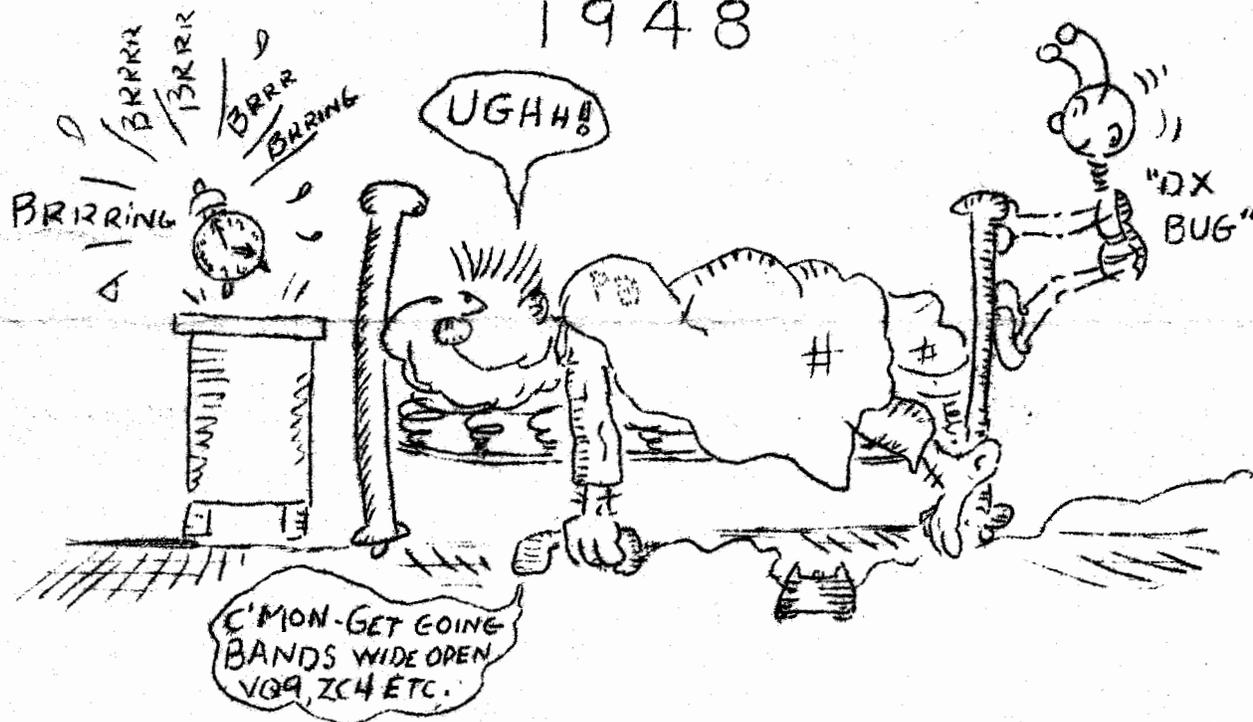


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Lately so many of even our top DX stations have been mis-using the RST system of reporting that a word or two at this time might certainly be in order. The whole purpose of the RST system is lost if a careful evaluation of the signal is not made and then reported in a true fashion. Many stations seem to think that T9 is the only report to give a DX station with occasionally a T8 thrown in to salve the conscience, no doubt, of the W-DXer. Such should not be the case. We should never give out a report of what we THINK the DX station should sound like at his home location especially when it is so obvious that the prevalent DX flutter prohibits a T9.

If all of us would just take another look at the RST chart we would see that to receive a T8 is no crime. Nor is it so terrible a thing to pass out a T7. Looking on the RST chart a T7 is defined as a "Near DC note, smooth ripple". Many the DX station which has that definition but few and far between are the T7 reports. We have heard some atrocious sigs from DX stations which receive a T8 when in reality they are a T3. "Rough, low pitched a-c note, slightly musical". They are no more a T8 than a-rank diathermy with not much filter.

Then too the R or readability report. When you give out a juicy 5-6-9 just stop and think what you really have advised the DX station. "Perfectly readable, Good signals, Purest DC Note," then stop again and think twice before you give the DX station the oil that: "sorri OM but missed most of that due QRM, QRN etc, etc.". Many the report should read RST 3-5-7. Which, when you analyze it is not really so bad and sounds like about 30 % of the DX on the air. "Readable with considerable difficulty, Fairly good signals and near DC note, smooth ripple."

The laugh on the misuse of the RST system is when you hear a 5-7-9 report given with the added notation that its hard to copy you OM account noise and QRM. So it behooves all of us to get out a copy of the RST chart and start using it for what its worth. Areal system of signal reporting to the other station. It is hoped that in time, with a little education again, the use of the RST system will again come into its own and be of some value to all of us. Both the DXstation and the W station.

W6PB-Editor.

LOCAL MEMBER ALMOST IN THE CAN?

No doubt many of the gang read about our member, Larry Barton, W6YI and his so-called antenna forest in one of the local rags. It certainly looked bad for a couple of paragraphs but then all is well and Larry passes on the following info which should for all time silence any action regarding our antennas. We quote:

"A suit was instituted by a Minnesota City to compel a radio amateur to remove his antenna poles from his home on the grounds that the antenna poles constituted improper structures for a residential zone. The lower court ordered the poles removed and the amateur took the case on appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court. The Supreme Court reversed the lower court's decision and held that the maintenance of antenna poles was not an improper use of property in a residential zone. A quotation from the court's opinion may be of interest. The court in part said:

While many aeri-als are attached to poles above the roofs of dwellings, and even to trees, the use of separate poles or masts for this purpose still prevails when a householder seeks the best reception. Such equipment is certainly customarily incident to a residential establishment. The use of short-wave amateur sets for both reception and transmission is so common in the United States that the Federal Communications Commission licenses such sets for transmission within certain wavelengths, and there is an American Radio Relay League of the proprietors of Amateur stations. That many, if not most, of these amateur stations are operated in connection with residences is too well known a fact to be ignored" ---12

12- St. Louis Park vs. Casey  
(16 NW 2nd 459)

With XMAS only four months away it also means TELEVISION will be active around the Bay Area. NERTZ

SARDINIA STNS STILL ACTIVE.

According to word received from our good friend W6AM, there is more than one stn coming through from that neck of the woods.

Old reliable ISLAHK from 11 pm to 1.00 a.m. and usually 14009 KC and T9.

A L S O:

L1KB Sardinia.. 14030 T9

I1KC Sardinia.. 14030 T9

Don sez: The last two are on the air when they feel like it even as you and I.....HI.

REGARDING MONGOLIA.

There have been several questions in regards to locations of certain C8 stations. For the info of all, Any station worked in Mongolia is not a new country. To be a new country the station must be in the MONGOLIAN REPUBLIC. C8LS and C8YR will both count for Zone 23 but neither will count as anything except CHINA in the country list. TIBET is both a different country (from China) and also ZONE 23.

Hot dope from S.F. courtesy WB.

The following info from Bud, W6WB, is very welcome indeed:

From VQ8AD, Bud learned that the Government in Madagascar, has now agreed to license FB8 stations so keep your ears peeled for a new country.

From ZS2X, the next boat which leaves from there for CHAGOS will be in the middle of September so if you have any QSL cards for that part of the world better get them off right away.

MORE QUEER CALLS FM NORWAY.

If you hear any of the following prefixes don't get excited as they are only Norwegians and are issued as follows:

- LB- Portable
- LF- Firms
- LI- Scientific Institutes
- LV- Radio Schools

If you haven't yet contacted ISLAHK, SARDINIA, look also at a spot just outside the L.F. edge- He sends very slowly and asks that QSL be sent VIA: A.R.I., ITALY.

"K.B." DEAD

Early on the morning of September 2, 1948, K.B. Warner, W1EH passed on to greater heights. A heart attack was responsible.

In the past few years many greats have passed on but this occasion is just a little different. It hits home.

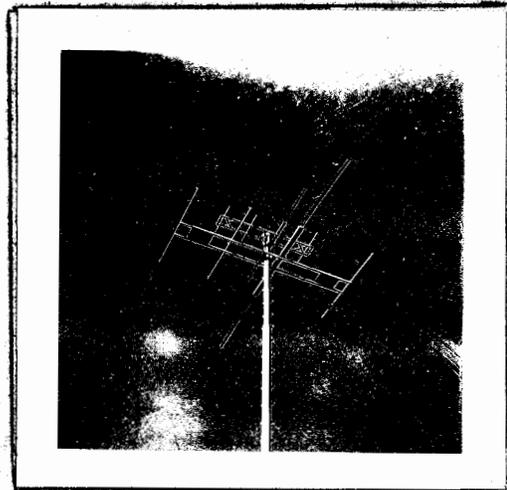
The American Radio Relay League is today not only the spokesman for Amateur Radio in this Country but is the largest Amateur organization in the world. It stands for the maintenance of Fraternalism and a high standard of conduct. Ken in no small way has helped to bring this all about. Over Thirty years of his efforts has paid dividends.

Our problems were His problems. Our interests were His interests. A real and true Ham at heart. Yet, the show must go on. Ken's place will be taken in part by others, but to thousands of Amateurs that knew him, there will only be one "K.B."

Horace R. Greer, W6TI- President  
Northern Calif. DX Club, Inc.

It was with the deepest regret that we found it necessary to inform all the gang of the above loss to Amateur Radio. Those real Old Timers recall 1EH and his rig these many years. To have even thought that we would lose a friend so old in handom but so comparatively young in years was indeed a great shock to all of us. A letter of condolence on behalf of the entire membership was dispatched airmail to Mrs. K.B. Warner the day of K.B.'s passing

W6PB-Editor.



W6PWR

and

ANTENNAS

This month we are featuring another of our DX phone men with the nice layout pictured above. Dick Sales of Albany, Cal, W6PWR uses P.P. 250TH modulated by F123-A's. Not shown in the picture is a new Collins exciter, driver which Dick waxes very enthusiastic about in his station description.

For receiving, PWR uses a 10/20 homebuilt converter into a 129X. Also in use is a Panadapter.

The antennas are on a pole 65' high and the 10 and 20 meter beams are separated 5'. Both are fed with individual KW 300 ohm twinlead.

Dick reports that DX to Europe on phone for the middle of August was good to fair, with good sigs from the Mediterranean area. ZC6LA and ZC6XV being S8 to S9. Latest new ones for Dick on phone are GM2, CT3 and OK.

Late DX Info from W6MVQ.

Some of Rich's info was received ved to late to add in total to the rat-race dept so here it is. No times are given but check with the CRPL charts.

- UF6KAC-14085
- ZD4AB-14045      Most
- YU7RR-14010      of
- VP8AM-14090      these
- TA3FAS-14090      in
- ST2GH-14050      the
- VS9AL-14085      a.m.
- ZC6UN-14050
- PJØX-14090

Some QTH fm MVQ & PB  
ZC6AO-Box 299, Tel Aviv

ZC6EE-Via W9FAZ

VP8AM-Terry Randall  
Fort Stanley  
Falkland Islands.

In next month's anniversary issue we are going to print a Club roster and DXCC and WAZ listing. PLEASE send in ur lists to PB.

F.E.A.R.L.

We have on hand a publication of the hams in the Far East Amateur Radio League. It is the issue for July and contains lots of news and doings of the gang. They have a DX section and at the present time there is a contest going on. Among the info is the score of a couple of J stns. J3AAD has DXCC, WAC and WAS and has worked 188 and confirmed 131.

J2AHI has WAC, WAS and DXCC and has contacted 136 with 115 confirmed.

J2AHI holds the record for fastest WAC made from Japan when on July 4th he made WAC in 32 mins contacting the following:

- ZS6OI-----1835
- OK1XA-----1838
- W6PYV-----1845
- CI1CC-----1853
- UA3AX-----1857
- LU7BH-----1900
- FK8AB-----1907

PROPAGATION PREDICTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1948- By JIM RUYS- W6UZX

All times shown are Pacific Daylight Savings Time.

SAN FRANCISCO TO:	FREQ	SHORT PATH* Azim.	LONG PATH	Azimuth
EUROPE:	7 Mc	Possibly abt 0300 to 2100	No openings	
	14 Mc	0530 to 0700 1330 to 1430	0500 to 0600 0730 to 0815	210 Deg.
	28 Mc	None indicated but	see FOOTNOTE	
N.W. Africa: CN8, FA, FT etc.	14 Mc	0530 to 0600 1530 to 1830	0430 to 0800	236 Deg.
	28 Mc	None indicated but	see FOOTNOTE	
Central W. Africa: EL, FE8, ZD2 etc.	14 Mc	0515 to 0600 2200 to 0100	NONE	
	28 Mc	1200 to 1400		
East Meditteranean: <del>VS9, ET, MI3 etc.</del> SU, SV, ZC, etc.	14 Mc	0600 to 0700 1430 to 1630	0500 to 0600	203 Deg.
	28 Mc.	None Indicated		
Central East Africa: VS9, ET, MI3 etc.	14 Mc.	0600 to 0730 1700 to 1745 2000 to 2230	0500 to 0600 0730 to 0815	190 Deg.
	28 Mc	None Indicated		
South Africa: ZS1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.	14 Mc	0515 to 0600 2230 to 0115	0030 to 0530 0630 to 0715	270 Deg.
	28 Mc	0945 to 1700		
Lower USSR: UH8, UI8, UJ8 etc.	14 Mc	0700 to 0800 1900 to 1945 2245 to 2315	0400 to 0700	180 Deg.
	28 Mc	None Indicated	None	
Pakistan: AP, VU, VS7, CR8	14 Mc	0730 to 0815 2230 to 2345	None	
	28 Mc	None Indicated		
Japan : J, J9, HL, Iwo.	14 Mc	0100 to 0345 0800 to 1100	None	
	28 Mc	1345 to 1745		
Java: PK1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.	14 Mc	0800 to 0830 2330 to 0300	None	
	28 Mc	1515 to 1845	None	
New Zealand:	14 Mc	0130 to 0415 0830 to 0900	None	
	28 Mc	1230 to 2100	None	
Lower South America: CE, LU, ZP, CX etc.	14 Mc	2245 To 0530	None	
	28 Mc	0600 to 1600	None	
Upper South America HK, HC, YV, VP3	14 Mc	2100 to 0530	None	
	28 Mc	0700 to 1715	None	

FOOTNOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Towards Europe and Northwest Africa the MUF comes so close to the 28 Mc band that an occasional opening during the month can reasonably be expected. These will occur between 0830 and 1030. Solid 28 Mc condx for these areas are indicated for October and November.

INFO FROM HONOLULU VIA W6MEK.

The following may prove of some interest to the gang and was obtained from the Honolulu Star Bulletin Ham page:

- ZC4AR on in the a.m. This stn is in Cyprus so we may be able to hear. No freq. was given.
- ZD9AA- Only gets mail once per year and then through the P.O. in Johannesburg, S.A.
- ZD8B- Ascencion Island. Some QSL have been coming through to the KH6 boys but they moan that it takes a LONG TIME.
- AC3SS will be on with an AC4 call in the near future.

AND MORE OF INTEREST:

Many remember our old friend W6PBV, better known as the op for VQ3HGE, VQ4GHE and VQ5EHG, the GATTI-HALLICRAFTERS Expedition expects soon to be operating from VU7 Land so keep your ears peeled for Bob.

Still on occasionally is a gud one in MD4TH. T9 and is on in the a.m. Frequency is 14100.

ZS2MI-Marion Island-Farewell

Yep its sad but true. If you have not contacted him he expects to be leaving soon to go back to South Africa and altho' he will leave the station there for the next WX group there may not be a ham in the gang so it will be a long time until another ham is there. So best keep at it if you want a QSO. ~~HOWEVER~~, at the present time ZS2MI does not count as a new one but may soon.

Q66WAN-----Formosa

There is purported to be a C3 on in the early a.m. from this country. We believe C3EA and is about 14300.

Rumor also has it that there will be a ZD6 coming on soon according to WB. Just whether he will be on phone or CW is not yet known but BUD promises to keep us posted.

WATCH FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE DX-er AS IT WILL BE OUR ANNIVERSERY NUMBER\* 2 Years Old.

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\* R A T- R A C E S \*

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\* All Current DX----- \*

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- VR2BD-14095 T9-10 to 11 p.m
- ZD8B-14015 around 1 a.m.
- F8NE-14025-T9-11pm to 1 a.m.
- FK8AB-14017-T9- arnd midnite
- ZB1FK-14091-T9-11pm to midnite
- HA4HE-14095-10 pm
- OE3WD-14065 11pm
- UI8KAN-14124-8a.m.
- UH8AA-14070-7.30 a.m.
- EP2B-14030-8 a.m.
- VQ4ERR-28262-PHONE-11 am
- ST2GH-14123-7 a.m.
- UD6AH-14037-7 am
- VQ5JTW-14077-8.30 am
- ZC1CL-14045
- PK4PQ-14135
- VP2AG-14041
- FI8ZZ-14033
- ZD2RGY-14020/14050
- UC2CB-14090
- UC2AD-14085
- UC2CA-14085
- HALKK-13998

We are certainly indebted to WJX, WB, MEK for the above dope.

"MAGYR ROVIDHULLAMU RADIOAMATOROK EGYESULETE."

Yes thats right. All spelled out correctly and translated into English it means: "Hungarian Short-Wave Radioamateur League". We have a copy of their letter to TI advising that they are the official QSL bureau for all HA Hams and cards should be sent to:

The above LEAGUE,  
Postbox # 185  
Budapest 4, Hungary.

They advise that all other info regarding other HA QSL bureaus is now OUT.

QO-Ham Club Special Group Offer

QO Mag has an attractive offer which may interest the gang. The offer holds good for either old new or renewed subscriptions and are as follows:

- Groups of 2 to 10-L Yr \$2.35
- Groups of 11 or more 1 year --\$2.00

This is a good savings so if any of the gang are interested let us know at the Sept. meeting.