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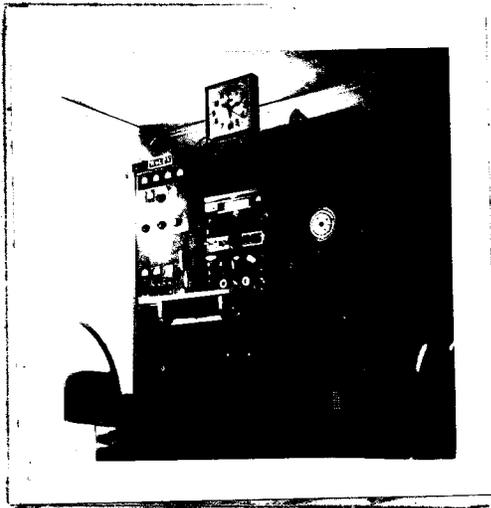


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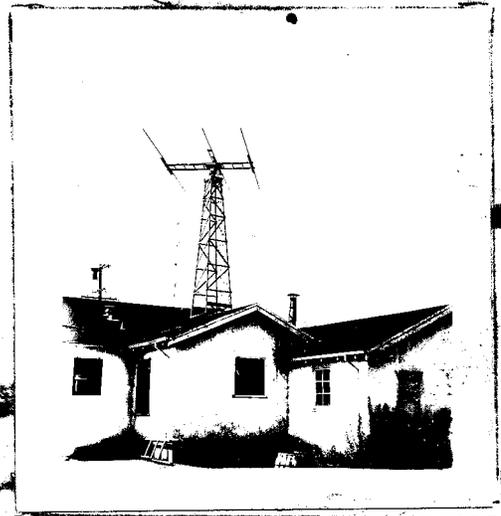
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STATION ~ ~ ~ AND ~ ~ ~ ANTENNA

Ray Brennan, W6UPV, owns and operates the nice layout which is pictured above. And, to most of the Ten Meter Phone DX'ers Ray needs no introduction as W6UPV operates Phone only and 28 mcs only. The countries Ray has garnered are all by way of Phone and all are on the 10 meter band.

For some time after the war (#2), W6UPV was located in Berkeley but Ray, yearning for some of that noise-free DX decided to move to a quiet QTH down the Peninsula so is now heard from that location in Palo Alto.

The entire rig is housed in three enclosed metal cabinets and as shown, the operating table itself is a small board affixed to the center cabinet. Receiver is a National 183 and the Transmitter ends up with PP 4-250-A's. The driver is a Collins 310-B. Modulators, power supplies etc. are all housed in the racks. Below the 24 hour clock on the right hand cabinet is the compass type direction indicator for the beam.

Antenna, (exclusive of the TV antenna) is a three element on ten and uses slip rings for 360 degree rotation.

As we said before, all of W6UPV's contacts are on Phone and ONLY on 28 mcs so a country total of 73 is not bad. Not bad at all.

QTH's from 'UNIVERS ALITE

MD2AC-Milton E. Gallaher,  
1950 AACS, APO 231, c/o  
P.M. New York.

SVØWF-Major J.M. MOSS, APO 206,  
c/o P.M. New York.

ZS3Z-P.O. Box 543, Windhoek, SW  
Africa.

VR4AC-Honiara, Guadalcanal, Sol-  
omon Islands, APO 709 c/o P.M.  
San Francisco, Calif.

( QTH-Continued. )

KG4AW-Lt. J.R. Pringle, N.A.S.  
Navy 115, FPO, New York.

ET3AD-Claude Steen Jr., M.D.  
Box 145, Addis Ababa.

FO8AD-Roland d'Assignies,  
Tahiti Island, E.F.O.

HP1WM-Box 2041, Panama City, Panama.

CX3AF-Libertad 2484, Montevideo,  
Uruguay, S.A.

News from VK9NR

In a contact with Noel, W3TI got the info that VK9NR just ran out of QSL cards but is having some more printed and will send them all out 100%. Also VK9NR will be moving to some other island so if you haven't contacted Norfolk Island as yet you better hurry up

VP5BF(ex VP5XX).

If you should contact the above his name is: Ken Penchoen and is with P.A. A. Said to QSL via: W4LVV, Box 104, Miami, Florida.

F18ZZ.

If you have contacted the above and need an F18ZZ QSL card try the stunt Don Wallace pulled by sending one of the club cards all made out. Don was very successful and got the QSL. Heres the address to use for F18ZZ:

Paul Ferrand,  
Chef de Section Du R.E.F.  
Pour L'Indo China,  
Chemins de Fer  
SAIGON(Chochinchine)  
French Indo China.

BIG JOINT MEETING!!!!!!!

The proposed joint DX meet between the NCDX Club and our S.C. cohorts is now all set for the 21st of JANUARY. It will be held in Fresno. No need to make any reservations for hotels as you may stay where you wish and at that time of the year there is no need for reservations. This should prove a most interesting meeting and we would like to have as big a representation as is possible so start planning now for this meeting. Agagin the date: SATURDAY JANUARY 21st, 1949... Place to be announced later.

Some QTH of interest:Txn-TI

PK3LC--Radio Cotey  
SOERABAIA  
Indonesia

TI2PZ--Box 1816  
San Jose  
Costa Rica

QTH(continued)

EA3MTM-Box 77  
Gerona  
Spain.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH.

Before we even had the chance to print the bad news that we could not contact some 17 countries, we receive the happy news that thru the joint efforts of ARRL and CQ Magazine, that order has been rescinded so that now they are all in again.

So go ahead now and contact 'em all. That is if you can hear them.

From Bob Lee, W6PBV.

A nice note received from Bob whom many of the gang will remember having contacted as the Op for the Gatti-Hallicrafters Expedition from VQ3, VQ4 and VQ5.

Bob has just taken unto himself a Wife and already has given her a book on radio.HI. Bob was married in Italy and through the efforts of IlKN was able to cut a lot of red tape in order to get the necessary papers filled out. At the wedding was IlKN and XYL and also IlIT and XYL. Bob was sorry to have just missed Syd, W6NZ by ONE dayas Syd left IlKN the day before Bob arrived.

Bob has been assigned the call: MP4BAL and will operate in Oman so if there are any other club members (besides your ed) that needs a QSL from MP4, Bob should be on soon.

ABOUT QSL's..

DL7AH in a short note is bemoan- the fact that lots of W6 stns do not QSL and would like to receive all the W6 owing to him. QSL via the DARC. Bob DL7AH sez that to him W6 are good DX. So the next time you are muttering about some choice DX not QSL'ng remember we can help out with a QSL card too.

We received the October issue of the S.C.DX Club bulletin and are here giving credit and TNX for some of the info used.

PHONEINFO ON 20.

YK1AC-High end of band-QSL via  
ARRL.

AR83C-Lebanon-High end.

FY8UD.

After quite a number of QSO's on 20 CW, FY8UD will henceforth be operating on Phone. No info on frequency. However, after a few months he expects to go back on CW. This guy is absolutely legit and has already QSL'ed his QSO's.

OY3IGO.

Still breaks thru occasionally but usually at a bad time for W6 to contact. Usually arnd 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. when the East Coast has the edge.

PHONEYMAN.

VR3AB-Strictly N.G.-If you have contacted, scratch him.

Also that character who was signing VK4SI/VR1 is also N.G. according to word received from the Australian Magazine.

CR10AA.

Supposed to be rebuilding and for that reason is off the air. We hope that when he gets back on the air he will qso a couple hundred W6 and get him outa our system, and then we hope that he will QSL!!

The Whys and Wherefors of VS7AD.

By now we all know that the trip that Art attempted to the Maldiv Islands did not pan out and here is a letter written to Horace, W8TI, explaining the whole thing:

32 North St.,  
Spennymoor,  
Co. Durham, U.K.  
Sept. 30, 1949.

Dear Horace:

Enclosed you will find a few cards for the Calif. Killowatts

with my very best wishes for the future.

It brings to a close an adventure I shall never forget-an introduction to Ham Radio in all it's international aspects and to which I am deeply indebted for so many new friendships. Ham Radio made a pleasant holiday out of what would have been a very monotonous tour of duty in Ceylon in fact I was sorry to leave.

My position as a DX station placed me under an obligation and made it virtually impossible to have long QSO's with the boys as I would like to have done, but nevertheless, I thoroughly enjoyed the W-6 rat races (As VS7CC and I affectionately called out occasional sortees on 20)-If only you chaps could have heard yourselves.

With reference to my venture in the Maldiv Islands, No one was more sorry than I when my idea misfired, I felt that I had let the boys down. I may as well give you the full story of VS9.

To the best of my knowledge there has never been any licensed activity from the Maldiv postwar. The first to operate from there as a portable was VS7DR in December, 1947. Don Rolph and I were down at Malé the Capitol, as part of the crew of a Sunderland flying boat on an official visit. During the watch as boat-guard we put out a test call as VS7DR/VS9 and worked a ZS on phone, 20 meters That was all for quite a time.

I had had several trips to Malé, but it was until March of this year that I really put the Maldives on the DX map. Once again on Boat guard I shoved up to 20 CW with the aircraft transmitter a Marconi T1154 and worked W6TS and VQ4IMS then the auxillary generator motor packed up leaving only the aircraft batteries so I had to QRT much to W6VFR's regret.

As a result of this, and my card to W6TS with Maldiv stamps both 7CC and I were being pestered about another trip there so we decided to modify a T1154 and take a complete station next time and operate from dry land. Apparently since I was operating from the aircraft the--

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( VS7AD-Letter-Cont.)

the contact didn't count for DXCC  
The next trip came on August 15th  
and for several days prior to the  
trip we were giving the boys all  
the dope.

On the appointed day all the  
gear, complete with a portable  
generator set, was duly dumped  
on Madavian territory and work  
commenced to rig up the station.  
Just after lunch I was ready for  
testing and the blow fell!!

For some reason still unknown  
the HT generator burnt up and  
as the only other was part of the  
aircraft equipment I had to QRT  
before I began. That was that.

I listened around the band that  
night it was wide open and it nearly  
broke my heart to hear umpteen  
stations vainly calling me and  
nothing I could do about it.

Now Horace, you know the full  
story about VS7AD/VS9 and I will  
be greatful if you would tell  
your gang and pass my most sin-  
cere regrets.

Little remains now I have  
left Ceylon for good. Very soon  
I shall be just another G but I  
shall always remember those mad-  
cap days as DX. I would like to  
compliment the W6's on their  
operating despite the terrific din  
they kicked up I could always give  
a chap R5 and read him almost  
solid throughout the QSO.

So my sympathy to you Horace  
as their QSL manager and my thanks  
to you and to those whom I con-  
tacted for a few happy memories.

73 and the best of DX,

ART..ex-VS7AD

QSL Bureau News.

Cards have been starting to  
come through from AC4RF. That is  
the first batch have come in. So  
if you worked Bob not too long  
ago it is a good bet that your  
card will come through.

F.E.Handy and DXCC.

As of October 17th of this year  
ALL cards pertaining to DXCC were  
brought right up to date. And the

desk was clear. So Mr. Budlong  
department did an outstanding  
job for the short time which they  
had it.

This goes to show that the proper  
organization of this work brings  
results. However at the last  
special meeting of the Board of  
directors in Washington, DC, in  
October, several members of the  
Board thought that F.E.Handy  
should have another try in doing  
this work once again.

It is our sincere hope that  
Mr. F.E.Handy will appreciate the  
necessity in keeping this work up  
to date for the DX men. We have  
no bones to pick if the work is  
done so good luck F.E.H. OM.

DONT FORGET.

Our December 8th meeting is a  
closed meeting wherein we will  
have election of officers. Most  
careful thought should be given  
this matter as our officers have  
it in their power to really keep  
the club up on top.

HEARD ON THE AIR.....

Some countries to some of the  
gang are old stuff but to others  
are brand new. It is with the  
thought in mind that those of the  
club gang who have worked several  
stations in a country to make  
additional contacts with those  
same countries as brief as poss-  
ible in order to give the other  
boys a break.

PHONE SPLATTER AND KEYKLIX.

Everyone in the club wants to  
keep a clean signal on the air.  
However there are some stations  
which due to changes and exper-  
imenting sometimes offend but we  
have always found a short teleph-  
one call will usually help out  
both ways. And none of us gets  
excited or 'sore' when this  
happens. Its just good operating  
to keep a good signal on the air  
and we of the DX Club usually  
pride ourselves on having the top  
stations so lets help each other  
keep it that way.

XMAS IS GETTING AWFUL DAMCLOSE.

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COUNTRIES WORKED POSTWAR

CALL	QW	PHONE	ZONES	DXCC	WAZ
W6AM	192	108	40	X & PH.	X
W6AED		121	37	X	
W6AJF					
W6ATQ	123	7	40	X	
W6BUY	132		39	X	
W6CIS	174		40	X	X
W6CTL	170		40	X	
W6DUB	129		39	X	
W6DZZ	194		40	X	X
W6EJA	85		37		
W6GIZ	101		38		
W6IDY		142			
W6IKQ		123	36	X	
W6LTH		101		X	
W6LTK	151		40	X	
W6KEK	122	13	40	X	
W6LAD	147		40	X	X
W6LMZ	104		36		
W6MEK	224		40	X	X
W6MHB	138		40	X	X
W6MLY	153		40	X	X
W6MVQ	203		40	X	X
W6MX	212		40	X	X
W6NZ	105		36		
W6OMC	202		40	X	X
W6PB	198		40	X	X
W6PWR	50	143	36		
W6QDE	93		36		
W6QLH					
W6RBQ	192		40	X	X
W6RCC	113		39		
W6RNM	202	109	40	X	X
W6RRG	107	71	39		
W6SC	202		40	X	X
W6SQ	72		20		
W6SR	157		39	X	
W6TTC	176		40	X	X
W6TTF	210	134	40	X & PH.	X
W6UPV		73	31		
W6U'X	172	112	40	X & PH.	X
W6WB	203		40	X	X
W6WP	76				
W6WJX	124	60	40	X	
W6YI		96	33	Prewar	
W6ZCY	210		40	X	X
W6ZUI	117		38		
W7HXG	112		39		
G5LI	208		40	X	

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Summary: DXCC 32  
WAZ 19

Total members: 48