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PROPAGATION: May 8, Below Normal; May 9, Disturbed; May 10, Disturbed; May 11, Low/Below Normal; May 12-15, High/Low Normal; May 16, Low/Below Normal; May 17, Below Normal/Disturbed; May 18, 19, Below Normal; May 20, 21, Low/Below Normal; May 22, Disturbed; May 23, Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

Did you hear the one about the husband-and-wife ham team operating from 70? They were so rare that in a mere matter of months they had worked every DXCC country except their own. Having only one rig they couldn't work each other, leading them to conclude that

"We have met the Yemen need and it is us."

ARRL's investigation of a phony QSL card operation based in Southern California continues; the identity of the party printing the cards is known at this time. All DXers are warned that they might have one or more of the funny cards and not even know it. It is suggested that everyone be especially careful in checking their cards before submission to Newington. One should be suspicious particularly if a long-awaited card suddenly shows up from somewhere other than the normal source.

Lead editorial in the June issue of QST will deal with this very subject, although no call signs will be mentioned. A detailed list of call signs for which phony cards have been printed will be issued in the near future and TDXB will carry that list; for now, watch carefully for all cards.

Nothing yet heard from the JA group aiming for Tunisia (Issues 83, 84); J1LVLV and her friends have been active from the Maldives as 8Q7NN and 8Q7BH. Their plans after that are not known. QSL JH4RUG, Hide, Naka 966 Yakage-Cho, Oda-Gun Okayama, 714-12.

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Father Marshall Moran, 9N1MM, who has been active again lately on both 15 and 20 SSB, will be back in the States this autumn. As in past years, he may attend the W9DXCC convention the first weekend of September (he is from the Chicago area originally). His Katmandu station now sports a new Drake TR-7, replacing his old TR-4.

Several recent expeditions have brought a bundle of letters lamenting the use of nets and lists by expeditioners. One "old timer" mentioned that these frustrations didn't just start yesterday, reminding us that a particular VQ9 from the early 60's used to go over to Desroches (now deleted) and operate 7-10 days, making about ten contacts per day. And he didn't even QSL, either! And there have been others, too.

Someone else, who shall remain nameless, piped up with the suggestion that the Colovins save their money from all those Caribbean islands and simply buy the Laccadives!

TDXB countries-needed survey sheets continue to pour in; for your information, the results will be tabulated by U.S. call-area, Canada, and all others. Someone suggested a breakdown by East and West of the Mississippi, which sent us to the map to see just how the call areas align themselves with the Mighty Mississippi'. I think we can do it.

ZS2MI Marion Island has been activated of late by a visiting operator who is servicing the weather equipment. One Bandpass report puts them on 14289 at 15Z (good long path time for the West Coast). This was a list operation.

Sources indicate that the Visalia Convention last weekend was so wild that someone actually went APE behind the bar.

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

Low Bands	N4ADJ/	TL8CN/7004/23E/28	N7KA/
C5ADZ/7004/01E/30	KH2/7004/11E/27	UF6FFJ/7004/01E/27	VP2A/7010/03C/26
GB1IARU/7005/03E/25	SV1JG/7001/02E/28	VP1SGX/7006/04C/24	9X5AB/7004/23E/25
<u>Africa</u>	J28AZ/14220/04E/30	3B8AE/	7P8AC/28560/19E/28
CN8CU/21410/17E/26	J28AZ/21286/13E/25	3B9/21275/20E/26	8Q7AZ/14207/02C/23
CT3AB/14248/00E/1	S83H/21317/20C/26	8B8AE/	8Q7BH/14027/00E/27
C5ADZ/14025/02C/30	TL8CN/21027/21C/26	3B9/28579/12E/28	8Q7BH/14024/00C/29
D4CBC/21280/19C/26	TYA11/21298/00C/28	W3IVP/	8Q7NN/21036/20E/26
D4CBC/28606/15C/25	TYA11/28596/15E/23	5N1/21354/18E/25	9L1FC/21320/14C/25
D4CBC/28602/19E/28	ZD7BW/21304/20C/26	5Z4CZ/21292/21C/30	9U5JM/21280/17W/25
D4CBC/28600/17E/1	ZD7BW/21292/21C/27	6T1YP/21293/16C/26	9U5JM/21280/18E/25
EA9EU/14004/23E/25	ZD7BW/28531/16C/26	DJ6SI/	9X5PP/28541/20E/25
EA9IE/21290/19W/25	ZE1ET/14222/04C/23	6W8/14025/23E/25	9X5SL/28517/16E/28
FR7BX/14020/13E/24	ZS2MI/14289/15E/25	6W8EN/14258/23C/26	
FR7BX/14026/04E/25	3B8CF/21030/03C/25	DJ6SI/	
FR7AI/G/21285/17C/30	3B8CF/21030/03E/26	6W8/28022/14E/30	
J28AZ/14221/03C/29	3B8AE/	7P8BL/14220/15W/27	
	3B9/21286/17C/25	7P8BL/28770/13C/27	
<u>Asia</u>	BV2B/14218/11C/29	UD6DKW/14027/03W/25	9N1MM/14240/00E/30
A4XIJ/14203/02C/28	BV2B/14218/12C/29	UD6DFO/14203/03C/28	9N1MM/21280/17E/25
A4XIJ/21271/00E/1	EP2TY/21276/22E/30	UF6CR/14206/14C/25	9V1UQ/14221/12C/26
A4XIH/28523/16E/25	HL9AF/14291/11C/30	UJ8BQ/14007/01W/25	9V1UQ/14221/12C/27
A&XE/21026/20E/26	HS1AMS/14206/12C/29	VS5RP/14027/13C/30	9V1OI/14291/11E/30
A7XE/21027/20E/27	JT1BL/14030/16W/27	VU2MKS/21029/20E/26	
A9XCE/14020/03E/29	OD5FB/14209/03E/28	9M2KG/28008/03W/26	
<u>Elsewhere</u>	HC8GI/21355/18E/25	P29EJ/14002/07W/26	YB9ADE/21028/12E/25
A35UW/14021/10E/27	HK0FBF/28595/23C/27	P29BS/14220/07E/30	YJ8RG/14285/08E/30
A35UW/14022/11C/28	HV3SJ/21290/21W/25	P29FV/14222/11 C/30	YJ8MNP/28525/00W/26
DU9RG/14201/13C/25	J88AM/21355/19C/25	P29AX/28634/00C/25	ZB2EO/28013/12E/25
DU9RG/14203/10C/27	WA4EHS/	S79RD/21280/21E/25	ZK1AR/14204/03C/27
DU7RLC/14221/09C/28	KH2/14030/13W/28	WB5CTK/	ZK1AR/14222/10C/27
N7ET/	AH2E/14212/11C/30	TF/14202/02E/1	ZK1AR/14218/11E/29
DU6/28023/04W/26	KH3AB/21030/05E/27	T32AB/28592/01C/26	ZK1AR/28523/02C/27
EA6EJ/14009/23E/27	M1C/14205/01W/25	VK9NL/14034/11E/28	3D2ER/14241/11E/30
FC9UC/14206/06C/25	M1C/21297/01E/26	VP8PO/21345/00C/28	4U1UN/21280/20W/25
FK8BR/14209/11C/28	OA4ANT/28960/16C/26	VP8QG/28509/23E/27	4U1UN/21279/21E/25
FO8HA/21026/06E/26	OH3JR/	VP8ZV/28597/13E/28	
FO8HA/21041/02E/28	OJ0/21287/16E/26	YB8AEG/14206/13C/26	
FY7YE/21055/20W/25	K2BS/	YB0PG/14208/12C/29	
	PJ2/28014/21E/25	YB0ACP/14028/13W/29	

HELP!

EP2GY is via JH1PLL

F6CIU handles FB8XY cards but patience required.

600DX cards now out; time to try again.

TA2BAV was WA2BAV

A9XCW is via DL2SB

Hey there, 'ole buddies; check your files if you see a call sounding familiar; you may have the card with an address to help out. Write to the needy party direct if you have a C/B, otherwise c/o TDXB. This system works!

WA4FVT needs C21AA (3/79) and C21AA (6/79)

AF5H needs VP8MH (12/73), OD5FZ (9/75)

W8CEU Seeks KR6AY (10/71)

K1KNN needs CR7EZ adr. (8/60)

W3FDP wants A6XG (1/74)

K7RDG needs adr. 9N1CG (60)

W9MYG searches for JY9LG (7/80), SM2ALH/4U (9/78) and XW8GV (10/74).

KF0H craves XV5DA 1974

K7CQ needs adr. TJ1AA (5/80)

K7AGJ wants 3A1CX info (not WB8OJF)

TDXB's Turkish Desk says the following about sending cards there:

+Send only to special POB's
 4 IRCs for return airmail
 +No callsigns on envelope
 +Use only latest Callbook and associated PO Box
 +Do NOT send open envelope
 +Do NOT send SWL cards
 +TA Society QSL Bureau is NOT in operation; don't use it
 +Only TA ham with a manager is TA2KS

SOME NETS

VK/ZL	14220	0630/Dy
Family Hr.	14250	1500/Dy
Family Hr.	14250	2300/Dy
Arabian	14250	0430/Fri.
LED	14285	0530/TU SA SU
ILAGC	14290	2100/Tu
DX-Net	21280	1700/MW F
DK2OC	21320	1130/Dy
Family Hr.	21345	2330/Dy
African	21355	1700/Dy
DK2OC	28750	1100/Dy

There are many more but these have been the most reliable we can think of offhand. Have more? Advise please.

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In a note last week about VK9CCT we inadvertently called him a "former" VK9; tain't true, as he is still licensed on Cocos. He does get over to Diego Garcia occasionally. Tet antenna systems has donated a triband yagi for the operators on Cocos, and with the recent operations by VK9NYG, VK9CCT, etc., the demand should be cleaned up soon. Those responsible for the upsurge in VK9/Cocos activity have been doing some thinking about the next island to attack.

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With some help from our friends (particularly K8MG) here is a revised list of DXCC countries not active in the past two years (ref. TDXB 85):

A6X BY C9 FB8W FO8C HKØM KS4N KP4D
 PYØ P/P S9 VK9M VKØH VS9K VU7/A
 VU7/L XU XV XW XZ YA ZA ZL/K 1S 3Y
 4W 7O and 7Q
 That makes 27; any discrepancies now?

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Remember the plane crash on Palmyra during the January, 1980 expedition there? HR Report says Jan Gould, WA6YQW, has filed a lawsuit against the operators of the aircraft and the "owners" of the island.

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Those of you who read CQ Magazine for the DX column by Hugh Cassidy will want to know that his arrangement is for the column to be written every third issue by Rod Linkous, W7OM. That's why Cass' doesn't always appear there.

This issue of TDXB is going out late, as we have been up to our behinds in bureaucrats; the switch to newspaper rate mail is an economic necessity, and we do not think it will slow delivery more than perhaps five pct of the time.

LETTERS

Richard Thompson "I've been tempted to
 W3ODJ write before about some

of the curious non-DX editorial inserts in TDXB. Some of them are down right irritating and blatantly out of place. I thought they might be fill material required by a new publication feeling its way. But, they seem to be ego bits, on the increase.

"Please, tell us everything you know about DX. That's what the readers want. The Bulletin is a great news sheet, and I think you are doing a super job. But, by your own account, you have already lost one subscriber because of extraneous material. A bulletin cannot be a forum. Please, keep it fun."

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Al Cornwall "You do a really great job
 W7HZL on the Bulletin. I have

made quite a few new DX QSOs due to your info. Please leave your personal liberal politics out of the Bulletin. It is no place for your viewpoint on the murder of "Hophead" John Lennon or gun control! He should have been deported to England and dealt with there."

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Frank Friedl I agree with the contents of
 OE1FF your article "The New

Breed." I also agree with your comparison of hamming and motorcar driving. For Americans, the car is just transportation, but in Europe it is the Golden Calf. Today the younger ones make more money and they have not only shiny cars but also high power rigs and beam antennas.

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John Irwin "I'm supposed to be a reasonably smart person, but would

still like some explanation of your propagation figures (Flux, Alpha, K, Etc).

"On the rare countries, how about some background info? For example, Palmyra and Kingman are only 41 miles apart and one is run by the Navy and the other by the Dept. of Interior. Market Reef is still a mystery to me!

"The country poll is great, but I hope you tabulate down to the relatively easy stuff so that, for example, one can choose where to go in the Caribbean for the maximum return. And why not run a poll of the DXers as to the equipment they use and/or would like to use? I really got burned once back in 1971 by believing the advertisements (in the magazines).!"

CALENDAR

Tunisia 3V8 By JA8BMK soon; Issues 83, 84
 Tokelau ZM7TT Still waiting; Issues 83, 86
 Cape Verde D4CBC by KALCY May 11-15
 San Marino M1IPA May 17-24, usual freqs.
 Benin TYA11 By DJ2BW/DL8DC May 6-13

Contest CQ WPX CW, May 30-31
 Leichten. DA1WA/LX May 23-31
 Bahamas C6A May 23-Jun. 2; Issue 88
 DEADLINE TDXB Country Survey; May 31
 Wake Is. /KH9 By KH6GB Jun. 1; Issue 87

Contest Phone All Asia, Jun. 20-21
 Vis. Day W6AM Jun. 20; details later
 Market Reef Jul. 6, one week; Issue 75
 Monaco Jul. 10-20; details later

VK4NIC/3X

W4FRU, John Parrott, who is the QSL manager for VK4NIC/3X, very kindly sent a copy of an article which appeared recently in Amateur Radio Action, an Australian hamming magazine. Here are some selected excerpts:

"Excitement over the arrival (on the bands) of VK4NIC/3X soon faded and Ian quickly found his operation shrouded in controversy as reports began circulating that VK4NIC/3X was not to be granted DXCC status, either in Australia or the United States.

"One serious point of contention was that Ian, with a Novice call in Australia, was regularly operating outside the Australian Novice allocation. This apparently illegal operation lead the Australian DXCC Awards Manager, VK5WV, to announce that he would not consider the VK4NIC/3X call for DXCC status until he had sighted copies of the appropriate paperwork authorizing Ian's operation." As far as he was concerned, contacts with Ian outside the Australian Novice allocations would not even be considered for DXCC purposes.

"Ian's authority (was) actually based upon two deparate pieces of paper...one a contract between the firm which employ(d) him in Guinea, the second a covering letter authorizing Ian Doncaster to operate 'an amateur HF radio station, callsign VK4NIC-/3X, for crew morale purposes only.'" (He sure raised our morale). - Ed.

Ian Doncaster is 35 years old, and a pilot as well as a radio operator. He has worked in and alown in a number of African countries. Luckily, although just a Novice, Ian knew of the demand for radio from Guinea, and he wasted no time in making the necessary arrangementf for a 3X operation. He merely explained, to the government of Guinea, the necessity of an amateur radio station to maintain contact home.

The Amateur Radio Action article ends with a nice "plug" for the International DX foundation and for the assistance they gave in rigs, etc.

THANKS TO...

W4FRU, K1JA, K7CQ, KF0H, VE1BNN, W(MYG, AF5H, K7RDG, W3FDP, K1KNM, W8CEU, AD8J, WA4FVT, DL2SB, W1GX, W1AB, W1CDC, W6OUL, K7SE, OE1FF, W7HZL, W3ODJ, W4EEE, WA8WMC, K8MG, KU4J, WB2IZN, N6RA, K1KD, WB6YNI, N4WW, W4VQ, WA4YZF, J11VLV, W9SC, XE1NI, W4LCL, KA3R, W0RNC, AA5C, WB8GWB, W0BA, WA2SQY, WA2JOC, N2GG, W2HAZ, KB4BU, W7CNL, W7YF, WA7OBH, WA2PHA, K8GG, WB0QV, K4NV, N5BBO, M8BKB, HPLXRK, K6IR, K5BLV, K0RP, WA8CZS, W4YN, WD5AAM, W5OSJ, K8IP, W4JTL, KALDS, N1AEC, KA0E, W1WDD

DX WILL RISE AGAIN

Yes, there definitely a DX drought going on. Some have commented that the various convention DX forums have not been as exciting lately as they used to be, the reason apparently being the lack of expeditions to rare spots.

Now, back in the good old days when Gus was on the move and Don Miller W9WNV hit some rocks, and Hammarlund's DXpedition of the Month swung, and Ike was president...

But there aren't any more 30-year, 8 pct, conventional mortgages, either. It is becoming harder and harder to get to the truly rare DXCC spots. Those who who are old enough to be retired (having the time) and be independent financially just don't seem to be interested in standing the rigors of a week on a reef somewhere.

Maybe what we need is another new DXCC entity. Remember the excitement of the first Kingman Reef operation? And how about Okino Torishima? Will the thrill be there if SMOM is granted status? Or will many feel they are just working Italy?

We are hoping that if new entities pop up, they will be accessible. Another Desecheo will lead more newer DXers to frustration, so near yet so far. There are rumors going around about another Desecheo expedition in planning, but the chances are reportedly not good.

A new world trip or a new DXCC entity or two would make it easier to do this news-letter, too! - Ed.

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