



The Carolina DX Association

WEEKLY DX NET
DX INFO REPEATERS

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147.36 BOONE
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- CURRENT DX ACTIVITY -

Once again, thanks to **QRZ DX**, The **Long Island DX Bulletin**, **N4ZC**, and the **ARRL DX Bulletins**.

3V8AQ reported on 14022 at 0930Z working Europe. **WB7RFA** plans to operate as **3V8RFA** Oct 19-27. Dream on, folks - how would you like this trip!?! **Amir**, **4X6TT**, has begun his round-the-world Amateur Radio dream trek. His itinerary follows: July 12 to London, then **HS**, **XZ**, back to **HS**, **9V**, **VS6**, **XX9**, **VS6**, **BV**, **DU**, **HL**, **JA**, **VK6**, **VK4**, **VK5**, **VK3**, **ZL3**, **3D2**, **KH6**, **FW**, **5W1**, **KH8**, **A35**, **T2**, **T3**, **KH6**. Then to USA with a possible stop at Dayton next Spring. I worked **Amir** in London on the 12th, so I know he got started on schedule! Perhaps the **ARRL** will offer a "Worked DXCC Amir" award!

If you worked **5A1CQ**, you worked Slim. **5R8JD** is active for 2 months, and has added 40 and 80 to his antenna farm. **7J1ADX** is operating from Minami Torishima, but most 7J prefixes are plain old Japan. they are issued as reciprocal licences. **7P8CI** runs 60 watts via solar power, and the sun almost always shines in Lesotho.

8Q7RB on 14030-50 at 1800Z. **A35PP** will be active from Tonga for 2 months - 14084 at 0630 on RTTY.

BY - **JR1HLL**, **JA7DIA**, and **JK1GDB** plan a China trip August 9-18. They will operate **BY1PK** Aug 9-10, **BY9GA** 12-13, **BT0CQ** 16-18, and will use CW, RTTY, Packet, and SSB. **BY1QH** is touring Zone 23 through July. **BY4AY** on 14185 at 0815Z. **BY5RT** on 14185 at 0950Z. **C21A** at 14185 at 1230Z. **C53BU** 14226.5 PHO family hour at 2200Z.

CE0FFD on 28039 at 2140Z. **DL48BQ/CT3** July 24 - Aug 13 CW only. Try 3503, 7003, and 26 into band on 20/15/10. **EP2ASZ** list operation with **OD5VD** (lists can do that to you) 14265 at 1720Z. **FR/J/R** - **FR5ES** is going to Juan De Nova August 9 for a month, or possibly to Europa. **H44RO** worked on 14271 at 0430Z. **HS** (see previous column) **4X6TT** plans two weeks at **HS0B** July 18, then at **HS0C** later in month.

HV1DO on 7008 at 0300Z. **J20/Q** was reported on 14016 at 2100Z, and 14250 at 2130 - Abu Ail???? **JX9CAA** on 14220 1800-2100Z - also on 14195. **KC4 note**: The FCC is now issuing **KC4** calls to US novices. Antarctica is only issued **KC4AAA-KC4AAF** or **KC4USA-KC4USZ** from now on! **KC6MF** is active from the West Carolines. **KH2** - **N7DF** is leaving soon for 2 years on Guam with a full array of antennas. **W5HL/KH3** on 14030 at 0600Z. **KH5** - Another expedition to Palmyra and Kingman is on hold until March of 1988. **S20SADR** - a possible NEW COUNTRY - see article elsewhere in this issue!

Another world traveler now under way is **OE2CHN** who plans a 3-4 month trip around the world. Visits planned are **VU**, **9N**, **HS**, **9M**, **9V**, **YB**, **VK**, **ZL**, **3D2**, **A35**, **KH8**, **5W**, **ZK1**, **FO**, and **CE0**. Wow! Market Reef, **OH0MA/DJ0** July 25-Aug 2. **OH2BZ/DJ0** worked 14026 at 0100Z. **TU4BR/5U7** at 14160 and 14236 nets. **TA2G** has been very active on 20 and 15 meters. Try 14025 at 1830Z, 14235 at 1630Z, and 21265 at 1300Z. **TA4A** has been heard on the low end of 40 at 0130Z. **VK0ML**, **VK0DS**, and **VK0BC** are all active on Macquarie. **VK9YD** on 14210 at 1700Z. **VU2TJW (K3TW)** will be active from New Delhi for 2 more years. (QSY to Page 2)

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DX3GH on 14200 at 2300Z. **WY5L/KH3** checks 80 meters at 0800, also likes 7005 at 0600Z. **XU1SS** heard on 14164 between 1100Z and 1345Z with **YB3CN** - working a few West Coast stations. **K4YT/XV** is reported on the air. USSR sources report that there are no legal YA stations now, and that rumored UA trips to YA are not true.

ZB2FK on 28548 at 2300Z. **ZD9BV** on 21205. **ZK1XV** (North Cook) has been trying all bands - look for him on a list operation (?) on 14220. **ZL8HV** (Kermadec) at 14220 with **VK9NS**. Look for **ZS6ME/ZS8MI** on Marion in August.

QSL NOTES

If you don't get CQ magazine, you missed a great 3-part article on DX QSLing by Roger, N4ZC, and Don, WABMAZ. It even showed a rear view of Roger working on piles of QSLs.. As a follow up to the points made in the article, N4 Uncle Henry sent a letter he received from Willem, PA0HIP. Henry had asked Willem about QSL techniques, and the reply follows:

"...About your question about return postage. That's a very difficult matter. Most of the time 2 IRC's is best, they can be changed into Air-Mail postage in practically every country (except Eastern Europe), but they are very expensive. US \$ - will be OK in some cases as well, but always remember that it is by law forbidden in many countries to possess foreign currency. Another reason not to send dollars is the reason that the value of the dollar is so low nowadays, that in some countries (like J4) airmail postage to the US is more expensive than \$1 (hi). A very good way (but very very difficult) is to send stamps of the country, but these stamps are hard to get. I sometimes receive letters with Dutch stamps, but in 90% of these cases always too low values

hi. Well, that's about all I can say about it. 73, Willem, PA0HIP.

CDXA MEETING REMINDER

Don't forget to reserve August 29 for the Big CDXA bash at AA4R's Lake Norman QTH. Complete details and Maps in the August Newsletter.

CDXA WEDNESDAY DX NET

Net participation has been spotty this summer. A few weeks ago we set an all-time low check in record. There is a wealth of DX material being passed at this net, and Roger takes a significant amount of his time preparing and running the net, so try to remember 8:30 on Wednesday evenings.....If I am too busy doing yard work or whatever, I just start my little tape recorder at 8:30 and capture it that way.....

S0 WESTERN SAHARA

The following was featured in the 13 July issue of QRZ DX. It is being reproduced here to let all CDXA members know the very latest on this possible new country:

The DXpedition to the Western Sahara by the Lynx DX group is scheduled for August 6-13. The operators will be EA2OP, EA2JG, OH2BH, EA2AJH, F6EXV, EA2ANC, EA2XC, and EA2BXQ. Their callsign will be S0RASD. Will this count as a new DXCC country? One response from ARRL says that no, this area will not count as a separate DXCC country because it is under the control of Morocco. But according to a summary of the documentation supplied by OH2BH, this area, variously called Western Sahara, Sharail Arab Democratic Republic, Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, or Republica Arabe Saharai Democratica, is certainly worthy of consideration for separate DXCC country status. OH2BH is so sure of its acceptance that he visited the ARRL headquarters July 8 and presented the documentation to John Lindholm, W1XX, and Don Search, W3AZD. Turn to page three for a short history of this unique piece of desert property.

THE WESTERN SAHARA STORY

(Adapted by QRZ DX from an article supplied by OH2BH)

The people of Spanish Western Sahara (Rio de Oro, EA9) - indicated in strong terms toward the end of their colonial days, through their local Saharawi parliament, Yemaa, the determination to become an independent nation. There were understandable fears since both Morocco and Mauritania had advanced claims to the region and were looking forward to extending the territory of their respective countries.

The Frente Popular para la Liberacion de Saguia el-Hamra - today known as the Polisario Front, has voiced the intentions of the people of the region by various diplomatic means while it has also acted as their military arm protecting that part of the region which is under their control

On October 19, 1975, the International Court of Justice at the Hague delivered an advisory opinion just at the time Spain was prepared to move toward an overall solution.

All the parties concerned, Spain, Mauritania and Morocco, concluded a tripartite agreement in Madrid on November 14, 1975 on joint temporary administration for the period of transfer of power over Western Sahara, a period during which the area was to be reorganized in keeping with the Charter of the United Nations and its Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. The region was not handed over to Mauritania or Morocco, nor was sovereignty over the area transferred to any party.

A meeting between the parties involved resulted in the passage of legislation in Spain dated November 19, 1975. As a consequence of the said meetings between the three countries, that law outlined the transfer, described Spain's intentions and authorized the Spanish rulers to execute the plan. February 28, 1976 was set as the date for Spanish withdrawal of their presence from Western Sahara.

It soon became evident that

Mauritania and Morocco were not prepared to honor their commitment, but were determined to retain the land as part of their own territory. This action was repudiated by the Yemaa and most people left the major cities to enter territory controlled by the Polisario Front.

On February 27, 1976, one day prior to complete Spanish withdrawal from the region, the R.A.S.D - The Democratic Saharawi Arab Republic - was officially proclaimed and its Constitution was adopted. That country came into existence, controlling only part of the area while the rest remained under the occupation of Mauritania and Morocco.

As a result of the original agreement and the continuous conflicts in the area, Mauritania and the Frente Popular para la Liberacion signed a peace agreement on August 5, 1979. Under the agreement, Mauritania withdrew its forces from Western Sahara. The area previously occupied by Mauritania was immediately taken over by Morocco.

A United Nations resolution adopted on November 21, 1979 summarizes the overall situation and urges Morocco to terminate its occupation of the territory of Western Sahara.

Many resolutions relative to the question of Western Sahara have been passed during the years of conflict by three major international organizations: the United Nations, The Organization of African Unity, and the Non-Aligned Movement.

Those resolutions call on the parties involved to conclude peace, grant self-determination to the people of the area and urge Morocco to withdraw from the occupied area.

On February 22, 1982, the R.A.S.D. became the 51st member country of the Organization of African Unity, predictably leading to Morocco's termination of its membership.

On July 20, 1985, a representative of the R.A.S.D. was elected Vice-Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

As of today, 71 sovereign countries -- representing all

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all continents of the world -- have recognized the R.A.S.D.

On August 6, 1987, the first DXpedition to the R.A.S.D. is scheduled to commence operations. A petition has been filed with the ARRL to endorse the R.A.S.D. for inclusion in the DXCC list of current countries.

LATE DX ITEMS

9K2IA, worked on 14162 at 0400Z, says to expect more activity from wait club station 9K2RA, and also from 9K2DZ.

7L1AMD worked on 14185 at 0416 has a tower and beam back up, and had a very strong signal into Charlotte. Ron sent his regards to the entire CDXA gang.

7X25LS worked on 14159 at 0015 notes that the 7X25 prefix is in celebration of 25 years of Algerian independence. Work five of these special prefixes and get a real nice award.

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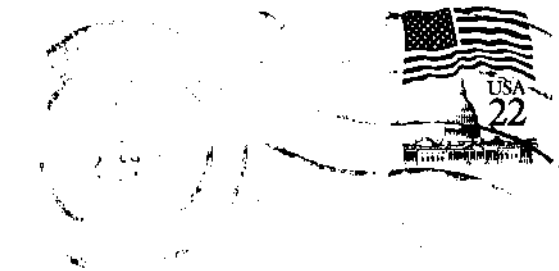
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Word is that Bharathi, VU2RBI, is looking into a future operation from the Laccadives. Not sure the bands will be able to stand the fast stateside QSO rates if that occurs...

K2SD extends special thanks to Ken, WA4UNZ, and Skip, WA4UUP, who helped get my 204BA assembled and mounted, all at the top of the tower. Both men earned my eternal respect and admiration.....and if anyone wants to see a short summary of the project I have it on Video tape (VHS)! After being without a tower and beam for 8 years, it's like a brand new hobby again. Thanks, fellows.

A92BE worked on 14163 at 0252Z.
VU2CVP on 14161 at 0154.

That's it for this month. Thanks to all for sending in things to print, and if you don't see it right away, it will probably show up in a future issue. Also, don't forget swap shop items - I will be glad to include them in a timely manner!



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