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PROPAGATION: Feb. 9, High Normal; Feb. 10, High/Low Normal; Feb. 11, High/Low Normal; Feb. 12, Low Normal; Feb. 13, High/Low Normal; Feb. 14, 15, 16, 17, High Normal; Feb. 18, Low Normal; Feb. 19, High/Low Normal; Feb. 20, 21, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

HEARD ISLAND

We do not expect anything to be happening from Heard until at least the third week of February, but it will not hurt to be prepared. A year ago, the VKØRM Heard Island operation was originally expected to come on around Feb. 29, then the date was pushed up to March 10, and the crew finally went ashore on Mar. 16 (ref. TDXB issues 24, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 32).

If Jim Smith, VK9NS, does manage to pull off a full-blown operation this month, it is anticipated that he will follow the guidelines mentioned in his original letter last April (TDXB 34). That is, no list or net operating, contest style procedures, and limits of one cw and one ssb contact per station. There has been no word of who other operators might be.

1981 COUNTRIES NEEDED SURVEY

The time is approaching for the second annual survey of who needs what DXCC entity. Before we contract for computer programming your thoughts and desires are hereby requested. Mainly, we would like to know how many are interested in a survey which reflects cw and ssb needs as well as "mixed" wants. Just send a postcard telling us if you are particularly interested in cw and/or ssb surveys.

The chances of us leaving anything important out of the "choices" this year are greatly reduced by the fact that we may very well just list all 318 current entities, in the ARRL DXCC list order. That will make it easier for respondents to simply go down their own record sheet and check off what they need on our survey sheet.

We should take bets on how many entities will be "tied" for last place on the bottom of the survey, at zero need!

As your editor is often accused of undue anonymity, this might be a good time to reveal our own "need" list (no

hoots or catcalls, please):

BY China, FB8W Crozet, HKØ Malpelo, VK Mellish, VK Heard, VP8/LU Sandwich, VS9 Kamarans, VU7 Andamans, VU7 Laccadives, XU Kampuchea, XZ Burma, YI Iraq, ZA Albania, ZL Kermadec, 3Y Bouvet, and 7O S. Yemen.

We know, two of them are on now or have been on recently (Iraq and S. Sandwich). What's fun about the Survey is you can compare your own needs to the needs of many others. For example, our list of sixteen above includes all of the top ten from last year's survey, and also includes the two just mentioned, YI and VP8/LU, which were numbers 41 and 42, not to mention Kermadec, which was down at #44. It does humble one!

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ZL3AFH/A on Campbell has been hiding out on 14320 at 0900Z just about every day last week. So get out of bed (or stay up) and get him. He heard our massive, powerful Cushcraft trap vertical no problem.

G3JKI/5A is also back on from Libya, and checks into the DK2OC 28750/1200Z gathering. His manager is still F6CYL, but no cards have been printed as ARRL has received absolutely no documentation of any kind for the operation.

VK4NIC/3X seems to be on nearly daily, 21300, at 2100Z; W4FRU has been there most of the time to take a list, starting at 2045Z. Ian will not work CW, so there is little need to even make a request. Incidentally, hold your cards, as ARRL still awaits that last signature to complete the documentation process.

Along the same lines, if you are still checking your mailbox for a 60ØDX card from I2YAE, don't panic. Those are not being accepted in Newington yet, either. But the WN4FVU and WB4ZNH/5X Uganda cards are now being credited at Newington. If you send cards to Newington before the operation has been accepted by DXCC, they will merely return your QSL, without credit.

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One of the locals got VK9NYG (Cocos Is) the other morning, 28540 at 1300Z, as advertised here a couple of weeks ago. He is running 30 watts to a vertical and can (or intends to) operate 80, 20, 15, and 10. Point your beam at about 25 degrees from the East and Central states for your best shot. QSL manager is VK6NE, and he will be there three years.

Mousa, 3B8AE/3B9, is temporarily off the air, as his wife is ill, according to DK2OC on January 27.

D68AM is on every Tuesday, 21285, at 1900Z; no list, will work cw for you.

Dave Shaw, VK9ZD (Willis) was on 28750 Saturday evening, Feb. 1 at about 0000Z, and worked from a list by W100. He is using the equipment left there by VK9ZG but has been very scarce thus far. VK9ZG left the island last December.

Continuing Ogasawara news from Issue 75: JALJWP/JD1 will be on Feb. 25 to Mar. 25, concentrating on CW. He will be especially active from Friday evenings to Sunday evenings looking for Europe, U.S. East Coast, and on 80 and 40 Meters. QSL JALRJR.

That Caribe DX Association boat mentioned last week is a flying boat. So sez Alex, W1CDC.

W1CDC also checks in with the news that the Montserrat ARS will operate two stations under their club callsign VP2M on Feb. 9-10, to demonstrate amateur radio at the Annual Agricultural Exposition. They'll be running low power cw and a hundred watts ssb on 10, 15, and 20 1300-2300Z. QSLs to W1CDC.

Fred Laun, K3ZO, with the U.S. government in Colombia now after some time as HS5ABD, has moved into a house and expects to be on the air shortly. He awaits his HK callsign.

Fred also reminds us that King Juan Carlos of Spain is a licensed amateur, EA0JC. The King likes low-band ragchewing with his Drake TR-7, but Fred says he is widely travelled and an enthusiastic ham. The King is supposed to be visiting the States on an official basis beginning Feb. 8, with stops in LA, Santa Barbara, San Antonio, and Washington. However, you may have noticed that Spain's president resigned unexpectedly on Monday, Feb. 2, so it is not known whether the King's visit is still on. The President resigned due to some internal turmoil in Spain, and the King may be remaining until things are straightened out.

W8KEM says he snagged Tom Christian, VR6TC, Jan. 27 at 1810Z on 28950. That's right, 28950.

KR60, Steve Behman, near San Francisco, just completed working and confirming 200 countries in 200 days!

This got here too late for advance word, but Len, KH0AC, and some other Saipan hams intended a annual "field day" operation the weekend of Feb. 7-8, signing KG6RE. Len has obtained KC6SW to use on his occasional trips to both E. and W. Carolines. QSLs for all these mentioned callsigns to K7ZA.

K7ZA also advises the correct Saipan Bureau route is Saipan QSL Bureau, Box 7388, Saipan. Some other publication apparently had the address wrong and some cards have gone astray.

Lloyd and Iris Colvin made 10,000 contacts as FG0FOL/FS, Sint Martin, before moving over to Guadeloupe, where they are now using Iris' call FG0FOK. From Fr. St. Martin they put 149 DXCC entities into the log, best for them since they began the present DXpedition last October. Fr. St. Martin was the most expensive place they have ever visited, they say.

Get out your wallet...4Z4TT will again operate from Tokelaus, ZM7TT, in late March, for one month. This according to DF2RG, who also states that...

VK9ZD has shown on the DK2OC 28750/1200Z net. That would be a tough time for N. America to Willis, but springtime might bring longpath for those who wait.

The Totem Tabloid of the Western Washington DX Club states that "The 'Annual 75 Meter Opening to Europe Day' finally arrived in the Great Northwest on January 21st." (Actually it lasted two nights this year). Shucks, can it really be that bad? Here on the East Coast we can work Japan on 80 almost every day, sometimes 24 hours a day, and running three watts to a random wire, in the Novice bands even and during a lightning storm and by golly there's also.

"League Lines" in March QST will announce that Northwestern Division Director Mary Lewis, W7QGP, and the League "have mutually agreed to dismiss" the lawsuit which Mary has had pending against ARRL (ref. TDXB 66).

DL7HZ needs only Montana on 40 and 80 to complete his 5-band WAS. He'd like a cw sked. This info comes from Jack, W7CNL, who contributed a DXCC 270 sticker to our "bank." Jack is looking for a 300, if someone has one to send (trade for a plastic one). Our Sticker Bank is pretty well stocked in the 200's but slim at 300 and above.

If you got ZK2JL late last month, you were one of 303 lucky ones, according to K9AUB. John, A35JL, sandwiched some Niue operating between his missionary work, using a "crummy multi-band dipole only 15 feet high." (Is there such a thing as a good multi-band dipole? Ed.). John will be going to Niue again in about six months, with a better setup. QSL to K9AUB.

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

Low Bands	JH1NPX/	TF3DC/7002/01C/26	4S7MX/7002/12C/31
A9XCE/3506/03E/28	JD1/7006/12E/26	TR8IG/7006/21E/28	N2BVJ/
G6ZY/	KG6RT/7001/12E/24	UF6VAL/3506/04E/29	4X/3790/01E/31
CN/7004/21E/25	W5JW/	UL7CAD/7005/12E/29	4Z4NUT/7020/15W/24
EA9GK/7017/00E/29	KX6/3798/12E/1	VK9NS/3505/12C/31	5T5JD/3794/00E/29
FC9UC/7005/07E/26	W5JW/	VS6DO/7005/12E/27	8R1J/7020/00E/28
FGØFOK/3507/04W/26	KX6/7005/12E/24	VU2WTR/7003/15W/24	9H1BB/7011/23E/28
FGØFOK/7008/03W/26	KX6PI/7005/07W/26	VU2BK/7007/23E/27	9K2DR/7004/02E/28
FK8CR/3796/12E/30	OY5NS/7015/02E/26	4S7MX/3505/13C/31	
FWØVU/7005/12E/27	SV1JG/7004/23E/27	4S7MX/7002/12E/29	

Africa	I8JN/	3B8DB/14025/02E/25	5Z4YV/21297/21E/27
A22ZM/21310/18C/27	FH8/14223/04C/24	3B8FA/28748/13C/27	6W8HL/21285/21E/27
K4BF/	FR7BP/14017/04E/25	3D6BS/14221/03C/25	VK2XM/
CN8/14028/21E/25	SU1AL/14223/03E/27	VK4NIC/	7X/14210/01E/28
CN8EM/28561/15E/1	TJ1GH/21369/01E/26	3X/21300/21C/27	8Q7AQ/14024/03E/26
C5ACO/21303/19E/27	TU2JJ/14210/02C/23	VK4NIC/	9J2BO/28532/16C/28
D68AM/21285/19C/27	ZD7BW/28748/13C/27	3X/21370/00E/30	9X5DR/14217/22C/25
EA9GU/14209/04E/1	ZS3DP/14073/21C/25	5V7HL/21275/16C/24	9X5AB/14011/16W/27

Asia	HMØI/21029/01E/27	UM8NAN/14008/03W/25	5B4JK/28042/16E/24
AP2MQ/14233/03C/26	HS5AID/14032/12E/29	UM8MBA/14013/03W/27	9K2EW/14207/13E/31
A4XHZ/14208/13C/25	HS5AID/14033/14W/29	UM8MCC/14013/14W/27	9K2AH/28008/15E/25
A4XIZ/14070/04C/26	JT1KAA/14029/03C/27	VS6IC/28575/00C/30	9K2DR/28750/15C/25
A4XHZ/14230/14C/28	JT1KAA/14032/04E/27	VU2VZ/14034/22E/30	9M2RN/14203/00C/26
A7XA/14226/05C/24	JT1KAA/14030/06E/27	VU2OF/28035/15E/25	9M2FR/21344/10C/23
A9XDA/14226/03C/25	JT1AU/14027/13E/30	YB1AEE/14220/12E/1	9N1MM/14212/01E/30
A9XCE/14021/03E/30	JT1AN/28575/01C/30	YC2FNI/21322/23E/25	9N1MM/14211/02C/30
A9XCE/28020/14E/3	TA2AK/21250/12E/29	YK1AO/14206/15C/29	9N1MM/14208/23E/28
BV2A/14025/13C/28	UD6BN/14027/14W/26	4S7EA/14221/13C/25	
EP2TY/28750/14E/24	UI8OAE/14013/04E/27	4S7WP/14020/12E/26	
EP2TY/28750/14C/29	UI8FFF/14207/03E/28	4S7WP/14018/12E/28	

Elsewhere	HKØBKK/21303/23E/25	KH3AB/28007/20E/24	VP8PP/21308/23E/25
VP8AEO/	HV3SJ/28591/15C/25	W5JW/	VP8LU/21024/00E/30
CE9/14211/04C/24	KC4USV/14323/08E/28	KX6/14026/07E/28	VP8AW/21284/01E/30
VP8AEO/	KC6MW/21025/01E/26	TI9VVR/14210/01C/26	ZK1BD/14022/06E/27
CE9/14226/03C/25	KC6MW/28026/21E/24	TI2FAG/	ZK2JL/21370/00C/27
CE9AT/21280/00E/28	KC6MW/28027/23C/24	TI9/14216/04E/26	5W1CL/21370/00C/27
FM7AV/28027/21E/25	KH2AJ/21304/01E/1	VK9NL/14059/12E/29	
FO8DF/14010/05E/27	KH3AB/14027/01E/25	VK9NYG/28540/13E/1	
FWØVU/14006/05E/28	KH3AB/14029/03E/28	VP8QG/14202/03C/25	

QSLs	EP2TY ... JR3WRJ	TI9VVR ... TI2VVR	5B4JA
A9XCW ... DL2CB	FGØFOK YASME	VK9NS	POB 1723
CE9AT	FM7AV F6BFH	Box 103	Limassol, Cyprus
Independencia Ave,	HMØI JL1UDC	Norfolk Is.	
2245, Apt. 5, Val-	HT1MAT		5H3PA
paraiso Chile	Box 1474		J. Zelst
	Managua	VP1CBT JI1CVC	POB 20104, Dar Es Salaam
CN8EM		KA3BLP/VPS N2ATX	
Box 482	J6LRC N2ATX	VP8AEO/CE9 G4DSE	5N6ENU WALZFS
Casablanca	KC6MW JR1AIB	ZD8RCA W8BLY	5T5DX W2TK
	WA2LUC/OX KA2AEC	ZF2DX KØGVB	8Q7AQ DL7AM
K4BF/CN8 K4CIA		ZL1BD ZL1SZ	9N1BMK JA8MWU
C5ACO W2TK	S83TAR	ZL3AFH/A Bureau	9V1UQ K5BLV
EA8ZI SM5IWC	Box 750	4S7MX SM3CXS	9V1UR K5BLV
	Umtata, Transkei		9X5MH POB 491, Kigali

HELP!

WA2SQY looking for TT8AL (Jan, '63), VQ4JN (Nov. '63), ZS9M (Nov. '63), HV1CN (Sept. '64), and CR6SB (Aug. '67).

N6RA needs advice on ZD7PS ('75).

YCØBRT (active now) address needed by N5BBO.

Can someone confirm ET3PG operator Girma as Box 21321? Correct? WBØSNG needs to know.

How about ZL2BCF/A April '80? WBØSNG.

TDXB would like to know if any have got cards from D68GA (Aug. 80), and any of the other Aug. operations by AA6AA/N6ZV. Mgr. was ZL1BIL.

CALENDAR

Montserrat	VP2M	On Now, special events station; this issue
Wallis	FW0VU	On now by DL1VU; issue 75
Gambia	C5ACO	On now, by K4YT; next stop Guinea. Issue 75
Campbell Is.	ZL3AFH/A	On now; this issue
Libya	G3JKI/5A	On now; this issue
Guinea	VK4NIC/3X	Still on; this issue
Heard Island	VK0JS	Coming soon; Issue 75 and this issue
Easter Island	CE0A	Feb. 17-24 by N0NO and friends; Issue 74
South Shetland	LU1s	Rumored for Feb. 15-25; Issue 75
Easter Island	CE0A	Feb. 25-Mar. 17 by W4s PRO and GSM; Issue 74
Competition	ARRL DX CW	Feb. 21-22 (listen for the ICBM)
Guernsey	GU4CHY	Feb. 21 on by N6RA; Issues 73, 74
Monaco	CW	Feb. 27-Mar. 6 by PAs; Issue 74
Ogasawara	JALJWP/JD1	Feb. 25-Mar. 25; this issue
Convention	National	By ARRL, Mar. 13-15, Orlando; Issue 73
Competition	ARRL DX	Phone, Mar. 7-8
Kingman/Palmyra		Rumored for April; Issue 63
Juan Fernandez	CE0Z	Rumored for April; Issue 75
Contest	CQ WPX	Phone, Mar. 28-29
Contest	County	Hunters SSB, May 2-3
Convention	"Fresno"	May 1-3, Visalia, CA; Issue 72
Contest	CQ WPX	CW, May 30-31
Market Reef		July 6, one week; Issue 75

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Editor's Note: I said something in Issue 72 about input being dismally poor, and ever since input has got better and better. If this keeps up I will stick to reduced type size and go to six pages of jam-packed news. Issues 72 and 73 were reduced 30 percent, while the last has only been reduced 20 percent.

As for not being able to hear the SPOT signal on a crowded band, and not being able to tell which of the several harmonics of the SPOT signal is the true frequency of the remote vfo, Drake says I should turn the RF gain down during spotting so as to be able to hear the SPOT signal, and I should listen for the loudest of the various spot signals. That's right, I will do this three thousand times during a contest!

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LETTERS

"Thanks for the product evaluation of the TR-7; may I offer mine? 1) I have never had a need for an rf attenuator; 2) My CW transceiver offset works fine; 3) My CW sidetone is loud enough; 4) I don't mind the relay and alc jacks being on the power supply, back of the TR-7 is busy enough; 5) agree on the external speaker; 6) basically agree on the volume control; 7) (about the ext. rcvr jacks) big deal! Four screws to pull one time to remove the jumper; 8) My RIT works OK with the remote vfo controlling the receive frequency. SPOT could be louder but it is OK. The pushbutton lock for SPOT beats holding it in while you hunt." -- Dave Halliburton, WA3ZOR.

I was glad to know that (my) "interest in (their) products is greatly appreciated," but I was grieved to see that the letter was signed by a customer service manager who does not append a call sign to his letter.

-Jim Cain, K1TN, Editor

PS It works great on SSB; it's CW that stinks.

W4VQ advises that the guest list for the ARRL National Convention in Orlando next month grows and grows, and now includes Board of Directors liaison N4MM, ARRL DXCC manager W3AZD, John Ackley, KP2A, of the International DX Foundation (on his CR9A operation and visit to China), Lloyd and Iris Colvin of YASME, plus a DX quiz and door prizes at the DX Forum. If you need any spare doors you won't want to miss it!

Bill Gary, K8CSG sent an evaluation of the TS-830, which he just picked up in Japan to replace his '820; we will run that next week.

DRAKE sent me a letter replying to my suggestions as to the TR-7. I am sorry to say that it did not dispute my claims but rather explained them in technical terms. As an example, the fact that the volume control won't turn the sound all the way down is due to "hop-off resistance which remains after the control has reached its mechanical stop."