



The Carolina DX Association

THE PILEUP

WEEKLY DX NET
DX INFO REPEATERS

WEDNESDAY EVENING 8:30 PM
147.36 BOONE
147.18 CHARLOTTE

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- CURRENT DX ACTIVITY -

Thanks to QRZ DX and the Long Island DX Bulletin.

3C1MB reported on 14236 at 2330Z, 14245 at 2300Z, and also on 40 SSB. It is still doubtful if the recent **4W1AA** operation will count for DXCC. **5A0A** will wrap up his operation at the end of June. Look for him on 21260-265 (listening up 1 to 5) at 1800-1900Z, on 14020-14030 at 1500Z, signal report only, please.

5N0WRE on 21200-21280 1600-1730Z, and 14150-14250 at 1900-2130Z. **9M2LE** has been reported on 20 SSB. Look for **9N1MM** Wednesdays on 14236 at 0030Z. He's also been heard on 14180. **A4XJT**, **A4XKB**, and **A4XKC** have all been found on 20 SSB around 0100-0400Z. It appears that **A51PN** is once again active - try 14202 at 1515Z. **A61AB** has been active with **RF0FWW** (list operation) on 14197 at 1245Z, but **RF0FWW** ignores stateside callers.

BY0AA (Zone 23) on 14026 at 0030Z, and **BY8NC** on 14025. **C30LEF** operation due June 20 - July 15, will operate 80-10 including 10 and 24 MHz. Try 3595/7095/14145. **EP2DL** - operator David has QSL'ed - he's running 30 watts to a dipole. **EP2RH** heard on 14151 working Europe. **FD1LDE** reports that Chad has suspended Amateur Radio operation until further notice.

FT8ZA active 14220 0500-0530 with **VK9NS** net. **HS0B** has been very active on weekends. **IS0** - a note about the IS prefix - Italy is now assigning IS prefix to non-Sardinia stations - to be Sardinia, it has to be an IS0 - any other number is

Italy. **JD1AMA** (Oh gosh how are ya) on 14179 at 1230Z and 1300Z.

JX9CAA is on the island, but the path to North America is hampered by his location. **KS6FL** is still using the old prefix for American Samoa. **OJ0** - look for an expedition to Market Reef July 25 - August 2. **P50V** (North Korea) reported on 7009 at 1000Z - still no QSL info - note that North Korea is not a separate DXCC country. If you worked **SN0JP** you worked a special event station for the Pope's visit to Poland.

SU1AL has been on 20 SSB around 0000-0130Z - try 14203, 14226, 14296, or 14307. **SV9AKD** - George is a new Ham on the island of Crete - look for him on 20. **TL8MEF/GRP** heard on 7004. **VK0GC** (Macquarie) on 14309 (BS net) at 0200Z, and 80 SSB at 0700Z. Look for **VK0ML** on 20 CW Thursday and Sunday. **VK9XP** will activate Christmas Island soon - has a tower and quad. **VK9Y** - **OH5VD** plans to be on Cocos Keeling June 23-30. **VR6TC** - Tom is back on the air - 14187 at 0200Z.

W6JKV/YV0 will operate 6 and 2 meters from Aves Island, plus other bands. Try 50.110, 50.090, 28885, 28385, and 14345. **XU1SS** heard on 14176 at 1147Z, very very weak. Some YA calls heard include **YA0DX**, **YA1AA**, and **YA1AP** (Very active on 14170 at 1930Z) All YA's are still questionable.

At press time Ron, **ZL1AMD** is operating **YJ0ARW**. **ZK1XV** is scheduled on North Cook - 14309, 14220 - in mid June. **ZK3PM** - Peter - expects to return to Tokelau soon for 3 weeks.

That's it for this month, DX fans!

PACKET RADIO

There has been an increased use of Packet Radio by DXers and Contest stations around the country. The Yankee Clipper Contest Club, in New England, has a packet network dedicated to passing DX and contest information, and other clubs are also experimenting with this new-amateur mode.

If you have not tried packet yet, the advantage of this mode may not be obvious. The nice thing about packet is that, with the proper equipment, you can monitor messages all day long, and then review them when you get home in the evening. If it's a DX net, you can see what has gone on in your absence, and plan your attack accordingly. In addition, there are methods of restricting who you will listen to, so you can selectively ignore stations you don't care to monitor.

The use of packet during a major contest weekend would be a big advantage over the current methods of monitoring 2 meters in real-time mode. It's very hard to concentrate on a good run of DX and have to stop and ask for a repeat of the hot flash that just came over the 2-meter radio (in fact, you may lose that good frequency you have been holding for the last two hours!

If you have plans to give packet a try in the near (or far) future, let us know - this could be a possible club project, and could benefit many members.

- MURPHY -
by K2SD

I had the pleasure of assisting Skip, WA4UUP, this month with his tower project. As is usual when one of the projects gets off the ground there are some unexpected hitches along the way. The good news is that no one was hurt (bad), and Skip's tower is up and the beam is working.....the bad news is that when it rains the SWR goes way up (as in U-UP). This is a prime

example of Murphy's law. Murphy paid quite a few visits to Skip's house this month, and has now taken up residence at MY house, to help my tower project. With luck, I will be done in time for field day, and Murphy will have time to haunt the many field day sites around the country.

At any rate, I got to thinking about Murphy's law, and decided to do a bit of research. I was surprised to find that not only is there an "Official" Murphy's Law, but there are many, many Corollaries as well. These have been proven by some of the finest scientific minds our country has produced, and I thought that members of the CDXA would find it useful to contemplate these gems of wisdom.

MURPHY'S LAW: If anything can go wrong, it will.

THE NEW MATH VERSION OF MURPHY'S LAW: If there is a 50/50 chance of something going wrong, nine out of ten times it will.

COROLLARIES TO MURPHY'S LAW

C1: Nothing is as easy as it looks.

C2: Everything takes longer than you think.

C3: If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that will cause the most damage will occur.

C4: If you perceive that there are four possible ways in which a procedure can go wrong, and circumvent these, then a fifth way will promptly develop.

C5: Left to themselves, things tend to go from bad to worse.

C6: Whenever you start out to do something, something else must be done first.

C7: Every Solution breeds new problems.

C8: It is impossible to make anything foolproof, because fools are so ingenious.

C9: Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.

C10: Mother Nature is a bitch.

C11: If you fool around with a thing for very long, you will screw it up. (Cont. next page)

- C12: Fixing a thing takes longer and costs more than you thought.
- C13: No amount of genius can overcome a preoccupation for detail.
- C14: Complex problems have simple, easy-to-understand wrong answers.
- C15: In order for something to become clean, something else must become dirty.
- C16: An easily understood, workable falsehood is more useful than a complex, incomprehensible truth.
- C17: Anything based on greed and avarice is on a firm footing and will prevail.
- C18: We have more to fear from the bumbling of the incompetent than from the machinations of the wicked.
- C19: As the economy gets better, everything else gets worse.
- C20: If several things that could have gone wrong have not gone wrong, it would have been ultimately beneficial for them to have gone wrong.
- C21: The secret of success is sincerity. Once you can fake that, you have it made.

I can relate just about each of these to an experience in Amateur Radio, and I sincerely hope you can too.

RESERVE AUGUST 29 NOW !!!!!!!!

All CDXA members and friends are invited to the Summer quarterly CDXA meeting and barbecue, which will be hosted this year by AA4R, Bill Paris, at his Lake Norman home. Featured once again will be the famous cooking skills of KU4V, who will perform his culinary arts on this year's version of K4PIG.

This eagerly-awaited event will take place on **Saturday, August 29**. We are giving all members plenty of advance notice, so if you have already booked that world cruise, or a trip to the mountains or beach, you have ample time to change your plans! No excuses will be accepted.....

PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The following data was published in the July 1987 issue of **WORLDRADIO**.

Prefix assignments in China: As more and more stations become active from BY land, it might be helpful to know the areas of China associated with the prefix. (I have used the more familiar Cantonese dialect - if you want the newer Mandarin, drop me an SASE - K2SD)

- BY1AA-BY1ZZ Peking city
- BY2AA-BY2IZ Heillingkiang
- BY2JA-BY2QZ Kirin
- BY2RA-BY2ZZ Liaoning
- BY3AA-BY3FZ Tientsin
- BY3GA-BY3LZ Inner Mongolia
- BY3MA-BY3SZ Hopeh
- BY4AA-BY4IZ Shanghai city
- BY4JA-BY4QZ Shantung
- BY4RA-BY4ZZ Kiangsu
- BY5AA-BY5IZ Chekiang
- BY5JA-BY5QZ Kiangsi
- BY5RA-BY5ZZ Fukien
- BY6AA-BY6IZ Honan
- BY6JA-BY6QZ Anhwei
- BY6RA-BY6ZZ Hupeh
- BY7AA-BY7IZ Hunan
- BY7JA-BY7QZ Kwangsi Chuang
- BY7RA-BY7ZZ Kwangtung
- BY8AA-BY8IZ Szechwan
- BY8JA-BY8QZ Kweichow
- BY8RA-BY8ZZ Yunnan
- BY9AA-BY9FZ Ningsia Hui
- BY9GA-BY9LZ Tsinghai
- BY9AA-BY9SZ Shensi
- BY9TA-BY9ZZ Kansu
- BY0AA-BY0MZ Sinkiang
- BY0NA-BY0ZZ Tibet

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VERY BASIC RUSSIAN FOR CW QSO'S
(Adapted from a paper by KIKI)

The intent of this is to provide a person with no knowledge of the Russian language a series of words, phrases, and sentences useful for CW QSO's. Most Russian amateurs know just enough English to carry on basic QSO's (name, QTH, rig, weather). Conversations tend to be very short because few people know enough Russian to carry on a basic QSO. You will find that even a few words in Russian will make QSO's a bit longer and more enjoyable, and that you will begin to get to know a few new friends as a result. Even if you find some words sent back to you impossible to understand, your attempt to speak their language will be well received.

A SIMPLE QSO:

ZDR (abbreviation for zdrawstwuje)
Greetings, or Hello!

Wamm signal 599.
Your signal is 599.

Moe imaa Scott.
My name is Scott.

Moj QTH Charlotte.
My QTH is Charlotte.

Kak slymmite?
How copy?

Znaim tolsko neskolsko predlovenij
po ruski.
I only know a few sentences in
Russian.

Moe rig 500w i 4 element lumn.
My rig is 500w and a 4 element
beam.

Povalujsta QSL. Moaa QSL wam buder.
Please QSL. My QSL is sure.

Spasibo za QSO.
Thanks for the QSO.

DSW (abbreviation for do swidaniaa)
Good-by.

Poka.

So long. See you later!

WEATHER

PAGODA

beautiful	krasiwo
nice/good	horommo
hot	varko
cool	prohladno
cold	holodno
warm	teplo
windy	wetreno
rain	dovdx
snow	sneg
5°C	5 grad
cloudy	oblamno
stormy	byrno
sunny	solnemno
foggy	tumanno
frost	moroz
lightning	molniaa

And a few more phrases:

Vy govorite po anglijski?
Do you speak English?

Dobryj denx. Dobroe utro.
Good day. Good morning.

Dobryj wemner. Dobroj nomni.
Good evening. Good night.

Mne nuvno wammu QSL.
I need your QSL.

Aa ne ponimaim.
I don't understand.

One caution: Russian amateurs really are restricted in the topics they are permitted to talk about. Talking about politics, religion, and other "sensitive" things are forbidden. Some stations will interpret this much more strictly than others. Sensitive topics can be talked about in letters, but again, the person on the other end must take some risks. If you establish a close relationship with a Russian amateur, exchange addresses and begin to learn more about each other. Beware of what items are permitted to be received by mail, and which ones are not (stamps, money, magnetic tape, many others). Your post office can give you a detailed list.

PROGRAM IDEA

The May/June 1987 issue of the National Contest Journal has an interesting report on Dayton by Randy Thompson, K5ZD/1. He wrote about many things, one of which was the description of a program at one of the contest forums. His comments are reproduced below:

"A new program was introduced into the contest forum this year. The Dayton Contest Forum Worked All Hamvention Contest brought a number of positive comments. Everyone was given a log sheet and told that we were going to participate in a phone contest. Most people thought it was a pile-up tape and crowded to the front. This was to be different: five minute contest period, work as many people in the room as possible, exchange call, name, and favorite contest. Score would be raw QSO's with DXCC countries as the tie breaker. Go! A slight buzzing from the crowd. Within 15 seconds the forum was a whirlwind of people moving around

tapping people on the shoulder, and putting them in the log. After 5 minutes, no one wanted to quit. Most of the guys I talked to were quite excited and already planning strategy for next year. Rather than sitting in the dark and watching slides, everyone got the chance to "work" in person and meet. This would be a fun idea for a radio club meeting."

POETS CORNER

by K2SD

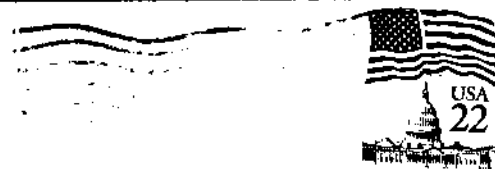
That's all for this month. I'm out of ideas and material, so I will fill this space with a radio poem I wrote in 1955 (honest).

"When I was young and in my prime,
I knew a thing or two,
and often on occasion, even
sent a QRQ.
But now that I am old and grey,
things are quite a mess....
instead of sending QRQ, its
OM PSE QRS"

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