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the date that the new rules go into effect for the DXCC 2000 rewrite by the ARRL. They have changed up the wording on statute and nautical miles and it looks like there are at least three new countries that will qualify under the new criteria. Hope all have worked them on at least 2 bands and both modes.

Not sure where the April meeting will be yet, but if it's at the same place that we had our March one, I'm sure we'll have a good attendance. I think we all enjoyed the food and the price was more than fair. Hope to see you there.

I received a note from Bryan Edward's, W5KFT, of the DX Bash fame. There may be some changes in the offing for the Bash. I'll give him a call prior to the meeting and be able to fill you in. It's a fun gathering. Just ask any that have been. Bryan has a lovely location and contest station right on the banks of Lake Buchanan. Just don't hit the deer on the road in.

Let's not forget Field Day is going to be here before we know it. We need to be thinking of how we want to tackle it this year. I'm sure Bob, N5RP will have some input at the meeting.

Well, best get this off to Dave, almost time for the bands to erupt with the "new one"

CU at the Meeting... 73, de Bob N5ET

Announcements

Meeting – The Texas DX Society will April 9, 1998 at Tutto Bene, 4618 Feagan. See article at the end of the Bullsheet.

How to Reach Us

On the World Wide Web:

<http://n5uh.tech.uh.edu:80/~tdxs/>

On 2 Meters:

147.96/36 MHz

On Packet:

Connect TDXS on 144.950 MHz and then Connect K5LV

The Prez Sez – de Bob, N5ET

No, it's not an April Fool.

As I am writing this, the world is waiting for the arrival of H40AA. Martti Lane and crew (from four continents) have arrived on Temotu Island in the Solomon Islands and are getting all set up to put out a new one on April 1. That is

Contest Corner – de Joe, W5ASP

Claimed Scores

CQ 160M Phone

K5LLL 101 Qs x 41 Mlts = 9,471 Pts

ARRL DX Phone

KZ5MM	SO/HP/10M	349 x 60 = 62,640
N5LZ	SO/HP/AB	718 x 240 = 516,240
K5XR (Op. W5ASP)	SO/HP/AB	552 x 183 = 303,048

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CQ WPX Phone

NN5ZZ (Op. N5LZ) SO/AB/HP	851 Qs	x	402 Pfx	=	496,068 Pts
KC5AK	SO/AB/HP	341	x	220	= 226,160
KZ5MM	SO/10M	994	x	412	= 746,956
W5GCX	SO/AB	366	x	236	= 178,416
NN5DX	SO/AB/LP	200	x	254	= 34,036
K5XR (Op. W5ASP) SO/15M	1013	x	508	=	1,134,364

Results

1997 CQWW WPX Phone

K5ZD	2303 x 773	= 5,287,773	#1 USA M/S
(K5GA, K5ZD, W5ASP ops)			
N5LZ	353 x 224	95,872	#4 SO/AB 5th
KG5U	146 x 116	46,168	#6 SO/AB 5th

1997 ARRL 160-Meter

K5NA	1016 x 97	= 212,236	#10 USA SO/HP
W5ASP	603 x 82	= 101,352	#4 STX SO/HP
K5DX	471 x 80	= 77,040	#5 STX SO/HP
AC5K	345 x 68	= 47,940	#1 STX SO/LP
W5MJ	259 x 66	= 34,584	#2 STX SO/LP
K5NZ	257 x 64	= 33,856	#3 STX SO/LP
N5LZ	99 x 44	= 8,712	
K5MA/1	144 x 36	= 8,316	

DX – de Buzz, N5UR

TEMOTU H40

By now you all should have worked this neww DXCC country at least once! The big operation is H40AA with Jim Smith VK9NS running his own H40AB operation from a different IOTA in the new country. The new DXCC rules took effect 4/1/98, and the reduced mileage requirements (kilometrage?) of 350 km allowed this new one, the remote eastern part of the Solomons to count as a "new one". Temotu, aka Santa Cruz Islands, are so remote and split up that they make 5 different IOTA groups, all of which have been activated: OC 100 the main Santa Cruz islands where H40AA is located, OC 65 Reef(Swallow) and Nukapu where Jim Smith is playing, and OC 163 178 and 179 which are Vanikolo, Tikopia and Duff Islands respectively. Now that they count for DXCC, I'll bet all are more active.

This is the first new DXCC country, but there are more to follow, including French Frigate Shoals possibly in Hawaii! The only country we have lost is ST0 which is now deleted.

H40AA will be using the following frequencies. CW - 1824.5, 3504, 7004, 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894,

28024 and 50104 kHz, SSB - 1824.5, 3775, 7045, 14195, 18135, 21295, 24945, 28395 and 50104 kHz, RTTY - 14083 and 21083 kHz.

The website is <http://www.iglou.com/n4gn/h40aa/> and QSLs go to OH2BN. Only

H40 after 3/31/98 count for the new one, even H44 QSOs from the same islands count as old H44. Everyone needs this! Remember to check 10 12 15. On Saturday night during the miserable condx of the CQ WPX contest, I found H44DX running JAs on 12 CW at 9:45 PM local time and worked him for a new one on that band. and as I wrote this I worked H44DX on 40 CW at 7:45 AM using my Butternut. The trans-equatorial path from Texas to H40 looks great!

Otherwise April looks quiet, with the first big JT operation planned early next month.

For those interested, Those friendly spooks at Langley have recently issued the 1997 edition of the CIA World Factbook at

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

Data on each country includes much to interest a DXer. DXers will recognise many entries in the CIA countries list at

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/country.html>

- Bouvet, Glorioso & Kingman Reef are all included, though still no mention of Scarborough! Correctly listed are some places which DXCC misnames, eg British Indian Ocean Territory (DXCC=Chagos Islands) & Australia's Coral Sea Islands Territory (DXCC=Willis Island).

Maps seem to be improved; there's an interesting one showing Spratley's island groups. Temotu is also shown as Santa Cruz on the Solomons map.

Courtesy of Steve GU3MBS, "Whereas DXCC 'deletes' countries, CIA 'terminates with extreme prejudice!'"

Finally, a former TDXS member George, K5KG/2 (actually today he is /HB9 according to the cluster) is part of the multinational 3B7 Operation planned for May 6-17. George contacted W5ASP N5ET and myself. Though TDXS has not in the past made it a practice to support DXpeditions (even those involving TDXS members), Joe and I both believe we should do so...at least on a selective basis. Just can't see why we don't kick in \$100 to the 3B7 cause and start making ourselves known as an active DX group that will support serious DX efforts. Their webpage is exceptional and having our name there as a supporter could do us some good. Check it out at <http://www.3B7-Brandon.ch/>

See you at the next meeting. 73 Buzz N5UR

TQP – de Henry, W5HNS

The TDXS Bullsheets

A reminder that the TQP98 is coming up. May 23 and 24th. Shortly we will have log sheets and summary sheets on the website. This is your chance to go mobile and furnish numerous counties on numerous bands. Conditions should be good this time for mobiles. This QSO Party has been on a steady growth for several years. This year it is independent of the MARAC county hunter run. Lets keep that growth alive!!!

TDXS QSL Manager – de Dale, KG5U

Important TDXS Position (higher than Field Day Chair)
Available: TDXS QSL Manager.

Qualifications: Must be a frequent TDXS Meeting attendee, live inside of or close to the loop/beltway (north, west loop/beltway preferred), be able to multiply by 4 (as in "4 dollars times X pounds equals".....) and come up with a reasonably close approximation of a product, and be able to recite the ARRL USPS mail address by heart while standing without your notes in the Box Store.

Benefits: Pay is low, but satisfaction is great (especially on seeing Joe Staples smile as he hands over a trunkload of cards).

As TDXS QSL Manager, one can put such title on their own QSL cards to impress the DX and Contest community and receive unsolicited condolences expressing the amount of work the membership must put the manager through. Get to give members grief when they don't (1) provide a recent (less than 5 years old) QST mailing label with their cards, and/or (2) sort their cards properly.

Filing Procedure: Either send me \$50 and the job's yours or tell N5ET you want the job.

73,

Dale, KG5U
(maybe, hopefully, soon to be ex-)TDXS QSL Manager

KZ5MM WPX SSB SO HP SB 10 Meters

Saturday was nice but Sunday was a real drag! Ten never quite opened all the way.

Friday night started off with the best hour of the contest (114) of mostly 3 pointers in S.A. & VK/ZL. The second hour was the second best of the contest (86) but many more zero pointers. My last Q on Fri nite was ZL1ALZ at 0314 and I was at 230 Qs x 90 pfxs.

First Q on Sat morning was 3DA5A at 1247. He was the first thing I heard on 10 and I had to struggle through the Europeans. I worked an EA8 and FR5DX and then was surprised to work S51W as my first European at 1329. I got a big bang when ET3AA called at 1405 and VQ9ZZ later at 1730. I needed both of those! I also got a kick out of working JR2TQG on long path at 1419.

Last European was a CT at 1913. The new H44 called me at 2049! The band died quite a bit earlier on Sat night with VK3AFM at 0048 and WM5UA at 0052. At that time I was at 751 Qs x 333 Pfxs and almost 500 k points.

Ten continued its nose dive on Sunday. Every Q on Sunday was with the beam pointed either SE or SW. I worked only South America starting with ZW5B at 1341 until 1443 when I worked OT8A. NO ONE would answer my CQs! In the first 3 hours I only made 22 Qs! (I snoozed on the couch from 1415 to 1443 it was so bad!) At 1600 I finally forced myself to hold down the CQ key and things picked up a little. I was beaming SE and getting a few Europeans to answer. The best hour on Sunday was 2200 to 2300 with 42 Qs, most of which were US stations on scatter. There were many stations too weak to copy. P20X woke me up at 2259.

I was surprised to get 97 Europeans and 59 JAs. Next year will be great! My Summary Sheet, Continent statistics, # Qs in each country and rate sheet follow.

CQ WORLD WIDE PREFIX CONTEST -- 1998

Call: KZ5MM Country: United States
Mode: SSB Category: Single Operator-SB 10 Meters

BAND	QSO	QSO PTS	PTS/Q	PREFIXES	
10	994	1813	1.8	41	
Totals	994	1813	1.8	412	= 746,956

Equipment Description:

IC-775dsp, Tentec-Titan

6el on 42' boom @ 75 feet

5el on 30' boom @ 45 feet fixed NE

5el on 24' boom @ 40 feet fixed on South America

April 9th Meeting – de Henry, W5HNS

The April meeting of the Texas DX Society will begin at 7 pm. Location of this meeting will be at Tutto Bene, an Italian Family Restaurant. Tutto Bene is located one block east of Shepherd at 4618 Feagan. Feagan is between Washington and Memorial. Their telephone number is 713 864 0209.

There is a meeting room available for us and we will be ordering from their regular menu. Dinner prices range from \$9 to \$16 per person. Originally we were going to use a banquet menu. This has changed. See you there

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