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DON MILLER

To even the casual DXer, this name has a certain magical connotation. Indeed, with the possible exception of Gus Browning, I dare say that Don's name is the best known in DX circles. Anyone reading this without knowing of Don's exploits is, I'm sure, just passing through on his way to the VHF COLUMN.

Don, on many occasions in concert with K7LMU, has made the impossible almost commonplace. Not only has he managed to extract operating permits where all others have failed, but his operating proficiency defies belief. There is absolutely no question that Don is one of the finest operators in the world. His ability to overcome obstacles can be shown by the fact that he turned in the first legal operation from both Indonesia and Cambodia and added 3W8, 5W1, YJ, BY, HS and XZ for good measure. He has also activated two brand new DXCC countries, Spratly Islands and Cormoran Reef. To try and pin a pair of horns on Don might indeed be foolish, but that is exactly what I will try to do.

During the 1S9WNV (Spratly Islands) operation, some form of lunacy seized Don. During all but the last hour of the operation, Don absolutely refused to work a large group of stations. The one thing all these stations have in common is the fact that they are highly placed on the DXCC honor roll. There was no question that they were getting through. These stations don't hold their positions on the honor roll with peanut whistles. During the Cormoran Reef operation, these stations were not worked at all. The fact that these stations were entered in Don's log WITHOUT a two-way exchange shows that this was obviously done with premeditation for some purpose which Don has yet to explain as of this writing (mid-November).

We have all thought of operating a DXpedition station, the operating techniques we would use and how we would give the "big boys" a hard time. However, to ignore them completely is just plain dirty pool. The people of the honor roll are where they are because they have a combination of operating proficiency, good equipment, and have sacrificed much time. Everyone on the honor roll has missed countries on many occasions due to a variety of reasons, including being in the wrong place at the wrong

time. But when one man chooses to reshuffle the honor roll to suit his own whims, this is poor sportsmanship and I will not be a party to it. The CQ SSB Honor Roll will accept no confirmations from Don's operations on Spratly Islands or Cormoran Reef or any other places where this practice is used in the future.

The reason most of us love DXing is that we crave the competition—the chase. Is it too much to ask to be able to compete fairly and honestly? Let's lose if we must, but lose without prejudice.

There have been many DXpeditions where the operator has traveled half way around the world at great personal expense, and, on many occasions, great personal danger, to give us the satisfaction of working a new one. In the future, I sincerely hope Don will see fit to follow in this tradition—the tradition of CEØAA, the HKØTU gang, Danny, VQ9HB, CR8AA, the Clipperton Island gangs, WØMLY and Gus, just to name a few. It's up to you Don.

SSB Honor Roll

W9WNV/8F3 pushed WØQVZ and K4TJL to 305 and W2TP to 304 . . . Les, G8KS, adds 18 with such goodies as CEØXA, VQ8AMR, W9WNV/XU, YK1AA, VS5LX and VQ8BFC to move to 298 and 300 SSB certificate number 12 . . . LA2QJ/P, PY2BZD/PYØ, and VK9JO Cocos, push Jack, WA2IZS, to 288 . . . Shel, K6CYG, added 48 to bring him to 252 . . . ZS6YQ is added to the list at 202.

In early April of 1965 Wallace Carpenter, K4TJL, submitted the last of the necessary cards to qualify for SSB 300. In a way in which only your editor can foul things up, I never issued the authorization. He should have received certificate number 6. I have issued him certificate number 5A so I don't have to make a complete mess of the system. Sorry for the inconvenience. Wallace.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chuck Bolvin, W4LVV, editor of the *Florida DX Club Report* on his election as ARRL Southeastern Division Director. It's good to have another DXer on the Board.

New Stamp

Of interest to radio hams is the new U. S. 11 cent stamp commemorating the centenary of

SSB HONOR ROLL			
T12HP305	W3MAC282	G2BVN264	W3VSU235
WØQVZ305	W1LLF282	G3DØ260	OZ7FG234
K4TJL305	W6UOU282	W4RLS260	W4HUE231
W2TP305	W3KT282	W6WNE260	W3DJZ231
W2BXA304	I1AMU282	PJ2AA258	W2PTM231
G3AWZ303	W2RGV279	KP4CL256	WA2EQQ229
W2ZX302	K4HYL277	K6CYG252	W6ZJY228
5Z4ERR301	DL1IN276	K6LGF251	W3FWD226
W8PQQ300	HB9TL276	W1AOL250	K1SHN224
G8KS298	PZ1AX275	W4ØM249	K2JFV223
K2MGE297	W4SSU274	W4PAA249	K4JEY221
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W2FXN294	K9EAB274	GM3JDR247	SM5UF209
W4ØPM291	W2LV271	XE1AE247	WØQLX206
W2VCZ291	G3NUG270	W7CMØ246	W5KC206
K1IXG289	K8ØNV270	YV5AFF240	W6USG204
K8RTW288	G2PL266	W7DLR239	KØUKN202
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