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# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

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DX Alert Frequencies	DX Packet
147.50 Simplex	W8ZF 145.63
147.50 Voice Annunciator	W1UA 145.61
Repeater:	K4KG 144.91
147.795/t-195/R t77 KN4B	

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*Next Meeting Tuesday April 21, 1992 - 7:30 PM*  
 Agenda will be: K4TEA's tape from PJ9W and a program from N4TMW on 4U1UN  
 Location - Days Inn at Windy Hill Road @ I-75 Talk in 146.82

### President's Column - de W8BLA

Most have probably heard by now that I and KBOU are accepting QSL cards for all the Romeo dxpeditions. The cards are to be sent prior to April 20, so we can carry them to the Dayton Convention. Romeo will be our guest in the hospitality suite on Friday night and then he will back in the hospitality room on Saturday night with the Kansas City group. All cards must have a sase or they will be sent back by the bureau. There have been many rumors around about many reasons why no cards yet, etc, etc. Its all nonsense, the club never sent a mass of cards to be handled and if it had been done, I can assure you all that it would have received top priority. There have been some cards out and the rest should be in the mail even as I type this column. Romeo did all of his logging manually and if there was a computer it would have sped things up greatly. There have been other problems with the mail system which slowed down the process as well. Enough excuses, a process is at hand and all missing cards should be taken care of at Dayton.

The ZF2QP mission to WPX in Grand Cayman went well. No sunburn, happy XYL, and terrific weather. Should be back for the CW test and may operate 16 hours this time and break one million points. The WARC bands are still a great place to have fun from a nice DX QTH. The 30 meter crowd loves to hear ZF for some reason. Nothing like being on the other side to know how the DX feels. You begin to feel for the quys on the other end of the pileup.

The airways have been alive with some great ones, VP8SSI, I envy those guys, but sure would not want to operate in the conditions they did. VK9CL, up and going strong. South Georgia, (the island, not Brunswick, either HI), and rumor has it there may be another new one up soon, wonder where that could be?

The attendance at meetings has been great and I wish to thank Rick for the setting up some interesting programs and the way they have been received is most encouraging.

Membership is still on the rise and I hear other members out there recruiting. Keep up the efforts.

The awards dinner is set for Friday, July 17, 1992, at the airport Marriott. Mark your calendar, speaker and further details to follow.

73, Es gud DX, Verne

### Vice President's Column -

**DX TIDBITS-** Rick Glisson, N4XMX VP  
 Thanks to Jim, N4UCK for explaining his new Packet Cluster on 145.65. This should greatly take the load off Bill, K4KG on 146.91. If you are located near Jim in Grant Park downtown, try him out. Nodes currently using Jim are ODLNOD (Randy K4ODL), CUGNOD (Tad, WA4CUG) and NUNOD (Neil, NU4D). This new node should greatly help out the total traffic problem in the north Georgia area. Jim also gave a short talk on some of the more advanced cluster commands such as Filters, Set/Need, Set/Want, etc. I have never used those commands before myself.

One of the programs next month is the PJ9W DXpedition for last year's CQWW. See how easy it is to assemble a 3 element yagi for 80 meters! Also featured will be Larry Flegle, N4TMW, a most distinguished DXCC holder, who will tell about operating from 4U1UN and how to go about getting permission yourself.

This has been a very good winter for DX. The YX0AI, FO0CI, /KP1, and YA5MM have been fairly easy to work. A surprise was the ZL8 for 12 hours. The YA has spent a lot of prime time on lists, too bad. KC4MJ, defines a good list operation as an oxymoron. The South Sandwich group has not been so easy. This is a perfect case of making a little effort for a big payoff. Everyone knows how back the bozo jammers are during the evening, hard to even tell the VP8 gang are on. Well, getting up at 2:00 AM and 4:00 AM two nights in a row determined that they cranked up at 0400 local on 14.195. The first morning they worked only JA's, VK's and ZL's. The second morning however, they were working both

JA's and US! There is very good propagation on 20M at that time and the best part is that the clowns are all asleep! Took only 10 minutes to work them. Be sure to take the time to actually find out where they are listening, the cluster said 14.200-14.220. I worked them at 14.222. I told KC4MJ about it and he stayed up and worked them about the same time. That means the honor roll for Neil. I called UCK's house at 4:30 AM. Jim smartly puts the phone in his daughter's room. I didn't know that Jim had already worked them on 20M. Sri, Jim! Don't complain, enjoy the hunt! Of course it is easy to talk like that once you have the contact...

I'm glad a few more people stopped by KP5 this month. They only had barefoot rigs and vertical antennas but I needed them on 20 SSB. The KP2A/KP5 logs had some time problems and they could not find me easily in the log for that band. Working another KP5 beats arguing with KP2A's manager.

There have been two good contests since the last meeting, the ARRL DX SSB and the CQ WPX SSB. These are the times to pick up those band countries you may need as well as maybe a new one or two. I picked up two new ones, a V85 during the contest, 0430 local time on 20M with hardly no one calling him, and an 8Q right after the contest, also on 20M (hence the "terror of 20M" mantle.) The 8Q was worked, one call, 100w and he left after 5 minutes because he ran out of people calling him! You snooze, you lose. I spent a good amount of time working on 40M both nights. Not enough to make honor roll but making good strides toward the 100 needed for DXCC on 40 (and 5BDXCC). Even with the vertical, I worked a good share of Europeans as well as the typical Caribbean. Don't fight contests, put them to your own use. See you in the pileups...

-Rick

#### Secretary's Column - de KI4XO

Special thanks and acknowledgement goes out to Mr. Marty Stern, Mr. Jim Wilson and Mr. Jim Streible for the financial support and personal time in the installation of the DX Packet voice annunciator, "Wonderful Mouthy Melvin" as he was named one night. The successful conclusion of this project dates back about a year ago when Mr. Streible forwarded to the floor of the SEDX club the motion and idea to install this system. Many thanks on behalf of the club members and officers of the club for your fine efforts in the installation of this system.

This month I have uncovered much news and information so rather than pontificate further, what follows is NEWS at 10:00

Good luck and enjoy, de John

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**3A, MONACO.** Kelly informs OPDX that John, 3A2LU, will be stateside for three months. His activity will be missed on the 21335 DX net. Meanwhile, the following stations were heard this week: 3A2LF on 21031/1315z, 3A/F9UW on 14236/0327z (net) and 3A/ON1AIG on OSCAR 13 on April 4th at 1143z.

**3V, TUNISIA.** Peter, DJ8LN, showed up this weekend signing V/DJ8LN. He was heard on 28457 kHz around 1347z. Peter stated QSL to CBA (CallBookAddress). WFWL!!

**9G, GHANA.** A rumor is circulating about an operation from Ghana by a PA3 within the next two weeks. Jim, VK9NS, says

that this operation will be CW only. No further details are available.

**IYOGA, NEW MARCONI STATION.** On April 24, 25 and 26, a new Marconi station will be signing IYOGA from Cape Figari - Golfo Aranci (SS) Sardinia Island, Italy. The station will be active on HF-VHF-UHF and all modes. The Cornish Radio Amateur Club, Cornwall U.K. has included IYOGA among the 19 other Marconi stations in the world that will be active during International Marconi Day, April 25th. It was on August 11, 1932 that Guglielmo Marconi carried out a microwave test connecting the lighthouse of Cape Figari (MT. 340) with Rocca di Papa (Rome). QSL via IS0JMA. QSL via IS0JMA.

**PA3CXC/ST0 UPDATE.** John, PA3CXC, has returned home March 21st after making 12700 QSO's mainly on the low bands and including the WARC bands. He states his activity was limited due to lack of available power and spare time to operate. QSL cards will be supplied by EUDXF and should be ready sometime in April. John also mentioned he had to cancel his 5X operation due to lack of available power sources/generator and insufficient logistics.

**PY0T, TRINIDADE ISLAND.** Scotty, WK3N, asked Fred, PY0FZ (PY7ZZ), to confirm the status of the CW station signing PY0TY and giving the name Celso and QTH as Trindade Island. Fred assured Scotty that Celso was in Trindade and is a novice operator with only CW privileges on 10, 15 and 20 meters. He has phone privileges on 40 and 80 meters. Celso is a member of the Brazilian Navy but his tour of duty time is unknown at this time. He requests you QSL via the bureau.

**S2, BANGLADESH.** S2/HA5BUS is now active. The operation seems to have started April 1st with the first OPDX Cluster Network spot on 21025kHz 1840z. They are signing S2/ instead of "HA5BUS in Bangladesh" as reported in an earlier OPDX Bulletin, so their status must have changed since the last report. Saturday morning (Apr. 4th), S2/HA5BUS as active on 14273 kHz from 1130 to 1350z and 14025 kHz from 1355 to around 1600z. There are some conflicting reports that the last day of operation is to be April 15th or 20th. QSLs go to Globex Foundation, Box 49, 1311 Budapest, Hungary.

**S9, SAO TOME.** This will be the last week to work Eric, SM0AGD, who is signing S9AGD. There is much activity by Eric on the WARC bands (24945, 18075 and 10102), but his activity will end April 8th. QSL via SM0AGD. Also, remember there will be another group of operators to activate S92AA on all modes and bands April 14th thru the 24th.

**S92LB QSL TIP.** Jeff, WB3LHD, would like to pass along this tip for those who need or are having a hard time receiving S92LB cards. Jeff and two other W3's sent their cards in an envelope with a SASE, using 2 Saotome airmail stamps. The envelope was sent REGISTERED MAIL WITH RECEIPT REQUESTED. The total (all four contributed equally) was a little over 6 green stamps, which included 3 green stamps for Luiz, S92LB. In about a month, Jeff received the signed receipt and 8 days later, the cards arrived plus one extra for a person in Connecticut, which Jeff forwarded. Because of the poor postal system in Africa, Jeff feels it is better to have 4 or 5 people get together (to help split the cost) and send the cards in one SASE via Registered Mail with Receipt Requested.

**V73, MARSHALL ISLANDS.** Scott, KB6CC, has received another assignment for disaster work with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). He was to depart April 3 for the Marshall Islands (Majuro, IOTA OC-29). Once on the island, Scott will try to find out what sort of HF equipment is available, so begin listening for KB6CC/V73. He plans to get a V73 call. Twenty meters is his favorite band.

**VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA.** The VP8SSI group from Three Island April 3 around 2000z and all operators are safely

aboard the Abel-J. It was reported earlier in the week that they would not be bringing back much equipment, because of the weather. A lot was lost during the operation. By the time you read this, the VP8SSI group may be active from South Georgia for one to two days. They should reach the island April 6th around 0000z. This all depends on the weather and other factors. This island is much more hospitable. Word has it that they will be active mainly on CW with some SSB. They will also be active on the WARC bands.

**VU7, LACCADIVES.** The VU7 operation planned by W2XP and VU2LZ has now been called off for the moment. The application for permission is still pending, and they are hoping now for another shot in September.

**ROMEO, UB5JRR.** It was reported that K2EWB told GW3CDP Sunday morning that Romeo will be visiting stateside and will be at the Dayton's Hamvention. He will have with him the logs for the following operations: 1S0RR, 3W3RR, XY0RR and YA0RR. It was also mentioned that if you cannot make it to Dayton, cards can be sent to W8BLA under the following instructions: 1 - Cards for each operation must be sent individually with a SASE. 2 - On the front of the envelopes, in the lower left-hand corner, put the call sign for the operation.

**A5, BHUTAN.** WZ9Q/A5 was reported on 14005 kHz around 1256z, on March 23rd and gave his QTH as Thimpu and QSL info as AK1E. KN4HW talked to AK1E, on the 23rd, and he stated he has been getting lots of inquiries, but does not know WZ9Q, and is not aware of any such operation. Chalk this one up as a pirate.

**KH3, JOHNSON ISLAND AND KH9, WAKE ISLAND.** Bill, KA3HMS, expects to be operating from Johnson Island on or about April 6th to the 7th and from Wake Island on or about April 22nd to the 25th. Activity mentioned will only be on 10 and 20 meters.

**RT5UN/RYOU QSL CARDS.** Nick, RT5UN has received QSL cards that were sent to John, K8YSE, at his request. NODXA's ambassador to the Ukraine, aka Mr. Myron, presented Nick with about 320 envelopes from both DX and USA Amateurs on March 25th in Kiev. Nick also received the NODX award for working 10 NODXA members. Nick says that some cards will be returned via Mr. Myron on April 6th. K8YSE will return the cards via US mail if you enclosed an SASE or postage. If you just sent a card, QSL's will be returned via the bureau. Cards for RT5UN received by K8YSE after March 21st are being held pending the possibility of another return visit to Kiev by Mr. Myron. You can check to see if your card made the trip by contacting John, K8YSE, at (216) 237-0199, evenings/weekends only please. John has a computer listing of all envelopes received prior to March 21st. At this time the only way to insure mail into the Ukraine is to send it via courier. We hope that this will change soon.

**VP8, SOUTH SANDWICH ISLAND.** After this DXpedition, Martti Lane, OH2BH, may want to write a book titled, "Why Did We Have To Come Here Next?". Martti, who joined the South Sandwich Expedition team was heard saying, "We are suffering." Yet the VP8SSI DXpedition continues to be active, but under horrible weather conditions for the operators. Tony, WA4JQS, stated that "South Sandwich Island is the worst place on earth." Winds have been blowing 35 to 50 MPH. Another operator was heard saying, "My hands are so cold, it is hard to turn the dial on the radio." Antennas get put up during the daytime and get blown down during the night. Most of the operating seems to be on 10, 15, 20, 40 and some 80 meters. There was activity on 10102 kHz March 26th around 0330z, but very weak in 8-land. On March 29th, VP8SSI showed up on 24894 kHz around 1630z and 18070 kHz around 2145z. It was stated by one of the operators on March 27th that 160 meters looks doubtful. They have lost about 3 different 160 meter antennas because of the winds. During the night their second camp got washed out and the guys from the

first camp had to rescue them. The washed out camp has now set-up in one of the Rescue Huts. They also had some generator problems, but Martti, OH2BH, was reported trying to fix it. Let's wish them a safe departure from this most inhospitable place. QSL via AA6BB (SSB) and KA6V (CW).

**EDITORS' SOAPBOX REPORT.** Why is it that when a group of DXers who travel to a rare place (on their own free time), spend thousands of dollars and go thru extremely dangerous and hazardous conditions, have their operation become a target for deliberate and malicious interference? I get the feeling these guys who deliberately QRM DXpeditions must have their own secret club (QNDA - QRM the Next DXpedition, Anonymous). Who are these guys? No one knows, they're ANONYMOUS! It seems these guys must be funded as much as the DXpeditioners, they operate 24 hours around the clock, all bands and modes. I am sure there are some DXers who live near these QRMers but do not want to point the finger. This is understandable. The main thing a QRMer wants is attention and it seems they get it every time people make comments to try to stop the QRM. QRMers will continue to do what he or she wants to do no matter what. If everyone would learn to ignore the person who causes the QRM, they, in time, will leave. REMEMBER! They want an audience, DO NOT GIVE IT TO THEM.

**YA5MM QSL CARDS.** Igor, UT5UX, head of the recent YA5MM operation will be arriving in Sofia on April 12 or 13 to process QSL cards that have arrived by that date. He will spend about a week with the computerized logs and labels he has with him, and urges all who have not yet submitted requests to PO Box 321 in Sofia to do so immediately. Any cards not handled on this visit will be handled on a return visit in about a month. Total contacts were about 32000.

Thanks to the : The Ohio/Penn Dx Packet Cluster

#### QST de WIAW

DX Bulletin 16 Multiple DX Bulletins to follow:

From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT

March 20, 1992 to date: To all radio amateurs

**FROM THE ARRL QSL BUREAU.** The QSL bureau in Seychelles, S7, and the bureau in Rwanda, 9X5, are no longer in operation. Amateurs wishing to verify contacts with Seychelles or Rwanda should either QSL direct or via QSL managers.

#### Newly Accredited

Today, the DXCC Desk announced that the following operations have been accredited for DXCC purposes. That means that cards for these operations will be accepted for DXCC credit.

VP8CIZ (South Georgia Island) March 1992.

EP/HA5BUS (Iran) December 1991.NNNN

#### Top of Honor Roll

Today, the ARRL DXCC desk announced that DXCC members that reach the top of the Honor Roll for the first time will be identified each month in QST. This program will bug in starting with applications received on or after April 1, 1992.

#### Mt Athos criteria

The first requirement for operating from the Athos region of Greece (Mount Athos) is an Amateur Radio license issued by, or recognized under treaty by, the government of Greece.

All visitors to Mount Athos must have an official written permission (called a diamonitirion) to enter the region. In addition to this, DXpeditioners must have written permission to transmit from Athos. Entry and amateur-radio operation permission must both come from the Holy Community of Mount Athos. Authority for administration of the Community lies in the hands of the Superiors of the Common Congregation of the Holy Monasteries of Mount Athos. DXCC accreditation for DXpeditions to Mount Athos will be given only to those who have met these requirements.

Msg #6188 From: K9AJ

Date: 28-Mar 2201Z

Subj: WHEREFOR ART THOU ROMEO

From: NT2X Date: 12-Mar 1743Z

Subj: **ROMEO AND XY0RR CARDS** While in Russia, I had stayed with Romeo in his apartment in Moscow and can attest to the work being done on the XY0RR cards. Romeo recently moved to this place. It lacks furniture, but QSLs are everywhere - piles, stacks and bags. Since receiving the first shipment of cards via WB2CVL he and his friends hadn't stop processing the cards. While I was there, too helped with replies - along with UA9MA, UA3AB, RB7GG who were there one time or another. I took the trouble to pull out ALL USA envelopes Romeo doesn't go to the office and day after day does nothing but cards, 12-14 hours a day. His own personal situation isn't very cheerful, either - apparently the company he works for is having management-employee problems, labels supplied by the Japanese, apparently, do not contain every US call, so frequent referrals to the actual log is necessary, where QSOs in question are being found there most of the time. Many amateurs sent several duplicates of the same card in separate envelopes. The trophy for that must undoubtedly go to a K1-station, who is a user of this system - no less than 20 envelopes were received!!! If one send envelope containing cards for more than one expedition - like XY, YA, IS - that envelope is being put aside and will be dealt with at some later date, since QSLs for IS0RR/YA0RR'91/3W3RR'91 operations aren't printed yet and XY takes priority. Bulgarian Box 812 is extremely reliable now, mail doesn't disappear anymore and Romeo's helpers there take very good care of it. It was absolutely out of the question to bring back all stateside mail - partially due to weight, partially because a lot of cards were already processed and reply envelopes were sealed (with no calls on the outside). I didn't feel I should take responsibility for individuals whose calls I didn't even know. Romeo is going to put all USA cards into single postal bag and bring it to the Centra Post Office for mailing to the USA without having postal employees sorting the stuff, thus reducing the risk of loss. Postage had increased: a letter abroad now cost 5 Roubles (vs. 50 kopecks before). Central Post Office is having shortages of envelopes and stamps, and Romeo was exploring the possibility of using a metering machine there. As for Romeo, he once again sends his regards to friends in the USA and even asked me to list his new home number in Moscow here. To dial quickly, I recommend using US SPRINT access: 10+333+011(intl)+7(Russia)+095(Moscow)+971-2151. Moscow is not a fun place to be these days, so every bit of cheercounts.

from AF2C @ K2ZM.NY.USA.NA

From: "Jim Reisert, AD1C" <reisert@mast.enet.dec.com>

#### DX ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FEBRUARY 1992

NOTE: Based on February DXAC Report by Ted Pauck, K8NA, DXAC Chairman. Abridged & Edited By Bill Shipp, KC1AG, NE Division Representative. (Comments reflect my opinions, not those of the DXAC.)

##### I. DXCC COUNTRY PETITIONS PRATAS ISLAND:

Both Samuel Liu, BV4VB, and Tim Chen, BV2A/BV2B, have requested information on preparing a new DXCC country petition for Pratas Island (21 deg N, 117 deg E). There will be no vote scheduled until a petition is actually received by the DXAC. BV4VB has indicated a petition may be forthcoming by April. COMMENTS: KC1AG was contacted by Mr. Liu and agreed to assist him in gathering charts and other materials for his petition. W4VQ has claimed KC1AG's help may constitute a conflict of interest. KC1AG has requested W4VQ cite the specific rules and operating guidelines which he claims are being violated, noting that the ARRL By-Laws indicate

advisory committee members have a responsibility to assist anyone preparing studies or petitions that may come before an advisory committee. The matter is under discussion. (See below.) VATICAN ENCLAVE OF THE HOLY HOUSE - HV0HH: Germano Gabucci, IK6FHH, submitted a petition for adding this enclave to the DXCC Countries List. The DXAC voted (15 No to 0 Yes) not to recommend this enclave as a new DXCC country. No ballot was received from W7ZR. CEUTA & MELILLA: Antonio Galiana, EA5BY, President of the Lynx DX Group, has submitted a proposal to create new separate DXCC countries Melilla and Ceuta, based upon Point 3(a), Separation by Another DXCC Country. A vote has been scheduled for June 1. COMMENT: It appears that the petitioner misinterpreted Point 3(a). SPRATLY ISLANDS (IS): KC1AG has submitted a study that claims the current DXCC country of the Spratly Islands (IS) should be deleted from the DXCC Countries List. DXAC members are now studying this proposal, which is based upon the changes in occupation of the majority of the islands since they became a DXCC country. COMMENTS: The Spratly Islands were originally made a DXCC country in 1963 because they were claimed by several countries but occupied by none. Most of the above-water entities in the Spratlys are now occupied and have been for many years. In fact, Taiwan has occupied the island of Itu ABA since 1955-6, well before the Spratlys were made a DXCC country. Should the Spratlys be deleted, two new DXCC countries might be possible: 1) Itu ABA Island (BV), and 2) those islands in the Spratlys occupied by China (PRC). None of the Spratly Islands now occupied by Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines, or Brunei would qualify as DXCC countries under Point 2(a). It is uncertain whether or not occupation for many years constitutes sufficient evidence of ownership. The Kamaran Islands were cited as an example of a DXCC country that was deleted due to changes in their administration, i.e., they were occupied by the former North Yemen even though they were owned by the former South Yemen. COMMENTS: In a QRZDX Forum (an electronic conference), KY0A raised questions of possible conflict of interest on the part of KC1AG, implying that it may not be proper for any DXAC member to submit any petition or proposal to the DXAC. W6CF obtained a copy of KY0A's remarks and submitted them to the entire Committee. The matter is now being debated within the DXAC. SOUTHERN SUDAN (ST0): KC1AG has submitted documentation and a proposal for the deletion of the Southern Sudan from the DXCC Countries List. The basis for this proposal is that the separate administration of the three southern provinces, which was granted under the Sudan's constitution, was eliminated sometime in 1985 or thereafter. A vote has been tentatively scheduled for June 1.

##### II. INTERNAL AGENDA ITEMS DXPELITION DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA:

The ARRL Executive Committee designated the DXAC to research and recommend disqualification criteria for DXpeditions. The DXAC Subcommittee studying this matter is chaired by VE3HO. DXAC MANUAL: A DXAC Subcommittee has been formed to develop and present to the DXAC for recommendation an Official Operating Manual. W6CF chairs this Subcommittee and expects to submit a version to the DXAC by March 10. ELECTRONIC DXCC CONFIRMATIONS: The Subcommittee chaired KY0A has recommended that FAX and other forms of electronic confirmation of confirmations not be permitted. Furthermore, the subcommittee recommends that those who may have received DXCC credit for FAX confirmations prior to the suspension be required to submit the normal type of confirmations. OVERSEAS ADVISORS TO THE DXAC: KY0Y has proposed that the DXAC endorse the concept of non-voting overseas advisors (observers) to the DXAC and recommend that the DXAC Chairman establish a

subcommittee to develop an implementation plan. K8CH, ARRL Membership Services Manager, suggested that the DXAC issue news releases to selected overseas DX societies and solicit information and comment from the international DX community. Based on this suggestion, W6CF offered an alternative proposal to that of K5YY. Namely, he proposed that the DXAC issue news releases to overseas societies and DX publications, soliciting inputs from individuals and groups. After a two-year trial period, the program should be evaluated to determine whether or not the results justify the continuation of the program. Both of these proposals are being studied, and a vote schedule for April 27.

**III. OPEN ISSUES** The use of electronic mail for DXAC members is being discussed. The DXCC status of 4U1VIC is being discussed. W6CF has suggested that the matter be put to DXCC members through a referendum. N0AX requested information regarding specifically why the PTI application for new DXCC country was not approved. TATAR SSR:UA4RZ is attempting to obtain a definite ruling from his government on the status of this entity. It will no longer be listed as an open DXCC country application. ABU AIL:Dieter Loeffler, DK9KD, has requested clarification of the DXCC country status of this DXCC country. Abu Ail no longer has a lighthouse maintained by the Red Sea Lights Company, which was a British government-managed company. The island and others in the Abu Ail group are claimed by Yemen. A Yemeei company now maintains a light on Quoin Island in the Abu Ail group. Comment: It appears that Abu Ail should have been deleted on 1 April 1991.

**SNAKE ISLAND:**The DXAC has not received any formal correspondence concerning Snake Island. There have been several DXpeditions to Snake Island that claim it is a separate DXCC country. Marcel-Radu, DJ0SH, wrote the DXAC claiming that Snake Island is Romanian territory, not Russian. Additional information is requested from anyone having knowledge of this territory. **DXCC CREDIT FOR DOCKED, MOORED, OR ANCHORED VESSELS:** Preston Smith, N6SS/VQ9SS, requested that consideration be given to modifying the DXCC rules to permit participation in the ARRL DX awards programs and contests to stations located on docked, moored, or anchored ships. Likewise, Marvin Whately, AA4YW, supported DXCC credits for stations on board docked or moored vessels. **COMMENTS:** I do not support a rule change that would permit DXCC credits for docked or moored vessels. I note that several who responded to my query on the YCCC PacketCluster supported credit in ARRL contests for vessels. Anyone with opinions on this matter is requested to submit them to the DXAC or to me. **MASTER DXCC AWARDS:** Interest appears to be growing in awards for those who have made Honor Roll and/or have achieved some plateau in the DXCC program. Gary Gaudette, W1GG, submitted a well-articulated outline for a Master DXer Club. Nick Sergienko, RT5UN, proposed an advanced DXCC award for those who had achieved Hornor Roll. Jim Spencer, W0SR, suggested an alternative DXCC, the Second Time Around. All of these proposed awards have considered reducing the work load on the DXCC Desk by various means. **DX WORLD IN 15 TO 20 YEARS:**The Board of Directors has invited the DXAC to gather projections on the world of DXing in the next 15 to 20 years. Anyone who would like to contribute in developing scenarios and projections for DXing in the future is invited to submit their ideas to the DXAC or me. -Relayed by KB8NW/OBS and BARF-80 BBS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAR.----

21-23 VIRGINIA QSO PARTY  
28-29 CQ WW SSB WPX CONTEST

### APR.----

1 POISSON d'AVRIL CONTEST  
4-5 CONNECTICUT QSO PARTY  
4-5 SP DX CONTEST  
11-12 MARAC SSB COUNTY HUNTERS'  
18-19 SARTG WW AMTOR CONTEST  
25-26 SWISS HELVETIA CONTEST  
25-26 GEORGIA QSO PARTY

### MAY----

2-3 ARI INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST  
2-3 OREGON QSO PARTY  
30-31 CQ WW SSB WPX CONTEST

### JUNE----

13-15 ARRL JUNE VHF QSO PARTY  
27-28 ARRL FIELD DAY

### JULY----

1 CANADA DAY CONTEST  
11-12 IARU HF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

THATS ALL FOLKS. Hoped you enjoyed the news as much as I did. CU in the pileups.....

73 de

John, KI4XO

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$ 1193.76	In bank
\$ 64.00	not deposited.
\$ 1257.76	balance with tower fund (\$5.00)
<b>\$ 1252.76</b>	<b>CLUB BALANCE</b>

#### Tower fund:

\$ 550.00 Paid to N4UCK  
\$ 5.00 Balance in tower fund

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Thanks de Sam, KB4NJ

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**Please Call John @ 641-1576 between 8-10 PM**

### REMINDERS

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