

D.X. Topics

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WENR, Chicago, and WFAA, Dallas, were the best at R9. WGN, Chicago, WCCO, Minneapolis, WTAM, Cleveland, and WLW, Cincinnati, were R7. Two new stations, one on 3YA and the other on 1YA, were coming in at R6, but the New Zealand stations coming on the air at 5.30 p.m. prevented me from getting their calls. VK4LW, Rosalie, Queensland, was heard at good strength recently on approximately 1430 k.c. (210 m.). Has any D.X.-er received a verification from this station? A verification was recently received from KLO, Ogden, Utah 214 m. (1400 k.c.), with a power of 500 watts. Congratulations to Mr. Dudley I. Huston on his new D.X. record.—N. Jenkins (Masterton).

The Effect of Locality.

DO not know what part of Wellington "Red Bird" is situated, but his reception table in the "Radio Record," June 26, is, through my own experience, all wrong so far as my locality, Hataitai, is concerned. To put 2NC down as R1-2 at 11.15 p.m. would not be doing the station justice at 7.30 p.m. Late at nights all the A class Australian stations are about R8, with the possible exception of 3LO. The accompanying table (printed elsewhere—Ed.) gives an indication of my reception.—"Windswept" (Wellington).

"Red Bird" lives in Newtown and is separated from your locality by a range of hills. This undoubtedly largely accounts for the difference in reception strengths of Australian stations as received by you both. "Red Bird" is certainly not misjudging the strength of 2NC, because he has sent in another table this week (printed elsewhere), in which 2NC is rated as R2. Also, the great difference in strengths between his estimate and your own precludes the possibility of error.—Ed.]

Who Heterodynes 2YA?

SIX VALVE (Christchurch): Address of station 4ZI is Bachelor's Radio Service, Dee Street, Invercargill. I agree with E.W.V. concerning the heterodyning of 2YA by another station, which is evidently HCL, Adelaide. While the effect on 2YA is often not very pronounced there are times when a high-pitched whistle completely spoils programmes.—T.O. (Invercargill).

Ship Stations.

INVERLEITH (Wellington) and S.L. McC. (Greymouth): On June 7, 2ME, working on 197 m. (1520 k.c.), called up several ships. In the following the call letters only are given, as I am sure of the name of only one ship: First call at 7.35 p.m. was "Hullo, VJML." Second, "Hullo, VJMN. All O.K. I have nothing for you. Will call you at 10 a.m. to-morrow." Third call was "Hullo, VJQY." Mention was made of Port Lincoln. Someone by the name of "Mac" was spoken to and was to receive a further call at 9 a.m. next morning. Fourth and last call, "Hullo, VJMK." Call was finished at 8 o'clock. J.T.S. (Napier) states that WOAI can be heard every evening between 5 and 5.30 p.m. I have listened to this station several times lately and the latest I have heard him is 4.55 p.m. His time for closing is usually between 11.20 and 11.25 p.m.—R. Fleming (Huntly).

Recent Loggings.

LATEST loggings include 4ZW, Dunedin, 277 m. (1080 k.c.); WCHL, Chicago, 201 m. (1490 k.c.); XED, Reynosa, 312 m. (960 k.c.); WSPD, Toledo, 224 m. (1340 k.c.); JOPK, Shizuoka, 335 m. (780 k.c.); and WCAU, Philadelphia, 256 m. (1170 k.c.). W8XAR (KDKA), Pittsburgh, was heard testing on 306 m. (980 k.c.), on June 21 at 5.7 p.m. Volume approached that of 3YA and fading was absent.—R.J.R. (P.N.).

D.X. Club Notes

Members Total Nearly One Hundred

A Letter from the D.X. Editor

THE D.X. Club is making excellent headway. I thought there would be an excellent response, but when I counted the members this morning I was quite taken aback. There were nearly a hundred, and the club has been in existence only a week or so. How is that for progress? All the small numbers are disappearing rapidly, and most of the districts are into double figures. I was more than gratified, too, at the reception given the "Radio Log." So many D.X.-ers have sent in their subscription that I am putting considerable effort into the paper, in order to avoid disappointing them, and

can promise that it will be a really fine little book. It will probably be printed on a good quality tinted paper, and we hope will be illustrated. It will be slightly shorter in length and width than the "Guide," so that it will just fit nicely into the pocket—just ready to be brought out to settle some D.X. argument. I might add that I, too, am looking forward to the first issue of the little book to see just what it will look like.

Now let us look for a few minutes at the correspondence that has reached me concerning the club. In all about thirty members, in sending in their coupon, have commented on the club, and only one has levelled any criticism. Most of the letter speaks in high terms of the constitution, and wish the club all success. The idea of the president and the restrictions on the D.X. Cup seem to have been most favourably received. We are very anxious to receive opinions from members and prospective members, and shall give these every consideration. Once the club is properly swinging, we shall call another meeting to discuss several questions, among them the D.X. competition. However, that is very much "in the air" at present.

A word about the D.X. competition. The logs are rolling in in fine style, and there are some excellent ones among them too. Somehow, I feel there will be some surprises when the logs are considered. You can look for the result in our issue of July 17, though it is possible that the result will be announced in the "Radio

Log," which we hope to have out before the 15th.

A speedy decision, however, can be given only if those D.X.-ers who are asked to send in their cards will do so promptly.

As there is an American mail in this week, we shall allow a certain amount of latitude as far as late verifications are concerned. If anyone receives verifications from stations he wished to enter in the competition, he should notify us immediately, and we shall take this into consideration in deciding the winner.

Also, I would remind those with modest logs that there is a certificate for their district, and even if they do not win the cup they have a chance to win this. Also, the next highest in the cup winner's district will receive a district certificate. Town dwellers, do not forget the certificate being awarded to the towns. One of these would fit nicely among the verifications in the radio den.

Just a reminder that the battery cup is not for competition this period. It is to be awarded at the end of the year. However, we have seen one or two very good logs for battery sets, and these have a good chance of winning the district certificate.

It is hoped that the DX badges and the membership certificates will be to hand early this week and they will be sent on immediately. Do not forget in ordering DX notepaper to mention that you want the club's own paper, and, at the same time, give your own station number. This prevents non-members from using the paper with the official badge. Non-members can obtain the paper which has no reference to the DX Club. Several alterations have been made in the setting out of the forms and now there is a little more room where you want it most. I think you will approve of the change. The charges are as before—9d a dozen posted, with a minimum of two dozen. Six dozen can be had for 4/.

American Reception.

AMERICAN stations have been coming in very well lately, and among others I have logged the following: KTM, WFAA, KOA and KGF. KFI, on a power of 50 k.w., has been coming in like the local, while KZRM can be heard nearly every night. 3BO is a splendid station, and it is a pity he transmits on the same frequency as 3YA.—"Seven-Valve" (P.N.).

Frequency of KZRM.

J.P. (Waihi) seems to query that the station on 3AR's frequency is KZRM. I can assure him that he is, since I heard the same fight and have written to him for verification.—"G. B. Boy" (Dunedin).

[The exact frequency on which KZRM transmits is 620 k.c. (480 m.). 4ZIL, Balclutha, was reported by several listeners in last week's notes.—Ed.]

An Unusually Favourable Evening.

DESPITE the fact that Wellington is in general a poor locality for the reception of Americans, conditions were so good on June 21 that a number of these stations, including the following, were logged:—WFAA, Dallas, Texas, 800 k.c. (375 m.); WENR, Chicago, 870 k.c. (345 m.); and WTAM, Cleveland, Ohio, 1070 k.c. (280 m.). These were all R9. Many more were heard, but owing to a big increase in the noise level after sunset these defied identification.—A.J.H. (Wellington).

New Brisbane Station.

ON June 21 the Americans were roaring in, especially WENR, WFAA, KRDL, WOAI, and several others. They were all at full loudspeaker strength. New loggings include:—WLS, Chicago, 344.6 m. (870 k.c.); KMTR, Hollywood, 523 m. (570 k.c.); and KPSS, California, 500 m. (600 k.c.). Has any DXer heard a station giving the call 4MW, Brisbane, on 227 m. (1320 k.c.)? I logged him about a week ago at R6, but have not had him since.—"Miner" (Brunner-ton).

Two Often-heard Americans.

KFI and KGO have both been relaying half-hour periods of dance music from the N.B.C. Room of the Hotel Francis, San Francisco. KGER, Long Beach, and WABC, New York, testing on 860 k.c. (349 m.) on the 22nd, have been very clear lately.—"Bill" (Hastings).

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