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PROPAGATION: Mar. 9-20, High Normal; Mar. 21, Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

K6LPL/CEØZ

MARCH 11-17

Dr. Dave Gardner, K6LPL, will open from Juan Fernandez Island Mar. 11 for six days, and will operate 80-10 Meters, both phone and CW. He is making the trip alone, in a small aircraft from the Chilean coast; Juan Fernandez is 800 mi. from mainland South America. Dave had to buy two tickets, one for his two transceivers, as the limit per passenger is 22 pounds of luggage. He is not taking a linear amplifier.

Dave says special attention will be paid to working Europeans, who missed out during the last CEØZ expedition in early 1977, due to the poor propagation at that time. This is a quite expensive venture and your support would be much appreciated. QSL manager for the operation is W6ORD.

K6LPL still has his eyes on another spot in the area, but nothing is definite at this time.

Several sources indicate that VK9NS/P29JS, Jim Smith, is stating the Heard Island trip has been postponed; they missed the weather window. VK9NS has been holding forth on the low ends of 40 and 80 Meter CW, for the low-banders, and he plans to be quite active through the next winter low band season.

9G1RT appeared from the Gambia as C5AZ on schedule and you have probably heard him over the past weekend from Mauritania. The rest of his African stops are detailed in the Calendar.

VK4NIC/3X was activated by K4YT on 80-10 Meters more-or-less on schedule; his next anticipated ham-band activity will be from Volta.

ZL3AFH/A still appearing on 20 Meters from 0600 to 0900Z but several reporters have said they dragged themselves from bed only to find 'AFH operating from a list taken beforehand. Warwick will be on Campbell until October or November, perhaps giving him time to learn to love pileups and contest-style operation.

DL1VU is still in the Fijis as 3D2VU; there has been some doubt as to his next Pacific stop, as it will depend on transportation. Originally, YJ8 was intended to follow Fiji. None of the countries on his itinerary are in the super-rare category.

FCC CONFIRMS

SOME LIST OPERATIONS VIOLATE THE LAW

As many have suspected for some time, list operations violate the law if there is not a third-party agreement between the list maker and the DX station using the list, if the maker passes callsigns to the DX station. *The DX Bulletin*, in a conversation with two FCC personnel, has learned that interpretations indicate U.S. amateurs are in violation of FCC rules when list operations are conducted in the manner described above.

If the list maker addresses other U.S. stations and has them, in turn, call the DX, the rules have not been broken. But if the list maker addresses the DX station and gives the calls of those waiting for him, a third-party agreement must exist in order for the operation to be within regulations.

While it is unlikely that any amateurs would be cited for these practices at this time, FCC continues to monitor the situation. Government attitudes presently prevailing recognize DXing as in "the public interest" when operator skills are improved and polished; however, working a new country per se is not necessarily in "the public interest" and working DX via "nets" and lists does little to improve operator skill or radio knowledge.

FCC sources also indicate that it is not likely that stations participating in list operations by getting on the lists would be viewed as "accessories" to any unlawful act. However, a monitoring station observing a list operation would most likely note the callsigns of all stations on frequency, not just that of the list maker.

It was also stated that FCC is aware of the poor identifying practices on many of the list and "net" operations. Saying just the last letter (or two letters) of one's callsign is permissible, so long as the entire call of one's station, as well as the callsign of the station being addressed, is eventually transmitted.

Editor's Note: If you were an FCC monitor tuning the hambands, would you look at random on a number of frequencies or would you tune in to a net operation where there are many stations on the same frequency???

And finally, we phoned Gettysburg and were told that they recommend your license renewal be in not less than ninety days before its expiration date, to prevent loss of license such as was mentioned in Issue 79.

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VK9NYG on Cocos still appears around 28540 at 1200-1300Z; he has been calling East Coast stations as they talk to European and African hams, and his signal the past two weeks has improved considerably, although he still runs just 40 watts and a dipole antenna.

GU3HFN made about 3,000 CW contacts from Guernsey during the ARRL DX Competition. Operators were N6RA, GU3MBS, and GU4CHY. QSL to The Guernsey Amateur Radio Society, Box 100, Guernsey, Channel Islands.

The "Banyandah" expedition to the Pacific (Issue 76) will probably not include ZL1AMO; operator line-up at this time is ADØS, W6TPH, KB7NW for the first leg of the operation. VK2BJL and VK2BKD are discussing the possibility of cancelling the proposed Tokelau operation if 4Z4TT operates from there sometime this month. They will, however, operate from Lord Howe in July, mostly CW, and if ZM7 is cancelled there is a possibility they will move up their Mellish Reef and Kermadec plans from 1982 to late in 1981.

Pradhan, A51PN, says, in a letter to W5GAI, that he has been using a rig where he is employed, a privilege which could be taken away at any time, putting Bhutan off the amateur bands. Any foundations or individuals willing to donate a modest rig to A51PN please contact TDXB by phone or mail, or W5GAI directly. We assume a donation could be routed through one of the foundations and thus be tax-deductable.

A reminder that DX IS, the anthology of articles from the old West Coast DX Bulletin, will be a limited printing; if you want a copy, use the flyer we sent last week and get your order in now to W6OGC.

HR Report says that ICOM will have a new radio, the IC-730, out soon. Dealers may get a display model this month, but the official debut will be at the Dayton Hamvention. HRR says the rig is for 80-10 Meters, and we hope that is a misprint and that they didn't really forget Top Band. The IC-730 is said to feature dual vfos.

WA2OVE says he had a mini-pileup of Asians last Feb. 24, at 1400Z, including 61 JA stations, KHØ, VS6, DU, and an itinerant FØ8; newcomers should keep in mind that most DXers recognize the period of time from late March through late April as being the most interesting propagation month of the year, especially during these sunspot-rich days. Try especially 10 and 15 during the early evening hours, 0100-0400Z, and look for both short and long path toward the East.

Canada's Long Skip (monthly) is now being edited by Yuri Blanarovich, VE3BMV, Box 292, Don Mills, ON M3C 2S2. Yuri is well-known for his contest skills and several antenna articles in CQ magazine. Former editor VE3FRA has taken off on another venture.

And Mail-A-Prop continues under new editor David Meisel (Issue 77). Subscription price for the every-other-week propagation sheet is still \$30 (U.S.) to 54 Westview Cres., Geneseo NY 14454.

EDITORIAL

Our country's new Freedom of Information Act has made available the circulation figures of all the amateur radio publications except those which are mailed First Class. ARRL's Director's Letters have been publishing figures for the other magazines as they obtain them, and the numbers are very dismaying to this editor.

Figures for Ham Radio are difficult to decipher because they include former Horizons subscribers whose subscriptions are now being fulfilled with HR since Horizons folded. Obviously, the decision to cease publishing Horizons was made due to a combination of both circulation and advertising troubles. In our opinion, Horizons was the best in the field for beginners and even more advanced hams.

Wayne Green's 73 magazine suffered a 13 percent drop in circulation from May to November of last year. Even worse, advertising has seen a precipitous drop in only the past four or five months. The November and December issues were each 226 pages, while March, 1981, is only 130.

And, finally, the really serious news concerns CQ Magazine, always first in the fields of DX news and strong in contest matters as well. Their circulation dropped 22 percent last year, from a high of 24482 in January to only 19,195 by December, 1980. This in spite of new management, the hiring of WA6AUD, Hugh Cassidy, to write their DX column, and a subscription price of only \$14.00 U.S. a year.

This should be a matter of concern to DXers, because CQ has the only record of continuous support (editorially) of DXing over the years; 73 has not had a DX column since December, QST has just switched to a new DX editor who is still untried, and Ham Radio does not even have a DX column at all. DXers who don't get one of the bulletins need their source of information and a place to vent their opinions...the monthly magazines are the only answer. Oh, yes, Worldradio has an excellent DX column by N6JM, but the circulation is not that great.

Don't say we didn't warn you!

PROPAGATION

(Thanks to KH6BZF)

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
2/8	184	13	5
2/9	182	22	3
2/10	190	5	2
2/11	191	7	3
2/12	199	9	2
2/13	203	8	2
2/14	205	6	2
2/15	199	7	3
2/16	192	12	3
2/17	190	8	3
2/18	189	5	3
2/19	183	7	2
2/20	193	8	3
2/21	207	10	1
2/22	204	3	1

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

Low Bands	FR0FLO/3789/15W/26	N6HR/	YJ8NPS/3793/12C/25	PLEASE SEND
A7XD/3789/15W/20	HK0EHM/3796/07C/22	KX6/7002/11E/27	ZD8RH/7004/23C/26	YOUR REPORTS
A7XE/7006/04E/20	HT2CGB/3793/05E/23	LX1BJ/3503/01E/27	ZS6AK/3511/02W/18	TO REACH VERNON
CM1RH/1804/02E/26	H44MM/3504/12E/27	OA4AWD/7006/03E/27	3B8CF/7008/23C/24	BY <u>MONDAY</u> .
CT1FL/7088/08C/22	H44MM/7005/10E/27	SV1JG/3503/04E/24	3D2VU/7004/10C/24	
EA6CE/3797/03E/28	IS0OMH/3503/02E/23	SV1NY/7008/04E/25	VK4NIC/	
EA9IE/3798/06C/22	JH1NPX/	TF3JO/7015/09C/23	3X/3795/03E/28	
EA9IE/3790/03E/23	JD1/7002/10W/24	TI2BEV/3502/05E/23	4X4VL/3502/03E/26	
FM7AV/3793/01E/25	J87BN/3510/02E/25	UR2RKS/3504/05C/25	5T5JD/3785/06C/22	
FM0FOL/1824/05E/22	AH2G/7003/12E/25	UJ8JAS/7009/03E/25	5T5CJ/3535/06E/22	
FM0FOL/3510/02E/26	KX6BU/3516/12E/22	VK9NS/7001/11E/1	5T5JD/7178/06W/22	
FP0FAV/7041/07W/22		VP2VI/1806/07E/22	9K2DR/7003/04E/20	
Africa	J28CJ/21314/20E/1	TR8MX/21295/21E/25	5T5CJ/14033/01C/21	9G1KB/28672/23C/25
CT3AF/28534/14E/21	DF3NZ/	XT2BG/21294/18W/21	5T5JD/21302/01E/23	9J2TJ/21325/18E/28
C5AZ/28502/14E/1	ST2/21271/22C/25	XT2AY/21294/22E/25	5T5Q2/21260/21C/24	9J2KO/28010/16E/24
D4CBC/21287/18E/28	S79RD/21299/21E/21	XT2AU/21388/02C/25	5T5JD/21303/23E/1	9X5AB/21017/23C/22
EA9FJ/28552/14E/1	S79MC/28505/19E/28	ZD8RA/21282/01E/23	5V7HL/21285/22W/25	9X5AB/28016/21E/21
EL2P/14031/23E/23	S8AAA/21260/20E/22	ZD8RH/21005/20E/1	6W8HL/14220/21E/25	9X5FO/28578/14E/22
PH8CO/14023/13C/27	TJ1SB/21295/23E/23	ZD8TC/28025/19C/26	7X2LS/21304/15E/25	
PH8CO/14013/14E/28	TL8WH/14025/20C/22	ZS3KC/21294/19E/28	7X5QQ/28002/19E/28	
FR0FLO/14218/03C/22	TL8WH/14004/03E/22	3B8AS/14208/15W/22	9G1EM/21280/23E/23	
FR7BP/14003/12E/25	TL8WH/21029/02C/21	3B8DB/14025/03C/24	9G1WA/21290/01E/23	
FR7BT/21035/19E/24	TL8CN/21295/23E/23	5H3AA/21344/19E/22	9G1RF/21344/00E/26	
FR0FLO/28513/13E/28	TL8WH/21065/00W/23	5R8OL/21300/19E/21	9G1YS/21268/03E/1	
Asia	HM1IV/14225/13E/21	TA2TAT/28027/15E/23	VS6IC/21345/00E/24	5B4JE/28750/14E/22
AP2ZR/28748/13C/27	HL9WZ/14213/13E/28	UH8HBX/14032/00C/25	VU2DX/14011/12E/24	9K2AH/28008/14E/23
A4XIH/28669/17C/22	HZ1AB/14223/03C/26	UI8LBA/14026/01W/24	VU2WTR/14016/01W/24	9M2FK/14025/00E/26
A9XDA/14251/05W/21	HZ1HZ/21030/21E/21	UI8LBA/14031/02C/27	VU2WTR/21281/15E/24	9M2FR/21370/00C/24
BV2A/14025/13E/25	JT1KAA/14027/13W/21	UJ8BQ/14221/03C/22	4S7WP/14020/12E/23	9N1MM/14212/02E/23
DUIEL/21280/15E/24	JT1BM/14034/03C/27	UK6LTG/28551/13C/22	4S7WP/14018/12E/26	
DU6LL/28570/00C/23	TA1NA/21307/18E/22	UK0YAA/14031/13C/26	4S7NS/14015/11E/27	
Elsewhere	HV3SJ/28598/14E/28	WA4BVB/	OY7J/14200/02C/22	YC2BLI/28750/00C/23
A35JL/21370/01C/21	J6LOU/21355/20C/21	KH2/28580/01W/25	PZ1AR/21285/01E/22	YC1GJ/28575/02C/26
VP8AEO/	J87BL/14030/02C/27	KH3AB/14035/06E/28	PZ1BU/21278/15E/25	YJ8NMP/28520/02C/26
CE9/14221/02C/23	KC4AAC/14320/03E/21	KH0AC/28576/23E/20	P29AX/28634/23C/23	ZF2KC/28504/23C/22
VP8AEO/	KC4AAA/14320/04C/22	KH6JC/14247/13E/28	T30AC/14075/05C/21	ZK1CG/21354/03C/1
CE9/14213/02E/26	KC4USV/21287/01E/23	(E.C.)	T30AC/21040/01E/22	ZK1CG/28529/01E/23
CO2CI/14218/02C/26	KC4USV/21287/20E/24	KG6JH/28605/23W/24	UP1L22/14007/00C/24	ZL3AFH/
C310Z/28553/14E/28	WA4EHS/	K1GS/	VP1CW/14023/23E/26	A/14320/10C/21
C6ANU/14025/03E/26	KH2/28527/01E/22	KH8/21344/02E/27	VP1CW/28025/18E/27	3D2VU/14005/07W/24
F08GX/28609/22E/21	K6SAD/	N6HR/	VP2MIX/14009/00W/24	3D2VU/14004/07E/28
F08GX/28628/02C/26	KH2/28562/01E/22	KX6/14022/12E/26	VP2VI/21029/02C/21	4ULITU/28850/15E/1
HV3SJ/21290/18E/28	AH2E/28533/23E/22	LU3ZY/14205/03E/24	VK9NL/14026/12E/23	5W1DF/21345/00E/25
HV3SJ/28600/15C/21				

RTTY: EA2RE/21094/18C/19 HA5KBM/21080/18C/17 EC4VH/21092/18C/23 KX6QC/28084/03C/17

QSL INFOS

A35JW via	KL7CQ	PJ8DFS	via	SM5AQD	3D2VU	via	DL2RM	A4XJH	VK4NIX/3X (by K4YT)
CN8AN	WB3DNA	S79MC		AK3F	9G1RF		WA1ZFS	Box 981	via W2TK
CT3DE	WB3IFD	T30AC		WB6FBN	9J2TJ		N8JW	Muscat. Oman	
C5AZ	KB7HB	VP1CW		DK1PG	9K2AH		JABBI		
WA2UUK/DU	WB9MFC	VP2MIX		G6HC	9Q5AH		DL5EW	VP5RAC	ZK1CG
HI1RCD	HI8MFP	VP2VI		W1GNC	9X5AB		ON8RA	Pan-Am	Box 38, Rarotonga
								POB 4608	Cook Is.
WD9EOE/HR2	WD9GBH	YB0AAG		DL6FF	9X5FO		DL5FX	Grand Turk	9G1YS
H44MM	K1MM	YC1GJ		W2GBX	9Y4JA		AC3A	Patrick AFB FL	Box 7988
J87BN	W1JP	ZD8RA		N2FU				32925	Accra Ghana
J87BO	W1JP	ZD8RH		G4DBW					
KH3AB	KB7MO	ZK1CT		W0RLX					

QSL HELP SOUGHT: A22ZM (1/81), KC6BS (79),
XT3AA (4/80) by K4GPX

KS4FA (3/62) by AJ6V

FB8XY (F6CIU) by K4MRZ XW8CO, XW8HK (75) by K7ZA

S2KZ (2/81) by W9SC FM7BX by W1JTI

YV0AA (4/79) by WD5AAM

TT8AJ (11/63) by SM5CZQ

CALENDAR

St. Maarten	W2BBK/PJ7	Now to Mar. 13; Issue 78
Mauritania	5T5AZ or RH	Now to Mar. 11; Issue 79, 80
Antigua	/VP2A	Now to Mar. 18; Issue 77
Easter Island	/CEØA	Now to Mar. 17 by W4s PRO, GSM; Issue 74
Easter Island	WALSQB/CEØA	Now to Apr. 3; Issue 77
Volta	XT	Mar. 15-21 by K4YT; Issue 77
Agasawara	JALJWP/JD1	Now to Mar. 25; Issue 76
Convention	ARRL National	Mar. 13-15, Orlando; Issues 73 and 76
Montserrat	VP2MFC	Last two weeks of Mar. by K1ZZ
Contest	CQ WPX Phone	Mar. 29-29
Ivory Coast	TU	Mary. 29-Apr. 4 by K4YT; Issue 77
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	County Hunters	SSB, May 2-3
Convention	"Fresno"	May 1-3, Visalia, CA; Issue 72
Contest	CQ WPX CW	May 30-31
Leichtenstein	DALWA/LX	May 23-31; details later
Visitor's Day	W6AM	June 20; details later
Market Reef	OJØ	July 6, one week; Issue 75

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Editor's Note: The ARRL Board of Directors meets this week, starting 3/11, in Orlando. One of the topics will be their recommendations to the FCC as to what is to be done with the new bands at 10, 18, and 24.5 MHz, when they become available. This topic was discussed last July at the B/M meeting, minutes of which can be found in QST September, 1980. The new bands aside, the League's filing is expected to also deal with additional privileges for U.S. amateurs on other (present) bands. The most edifying letter we have received on the subject came from Bill Hatcher, KP4KK, who has been operating of late from the Philippines, Macao, etc.

Bill Hatcher: "As a U.S. amateur who operates KP4KK almost exclusively overseas due to being on active duty in the U.S. Navy, I read the letters concerning 40 Meter subband swapping (December QST) with interest and concern. Especially distressing was the recommendation that Amateur Extra SSB privileges be opened in the segment 7000-7025. Unbelievable! As can be verified by the nearly one hundred thousand hams with whom I have had contact in the past 3.5 years, I am strongly prejudiced to CW operation. I have no objection whatsoever to SSB phone operation, and so operate myself, but I prefer CW and object most strenuously to further encroachment of phone into the CW subbands to the detriment of the latter.

"I believe on 10-15-20 Meters, U.S. amateurs should have exactly the same phone privileges as other hams; the argument that they should have the same on 40-80 does not hold water; the upper limit for the most part is 7.1 and 3.8 and for foreign hams to use phone at all here, they must use what is, in the U.S., CW territory. To me, it seems the epitome of folly to compound an already sorry situation by allowing a bunch of multi-kilowatt transmitters to add to the foreign B.C. bedlam on 40 Meters.

"As to the question of special sub-bands for U.S. amateur Extra licensees, by passing the 20 wpm code test we proved we were more proficient CW operators; I fail to see why this should be used to justify special phone privileges. I do most adamantly favor reserving the bottom 25 KHz of each band for Extra CW."

NOTE: The League's filing in matters such as this does carry weight at FCC, but so do the filings of amateurs, especially those of clubs and groups of hams. ARRL still remembers the "Incentive Licensing" flap of 15 years ago, which hurt them in the short term but not the long run, and they also are wary of the one-time opinion of many that the League was anti-phone. If these have not been laid to rest by now, they should be.

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