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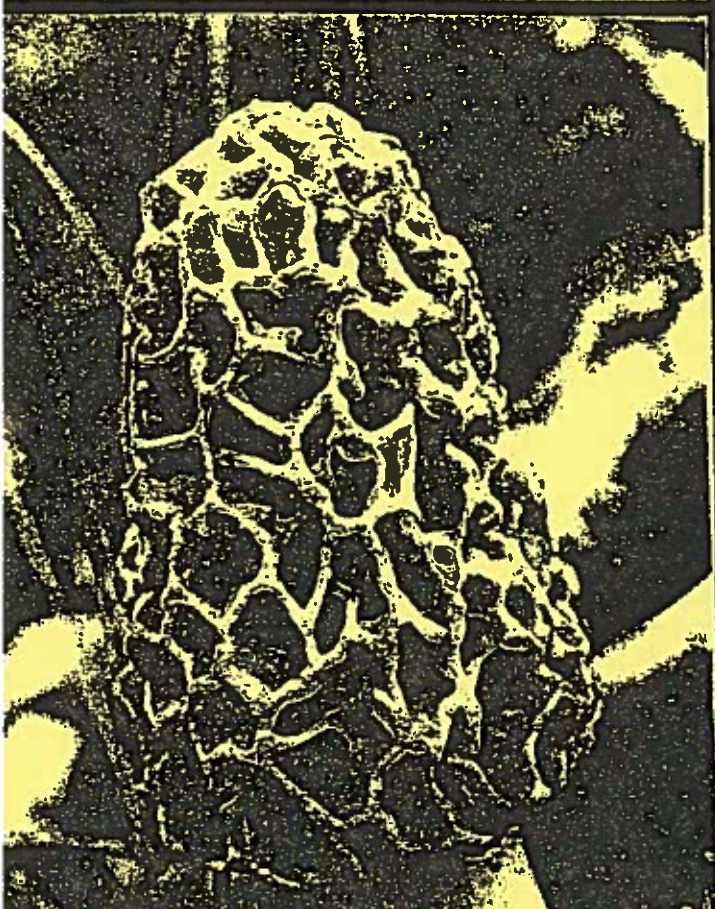
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DE de PREZ

HELLO AGAIN TO EIDXA!

IT'S GETTING AROUND TO CLUB MEETING TIME AGAIN AND SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. HAVE TRIED TO DO MORE TOWER AND ANTENNA WORK. MURPHY WON HOWEVER, SO WILL TRY AGAIN NEXT WEEKEND. HI. WELL, I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE MAKING YOUR PLANS FOR THE INFAMOUS DAYTON HAMVENTION. WITH ALL THE SECRET LITTLE NEST-EGGS FROM THE XYL, HERE'S HOPING YOU FIND THOSE "BUT DEAR, I JUST COULDN'T PASS IT UP" BARGAINS. WOULD LIKE TO BE GOING BUT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE 1994. IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE HAVE BEEN SOME NEW ONES PICKED UP BY MANY OF THE CLUB MEMBERS SINCE LAST MEETING NOT TO MENTION SOME REAL ALL-OUT EFFORTS AT THE CONTESTS. I HAVE THROWN OUT TWO DRAFTS OF THIS LETTER FROM THE DROWEL (this must be 'some special term used down South. ed.) ...SEEMS THE S2/HASBUS IS STILL NOT IN THE LOG. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT ALL OF YOU WHO ARE GOING TO DAYTON TO PLEASE THINK OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF INFO OR NEWS FOR THE CLUB. I'LL BE LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO GIVE US A REPORT. ANOTHER CLUB ACTIVITY WHICH I THOUGHT WE MIGHT WANT TO PURSUE IS A SUGGESTION THAT WAS DISCUSSED ON W2MIG'S NET. IT SEEMS THE LEAGUE IS TEMPORARILY OUT OF THE DXCC PROGRAM DISKS TO LIST YOUR DXCC UPDATES. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT IF SOMEONE HAD RECEIVED THEIR DISK, THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO MAKE COPIES AND EACH MEMBER COPY THEIR HARD COPY RECORDS OVER TO DISK. THIS WOULD HELP THE DXCC DESK BY ELIMINATING THAT AMOUNT OF KEY-STROKING. (OUR CLUB REPRESENTS QUITE A FEW COUNTRIES COLLECTIVELY SO I'LL BRING MY LAPTOP IF WE WANT TO DO SOME COPING OF PROGRAMS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT THE MEETING AND UNTIL THEN. SEE U IN THE FILEUPS!! DE K0JGH-GLEN PRES.



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To: ARRL DXCC Desk
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USA

Mount Athos
10.12.1991

Dear Sirs.

I stopped the communication with the radio a month ago, because I was informed that you have recognized the illegal transmission from Mount Athos of the German BALDUR DROBNICA

With this letter I would like to inform you about the German radio amateur BALDUR DROBNICA, who in April 1991, came to Mount Athos with a small generator and a HF that he used in order to transmit from here without the permission of the Holy Community of Mount Athos, which is the only Authority responsible for everything happening in Mount Athos.

Mount Athos is independent and self governed and due to its Statute, which is recognized by the Greek Constitution and the E.E.C. is governed by the Holy Community.

This radio amateur has succeeded after many tries to enter Mount Athos with a Greek Friend named Michalis Konias, who lives in Germany but comes from the same Greek village with the monks that live in a desolated house in the area of Katounakia in Mount Athos named Danileos Brotherhood.

These two men have taken from the Danileos Brotherhood the "Diamonitirion" (the permission paper needed to enter Mount Athos, like a visa) and then the fathers there have given them hospitality.

This radio amateur has told the fathers there that he needed the generator and the transceiver in order to communicate with his wife in Germany. The fathers not understanding the german language, have not realized what he said in the radio. From the first day he has started the transmissions from Mount Athos.

When he was asked by the Greek radio amateurs if he had a permission, from the Holy Community to transmit from Mount Athos, he answered that he was with me monk Apollo.

This first day I was in Thessaloniki, for some monastery chores, when I was informed about his transmission and was very dispirited.

From this moment we have started searching for him. We have called the Police, the Customs and the Port Police in order to search and find this man. They have searched every monastery in Mount Athos but they could not find him because he lived in a desolated house. When this man have found out that the authorities were searching for him, he sent all his equipment out of Mount Athos, we do not know in which way, and then he left to return to his country.

The Holy Community with the official paper No F2\29\231\29.4.91 informed us that this radio amateur never had permission to transmit from Mount Athos.

The Greek Ministry of Communications with the official paper No 67780\19.4.91 informed us that they have never given a licence to the German BALDUR DROBNICKA in order to transmit from Mount Athos.

These official papers were translated and authorized by the American Embassy in Thessaloniki and we sent to the ARRL, which cancelled his transmissions and we were then in peace.

In the end of October, I found out from some friends radio amateurs that ARRL recognized his transmissions from Mount Athos because he send a letter from the place in which he stayed in Mount Athos and was translated by a owner of a Greek restaurant, if it is possible !!!

I was very impressed when I found that ARRL accepted this not official letter and did not for the second time paid any attention to the official documents from the Holy Community of Mount Athos and from the Ministry of Communications from the Greek Government. After a long communication with the Danileos cell, I was informed that Baldur Drobnica asked the monks to give him a letter that he stayed there for those days. The monks, not knowing his bad intentions, gave him this letter, which has no legal strength.

In addition, I was informed that he said that he needs no licence or permission to transmit from Mount Athos because Greece is a member of E.E.C. This is no true because E.E.C. knows and respect the special status of Mount Athos and this is recognized on the 1981's agreement of E.E.C. and Greece.

If that he said are true, why than, he had to get a special visa called "Diamonitirion" that gives him the Ministry of Macedonia & Thrace to enter to Mount Athos ?

After all these, I am sure that this man has deceived you, and that you will try to find out the truth in Radio Amateurs' world who have faith in friendship and not in money taking from some members of the radio Amateurs.

With great sorrow

SV2ASP/A
MONK APOLLO
DORIAN MONASTERY
GR-63087 Mount Athos
GREECE

I have been to Dayton several times, but never to the DX Banquet. It took only a little prodding by W0SR to convince me to send for a ticket. I am glad that I did. The banquet started out on a sour note. It reminded me to the Air Force. You had to stand in line to purchase a ticket for a drink, and then you had to go to another line to queue for the drink itself. I think I cursed that ticket taker just like I might cuss a list taker. After I got the bartender in the log, I started to mellow a bit. Its a good thing because the crowd got denser as we waited for the doors to the banquet room to open so the mad rush for a good table could begin. Jim took me under his wing, and I soon found myself sitting at a table near the head table, seated with 5 DXAC members. The conversation soon turned to what you might expect from any group of DXers. The table had 4 empty chairs, and our conversation was soon interrupted by a couple asking if there was room for them at our table. So it came to be that W6QI and W6K9, better known as Iris and LLOYD Colvin, joined us.

They start the program by asking all DXCC members to stand, and then to sit if they have less than ### of countries confirmed. Many were still standing at 300. At 340 they went from increments of ten to increments of one. The last gent sat down when they asked for anyone with less that 373 to be seated. WOW.

Believe it or not, the dinner was exceptional for a hotel banquet. Fred, K320, spoke about a resurgence of ham activity in SE Asia. He held up a 2 inch thick callbook from Japan dated 1980. The new Japanese book is two books that big. He held up a book about 3/4 inch thick. As he fanned it, I could see 3 columns of about 10-15 names and addresses each. This is the current callbook from Thailand. I sure hope those new HSs like 40 meters.

A W1 gave a very moving presentation about how he and several others worked to get XU1SS, Seth, out of Kampuchea and to the States. He told how Seth learned that his brother was still alive in a Kampuchea POW camp and how a bribe was raised, made into a gold medalian to smuggle into Kampuchea, and how his brother was spirited out. He told how Seth, believing the rest of his family dead, discovered through ham radio contacts, that his mother, sister, and another brother were alive in the Philippines, and was able to speak to them via ham radio. He told how strings were pulled, cajoled, intimidated, etc., to get Seth and his surviving family into the United States. Seth told us that his nickname in the camp was '3 by 3' since the locals heard him say that into the mic so often. A very moving story.

A DX type was introduced. Formally his name is Mohammad Yousef Al Sabah. On the air he introduces himself as Al. His call is 9K2CS (also an operator of 7Q1AA.) Al spoke briefly. His message at the banquet, as well as at other times during the weekend, was 'God bless America, God bless Kuwait, and God bless all good peoples of the world.' I think that the tall blue eyed ones stood just a wee bit taller.

The final speaker of the banquet was Paul, F6EXV. He showed lots of slides on his DX-pedition to 7D8AA. One interesting point during the presentation was that neither of the two operators were comfortable with CW. One op refused to work any, so Paul ground out 3500-4000 cw contacts. Lots of grateful DXers got that one.

The banquet was long, ending about 10:30. The consensus was that it was one of the better of the DX Banquets. Am I sorry I attended? Absolutely NOT! The only disappointment was that the DX forum had trouble matching the banquet. I hope to attend again next year.

There has been lots of activity on the cluster. There were nearly 9000 alerts in the month of March and over 2200 alerts during the weekend of the ARRL CW contest (N4RR had 2800 alerts that weekend, but the link was down for some time.) Such traffic levels quickly demonstrate the problems caused by not having good solid links between the node and the users. Retries, especially those through digi-peaters, raise the activity level to a point that alerts are held up for 25 minutes. I actually saw N4RR alert his users, and it was 25+ minutes later when the alert arrived here. Needless to say, more alerts were backed up during that 25 minutes. The best way to cut this activity down is to insure a good antenna system at your QTH. A good antenna up high with good feedline will let you hear more (and avoid those collisions) and give you a better signal for everybody else to hear.

You may have noticed that alerts are coming in from widely scattered places. N4RR has provided links into 5-land and into Minnesota, and somewhere in Michigan there is a link to the East coast. A cluster of this size caused some problems. With 80+ different nodes the links choked on the administrative traffic passing node names to each other node. N4RR coaxed AK1A (the author of PacketCluster) to define a new protocol to still allow the link, but cut down to nearly nothing the administrative traffic. Both the link in Mich. and Roger's links now use this protocol. In addition, while the link from here to N4RR has been difficult, (the KA-node site at 90WEST was moved 2 months ago and hasn't been the same since), Roger uses this protocol to connect us to the bigger cluster. The effect we see here is that there is only one node attached to the East and that the user count is very large for that node. Or the user count is NEGATIVE. This negative count comes from the way the computer interprets signed and unsigned integer numbers. The negative number may be (algebraically) added to 256 to get the real number.

The first of April was a bit worse than last year, as I remember. I think it got out of hand and the humor found its way into the gutter. Thanks for not joining into the frenzy that some others seemed to feel necessary.

The cluster has some commands (actually data bases you can retrieve from) that are not documented in the user manual. What is documented is the SH/COMMAND command which will list the additional commands. Such DBs as the W600 GOLIST, the addresses/phone numbers of the EIDX club members, an ALLOCATION DB for help in figuring out where that crazy prefix is from, a ZONE DB to help determine the zone based on the prefix, and prefixes based on zone. Typing SH/COMM will get you a list of the commands. Typing the command with no argument will get you a short HELP message about the command which will show you how to use it.

I want to try again to explain some of the SH/DX variations that speed up a search. Over the last few weeks until the S2 showed up, there were several users that connected each evening and did a SH/DX S2. At this time there were some 12,000 alerts online, but to limit the search, I allow only the last 2500 to be searched. Still searching back through 2500 alerts is time consuming and only one thing - a DX alert - has a higher priority to the node. Until five S2 alerts are found or 2500 alerts are scanned, the search continues. The search always went to the 2500 limit. The next night the user did the same thing. What he really wanted to see was if any S2 alerts had occurred during THE LAST 24 HOURS. Two modifiers can be used to limit the search. The first is the common one. Show the last 10 alerts for S2 is SH/DX/10 (versus the default of 5). The last 2 days only can be searched by SH/DX/D2 S2, thus eliminating the search through days we already know don't have any alerts. A search may be limited to a band SH/DX 40 S2 (or SH/DX/D2 40 S2) or a frequency range SH/DX/D1 14000-14040 S2 also. (A final hint - the examples above will find S2 only if the call starts with S2, as S2/HASBUS. Sometimes the call might be reported as HASBUS/S2. To catch these on SH/DX *S2, however, ES2DX also matches.) 73 de Bob

ROMEO AND XYØRR CARDS

From: NT2X Date: 12-Mar 1743Z

While in Russia, I had stayed with Romeo in his apartment in Moscow and can attest to the work being done on the XYØRR cards. Romeo recently moved to this place. It lacks furniture, but QSLs are everywhere - piles, stacks and bags. Since receiving the first shipment of cards via WB2CVL he and his friends hadn't stop processing the cards. While I was there I, too helped with replies - along with UA9MA, UA3AB, RB7GG who were there one time or another. I took the trouble to pull out ALL USA envelopes. Romeo doesn't go to the office and day after day does nothing but cards. 12-14 hours a day. His own personal situation isn't very cheerful, either - apparently the company he works for is having management-employee problems, labels supplied by the Japanese, apparently, do not contain every US call, so frequent referrals to the actual log is necessary, where QSOs in question are being found there most of the time. Many amateurs sent several duplicates of the same card in separate envelopes. The trophy for that must undoubtedly go to a K1-station, who is a user of this system - no less than 20 envelopes were received!!! If one sent envelope containing cards for more than one expedition - like XY, YA, IS - that envelope is being put aside and will be dealt with at some later date, since QSLs for 1SØRR/YAØRR '91/ 3W3RR '91 operations aren't printed yet and XY takes priority.

Bulgarian Box 812 is extremely reliable now, mail doesn't disappear anymore and Romeo's helpers there take very good care of it. It was absolutely out of the question to bring back all stateside mail - partially due to weight, partially because a lot of cards were already processed and reply envelopes were sealed (with no calls on the outside).

I didn't feel I should take responsibility for individuals whose calls I didn't even know. Romeo is going to put all USA cards into single postal bag and bring it to the Central Post Office for mailing to the USA without having postal employees sorting the stuff, thus reducing the risk of loss. Postage had increased: a letter abroad now cost 5 Roubles (vs. 50 kopecks before). Central Post Office is having shortages of envelopes and stamps, and Romeo was exploring the possibility of using a metering machine there.

As for Romeo, he once again sends his regards to friends in the USA and even asked me to list his new home number in Moscow here. To dial quickly, I recommend using US SPRINT access:

10+333+011(intl)+7(Russia)+095(Moscow)+ 971-2151. Moscow is not a fun place to be these days, so every bit of cheer counts.

Dayton Shortcut

I was stationed near Dayton for 7 years, so I have made a number of trips between Eastern Iowa and Dayton. I found a short cut around Indianapolis that cuts a few miles off and shortens the beltway driving. When you get to Crawfordsville, Ind, get off of I-74 and take state route 32 East to Lebanon. This road is only two lane but I have never had any traffic problems. At Lebanon (actually just before) get onto I-65 South toward Indianapolis. When you get to the NW corner of the beltway take I-465 East (and then South) to I-70 which will head to Dayton. This avoids the backtracking around the beltway. de WB8ZRL

Treasurer report as of 1 April 1992: Submitted by Gary KØBVB-----
Balance Last Statement \$693.85 Current Balance \$643.85
EXPENSES \$100.00 VP8SSI DX-PEDITION CONTRIBUTION
EXPENSES \$12.00 Postage Stamps/Video Postage
CREDITS \$62.00 Membership dues/Coffee Donations

REFLECTIONS

de VP8SSI QRZ up 700 to 800".....Yes, the South Sandwich Island's long waited trip has come and gone and what fun it was. I've never been one to like list operations or one to wait to the last day to QSO a long staying DXpedition 'cuz' its easier, no I like the fighting pileups and weak signal work. As band scuttle-butt was rapidly flowing that Marti and the gang were off shore from the Sandwich Island and that the winds and cold were going to be a factor, it was no sure thing that all the 20 ft high dipoles and barefoot operating DXers were going to log this one. With the need to log VP8SSI for a 'new one on CW' I hung around the radio room plenty that week and tuned often (wore out the band switch damn near hi). The pile-ups were grand, signals weak and a good solid CW op on the other end made it a classic chase. Taking the key in hand and having the mental fortitude to figure out the operator's operating pattern, the station was logged on three bands, CW and a SSB QSO to boot. It was hard at times, but that makes the catch that much more satisfying. From my standpoint it was a superb operation. A real challenge with their weaker signals, the question of their ability to operate effectively due to weather, and the keen competition as most DXers needing this one badly, made it very interesting.

The question comes up, should a DXpedition as VP8SSI, work only one band mostly to give everyone 'a new one' or should they split their operating somewhat equally on the major bands and modes? The arguments pro or con probably would depend on one's antenna system and power, their band preference as well as modes (CW,SSB,RTTY or All). From a DXpeditioner standpoint the goal would be to satisfy the need for all equally across the world. Of course this is not possible due to propagation, the elements, and the time to do all this. The best choice would be to give everyone in the world a 'chance' to have a QSO on their band or mode. In some cases this just isn't practical or feasible. My hats off to the operation of VP8SSI as I thought they gave that chance to us in NA and congrats to EIDXers that met the challenge and caught the elusive trophy!

de W0WF

JUBILEE MEDAL

"65-th anniversary of the first radio contact USSR-USA"

RADIO AMATEUR IVAN NIKITIN FROM THE KIEV PROVINCE FOR THE FIRST TIME HAVE TAKEN THE SIGNALS OF "WOC" AMERICAN RADIO STATION FROM IOWA STATE AND RECEIVED THE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION ABOUT IT ...

"Radiolubitel" MAGAZINE JULY 1926

THIS BIG CERAMIC MEDAL IS AWARDED FOR WORKING WITH 10 USSR STATIONS AND 10 USA STATIONS. ONE QSO WITH OBL 065 AND IOWA STATE MUST BE REPRESENTED.

ALL STATIONS IN THE OBL 065 USE THE FOLLOWING PREFIXES: UB5U,UB4U,RB5U,RB4U AND SPECIAL CALLSIGN FOR THIS CELEBRATION - UROUCH. QSO VALID FOR ANY TIME, MODE AND BAND. NO QSLs, ONLY GCR LIST WITH PAYMENT 5 US\$ OR 15 IRSs PLEASE SEND REGISTERED MAIL ONLY TO MGR:

UB5UCH p.o.Box-1
OBUKHOV-1, 255400
UKRAINE, USSR

SWL WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE WITH THE SAME RULES.

REMARK: STATIONS WHICH ARE LOCATED IN USA, MUST SEND 5 US\$ TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS ONLY:

W1BR, BILL ASPIN 188 N.MIELIENS RD.
MUNGER, MI, 48747, U.S.A.

THE DOWNFALL OF THE TOP MULTISINGLE STATION IN IOWA

It was a dark and stormy nite...No no, thats Snoopys line. It was the week after the CO WW Phone test in Oct. when it all happened. Disaster in Goldfield at KF0H qth. The big signal out of the north central part of the state. The area had been hit with a big ice storm that had knocked power out for over a week.

Jim, KF0H had called me about noon and told me that the 70' tower with the 40 meter beam on it had come down over part of his house. Luckily the house had not been damaged. Jim also said that the 80' tower was leaning to the south about six feet. It had the stacked 5 element 20 meter beams on it. The third tower was a 60' rohn 25 and had a 5 element 10 meter beam on it, but managed to stay up although the ice had already destroyed the antenna.

I was just aboyut ready to leave for work at 2:00pm when Jim called again. he said that 5 minutes after he called me earlier the tower with the big array had went down. it was a sickening site for sure. A lot of work had just went down thee tube. The guy wires and the tower were covered with about 2" of ice and coupled with the strong winds was more than they could stand. When it was all over the only thing left standing was a 60' tower and a duobander by Hygain.

The good side of the whole thing [tnx to a good home-owners policy] is that the station will be back on the air again sometime this spring. It will be new and improved and giant sized [sounds like a soap commercial] antennas and towers.

The old adage is go bigger and better. The new KF0H station will have a 90' rohn 25 with a DX Engineering 4 ele on 20 with a 40' boom, a Mosely 2 ele 40 with 24' boom stacked above it. thge 2nd tower will have a 5 ele 15 with a 36' boom and a 5 ele 10 meter with a 30' boom. plus numerous side mounted antennas fixed on eu. and s.a., also slopers on 80 and 160.

As you can see it looks like we will be competitive again. I will bring some pictures to the May meeting. They are not pretty.

TNX DE KZ0C

The Moscow Friendship Station

As I mentioned at the Jan. meeting, I am setting up a field day type station at MOSCOW, Iowa for the Russian CO MIR contest May 9-10. The contest runs 2100Z the 9th to 2100Z the 10th. At the last meeting 8 people indicated an interest in operating.

Hopefully others may also be interested. We can use help both in set-up and tear-down. I have sent announcements to QST, CO and TDXB. I have also sent a letter to Box 88 in hopes that they can spread the word about our operation.

Others in the club could help by mentioning this to European and commonwealth hams during the next few months.

Moscow, Iowa is in northern Muscatine county west of the town of Wilton. It is along the banks of the Cedar River about 4-5 miles south of I-80 at the Tipton exit. I plan to get the Muscatine Amateur Radio Club's trailer of equipment Saturday morning and will be at the county park in Moscow by 9am. depending on the number of people who plan to operate we can have up to 3 beams and dipoles for 80 and 40.

Any adventurous types who want to experiment with wire beams for 80/40 are welcome to try.

After the contest, I plan to have special QSL cards made. I envision this as a good-will activity more than a serious contest station (modest beams at 30-40 feet don't make a powerhouse station). It'll make a nice warm up for field day. We'll even teach you a little bit of Russian language you can use over the air!" Any and all suggestions are welcome."

TNX DE TOM, KE0Y

Msg 4573 From: K0GVB Date: 17-Apr-92 Subj: DXCC FIELD REPS
As pre Tom Hogerty KV1J DXCC Manager, Thomas Vinson NY0V, Thomas Vavra Wb8zrl, Thomas White K0VZR have been appointed by ARRL President Wilson as DXCC Field Representatives. The EIDX membership offers its congratulations on your appointments. Via ARRL Letter dated April 6 1992.

Results of the polls taken at the last meeting indicated at least 10 EIDX members are going to the Dayton Hamvention and possibly more. Look for a lot of Silver jackets there.

The poll taken on "what rig do you use" is quite varied, as a lot of different rigs are out there.

Kenwood out-numbered Icom 21 to 15, although 11 of the Kenwoods are several years old and some of the owners are going to Dayton. That will change if they go to the "Icom on the air" display and see these fantastic rigs in action [sri Kenwood lovers hihi Ed.] There is among us, Kenwood 100s, 430, 440, 530s, 5830s, 850, 930, 940 & and even a 950

Icom are 735, 740, 745, 751, 761, 765 and yes even a over \$5000 dollar 781 [i dont think Kenwood makes a rig that good, Ed agn] shh you guys. Yaesu's 707, 902, 101e, 757 and 101zd and a TR-7 and a C-line and a Collins S-line

A couple of recent converts are Jim, W0SR and Dale W0IZ both with new Icom 765, also now with staggering DXCC totals and huge buro dumps, no doubt because of the abilities of the Icoms to hear the weak ones and to be able to shatter the outrageously huge pile-ups. Tnx to all who participated in these polls and we will tell you all about the new Icoms owners in the next n/1.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the next Hamfest, it will be in Marshalltown, Ia. on May 16 at the MCC. MCC is located just South of the 14/30 ct. Talkin will be the 146.88 net.

There will be W5YI V-E exams with sign in at 10:am, food will be available and plenty of parking.

For tables call Brian N0NKK at 515-752-9633 there will also be a cash auction and a couple of seminars planned. tickets will be at the next meeting for advance sales of \$3.

Heard vern, AB0M has a new Ten-Tec. [i think his Kenwood shot craps on him. [damn Ed. notes] Tom, WB8SE has been workin the world with his new 40 meter beam at 100', Tom uses a Icom 761.

Tom, W0WP has 130' of #65 tower. heard this monster weighs abt 290# per section. Need all the help he can get on ropes.

Jack NB0H has a new /AT computer and he is in a lot of fun with it.

Rick WA0FYG, has 200 meg HD Windows and Etc.. sounds like a newsletter type of machine to me.

N0ICI & K0JGH only usin a 40 meter delta-loop as all other new antennas are still in box [they dont get iced up that way, also dont have much gain, Ed.] agn.

K000, Jeff only has wire antenna up for the time being, as this went to ink, no vp8 in log, sri Jeff this has been a rough one any way. Gives true meaning to the term "Deserving". ..who said that?

The program at the DAYTON DX banquet is going to feature "thee ole man heself" Marti Laine OH2BH. Marti wrote the book "Where do we go next" after the vp8ssi DX pedition i understand he may write a sequel called "Why did we come here"

We regret the passing on of one of the famous. Father Moran, 9N1MM in early april.

We had many visitors at last meeting, glad to see LLOYD, K00FD from Packwood, KU0Y, JIM from Hurlington, Wayne, NM0F from East Dubuque, Ill., Rod, K0DAS from Robbins, Scott, N0NOA from Osborn and Tom, KA0CNN, from Ia. City. yes.. a nother Tom, at the last meeting we ask Tom to stand up and 11 of them all rose., so next time just blame it on Tom.

Tnx to Gary, K0GVB whom donated a Hints & Kinks book for the door prize, it was won by, he didnt tell me who. probably Tom. Oh wait, i think it was KU0A, NELSON, i think his middle name is Tom.

We passed the hat for a collection for the South Sandwich Island DX-Pedition and collected 93.50 which the club treasury made it a even \$100 which was sent to the appropriate place.

Congrats to W0GWK, Frank on winning the EIDX 92 "Hog Award" actually it was

the 91 award, passed winners are 90, W0IZ, and 89 winner K0GT.

Question was asked abt the room at CVARC hamfest for the EIDXa meeting if it was satisfactory, answer was no, we needed it back upstairs, more chairs and A/C. they said they would do better, after all, who can stand a hot & bothered DX'er.

Ok guys & gals, thats it for this time, enuf of this ED. rhetoric, cu at the meetin 73.

Recent changes to the DXCC List

Prefix	Country	Published DXCC List Changed *
Added to the DXCC Country List:		
3Y	Peter I I.	Jan 87
P4	Aruba	Apr 88
4J1	Malyj Vyzotskij I.	May 89
3D2	Rotuma I.	May 89
3D2	Conway Reef	May 90
T33	Banaba I. (Ocean I.)	May 90
ZS9	Walvis Bay	May 90
7O, 4W	Yemen	Mar 91
ZSR 1	Penguin Is.	Sep 91
Moved from deleted list to active status:		
S0	Western Sahara	Apr 88
	Formerly EA9 Rio de Oro	
Moved to deleted list:		
DM, Y2, 9	German Democratic Rep.	Mar 91
4W	Yemen Arab Rep (North)	Mar 91
7O	PDR of Yemen (South)	Mar 91

Answer: Exactly the same number of rungs as before, as naturally the ladder rose with the ship.

PUZZLER: THE SHIP'S LADDER

THE GOOD SHIP *Potiphar* lay at anchor in Portsmouth Harbor. An interested spectator observed that a ladder was dangling from her deck; that the bottom four rungs of the ladder were submerged; that each rung was two inches wide; and that the rungs were eleven inches apart. The tide was rising at the rate of eighteen inches per hour.

At the end of two hours, how many rungs would be submerged?

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