

CHUCK SWAIN-K7LMU

MISSING AT SEA

The big news of the moment brings a grim realization that DX'peditions are hazardous. For all us armchair adventurers, the smooth operation of an extended DX'pedition to far off and exotic places begins to appear deceptively routine after such rare ones as BY4,1S9,8F3 etc.

As this is written, Monday Feb.7, no word has been received from Don Miller, now operating as W9WNV/KS6, of the whereabouts of his friend and co-operator of the "All Asian DX'pedition", Chuck Swain-K7LMU. The last known contact with Chuck was that he and Ted-ZL2AWJ left Wallis Island on Jan. 26 and were due at Pago-Pago by Jan.30th.

The party was traveling by water on a thirty-eight foot ketch owned by Ted-ZL2AWJ. As most of us know from the news on TV and radio, a hurricane swept across the Pacific at the time and place of their travel. There has been no radio or visual contact with the ketch since their departure. It has been reported that Ted-ZL2AWJ is an excellent sailboat skipper and navigator, however, the overwhelming forces both in speed and magnitude of a hurricane would be more than the best men and boat could handle.

As near as we can tell from fragmentary reports, only one New Zealand Sunderland flying boat is actively engaged in a search for the missing crew and they were called to another emergency Saturday in the Tokelaus Islands. All shipping and commercial aircraft have been alerted to watch for signs of wreckage. One report from an Australian commercial freighter said they sighted an overturned hull but on close inspection it was not the missing ketch.

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January, 1966, Meeting

The January, 1966, meeting of the Northern California DX Club was held on Friday, the 14th, at the Brentwood Lodge in the Brentwood Shopping Center just off El Camino Real in South San Francisco. There were 35 members and guests present.

Guests were: K6ALH, W4YZE, K6OTO, W6CBB, WB6FCE.

The Treasurer's statement was as follows: Petty Cash -- \$4.78
Bank Acct. -- \$393009
Total: \$397.87

Second readings for membership were given for: WA6IQM, WA6HAE and W6ZKM. These three were unanimously voted into membership, but with an addendum to the approval for exclusive phone man, W6ZKM. It was agreed that his membership shall be contingent upon his recognizing his own call in CW when sent by that mode at the next meeting. This motion was railroaded through despite extreme opposition from K6ERV.

Consideration of the applications of W6KWU, W6BVB and WA6SLU was suspended pending receipt of their initiation fees and first year dues.

Joe Horvath, W6GPB, reported on the scheduled bus trip to the joint meeting in Fresno. The Oakland stop will be eliminated, and the bus will depart from San Francisco, following the pick-up schedule presented in the December issue of the DX'er. Howard Hale, W6FYM, will once again serve as Chief Dispenser of Good Cheer. There was some debate whether or not the club members aboard would recommend that he go topless.

Since W6LCF sent notice that he would be unable to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for 1966, nominations for this position were opened once more. Nominated were: W6PHF and W6PQW. Elected was Lee Shaklee, W6PQW.
to CQ Magazine

There was discussion about the submission of the NCDXC roster of active and paid-up members. It was decided that this would fulfill CQ's request for corroborating data for their accurate compilation of Club scoring in the CQ DX Contest.

Bob Johnson, K6SSJ, recounted his experiences while attending a recent meeting of the SCDXC. The matter of what constitutes an active member was discussed. The members of the NCDXC agreed to submit to CQ Magazine only the names of fully-paid-up members for consideration in club scoring.

Lee Shaklee, W6PQW, asked to hear the committee report on the K6SSJ motion, from the December meeting, regarding the award of an annual plaque or trophy to the outstanding DX-Man-of-the-Year. President Brollier, K6ERV, stated that the committee had not yet been appointed, but that he would do so before adjourning the meeting. The committee report and recommendation will be presented at the February meeting.

After a brisk DX Roundtable, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Shaklee, W6PQW

ARRL DX CONTEST

That time of the year has rolled around once again. The dates for the contest are, Phone - February and March 12-13; and CW - February and March 26-27. Rules are the same as last year (see January QST), but new logging forms are available. In addition, a new prefix checklist is to be used by all W/VE participants. Logs received without this checklist will be returned. Rich, K6OHJ, is once again distributing log forms, or they may be acquired directly from ARRL.

After having been humiliated for the third straight year, SCDXC is apparently out for blood this year. We've lost several of our high scoring stations, so things aren't going to be easy this year. EVERYONE participate as much as time allows in both Phone and CW. Many of the boys shy away from the Phone contest for some reason. It's even easier than CW, as any Phone op will tell you. Give it a try!

FROM THE MEMBERS.....

Not much DX news submitted this month. Guess the holidays and Fresno kept everybody occupied.

The NCDXC-SCDXC convention was a great success this year, with the highlight (as usual) being the bus trip. Many thanks are due Joe, W6GPB; Howard, W6FYM; Bob, W6RGG; and Harvey the driver for making it so enjoyable. Wonder if W6UMI is sober yet?

Station activity:

Stan, W6JKJ:

5T7H	2 Dec.	1814	14063
XT2H	7 Dec.	2000	14066
		2100	14150
TZ5H	12 Dec.	1910	21036
XE5L	13 Dec.	0150	14107

Jack, W6ISQ:

"The activities of the 'station' have been almost at a standstill, but the Chief Operator has been in orbit. Hope to get things nailed down sufficiently to allow a little time for the Big Weekends coming up. "

Jack, K6ERV:

VP2VE	8 Jan.	2254	14232	via W2MDQ
EA8FD	16 Jan.	1708	14274	LP via Box 393 Santa Cruz Canary Is.

Bob, W6RGG:

"A letter from PAØLOU states he needs many cards from members he has QSO'D and QSL'D. VE3ACD says he is QSL mgr. for: VP1JKR, VP1HB, VP2KD, VP2AA, 4X4TP, 4XØTP/J."

Rich, K6OHJ:

ZK2AF	2 Jan.	1743	14106	
WØYKD/KS4	3 Jan.	1551	14243	
5ALTS	18 Jan.	1554	14240	Short Path

"Many thanks to those who did so much to make the Fresno get together such a success. Special thanks to W6GPB & W6 Grey Hound Dog; W6FYM & W6RGG."

Joe, WA6TGY:

YK1AA	31 Dec.	1544	14201
ZK2AF	2 Jan.	0037	14044
YS1WF	2 Jan.	0531	3503

"For the first time since I received WN2HQL in 1951, I am 100% QSLLED for DXCC. Guess I better quit or get busy looking for new ones!!

Brad, W6VUW:

VP2VE	8 Jan.	2238	14SSB
FW8ZZ	22 Jan.	0237	14SSB

"From UA2AO via W1DGJ, UALKED Franz Josef Land now on SSB with English speaking op Vic. QRV daily except Monday and Friday 0630-1000; 1300-1500; 1700-2200Z on 14121 xtal. QSL RAEM."

A card from W8ZCQ indicates he has logs for VK4TE (Willis Is.) for operation from 8 May to 7 June 1965. Please SASE.

Jim W6BHY

 from the Ed. as a follow-up to last months editorial on 100% QSL'ing,
 the ISWL address is: Bernard Brown, I.S.W.L. HQ. 60 White St., Derby, England
 Wanted: One new or good used PL-172. John Fogg, W6VVR.

CURRENT & CHOICE

PACIFIC ASIA EXPEDITION W9WNV/ K7LMU/

AT THE FRESNO JOINT NCDXC/SCDXC MEETING DON ANNOUNCED THAT THE EXPEDITION WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT HE PROBABLY REJOIN CHUCK IN PANGO PANGO THE FOLLOWING WEEK UNLESS HE GOT SIDETRACKED TO A VENEZUELAN DX CONVENTION. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO WOULD PASS BEFORE HE COULD REJOIN CHUCK. HE ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF THE NEW ONES RECENTLY MENTIONED WOULD BE MINERVA REEF. THEY EXPECT TO BE QRV FROM HEARD ISLAND IN THE EARLY PART OF MARCH. IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, THEY WILL GO TO CLIPPERTON ISLAND.

NAURU - KX6SZ/VK9

AS OF THE TIME OF THIS WRITING, LLOYD AND IRIS ARE REPORTED ENROUTE TO NAURU. THEY SHOULD BE QRV FROM THERE WITHIN THE WEEK.

VIET NAM - KLYPE/XV5, XV5AA

SPORADIC ACTIVITY ON 14 & 21 MC CW AND SSB REPORTED. BILL'S QSL MANAGER IS W4UWC.

FRANZ JOSEF LAND - UALKED

NOW QRV ON SSB. TRY 14121 0630 - 1000Z DAILY

MACQUARIE ISLAND - VKØFO

REPORTED CURRENTLY ACTIVE FROM MACQUARRIE TAKING THE PLACE OF VKØTC WHO HAS RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA (WATTS LIDXA)

KAMARAN ISLANDS - VS9KRV

CW/SSB MAR 4-14 BY RON VS9AFR, VS9ARV, AND POSSIBLY VS9ADF. ANNOUNCED FREQUENCIES 14009 CW, 14160 SSB. (WATTS LIDXA)

FRENCH SAHARA-7XØGL

USING THE NEW 7XØ PREFIX FOR FRENCH SAHARA, THIS STATION HAS BEEN REPORTED ACTIVE ON ABOUT 14115 KC SSB FROM 1300-1500Z.

CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO -

WGDXC AND LIDXA REPORT THAT CHAGOS, ALDABRA, AND FARQUAR-DESROCHES ARE GROUPED TOGETHER AS THE NEW BRITISH ISLAND-OCEAN TERRITORY. DXCC STATUS UNCLEAR AS OF NOW. HARVEY VQ9HB PLANS TO EXPEDITE THIS AREA IN FEBRUARY.

MARION ISLAND - ZS2MI

HAS THREE MONTHS REMAINING ON MARION AND IS QRV 14250 SSB 0330Z DAILY LOOKING FOR W/K QSOS.

AGALEGA - VQ8--

LIDXA REPORTS THAT CHARLIE MP4BCC AND OTHERS ARE AIMING FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN FEBRUARY FOR OPERATION FROM THIS STILL MUCH NEEDED SPOT (W2BOM)

GROZET ISLAND - FBSWW

HENRI EXPECTS TO BECOME ACTIVE ON SSB MID JANUARY USING SR 150 & SX 117 THANKS TO COOPERATION OF F9LC F3DQ AND HALLICRAFTERS. HY-GAIN IS SENDING A BEAM WHICH SHOULD BE IN USE SOME TIME IN FEBRUARY. QSL VIA K2MGE. (DXPRESS)

CLIPPEKTON ISLAND - FC8--

BY ANDY YSIAG AND ED YSIEM FOR ONE WEEK DURING FEBRUARY OR MARCH (WATTS LIDXA)

STU MEYER - W2GHK

SOLICITS 3 X 5 INCH POST CARDS FROM DXERS INDICATING MOST DESIRED COUNTRIES WANTED FOR USE IN PLANNING FUTUR DXPEDITIONS. ADDRESS YOUR CARD TO "DXPEDITION-OF-THE-MONTH, PO BOX 7388, NEWARK, N.J. 07107. INCIDENTALLY THIS IS THE NEW ADDRESS FOR ALL DXPEDITION OF THE MONTH QSL CARDS.

FINALLY FROM THE WGDXC BULLETIN, THE FOLLOWING:

RUMOR DEPARTMENT -- HAS IT THAT PY AMATEURS ARE COOKING UP A POT OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL ROCKS FOR DROOLING IN ABOUT A MONTH.

HAPPY HUNTING - DAVE-W6WX

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Don Miller has been desperately trying to interest the U.S. Navy and Air Force in a search effort. As of this moment no promise of help has been forthcoming. Time is extremely important since if by some miracle any of them are still alive their circumstances could still be precarious. An overturned hull with the crew trapped inside or marooned on an out of the way island with no food or water is the best that can be hoped for.

In any event, the roughest part of the whole action is not having any positive sighting or evidence to indicate the fate of the group, especially to Ted's wife and kids waiting in New Zealand or possibly closer to the search area by now, for some word.

The frequency to MONITOR ONLY and NOT operate on for latest word on this story is 14240KC SSB.

If you feel like you want to do something other than pray, Miller still has to eat and sleep somewhere until this thing is resolved. Even the most cynical among ^{you} could bust loose with a few skins right now and I wouldn't say a word. Make checks payable to World Radio Propagation Study Assn. mail: to W4ECI post haste!

Standings of station: _____

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WKD/CFMD

WAZ
WKD/CFMD

WPX
WKD/CFMD

CW:

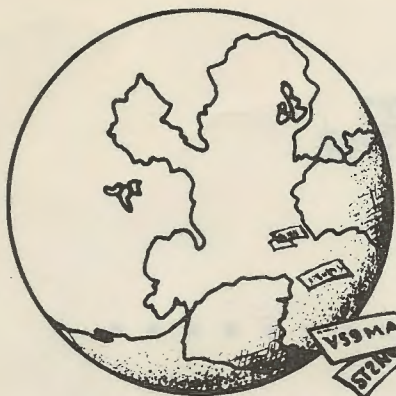
PHONE:

Activities of station: _____

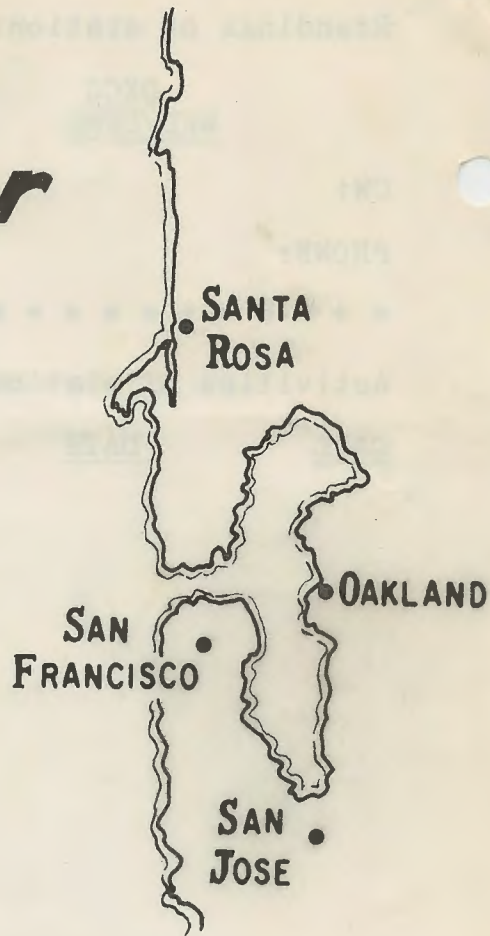
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