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## Announcements

**Meeting Notice** - The Texas DX Society meets on the second Friday of each month, except when the date is changed by the Board of Directors. This month the meeting will take place on **Friday, December 9, 1994**. This meeting will be held at **Gabby's BBQ, 3101 North Shepherd**, which is located one block north of Loop 610 North on North Shepherd and is on the west side of the street. It is well marked by a large outside sign and has ample parking. It has "walk-thru" food service and the group will be seated together off to one side of the main dining area. The gathering should begin sometime between 6:30 and 7:00 P.M. with a short meeting starting sometime after 7:30 P.M. Visitors are welcome to attend and may obtain help in finding the location by checking in on 147.96/36 MHz.

### The Prez Sez - de Bob, N5RP

From the **N5 RADIO PULPIT!** - The N5RP household is in the same boat as everyone else this time of year. It's a time when we start to feel the season by thinking of all the many friends that we are blessed with, and all of the worldly things that we have been able to enjoy during our life in this fine country of ours.

Like everyone else, Mary Beth and I are feeling the push for time in trying to get done all of those many things that are required of us financially, socially, and just plain "time wise" during the holiday season.

I guess what I am wanting to let you know is that I don't have much time this month for a long winded Prez section to the Bullsheat, but, at the same time, I want to truly convey to you that it has been a genuine pleasure to be a member of the TDXS for the years that I have been afforded that honor. I have even enjoyed this past year.

It somehow seems ironic that I have come to consider some of my closest friends to be fellow members of an organization that is founded on the "remote aspects" (DX) of communication.

Have you noticed some of the things that have come together for us this past year? Do I need to list them? If so, then indeed, you have been absent from your club far too much. Make 1995 a year in which you will be more active as a TDXS club member. Bring some fellow amateur from out there in the ether to one of our meetings. I wonder how many guys listen to .36/.96 for the fun of it, only to never actually partake in the verbalistics taking place. I actually think that there might be more than you can imagine.

For 1995, let's each and every one of us make a point to personally put some kindling onto the fire that burns within the TDXS.

We will be having our January banquet soon. Ask those that were in attendance last year how nice it was. I promise you that this year will be an even much better affair.

I know for a fact that we will have some new faces in attendance. As much as anything, I am hoping that some of our "older" faces that were absent last year will make a point of being present.

Some special honors will be bestowed on several of our members. To not be in attendance will be a loss that, I suggest to you as a TDXS member, you might not want to incur. The opportunity to bestow honors upon our true friends does not common often enough in our lives.

## Editor's Note

This month's Bullsheat marks the 60th issue that I have sent to press as Editor. It will be the last one. I have enjoyed the past five years. It's given me an appreciation of the TDXS and its members I wouldn't have gotten otherwise. But now it's time for a fresh perspective. I intend remain a active contributor to the newsletter, and I'm going to do what I can to assist the new Editor wherever possible.

I hope that those of you who have chosen to read the Bullsheat on a regular basis have found it interesting, informative, and perhaps, at times, even entertaining. I do sincerely appreciate the support of all of those who have contributed columns and articles. My thanks also to those who have helped in the printing and distribution.

As many of you know, we exchange newsletters with several dozen other organizations, mainly Contest and DX clubs. I believe the Bullsheat is recognized as one of the more notable among its peer group. I encourage all TDXS members to support their Editor in his effort to continue in this tradition.

Finally, let me remind you again that, "You are the TDXS". There is no "they". It will be what you make it. Nothing more, nothing less. There is a proud heritage behind the TDXS. It's up to you to decide what becomes of it.

73 de Joe, W5ASP

## True Confession: "I Was a County-Hunter's Moll!"

de Melanie, KA5KIU

It all started back in '84 when my old man went on an "Armadillo Run" with two other hamsters by the names of Deitz and Perring. That's what changed him. They "ran counties" from Texas into New Mexico. They were in such trouble when they got back, but something about it -- the anger, the abandon, the mobilster quality of it must have just gotten into his blood. He began talking about doing it again! He said the risk wouldn't be as great if I would go along with him--I could drive the get-away van while he took all the risk of "running the counties".

Before he became a county hunter, he was the normal, mild-mannered, engineer type (sans pocket protector) who spent most evenings and weekends (except contests) mildly charging up and down the bands on the radio or flipping through the channels on the television, with little interest or effort in anything especially productive.

While not considered an "offender" (to anyone except the next-door neighbor who complained about RF in his telephone line--and then only when he was home from his frequent trips to detox) the hostility toward those cowardly counties began to grow and grow.

He drove the family van up one day with an outrageous antenna array on it that transformed its whole appearance to that of some kind of recon hummer from Desert Storm. He took out the plushiness and installed weapons called coax, VFO, attenuator, and even a couple of radios. There was so much gear in the formerly lovely mauve interior, that the inside began to smell like ozone.

Then he decided that if I really loved him, I would prove it by going along with him on his next week-end warring chasing counties. Well, what could I say?

I had been asked to qualify my love in some, shall we say, more conventional ways, but this proposition was intriguing. We got ready. We packed junk food and sodas, cushions and fans, maps and compass, headphones and keyer, and the all-important lap-table. The lap table is custom-made (by the insurance agent who died(!) and eventhough he didn't envision the multiplicity of uses, it fits this situation beautifully because of its unique, rounded-in design which follows the coutour of the occupant of the lap area (AKA:tummy). As an example of how urgent a matter chasing counties has become, my old man awoke so early on the day of departure as to discover that 6 happens twice in each 24-hour period.

So we're off. Before we were through our home county, we were being chased by the other hunters! They too, were out there chasing those "wascally wabbits" with names such as "grime", "erath", "bosque", "llano" and one he spoke of a lot, "dimmit". I was the get away driver while he stayed on the radio. We took all the back roads, so as not to be too easy to find, I suppose. On a map, our trail resembled the route taken by the Hebrews as they wandered for 40 years in the Sinai. But we were only lost for a few hours--not decades.

I hate to admit it, but I kinda liked it. Strange, since all I do is drive get-away, but I feel that I'm now a part of it, especially since I now know so well how to elude other county hunters. So, next time you see us, we are likely to be mushing along at about 55mph on an FM in hot pursuit of a W3 in Cecil County, MD on 20M, with me in my new look--all leathers, boots and pants and a really bad, black halter top with silver studs on the back, "....." !

## We're Mobile in Texas!

de Kenny, NZ5I

A half dozen years have passed since last I sat at the operating position of a mobile radio station running a mini pile-up of about 30 faithful stations with the crossing of each new county line. Why have I waited so long to do it again? A good answer to that question escapes me. I sure have been missing out on a great time and some gorgeous countryside. Anyway, here are a few anecdotes that chronicle our adventure in the 1994 Texas QSO Party.

Bob, N5PJI was the designated wheel-man for our 1994 Texas QSO Party excursion. I rode shotgun and worked our devout flock of county prospectors (predominantly on CW) through 18 counties.

Not for USA only! I was surprised at DX that tracked our progress along the gulf coast of Texas. DL, LU, KP4, and lots of VE were with us for much of the ride. Many thanks to all the hams who kept us company on HF!

Murphy, my man! Our adventure began in Houston one evening before the contest was to begin. You see, we decided to plug all our stuff in and make sure it was tuned and working properly. Almost nothing worked! Only after combining our respective bug-catcher parts, a lot of soldering and holding our tongues just right, did we get a match on 20, 40 and 80 meters. By now it was pretty late and we needed sleep... badly. Moral: Get it together way in advance; it's probably broken.

This gives me gas! "We what," I exclaimed, as our magic bus coasted in silence down a hill, ultimately rolling into a conveniently placed Exxon station. "We're outa gas," Bob said. "But the gauge says..." "Well, the gauge is wrong," barked my mobile pilot as we realized that our gas station is closed tighter n' Fort Knox! We both exhaled audibly as our gaze locked onto another fillin' station a block away, giving clues that it was open for business. Luckily, we managed to get on the road again with little more than a half hour total time off the air; most off time was because we snagged a burger while refueling. Things could have been a lot worse. A LOT worse!

Can anything else go wrong? Neither sleet or snow, nor the great flooding rains in Houston were going to keep us off the air. Many counties in the Houston area were declared disaster areas three days before the contest because of heavy rain and flooding. For those who were wondering where all the mobile ops were; they were tearing out carpet and sheet rock! To make things worse, a major set of oil pipelines exploded and were burning out of control 24 hours before we were to depart. The main problem is that our wheel-man, Bob, is also a key emergency management dude for Harris County! Bob eventually managed to break away from the scene and we soon were QRV.

One more for the road! "We've been hit," Bob said, disturbing my upright half-slumber. Just as we were closing in on the home stretch, a fisherman's pickup, towing a Jon boat, glanced off our rear bumper. A lack of damage had us resuming our trip home in short order, but the thought of having to remount and tune that damned bug-catcher again really had us worried there for a few minutes! Oh yeah, the fisherman's passenger was a ham...

Lessons learned... A good operating position is really important - rig up some kind of table if you can. Two or more resonant antennas is the way to go. Two or more big antennas tuneable from within the vehicle is perfect. NZ5I absolutely dislikes Kenwood mobile HF radios - Icom rules the road - period! Run the laptop off battery to eliminate noise thru the

the window concept sometime Sunday morning. If a reasonable, constant DX window was established, I would honor it. However, 20 years ago when I was doing this same contest from Texas, I remember the DX window was 1825-1830. The 160M DXers were EXTREMELY good about honoring the window. However, when the contest came along, there was always people operating in the window in spite of this and attempts to move them out weren't usually successful. I don't think you will EVER have a DX window honored by all participants during a contest weekend.

I missed KH6, VE8, and VI. I thought I heard someone send KV4FZ on the second rx once, but not sure if it was he in QSO or someone asking about him. I heard J7 and an LU(?) that I didn't work. KL7Y was the loudest I have ever heard him. Most Eu mults called me. Where was KH6CC and ZL3GQ. I usually expect to get these two stations and I never heard them.

The final tally was 1303 QSOs, 41 Countries, 74 W/VE, 351,095 Points. Best hour (per CT) was 88 QSOs. I had 1200 NA QSOs, 142 Eu QSOs, 3 SA QSOs, and 1 AF (5T5JC) QSO. No Asia and Pacific this year.

This is still one of my favorite contests since my first effort in 1972 as a guest op at W5SZ (has it already been over 20 years?) Thanks to all who dropped by to give me a QSO.

### DXpedition Rescue

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It sounds like every DXchaser's dream. Seven hams set out on a DXpedition to a Mexican island 300 miles south of the southern tip of Baja. This, to coincide with the CQ Worldwide SSB Contest. But the voyage takes a frightening twist when the group becomes stranded in the Pacific. It's an incredible story of calm and anxiety.

Of alleged negligence and clear thinking, and of compassion. Ed Kritsky, NT2X of New York City, and his fellow DX voyagers spent a week on Revilla Gigedos island in late October. "It was not a pleasant experience. We got taken by the boat owner who, well if it were a car it would be called a lemon." Ed Kritsky, NT2X. Kritsky sez the team was promised a nice furnished boat in good working condition. That's not what he sez was delivered. "The boat had numerous violations was not supposed to be out in the ocean. There was less crew than was supposed to be. Instead of seven, there was five. It was ill prepared. It lacked any meaningful conveniences for an open sea sail. It didn't have safety equipment." NT2X.

With the DXpedition over, Kritsky and crew head back to LaPaz, Mexico. It's around midnight, in the Pacific, when the boat suffers a total engine failure. "I was sleeping on the upper deck and was woken by the sound of a flare being launched. Now I didn't know what was going on except I heard this load bang bang. There was the red flare going down." NT2X.

Kritsky sez the captain was not qualified to hold the job. He sez crew members didn't even know how to use their radios. So Kritsky grabs the mike of an Icom 725 and contacts a ham in Mesa, Arizona. The Arizona ham calls the U.S. Coast Guard in San Diego to report the boat's situation. The hams later contact the Mexican Navy which picks them up and brings them to a military base on Socorro island.

The problem then becomes getting back to LaPaz. Kritsky sez the boat's owner refused to pay to send a pickup boat. The hams couldn't find a plane large enough to haul them and their equipment. Besides, the island's airspace is restricted. In the meantime, DX crew members were on the air getting offers of help from generous fellow hams. "There were about 50

Mexican hams on the air for two days trying to locate the aircraft. Offering to take collections to get us the tickets, to get to pay for the aircraft." NT2X

Kritsky and the others finally wind up aboard a Mexican navy plane for the 2 hour flight to LaPaz. There, the hams are greeted by a crowd of cheering Mexican amateur radio operators. Kritsky credits his fellow hams for keeping cool during the ordeal. "If it wasn't for amateurs aboard that boat I think we could have had serious problems. With mother nature and the big blue ocean out there I think this was probably really taking it to the xtreme." NT2X.

With corporate support, the DX group members paid nearly \$15,000 for their experience. They're glad to have made it out alive. Ed Kritsky offers this advice if you're planning a DXpedition: Check out who you're dealing with and their equipment very carefully.

### Contests

de Don, KI3L

#### Claimed Scores

##### ARRL Sweepstakes CW

W5WMU (op K5GA) 1513 X 77 = 233,002 SO HI 4TH  
 K5GN (at K2UA) 1446 X 77 = 222,684 SO HI 6TH  
 K5XI (op NM5M) 1401 X 77 215,754 SO HI 8TH  
 W5ASP 1012 x 75 = 151,350  
 KB5YVT 500 X 73 = 73,000 SO HI  
 KI3L 493 X 67 = 66,062  
 WY7U 296 X 69 = 40,848 SO LOW POWER

##### ARRL SWEEPSTAKES SSB

W5ASP 700 X 76 = 106,400 SO HI  
 KI3L 534 X 70 = 74,760 SO HI  
 WY7U 240 X 77 = 36,960 SO LO  
 KB5YVT 1303 X 77 = 200,662 MULTI OP

##### CQ World Wide CW

K5NA/2 1153 X 444 X 136 = 1.85M SO/A  
 KI3L/5 87 X 35 X 60 = 22,800 SO/A  
 K5GA = 810 x 121 x 38 SO/40M  
 VP2MDE (K5GN, W5ASP) 3600 (?) x 500 (?) M/S

##### ARRL 160 Meter

K5NA 1303 X 115 = 351,095  
 K5DX 341 X 72 = 49,752  
 W5ASP 300 X 64 = 38,592

### Upcoming Events

December 09.....Texas DX Society Monthly Meeting  
 December 10.....ARRL 10 Meter Contest  
 December 31.....RAC Canada Winter Contest  
 December 31.....ARRL Straight Key Night  
 January 07.....NCJ NA QSO Party CW  
 January 13.....Japan International DX CW Low Band  
 January 13.....Texas DX Society Monthly Meeting  
 January 14.....NCJ NA QSO Party Phone  
 January 14.....HA Hungarian DX Contest CW

### Due Dates

ARRL Sweepstakes CW ..... December 22, 1994  
 ARRL Sweepstakes Phone ..... December 22, 1994  
 CQ World Wide DX CW ..... January 15, 1995  
 ARRL 160 Meter Contest ..... January 04, 1995

## The TDXS Bullsheat

cig lighter adapter. Get a good updated software together well before the test. Mount and tune all antennas at least a week ahead of time. Recheck antenna(s) well before departure. Don't forget your fishin' pole. Bring along a good trap gun for the southern hatch of mosquitos!

The stats! Eighteen beautiful Texas counties, 400 QSOs, 40 states, 5 countries, 4 hamburgers, 3 stinky cigars, two quick road-side bio breaks, 1 planned and 1 unplanned fuel stop, 100s of bizarre stares from other drivers, 35 wind surfers, and 1 muggy windless night in a tent later, the event was over. It was no winning effort from a numbers perspective, but boy did we have fun. Believe it or not, we can't wait 'til next year! Hope you can join us.

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### GOKPW Multi-Muti Antennas

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de Dave, G4BUO

(For those of you who heard Dave's presentation this year at Dayton on the GOKPW antennas, this will be an update. For the rest, I hope you will find it interesting. TDXS has done some wild and crazy things at Field Day with antennas, but these guys have us beat, hands down..ed)

At the risk of embarrassing Bob Carpenter G4BAH (you know how easy we Brits get embarrassed) let me tell you something about the antenna farm at the GOKPW multi-multi. Bob is the driving force behind the station and has put in a huge amount of effort, and not a little money, into establishing the station. Those of you who saw my presentation at Dayton last year will have some idea of the setup: this year we improved and expanded the antennas on all bands. As before, it was all done field day style. Three weeks before the contest, there were no antennas in place at all. All the towers are trailer-mounted, although six trailers are more or less fixed in place by now. Another three trailers had to be moved into position on the field, which the farmer had agreed not to plough until after the contest. Bob and Chris, G3VHB spent several days putting the yagis together, tilting over the towers and attaching the yagis, coax, rotator cable and guy ropes. With two weeks to go, the 63ft masts for the 80m four-square were put together. On Saturday 22nd, less than a week before the start of the contest, no antenna apart from the 10m stack was higher than 30ft. First we put up the army mast which supports the topband dipole. This comes in twenty-four 4ft sections, with a winch arrangement mounted on the tripod base. Total height 110ft and it took four of us in the pouring rain a couple of hours to get in the air. Next we put up the masts for the four-square. Aluminium tube masts put up field-day style. After that, plenty of radial work to be done. The 150ft mast for topband was fun: a five-section crankup topped by two lengths of aluminium tube and a fibreglass pole. Of course the wind was blowing hard while this one was put up. In the week before the contest, we started raising the telescoping towers supporting the other antennas. Nine crank-ups either 80 or 100ft high. One of the towers has an electric winch but due to problems it had to be hand-cranked like all the others. The station was set up in a large covered trailer and two caravans. The main trailer was not moved into position until Wednesday, and it was then a mad scramble to get all the power, coax, rotator and RS-232 lines laid out, and the stations assembled. Just like the F6BEE team, we were hampered by the rainy weather. On Friday we put out two beverages only for the farmer to drive through them on Saturday morning. We also had to take the 20m stack down from full height twice: once to adjust element lengths and again to change a rotator in the failing light of Friday eve-

ning. Bob has reported our score earlier: 11.5M with a pleasing multiplier total but very low points/QSO: I was staggered to see that 67 percent of our Qs were with Europe and just 17 percent with North America. A testament to the very poor conditions.

Antennas:

Topband: 150ft vertical, inverted vee up 110ft

80: Delta loop, 4-square

40: 3el full size up 90ft, 402cd up 80ft, dipole

20: 4 over 4, top at 100ft, 5el up 100ft

15: 5 over 5, top at 100ft, 5el up 80ft

10: 5 over 5, top at 80ft, 5el up 80ft

Operators: G3LNS G3NKC G3VHB G4BAH G4BUO  
G4BWP G4PIQ G4VMM G4WFR G0AEV G0AFH G0HSS  
G0UHK(NZ1W) G7ABQ G7BKO K1XX

A crew of half-a-dozen of us stayed on Monday to take things down. By 5pm, all the towers had been lowered, and most of the antennas packed away. The following weekend Bob and Fred, G4BWP removed the remaining yagis from the towers and tilted them over. There is no way given the UK planning laws that the station could be kept assembled permanently, and no-one has the heart to go back and put it all together again for CQ WW CW. We hope we might put some of the station together for the ARRL DX or WPX contests, otherwise see you again next October!

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### ARRL 160 Meter Contest

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de Richard, K5NA

(This summary was posted to the Contest Reflector by Richard, K5NA following the ARRL 160 Meter contest..ed)

Was assigned emergency baby-sitting duties for my grandchild at 7:00AM Friday morning killing my sleeping in late plans.

Discovered a few minutes before the contest started that the east beverage for southern Europe wasn't working. As a matter of fact all the other beverages except the NE and SE were performing poorly. The NE beverage heard well but from all directions. As a result I spent the entire contest with the running station listening on the NE beverage and the second S/P station used the SE beverage. I think the nasty hunters and the frantic Banbis must have really taken a toll on my beverage system. (You have to see Richard's QTH to appreciate its "back-to-nature" setting..ed) As soon as I get my courage up for the shooting gallery, I will brave the woods and fix everything.

I slept 4 hours at mid-day on Saturday and had a total of 5 hours off time (that's 37 hours operating for the mathematically impaired).

Conditions were super in spite of my receiving difficulties this year. I know I had many Europeans and West Coast stations calling that I didn't pull through.

This was my best score since 1986 when I last broke 300K as a single-op. I forgot to mention above that I was single-op high power.

Station is a IC765 and a TS-940; antennas are two slopers (NE and SW) hung from a 190 foot tower and a octagonal loop (top at 120 feet and bottom at 20 feet, fed at the middle of the bottom) broadside NE/SW. I can switch the antennas around to either station. Amps are a Henry Premier model (has 160) and a Dentron DTR-1000L.

I tried to avoid the area from 1830-1835 as a DX window, choosing to crowd in as close above 1835 as I could. I had lots of jammers (Window Police?) as a result. I think I gave up on

**Propagation**

de Roy, AD5Q

Our monthly solar disturbance arrived pretty much on schedule (during the CQWW CW). Fortunately, its effects weren't as severe as in past months; raising hopes that this recurring nuisance is dissipating. Due to other commitments, I was not able to devote the entire weekend to the contest this year. This means that those of you who did the all-band thing gained a better feel for conditions than I currently have. My non-serious effort was on 80 Meters, and it was my first CQWW on packet. Like most packeteers, I contributed to the QRM but won't be sending in my logs. I also learned that it is a mistake to spot rare DX (like SU2MT) before logging it, especially when most of the connected packet nodes are much further east. He sure was loud on 80!

The activity on this band was heavy from the start, since the high bands were mostly closed. There were lots of copyable signals from Europe - the most I have ever heard on 80. Still, I wasn't punching through the pileups like usual on this band. My conclusion is that it was a "horizontal night." Contesters have concluded that low band conditions on some nights are good for horizontally polarized antennas (the majority) and others are good for vertical signals. I use a vertically polarized delta loop. There isn't a lot of documentation on this phenomenon, or scientific study. Are horizontal nights more common than vertical nights, or are they split 50/50? What is the difference in Db, and does it vary from night to night? Does any of this apply to stateside signals? Feedback is appreciated.

The most productive bands this year were 40 and 20, since 15 meter openings to Europe were brief. Even the east coast multi's failed to make 1000 Q's on 15. Openings to eastern Europe and Russia were especially limited, and this is where a high percentage of contacts are usually made. Daypath conditions on 20 were better, so many spent the morning there. For the next several months, 20 meters will be reliable for most daypath work. 15 also opens, but the windows are very narrow across northern latitudes. 17 Meters is an excellent choice.

In the southern hemisphere it has been late spring, and peak season for nightpath work on 20 meters. The bands don't close early like they do up here. This also means that long path is at its best, though nothing like at the peak of the solar cycle. Southern Asia is workable on Antarctic paths at dawn and dusk, especially when fluxes are up in the 80's. On 40, most long path activity is from Europe to our west coast. European LP propagation peaks too late for most of the US.

**Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin**

Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW

Provided by BARF-80 BBS Cleveland, Ohio

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**3V, TUNISIA.** Reports from Japan state that Karl, DK2WV, would be visiting 3V-land this month. It also mentioned that he is not sure if he will be able to operate on the air, but he hopes to be active. Karl has operated before from 3V in the summer of 1993 as 3V8W. Meanwhile, 3V8BB continues to be active. Activity was reported on/or around 7005 kHz between 2300 and 0230z, 14022 kHz at 1530z working Europe and 21290 kHz between 1400 and 1500z.

**9G, GHANA.** The DX News Letter reports that PA3ERA and PA3FUE plan to operate from Dormaa Hospital as 9G1AA between January 17 and 31, 1995. 9G5SX has been heard on 1829 kHz between 0030 and 0200z. 9G1MR was heard over the weekend on 21261 kHz at 1715z.

**A6, U.A.E.** Don, WB2DND, reports that A61AH, A61AI and A61AN are three new licensed operators from A6-land. Nasr Fekri, A61AN, has been heard this weekend on 14262 kHz around 1415z. QSL to P.O. Box 53656 Dubai, UAE. So far there have not been any reports on A61AI as of yet. Al Mur Al Mohiri, A61AH, has been heard around 3792 kHz at 0020z. QSL to P.O. Box 4800, Dubai. Don, WB2DND, has also reported that he has copies of the A61AH and A61AN licenses and will forward them to the DXCC desk for their files.

**C6, BAHAMAS.** Just a reminder that Walt/G3NYY, Tim/G4VXE, Dave/WG3I and Meg/N2NQL will be active from New Providence Island, Bahamas from December 10-18th. Operation will be mainly CW, but some SSB may be available occasionally. Callsigns will be C6A/homecall. QSL via their home call (CBA or via bureau). They hope to be active on all bands, 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands. Look for them on 160 and 80 during or around their sunrise, Bahamas time.

**CHANGE OF PLANS.** It was reported last week, Tom, DL7UTM, was going to be active from the Maldive Islands during the holidays. This has changed. Tom has pushed back his 8Q7XO operation until possibly March/April of 1995.

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA.** A Ja group will be on the air from December 14-19th. Look for JM1WBB, JN1BSH, JO1SIT, JPIIHT and 7K1WLE signing FK/callsign (they are trying to receive FK calls) on all bands. QSL via 7K1WLE, Hisato Kobayashi, 2-7-19 Mejirodai Hachioji-city Tokyo, Japan.

**FR, REUNION.** FR5DX was heard over the weekend working 40 meters SSB. Check between 7050 and 7055 kHz listening 7170-7180 khz at 0300z. FR5DD was heard on 14026 kHz around 1330z.

**FR/G, GLORIOSO ISLANDS.** You still may have few days left to work Jacques, FR5ZU/G before he departs on December 8th (Unless he has left already. Last report was on December 2nd). Meanwhile, Henri, FR5ZQ, is now signing FR5ZQ/G and is expected to be there through the end of the year. He has been heard on 21260 kHz (list operation) around 1630z. QSL via CBA.

**PIRATE REPORTED.** James, 9V1YC, in Singapore reports that a station operating as 9V/SV2BBJ, giving his name as Nick, and stating to QSL to his home call, is an unlicensed and an unauthorised operator.

**SY, MOUNT ATHOS.** Peter, KC1QF, states he plans to be in Mt. Athos next summer. He plans to operate on HF bands along with RTTY/Packet. He will be going to Greece this Christmas to arrange things.

**T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI.** It was reported that Norbert, DF6FK, would be active as T31BB, from December 14-21th.

**T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI.** Several JA operators will be heading up a big operation from here between December 27th and January 2, 1995. Look for T32J (JR5JAQ), T32A (JA5EXW), T32Q (JR4QZH), T32X (JA4GXS) and T32O (YL JF4LNO) to be active on 160-6 meters, CW/SSB/RTTY and possibly on the satellites. QSL via homecall.