

West Coast DX

Bulletin

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GLORIOSO FR7ZR/G showed up November 8, being worked on the West Coast at 14225kc from 1700Z. Due to be operating until November 21st. QSL to Jean-Pierre Viode, B.P 130, St. Pierre, Reunion Island. 14mc operation only.

CHATHAM IS. The Chatham Island operation is now scheduled for two weeks starting January 2nd. ZL2AFZ, ZL1DS, ZL1TU, ZL1IL and ZL3JO on trip roster for all band...all the time operation. QSL information says to their home calls. Possible that ZL2AFZ will stay on Chatham longer period. (W6EYR)

HEARD ISLAND Possibility of some operation there next Spring. Presently W7ZFY is aboard the U.S.Coast Guard Cutter 'South Wind' now at Pitcairn Island. Plans are for the 'South Wind' to join in a joint scientific expedition to Heard Island next March. Party will be working with an Australian scientific team. Plans call for about a week ashore. W7ZFY not generally a DXer but may be persuaded, trained, etc. Also, no license for Heard asked for yet. If you want to encourage him, look around 14340kc at 0300Z. (K6UJW)

KURE IS. KH6EZF/Kure operation ran into problems...the main one being to get from Midway to Kure. Problem seemed to be Navy permission from Midway onward...he being on Midway on official business but the Coast Guard policy is to allow only government employees on Kure and the Navy Flight Control has the say on who might go on the twice-weekly flights. KH6EZF is scheduled to again visit Midway next year and will try to find way around the problems in the intervening time.

NORFOLK IS. Another trip a few months off is the plans for Norfolk by ex-W4CHA and W6BPO for February. K6KA has been issued the call VK9AK for a February effort on Norfolk so with all the plans, something is bound to develop. W6BPO also has been trying to line up authorization for VK9/Cocos-Keeling operations.

St.Peter & Paul Latest information indicates that PY7AKW & Co. effort for the Rocks is that they expect to arrive on November 14th and be on the air by the following day. That's this week-end so be prepared.

IRAN EP2DW coming in LP to the West Coast at 1500Z...split frequency with Dale just below 14200kc. QSL to W5IXQ. EP2BQ has left Teheran to take a post in Shiraz with the Pahlavi University. Look for Harry, EP2BQ around 14192kc at 1400Z onward, usually LP.

CONDITIONS Propagation reports around the first of the month indicating rather poor conditions. Seems like the last ten days of October saw the most intense activity of this sunspot cycle with solar flares around the end of the month. WWV is back up to N-6 at the end of last week from the W-4 predictions that were being heard earlier.

ALBROHOS One source says that PY0CK was on during the CQ contest, another that Flavio did not go because of weather conditions and will try again in December. With corroborating reports lacking, the latter report seems to be most likely...he did not go but will try again next month.

WEST PAKISTAN AP5HQ being reported on twenty at 14008 at 1400Z and on forty at 1300-1400Z from 7005kc to 7025kc. Will make schedule on request. AP2MR may be on with a stronger signal if the efforts of VE3ACD to raise funds for a linear are successful....half of the needed donations have been received. AP2HB still working on his home-brew rig but efforts to get a kit to him are going forward.

EAST PAKISTAN Cards for the W4JDF/AP2 operations are being received...still the possibility that only the initial operation was on the land and subsequent operations from aboard the SS Coeur d'Alene Victory. AP2AR has returned from his honeymoon and is getting down to important things like trying to convert his DX100 to SSB. Expects to be back on c.w. within a month...and also getting in some activity on fifteen.

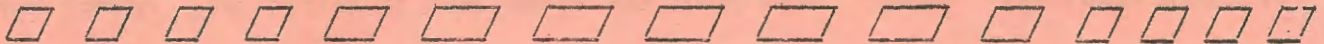
SHORTLY NOTED MP4BBW, Ian, coming into the West Coast from O300, split frequencies with Ian at 14197kc. ZD8Z apparently has cancelled his plans for 8P6 operations during c.w. portion of CQ contest....SCDXC can relax. The Red Cross personnel operating portable from EAØ reported as not especially interested in DXing. No late reports from the VE-DXpedition but indicators point to VR5-Tonga operation late in November. ST2SA may take advanced studies in eye surgery in Europe...or possibly the U.S. Look for Sid on 10 meter c.w. from 1200Z to as late as 1800Z around 28050 plus or minus.

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX MEETING Bob Thompson, K6SSJ, is completing plans for the annual big DX meeting, it will be at the Hacienda Motel this year on the last week-end in January. Registration will be \$15.00 which includes the dinner and breakfast. K6SSJ advises those who have not made reservations to get moving. Gus Browning, W4BPD, will head the list of big DX speakers.

73, WA6AUD

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