F9UW/3A/28749/13E/2	T3LAB/14207/03E/28		
	ZL3PA/C/14025/07E/1		

Dear OM Santa,

Glad you asked about my Christmas wish.
Let's start with a parabolic dish.
Then for 40 Meters, about 4 elements will do
And on 80 a sloper or two,
Stacked monobanders for 20, 15 and 10
And a lot of acres to put all this in.
And the last thing for this lilee old lady
An Alpha 77 and a KWM 380!

-- Sally Sliger, WB4NDX

W4JVN says he'd like a place to operate the ARRL Phone Contest (end of Feb) while he is in San Juan. Any TDXB readers in KP4 can write Dave and make an offer; single-op or multi.

Look for DL1VU to appear from Wallis Is. any day, now that his ZK2VU stint is over.

Issue 68 of TDXB, dedicated to John Lennon, brought about twenty letters, mostly from NRA members. A reprint of these letters is available by sending an SASE to TDXB.

Bruce Portnoy, KA3BLP, will operate from Antigua Jan. 21 to Feb. 3, signing /VP2A. He may also squeeze in a few days from St. Lucia with a J6 callsign. QSLs to N2ATX, C. Young, 511 Cinnamon Av., Palmyra NJ 08065.

The Amateur Radio Awards Directory of the World is published by VE3GCO and is quite complete. Available for \$7.00 (Canadian) from Garry Hammond, 5 McLaren Avenue, Listowel, Ontario N4W 3K1 Canada.

A new 6-Meter beacon is PY2AA on 50.055 MHz, running 25 watts to a ground plane Sao Paulo. LABRE, Brazil's amateur society, would appreciate reports on reception of the beacon, mailed to PY2AA Beacon project, PO BOX 22, 01000-Sao Paulo SP Brazil.

A letter from Pradhan, A51PN, indicates he has been inactive lately due to lack of a rig. He does have a Yaesu FV401 ext. vfo, and hopes to build a low power rig for 20 Meter CW only, using the FV401.

CALENDAR

Fernando de Noronha
San Andres HKØCOP
Grand Cayman
Antigua
Lebanon or N. Yemen

PYØs ZZ and CW
HKØCOP
ZF2DX
KA3BLP/VP2A
By N2KK

Now to Jan. 17; this issue
Now to Jan. 18; Issue 71
Jan. 15-22; Issue 71
Jan. 21-Feb. 3; this issue
Anytime

DEADLINE
Wallis
Mauritania
Somalia
Montserrat

CQ WW CW LOGS
FWØ
5T5RH
6ØØDX
VP2MS

Must be postmarked to N6AR by Jan. 15
By DL1VU anytime; this issue
By 9G1RT, mid-January; Issue 70
Possible again mid-January; Issue 66
Now to Jan. 23 by W7ISX/W7EKM; Issue 70

Contest
Iraq
St. Kitts
Heard Is.
Cyprus

CQ 160 Meters
Y11JY
VP2KAO/KAP
By VK9NS
5B4KK

Jan. 23-25
Possible early Feb by JYs; Issues 70 and 71
Feb. 2-7; Issue 71
Still hoping for February; Issue 70
By N2KK, Feb. 4-11; Issue 62

Kingman/palmyra
Competition
Convention

ARRL Int'l. DX
CA Int'l DX

By VK2BJL and others possible April; Issue
Phone Feb., CW March
Visalia, CA, May 1-3; this issue

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YASME REPORT

W6KG and W6QL will be completing their St. Martin FGØFOL/FS7 operations in a few days; their next stop is not yet firmed up.

The W6KG/4X operation finished up late in December; after that they returned home to California for a few days before proceeding to the Caribbean. In Israel, they operated, for the first time, from a place other than where they were staying...the shack was just that, an old farmhouse which had not been occupied for at least five years.

The Israeli license issued to the Colvins stated "It is strictly forbidden to communicate with stations of the following countries: 7X, JY, HZ, 7Z, 8Z, A9X, A4X, YI, 9K2, OD, 5A, CN, 5T, A6X, YK, ST, 3V, 4W, 7O, and A7X." This was discouraging but not necessarily surprising.

Additionally, they found that since 1967 USSR stations have been forbidden to communicate with Israel, but the Russians seemed to interpret their restriction to not include Americans operating from Israel.

All this makes Israel not such a great place for running up big contest scores, although the proximity of Europe, a different continent in the CQ Contests, makes up for it somewhat.

Lloyd and Iris recommend Israel as a spot to visit, with the multitude of ancient and important historic sites.

They made 5,000 contacts in 120 DXCC countries while operating W6KG/4X.

A clarification of recent QSL info for 4U1ITU: contacts in the end-of-November CQ WW CW Contest go to W3ICM. ARRL 10 Meter Contest contacts with 4U1ITU go to either W3ICM or W3JPT.

Next week's issue will have the promised picture story on Cocos-Keeling...the editor/publisher didn't want to tackle any photos this week along with the new smaller type!

Today's mail brought a request for a sample copy of TDXB from JT1-103, one of the operators at JT1KAA! We are going to give him a freebie subscription. Not sure how much worth he will get with the postal delays, though. His letter was postmarked Nov. 27 and received in the U.S.A. January 8!

Alan Lefcourt, WB3GPR, made 300 contacts last week as ZF2DZ, mostly on 40 CW. His adr. was in Issue 70.

DF4KN runs a "list" for C5ACJ Tues, Thurs, and Sat. at 1600Z on 28520.

If you know any blind hams, tell them that CDE has a rotor readout for them for their Ham-M type rotors, specifically the Ham-4; the complete set-up retails for \$250.

This is the LAST ISSUE for December expirations who have not renewed.