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HOT NEWS? CALL THE DX BULLETIN: 203-871-6251; LEAVE A MESSAGE!

PROPAGATION: January 25, 26, 27, High Normal; Jan. 28, High/Low Normal; Jan. 29, 30, 31, Feb. 1, High Normal; Feb. 2-6, High Normal; Feb. 7, Low Normal. Feb. 8, 9, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

EASTER ISLAND

Anyone who hasn't scratched CEØA from his/her need list on all bands will be able to do so the end of next month, as two DX-peditions are confirmed and ready to go.

The Island of the Statues will be occupied by NØNO, K4ESQ, KØDHI, and WØRIF Feb. 17 through 24, including the ARRL CW DX Competition weekend. They will be operating /CEØA on 80-10 Meters with two complete stations available, "standard frequency splits and DX windows for SSB, up 5 for CW."

Send your QSLs to each operator's home address with SASE or equivalent. The news release does not specify what sort of operation will take place during the Contest, i.e., single or multi-transmitter; it is assumed multi-transmitter.

Immediately following this operation, W4PRO and W4GSM will arrive Easter Island, complete with two ICOM transceivers and an Alpha 76 amplifier, plus a quad and some extra wire antennas. They expect to operate from Feb. 25 through about March 17, including the ARRL Phone Competition.

Jim Wise, W4PRO, advises that Father Dave Reddy, CEØAE, has lined up an operating location for them and may join them for some of the actual airtime. They will be on both CW and SSB, 160 through 10 Meters, emphasizing the low bands at night. Look for 'PRO and 'GSM Portable CEØA and QSL both to W4PRO, any Callbook for the past 25 years.

NEPAL

Father Marshall Moran, 9N1MM, has been fairly active again, and a "9N1AB" was also worked recently. His address is on page 3. A telegram to TDXB indicates that JA8MWU will activate 9N1BMK Feb. 1-5, specifying 28595, 21295, and 40/75/80 Meter operation. QSLs to JA8MWU.

TANZANIA

Karl Schmidt, 5H3KS is making an effort

to clean up all the remaining demand for Tanzania before he leaves at the end of February. His next post will be in Nigeria, where he holds the callsign 5NØKWS (he is WA4MMQ State-side).

DL1VU has been active for several weeks as FOØVU, Tahiti. Karl seems to be staying at each Pacific spot for 2-3 weeks. His next intended operation is from W. Samoa, 5W1, then Wallis, Fijis, Tonga and New Caledonia. He has been fairly active on 40 Meters and occasionally reported on 80 CW.

N6RA's operation in the ARRL CW DX Competition will be single band 10 Meters from GU4CHY; QSLs to the GU4CHY C/B address.

9M2RN (an Australian) is "going begging" for North American contacts Saturday evening, 0000Z on 28670. There is usually a JA station to assist with the (thus far) non-existent pileups.

6ØØDX is pretty quiet the past week or so; I2MQP telephoned to say your QSLs going to I2YAE should be mailed directly to him, not to the Italian bureau, as I2YAE is not a member of the radio society there.

EP2TY, Toshi, showed on 10 Meters last week, almost every day. He was best located by tuning the DK2OC gathering at 1200Z on 28750. His operating permit expires in Mar., and it is not known if it will be renewed. As there are no known Iranian nationals licensed, EP may become exceedingly rare when Toshi departs.

If you are still hunting for 3B8AE/3B9 on Rodriguez, he has been meeting DK2OC at 1400Z, 28750, on Saturdays and Mondays.

VK9NYG, Cocos, has showed on 28510 or so at 1300Z, as we suggested he might a few weeks ago. He has been worked at that time from the Midwest States, but apparently not by any on the East Coast. The beam heading at this time and freq. can be direct, long, or skewed path, often all three at once.

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Still no word on the whereabouts of N2KK/Africa, who has not been on the bands since Dec. 23; supposedly he has been contemplating cutting the trip short and returning to the States. His S. Sudan 6U0KK operation was aborted after only a dozen hours or so in operation.

A Tristan de Cunha ZD9 operation by Hal, ZD7HH, is tentatively scheduled for Mar. 5, although funds are still a problem. Small donations can be sent to W4FRU (ZD7HH's manager) and will be returned if the trip has to be cancelled.

Karl Renz, K4YT, did not make his first African stop at Guinea, but rather debuted as 5T5DX last week. It had been hoped he would have some replacement parts and/or technical advice for VK4NIC and his sick Yaesu. Ian (VK4NIC/3X) is reportedly now having difficulty with both his remote VFO and his transceiver.

K4YT intends one-week stops in Senegal and the Gambia, and also looks forward to TU and TY activity. Ref. TDXB Issue 73.

There is continuing talk of Guinea operating by EL2CA from a "permanent QTH" during February, March and April, on weekends only.

ZL3AFH/A Campbell Island is now supposedly showing on the VK9NS 14220 gathering at 0800Z. Some are also trying to talk him into participating in the 21345 at 0000Z "Hour;" he has not appeared there as yet.

Both D68AM and F9UW/3A have made appearances on the DK2OC show weekday mornings; this 28750 operation has not developed into the zoo that some of the other "nets" have, speculation being that the time of day prevents those in N. America who are working from making the scene, thus keeping the number of participants at a manageable level.

• Another interesting gathering of the faithful is the NEWS Net, Sundays at 2000Z on 28560.

Those needing Monaco on CW and the Low Bands will be glad to hear that PA0s LVB, WRS, and VDV will activate the Principality Feb. 27 to Mar. 6, all operating /3A. Look for them 25 KHz up from the bottom of each band and probably hugging the bottom on 40 and 80. QSL to their home calls.

More on D68AM for the stay-at-home crowd: he skeds K0VVV Tuesdays, 1800Z, 21285.

W0QWS advised us of the dates for the County Hunters SSB Contest, May 2-3, hoping to attract overseas activity. Look for activity around 14275, 21375 and 28625. 'QWS says he has worked 142 countries from his car the past year, mostly 28 MHz.

Recent TJ1BB activity has been by N4JR, on 20 CW around 2100Z; N4JR is employed

at the U.S. embassy in Yaounde, has been there about six months with another eighteen to go. He hopes for his very own TJ call.

WLAW says that Danish amateurs now have permission to operate 160 Meters, 1720-1740 and 1830-1850. CW only, max. ten watts. 1720-1740? Huh?

John Ackley, KP2A, of the International DX Foundation, will operate /KP4 "from one of the Puerto Rico islands" during Feb; nothing new for DXCC but will be a credit for the "Islands on the Air" award.

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HELP!

TA0R (Dec. 80) is no good.
WA3DVO seeks help with PY0DVG, Aug. '72.
N4XX looking for 5AltG ('57) and 5A4TT (58)

K9RHY can't locate 601ND ('62) and
KW6DG ('62)/
We need an address for YC0BRT, a new one.
Does someone in Virginia have ET3USB logs
from 1973? Please write TDXB.

W2XQ needs route for C31PA, Apr. '80.
WA0NAA volunteers to be anybody's QSL man.

Our TDXB DXCC Transparent Endorsement
Sticker Bank needs a 290 for one of
the faithful, who has a plastic stick-
er to trade.

W4BAA has IRCs at 30 cents each; send
check and SASE to C/B address.

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A letter from Gene Volkman, AB9E, reminded us of something we had been meaning to mention. A word of warning to those purchasing new Hy-Gain beams...the new-style clamps they are supplying for their swaged tubing have a propensity for failure at (naturally) the worst possible time and place. The clamps often do not cinch down tight enough and even when they do, they tend to loosen over time, causing falling aluminum tubing. If you have any doubt about your clamps, it is recommended they be replaced with stainless steel "hose" clamps.

Anguilla will be activated by K8ND/VP2EV, AD8J/VP2ED, and WB8VPA/VP2EX Feb. 24 to Mar. 11, including the ARRL Phone DX Competition. They will emphasize CW operation before and after the Contest, plus will work non W/VE stations on SSB outside the contest. VP2EV will also work the CQ WW 160 SSB Contest during that time period. QSL info for these operations will appear in next week's QSL info summary.

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

Low Bands

CT2AK/3793/05E/18
G6ZY/
CN/7005/00E/16
C6AFR/7021/03E/11
W7LPF/
DU2/7014/13C/14
EA6BN/7010/21E/14
EI8C/7005/22E/15
EL2AV/3502/04C/12
EL2FY/7003/08W/10
FOQVU/7010/04C/12
GJ2FMV/7010/00E/13
K7CA/
HCL1/3506/03E/11

HH2MC/3804/06E/17
VP5SDA/
HK1/7002/03W/12
JA2JW/3502/12E/9
JA2YKA/3797/12E/9
JD1AEV/3798/13C/17
KG4AH/3509/03E/12
OA8CP/7033/00E/15
OY5NS/7006/00E/15
W1BIH/
PJ2/3509/02E/10
PY0CW/7005/02E/12
TG9XGV/3502/04C/12
UK9AAN/7002/13E/15

UA0LDV/7007/12E/15
UO5ODN/7007/02E/15
UT5JD/7011/04W/10
UC2ACA/3501/06W/12
UD6CN/7002/13C/11
UH8EAA/7012/02E/13
UH8EAA/7006/13E/13
UH8EAA/7006/02C/14
VK9NS/7005/12C/17
VP1FB/3860/11C/14
K8NOQ/
VP2A/3510/05C/11
K2MME/
VP2V/7004/23E/12

VS6DO/7004/13W/12
VS6DO/7002/12E/15
ZD8TC/7006/21E/12
ZE2JS/7009/04C/13
3B8CF/7006/02E/11
5N0DOG/7005/02E/12
5N0DOG/3507/04E/12
5N0DOG/3506/05W/12
7Z2AP/3795/03E/9
8P6KX/3790/04E/17
9H1BB/7002/23E/14
9Y4VU/3798/05E/17

Africa

A22ZM/28523/16C/10
G6ZY/
CN/28023/15E/11
CN8CO/28525/17C/11
D68AM/14202/21E/12
D68AM/21285/19C/13
EA9HG/14062/02E/11
EA9IE/28575/15E/10
FH8CM/28509/14E/17
I8JN/
FH8/28527/15E/17
FR7BX/14025/14E/11

FR7BX/14025/15W/15
FR0FLO/21295/19C/13
ST2AK/14202/02C/14
ST0AS/14202/02C/14
SULBA/28730/14E/10
W5JMM/
SU/28673/15E/11
TJ1BB/14009/23E/10
TJ1SB/21330/22C/10
TR8DX/21295/22C/11
TR8DX/21287/22E/16
ZD7ZM/14011/01E/14
ZD8TC/21021/13E/10

ZD7AL/21275/22E/14
ZD8RH/21300/20E/16
ZE1CR/14282/20C/13
ZS3DP/14014/21E/11
3B8FA/28750/15C/15
3B8AE/
3B9/21330/20C/11
VK4NIC/
3X/21300/21E/15
5H3KS/14205/22E/18
5H3KS/14214/22E/19
5H3KS/28505/14E/17
5N0BA/28508/16E/10

5T5JD/21300/00E/11
5T5DX/21300/19E/15
5T5DX/21302/19C/16
5Z4CI/14204/19C/18
7P8BL/21275/21E/18
8Q7AZ/14205/01W/15
9G1KB/14202/00C/19
9G1RF/21298/22C/11
9J2WS/21020/19W/13
9Q5TV/21252/00C/16
9X5DR/14202/21C/11
9X5MH/21332/19C/11
9X5MH/21286/20E/16

Asia

AP2ASM/14212/02W/13
AP2SA/14220/02C/19
A9XDD/28750/13E/16
BV2A/14025/14C/14
KP4KK/
DU2/14021/23E/17
DU1REX/28560/01C/14
DU9RG/28539/00C/14

AP2TY/28505/13E/17
EP2TY/28750/13E/20
EP2TY/28750/13E/22
HM1SX/21345/00E/11
HM1IJ/21028/01E/14
HS5AID/14035/02C/10
HZ1AB/14223/15C/10
JY3ZH/14227/14C/10
TALUA/21026/12E/10

UH8HCM/28545/13E/14
UI8ADN/14006/04E/15
VU2JNA/14219/15W/13
YC0BRJ/28585/00C/12
4S7DJ/14204/00C/18
4S7WP/14222/01C/19
5B4BS/28713/15E/11
5B4JE/28713/15E/11
5B4AC/28535/14E/18

9M2GZ/28575/00C/15
9N1MM/14208/03C/8
9N1MM/14235/03C/12
9N1AB/14226/06E/16
9N1MM/14212/02C/16
9V1TL/28575/00C/9

Elsewhere

C31UN/28584/16C/11
HK0FBF/28596/21C/10
H44AP/21345/00E/11
JW2CF/14013/00E/14
J3AJ/14203/13E/11
J73PS/21276/22E/13
KC4USV/14252/10C/14
KC4USP/14217/02C/19
KC6PM(E)/28588/21E/13

WLYRM/
KH2/28595/22E/19
KH3AB/14035/03E/15
KH3AB/21375/19E/10
KH8AC/21026/21C/16
OX3NB/14002/03E/15
WA2LUC/
OX/14214/01C/18
OY1R/21054/14E/11
PZ1AP/28012/17E/11

SV0AP/9/28753/14E/17
TF3SA/14006/22W/10
WD9GDR/
TF/28533/20E/15
VK9NYG/28534/13C/13
VP2MS/28586/19C/13
VP8QG/14211/03E/15
VP8QG/28510/20C/12
YS1BL/14215/15E/16
ZB2GR/21355/19C/13

ZF1MA/14205/00C/19
ZP7BM/14036/22E/14
F9UW/
3A/28750/13E/20
5W1AU/14335/10C/14
5W1AU/28573/23E/13
WB4LRB/
8R1/14216/00C/19

QSLs

BV2A/B via K2CM
EP2TY JR3WRG
FM7AV F6BFH
FOQVU DL2RM
HK0COP W9UCW
JW5IJ LA5NM
JY9RC WLCKA

AH2E via N9AVY
OH0PA OH1PA
OX3NB W7EDA
WA2LUC/OX KA2AEC
W5JMM/SU KA5AZT
TJ1BB AF4B
VP2MZ WD4NBX

XT2BG via F6DTB
ZD8RH G4DBW
ZF1MA VE3GCO
ZF2AF W0GI
ZF2DX K0GVB
5T5DX W2TK
9X5DR ON8TU

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CALENDAR

Antigua KA3BLP/VP2A
Mauritania 5T5RH
W. Samoa 5W1
Contest CQ WW 160 CW
Nepal 9N1BMK

Iraq YI1JY
St. Kitts VP2KAO/KAP
Heard Island
Easter Island CEØA
Easter Island CEØA

Competition ARRL CW DX
Guernsey GU4CHY
Tristan da Cunha ZD9
Monaco CW
Convention ARRL National

Competition ARRL Phone DX
Kingman/Palmyra
Contest CQ WPX Phone
Contest County Hunters
Convention "Fresno"
Contest CQ WPX CW

Jan. 21-Feb. 4; Issue 72
By 9G1RT was expected mid-January, not heard
By DL1VU anytime; this issue
Jan. 23-25
Feb. 1-5; this issue

Rumors for early Feb. growing faint
Feb. 2-7; issue 71
Still possible mid-February by VK9NS; Issues 70, 73
Feb. 17-24 by Twin City DX Ass'n; this issue
Feb. 25-Mar. 17 by W4s PRO, GSM; this issue

Feb. 21-22
By N6RA starts Feb. 21; issues 73, 74
By ZD7HH possible for Mar. 5 on; this issue
By PAS, Feb. 27-Mar. 6; this issue
Mar. 13-15, Orlando; Issue 73

Mar. 7-8
Rumored for April; Issue 63
Mar. 28-29
SSB, May 2-3
May 1-3, Visalia, CA; Issue 72
May 30-31

THANKS TO...

W1WDD, AB9E, W4BAA, W5XX, WAØNAA, W2XQ, WB4TCH, N5BBO, K9RHY, I2MQP, WD8YQX, WA3DVO, K2UFM, W1CKA, NE4R, W6YFR, W1WEF, W1HGS, WBØSNG, WØQWS, K1LY, W6ABW, WA8CZS, WA8JOC, WB8ZRL, N6RA, W1DQH, JA8BMK, W4PRO, NØNO, W6SIJ, KM6L, WØYBV, W7YF, K6IR, WA4YCI, N8BKB, K3ND, KA3R, W4VQ, WB3GPR, K3KP, WA7OBH, W5GAI, K2OLG, W8UVZ, W4YN, WØBW, WD5AAM, N3ATQ, WB8WZS, WA2HZR, W2HAZ, K4NV, XE1NI, WØYK, W8KKF, W4ZD, W3ODJ, K1KD, KB8NY, W1SD, WB4ZNH, AD8J, W1NG

LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS

Carl Henson, WB4ZNH, writes:

When Martha (WN4FVU) and I left Christmas day for Southern Africa we did not have a single license and no assurances that we would be issued one. Even if we had not been able to operate at all the trip would most certainly have not been a waste due to the wonderful hospitality of both ZS6AF and 3D6BK. We had the distinct pleasure of a very short eyeball QSO with a very surprised 3D6BP.

Martha and I can't ever give much notice on any trip due to our jobs and our uncertainty of flight connections. I am much more pessimistic now about licensing and do not want people to be disappointed, thus the lack of build-up.

Martha and I try to operate in such a manner as to encourage clean, competitive DXing. No tailending while the station I am working is talking, no lists, no trying to work an area that does not have propagation when others do have, no exclusions or blacklists.

Our 5X cards should start appearing soon; we had to change printers and a typesetting error caused more delay. Please don't send second requests. Next stop? Beats me! we are both out of vacation until October; maybe we will get something lined up for the CQ WW Phone of October '81. -- WB4ZNH

About our Drake TR-7 "review:" really, we have absolutely nothing against the R.L. Drake Company! They have a reputation in the industry for excellent customer service done quickly and at reasonable prices. They have catered almost exclusively to the amateur market for over two decades and have outlasted many other manufacturers.

WA2SON wrote "Perhaps the manufacturers should consult the users before the engineers. I own a TR-7 and agree with your remarks. I think with the crowded bands more attention will have to be given to the CW operators. The TR-7 does not sound like a \$2000 rig on CW.

WA6CPP says "I've been annoyed by these equipment reviews in the prestigious national publications which mention many good things about various apparatus but fail to mention disadvantages. I have purchased reviewed items and found them to be pieces of junk."

W7YF sez "If you want to write up a REAL GOOD report on new equipment, you ought to look over the Ten-Tec OMNI C. I've had one since October and it has everything a dyed-in-the-wool CW type would want. The folks who designed that OMNI-C obviously have been CW operators for quite some time."

Letters from Drake and WA3ZOR will get top billing next issue, along with some comments on the KWM-380.

Thanks for lots of good input this week!