



EASTERN IOWA DX ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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WOMJN/RPTR 144.59/145.19

THANKS, JOE!

In all the excitement of the last meeting, one very important item of business was overlooked: Then EIDX President, Joe Finkstein, W0MJN, presided over the last meeting of his term without receiving a public "THANK YOU" from the EIDX membership at large. Hopefully, Joe will forgive our oversight.

Joe's term as president was marked by smoothly and efficiently run meetings and excellent programs on robotics, the new 2 meter bulletin board, and, several DXpeditions, to name just a few.

It was also during Joe's term that the long awaited dinner meeting was inaugurated. This was an opportunity for spouses and/or friends to meet others in the group, see two excellent video presentations on the history of Collins Radio and the Shuttle flight of WSLFL, as well as enjoy a fine meal.

We appreciate Joe's efforts as EIDX president and hope he will accept our belated, but hearty, THANK YOU!

EIDX OFFICERS

President: Tom White KOVZR
Vice President: Wade Walstrom W0EJ
Secretary: Gary Toomsen KOGT

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Winter meeting of the Eastern Iowa DX Association will be held January 4, 1985 at 7:30 pm at the Linn County REC building in Marion.

In addition to the regular business meeting, a video tape presentation of the Laccadives DXpedition will be shown.

EIDX WANTLIST NOTICE

It turns out that it is a bit easier keeping up the Wantlist if notice is given here to everyone rather than relying on notifying everyone on the net or via the RBBS or however else. Therefore, those on the Wantlist, be advised that the next deadline for updates is no later than your last shot at me at the next meeting on January 4, 1985.

Recall that we are going to try a modification to the Wantlist and show only the HOT 100. So when you give me your updates also give me your choices for the HOT 100.

Keep in mind that in future Wantlist updates be sure to include any countries you need not in the previous HOT 100 that you would like to see there. This can serve as your vote for the next update of the HOT 100.

73, RED KOLUZ

Well, this marks the passing of era. After many years exceptional service as secretary/treasurer for the EIDX, Red Letchford, KOLUZ, has passed control to KOGT, sold his house, taken down his tower, and as you read this, is heading for the warmer winter climate in Florida. I can't recall when Red became the secretary/ treasurer of the EIDX, but I think it was before I joined which makes his tenure at least five years. His consistent fine job gave the EIDX needed stability during the transitions of the other officers and also made it easier for those who served in the other positions because he knew the ropes.

From all of us, THANKS AND GOOD LUCK, RED!!! We'll look forward to working KOLUZ / W "y'all"!

December 13, 1984

My Best Holiday Greetings To You All:

First, in print, I'd like to thank Joe, WØMJN, and Tom, WØWP, for the work they've accomplished in their terms in office. Their efforts made the hobby better for all of us in the club.

We've had a number of good individual efforts in the fall contests. Unfortunately, not enough individuals are participating. How about some ideas for building some enthusiasm to spark a good club effort in the ARRL contests coming up? I'm thinking that a club effort multi-multi or multi-single might be fun--especially if we could mingle the old hands with some of the less experienced contesters (like me). If you have any ideas or would like to work toward an idea, bring it to the January meeting.

Speaking of plans, a club effort field day is overdue. How about a Tama County site? The county hunters might jump on that one. Also, a larger project that would be fun would be a Sweepstakes Expedition to North Dakota. Does anyone have any contacts up there that might make the start of a plan?

Sunspots are low and propagation is poor. There is still good fun on the low bands. It's a good time to try a new band or a new mode (right, Dale?).

Don't forget the net at 9 P.M. local Monday nights.

Finally, Red, KØLUZ, is officially departing near the end of December. Red, if Roger, N4RR, can hit 145.19 from Illinois, maybe we'll hear you too. Thanks from the club and me for all your work. I know we'll hear from you and of you.

Merry Christmas

KØVZR

Well, here is my first issue of the NEWSLETTER and it looks like it will be a bit late. I am sorry about that, but hope to do better next time. While I have not solicited inputs for this issue of the NEWSLETTER, I am not sure what to put in since there seems to be a general lack of activity among our member right now. Why? I am not sure. I know why I do not get the rig on as much as I would like, but I did not think that this would infect so many others. General interest in the Monday night net is off by better than half of what it has been in the past and interest in the WOMJN RBBS has dropped off. What can be done to step up our common interest in DXing and contesting?

I think that KOVZR has some excellent suggestions found elsewhere in this tome. Here are some other thoughts to toss around.

1. For the remainder of this contest season, target one contest for a major EIDX assault. Let us as a club pick out one contest with a club participation entry and resolve to get as many members as possible on for that contest for as much as possible and make a major group effort to enter a big boost in the club score. Keep in mind that there are only four such contests left this season.

2. For the remainder of this contest season and for future contests, divide the club into two or more teams and have the teams compete against each other. The teams could challenge each other with the losers providing pizza, spirits, or whatever, for the winners. This idea could be combined with the previous suggestion. Teams could operate either as single op, multi-single, multi-multi, or any combination that is desired, depending, of course, on the rules of the particular contest. If this scheme proves successful, there really would be no losers, we as a club would all be winners.

These are just suggestions to ponder and maybe discuss at our next meeting. What do you think??

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Have you ever been in the situation where you know for a fact that some lid is jamming you or a DXpedition operation station that you are trying to work? Who hasn't. Well, here is your chance to do something about it. Below is a list of FCC monitoring stations telephone numbers. These stations are usually monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. I have used the Grand Island number several times. While I am not sure how effective these guys are in nabbing offenders, they are usually responsive to your complaint and will at least listen to your beef about the general lack of breeding of some of the people who own transceivers today.

FCC MONITORING STATIONS TELEPHONES AND ADDRESSES

Allegan, Michigan.....	616-673-2063
Anchorage, Alaska	907-243-2153
Belfast, Maine	207-338-4088
Douglas, Arizona.....	602-364-2133
Ferndale, Washington.....	206-354-4892
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.....	305-473-9845
Grand Island, Nebraska.....	308-382-4296
Kingsville, Texas.....	512-592-2531
Laurel, Maryland.....	301-725-3474
Livermore, California	415-447-3614
Powder Springs, Georgia.....	404-943-5420
Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico.....	809-784-3772
Walpahu, Hawaii.....	808-677-3954

+From Long Island DX Bulletin, 19 Sept., 1984 (verified with Grand Island Monitoring Station, 6 October, 1984).

The above is furnished in an effort to curb malicious interference. This well-known activity tarnishes any justification for the existence of Amateur Radio. Consequently, each Ham, worldwide, has a responsibility for these detrimental efforts. The magnitude of this responsibility is a personal judgement, hence lies solely within the Amateur. This list may influence it for Yankees . . . Editor.

A REVIEW OF RADIOSPORTING MAGAZINE

It is not often that there is an opportunity to review a new ham radio publication, there is a new one deserving of such attention in the pages of this Newsletter.

Every once in awhile there seems to be a new ham radio magazine that tries to be all it can be for both the contester and DXer. Seldom do these publications succeed in their intentions. However, RADIOSPORTING is a new publication that seems to come very close to attaining both goals.

It is quite probable that many of you also received your own personal copies of the first two issues of this new magazine as well. It is fortunate that they have, so far, sent copies of the first two issues. The first issue showed strong evidence of startup problems. While the first issue was the November 1984 issue, a good share of the CONTEST RULES section was wasted effort since it included notices/rules for contests which were scheduled for early October through the first ten days in December. In addition, a full two pages were dedicated to rules for the 1984 CQ World-Wide DX Contest. Since the phone portion of that contest had already passed by the time I received my November issue, I was not impressed by the timeliness of this "news". It is also interesting that a full page of NOTES ON CQ WW '84 PHONE were included in the same issue that announced this same contest!

The November issue also included FCC NEWS which reported on September decisions of the FCC.

A review of the Icom IC751 was also given 2 and one half pages of space. The review was a good summary of the general and exotic features of this fine rig, but the review was flawed by not so subtle plugs by the author of the review for some of his other published works. His "Contester's Observations" at the end of review are not applicable since the only true rig comparison was between the TS-930S and IC-740, not the IC-751.

The RADIO WAVES column provided some cameo shots of some of the more noted 1984 Dayton Hamvention attendees. (Dayton was 7 months before this first issue was published!)

The article on the 1984 KERMADEC EXPEDITION was interesting and well written and included an adequate number of pictures to successfully augment the written material.

The EMERGENCY/TRAFFIC column is the one feature that

seems totally out of place in this publication. While one of the primary reasons for the existence of amateur radio is public service, the inclusion of this column does not fit into a publication directed toward contesting and DXing.

This first issue of RADIOSPORTING introduces us to some of the regular contributors to this publication. One whom we are all familiar with is KH6BZF who is providing a propagation column as he does for QRZ DX. If my memory serves me correctly, K4ZN and W4GF, also contributors, also provide columns for WORLDRADIO.

Needless to say, my impression of the first issue of RADIOSPORTING was not enthusiastic. However, then came the December issue and the improvement was easily apparent.

The December issue included a timely CONTEST RULES section and a somewhat more timely FCC NEWS column. KH6BZF's PROPAGATION REPORT was also included as was the EMERGENCY TRAFFIC column.

Gone, however, was RADIO WAVES and there was no product review this time. A new DX NEWS column by Clark (did Carl really change his name?) Henson WB4ZNH was included with more of this column promised in future issues. A YL column was also unveiled in this issue which I feel is as useful in this publication EMERGENCY TRAFFIC.

This new issue did include features on Efficient Manual Logging in Contests, an excellent tribute to the late Jim Lawson, W2PV, as well as part I of a transcription of a taped presentation made by W2PV on antennas, and an article on SWR.

My impression of the second issue was that it came much closer to achieving the goals outlined for the magazine in the initial issue than the initial issue did. One observation of the second issue that does disturb me was that VE3BMV, the editor of RADIOSPORTING, wrote most of the feature articles which indicates that he may be having trouble finding contributors. This did not detract from the quality of the second issue, but could be a problem in future issues.

While RADIOSPORTING suffers from growing pains and still has an identity crisis as to what segment of the amateur population it wants to serve, it shows the promise of becoming an excellent DXing and contesting publication. The subscription rate for this monthly magazine is \$16 for one year and \$30 for two. I plan to give RADIOSPORTING a try for a year.

WQFJ

IF YOU NEED A CHANGE, TRY 160!!

Now that the sunspots are down and the usual bands are not what they used to be, how trying this for a change: go to 160! You may want to review an article from a previous Newsletter on 160 meter operation and brush up on some new antenna designs, too. There are a lot of challenges to be had on 160, such as numerous contests, working WAS on 160, not to mention WAC and DXCC.

If you decide to try 160 meter DX, here are a few pointers to keep in mind:

1. The segment from 1825 to 1830 KHz is generally considered to be a DX window where DX stations are supposed to be transmitting and listening for the rest of us somewhere else on the band. This is a "Gentlemen's Agreement" which is, unfortunately, not always adhered to anymore, but still bears your consideration.

2. While we in the U.S. enjoy the use of 1.8 to 2.0 MHz, not all the other countries enjoy the use of all of this spectrum. The following is reprinted from QRZ DX which shows the band segments allowed for use in other countries of the world.

160M ALLOCATIONS - Part 1
 [Adapted from DX NEWS SHEET, 21 February 1984 and other sources]

Pfx	Allocation	Notes
A4	1800-2000	CW up to 10w only
A9	1800-2000	
AP	1800-2000%	
C3	1810-1875	Phone permitted 1825-1875
C6	1800-1825	
C6	1975-2000	
CE	none	
CN	none	
CP	1800-1850*	
CT	1830-1850	CW & RTTY up to 60w only
DL	1815-1835	SSB only allowed 1832-1835
DL	1850-1890	CW only
DU	none	
EA	1830-1850	
EL	none	
F	1830-1850	
G	1810-2000	
FD	1800-2000%	
H4	1800-2000%	
HA	none	
HB	1810-1850	
HK	1800-2000*	
HP	1800-2000*	
HR	1800-2000*	
I	none	
J2	1810-1850	
J3	1800-2000*	
JA	1907-1912% Actually 1907.5-1912.5	

Pfx	Allocation	Notes
LA	1802-1850	CW up to 15w
LU	1800-1850*	1800-1810 CW only
LX	1830-1850	
OA	1800-2000*	
OD	none	
OE	1810-1850	SSB only allowed 1832-1835
OH	1820-1845	Up to 10w
OH	1915-1955	Up to 10w
OK	1750-1950	CW
ON	none	
OY	-----	No SSB
PA	1825-1835	Up to 10w, CW and SSB
PA	1835-1850	CW only, no contests
P2	1800-1866%	
P2	1874-2000	
PJ	1800-2000*	
PY	1800-1850*	
PZ	1800-2000*	
S2	none	
SM	1830-1845	10w only
SP	1750-1800	Up to 10w input
SP	1810-1930	Up to 10w except 1830-1850
T7	1830-1850	
TA	none	
TG	1800-2000*	
TI	1800-2000*	
U	1850-1950	Low power, phone only 1875-1950
V2	1800-2000*	
V3	none	
VE	1800-2000	
VK	1800-1866%	Phone 1825-1866
VK	1874-1875%	
VP2M	1800-2000*	CW and SSB only
VP9	1800-1825*	CW and phone
VP9	1875-1900*	CW and phone
VS6	1800-2000%	CW only
Y2	1810-1930	Up to 10w, phone only 1900-1950
YB	1800-1900%	Phone
YB	1900-2000%	CW
YN	1800-2000*	
YS	1800-2000*	
XE	1800-2000*	
ZB	1800-2000	
YK	1830-1850	
ZL	1803-1857%	
ZL	1863-1950%	
ZS	1810-1850	
5B	1800-2000	Phone permitted 1900-2000
5N	1800-2000	Up to 10w
5W	1800-2000%	Phone 1850-2000
6W	1810-1850	
7P	1800-2000	Up to 10w
9H	1810-2000	Up to 10w
9M	1800-2000%	
9V	1800-2000%	Up to 10w
9Y	1800-2000*	

* Region 2 -- 1800-1850 is an exclusive allocation, 1850-2000 is shared.
 % Region 3 -- 1800-2000 is a shared allocation.

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