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

PROPAGATION: Feb. 22-24, High Normal; Feb. 25, High/Low Normal; Feb. 26, 27, High Normal; Feb. 28, Mar. 1, 2, High/Low Normal; Mar. 3, High/Low Normal; Mar. 4, Low/Below Normal; Mar. 5, Below/Disturbed; Mar. 6, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

"When we have done any thing for the last time, we involuntarily reflect that a part of the days allotted us is past, and that as more is past there is less remaining."

--Samuel Johnson, 1760

609DX says he will leave for Italy in about ten days and may not be back in Somalia for some time, if ever. Guiseppe claims to have his operating documentation in order and will be sending it to Newington shortly after getting home.

G3JKI/5A cards have been ordered printed by manager F6CYL, but documentation at DXCC is incomplete at this time; more papers have been requested.

The Easter Island 1981 spring hamfest has kicked off, with the WØ crew on the air as of Feb. 19; they will be followed by W4PRO, W4GSM and WA1SQB (ref. TDXB 74).

VK4NIC/3X is almost documented in Newington, and Ian continues active on 15 Meters. He now will honor requests for one-way CW contacts, especially when you find him working VE and VK stations around 21150-21200.

LU3ZY South Sandwich appears to have a fairly firm schedule on 14216 at 0100Z, Mondays and Thursdays, with various MC stations. He will be there until this coming November.

3V8BZ has been on 20 Meters only, very sporadically, mainly SSB. He expects to have a new beam aerial up soon and will be on 21355 at 1800Z with the Afirkaner Net.

D68AM, who has been on 28750 about two days per week before 1200Z, told his manager G4CHP that his activity will be curtailed for a while, as his wife has been ill. The appearance on the DK2OC 28750 gathering has not followed any particular pattern of days of the week.

4N7PS is another special callsign in Yugoslavia for the upcoming International Table Tennis championships which will be held in Belgrade in April.

The Brazilian Grupo Praiano de CW will mount an expedition to Bom Abrigo Island Mar. 7 and 8, on 7010, 14010, 21010, signing PYØGP. This will count as Brazil for DXCC, as well as qualifying for the GPCW Award and the Brazillian Coast Award, both sponsored by the above-named club.

TL8WH advises from Bangui, Central African Republic, that the following are valid TL8 licenses, with the final signatures obtained Feb. 3:

TL8CN	QSL to W5RU
TL8RP	" F3EA
TL8JM	" W5RU (inactive since 9/80)
TL8WH	" W5RU
TL8CR	Inactive

TL8WH is Bill Harrison, and he is attempting to be on Saturdays at 2300Z on 3511 CW and 7082 CW/SB.

Water Island (U.S. Virgin Islands) will be activated Feb. 25 to Mar. 9 by K2GBH, WA2KCL, and W4JVN. They will be on 80 through 10 CW and SSB, and will use K2GBH/KV4 for the ARRL Phone DX Competition. QSLs to the respective US c/b addresses.

Jim Evans will again activate St. Maarten as W2BBK/PJ7, Feb. 27 to Mar. 13, mostly CW on the usual low-end spots. Will also be in the Window on 160, and some SSB on 28550. QSL c/b W2BBK.

Y25LO (DM2XLO), manager for ex-TN8AJ, says Joerg may activate Malagasy 5R8 sometime this year. Presently in Berlin, Joerg awaits operating permission for 5R8, and will go if he gets it. Watch his old haunts of 14250, 21330 and 28750 when we give the word.

KC6KR operations recently by JA8DNZ from the new Republic of Belau (or Palau) were from the station of Mr. Kodep R. Iyong, communication officer of the new Republic. Hiro, JA8DNZ, and his companions left an FT901, FL2100B and TA33 Jr. for Kodep to use. When a replacement 572B tube and better microphone are on hand look for him 21275 after 0800 UTC, weekdays, plus other bands sometime soon, both CW and SSB. QSL to JA8DNZ, Hiro Ogawa, PO BOX 54, Sapporo 062-91 Japan.

8P6CQ last week was by Jack Gutzeit, W2LZX, who stuck mostly to low-band CW with an IC-720 and "Slinky" from his hotel room. Jack made 600 Q's, including all States and Continents, and says he may very well have been the last alien to receive an 8P6 call. In the future visitors will probably have to use their own calls/8P6. It was out of the frying pan into the fire, so to speak, as Jack visited Miami first, then Barbados.

ZL1AMO is talking about a visit to Lord Howe this July, to be followed by a Tokelau visit. And there is no "s" on Tokelau, contrary to the DXCC Countries list (thanks Bart).

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

Low Bands

A4XIH/3791/15W/9
CMLRH/7005/06W/9
FRØFLO/3789/15W/8
KHØBKX/7003/11E/12
H44SH/3794/13C/7

JH1NPX/
JD1/7006/13W/11
JI1KUL/
JD1/7005/12E/15
KC6DX/7010/13W/9
(E.C.)

AH2G/7003/13E/12
OX3ZM/3782/11W/7
TF3YH/7005/05E/9
VK9NS/3502/12E/14
K4FW/
VP2A/7030/11E/13

VS6DO/7005/12E/17
YB9ADE/7009/12W/9
YB9ADE/7012/11E/12
ZB2EO/7003/23E/12
5W1DE/7010/13C/12
5W1DD/7002/12E/13

5W1DE/7006/12E/15

Africa

A22ZM/21293/19E/9
C5ACA/21311/21C/10
D68AM/21285/21C/10
D68AM/28750/12E/17
EA8QP/21265/01W/11
FRØFLO/14216/03C/10
FRØFLO/28750/12E/13
J28CI/14020/04E/12

DF3NZ/
ST2/21280/19C/8
SUIBA/28750/14C/8
S79RD/21255/20E/18
TL8CN/21293/21E/9
TL8CN/28540/12E/14
TL8RP/28565/12E/15
TL8CN/28537/11E/16
TU2GH/14254/07C/14
VQ9KT/21271/18C/8

ZD7BW/28575/23W/9
ZD7BW/28118/18C/13
ZD8TC/21026/13C/7
ZE2JS/14027/05E/8
3B8DA/14018/03C/10
3B8DB/14018/03C/10
3B8AS/14018/04E/12
VK4NIC/
3X/21300/21C/10

VK4NIC/
3X/21360/22E/12
5H3KS/28570/21W/10
5N6ENV/21330/22C/10
5T5JD/21300/21C/10
5Z4YV/14031/21E/9
6W8JU/21287/23C/9
6W8JU/21295/20W/10
6W8JU/21294/19C/10
7Z2AP/14225/15W/10

7X2LS/28750/13C/14
9G1KB/14258/22E/9
9G1RT/28508/17C/10
9X5MH/21320/21E/9
9X5FO/28582/14E/14

Asia

AP2MC/14215/15W/12
A4XIU/28546/13E/11
A7XD/21280/17E/11
A7XD/28749/14C/13
A9XCE/14020/04E/12
A9XDA/14240/05C/13
DU9RG/14212/15E/12
W7LPP/
DU2/21041/00E/10
DU6JM/28534/01C/8
DU7EM/28545/00E/13

WA2UUK/
DU2/28513/00E/14
EP2TY/28750/13C/14
HL2JD/28504/01C/10
HL9WR/28544/00E/14
HS5AID/14036/13C/11
HZ1AB/14224/04C/13
JT1KAA/14035/03E/12
JT1BN/14025/13C/13
JT1AN/28575/01C/14
JY5ZM/28530/13E/10
OD5LX/14016/03E/13

OD5LX/14018/04E/14
UAØYAD/14032/01C/11
(Zone 23)
UD6DMC/28546/13E/15
UH8EAD/14005/03C/10
UH8CO/14020/17W/16
UI8ADN/14010/04W/11
UJ8XCI/14031/01C/13
RJ8JDF/28585/13E/10
UL7BAA/14027/03C/10
UM8MCC/14027/15W/15
VS5RP/14240/12C/9

VS6CT/14207/11E/11
VS6IC/21345/00E/13
VS6IC/28573/00E/11
VU2LB/14006/11E/9
VU2BK/14043/13C/12
VU2VZ/14042/00C/13
VU2NR/28595/14E/10
YB1AEE/21370/01C/9
YB2AG/28570/00E/11
YBØAAG/28514/00E/13
4S7EC/14003/12E/9
4S7WP/14020/23E/13

VE7AAZ/
4U/28750/13E/9
5B4JE/28750/13C/14
9K2AH/14004/15W/16
9K2DR/21280/17E/11
9K2DR/28750/13C/14
9M2GZ/14240/12C/9
9M2CF/14019/11E/11
9M2FR/21370/01E/9
9V1TL/14042/23C/10
9V1UQ/21370/01E/9
9V1TL/28575/01C/14

Elsewhere

VP8AEO/
CE9/14210/02C/9
WØRIF/
CEØA/21298/20E/18
C21BS/21370/01C/9
C21AA/21345/01E/12
C21AA/21345/00E/13
C31MM/14027/22E/9
C5ADT/14027/08W/16

EA8MG/14205/02E/9
FMØFOL/21028/00W/16
FO8HA/21030/01E/9
FO8EW/21008/23W/15
HC8GI/21345/00E/9
KHØFBF/21345/00E/9
HKØFBF/28575/01C/14
HV3SJ/21294/16E/8
H44SH/21345/01E/12

JI1KUL/
JD1/14018/07W/16
JH1NPX/
JD1/28026/01C/10
KC4UXV/14330/09E/11
KC6DY/21025/02C/10
KC6DY/21027/03C/11
KC6DX/28028/00E/11
N4ADJ/
KH2/28574/00E/12

KHØAC/28575/00E/12
OX3NB/14003/05W/13
OYL1R/14006/12E/10
PJ7GIL/50016/17C/9
P29DP/14205/21E/9
T32AB/28606/01W/10
SVØBP/9/28750/14C/14
VK9NL/14024/09E/13
VP8DR/28017/00E/12

ZB2GW/28511/12E/14
ZL3PA/C/14220/07E/7
ZL3AFH/A/14320/09E/7
ZP5PX/14029/07E/16
4U1UN/14202/15E/8
4U1UN/14031/23C/10
4U1UN/21028/22C/10
K8MFO/
6Y5/14025/08W/16

From a former FCC Field

Operations Bureau staffer: Most of the people in the FOB are not

hams, as was not true in the past. Chief McKinney has said or at least hinted that if he had his way none of the staff would be hams so most licensed amateurs in the FOB keep a.r. under the cuff. Current directives to the FOB expressly state that monitoring will be kept to an absolute minimum in the Amateur Service except when a complaint is received. This seems to be the reason there are not any violation notices sent for the crap that prevails on the bands.

FCC monitors really do not have any so-called "good" equipment, as you have seen. It is no better than a good amateur's station. FOB is unable to monitor some new modes of communication, thus the FCC's foot-dragging in allowing hams to use the new modes.

FCC is working on nailing a few of the well-known offenders on the bands, but it takes time. As for profanity, forget it. Freedom of speech in the U.S. seems to have been ruled out of the FCC's jurisdiction. Best approach for amateurs to take in this area is good old peer pressure.

(Editor's Note: Not too long ago QST had a list almost every month of amateurs against whom FCC action had been taken...revocations, etc. We have not seen more than a handful of such listings in the past several years.

A number of readers have commented recently on the practice of having QSLs for an expedition sent to a country other than the U.S., whereupon the reply cards are mailed from within the U.S. We decided to do a little figuring...

Let's suppose XX1XX from Connecticut operates from China and makes 5,000 contacts as XX1XX/BY. 2500 requests are received, 1500 USA and 1000 from outside the USA, by QSL manager G3XYZ. Then we can make up a balance sheet:

Income

1500 USA cards = \$1500
1000 DX cards = \$750
(3000 IRCs @ 25¢)

\$2250

Outgo

Shipping from G3XYZ
to XX1XX \$25
Print 3,000 QSLs \$50
Mail 1500 US QSLs \$225
Mail 1000 DX QSLs \$400

\$700

Your editor still sticks to his guns and does not begrudge someone a dollar for a QSL from a "new one." Perhaps these statistics just illustrate that the better the operation, the more contacts, and the richer the reward. That's Capitalism!

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It was difficult to work up much enthusiasm at the latest meeting of the local Heard Island Opti-mist's Club last week. VK9NS Jim Smith was last heard from Norfolk on 2/15, and time is growing desperately short for departure within the Heard Island weather window. Various conflicting reports have him with a ship chartered and without a ship chartered.

As far as the ZD7HH Tristan de Cunha ZD9 operation, all indications are that he may go in March or he may go in June. Some are saying he was able to line up alternate boat transportation after the original March reservation fell through. If this is true, look for Hal about Mar. 5.

BV2A/BV2B QSL clarification from his manager K2CM follows (we were in error in Issue 75): K2CM has been manager for BV2A for twelve years, both for the present operator Tim Chen and the former operator Jim Wang. Several years ago, Tim decided to appoint K3RLY as manager for BV2B; that deal has fallen through, and the only route at present for BV2B cards is direct to Tim. K2CM is talking to Tim about letting him (K2CM) be manager for both the callsigns, which, by the way, are technically club calls for the "China Radio Association." In the meantime, you may send your requests for a BV2B card to K2CM, C.E. Moraller, 70 Silverbrook Rd., Shrewsbury NJ 07701. He is collecting them in hopes of being able to answer before long.

TDXB Sticker Bank info...we have been able to fill several requests directly from The Bank. The greatest need is now for transparent 290 stickers, as well as other high 200's and low 300's. When you send for an endorsement, be sure to request a sticker for your lapel pin, even if you don't plan to use it, and send the spare along to TDXB.

Forrest D. Pilgrim: "Your bulletin hit a new low W4JD when you delivered the blast

at the TR-7. What are your qualifications as an expert on solid state transceivers? I own a TR-7 and am well pleased with it. To be sure, it is different than other modern transceivers, but I like it very much and do not find the items you mentioned as shortcomings to be of any consequence. I also own an ICOM 720 and OMNI C, I am primarily a DXer and contester, and operate split frequencies with all three with no problem. As for the SPOT on the TR-7, I never use it, and don't know why one would want to use it."

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Bill Hatcher: Still find TDXB a gold mine of info KP4KK/DU2 and look forward to it each week. I

also enjoy your sometimes caustic (and deservedly so!) evaluations of new equipment. I am currently over 100 countries on 40-10 Meters from here and have worked 95 on 80; if I can get the other five on 3.5 by Feb. 23 I will have made 5-Band DXCC in ten months. I will be on both the CW and SSB CQ WPX Contests on 75/80 Meters only. I anticipate an expedition to somewhere fairly rare later this year, and will keep you informed.

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(Name withheld): Ref. your article on the Collins KWM-380, the Blazer is a Chevy,

not a Ford. Ford has the Bronco, and International has the Scout (so did World Radio Labs). And concerning product reviews in QST:

1) Most often they present positive subjectivity: "That radio is pretty."

- 2) You'll never find the negative: "That radio has a face only a mother could love."
- 3) The best bet: Caveat Emptor or "try before you buy."

That could apply to the evaluations in all the commercial magazines - Ed.

PH8CO, Lucien, BP 76, Dzaou, is a new ham and only on 20 Meters CW at this time; try below 025 around 2200Z.

N6RA called just before leaving for Guernsey to say that his single-operator effort from GU4CHY in the just-held ARRL CW Competition was being changed at the last minute to a multi-single all-band effort. That's why you heard them on more bands than just 10 Meters. Ops were N6RA, GU4CHY, and GU3MBS.

The ARRL Incoming Canadian QSL Bureau has a new manager, VE1ASJ, and the Bureau address is CRRL QSL Bureau, Box 51, St. John NB E2L 3X1.

The TDXB 1981 Countries Needed Survey (Issue 76) has had some input but not enough for us to make a reasoned decision as to what to survey. We still want your comments if you are really hot for a CW survey, an SSB survey, a Mixed survey, or what. We have had about ten responses from 2,000 of you.

As we guessed, King Juan Carlos of Spain cancelled his Stateside visit, which would have been in progress at this time, due to political changes taking place in Spain. He will reschedule at a later time.

If you would like to have your name removed from as many mailing lists as possible, write to Mail Preference Service, 6 East 43rd St., NY NY 10017; they will tell you how to have your name deleted from the lists used by most of the major mailers in the USA.

New Prefix for St. Vincent VP2V is now J88, J87 issued to visitors.

David Lambert, VE3KGK, will operate as ZF1KG or ZF1DL, Mar. 18-25, phone only on 80-10 Meters. QSL to Station "A," London ON N6A 5H9.

And on May 2, a group of Texans will operate K15K from Ding Dong, Texas. They plan to beat last year's 500 contacts, each of which was awarded with a handsome certificate. We have searched our atlas for a Twinkie and Big Wheel to comprise a "Worked All Hostess Award," without success.

PROPAGATION

(Thanks to KH6BZF)

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
1/26	180	9	2
1/27	184	10	2
1/28	200	12	2
1/29	211	17	3
1/30	216	7	2
1/31	215	9	2
2/1	214	13	2
2/2	216	13	4
2/3	215	13	3
2/4	203	7	3
2/5	193	21	5
2/6	194	31	5
2/7	186	19	2

CALENDAR

Clipperton	Public Television	February 25 evening
Heard Island	VKØJS	Still hoping for soon; Issues 75, 76, 77, 78
Cape Verde	D4	Feb. 22-28 by K4YT; Issue 77
St. Maarten	W2BBK/PJ7	Feb. 27-Mar. 13; this issue
Easter Island	/CEØA	On now through Feb. 24 by WØs; issue 74
Antigua	/VP2A	Now through Mar. 18; Issue 77
Jamaica	/6Y5	Now through About the 25th; Issue 75
Easter Island	/CEØA	Feb. 25-Mar. 17 W4s PRO/GSM; Issue 74
Monaco	CW	Feb. 27 - Mar. 6 by PAs; Issue 74
Volta	XT	Mar. 15-21 by K4YT; Issue 77
Ogasawara	JAlJWP/JD1	Feb. 25 to Mar. 25; Issue 76
Contest	CQ 160 Phone	Feb. 27-Mar. 1
Easter Island	WAlSQB/CEØA	Mar. 5 - Apr. 3; Issue 77
Convention	ARRL National	Mar. 13-15, Orlando; Issues 73 and 76
Montserrat	VP2MFC	By K1ZZ last two weeks of Mar.
Competition	ARRL DX Phone	Mar. 7-8
Contest	CQ WPX Phone	Mar. 28-29
Ivory Coast	TU	Mar. 29 - Apr. 4 by K4YT; Issue 77
Juan Fernandez	CEØZ	Rumored for April; Issue 75
Ghana	9G1	Apr. 5-11 by K4YT; Issue 77
Palmyra	KH5	Apr. 8-14; Issue 77
Togo	5V	Apr. 12-18 by K4YT; Issue 77
Dahomey	TY	Apr. 19-25 by K4YT; Issue 77
Kingman Reef	KH5K	Apr. 15-21; Issue 77
Contest	C.H. SSB	May 2-3
Convention	"Fresno"	May 1-3, Visalia, CA; Issue 72
Contest	CQ WPX CW	May 30-31
Leichtenstein	DA1WA/HBØ	May 23-31 by Weisbaden ARC; details later
Market Reef	OJØ	July 6 for one week; Issue 75

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More letters

Joseph S. Borrow: "As a subscriber I feel compelled to now write to com-

plain about the excess amount of space being devoted to non-DX writings. What I expect from a DX bulletin is fast accurate reporting of who is going where...when...and then how to get a card from them. Secondly, some good info on DX personalities.

What I don't want is equipment reviews and personal comments on the League. I am sure that the argument can be placed that because DXers use rigs then equipment reviews are good for DXers...the extension is faulty. There are plenty of mags available reporting on rigs...there are even some who deign to be the alter ego of the League...

I feel that if you continue in this practice I will not be renewing my subscription...(for what it's worth I have spoken on this on several Boston area repeaters and many locally feel as I do. Many are switching to the Texas version (sic). Please reconsider...Best 73" (sic).

Editor's Note: This issue has several letters expressing opinions about various facets of DXing; we are delighted to receive such letters, whether or not we agree with them, and are glad to publish them. That includes equipment reviews, which might just help someone make a more competent decision as to what he will do with his radio dollars.

Carl Henson: The recently reported change in WB4ZNH DXCC Rule 12 has caused me great

concern. It appears that the League is about to open a "can of worms" that can do nothing but damage the League, DXing, and Ham Radio. To extend operating ethics to include QSLing is absolutely wrong. The time an individual spends filling out QSL cards is not operating time; this is time he/she gives up that the person could be better fitting themselves financially or enjoying leisure time.

To be sure, I do not approve of "forced donations" and I do not approve of solicitation of donations on the radio. But there are many things I don't approve of but which remain the individual's option. If we are to disqualify amateurs and their QSL cards from DXCC based on their QSLing habits more Ws would be disqualified than any other group.

If I send an amateur a QSL card and request one in return but he does not send me a card, then is he not in violation (of Rule 12)? I can understand DXer's concern over people on expeditions who only work those who have pre-paid, etc., but the League has no business trying to control who someone works or why he QSLs. QSL cards are a tradition, not a requirement like logging and identifying.