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DX Alert Frequencies	DX Packet
147.50 Simplex	W8ZF 145.63
147.795/t-195/R Tone 7 (KN4B)	W1UA 145.61
Rag Chew Frequencies:	K4KG 144.91
147.47, 147.52, 147.54,	147.50 Spotting Freq.

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Next Meeting Tuesday February 18, 1992 - 7:30 PM Location - Days Inn at Windy Hill Road @ I-75 Talk in 146.82			

President's Column - de W8BLA

CQ SEDX

Many thanks to all who attended the last meeting. It is great to see all the interest the membership has in the club activities and hope we can continue with programs to interest you further.

The 160 meter contest from all the scores I have heard is a great success.. The SSB test is soon to be over(next weekend) and the if those scores are equal, the club should be right up there again. W4DOC (ops:N4REE, WA4CUG, K2UFT, et. al.), did a great job. Special thanks to P40PI (K4PI) and KP2A (K4TEA) for their DXpeditions during the test.

ZF2QP (W8BLA), will be activated during the WPX test. Q's appreciated.

Many good programs are on tap in future months. See you all there. My thanks to Rick for an exceptional job! (He needs encouragement!)

73 gud DX, Verne

Vice President's Column -

DX TIDBITS-

Rick Glisson, N4XMX VP

I wanted to thank everyone who came to the January meeting, one of the largest turnout yet! I also want to thank Bill Jay, K4KG for giving the presentation of the PacketCluster system. The system has been a great help to many people and I hope everybody learned something to make their use of the system better.

The CQ 160M CW contest was just run. I hope everybody got a chance to at least stick their toes in the water. I actually made 2 CW contacts, one with W4DOC and with AB4RU, very unusual for a SSB guy like myself. One comment I would like to make is that stations still running 35 WPM+ after the first couple of hours of the contests were wasting their time on others like me. I'm not talking about somebody having a good run, I'm talking about times when nobody was calling. One reason I gave AB4RU a call is that he was running about

20 WPM. I gave my call once, he responded, no fuss, no muss. To encourage people to participate in the CW contests, slow those keyers down!

KP1 was one of the nicer DXpeditions lately, I worked them 7 bands, SSB. In fact, the program for this month is two different accounts of previous DXpeditions to KP1. Since KP1, like KP5, doesn't come up very often, it's nice to have the advantage once in awhile. I'm sure the west coast will return the favor for Clipperton! 10 meters has also been fairly good lately as well, use it or lose it.

One of my Xmas presents was a Magic Notch filter by j.COM. (\$114.95 list) The Magic Notch is an automatic audio notch filter that is hooked up to the speaker output. My Kenwood TS-440 is in the shop and I have been using an Icom 726 courtesy of Jim, N4UCK. One of the things that the Icom does not have is a notch filter. This fact strongly encouraged me to hook up the Magic Notch quickly! The notch is only 40 db as opposed to the 60 db claimed for the Kenwood. Most of the time, 40db is more than adequate. The major advantage is that you don't have to tune the notch. This alone is worth the price of admission since, in the heat of a pileup, you don't want to be distracted by having to stop to try to tune out a carrier. If there is only one turkey tuning up, you can usually tune him out with a conventional notch filter. But, in a heated pileup, many different people will tune up and the strongest particular carrier at any given time may change. This is where the Magic Notch shines. It will also track the carrier if it moves. There is also an indicator light to tell you when it's working. This is good because most of the time you really don't notice it. You can bypass the filter when desired. The unit also has a phone as well as a speaker output. I like it a lot, saves my ears from that unexpected S9+30 carrier on top of a S3 DX when the audio gain is turned up. It would be nice to compare this to the new multi-heterodyne filter by JPS (NF-60 list \$149.95). Do remember to turn these filters off when you try CW.(hi hi)

See you in the pileups...

-Rick

Secretary's Column - de KI4XO

Yes, there it is after 19 years. I have to still look on the wall to see if it's real. What I am talking about is finally getting enough persistence to pass the Extra class exam. Please do not think I am being boastful. An experienced CW operator I am not. However while studying for the CW upgrade the past 6 months I made lots of new friends, attended several testing sessions and came to appreciate the meaning of 20 wpm. What I hope to share is the fantastic fun CW is and the wide variety of new dx down in the dx window in the Extra band segments that I saw I was missing. The one thing that seems to pay off is operating. There is no substitute for real time on the key. Morse practice tapes (which I used), helped, but in the final analysis it is just practice and more practice. Some people are adept at code. I am not. It turns out that all of my preconceptions about learning the higher speeds were unfounded. I did not have a tutor when I originally learned the code 19 years ago. Consequently I have several bad habits in working CW that were extremely hard to break. Namely reading the copy instead continuing on as the test progressed. Now I just listen write the callsign down, the ops name and QTH and enjoy.

In the past two months of operating in the new band areas the operators and pileups are truly more intense, the pace is faster and it seems that people are generally more courteous as a rule. There are real CW wizards down here and regular people too. The best part is the feeling one gets when you can tune anywhere in the band and operate. Watching the DX spots come in and just going there to operate is a truly great feeling.

Better yet is the feeling of putting out a good spot for some rare DX on the 147.5 frequency or packet cluster and figuring that only about 30,000 hams in the US are able to go there and work the DX. So without much further talk, I like to encourage all my and friends and those reading this newsletter who have not upgraded to do so at this time. I know that if I can do it, you can. It is worth the time and the gratification is the best personal payoff I have received in years. Truly GREAT.

Last, the Extra class ticket is the one thing you can do that does not cost a fortune to yield the maximum return on your investment in your station. The license gives you the edge to operate in band areas with less people that equalizes the small station when compared with the big ones up the band somewhere. Additionally, some DX only works CW and only in the 80, 40, 20, 15 meter Extra band segment. This will be more critical for DXing in the future as the 10 and 15 meter bands die off in the sunspot cycle. It is truly the last item one must have to complete their DX station. Their license hanging on the wall!

73 and good DX CU in the pileups....

de John, KI4XO

DX NEWS de KI4XO

The Ohio/Penn Dx Packet Cluster
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Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW
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SM5DQC, VE3EKF and OH7MA for the following DX
information.

4K2CC, CARDS. Valery, who is active from Franz Josef Land, suggests to wait a month or so before QSLing to his UV3CC call in Moscow. The mail problem is bad there and he will not be returning home to get his mail for about a month.

5R, MADAGASCAR. 5R8JS continues to show up on the ET net weekdays and weekends around 1400z on 28510. QSL via F5IL.

5X5WR/A. This station still continues to be active on various nets on 14236 and 21313. It has also been reported that the 5X5WR/A QSL cards from DJ5RT are being received. Turn-around time for cards is TWO WEEKS! Many will be hoping this station will be good for DXCC.

8Q, MALDIVE ISLANDS. This will be the last week to work Daniel, 8Q7DV. Check for him on the DX nets, frequencies 14236 and 14226 kHz. QSL via DJ0EC.

A43OJF, OMAN. Be looking for this special callsign to celebrate "Japanese Week in Oman" from February 1st to 7th. The suffix of the call stands for "Oman-Japan Friendship." QSL via the bureau.

AP, PAKISTAN. There has been plenty of activity this week for AP-land. AP/WA2WYR has been active on RTTY, 28082 kHz around 1230z. AP2MYC has been active on 28400 kHz around 1145z, AP2JZB on the 21335 DX net around 1530z and AP2AJ on 28490 kHz around 1335z. QSL AP2AJ to the callbook address, AP/WA2WYR to KK6TX (92CB) and AP2JZB to K2EWB.

BY, CHINA. Rick Hunter was signing BY1QH on RTTY at 14093 kHz around 0115z. Rick is 17 years old and is an engineering student at the university. QSL via RM 316, BLDG No. 25, Tsinghua University, Beijing, People's Republic of China.

C1A, BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. It has been reported this station has been active on 14187 kHz and 28475 kHz around 0000z. The station is claiming to be part of the Solomon Islands and has claimed independence or something of that nature to justify their new callsign. Based on the ITU tables, the C1 prefix is not listed. Some stations heard the C1A requesting SASE with \$5 for a QSL. BEWARE of this one and hold off until more info can be obtained.

D2ACA CARDS UPDATE. Toly, UT3UY, who was the chief op at D2ACA, has received the QSL cards which the North Alabama DX Club had printed for him. Both W4BRE and KU4J received a FAX from him saying that the cards had arrived in Kiev. A good many of the cards should be mailed soon.

EP, IRAN. Andy, RA4HA, will be in Iran at the end of February. It was also mentioned that he will be traveling to Laos (XW) and Spratly (1S) later this year.

FR/T, TROMELIN. It was announced on the 21313 DX net that Jack, FR5ZU/T will be active the last week in March thru April 10th. He will be active on the 21313 net from time to time. Also mentioned was Yoland, FR5AI/T will be active in May sometime (specific dates unknown).

FO, CLIPPERTON ISLANDS. Charlie, N7QQ, states the Clipperton Expedition (FO0CI) scheduled for March has lost an operator putting the expedition in financial difficulty. They are in need of another operator. The dates required are the 28th of February thru the 16th of March. Departing date from San Diego is Friday the 28th of February. Their 88 foot boat will accommodate 28 people. They presently have eight operators from Europe and the U.S. The need of one or two additional operators at \$4000 will make this trip a reality. Anyone interested please call Jay Kobelin WA2FIJ at 310-948-7444 (work) or at home after 7 P.M. PST 714-941-4764, SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HF0POL, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. January contacts with this Polish Arctic station indicate a new QSL manager/operator. QSLs now go to SP9DWT. Look for HF0POL on 1832, 3502, 3799, 10105, 14002 and 21003 kHz around 2300 to 0400z.

JD1, OGASAWARA. Be looking for five Japanese operators to activate JD1 from February 14th to the 21st. They will actually be operating from Chichi Islands which is part of Ogasawara. There will be activity in the ARRL DX CW Contest.

KP1, NAVASSA RECAP. William, AA4NC, states all operators are back in the states now after making 33,000 QSOs on CW, SSB and RTTY. Their only disappointments were the poor conditions on 160 meters and no USA 6 meter openings (S. America was worked). AA4NC wants to thank everyone for their support and generally good operating habits that allowed them to exceed their QSO expectations, and please be patient on the QSL cards.

NH7, KURE ISLAND. Bob, KD7P/NH7, is now active on the island and will bethere until February 19th. Remember this one may become rare because of the LORAN station closing. Bob was reported on 6 meters (50120) and is very active on 12, 15, 20 and 80 meters CW. He has also been heard on 14195 kHz around 0530 to 0600z.

S2, BANGLADESH. As the DXers of the world continue to wait for this one to become active, Eric, WZ6C, showed up January 28th on 20 meters calling stateside. It was reported he worked some west coast stations. Eric was signing "WZ6C in Bangladesh", not WZ6C/S2 because he has not yet received official written permission to operate there. Meanwhile, there have been reports that the final written approval for amateur radio in S2 has run into a snag which will delay all operations for a few more weeks. While the delay continues, seven Bangladesh nationals have passed their codetests. Word has it two of the seven are YLs. Nick, W8XD, had a QSO with VU/HA5BUS (operator HA5HO) and was told that he hopes to operate from S2 sometime in the middle of February or a little later. In the same QSO, Nick asked him about the EP/HA5BUS operation. Nick was told they had had official permission to operate and they were going to send a copy of their permission to the ARRL.

SV/A MOUNT ATHOS. Good News! Denny, GW3CDP, was heard saying the problem that resulted in Monk Apollo going off the air has been resolved, and that Mount Athos should be back on the air soon. This is good news for those who have yet to work Mount Athos.

TU, IVORY COAST. Taneli, OH7MA, informs OPDX that OH8SR will be active from here as TU4SR. This station will also be active on all bands in both the SSB and CW, ARRL DX Contest. The preferred CW frequencies are 3501, 7001, 14045, 21045 and 28045 kHz. When not active during the contest, they will use the normal DX frequencies. OH8SR will also try to activate some nearby countries. QSL vis OH8SR.

UH8 NEW QSL BUREAU. Leo, K8PYD, reports all QSLs for UM8-land should either go via the "ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau" or direct to the new UM8 QSL Bureau starting March 1st. The new UM8 Bureau's address is: ARLRK QSL Bureau, P.O. Box 1100, Bishkek, 720020, Kirghizstan. The "ARLRK" stands for: Amateur Radio League of the Republic of Kirghizstan.

VOA QSO PARTY. You may have noticed some station with "VOA" or "VOA" in their call signs this weekend. These are stations involved in the Voice of America Contest which started 0000z February 1st and will end February 29th at 2330z. The contest is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Voice of America. For details, watch January's issue of QST, page 111. Stations heard this weekend were V31VOA and V31KX/VOA.

VK0, MACQUARIE ISLAND. Mike, N6MZ, had a conversation with Jim, VK9NS, and he said that due to the transportation delay, the only licensed operator has already arrived and departed the island, evidently without operating. He said that it was too bad, because the current crew on the island contains no licensed operators.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. As this bulletin was being written, Bob (W5KNE/VK9XN) and Lanny (W5BOS/VK9XM) should be in Perth, Australia, preparing for their trip to Christmas Island. They should be on the island February 11th and will be active thru the 15th. Activity will be all bands, all modes and on the WARC bands. QSL via their home call or the W5 Bureau.

VU7, LACCADIVE ISLANDS. According to Philip, W2XP (brother of VU2LZ), the status of the VU7 DXpedition has changed. The Indian Prime Minister has announced a visit to the Laccadives in February. This resulted in the cancellation of their permission for that time period. Tommy, VU2LZ, is now thinking of just a family vacation/mini-dxpedition in April.

XYORR CARDS. Denny, GW3CDP, reported that Bob, WB2CVL, told him that he has received his visa and will be leaving for Russia February 9th. He will hand deliver the 28,500 QSL cards to Romeo, UB5JRR. He will return home on February 15th and mail out the XYORR cards on the 17th for those who sent him their QSL cards. (This is for the guys that got on Bob's telephone list back in October.)

YX0, AVES ISLAND. QSL information has been announced for the February 28th to March 3rd YX0AI DXpedition. SSB contacts to: ARV, P.O. Box 3636, Caracas, Venezuela. CW contacts to: YV DX Club, P.O. Box 75458, Caracas 1070-A, Venezuela.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. Igor, UT4UX/RJ5J, who is active now from Tadzhiik, was heard on 14180 kHz around 0300z. Igor, who will be active from YA-land late February thru early March, states he still needs donations for his DXpedition. His call sign will be YA5MM and QSLs will be handled by LZ1HA, P.O. Box 321, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria. Operation will be on 80-10 meters with a KW linear. W3XU will handle any donations for Igor's upcoming YA operation along with all QSLs for UT4UX/RJ5J DXpedition.

ZL8, KERMADEC ISLANDS. Ron, ZL1AMO, has stated in a letter to Gordon, K4ADK, who had been in charge of raising money for Ron's trip to Kermadec, that he's very disappointed in the financial response he has gotten so far and is cancelling plans for the March trip to ZL8. Only 10% of the \$25,000 was raised to fund Ron's DXpedition.

FROM THE DXCC DESK. It was announced in an ARRL Bulletin, Monday the 3rd of February that all QSLs for ZA1DX, ZA1HA and ZA1QA are now acceptable for DXCC credit.

SCORES FOR THIS MONTH

From K4PI (Thanks Mike)
KP2A 822 Q 105 MULT 487935 FINAL
N4RJ 529 Q 80 MULT 117840 FINAL
P40PI 600 Q 83 MULT 489000
(APPROXIMATE NOT COMPLETED)

MINUTES:

January meeting 1992 -

We opened the meeting and acknowledged the contribution made by P40PI (Mike) and KP2A (Ken) and their DXpeditions south of here. \$500 dollars was voted to be sent for the Burma expedition. It was decided that the top 25 needed countries as specified in the DX Magazine survey completed this year would be the only countries for funds to be sent. The treasure read his report and we accepted the minutes as published last month. Steve did a funny and interesting presentation on relative signal strength (by tube weighing) and proceeded and will be back for a contest presentation in April. Bill Jay presented a nice overview of the packet cluster system and answered many questions.

73, de John

AWARDS AND UPCOMING CONTESTS
Tad, WA4CUG

I APOLOGIZE FOR MISSING THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS--I HAVE NO EXCUSE EXCEPT FOR BEING OUT TOWN A LOT AND MISSING THE DEADLINES I HOPE TO DO BETTER IN THE FUTURE

THESE ARE THE HIGH SCORES I HAVE FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTESTS:

- OCTOBER---CQWW SSB CONTEST
K14XO 755,220
- NOVEMBER--CQWW CW CONTEST
K4EZ 213,624 POINTS
- DECEMBER--ARRL 10M CONTEST
K2UFT 76,944 POINTS

IF YOU OPERATED SINGLE-OP AND HAVE A HIGHER SCORE IN ANY OF THESE CONTESTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO WE CAN KEEP THE WINNING HONEST.

 HERE IS THE UPDATED CONTEST LINE-UP FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR UPDATES TO FOLLOW EVERY MONTH AS TO ANY CHANGES THE WINNERS WILL BE LISTED AFTER TWO MONTHS HAVE PASSED. I THINK TWO MONTHS WILL BE A LONG ENOUGH DEADLINE FOR ME TO RECEIVE SCORES. ON THE BIG TESTS LIKE CQWW, I WILL GATHER THE INFORMATION ANY WAY I CAN BUT IF YOU CAN DROP ME A COPY OF THE FINAL SCORE SHEET OR CALL ME WITH THE SCORE IT WILL HELP. ADDRESS IS 5877 BROOKSIDE DRIVE, MABLETON, GA 30059
 PHONE NUMBER IS 696-7803

- FEBRUARY**
 CQWW 160 SSB 2/21/92 2200Z - 2/23/92 1600Z
- MARCH**
 ARRL DX PHONE 3/7/92 0000Z 48 HOURS
- APRIL**
 HELVETIA CONTEST 4/25/92 1300Z 24 HOURS
- MAY**
 CQ WPX CW 5/30/92 - 0000Z 48 HOURS
- JUNE**
 -ALL ASIAN SSB 6/20/92 - 0000Z 48 HOURS
- JULY**
 IARU HF CHAMPIONSHIPS 7/11/92 - 1200Z 24 HOURS
- AUGUST**
 WAE DX CW 8/8/92 - 1200Z 36 HOURS

DON'T FORGET THAT FROM JANUARY 1, 1991 UNTIL JUNE 30, 1992 TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE NEW COUNTRIES YOU WORK ON THE WARC (12, 17 AND 30 METERS) BANDS FOR AN EXTRA AWARD

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR LOGS IN FOR ALL CONTESTS WITH THE "SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB" CLEARLY MARKED ON THE CLUB COMPETITION PORTION OF THE FORM OR MARK IT CLEARLY FOR COMBINED CLUB SCORES.

DO NOT SEND YOUR LOGS TO ME, JUST SEND ME YOUR SCORES AND SEND THE LOGS TO THE CONTEST SPONSOR (IE: CQ MAGAZINE)

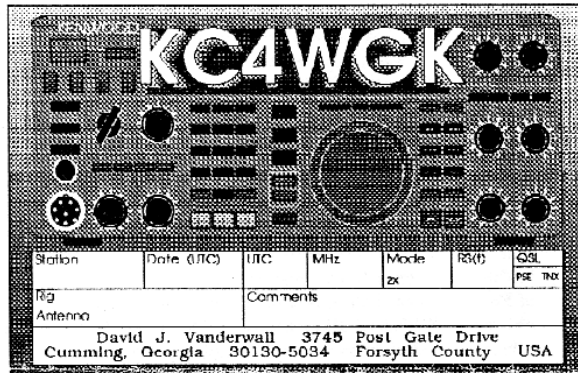
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