

## EASTERN JOWA DX ASS'N

Spring 1983

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The regular Spring meeting of the EIDXA will be held at the IPS Building, 422 Comercial St., Waterloo on 20 April at 7:30 PM. Directions to take from Cedar Rapids are as follow:

From Rte 218, Go to downtown Waterloo on 218 until you come to PARK Ave (the corner has 'Music Corner' on one side, A three story office bldg -with pillars in the front- on another corner and a park across the street. Turn right on Park Ave and go two blocks. IPS will be on your left.

From Highway 20-- Continue to 42 St. (KWWL TV on one corner and a park on the other side). Turn left on 42 St. and continue of 42 until you go across the river. Go to Commercial St. and then right one block. The IPS Bldg will be on the southwest corner.

146.94 and 145.19 will be monitored to talk-in those with navigation problems. Our northern brethern have been making the trek to C.R. regularily over the past years, so lets have a good turn out of CR/IC types for this meeting.

A goodly contingent of ETDXA members attended the Dayton Hamvention this year and from all reports an enjoyable time was had by all -- even with the bad WX which curtailed some of the fles market activities. One exception might be KØGoin' Thataway who was too anxious not to be late! Toobad the patrolman was not a ham Gary....

Those of our group attending included N4RR, KØGT, KØGVB(+Patti), WØIZ, WØPPF, KCØQ, WØSR, and WØWP.

Among noted DXers present this year at the forums and hospitality suites were VKgJS, VKgCW, VKgWR (previous Heard Is. opn), Lloyd and Iris Colvin fresh from Mid-east jaunt, 5NgDOG, OH2BH, JAIBK, SMGAGD, ...

Nake your reservations early for next year!!!

SPRATLEY ISLANDS: As of press time (that's newspaper talk), Chico, DUICK, is operating ISICK cw & ssb. Sporatic operation and poor propagation has made it a pretty shakey operation so far. In addition, there is some question as to whether it will count as DU or as IS. The "Work-em-first" policy seems to apply here.

The ill-fated DJ operation is now history, but for those missing the press announcement, a clipping form th Des Moines Register (21 April) is reproduced below:

## 4 from shelled yacht rescued

HONG KONG (AP) — A Panaman nian freighter was headed for Hong Kong on Wednesday with four survivo from a sunken West. German yacht that was shelled bundentified gunners 10 days earlier in the South China Sea.

Japanese Capt. Tadashi Inose of the reighter Linden, speaking on radio-telephone, told the Associated Press the three West German men and a Singaporean woman were found adrift in a dinghy before sunset. Tuesday midway between Borneo and Vietnam.

The captain said the survivors told him two other West German men on

the yacht Siddhartha died as a result of the shelling April 10 in the Spratly. Islands. He said the survivors were not too bad condition.

He identified the four as the yacht's captain, Peter Marx, his wife, Jenhy Toh Swee Neo; Balour Drobnical and Norbert Willaud. The two dead mean were identified as Gero Band and Diethelm Muller.

Inose said he did not have any other information about what happened to the yacht.

Last week, amateur radio operators in Hong Kong and Manila reported they had picked up distress messages from the yacht, and an unsuccessful aerial search was conducted. The messages said the yacht had been set afire by the shelling off Amboyna Cay, 530 miles east of the southern tip of Yletnam

A new EIDXA Roster is attached. Some deletions & additions have been made: by the club secretary. For furthur candidates, refer to his letter relative to membership elgibility which is printed without further editorial comment.

CONTEST REMINDER (counters and non-counters)

28-29 May CQ WW Prefix Contest - cw

18-19 June All Asian DX Contest - Phone

25-26 June ARRL Field Day

KUDOS to the following:

KJØI Top Ø District - 14 Mhz 82 CQWPX, CW (KMØQ Stn)

KMØQ Top Ø District - 3.5 " " (KJØI Stn)

WØEJ 7th in Nation, 1st in Iowa - ARRL 160 Neter Single Op.

KØLUZ 9th in Nation, 1st in Division - ARRL SS Low Pwr CW

NØGA lst in Division " High Pwr CW

N4RR 3rd in Division, 2nd in Iowa " " "

KØAL 1st in Iowa " PH

Above are published standings. Apologies for any missed leaders.

Also Congratulations to the following DXCC upgrades per Feb, Mar, Apr, May QST.

WØSR/318 New HONOR ROLL listing

AKØM 231 Mixed, 176 CW, 162 Phone

KCØF 254 Mixed, 250 Phone

NØAFL 280 Phone

WDØAWL 280 Phone

KNØQ 123 CW

KØVZR 131 Mixed, 130 Phone

KCØXK 104 Mixed

Additional Plaudits for:

N4RR on receiving 5BWAZ Plaque #56... The toughest of the tough! KCØQ on snagging the elusive (for some) BYSAA. Even has the QSL.

Self-congratulations being in poor taste, the following items are for information only....

WØIZ Received from ARRL the IARU Plaque for the 3rd WAC via Satellite.

W/IZ Had active JSLs #304,5%6 (306 currently being the crucial number) OK'd by Don Search at Dayton--(after being chewed out for not having them in Alpha-Numeric order!!!!)

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The BUCKMASTER PUBLISHING CO. is publishing a Geographical Index (by state and city) and a Name Index (by last name with 1st name, call and state). Each volume is \$25.00 (\$19.20 in lots of 10). I looked at these in Dayton and found the Name Index of particular interest. It is very helpful in locating a friend who has changed his call or address. ( I found one other "Repp" in the 411,000 listings!). Would the club be interested in purchasing a copy to be used by the membership as reference?

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## USSR OBLASTS

The following article is reprinted from the South Florida "DXtra". The enclosed OBLAST Matrix is from NE4F. With over-thepole propagation good into UA-land, many oblasts can be worked nightly. Getting QSLs thru Box 88 is something else! We would like to list OBLAST CHASERS (we know of at least 5 currently in EIDXA & hope there are - or will be - others) and publish their Worked/Confirmed totals each month. It is reported that USSR DX Awards (and there are quite a few; WØWP has the R-100-R and is working towards the 150 level), can now be obtained by submitting certified lists rather than the QSL cards. A "USSR TIDBITS" info sheet is available from K1KI for a SASE.

## **OBLASTS**

Do you like working Russians? "Russia" is more that 1 country. USSR consists of 15 Republics, 10 of which are subdivided inti OBLASTS (Regions), Krays (territories), Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republics or Autonomous In the largest republic, the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, some of the Oblasts and Krays are further subdivided into Autonomous Oblasts and Autonomous Okrugs (Districts). DXCC divides the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (Russia S.F.S.R.) into a European (US; UK1,3,4,6; UV; UW1-6; UN1) and Asiatic (UA, UK, UV, UW9-0) DXCC "country".

Basically European Russian S.F.S.R. is zone 16, while Asiatic Russsian S.F.S.R. comprises zones 17, 18 and 19. For DXCC purposes, "Russia" comprises 18 separate DXCC countries in 7 different zones. The various Oblasts, with the exception of 172 (Antartica) are contained within these 18 "countries". There are 185 oblasts although 5 have been deleted since 1963. The first entry award is for 100 Oblasts. Only one non-Russian has worked them all. No U.S. station has them all but several are very close and K3EST may have it soon.

NOTE: When one is the editor, he can push/promote his interests. However I would like to solicit articles on other facets of our hobby-- RTTY, Slow Scan, Computer Applications/Programs, Contest Tips, ETC.

Again, Thanks to WØEAN for the printing and to WØMJN for the labels.

No "For SALE/WANTED items this time. This section does work tho, both items last issue found buyers/sellers !!!! And the price is right...

The program of the Spring meeting will consist of an informal discussion of low-band antennas. With sunspots on the wane, the action may be on the low bands a good share of the time. All inputs from curtains to minis are solicited.

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Enclosed in this newsletter is a summary of all the contest scores compiled from past issues of CQ and QST magazines. These scores were used to produce our club score in contests.

According to the EIDXA By-Laws, all members are required to have "participation in at least two contests per year with a score

submitted for club aggregate score."

With one contest to yet be published (WPX CQ CW 1982) to complete the totals for the past year, nine members have no scores published in any contest. So, even if these nine members have submitted a score for WPX CW, they still fall short of the requirement of contest submission.

Nine seems to be a fairly large number of members who knowingly failed to meet the requirements of the club. Perhaps a lack of understanding of the rule is the cause for this large number. So, here is my interpretation of the By-Law and how to stay within the requirements of EIDXA.

1. At least two scores per year must be submitted. If you work the contest and fail to submit a score to QST or CQ. the participation does not count toward the two contest requirement.

2. The contest must be a contest where a club aggregate score is kept. The contest that meet this requirement are CQ WW. ARRL SS. ARRL DX. and CQ WPX. There are other contests such as the ARRL 10 meter contest. 160 meter contest, VHF, etc., but there is no club aggregate score kept by the magazine, so those contest do not count toward the two contest requirement.

3. If you participate in a multi-operator station, y our participation will count as one of the required contests if the multi-operator station submits a score with EIDXA club affiliation.

4. You don't have to submit your score to the secretary of the club to be counted in the magazines. All the secretary does is send a membership list to QST and CQ and when you mail your score in, they check your call with the membership list. However, the scores are appreciated by the secretary so that we can publish them in the newsletter so everyone can tell who was the big gun contester in Iowa.

To summarize, all EIDXA members should submit two CQ WW, CQ WPX. ARRL SS. or ARRL DX SSB or Phone or combination scores to the appropriate magazine each year. If multi, be sure that the station operator includes your call as one of the operators and also the multi station counts its score toward the EIDXA Club score.

I hope that makes everything clearer or at least brings up some questions that the club can consider. Our club has done very well in some of the past contests, so with all of our scores sent in. we can do even better!!

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Gary "Red" Letchford KØLUZ Secretary-Treasurer EIDXA

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