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BACK FROM MOROCCO

After a highly successful contest effort the four members of the CDXA are back from CN8CX. The point total now stands at 4,201,128 and hopefully this will take at least the African continent. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>BAND</u>	<u>QSO</u>	<u>MULTIPLIER</u>
80	302	39
40	557	43
20	1,341	56
15	2,135	56
10	1,289	55

They had about 4,000 contacts before and after the contest. The guys did a super job and everyone is looking forward to a full report. The group was made up of the following CDXA members: AA4SC, KU4V, KC4CD, WB4YFD and CN8CX (K4BF).

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SPRATLY ISLANDS (1S)

April 1983 may go down as the month of Spratly. A group of Germans are suppose to be on the air about April 7th or 8th.

The Spratly Islands are located in the South China Sea, an area roughly bounded by Malaysia in the south, Vietnam in the west, China in the north and the Philippines in the east. The Spratlys, named after Spratly Island, consist of about one hundred islands, reefs and cays, of which only 33 remain permanently above sea level. The group covers an area of 180,000 square kilometers. Other than for fishing, the Spratlys have had very little commercial value until the 1970's when the possibility of oil was considered. All or part of the island group is claimed by China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and the Philippines.

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Currently, only China and Malaysia lack any physical presence there. The Philippines occupies seven islands in the group, Vietnam five and Taiwan one. You may recall, the last DXpedition to venture into the area was not allowed to land on Spratly Island.

Most of the major islands are rather small with the largest being less than one mile long by 625 yards wide.

But which country owns the Spratlys? China bases its claim on rights that are said to date back to 200BC, but their physical presence has been minimal. The former Saigon government claimed ownership based on a standard geographical work completed between 1865 and 1867. However, in 1887 the French government acknowledged Chinese sovereignty over all the islands in the South China Sea. In 1933 France occupied nine of the islands in the Spratly group, but was driven out by the Japanese six years later. The Japanese maintained a submarine base there during WW II, and at that time claimed that the Spratlys had been under their economic control since 1917. Taiwan claims it has maintained a permanent garrison there since the end of WW II. The Philippines bases its claim on its close proximity to the islands.

Regardless of who lays claim to the islands, they still count as a valid country for DXCC and many of us cannot wait to work them.

(Thanks to QRX DX for the above)

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We hope that everyone had as good a time at the Charlotte Hamfest as we did. Our booth was quite busy giving out info on the club and selling shirts, Ted still has a few left. We picked up about twenty new members at the Hamfest. We hope that everyone was able to get up to the CDXA suite and meet a lot of new faces. The next meeting will be announced in the next bulletin. Sorry for the delay in this one.



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SUGGESTION

The DX information given out on the repeater is excellent, thou we do need more. We would like to suggest that when this info is passed that the call and frequency of the DX station be given twice. Let's don't wait until someone says they need it, go ahead and give out all the information. Remember, some of our members cannot always get into the repeater.

Just about everything called out is needed by the majority of the membership for one of the following reasons: new country, band country, zone, mode or a DX certificate other than the ARRL.

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MISC.

For our new members (we are now right at 90) we would like to repeat that we have our own outgoing QSL Bureau. This is for DX contacts with state-side QSL managers. Send your cards (12 cards for \$1) to Roger Burt, N4ZC. Be sure that you show the call of the manager on the back of the card. Cards will be returned to you via the bureau. This service is available only to paid members. Contacts after 1/1/83. We are still playing with the format of this bulletin and your ideas are requested.

DX ALERT

1S3NG 4/8 til 4/12
ZL40Y/C 14.332 @ 1130
TR8JD 21.280 @ 2100Z
CEØZAD 21.345 @ 0100
ZL1AM0/C Now - likes CW
389DA Now til May
FB8NI 20 CW
T3ØCX Now til 4/8
W3TB/TF 21.355 @ 1700
5W4EB 4/8 til 4/16
5H3DM 21.296 @ 2030
5V7WD 21.305 @ 2100
PY1EFM/T Now - 15 & 20 list

QSL INFO

XT2AW via KN1DPS
TT8AD Direct
TR8DR Direct
ZL40Y/C VK3DNJ
CEØZAD WB6WOD
5T5CJ W4BAA
VK9YB KB9UY
AP2ZR Direct
FB8ZQ F6GXB
T2AMN VK3AMN
T3ØCX "
5W4EB "

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The editor of this bulletin would like to solicit short tidbits of info of interest to DX'ers. You guys on the Honor Roll must have some ideas to spread around. 73's