

# West Coast DX

## Bulletin

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GUS Apparently still in the Seychelles as of the week-end, signing VQ9/A. Was trying to charter a boat to hit some other spots in the Indian Ocean. On the Des Roches effort, his No. 1 generator was dropped into the water while being unloaded. No. 2 generator gave lots of problems and finally quit altogether. A third generator, a 400 cycle job, finally went the same route. It was reported that in the middle of last week that Gus had the generator trouble ironed out and was on his way back to Des Roches for a five day stint but no further word on this. Gus really banging his head with all the problems which have developed but is doggedly trying to straighten things out and keep operating. Nothing further on the reported PAA group effort on Des Roches. Beyond Des Roches, Gus next stop probably will be either Agalega or Farquhar.

ST. BRANDONS VQ8CDA, Anand, was due to leave Mauritius in the middle of last week, and operate from St. Brandons for a week. Anand behind previous reported schedule but was packing early last week. Was due to open at 14032kc last Wednesday. The call to be used at St. Brandons has also been reported as VQ8ADB and VQ8CDB. Whatever the call used, he was supposed to open last Wednesday around 0730Z but may have been delayed again.

IN2A Operation was by HK3VA and K6JGS/HK3. Some 500 contacts were made and the information sent to the ARRL DXCC Desk for verification. The trip to Marco was a trial balloon to see if it would be accredited for DXCC. QSL via W4VPD....they hope to have some word from the DXCC Desk within the month.

THOR HEYERDAHL Who probably will be remembered from KON TIKI, will set out to cross the Atlantic in a reed boat sometime between May 15 and 20th to prove that it was possible for the ancient Egyptians to make a similar trip. There is expected to be twenty meter phone operation during the voyage using the call-sign LI2B. Voyage is expected to last from 100-120 days.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA CR3KD, Pardal, was expecting the arrival of a beam this last week with many on the West Coast listening for an improved signal Saturday morning. ....there wasn't any signal. Pardal still keeping schedule with WA3HUP and CT2AA around 14240kc from 2200-2300Z. Signal strength should improve when beam installed which definitely should be some time this week.

MORE ARRL DIRECTORS MEETING Information supplied by the Pacific Division Director W6ZRJ give more information on ARRL Board actions. Planning Committee will consider a plan to expand phone frequencies to 3750-4000kc; 7150-7300kc, 14175-14350kc, and 21200-21450kc, changing novice bands accordingly. Also, a DXCC Advisory Committee will be formed. The ARRLDXCC Country list will be prepared after consultation with the IARU.

BERMUDA CONTEST The 10th Bermuda Amateur Radio Contest is set for June, the phone portion being 0001Z June 22nd to 0200Z June 23rd. C.W. will be in July, commencing on July 20th at 0001Z and runs to 0200Z July 21st. Mark your calendar. Log sheets can be had from the Contest Committee, RSB, Bx 275, Hamilton, Bermuda.

QSLs The ARRL DXCC Desk in the last week has returned cards for VK2BRJ/VK9-Norfolk and W4UDF/AP2-East Pakistan, advising that they should be submitted again at a later date.

FCC On May 13th the FCC under Docket 18540 advised that it was considering giving credit for all amateur licensing, whether U.S. or another government, in computing the 25 year requirement for a two-letter call. This action was taken on the petition of W8LUZ and the usual comments may be filed up to July 25th. Usual being original and 14 copies.

TROMELIN FR7ZL/T coming through most mornings long-path around 14210kc. Not being worked much on the West Coast, Guy going QRT usually before the bands open to the W6-7 Land. Has been worked as late as 1330Z. Much desire evidenced by all of Guy's friends in the western reaches to speak to him....much desire...much disappointment. QSL to FR7ZL.

TRINIDADE PYØRE-Eddie, at 14220kc, 2330Z to 0100Z on May 14th. Working off a list only. List taken by PY-station after 0100Z.

TIMOR CR8AI, Luiz, still in there though much upset by some scurrilous mail. A letter signed by a non-existent W3-call inferred that Luiz and those acting as MCs were soliciting \$10.00 for a place on the schedule and \$25.00 for a call by Luiz at a special time.

Luiz, very much upset, wrote to a W-station: "Enclosed I send you a letter received from an ungrateful OM. What you say me about this problem. If it is true, I do not like. I am a VERY AMATEUR radio, not a pedlar or a marketable. "Yes, I am in a very far country when the radio parts, magazines, etc., short and I thank you for all your helps, but I do not sell QSOs. I am every time QRV for all OM, polite, honest and true fellow. I am not a pedlar, NO! "Please, return to me that letter and, please, when you talk with your fellows, repeat, one, two, three, many times that Luis, CR8AI, is not a pedlar or a marketable amateur station but yes a very true amateur."

was not available

Considering the time when a CR8-Station/and the efforts of Luiz to cope with the pile-ups with his daily operation, it does seem rather pathetic that his efforts to supply a CR8-contact are rewarded by anonymous character attacks.

Luiz in the last week has been reported at various frequencies, anywhere from 14201kc to 14280kc. From 1100Z to 1530Z. Sometimes working by districts. One indication is that Luiz intends to work the U.S. on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 1300Z to 1600Z. Other days he will look for friends elsewhere. He still needs Zones 18, 19, 20 and 23 for WAZ

SUDAN A recent report indicates that ST2SA is alive and living in Czechoslovakia. Sid, a physician, had some time ago announced that he expected to do some advanced study in eye surgery and that Czechoslovakia was the country where he would go. At that time he expected to be away for about a year. Also, he was expecting to be relocated within Sudan. Either way Sid has not been heard...according to reports...since last year.

#### PACIFIC NETS

Pacific Inter-Island Net	14320kc	0830Z	Mon/Wed/Fri
Southeast Asia Net	14320kc	1200Z	Daily
Marianas Island Net	3850kc	0830Z	Tuesdays (2nd-3rd-4th)
Gecko Net (Marianas)	14240kc	0930Z	Tuesday/Thursdays
Pacific DX Net	14240kc	0700Z	Tuesday/Friday
Marine Corps Net	21380kc	1900Z	Daily
Confusion Net	21400kc	0200Z	Daily
YL-SSB Oceania System	14332kc	0300Z	Saturdays

FREQUENCIES....Mostly what you missed:

EUROPE				AFRICA			
WJ1TU	7004kc	0600Z	May 10th	A2CAU	7003kc	0310Z	May 9th
UF6KAA	14016 LP	1405	13	VQ9/A	21020	1810	11th
UG6AW	14231 LP	1420	13	CR3KD	14241	2200	13
UC2CW	14198	0300	10	ZD5V	14207	1350	14
GD3FXN	14224	0735	7	ET3REL	14198 LP	1350	11
OZ2LX	7002	0340	12	CR7CI	14212 LP	1245	10
UO5PK	14029	0300	10	"	14225 LP	1355	15
GW3SUA	14204	2220	13	5H3JR	21340	2130	12
UF6CR	14296	0240	12	5Z4LY	14260	1800	14
				VQ8CD	14030	1300	13
				CT3AS	14026	0615	8
				9G1BF	14204	2220	13
ASIA				ELSEWHERE			
TA2E	21026kc	1630Z	May 11	YJ8JM	14040kc	1030Z	May 9th
MP4BBW	14205	0315	12	VK9XI	14213	1430	12
UH8KAA	14042	1340	13	HK3ASJ	7004	0330	12
UI8BD	14040 LP	1400	13	LU6FA	7013	0335	15
VU2DK	14199 LP	1400	12	CO6AH	14071	1155	11
XW8BS	14255	1500	12	VP5TH	14170	1200	11
3W8R	14217	1540	15	FP0DA	14028	0205	13
TA2E	21027	1510	11	KC6BW	14258	1225	14
9K2BG	21322	2115	12	VK9BA	21013	1407	9 (TNG)
LX1FQ	21307	2135	12	VK9DJ	14223	1400	13 Papua
VU9FB	14232	1400	14	KJ6BZ	7265	0600	14
UJ8AQ	14050	1200	11				
JT2AB	14070	1215	11				
EP2DA	14224	1800	9				
UL7KFE	21022	0350	9				
MP4TCR	14205	1350	13				

QSL INFO The problems of QSLing VP2s may be helped...or hindered...by the following information originating with KV4FZ

"VP2VI and I QSL via W3EVW. Just received word that I can operate from St. Lucia. However, will conditions permit operations on 3.5mhz? ARRL says I must submit documents to prove presence on various islands....my operation from VP2MK was February 22, 1967 ONLY. Other cards via Golden W8EWS"

SHORTLY NOTED: The ALOHA DX Group will meet at Coco's Restaurant in the Waikiki area for the 1st Annual Dinner Meeting on June 7th. \$3.00 per head and reservations via KH6GLU. Rubin, WA6AHF, still has about 500 IRCs which he is willing to let go at 1/3 off list...10¢ each. Send money with s.a.s.e. With the 5BDXCC starting January 1st and the 5BWAS to start sometime in the future, the 5-Band Summary Log has space for both DXCC and WAS...on six bands. \$1.50 will bring you a copy at Ham Radio Outlet, 999 Howard in Burlingame or AMRAD in San Francisco or Oakland. Last week WWV was...apparently because of conditions...calling by districts. W5s last Friday in Mid-afternoon. (That's a joke should you have not recognized it). It was difficult enough when many wanted Nauru with the old call sign....with the C2-1JW if madness. No place for QRPers. QSLs for 7Z3AB are now handled by W5NOP. FR7ZL/T is using a ground-plane antenna to get into the states....some doubt that he will work enough W6s to earn the California Award. John Attaway, K4IIF, will participate in the DX Forum at the Pacific Division in Sacramento on June 14th. The ARRL Central Division comes off this coming week-end at Stouffers in Indianapolis. K9GCE, Joe Poston, handling the DX bit. At a recent Bay Area Hamfest meeting when talking about the DX program in the 1969 October event, the comment was heard: "Those DXers are the tops and they know it". Any comment? Please sign all letters....legibly.

CLIPPERTON Possibilities for any early Clipperton operation seem rather remote. At this time the French Authorities apparently will not even licence their own nationals for Clipperton. It is reported that the U.S. government has made an approach to France on the possibility of using the island for a tracking station but was turned down. This occurred while DeGaulle was still in office and it is always possible that a change in the government may open the door. Look what happened for Navassa. Anyhow, Clipperton licensing is handled by the Director of Postes and Telecommunications, Papeete, Tahiti...if that information is of any value to you.

NAVASSA It appears that a group has obtained permission to land on Navassa and will be active in mid-June, June 16th reported as the target date.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX MEETING Timing things nicely with the date for the reported Navassa operation, the San Fernando Valley DX Club will host a joint Southern California DX meeting at the Fin and Feather Restaurant, 800 San Fernando Road in San Fernando on June 16th. Dinner will be at 7:30p.m.....\$4.50 per person. John Attaway, K4LIF, of the CQ DX Column will be the guest speaker. Reservations can be made thru W6NJU. DXers, wives...everyone.....welcomed.

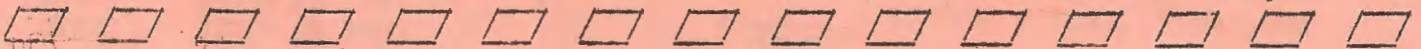
AMSTERDAM ISLAND FB8ZZ on regularly from 1100Z to 1200Z around 14190kc and listening up. Gilbert has been reported at various frequencies up to 14199kc and as late as 1400Z. Usually goes QRT as the band opens to the Western Reaches but is being worked in the East and Midwest regularly. QSLs go to F8US and not F9US as previously reported.

40/80 VP8JT at 7003kc nightly from 0400Z....has new antenna for 3.5 and is looking for W6s to work. Will QSY to 3507kc on request. QTH is Antarctica. VP1CP is a Jesuit near Belize, nightly at 7235kc from 0230Z to 0500Z. QSL to Bx 616 Belize with 2 IRCs. Not a DXer but very accomodating.

73 WA6AUD

TNX....To those really working all the DX including W6DZZ, W8SRK, W6NJU, W8CT, KH6BZF, W6VUW, K6OZL, W6WWQ, K6KA, W6HVN, W4OPM, WA6BVY, KH6GQW, KH6GLU, W9WKU, W6PTS, WA6AHF, WA6GLD, WB6UOM, WA6DJI, K6MHD, W6ZC, WB6CIE

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