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BURMA

XZ5A continues active almost every morning on 14225 starting around 1200Z; it is a "net" type operation with assistance from W7PHO, W7RQ, and DU9RG. Some W4s were working XZ5A on 6/16, but apparently the action is still mostly limited to W6, 7, Ø, and 5. One of the W1 locals reports hearing XZ5A for 40 minutes on 6/13 but had no propagation to W7RQ to make his presence known.

HS4AMI and HS1AMM claim to have a Burma license for an undisclosed 7-day period later this summer...this is only a rumor, however.

DESECHEO

KP2A/Desecheo was last reported over 30,000 contacts with about two days left in the operation. Their difficulties included seasickness among the team members and a TS-830 lost to the bay on arrival. Despite strong winds during their stay they managed to have five stations on most of the time, although Oscar satellite plans were scuttled.

St. Paul

VE1AI will be making another trip to St. Paul Island July 10-2, in the company of three others. They will try to keep at least one station active 24 hours a day on 160-6 Meters, probably using VE1AI/1.

SMOM

It is only a matter of time until DXCC status is complete for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (1AØKM). Mario Gallavotti, IØMGM, is an attorney and handled much of the paperwork. They are now caught up on QSLing, with total expenses for the operations to date of \$2300; they have counted a thousand dollars sent with QSL cards.

PROPAGATION

Jun 19, 20, 21, Low Normal; Jun 22, High Normal; Jun 23, High/Above Normal; Jun 24, High/Low Normal; Jun 25-29, High Normal; Jun 30, High/Low Normal; Jul 1, 2, High Normal; Jul 3, High/Low Normal; Jul 4, Below Normal/Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

CAMPBELL ISLAND

ZL3AFH/A continues active, although his time remaining on Campbell grows short; he is on Tuesdays and Fridays, mainly, starting about 0600Z around 14265 or 14320; he also reportedly checks into the ANZA net, 21203 at 0500Z. During July there is often propagation to the Pacific from North America on 15 Meters at that time.

MARKET REEF

June 22-29 is the time frame for an operation by SM4CAN, SM4DHF, and SM4HQO, all of whom will sign /OJØ. CW freqs. are 3503, 7003, 14025, 21025, and 28025; look for their phone on 3785, 7085, 14195, 21295, and 28595. QSL to home call adrs.

SAN FELIX

Rumors abound that SVØBV (recently on from Crete) will be going to CEØX in September of this year, with at least a couple other operators. WB1GDQ, who lives in the U.S. Virgin Islands, is also mentioned as a team member. They have not yet said they have a license, though.

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Norbert Taerner, ZS6ANL, will return to Swaziland for another /3D6 operation July 7-25; last time out he concentrated on 20, 15, and 10 CW.

A Cocos Island operation is rumored for the first of July, signing TI9FAG and TI9VVR; if it happens, this will be the first TI9 operation in some time to have advance word out.

T5TI is said to be in Somalia, QSL to IØSSW; 60ØDX is also reported active again, although the recent reports on Joe have come from Europe only.

The Pacific Northwest DX Convention will be held in the shadow of Mt. St. Helens Aug. 8 and 9, at the Greenwood Inn in Beaverton Oregon. Sponsored by the Willamette Valley DX Club, events will include AA6AA and N6ZV (1980 African operations), WB4ZNH (1980 Uganda operations), PJ2CC contest station slides, K7JA (contesting), W7NI (antennas), and VE7APU (packet radio). You can get a flyer from the Willamette Valley DX Club, PO BOX 555, Portland OR 97207.

Harry Meade, VK2BJL, says the just-completed Tokelau operation netted about 10,000 contacts, despite the fact that he, VK2BKD and VK9NS had quite a lot of inter-rig interference which forced them to use just one operating position most of the time. They are still looking seriously at both Mellish and Heard.

On July 1, IRCs will cost 65 cents in the U.S., says the Postal Service. Stock up now if you use 'em.

China operation hopes continue high, with some still saying it will be a Japanese group to open the door, while Tom Wong, VE7BC, who is Chinese and travels to China regularly believes he may be the first to get permission.

The West Virginia State ARRL Convention (a biggie) will feature, on Jul 3, DXCC chief W3AZD, DXAC Board Liaison John Kanode, N4MM, in a program to be moderated by Al Hix, W8AH (one of only a half dozen 5-Band WAZ achievers).

PLEASE NOTE that the following cards are NOT to be submitted for DXCC credit: 1AØKM, G3JKI/5A, and 9U5JM. ARRL's DXCC Desk is waiting on some translation of the 9U5JM documentation, nothing has yet been received from G3JKI/5A, and 1AØKM does not have country status yet. They are still awaiting word from JA8BMK regarding XZ5A, so if you get one of those don't submit it, either.

Two DXers recently disqualified from DXCC are ON4QX, for submitting forged and altered QSLs, and EA2IA, for submitting altered confirmations. W6NZX was disqualified several weeks ago in connection with the "QSL Scheme." Action on that matter has come to a halt in Newington for the time being, while additional documentation is collected.

Here's FCC's May 1 compilation of latest Extra Class license callsigns: KJØR, KD10, KM2M, KD3S, NN4G, KR5N, NB6G, KI7P, KN8D, KF9W, NH6K, NL7W, and NP4F. Ah, for the days when you could tell from a callsign which U.S. possession a station was operating from!

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CUBIC/ASTRO 102BXA

We've had this radio long enough now to draw some conclusions about it; really, it is a little difficult to take any radio with a Swan S-Meter very seriously. But the 102BXA is the best radio ever designed for CB.

Good points first: there are two PTOs, allowing split frequency work without having to buy a remote VFO. The full break-in works well on CW, except that the sidetone is weaker than a lot of signals on the band.

There is a passband width pot which seems to work, sort of; a row of red indicator lights on the front panel are intended to indicate the passband width. But the receiver is (like all Swans) single conversion, and it sounds it. Strong signal handling is dismal. The noise blanker does nothing for noise unless there's an old Ford parked in your driveway, and the n.b. does distort received signals. (cont'd).

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

<u>Africa</u>	DL2VK/	TR8MX/21292/21E/7	7Q7LW/21256/18E/7
C5ADS/28536/17E/7	ST3/21300/22E/8	VQ9QA/14044/10E/8	7X2LS/21345/00E/12
D4CBC/14204/07E/8	ST0AS/14205/13C/9	XT2A/21029/01C/6	9G1RT/21277/13C/6
EA9HY/14205/22E/7	W5JMM/	3B8DB/14029/10E/8	9G1AP/21270/00E/7
EA9HG/21048/01C/7	SU/14196/04E/7	3B8DB/14211/12C/8	9G1RT/28591/12C/6
EL2AR/14203/00E/9	W5JMM/	3D6AX/14004/13W/13	9J2BO/14022/12C/6
EL2AV/21283/13C/6	SU/21280/22E/11	5N9GM/14201/21C/7	9J2BO/14213/13E/7
FR0FLO/14213/10E/15	S79WHW/21300/18C/6	5N0NAS/28546/17E/7	
	S&9RD/21280/20C/8	6W8JU/21289/19C/7	
 <u>Asia</u>	 JA2BAY/7092/11E/11	 VS5RP/14025/14W/13	 9M2LN/14040/10E/7
A4XIJ/21316/22C/10	JT0WA/21290/15E/10	VU2BBJ/14207/11E/7	9M2FR/14014/13W/8
A51PN/21070/02C/7	JT0WA/21293/01E/13	VU2BBJ/14201/13E/8	9M2LN/14043/11E/12
BV2B/14220/12E/6	JY3ZH/14204/23C/10	VU2LB/14025/11E/9	9N1MM/21275/01C/10
BV2A/14024/13W/10	UD6DKW/21042/04W/10	VU2BBJ/14205/11C/11	9V1UY/14010/13W/11
HM1PW/14212/11C/10	UF6FDR/7005/01E/11	XZ5A/21270/14E/10	9V1UH/21282/16E/14
HM0U/14198/10E/11	UL7XE/21039/05W/13	4S7EA/14202/12E/9	
HL1UH/14046/12W/11	UM8MAD/14030/11E/7	4S7EA/14214/23C/10	
 <u>Oceania</u>	 H44FE/14222/10C/7	 AH2L/14209/12C/6	 P29MM/14222/12C/7
A35SM/14026/05W/8	JD1YAA/7004/09W/7	AH2L/14207/12C/7	P29LB/14250/10E/11
KP4KK/	JA9IAX/	KC6JC/14206/12E/7	VK9NL/14022/11E/7
DU2/7003/11E/9	JD1/14022/12W/8	KH3AB/28553/01E/7	VK9NL/14028/12W/8
DU9RG/14202/12E/7	JA1JWP/	K6XT/	YB1AEE/21295/13E/10
KA5BXG/	JD1/14026/12W/10	NH9/21024/01C/8	YJ8NPS/28523/01E/7
DU2/14035/13E/7	JA1JWP/	K6XT/	ZK2BGD/14001/06W/12
DU1MAT/14210/11E/11	JD1/14037/14W/13	NH9/3504/09C/8	ZM7ZR/7009/09C/8
DU6JM/14002/12W/12	JA1JWP/	K6XT/	5W1AU/14220/07E/10
FK8CR/14018/07W/11	JD1/21020/17W/5	NH9/7004/09C/8	
FO8DF/21294/09E/15	AH2L/7005/11E/8		
 <u>Elsewhere</u>	 HK0BKX/21015/05E/6	 KC4AAC/21338/19C/7	 VP1BEH/21350/00E/8
CM2PE/7011/06W/8	J3AH/21345/00E/12	LU3ZY/14221/11E/11	N6YK/
CO2OM/14209/22C/8	J6LOV/28512/23E/9	(S. Sandwich)	VP2A/7009/06W/8
C6ANX/7151/00E/12	J73PS/21288/22C/6	PZ2AC/14201/04E/7	VP2ET/7197/03E/7
EC6DI/21004/18C/7	J73CB/28505/23E/9	SV0BV/	VP5FP/7007/01E/11
FC6RH/14022/06W/9	KC4USV/14222/10E/3	SV5/14201/01E/9	VP5CM/21025/00C/8
 <u>RTTY</u>	 CP6EL/14095/00C/1	 LU1HCE/14093/10C/7	 VK3ZR/14098/11C/7
FG&BG/21091/11C/29	VK3JW/14090/10C/3	YB2BLI/14093/10C/7	FP8HL/14090/11C/7
YV5GZU/21095/23C/30	VK3EE/14086/08C/2	VK2DLG/14087/11C/7	TG9SO/14089/00C/9
PY2AA/21095/00C/2	VK2TTY/14091/10C/7	VK4ADM/14082/11C/7	

102BXA

In place of an attenuator there is an if gain control (remember the Heath "Mohawk?"), which does not do the job a front-end attenuator will. The RIT only goes one KHz each direction, and the tuning rate on (both) PTOs is too fast for either SSB or CW.

All the VOX controls are pots which

are accessed through holes in the side of the cabinet; be sure you have a flashlight handy to find them. And while the radio does have plenty of room inside for digging around, the penalty is that the power supply must be contained in another box.

Speaking of the power supply, it has 3 fuses which can be reached only by removing the cabinet. And of course (one of our pet peeves) the cord is too short to reach the radio...the headphone jack is on the p.s.!!!

CALENDAR

Contest	All Asia	Jun. 20-21
Yemen	4W	Rumored "mid-Jun"
Wake Is.	/NH9	Until Jun 28; I 92
Senegal	6W8JI	W4MGN Jun 19-26 I 93
Aland Is	OHØ	Until Jun 22 I 90
Visitor's	W6AM	Jun 20
Gabon	TR8DX	Jun 26-Jul 6 W4MGN
Cocos	TI9	Rumored early Jul;
Aland Is	OHØAM	Jun 26-Jul 7; I 93
C.A.R.	TLØ	Jul 3-5 W4MGN I 93
Riv Geg	XF4 F	Rumored Jul 3-6
Min Tor	KA2AA	WA4TKR early Jul
Swazil.	ZS6ANL	Jul 7-25; I 95
Lord Howe	VK4ANS/LH	ZL1AMO Jul 6-13 I 94
Burundi	9U5JM	Jul 7-15 W4MGN
Aland Is	OHØ	Jul 8-13 KS60 etc.
St Paul	VE1AI/a	Jul 10-12; I 95
Contest	IARU	Radiosport Jul 11-12
Monaco	3A	Jul 10-20 Dutch op.
Market Reef		Jul 13-20; I 93
Rwanda	9X5MH	Jul 15-18, W4MGN
Kenya	5Z4RL	Jul 18-23, W4MGN
Liberia	EL2AG	Jul 24-29, W4MGN
Aland Is	OH6JW/	Aug. 3-10
Conven.	Pac NW	Portland, Aug. 8-9
Gambia	C5ACC	Jul. 29-Aug 10 W4MGN
Contest	All Asia	CW, Aug. 22-23

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There has been a surprising amount of interest in the Central Division ARRL Director's election last November, in which the incumbent, W9NTP, submitted a last minute resignation and his opponent, W9PRN, was declared elected. Since that time, Indiana amateurs have mounted a recall campaign, they are collecting signatures, and will submit them to Newington when enough are in hand.

Sadly, ill will is being generated between the two powerhouse DX clubs in 9-Land, namely the INDY DXers and the Northern Illinois DX Association. It is hoped that the annual W9DXCC convention (Chicago, September) will not be jeopardized.

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TELEPHONE TDXB ANYTIME: 203-871-6251.

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TDXB has two items for sale: a Magnum-6 for the Collins KWM-2, (\$100), and an absolutely like-new Hy-Gain 400 rotor, (\$200). Call the above number.

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Next week in TDXB: another giant QSL list.

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Finally, Joe Bernier, W4LZZ, was operating last week from Mauritania as 5T5ZZ; he expects to make stops over the next couple of weeks at TYA11 and 7Q7LW. 7Q7LW has been active again the past few weeks; he is the local postmaster in Zomba.

FLASH!!! FLASH!!!
 XZ5A was worked on the U.S.
 East Coast Tuesday, Jun. 16;
 a list was taken by DU9RG
 starting at 0900Z, XZ5A showed
 on 14225 at about 1115Z, and
 DU9RG wisely began by having
 W1, 2, and 3 stations call.
 XZ5A was 5X6 at some sites in
 New England.