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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING NOTICE - The Texas DX Society meets the second Friday of each month except when changed by the Board of Directors. The April TDXS meeting will be held Friday, April 8, at 7:30 P.M. PLEASE NOTE -- We are moving the meeting back to DeMontrond Motor Homes, on Hillcroft just south of the Southwest Freeway. There will also be a board meeting beginning at 6:45 P.M.

WEEKLY DX & CONTEST NETS- Each Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m. the Club sponsors a net on 147.96/.36. Participation by non-members as well as members is welcomed. The purpose of the net is to facilitate the exchange of DX, contest, and Club information within the amateur community. A second, informal net has begun on Thursday nights at 20:45 local time to go over DX bulletins. It's run by N5DC. The Club's Packet Cluster DX bulletin board is currently up and running on 145.01 using the call NZ5I. Use AX25 level 2 protocol; it can be accessed via HOU or IAH digipeaters if not direct. Your active support of these activities is encouraged.

BULLSHEET MAILING LIST - It is the club's desire to provide the Bullsheet free to all amateurs in the area with an interest in DXing and/or contesting. Donations to defray the publication and mailing costs are appreciated. If you would like to receive our newsletter, simply send your name, call, and mailing address to the Texas DX Society, P.O. Box 540291, Houston, Texas, 77254-0291. Visitors at the regular club meeting can request the monthly newsletter by providing their mailing address on the sign-in sheet. Articles or other newsworthy items from club members and other interested amateurs are hereby solicited by your editor. Send articles via FAX (713-790-1275) addressed to "Dr. William Schrader."

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER
(by George DeMontrond, NR5M)

Congratulations to new members Dennis Alexander, K2UA, and Evie Lane, KF5MY. I know everyone will want to welcome the most recent additions to our club roster at the meeting this month.

Also congrats to members Kim Carr - K5TU, Kenny Manchester - NZ5I, and Steve Nace (alias "Hose") - KN5H, each heading out of town to find fame and fortune elsewhere. The tenacles of TDXS will soon reach around the globe.

This month's meeting will be held at the motorhome lot on Hillcroft. I suggest you bring your own chair this meeting and avoid the rush at the next. Remember Saturday April 23rd will be a special 10 A.M. meeting to fix up the new clubhouse (upstairs at the motorhome store). Wear old clothes and bring a sense of humor. This special meeting will count for attendance. We will have lunch and liquid refreshments available. Hopefully we can even stack some tower for the "club station."

Lastly, the packet board is a big success. We need to look at alternatives for a permanent frequency for the board. Evidently it is causing some congestion on 145.01. I will be asking the club to consider sponsoring a permanent digipeater on 144.95 to allow remote access to our packet cluster. This will be a hot topic at our meeting - don't miss it!

CONTEST CORNER
(by Dave McCarty, K5GN)

Just back from the frozen north to report that Spring is indeed here. Time for baseball, tower work, hunting oblasts over the pole, and the NA QSO Party. Lots to do, even without spring cleaning.

Near the back of this month's 'Sheet you will find a blank subscription form for the National Contest Journal. Why? Because if you're reading this column, you are the type that would enjoy the NCJ. Since the league has taken over publishing chores, editor K5ZD has been able to concentrate on building good content. Biographical articles, hints and ideas for score improvement, contest rumors and results, as well as K1KI's Russian Tidbits, are found in each issue of the NCJ. It used to be something you read cover-to-cover in one sitting, but it has grown into a full-size rag concentrating on the things you want to read. All this for only ten bucks a year. So get off your duff and subscribe!

THE SHORT PATH

Instead of the post-Easter blahs, we have the North American QSO parties to enliven your weekends. Other April activities pale in comparison.

4/8-9	NAQP CW
4/11	144 MHz Spring Sprint
4/15-16	NAQP SSB
4/19	220 MHz Spring Sprint
4/23-24	Helvetia (Swiss)Contest, NC QSO Party

4/27	432 MHz Spring Sprint
5/6	902 MHz Spring Sprint
5/7-8	10-10 CW, Nevada QSO Party
5/12	1296 MHz Spring Sprint
5/14-15	Country Hunters SSB--Armadillos??, CQ-M (Russian)
5/14-15	Utah QSO Party, Michigan QSO Party
5/21-22	50 MHz Spring Sprint
5/26	2304 MHz Spring Sprint
5/28-29	CQ WPX CW Contest

NAQP -- (Mar/Apr NCJ; Mar. QST, p. 83; Apr. CQ, p. 107) North American working North American plus any DX that calls in. This is a contest for everybody, no matter how small the station, REMEMBER, multipliers count PER BAND.

Spring Sprints -- (Apr. QST, p. 97) The ARRL has set up these activity nights during the week for the various VHF/UHF bands. Those of interest to W5 are the 50 and 144 MHz nights, as we get propagation this time of year on those bands.

State QSO Parties -- (See Apr. QST, p. 97, Apr. CQ, p. 104) Can you imagine a Utah State QSO Party ????

County Hunters SSB -- (Apr. QST, p. 98) Armadillos, get set. There is some interest in a raid on some unsuspecting rural countries--let's talk about it at the meeting on Friday.

CQ-M -- (Apr. QST, p. 98) Russian WW DX Test -- lots of rare ones.

CQ WW WPX CW -- (Jan. CQ, p. 24; Mar. QST, p. 83) The club will be making a trial effort in this one, men, so plan on putting in a few strong hours.

THE LONG PATH

As mentioned above, club activities are soon to come in the form of an Armadillo sortie in the 'phone Country Hunters' test and club score effort in the CQ WPX CW Contest at the end of May. Some say we can't put in a score. Balderdash. There are several stations that go begging for attention in such contests. Why not see if we can man them in a stronger fashion? With the rapid rise in MUF, this should be an enjoyable task.

THE SKEW PATH

1987 ALL ASIAN PHONE (from Apr. CQ, p. 106): NR5M, multi-op, #2 W/VE after N6TU.

1987 ARRL 160 (from Apr. QST, p. 92): Old-timer K5NA wins it all over LPL and KM1H with more QSO's in the log than anyone else, including the multi's...Only Tom, N5ZR, of all the club braved the QRN to make an entry in the contest...Our brother in Austin (KKN) managed the #9 spot in the USA.

1987 North American QSO Parties (Mar/Apr NCJ, p.27): K5LoogleZoogleg0oogle squeaked by as number one multi-op, both modes, by the slim margin of 4:1 (average)score over the number two entries of K8AQM...NR5M was narrowly beaten out for top single-op score by K6LL..KN5H had the #1 and the #2 mobile scores on CW...W5ASP was #3 in W5; KE5FI was #5 in W5 on SSB...K5GN succumbed to the pressure of finals week and sent in check logs for both modes. With the spot activity leaping and bounding, look for far bigger scores this year.

VIA BURRO

More paperwork deadlines:

4/7	ARRL DX CONTEST --	BOTH MODES ARRL HQ 225 MAIN STREET NEWINGTON, CT. 06111
4/15	(You know what this date means...)	
5/10	CQ WW WPX SSB	CQ MAGAZINE WPX CONTEST 76 NORTH BROADWAY HICKSVILLE, NY 11801
6/1 (received)	VP9 Contest	RSB BOX HM275 HAMILTON HM AX BERMUDA

If you operated, send in the log. Even if you don't get it scored in time. The organizers count logs to determine participation level (and magazine space for the results.) Vote for more coverage with your log!

73,
K5GN

DX ROUND UP
(by Jim Lane, N5DC)

The NZ5I Packet Cluster is up and running and doing very well. It is currently on 145.01. Watch for a possible move to another frequency however. Tuna tells me that according to Randy, K5ZD many of the East Coast DX Bulletin Boards are on 144.95. When people start moving away from the already busy 145.01, .03, etc. than 144.95 will already be staked out as a DX PBBS frequency. I would encourage all of you to get the dust blown off your TNC and check in. There is lots of good DX to be had. Also be sure to put out DX as well. A couple of words of caution. Be sure to use BYE or B command when you are through using the PBBS. Wait for it to acknowledge a disconnect. Don't start any series of commands with an X. This could be done by intending to type DX and missing the D. If the PBBS gets an X it goes into XFLOW and all kinds of things happen* so be sure that when you type DX that the D gets on your screen.

I'm sorry to hear that we are losing Kenny, NZ5I, and Kim, K5TU. They both have contributed much to the club. They both have some exciting overseas work ahead of them and I drool to think about some of the DX they will be hearing and

*First, the computer causes a gang of armed mercenaries to move into your neighborhood and molest your sister's family. Then K5LZO materializes in your office and proceeds to smoke three cigars at once. Finally you will be overcome by an uncontrollable urge to succeed K5TU as repeater chairman. - ed.

working. They both expect to be on the air, so we can work them as DX Stations. Good luck to you both. Also I'm sorry to report that Steve, KN5H, is moving to Colorado. No, sorry, Hose I don't need Colorado for a new one.

As I write this we are waiting for the Baker Howland gang to show up. By the time this hits the street they should be on the air. I had a good chat with Amir, 4X4TT and he says he is coming to Dallas, and I asked him to come to Houston. He was not sure if his schedule would permit it, but took my phone number, and said he would try.

Band conditions the week of March 21st were some of the best I have seen in years. It looks like they dropped quite a bit for WPX, but hopefully they will come back to what they were. For 3 or 4 days, it was super into deep Russia on 20. Lots of JT's, etc. all over the band.

I won't go over the DX Bulletins, but am going to reproduce the ARRL Bullentin Number 29 from ARRL as it looks like the FCC may have some changes in rules and regs for us.

NEWINGTON, CT MARCH 24, 1988

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

THE FCC TODAY PROPOSED TO REORGANIZE ITS RULES GOVERNING AMATEUR RADIO. ACCORDING THE FCC, THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE SINCE 1951 AND THE RESULT OF ENSUING TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES IS A PATCHWORK QUILT OF RULES THAT IS OFTEN CONFUSING, PARTICULARLY TO PROSPECTIVE LICENSEES.

THE EXTENT OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES BEING PROPOSED IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME, BUT IS SAID BY FCC TO BE MINIMAL. THE ACTUAL TEXT OF THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING, PR DOCKET 88 13 9, IS SAID TO BE 87 PAGES LONG AND MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. COMMENT DEADLINE WILL BE AUGUST 31 TO ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR STUDY AND RESPONSE AR.

See you in the pileups!



ANOTHER FINE EFFORT BY THE CW & SSB CREW OF NR5M
DURING ARRL DX CONTEST!!!

HISTORY OF THE TEXAS DX SOCIETY
(by Richard King -K5NA ex K5PFL)

Editor's note - this is the first installment of a major feature of the Bullsheet - Thanks to K5NA who took pen to paper and tells us about the past.

PREFACE

I am pleased that an attempt is being made to document the history of the Texas DX Society. In the next few issues I'll record some of the events from the early days of the TDXS. Much of my recollection is from 15 to 20 years ago but the story REALLY starts 30 years ago. When I left Texas in 1980 for the DXing paradise of the East Coast, many of my accumulated club records were left with the club officers. However, I will try as best as I can to describe the events as I remember them.

The nucleus for the beginning of the TDXS arose from two groups of amateur radio operators. One group originated in the Jasper, Texas area and the other was in the Cleveland/Conroe, Texas area. These amateurs were licensed and graduated from high school in the late 50's and early 60's. The Jasper group, of which I was a part, was a product of the Jasper High School Amateur Radio Club. The prime motivator there was a high school science teacher named Bernie Ortschied, W5NIY (ex. W9MUX). He was successful in helping an estimated 40 to 50 young men get their novice licenses. Bernie is indeed worthy of mention. He was an educator who dedicated much of his time to helping youngsters get started in Amateur Radio. What has happened to this breed of men? Where have they gone?

Included, in the Jasper group were TDXS charter members K5PFL (now K5NA), K5PFE and K5ZJK (now NX7K). Another TDXS charter member was K5DEG (now KV5S and VP2VM). K5DEG lived 30 miles away in Woodville, Texas, but hung out with the Jasper hams and was considered a part of their group. In that day and age in Texas, 30 miles was nothing more than a straight, wooded road that typically took 20 minutes to traverse. The Cleveland/Conroe group, I believe, had a similar start in their high school. Charter members of the TDXS from their group included K5RLW (now N5WW), K5SOR and K5LZJ (now N5AF). There were several interests that the two groups had in common, two of which were DXing and contesting. However, it was a passion for operating Field Day that brought the two groups together in 1968 to form the TDXS.

The Texas DX Society officially affiliated with the ARRL on February 4th, 1972. However, our existence as an informal club group really began at the 1968 Field Day. Because of this I consider this year (1988) our 20th year of existence. Also, I believe that the TDXS has participated in Field Day in each of those 20 years. It is with a deep affection for the TDXS that I write this record and hope it will be infomative and enjoyable by all who read it. As I start, I want to say, "Happy 20th birthday to the TDXS".

PART ONE - BEFORE THE BEGINNING

FIRST CONTACT

The first contact I know of between the two groups that later formed the Texas DX Society, was between myself and Dave, K5SOR, on 75 meter AM in early 1959. That first QSO grew into many QSOs on 75 as Dave and I got to be "on-the-air" friends.

During the summer of 1959, when I was 16, I went to Cleveland, Texas to work for W5FDB (a building contractor) for the summer. While there, I met K5SOR in person and we became very good friends. After the summer Dave and I stayed in touch on the air as I finished my senior year in high school.

THE BOND THICKENS

The next contact between the two groups came during September 1960 on the campus of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. On the first day of registration, I noticed a 55 Chevy with the largest whip antenna I had ever seen (except maybe for K5DEG's, whose whip would create sparks bouncing in the road behind him at 105 mph). The whip antenna was mounted on the middle of the rear bumper and seemed to reach the sky. A young man was sitting behind the wheel talking into a microphone connected to a couple of ARC-5s (Army surplus equipment of the day). That young man was Sam, K5LZJ (now N5AF) from Cleveland, Texas. The whip was so long that no overpass, bridge or telephone wire was safe from it. It was soooooo long (how long was it?), that every time he stopped at a stop sign, the whip would swing over the top of the car and take chips of paint out of the middle of his hood. No lie!

During that first semester in college N5AF and I developed a deep friendship along with Bob, K5PFE. Bob and I were already good friends from junior high school when we both got interested in radio together. But that is another story. The Spring 1961 semester found me, K5PFE and N5AF renting off-campus housing together. It made sense. Between the three of us we had wheels, radios, and beer money. What else would a college student ever need? That spring semester is also another story that I will not relate here because of possible incrimination. However, I will say that we had a REAL good time. The bonds between the Jasper group and the Cleveland/Conroe group were growing thicker and thicker.

THE GRAY YEARS

After college, the two groups stayed in contact through occasional visits and camping trips together. This was an era of diminished radio activity for the two groups. The primary pursuits of all concerned were college, girls, jobs, military obligations, getting married, etc. As friends we kept in casual contact but there was a general drifting apart from 1961 until 1966. However, in 1966, something happened that brought the two groups back together again.

Tune in next month.....

COAX FITTINGS REDUX (de Bill, K2TNO)

I've always fallen for the old adage that says that UHF coax fittings add losses, and should be kept to a minimum. Recently, I had occasion to clean out my tool box (after ARRL SSB at NR5M) and found 5 right angles, 4 barrels, 3 double-males, and several short lengths (1-3 ft.) of RG-8X. I decided to test this adage by connecting up this wild assortment of coax fittings into a plumber's delight series arrangement and then checking the loss and SWR problems on several frequencies.

Test set up: I used my TS930 or 2M rig feeding a dummy load, and a Daiwa CN-620 power meter as the indicator. I measured RF power at 14, 28 and 144 MHZ using either the rig wired directly to the load, or when fed through the mess of coax fittings.

Hook up of fittings: The connections were random, simply to use up as many fittings as possible. When done, there were 17 male-female coax joints in the line, as opposed to two male-female coax joints when the '930 fed the dummy load directly. Thus the results below show the additional loss due to 15 coax joints.

<u>Frequency (MHZ)</u>	<u>Atten (dB)</u>	<u>SWR change</u>
14	Not detectable	Not detectable
28	0.3	+0.1 a
144	2.0	Not tested

a SWR was 1.1:1 with coax only; this value increased to 1.2:1 when the series of joints was added.

Interpretation: The results show that UHF coax fittings themselves add negligible loss in the HF spectrum, and are suprisingly good even at 144 Mhz. Thus, for HF purposes I conclude that addition of right angles, jumpers, etc. does not add significant additional attenuation or reactance. Rather, it is certainly the coax length itself which causes the biggest losses.

Caveats: Coax joints are deleterious for reasons other than their possible RF loss characteristics. These are:

- (1) The PL-259's are frequently assembled and soldered incorrectly.
- (2) UHF fittings are not waterproof..
- (3) The fittings corrode if used exposed outdoors.
- (4) They come loose.

For all these reasons, keep the number to a minimum.

HOT POOP ON COLD GLOOP
(de Bill, K2TNO)

FACT: UHF coax connectors are not waterproof, and outdoors they cause the coax to deteriorate by letting water into the braid.

FACT: COAX-SEAL tape is an excellent cure for this problem. A wrapped coax joint can stay clean for years.

FACT: This tape is very expensive, due in part to the tiny roll they sell, and to the fact that it's sold through electronics stores in small quantities.

SOLUTION: I have found a company that sells products by mail for building-and-grounds maintenance which sells a similar material for a fraction of the price.

WHAT: Revere Company, Box 39188, Solon, OH. 44139 (tel. 1-800-321-1976) sells "Miracle Seal" rolls 2 1/2" wide x 30 ft. long for \$24.95 (+5.29 for UPS shipping). Because it's so much wider than Coax-Seal, one turn will wrap a typical coax splice consisting of two PL-259's joined by a barrel.

HOW: Part number is Z-23434; call Dan Steiner at the above number. They also make it in other widths, and have quantity discounts.

ADVANTAGES: I have taken apart some coax joints sealed with this stuff and found them clean as new. The material never hardens, so you have to dig it away with a pocket knife, but it can even be re-sealed.

PACKET RACKET
(de Bill, K2TNO)

This month the Club has up-and-running its Packet Cluster, NZ5I. It's on 145.01, and will display for you DX info, WWV, and other goodies. Thanks go to Trey, WN4KKN, for insisting we get going. Kudo's to Don at Madison for help with the antenna and feedline. Thanks to Frosty at Mission Electric for helping us get a KPC-2. Also special thanks go to Tom Davis at Texas Community Center who located a used Kenwood for us to buy that will stand up to the Med Center intermod. Probably we'll end up moving and re-titling as K5DX on 144.95. We need a volunteer interested in getting the batch file disk each month and compiling from it a DXCC cumulative total for the cluster. Any volunteer with an IBM compatible?

If you want to go Packet, you'll need a TNC unit, of which the cheapest is probably the KPC-2. A "dumb" terminal will be needed too. It needs an RS-232 port. Any existing 2M rig will work. Here's a short list of commands for the AK1A system.

PACKETCLUSTER USER COMMAND SUMMARY

Command	Short Form/Syntax	Description
ANNOUNCE	A msg	Make general announcement
BYE	B	Leave PacketCluster
CONFERENCE	C	Enter Conference Mode
DX	DX freq call	Announce DX spot
DX/CALL	DX/C freq call	Credit DX spot to specified user
HELP or ?	H or ?	Online command summary
SET/ANSI	SET/A	ANSI escape sequences accepted
SET/LOCATION	SET/L	Specify your latitude and longitude
SET/NAME	SET/N	Specify your name
SET/NOANSI	SET/NOA	ANSI escape sequences not accepted
SET/QTH	SET/Q qth	Specify your city and state
SHGW/CONFIGURATION	SH/C	Show PacketCluster configuration

SHOW/DX	SH/D	Show previously-logged DX
SHOW/EXCLUDE	SH/E	Show user excluded from output
SHOW/HEADING	SH/H wpx	Show beam heading to wpx country
SHOW/LOCATION	SH/LOC call	Show lat/long for specified user
SHOW/LOG	SH/LOG	Show PacketCluster log
SHOW/MUF	SH/M wpx	Show MUC for wpx country
SHOW/NODE	SH/NOD	Show PacketCluster node list
SHOW/NOTICE	SH/NOT	Show system notice information
SHOW/SUN	SH/S wpx	Show sunrise/sunset for wpx country
SHOW/USERS	SH/U	Show connected users
SHOW/VERSION	SH/V	Show PacketCluster version
SHOW/WWV	SH/W	Show recent WWV propagation info
TALK	T call	Enter Talk Mode to specified user
WWV	W info	Log WWV propagation info

THE OTHER FELLOW'S SHACK
(Contributers K5ZD, W9AGH, KG5U, K2TN0)

Do we get royalties? (de K5ZD) -

Randy forwards a QSL from I5UGN that uses the TDXS style multi-band QSO info printout on the back. Randy also asks "Has TDXS ever considered sponsoring an award for collecting official TDXS QSL cards?" Whatcha think, gang?

No, but will a grant do? (de K2TN0) -

Remember the guy who claimed hams get cancer more than average? Well, There is an article in "Cope" (Vol. 2, p. 12, 1988) entitled "National Cancer Institute Tunes into HAM Radio Risk." It seems a Dr. Kenneth Cantor of NCI plans to follow up on the work. "These radio operators are also involved in electronics and repair and use lots of solvents... it could take years to sort out," said our super-sleuth.

P.S.: The photo in the article showed an SWL, not a ham - I bet he's not suffering from RF exposure. - ed.

Hints of things to come (from a usually reliable source) -

He's heard that the 220 MHz and 900 MHz bands are going to be lost to hams and given to land mobile (like United Parcel). Claims he got the poop from someone "in the know" but we'll see. The good news? Same guy sez Novices to get 40 SSB (big deal.).

While we're on the FCC bandwagon, W9AGH sends a squib saying FCC's plans for the telephone access charge for computer hookup has been scrapped.

Whose call is that? (de W9AGH) -

KCHWY	is	Tex Beneke
KA6HVK	is	Burl Ives
WA4CZD	is	Chet Atkins

(Yeah, but is Veronica Hamell licensed? - ed.)

Quote of the month (de W9AGH) -

"To converse at the distance of the Indies by means of sympathetic contrivances may be as natural to future times as to us is a literary correspondence."

- Joseph Glanvill, 1661

(Bet he never had to buck for a clear QRG on 20 during CQWW - ed.)

HEAD FOR THE CAVES, MEN! SUNSPOTS!! IT'S EVERY LID FOR HIMSELF!!! (de KG5U)

New York Times (March 8, 1988) - reports "A steep and surprisingly early increase in magnetic disturbances on the sun in the last few months may herald a cycle of exceptionally intense solar radiation.."

(No doubt - solar flux has been over 125 for a week! - ed.)

THE FIRST GREAT BULLSHEET DX RUMOR CONTEST
(by Bill, K2TNO)

Did you notice all the chatter about the recent attempt to activate 3Y? Our repeater was alive with updated malarkey every hour. The rumors grew to be so outrageous I wondered if there was a limit. Could a rumor be hatched that was so completely outlandish that even a DXer wouldn't buy it? So, here is the First Great 3Y Rumor Contest. At the April TDXS meeting an applause meter will be used to record the audience favorite, which will then be re-printed in May.

If you missed out (or if you're from another club) - send me your best efforts!

The 3Y operation failed to be on the air because:

1. He didn't go ashore because he was to be told it was a Liszt operation and he could only send Chopin. (K2TNO)
2. He set up his dipole but the strong winds stretched the antenna so much it only resonated in the broadcast band - (K2TNO)
3. He landed, but found out the wall outlets in the Bouvet Holiday Inn didn't match the plug on his rig. (N5DU)
4. His XYL is Anastasia, the heir to the Russian czars. So the Norwegians wouldn't let him land because they feared a UA coup attempt. (K2TNO)
5. The ship was from SP9 and the navigator missed 3Y and landed at 6Y instead. The captain was so embarrassed he insisted on taking the op to 9Y for no extra charge. (K5YCP)
6. The 3Y group actually landed and were on the air. Due to an increase in the size of the hole in the ozone layer, there was no propagation to anyone. (KE5IV)
7. The op was found to be Don Miller operating from Leavenworth. The ARRL accepted it but the warden shot it down. (K5LZ0)

8. Tho 3Y did actually get on the air but Eva (PY2PE) said he was a "Slim" because he claimed W7PH0 was operating the CW. (K5YCP)
9. Polar Minnow arrived off 3Y but heavy winds prevented use of the helicopter. While rowing ashore the launch was swamped and the gear lost. The op was too embarrassed to tell the world a Norwegian stood up in a rowboat, so he faked the seasickness story. (KC5CP)
10. The ship docked at Bouvet, where the crew was greeted by a band a Hare Krishna's chanting and selling books. The ops weighed anchor and departed. (WA9VLI)
11. Bouvet is the secret hiding place of Lloyd and Iris when they're not on trips. They store all the incoming QSL's and logs on the island, which cover the place six feet deep. Thus there was no room for the ops to set up a station. (K2TNO)

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