

ANDORRA DL1QQ/PX1 came on the scene May 1st on Fifteen c.w., working at 21040kc from 1900Z. Also worked twenty and forty c.w. Their operating position was at the 8000' level and they encountered snow conditions. They will move onto 4U1-Geneva during this week and then onto Rome for possible HV3SJ meeting.

WALLIS IS. FK8AC, Felix, will operate from FW8-Wallis in about a month. Will be on the Friday YL-SSB Oceania session, 14332kc starting at 0300Z.

GUINEA 7G1CG, Carlo, an Italian from Pisa is reported at 21175kc on Sundays from 1400-1600Z....a.m. signal. QSL manager WA3HUP reports that no logs for any of his previous operations received.....out of 500 QSL cards, Mary still has 499 on hand, one going to a SWL.

EAST MALAYSLA 9M8RY, Yong, coming thru at 14248kc, 1425Z on May 7th. QSL via the 9V-Bureau, Box 777, Singapore.

SOMALILAND FL8MB, Marcel, being reported on fifteen. 21283kc at 2000Z a few weeks ago, 21295kc at 2045Z on May 9th. Not especially strong signal but in there. FL8HM at 14032kc, 0345 on May 10th. FL8AO also reported at 14206kc, 1600Z last week.....QSL to Bx 59, Djibouti. FL8MB also at 21340kc on May 6th...1400Z

St. HELENA ZD7AA, Tom, 14023kc at 1845Z on May 2nd. Made many contacts into the Midwest until signal faded. Said to QSL either via the Bureau or Box 876 on St. Helena.

EAST PAKISTAN 1P2R, Arif, has restored his DX-100 to c.w. and has built an out-board SSB exciter with parts supplied from the U.S. by W2QHH and K6Ka. Arif has 'discovered' the 15 meter band and mostly operates there using a dipole antenna. Late this Fall Arif, a Professor of Engineering, expects to come to the States for extended advanced studies in a college here.

SAO TOME CR5SP, Al, now in Portugal but will be back in CR5-land come this December. VE3IG says that he will again work off a list as he did on several week-ends in April. If interested in long-range planning drop a note to VE3IG...and be patient.

TARAWA VR10, Dave, on the atoll for another twenty months. Has been heard on the PACDXNET and on the low end of the twenty phone band. Was at 14220 at 0900Z on May 4th. On weekends Dave will operate Saturdays and Sundays from 1200-1600Z from 21300Z up. His Saturdays and Sundays would be Fridays and Saturdays here in the states. Remember when you read GMT in the WCDXB it means just that. QSLs for VR10 go to G3NRA....22 Maldon Road, Goldhanger (near Maldon) Essex, England. CB# address reported as incorrect.

LAOS XW8AX, Bill Mitchell, 14233kc at 1540kc on May 8th. Bill often checks into the YL-SSB System on Saturdays... from 1600Z. QSL to W6KTE

CYPRUS ZC4K, Maurice, coming through at 21364kc, 1400Z on May 6th. QSL to WA2CMV. If you are in a rut on twenty in the mornings, check the higher frequencies on occasion, often the paths are open with strong signals to Europe and Africa. ZC4K reported as late as 1730Z above 21300Z.

LACCADIVES VU2DK, Zal, trying to round up a rig for a Laccadive effort come this October. His new address is Southern Command, Poona.

SILENT KEY Walt Harms, K6NP, (ex-W6NZZ), a dedicated DXer and member of the Northern California DX Club passed away suddenly on May 6th.

ASCENSION IS. ZD8Z, Jim Neiger, holding a 15m schedule at high noon here in California, presently 1900Z. Schedule days are Tuesday and Thursday, 21280kc at 1900Z. Schedule is with his QSL Manager...overworked W6CUF. ZD8Z made 11,000 QSOs in February and March.

DON MILLER LAWSUIT It was thought that the end of this matter had been heard but it appears that while the action with the ARRL was withdrawn, the action against Wayne Green, W2NSD/1, for alleged defamatory statements has not been ended. W2NSD/1 will be in San Francisco the last week in June in connection with the lawsuit, the original action being filed in California courts.

TROMELIN FR7ZL/T coming into the states May 10th, 1340Z at 14210kc. Working off a list handled by 5Z4KL. LP is the route.

NEPAL 9N1MM, Father Moran, your best hope for a Nepal QSL, coming through again and was at 14223kc, 1430Z on May 5th. Says he hasn't been hearing many W6s lately. California certainly did not slip into the Pacific in April as predicted. Also heard was 9N1AC at 14075kc at 0500Z on May 6th. Said to QSL via the Bureau. With only two calls listed in the Call-Book this 'Bureau' ploy makes this one rather questionable.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

40/80 QSO Party (Contest!!) It has been proposed to the ARRL by Bill Conklin, K6K, that a 40/80 QSO Party be considered for December when band conditions are near optimum. Would possibly help with the 5BDXCC. If interested drop a line to your ARRL Director or to W6CUF, Contest Advisory Committee Chairman.

EUROPE

DJ3OE	7003kc	0350Z	May 5w
G8OJ	7005	0401	5w
G3TJD	3511	0520	8w
9A1C	7010	0220	Apr25e

ELSEWHERE

KG6RV	7265kc	0700Z	May 2w
VR1L	7093/7218kc	SSB	on occasion
4S7PB	3.5	0000Z	Reported
9M2DW	3.5		Reported active
9M2JB	3.5		Reported active
FG7XX	7003	0430Z	May 4w
VP8JT	7004	0400	6w
YJ8JM	7020	1045	Apr26e
6Y5SR	7010	0155	May 6e
HI8DF	3512	0330	5e
PY1BKU	3501	0015	6e
CE3DG	7014	0410	6w
HK2BPG	7002	0355	6w
TG9CD	7004	0330	6w
OA4PF	3502-10	0300Z	Reported
OA4DX	3.5	0800Z	Reported

ASIA

Nothing

AFRICA

6W8XX 7008kc 0550Z May 9w

ARRL Board of Directors will support petitions for 7mc maritime mobile operation.

The Carolina Catchemall, Joe Hiller, W4OPM, is back at his rig after a trip to the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Joe is sweeping the bands again though he says he is not up to his usual form yet. 74 years old, Joe points out the fact that we old timers who don't need much sleep are the ones who are getting them.

TIMOR--MAIN Luiz, CR8AI, looking for the following states for a W.S certificate. These states needed include Vermont, Maryland, Delaware, Alabama, Kentucky, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Kansas and Missouri. Seems that Luiz has already worked Texas and California.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WATCH AND WARD SOCIETY

<u>EUROPE</u>				<u>ASIA</u>			
YU3EY	14332kc	2200Z	May 10th	VP5TH	14213kc	0410Z	May 5
UC2BF	14215	0445	Apr 30	TA2E	14026	0335	10
SP8LJK	14196	0550	30	OD5LX	14023	0334	10
OY9LV	14240	1630	28	JTLD	14032	1225	5
SP5CJT	21254	1810	May 4	UI8KBA	21023	1250	4
SP4CQQ	21304	1325	5	UH8LH	21042	1355	4
YU2BRO	21320	1400	6	OD5EZ	21312	1400	6
OY7Z	21281	1810	6	MP4TCN	21340	1400	6
UO5LM	14227	0500	5	7Z3LB	21336	1415	6
OK1NR	14226	0515	5	HS1CB	21303	1825	6
UR2KLA	14223	0525	5	9V1BA	21355	1510	7
ON5HT	14214	0530	5	PM2KR	14225	1550	6
HL5AH	14232	0530	5	VS6LL	14210	1550	7
YO2BB	14217	0430	6	YB0LB	14208	1535	7
UT5CM	21295	1900	Apr 29	YB1BM	21333	1535	8
GC5AGA	14035	0255	May 5	LXLIX	21297	1900	5
UF6KPE	21268	1520	6	9V1OX	14240	1120	7
				HS3AL	21324	1820	8
				BV2A	14030	1500	6
				UA0YT	14037	1615	8
				LS7DA	14037	1615	8
				TA1RF	14332	2200	5
				VK9KY	14225	1545	4
				<u>ELSEWHERE</u>			
<u>AFRICA</u>				FP8FD	21325kc	2050Z	May 6
CN8DL	21363kc	1515Z	May 5	YJ8RG	14271	0700	2
CT3AS	21025	1920	6	VK9XI	14216	1400	5
5H3MA	14221	1225	3	KC6CT	14056	1245	5
FL8HM	14032	0345	10	VR4EZ	14230	1400	6
				CE0AE	21325	0130	6
				CP6FQ	21300	0130	6
				DU7ER	21373	1620	5
				VS5PH	14207	1400	1

KURE Island KH6EDY active again, being worked at 14257kc, 1240Z on May 2nd. The operator this time is Doug.

UPPER VOLTA 9G1HM, Jose, trying to line up an XT2-license for a possible July operation.

SHORTLY NOTED One report has it that the ITU has never officially issued any authorization for calls beginning with 0 or 1...the 1N2A looks like a self-designated call. For some of the Pacific areas VR1L is sometimes found around 28530kc around 2200-2400Z. C2-1JW the same time around 28555kc on weekdays. W0EN will be traveling in the Western Reaches during the next month, returning to St. Louis by the way of Yellowstone Park. All DXers watch for a Missouri Big Gun. W6NTQ will be in FO8-land (Papeete not Clipperton) this August and will concentrate on the 40/80 bands. Pacific Division Convention in Sacramento June 14-15th will feature some well-known DXers.

GUS-LATE REPORT It appears that in the landing at Des Roches, that Gus' gear was dumped into the water, somewhat affecting its efficiency and which probably accounts for the sparse and disappointing reports. As of the week-end Gus was back in the Seychelles, trying to get the gear reorganized.

AMSTERDAM Is. FB8ZZ coming through on twenty, on the 8th at 1430Z was operating at 14196kc and listening above 14200kc. Frequently active...almost daily... from 1100Z to 1200Z at varying frequencies 14170kc-14195kc-14210kc. QSL to F9US.

St. BRANDONS VQ8CD, Anand, will be on St. Brandons all this week signing VQ8CDB. Seven day operation planned. Previously Anand has operated on Chagos as VQ8CDC.

NAURU New call sign is C2-1. Former VK9RJ now signing C2-1JW.

SABAH 9M6HM, Hubert, in a pile-up last week...and pile-ups discourage him. Was at 14225kc from 1300Z. QSL direct to Police Headquarters, Kota, Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. Hubert does not belong to MARTS.

TLMOR CR8AI, Luiz, still in there doggedly working stations in spite of the most difficult conditions and behaviour at times. On May 8th was working by prefixes into 6-land and handling the pile-ups very nicely. It has been suggested to Luiz that he maintain this type operation, announcing in advance the area he will work in subsequent days. Was at 14210kc until almost 1600Z. Luiz is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish and French but is not especially strong in English but does persist. It does help at times to pass your report in one of the first three languages.....some even practice for the contact with Luiz. He will be there for some time yet and may found from 1100Z onwards. Endorsing your envelope '...via Darwin, Australia' may speed QSL.

ARRL BOARD MEETING The recent ARRL Board of Directors Meeting held in New Orleans on May 2-3rd produced some items which should be of interest to DXers.

1. A 5-Band WAS approved.
2. DXCC members at the 250 level may submit cards in groups of ten.
3. Rejected requests for extra phone space for areas of U.S. outside Mainland.
4. Board will study expansion of U.S. Phone bands in consultation with Amateur Radio Societies in other countries.
5. DXer Vic Clark, W4KFC, was elected to the Executive Board.
6. Added sufficient funds for the Defense of Amateur Frequencies to bring the account up to \$100,000.00.

A summary of the meeting will be in the June QST and the full minutes in the July QST.

LOBITOS IS. XE5A, apparently work 40/80 only the first week-end of the month. Was working 7250 and 3865kc. Only fragmentary information on this one.

REVILLA GIGEDO XE1J, Jose, plans for another operation come this October. Clarion Island, 260 miles from Socorro, apparently will not be counted as a separate country. Jose trying to line up some power and directional antennas for the effort.

MARCO IS. Still nothing definite. Central American amateurs connected with maritime work say that they cannot locate any such island on their charts. Someone was reported on the PACDXNET as saying that he found it. Considerable doubt on this one. One report has a Marco Island off Naples, Florida.

VIET NAM HMLAY/XV5 was working a 9M2KR reported at 14207kc, 1630Z on May 6th. Gave his name as Hill and said he was located in Hue.

SERRANA BANK The WB6KBK plans for the Caribbean and other areas is going ahead. Vern advises that the group is seeking permission for KC4-Navassa operations....along with other groups.

If the KC4-Navassa operation does not jell, WB6KBK and Co. plan to open from Roncador Cay (Serrana Bank area) on June 17th and operate through June 21st with an all-band operation.

Money is a problem....beyond the Navassa/Serrana Operation, Vern-WB6KEK advises that they are completing plans for operations from KP6-Palmyra, KB6-Baker and VR3-Fanning/Christmas and the transportation problems have been worked out. More definite information on the latter should be available in a week or so.

The address of WB6KBK is Vern Buerg, 456 Lakeshire Dr. Daly City, Ca. 94015

REPORT FROM THE EAST AFRICA DESK. The recent operations of 5Z4KL/5X5 was during the South Africa Rally....a road race over half the continent. 5Z4KL was participating as a check-point in Uganda during the race. His operations were at times when he was not busy check the Vrooom group through. Initially he operated from a hotel, moving to the Police Station where he used their flagpole for an antenna support. Curious natives grasping the antenna wires often became very mobile dummy loads. 5Z4KL/5X5 operated from a tent with a rubber ground cloth, getting a foot off the ground cloth while operating did activate him.

Andre, teacher in Kenya, would be willing to return to Uganda for an extended operation if funds were available....about \$150.00 for fuel for a friends airplane the biggest item. Cards for the operation in 5X5-land have been mailed. On ST2-land, Andre says that it would be easy to get to but the license problem is most difficult. He has not heard ST2SA for over six months and doubts if he is active at this time.

Walt Henry is reported to have shipped some Swan gear to an SU1-station and a strong signal may be coming out of that area soon. SU1MA has been reported in the last week but with weak a.m. signal.

FR7ZL will be on Tromelin until June 25th. Has been coming through LP to the West Coast in early mornings. Says he would be willing to go to Juan de Nova but a boat would have to be chartered and it is beyond his means...he works for the French government. Gus is expected to open from Farquhar after Agalega.

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