



W1BB  
ANNUAL  
160 METER DX  
LETTER

Dear O.M.:-

At the start of another Season, W1BB sends GREETINGS with 73!! and the hope that you will take an important part in the 160 meter DX activities!!!

Working DX on 160 is challenging, and extremely interesting. Conditions such as static, BC harmonics, QRM, Loran, QSB, noise, all require extreme patience, with perseverance, a top-notch station, and A-1 operating ability. There are SPECIAL, TRANSATLANTIC and WORLDWIDE 160 Meter DX "Tests", and the ARRL and CQ, DX Contests to participate in. (See below in this bulletin). There are many "FIRSTS" yet to be made. Many unusual conditions to observe and cope with. One gets anew, the thrill of the early Amateur Pioneer days when HAMS were first relegated to "200 meters down", and Paul Godley made the FIRST Atlantic crossing via Amateur Radio. In addition, you will meet many friends among the finest and most sincerely devoted HAMS you would ever care to meet -- these "Top-Band" boys !!!

Your participation here will also help to promote Amateur occupancy of the band and assist in keeping this 160 meter operating privilege. In addition, you will help to develop PROPOGATION information of real value to the art.

Through these BULLETINS issued during the season by W1BB, reports on your activities and accomplishments, and all information of 160 meter interest, will be sent to QST-CQ-SHORT WAVE-DX-WESTERN RADIO-VOM-DXing HORIZONS-FLORIDA SKIP-Radio Propogation Editor/CQ, magazines, etc., for publication. Be sure to keep W1BB well informed of all your 160 Meter exploits and results, etc.

In case you personally are not particularly interested in 160 Meter operation, "Test" schedules, DX Contacts, or unable to work this band - PLEASE pass this BULLETIN along to someone who is. Also, W1BB would appreciate if you would send the calls of all HAMS in your Country who might be interested in 160 Meter DX, and able to work this band. Please post this BULLETIN in your Club, and give 160 meters as much publicity as possible!! Particularly as to DX!!! THANK-YOU, very much indeed.

W1BB 160 METER DX ACTIVITY

W1BB --- Will be on regularly EVERY Sunday Morning, (Baring unexpected sickness or business demands or Emergencies), from 0500-0730 GMT, calling and listening for alternate 5 Minute periods, November through March, looking for 160 Meter DX Contacts!!! Please be sure to give W1BB a call!!

W1BB --- Will transmt. Mostly on 1802½ or 1807½ Kc. However, 1817½ and 1822½ will also be used at times depending on conditions, QRM, Interference, etc.

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W1BB --- Will NOT work V/VES during DX schedule hours - unless something of an urgent nature comes up, or band conditions are useless for DX - will Concentrate/D on

W1BB --- Will generally follow the regular 160 meter "Test" procedure. When no DX is being heard or worked, W1BB will call, CQ DX TEST, the first 5 minute period of every hour, and each alternate 5 minute period throughout the hour. W1BB will listen carefully for DX stations, the second 5 minute period of each hour, and each alternate 5 minute period throughout the hour.

W1BB --- Suggests that DX stations call W1BB on 1797½ - 1802½ or 1827½ Kcs, as these are the most QRM/free spots, usually. These SPOT frequencies will be covered with EXTREME care by W1BB at ALL times. The band 1800-1830 will be covered carefully too, and frequencies up to 2000Kcs checked regularly.

W1BB --- Welcomes, and invites special schedules with any DX station that desires to make contact - at any time of year, and on any special, (Authorized), frequency designated by the DX station. ~~Send~~ Send AIR/MAIL letter to W1BB, with full details on the proposed schedules, and also any schedules on HF bands that may be necessary to make full arrangements or exchange of reports etc.

W1BB --- Appreciates REPORTS on his signals, from any station, at any time of year, with full particulars - whether you make QSO schedules or not. This includes SWLs, some of whom have submitted MOST accurate and valuable data. These reports assist in propagation studies being made. Please AIR/MAIL them weekly. Postage gladly reimbursed if desired. Special reporting FORMS supplied on request. All reports acknowledged. Please DO report!!! The more the better!!!

W1BB --- Will operate mostly from the HOME 'TH, "Winthrop by the Sea", BOSTON, USA, with 200 watts, a 260' doublet antenna and 75A4 receiver. Some operation will be from W1BB/1, either at the WINTHROP YACHT CLUB, with quiet location and special antenna entirely over salt water!., or from "Villa Mon Repos", at Harrington, Maine, 300 Miles Northeast from Boston, a quiet country location, with 260' long "Vee" antenna - 260' on a leg.

W1BB --- Will mail a handsome appropriately lettered "AWARD" Certificate, to all DX stations working W1BB on this band, if they request it. In addition, for DX stations where their W1BB/QSO is a "FIRST" recorded "Top-Band" QSO between that Country, and USA, an extremely SPECIAL and attractive lettering job, in color will be done on the Certificate by a Commercial Artist, to Adequately and Especially commemorate the event. This Certificate is in effect a "KING-SIZE" QSL, measuring 10" x 14", beautifully colored, on heavy durable white paper, suitable for wall mounting or framing. DX SWLs who send in 7 or more Verified reports on W1BB's signals, or have in the past, may also have a Certificate upon request. DX stations who have worked W1BB in past years, and any previous "FIRSTS", may have one of the Certificates, back dated to cover the event, if they request it. Sixteen of these special "FIRST", Colored certificates have been awarded thus far, and in each case the recipient has written appreciatively advising that it was framed and/or posted conspicuously in the shack!!

W1BB --- Hopes that you will join in on the fun, and the challenging work of QSOing DX on 160 - and enjoy yourself and help others to make that much desired contact!! Write W1BB if you need further particulars. Keep W1BB fully informed of all 160 meter activities possible as suggested above, for the BULLETINS and reports on your doings to HAM magazines for publication, as their Editors decide.

W1BB --- Says, 73!!! HAPPY HAMMING and b.c.n.u. on 160!!!! -- de Stew/W1BB

ANNUAL TRANSATLANTIC and WORLDWIDE "TOP-BAND" 160 Meter DX TEST !!!

These special "TESTS" will be held this Season on the following SUNDAY Mornings from 0500 to 0730 GMT, in accordance with the listings given below:---