

## Newark News Radio Club

Deadline: March 28th

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## Amateur Section

LeRoy Waite, Editor,  
39 Hannum Street,  
Ballston Spa, N. Y.

Sheldon Dunham has asked me to take over his column and combine it with mine as he is no longer able to devote the time to it. I ask your indulgence and cooperation in my efforts to put out a DX column that I hope will be of interest to both the "Beginner" and the "Old Timer" alike. Roy.

## "5 BEST DX CATCHES HEARD"

John DeMyer, 2230 Maplewood Ave., Lansing 10, Michigan.

PHONE: ZD9AA, Tristan da Cunha Island, 14205 at 1530 with nice strong signal.

Robert Hatcher, 23 South Blvd., Richmond, Va.

CW: MClWN, Cyrenacia, Libya, 14071 at 1000 - F18YB, Fr. Indo-China, 14075 at 1727 - FR7ZA, Reunion Island, 14080 at 0440 - LU4ZI, Deception Island, 14100 at 0420 - FB8ZZ, Madagascar, 14080 at 1850.  
PHONE: CR6AJ, Angola, 14310 at 1330 - 3V8AS 14460 1320 - MI3RR 14330 1310 - ZE3JY 14150 1731 - ZS3Y 14350 1415.

Don Martinez, 1469 26th Ave., San Francisco 22, Calif.

PHONE: ZK2AA, Niue Island, low end of 20 - KB6AO, Canton Island, 14260 - KG6ABW 14290 - JA2ZZ - VK4FP. VIC 128.

James M. Moore, 5 Surrey St., San Francisco, Calif.

PHONE: ZK2AA, Niue Island, 28265 at 1930 - ZL1MQ 3756 0305 - VP6JC 3762 0310 - KH6MG 3840 0314 - KH6IJ 3840 0317. VIC 165.

Sheldon Dunham - W4OEL, Kildaire Rd., Cary, North Carolina.

20 CW: VQ8CB, Chagos Island - FQ8AG. 20 PHONE: ZD4BF - CR6AV, Angola.

Alfonso Velasco - XE1AC, P.O.Box 19311, Mexico, D.F., Mexico.

PHONE: CR5AC, Sao Tome Island, 14156 - VP8AE, South Orkney Is., 14098 - YU1AG 14140. (Courtesy John DeMyer).

Daryl Sebastian, 1609 Second St., Jackson, Michigan.

20 PHONE: VP8AE, South Orkney Islands, at 2015 - ZS7C, Swaziland, at 1735 - 5A2TH, United Kingdom of Libya, at 1250 - VP5BF at 1715 - ZD4BF at 1640.

Bill Wells; VE3ABP, Albion Falls, c/o Stn. "D", Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

20 CW: EA0AB, Fernando Poo, for 128th country worked - FF8AJ.  
40 CW: YU1AFG, Yugoslavia - ZS3K - FA8BG.

Edward L. Lendzioszek, 12 Hampton Terrace, Easthampton, Mass.

20 PHONE: CR7SF, Mozambique - FA8CF - HK3ME - PJ1UF - ZS3V.

Edgar Whitaker, 46 Ballston Ave., Ballston Spa, N. Y.

20 PHONE: TA2EFA, Turkey, at 1300 - KT1DD at 1154 - EA8AW at 1153 - CN8FH at 0736 - GD6IA at 1300.

Edmun Richmond, 752 High Ridge Rd., Stamford, Conn.

20 PHONE: EA9AR, Spanish Morocco, at 1622 - 5A2TH, Tripoli, Libya, at 1510 - EA6AR, Balaeric Islands, at 1522 - MI2TH at 0912 - OQ5VP at 1503.

Elwood W. Deibert, RFD #2, Walnutport, Pa.

20 PHONE: EA9AR, Spanish Morocco, - 5A2TH, Tripoli, Libya - MI3DW ZB1AJ - ZD4BF.

Jane & Roger Legge, 85 Lee Rd., Scarsdale, N. Y.

PHONE: TF3MB, Iceland, 14140 1320 - 5A2TU, Tripoli, Libya, 14070 1500 - 5A2TH, 14380 1450 - MI3RH 14300 1500.

Peter E. Thompson, 14-23 30th Drive, Astoria 2, L. I., N. Y.

20 PHONE: VO4KIF, Kenya - AJ9AN - FF8AG - MI3LK - OQ5BG.

Charles E. McCormick, Jr., 3402 Cedardale Rd., Baltimore 15, Md.

PHONE: EL9A, Liberia, 14340 1845 - CN8FB 14400 1450 - KT1DU 14370 1520 - ZS1DM 14335 1425 - ZS6HB 14375 1430. CW: KL7HR 14035 1945.

August Stellwag, 130 W. 195th St., Bronx 68, N. Y.

PHONE: 5A2TH, Tripoli, Libya, 14384 1621 - EA8AW 14310 1244 - TA3AA 14360 1234 - ZD4AX 14139 1829 - VP5BF 14150 0951.

Morton H. Schlesinger, 701 W. 177th St., Apt. 37, New York 33, N. Y.

30 PHONE: KT1DD, Tangiers - CN8FO - HP1LB - OX3BF - CT1UO.

Al Matas, 164 Havemeyer St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y.

10 PHONE: OQ5CJ, Belgian Congo - VP2GX - ZP4BB. 20 PHONE: VP7OU.

L. Charles Gerran, 205 Barrett St., Jamestown, N. Y.

20 PHONE: LX1DU, Luxembourg, at 1444 - ILYAK at 1412 - OZ7PH at 1335 - ON4SZ at 1329 - DL1FI at 1339.

Roy Waite, 39 Hannum St., Ballston Spa, N. Y.

PHONE: VP5BP, Cayman Islands, 14180 1643 - 5A2VQ 14140 1423 - KT1JS/AM 14400 0752 - DL5CI 14305 1426 - ZD4BF 14130 1703.

#### OTHER DX HEARD

Bill Wells - VE3ABP - 20 CW QSO's: FA8CR - EL2R - G8AB - PA0LY - ZS6RI KG4AC - ZS6EC - ON4AS. 40 CW QSO's: IL1PA - F8JT - EI5C - F9PQ - EI6G CO7JD - KH6TD - ZS5BZ - ZS5BF - ZS2HE - VP7NM - HR2ZE - VP5BF - HC1JW.

Bob Hatcher - PHONE: MI3LV 14320 - EL9A 14350. CW: FQ8AG 14070 - CR4AE 14030 - FD8AB 14020 - VU2NB 14050 - LZ1LZ 14050 - MC1GG 14055 - 9B3AA 14021 - YO4GR 14010 - ZD9DD 14205 - KH6QY/KC6 14100.

Daryl Sebastian - 20 PHONE: TF3MB - FA8BG - VO4RF - TA3AA - MF2AA - KT1US - KT1DD - KT1WD - KT1PU - EL9A - DL3IB - DL1FI - SM8TK/MM - SM5WL - PZ1WK - JA2MB - JA2CU. 10 PHONE: GC2RS - OQ5CC - OQ5BG - OQ5BQ - OQ5CX - ZE3JC.

Charles McCormick, Jr. - PHONE: ZS6QD 14340 - ZS6YW 14345.

Chuck Gerran - 20 PHONE: GM3DHD - GM8MN - DL3IB - J1US - I1BDV - AJ5AB - HB9MS - EI4B. 75 PHONE: HR1BG - XE2FY - VP6SD - CT1BW - CT1SQ - G2PU - XE2W.

Don Martinez - 20 PHONE: VK2AUP - VK2BZ - VK2WU - VK4WF - ZL2JB - ZL2BE - ZL2RC - JA2MB - VP6SD 14190 - VP6AL 14350 - VP6CJ 14325.

Morton Schlesinger - 20 PHONE: VE4TJ - VE4YO - VE4RO - KG4AF - VP6WR - VP6CJ - VP6SD - CT1BW.

Elwood Deibert - 20 PHONE: OQ5BG - ZS6Q - MI3ZX - YN1AA - ZS1SW - ZS6DW - VP6SD - TI2OE - VQ4RF - KL7AMN - KL7AFR - KT1DD - MI3RH - VQ4AC - EA4CH - KT1CH - ZE1JU - ZS1DM - CN8EE - AJ5AD - MI3RR - MI3AB - EA7DJ - KT1PJ - LX1DC - PJ5AE - ZS6KD - EK1AD - OZ7SM.

Ed Richmond - 20 PHONE: VP9AZ - OX3BI - YS1MS - TG9RV - AC4USA - EA8AW - YS2AG - EA2CQ - KT1LU - VE8RS - VP9AF - TG9AD - VP9AV - KT1BB - KT1PU - AJ5AB - VP9AW - VK3KR - AF5AIR/AM - AA5WSP - AJ9AK - VP9AX - EL9A - TI4JG - VE8RC - HR1BG - YS2MF - MI3RR - EA9AI - MI3DW - VO1G - AJ5AE - VE8RO - VP7NR - AC7NH - AH6AA - AH2AB - VK3HF - VP7NU - KT1DD - TG9AS - VP3HAG - ON4CC - KT1UX - FA8BG - TG9HW - MI3NA - IT1BXX - CE1CC - F4CC/KV4. 75 PHONE: HR1BG - CT1BW - VE3BSA - VP9G - VP6SD.

Ed Lendzioszek - 20 PHONE: KP4FF - OX3BI - OX3MG - OX3BD - OX3MV - TG9RV - VK3UP - VP4TH - VP6SD - XE1AC - XE2KW - XE2HF.

Jim Moore - PHONE: ZL2RC 28220 - ZL2AK 28320 - ZL1HY 28340 - ZL1OF 28150 - ZL2QS 28310 - ZL2BE 28170 - KG6AD 28600 - VK4HD 28320 - TI2TG 14190 - VK4ADS 14315 - VK3AWW 14148 - ZL2BS 14150 - ZL2GX 14325 - ZL2JB 14308.

Pete Thompson - 20 PHONE: VK5CE - EA1AM - DL4PG - AC5AA - VE8FT - CN8FO - AF4FAR.

Ed Whitaker - 20 PHONE: I1BDV - EA4DB - DL4NZ - G5TN - F8SK - CT1SQ - EA2CI - OZ3EA - G2PU - EA2CQ - PA0MZ - ON4CC - EI5C - KP4PM - HC2KJ - OX3BD - XE1QB - CM9AA - PY8MQ - KZ5TT - KG4AF - HP1LB - HK4FZ - HI6EC - YV5AO - TG9AG - HR3RB - HR4OS - VP9AD - VE4RO. 75 PHONE: VP6CD - VP6SD - VP7NZ.

Roy Waite - PHONE: 3V8AS 14190 - OE13GK 14315 - ZB1AU 14180 - KT1LM 14335 - AJ9AJ 14410 - KL7AFR 14295 - GD2FRV 14190 - CN8GD 14315 - OQ5YL 14170 - HR4OS 14340 - VK3LY 14320.

#### DX QTH'S

CR4AJ Joaquim de Jesus Lopez, Sal Airport, Sal Island, Cape Verde Is.  
 HR2ZE c/o Tropical Radio, La Lima, Honduras.  
 MI3DW Robert (Bob) Wassum, APO 843, c/o PM? New York, N. Y.  
 PJ5AE QSL thru W8NKU.  
 VP5BP VE3 QSL Bureau or Box 253, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.  
 VQ2JW ex ZS9F: Nangweshi, P.O. Secheke, Barotseland, via Livingston, No. Rhodesia.

Thanks to Bill Wells, Robert Hatcher, Elwood Deibert and Edmun Richmond for the DX QTH's.

PK1YR Yves Ramond, Andorre-La-Vieille.

John DeMyer, Lansing, Michigan. - FR7ZA came thru for the first QSL received since October 16th. A nice pale blue card with map of Reunion super-imposed with large red call.

James J. Hart, Irvington, N. J. - VP5BP, Cayman Islands.

Phil Patterson - W56FW, Amarillo, Texas. - MD2AM - VR2CG - VP1BOY - G8CD - FG7XA - ZS1MP.

James M. Moore, San Francisco, Calif. - Add me up 1 new country on the Ham bands and 4 on SWBC: EA0AB - Radio Fernando Poo - Radio Athens VOA Tangiers - ZQI. Ham VIC 165 - SWBC VIC 82 - Total VIC 182.

Don Martinez, San Francisco, Calif. - CX2CO finally drifted in after a two year wait. Ham VIC 128.

Bill Wells - VE3ABP, Albion Falls, Ont., Canada. - OK1FF for 1949 & FE3AB for 1950 QSO's - OH6OV - OH5NK - EA9AP - CT2AE - ZS1MP - CT1CL - G3QI - EA3FK - EA4AV - EA3GF - EA5BA - SL7BT - ZL2GS - HK5DH - FF8AG.

Morton Schelesinger, New York, N. Y. - OZ4RJ - CT1FL - W9AOP - W4EFX W5DRW. SWBC: COBZ - GOKG - PJC2.

Elwood Deibert, Walnutport, Pa. - HP1LB - CP5FA - CS3AA - CT1QF - VK6MK - EK1WX - OE13RL - TA3AA -. SUBC: TGNA.

Jane & Roger Legge, Scarsdale, N. Y. - CT3AM - MI3LK - OE5CA - VP2SE OQ5DZ, Ruanda-Urundi - VQ5AU - YV3AM - YV6AA - ZB2I - ZP7AW.

L. Charles Gerran, Jamestown, N. Y. - ZS1H, ex -ZUIT, blue, orange & white.

Edmun Richmond, Stamford, Conn. - CR4AJ, blue on white, for new country - CS3AB, red on white - PJ5RE, black on yellow - W2VCX/MM, black on rainbow colored map of USA. SWBC: Radio Sofia.

Robert Hatcher, Richmond, Va. - 4UAJ, Kashmir - VQ2JW, Barotseland - ZS3MI - EQ3FM.

Roy Waite, Ballston Spa, N. Y. - ZC6XY, Jerusalem, Palestine, reply card for 1948 report.

Daryl Sebastian, Jackson, Michigan. - TA3AA, gold call, black text on white. Said QSL's all SWL's - ZS3G, red on white - ZD1SW, blue and red on yellow.

August Stellwag, Bronx, N. Y. - SM7VH, Island of Oeland off the S/E coast of Sweden, sent a signed reply card.

LAST MINUTE REPORT - Sheldon Dunham - W4OEL - 5 BEST CW: FI8YB 14080 0714 - YO2BC 14037 1316 - VU2EJ 14022 0842 - ZD1AA 14015 0738 - FKS8BC 14078 0735. PHONE: 5A2JH 1383 0940 - GD6IA 14364 1346 - TA2EFA 14370 1350. OTHERS HEARD CW: OE13SC - EA0AB - LU0CH - EA8AE - DL9HQ - ZB2I - LU0DDF - KT1OC - OK1JQ - FA8CR - DL9KR. (Sheldon, I want to take this opportunity to say that words can't express my appreciation of the way/ cooperated with me in this difficult changeover period. Doubly /you difficult due to the fact we had no chance to let the members know in advance. I know the Gang joins me in a vote of thanks for the excellent work you did with your column and we are sorry you are no longer able to continue with it. Roy.)

We have run into a situation recently where one and possibly two Expeditions have not come off as planned. In both cases the tips were sent as a result of information received from the sponsors of the Expeditions. In running a DX Column there are two choices. One is to use all tips received from reliable sources. The other is to wait until it is known that an Expedition is operating from the base as planned. We feel you would prefer the former course of action even though once in a while a tip fails to pay off. The big disadvantage to the second course is the fact the Expedition may have come and gone before mention of it appears in the Bulletin... From latest available information the XE4- Expedition to the Revillagigedo Islands has been called off due to non-recognition by ARRL of the Islands as a separate country... EASAW is still planning on operating from Rio de Oro and Ifni and will use the call EA9DC. You might watch for him around 14150 to 14160 phone.

## LETTER BOX

ions Unit #4, APO 231, c/o PM, N. Y.  
Charles M. Unfried, Warrant Radio Electrician, U.S. Naval Communicat-

I don't know whether you ever received a card from MD2FM (I didn't) but there sure are a pack of QSL's around here that appear unanswered to me. There are very few Ham's left over here at the present. The base station has been on the air using the calls MD2JB and MT2KH for the last few months but since my family have arrived over here, I can find no time to operate evenings. Hi. We live in the city of Tripoli, about 12 miles from the base, and expect to have my own station on the air as soon as my sea freight with my radio gear arrives over here. I will be using a new call issued by the United Kingdom of Libya very shortly. I have been a Ham for a good many years and my last call was W4LNL. Listen for me in about two months time.

Robert Hatcher, 23 South Blvd., Richmond, Va.

Bill of VQ2JW says he expects new prefix call letters soon as Barotseland is a separate country from No. Rhodesias, the same as South West Africa is to South Africa... MCLWN, Benghazi, Cyrenacia, Libya, says he is a separate country. (This is doubtful now that the United Kingdom of Libya is a sovereign state in it's own right)... 5A2TH is ex-MD2AM... PX1YR replaces 7B4QF - PX1AR. Has 7 watts on 7 mcs... My receiver is a KP81 Professional 24 tuber and the antenna is a 20 meter rotary beam.

Edward L. Lendzioszek, 12 Hampton Terrace, Easthampton, Mass.

Time sure flies, here it is just a few days before the deadline, so off with another short report to you. Haven't noted any large improvement in DX, 10 is rather poor but a few more calls are being heard on 20 to make up the difference. Getting more and more free time on hand now, so hope to keep getting a much bigger log to you.

Bill Wells, VE3ABP, Albion Falls, c/o Stn: "D", Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

Tried to work Sheldon Dunham, W4OEL, on 20 and Matty Williams, W2YWR, on 40 but conditions not good here.

Elwood W. Deibert, RFD #2, Walnutport, Pa.

Have not done much DXing for last year or so, but now that our house is finished and my wife and I are settled down, I thought it best to get my HRO back in the swing again. My wife's cousin and her husband are operating MI3DW from Asmara, Eritrea. (It was a pleasure to receive your first report Elwood and we hope you will be a regular contributor from now on.)

Jane & Roger Legge, 85 Lee Rd., Scarsdale, N. Y.

Have checked the bands quite a few times recently at odd hours during the night as a result of being up to feed the new member of the family, but not much coming thru at those times.

Robert Hampton, 1450 E. Tacoma, Des Moines, Iowa.

No DX to report on any band. Just haven't been listening much. Tried out the copper water pipe as an antenna. It didn't work so hot as while it did cut down on interference it also cut down on reception. Really ran into grief when I tried connecting the copper pipe to my DB22A as all I got was one flash and then a lot of smoke. Must be something in the DB22A was connected to the hot side of the AC line. Finally wound up by connecting it to the ground post on the ground post on the receiver and it really works well as the receiver tunes a little sharper now. (Sorry to hear of the mishap to the DB22A Bob and hope you soon have it in working order again.)

Murray Buitekant, 2945 Brighton 8th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sorry that I have been a bit on the no newsy side but have not made a notation in the log book since Sept. '51, consequently no DX and more important no DX QSL's... Have spent all that time putting my stamp album in order with a larger edition. I save only U.S. but the nephew who lives with me saves whatever he can get his hands on. We are partners, I buy them and he pastes them in... I note Ed Richmond claims what he thinks is a record in waiting almost two years for a QSL from WLLTW, tell him he is an alter boy compared to my ZELJX out 9 (nine) years and he QSL'ed WITHOUT A REPEAT REPORT OR A REMINDER. Perhaps the guy was cleaning out his dark closet or something. Hi. (Hope you get that stamp album in shape right soon Murray as I could use reports from Brooklyn.) (Should have/another reporter. Hi.)  
said/

Daryl Sebastian, 1609 Second St., Jackson, Michigan.

No, not lost, just strayed! I've had little time for DXing due to work and it seemed that when I did get a chance there wasn't much to hear. (Hey Gang, get a load of Daryl's report and see if you agree with him. Hi.) Anyone got a QTH for VP8AE? He was Q3/4 and S4/7 here between 2000 and 2030 with much CQ QRM and considerable QSB. He's my first fone VP8 and my 100th 10 & 20 fone country heard since I resumed SWL hobby about a year ago... Believe me, John DeMyer wasn't kidding about that 39 inches of snow out here. My "aching back" backs up his words. Not bad now, though.

Robert W. Lane, 147 N. Minnesota Ave., Casper, Wyoming.

I get a kick out of the comment on the winter weather that has come from all points of the globe. Now this is going to surprise you if you have never lived in this part of the country, but no matter how phoney it sounds it is the truth. I was born and raised in Illinois near St. Louis, Mo., and know how miserable a winter could be, no sunshine, mist, rain, snow, and in general a miserable time of the year. I couldn't wait to get to a more pleasant climate. Here the sun shines almost all the time and that is the major factor in making your outlook more cheerful. We have had about a foot of snow falling at the rate of a half inch to two inches at a time, and lasting only a few days at the most. The temperature has been very mild night and day except for a few spells of a few days when it got quite cold, say 30 below. But the odd thing here is that 30 below one night doesn't mean that it won't be nice and warm the next day or even that night. We have regular Chinook winds that keep us warm. This is truly the best climate I have ever seen in the U.S. with the possible exception of extreme Southern California. Last winter was perfect in Western South Dakota and this is just the same here in Central Wyoming. We actually turn the heat off for long periods a great number of days. The air is so dry here that at forty, your most miserable temperature, we go on picnics. It's around fifty today and better than any seventy I ever saw in Illinois. The doors are all open, windows open and the fan blowing the clean fresh air into the house. It has been that way most of the winter. We do have bad weather about once in five years, and our Spring's are long, into July some years, but I wouldn't change back for all the tea in China, or wherever it is. Our Summers are short and extend into August. That is why I have adopted TGNA's slogan for this region, "The Land of Eternal Spring"... Haven't heard one single foreign Ham since I last wrote and I have been looking at intervals too. I am slowly progressing towards a license and hope to have it this Spring. (Why, oh why, didn't someone tell me of this Paradise before I settled down in this lousy winter climate? Hi.)

Morton H. Schlesinger, 701 W. 177th St., Apt. 37, New York 33, N. Y.

Reception conditions in the ARRL DX Contest were exceptionally good and especially from the southern European area... You addressed one of my letters to 117th St., before and it came thru OK. Quite a few make that mistake but the Zone 33 brings them thru to me. 117th St. is in Zone 25. (Guess the New York Post Office got fed up with my blunders and bounced that one to teach me a lesson. Hi.)

Irving R. Potts, 1017 Bertram Terrace, Union, N. J. (President - NNRC)

Know you will be interested to learn that Charlie McCormick attended the Board meeting Saturday. It seems he was visiting Hank Bennett in Collingswood, N. J., and rode up with Hank to be present. He seemed to enjoy very much his first attendance at one of these affairs and said he would like to be present at another one some time in the future. (Sure wish we could have been there to meet our friend Charlie again and to renew acquaintance with old friends and possibly make new ones. However, We'll make it yet.)

Ken Albrecht - W5PXW, 124 E. Jordan St., Shreveport, La.

I received the copy of the Bulletin containing my letter and read the entire Bulletin with a great deal of interest, mainly arising from nostalgic memories of the "good old days". Hi. I noticed a number of familiar old names shining brightly throughout the several sections of the Bulletin and see some of the boys are still in there pitching. As for amateur conditions in Louisiana presently, they are practically at a standstill, especially 10 meters which has been so erratic that it hardly pays to even listen anymore, much less fire up the rig. I entered my first CD QSO party on 40 cw a couple of weeks ago and enjoyed myself thoroughly in addition to scoring over 1100 points in about 3 hours of operation time. That's about the story for now. Best to all the gang again.

England.

Ron G. Baker, 348-B, Lucas Court, Alexandra Ave., S. Harrow, Middlx.,

You talk of DXing - well of recent weeks some ruddy person in this immediate vicinity has installed some machine of sorts which is giving me hellish QRN. Quite honestly it precludes any form of listening apart from the two main local BBC Tx's. It even breaks thru slightly on their carriers and if I find that it doesn't let up at all, then I think I'll probably call in the Post Office Interference squad. It doesn't keep on all the time, but altho intermittent, it is on more than off. Earlier this evening it was particularly bad - the power was out slightly and so carrier intensity was down a little on the rig here and it was quite pronounced over BBC transmission. A Radio License holder is permitted to call on the Post Office Interference squad IF any interference is affecting listening to BBC local transmissions. However the whole business is rather difficult - even if the source of interference is traced there is no law to make the culprit stop what he is doing or to make him fit suppressors. He will be asked to do something about it - and usually they do. Mains-borne QRN which is bad enough to cause interference with SW listening or other ECB Tx's - but doesn't interfere with regular local BBC transmissions doesn't come within their sphere.

Don Martinez, 1469 26th Ave., San Francisco 22, Calif.

I listened to the first night of the ARRL DX Contest on 20 meter fone but the only good DX was ZK2AA on the low end of the band which means that Bill Scarborough is back on Niue. I have noticed for some time that the tremendous number of TV receivers in the immediate area here make DX practically impossible in the evening and even when the band is open it's impossible to tune... The weather these past two weeks has been wonderful with nice warm days although the evenings are cool. We had a good deal of rain this winter but as usual, no snow has fallen. You must go either 100 miles northeast or directly east of here to see snow. The Los Angeles area you hear so much about is warmer in the summer but much colder and damper in the winter... I am back at the University of San Francisco Friday evenings from 7:20 to 9:45 studying Sociology which actually is "Current Social Problems" and am enjoying every minute of it. It sort of takes me out of the humdrum life of my daily interest and gives me a different perspective on life. (Anyone coming to rescue of Los Angeles weather? Maybe we can get a good argument started. Hi.)



Matty Williams - W2YWR, P.O.Box 7073, Roseville Sta., Newark 7, N. J.

Thought I would surprise you and drop a card to let you know that although strictly QRT here because of TVI, I do manage to get on the air occasionally and doing a great deal of mobile on 10 meters. Usually hang out on 29.1 mcs and am running 35 watts to a 2E26 in the final with 6L6. Clamp tube modulation. The receiver in the car is a 9 tube superheterodyne Sonar Model SR-9 which really does a wonderful job. It certainly outperforms any converter I've seen and also has an excellent noise limiter. Have made a tentative sked with VE3ABP, Bill Wells, on 40 CW so maybe we'll dust the cobwebs off the old gear one of these days. No need in saying I'd appreciate hearing from anyone that happens to pick up my mobile signal. (When you get the gear dusted off, we would appreciate reports from you Matty.)

Frances M. Spafford, 70 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

The former FCC member who is teaching me code and theory really knows his stuff and is very patient if I have an off night. He feels I will soon be ready to try the Novice Exam as I am getting 6 words a minute now. He also wants me to build my own rig. Will be about 25-40 watts on 80 CW, crystal controlled. A number of my Ham pals are going to help me get parts. (Good luck to you Frances and we hope you get your Novice Ticket on the first try.)

Charles S. Sutton, 402 Poinsetta Ave., Toledo 12, Ohio.

The HQ129X is back and working fine but my trouble now is trying to find some DX. 10 meters is nil and 20 goes out by 1700 so I have very little chance to try due to my work schedule. DX is hard to find on the SWBC bands also. (Most of us seem to be in about the same fix Charles.)

Frank W. Warner, 96 Oak St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Just logged my 3,000 station on the short wave bands and figured now was as good a time as any to crate up the NC183 and return it to the factory. Hope they do a better job than the local serviceman did. I believe I'll let the hams rest a spell and try and work on the other lists when I get my set back. (Don't desert the ham bands entirely Frank for if too many of you do that there just wont be an amateur section.)

James M. Moore, 5 Surrey St., San Francisco, Calif.

First off lets get straightened out on my dxing activities, hi. No, the SWB bug has not bitten me, nor have I ceased Ham DXing, but, to tell you the truth there is no Ham DX, so in order to get in some sort of dxing I have had to swing to the lower frequencies. Even they are poor with a few exceptions. So to sum it all up, you can be sure if there is any dx being heard here you will get a report. (Began to think the "unusual" weather in California had got you down, hi. Sure glad to hear you are trying. Don't throw in the sponge for conditions on the Ham Bands have got to take a turn for the better some of these days.)

Sheldon Dunham - W4OEL, Kildaire Rd., Cary, North Carolina.

I can operate fone on 14206 now also, but 20 CW has been where I have been lately. I'm working almost every station I call, hi. Such as VE3DIG, VE4BS, KP4RD, CO2GE, G3CYI, and the best one I've ever worked at any time from W4OEL was worked this afternoon on 20 CW with VQ4CM, Nairobi, Kenya. Quite a thrill, especially with only about 20/30 watts output, 60 watts input. Got an RST569 from him and that pleased me a great deal. Am trying to line up skeds with Bill Wells, VE3ABP and Bud Rugel, DL4LQ. The \$14.00 W4HUW spent for parts to build this 20 meter antenna tuner was well worth it, hi. Now can get all of the power into the antenna and it really does get out surprisingly well. Am going to put up a doublet for xmitting as soon as my wire and 75 ohm line gets here. Had to have a priority to buy a small amount of each. (Congrats on your initial contact with VQ4CM and may you work many more good DX catches.)

John DeMyer, 2230 Maplewood Ave., Lansing 10, Michigan.

Fixed up a QST magazine for Zam of VT1AB, now MP4KAD, and took it to the post office to be mailed first class. They refused to accept it as first class mail saying it would have to go at regular magazine rates. I know the guy at the window so he called the big shot uptown and after a lot of wrangling over the phone it was decided it could go first class. He then noted the address and looked it up and informed me there was no such country as Kuwait and he further wanted to know what kind of magazine I was sending. Told him it was a radio magazine and if he had time he was welcome to read it. He still insisted it could not go through as there was no such country. He looked in the big book again and had to admit there was such a country but it was a funny little country. I finally had to tell him the deal wasn't funny to me and it would save me time if he would just drop it in the mail sack and let nature take it's course. (You and Ben Adams ought to get together and let your hair down over this deal. Hi. Am I glad I am a carrier and not a clerk. We have our headaches but/that particular type.) not/

Charles E. McCormick, Jr., 3402 Cedardale Rd., Baltimore 15, Maryland.

It was perfectly OK to leave the "SM" out. You are welcome any time to edit things, after all it is your job to get out a workmanlike column and anything necessary to do to get out the column is satisfactory with me... Since the 10th the transit company here has been on strike and while it is possible to get around without the use of a car, things in the way of travel are not too easy. I have no trouble getting to and from work since I ride with another member of our office but, to take casual trips requires either a lot of planning or a taxi trip, and taxis cost money.

August Stellwag, 130 W. 195th St., Bronx 68, N. Y.

Well all the exams are over now, but about passing them with flying colors as you say, I don't know, hi. Anyway, I won't know the results for another 2 or 3 weeks. Now that the exams are out of the way, I have been able to get back to the receiver again.

Rev. Carl F. Glick, R.R.#1, Box 194, Hope, Indiana.

I am a radio listener since Feb. 6, 1924. At the start I listed 600 broadcast stations. Started SW listening in 1925. My SX-62 covers 550 to 108,000 kcs and I listen to anything interesting that I can find. This recvr Nov. 16, 1951 replaced my large table model 11 tube Philco 16\*B which I purchased in May 1934. When retired on Doctor's orders in Sept. 1940, the Philco retired for 10 years due to no AC current. I hooked a little crystal recvr to an attic antenna installed 15 years before and a ground rod of similiar age, attached phones and laid a piece of galena ore on the contacts. That served until I bought a used Philco battery recvr which served until 1946. Then a 5 tube Silver-tone battery set with 3 little spots of SW at 9, 11 & 15 mcs, served until Oct. 21, 1950. The spots helped with OTC, Brazzaville, IRA, etc, and a lucky reception of Canton, China, and an accidental reception of Tokio, which was a rarity at that time. I still can't guess how that G.I. arrived on that frequency. Oct. 21, 1950, the old Philco, reactivated, entered a very interesting year, but what a change in the 10 years! And the climax Ceylon on Nov. 13th, 13th & 14th, 1951, with probably India Nov. 15th & 16th. The SX-62 brought the new discoveries of the 10 meter band, about 70 ZS's in 4 weeks and about 80 countries in 5 weeks. In unusual FM reception, it brought in 5 Chicago FM stations, about 350 or more miles distant. Yes, I've been interested in DX since California was DX. I remember the silent hour for listening for Europe - something broke the silence - a weak California station broadcasting ads for some kind of soap. If I heard Europe at that time on the BCB 'twas only carrier waves and hisses. Am rather surprised at some of the BCB DX which Arthur Cushen and some of the listeners in ZL country are getting. They must have a very much quieter BCB than we have. In 1937 I think 'twas, Australian hams had a contest, I heard 32 of them in 4 hours. When the boys from Rhode Island installed the outfit on Pitcairn Island, I think they were heard in this country on their second night, and I heard them the second night after that, and several times afterwards. But the most surprising reception to me was 1,000 miles on a crystal set, no tubes - no batteries. The station XER, 75,000 watts, on the Mexican Border. My listening has all been from places in southern Indiana. (It is always a pleasure to hear from one of the "Old Timers" and we wish you continued pleasure in your hobby as well as extending the hand of fellowship to a new member in the NNRC.)

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Just a line to let you know that my friends and neighbors who put me here have also stopped DXing activities in Lions Head Lake, N. J., area. Just finished reading the NNRC Bulletin and put me down as in favor of the "Letters From Amateurs". I find it very interesting reading what some of the Ham's do. I've been down here about 5 weeks now and am in my 4th week of basic training. In 4 more weeks I'll be finished here and I'm going to try to get into the Signal Corps. If I can, I'll also try to set up a receiver to DX once again. The only DXing I do now is on the BCB. The boys down here are always crying to me to get some hillbilly music on a little 5 tubes I took with me. I'm trying to pull a pass so I can see the big town of Baltimore. Will drop a line every now and then. (Sure will miss your excellent reports Joe but if you make the grade with the Signal Corps, we will be looking forward to them again.)

Phil Patterson - W5SFW, 2410 W. 4th St., Amarillo, Texas.

No DX to work so thought I would make up some kind of a report of my recent doings. Finally worked W5NXP, Norm Maguire, over in Albuquerque, New Mexico, during the Worked All States Contest on 10 meters. Sorry I could not copy you better Norm but my noise level is quite bad. Also heard you working W5PXX, Ken Albrecht, and knew Ken was watching for me on the frequency but I was without my VFO. Heard you work my buddy W5QOV in Hereford too. Managed to work 38 States in the Contest. I guess my biggest thrill of my first year on the air was working EL10A in Africa on my 35 watt rig. Nearly fell over when he came back to me. Another Ham in town was listening and called up and congratulated me... I am using a new Hallicrafters SX-71 and it works much better than the HQ129X-DM36 Converter combination. I am very pleased with the performance of the SX-71 and it has the best selectivity I have seen. It is by far the best I have tried on BCB and above 15 megs. Both W5MJD and myself are sold on the SX-71 but I would advise anyone to try it out before buying as some of the fellows have run into trouble with theirs. If you get a good one you have really got something and I can highly recommend it for all types of DX - BCB, SWBC & Ham... Still have the 829\*b 100 watts on 6 meters but I went all out and purchased a Globe King 400 watt rig. It really works out despite bad conditions. Have received SWL cards from two NNRC members so far. Hi. Am in process of TVI'ing my 6 meter rig. It seems I really tear up skip on channels 2 & 4. Every time 6 meters opens up the TV comes in also. My neighbors thought I was coming on only when TV was coming in. Hi. Last opening for 6 meters was New Years. I ran for a midnight show at the last minute, keeping my girl waiting while I worked California and Washington on 6. She doesn't mind too much as she wants to get a Ham ticket also. Hope to get the rest of WAS on 6 this year. You fellows, that tune 6 watch for W5MJD, W5VX and yours truly "W5-Slew-Foot-Wiley". Am still working all bands but not much time to Ham as I work at a local radio store here... Hope that I may have the pleasure of meeting in person any NNRC members that might come through Amarillo on vacation this summer. You are welcome anytime fellows... Think after having been made a Director last season that this is one DX Club that is not only good for beginners but Old Timers as well. Have recommended the NNRC to all SWL's and Ham DXers... BCNU in the NNRC reports.

P. E. Langlois, 40 Botrel St., LAUZON, Levis, P. Q., Canada.

I'm only an amateur collector, having on a small collection of about 3,500 to 4,000 stamps just now. I had gathered a collection of about 6,000 stamps a few years ago but sold it and restarted building another again only a couple years ago. I enclose another lot of Canadian and foreign stamps for your friend or sister and will be pleased if you or your friend or relative stamp collectors can send me other U.S. or foreign postage stamps... Now you tell me that you are a Short wave radio amateur. I too am very fond of short wave radio tuning and since a few years have synthonized most important radio stations of the world as: Australia, Argentina, Belgium Congo, French Equatorial Africa Italy, Hungary, USSR, Netherlands, France, England, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, Norway, Denmark, most important U.S. stations. (Perhaps some of you stamp collectors would like to exchange stamps with Mr. Langlois as well as swap DX notes with him.)