

West Coast DX

Bulletin

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GUS Little action this week. Gus was supposed to return to Des Roches at the start of last week after being in the Seychelles to arrange for transportation. A boat has been chartered for further operations starting June 7th which will include: Agalega, Farquhar, Wizard Reef, Aldabra, Glorioso, Geysler Reef and Madagascar. In some of these licenses expected but not yet obtained. Gus is expected to arrive in Madagascar about five weeks after starting this swing across the Indian Ocean. On the Geysler Reef operation, the following is quoted from VERON DXpress:.. "Gus told us that he had tried in vain to find a boat or captain willing to take him to either Geysler or Blenheim Reef or both. Gus had talked with four captains and all say that it is absolutely impossible to land on these two reefs and that nobody so far has landed there. Gus doubts whether anyone has been on these reefs before. The captains he talked to all swore that this could not have happened. Gus intends to write to the ARRL to get these two reefs removed from the Countries List but fears the ARRL will not react positively as a result of the agreement with Don Miller after the lawsuit.. (DXpress May 16, 1969)

NAVASSA Operations shaping up for mid-June with a report that the Coast Guard will take a party of not more than thirty for a 3 day operation. Scheduled to depart June 7th....arrive Navassa June 11th. Further details as operations develop.

CRETE SVØWN, Jim, the only station presently active on Crete. Jim is running 150w to a dipole but does work into the states and was worked in the Western Reaches during the last week.....does have a schedule around 0400-0430Z at 14225kc on Wednesdays. A KW amplifier was shipped via boat to SVØWN from Henry Radio a few months back and is expected any time now.

RHODES SVØWN expects to operate again sometime in June. Trying to line up a small rig that will cover both c.w. and phone bands. Jim also working on another possible operation on an important DX island....but will not announce details until plans jell.

INDONESIA WBAWU/YB6, A1, on Sumatra the latest to appear. Was at 14234kc at 1630Z this last Saturday, May 24th. Will QSL on return to home QTH. A call which has been showing up repeatedly in the last month is PK8YAE usually being worked in the c.w. bands around 14040 from 1500Z. Name is Udjang, Box 8, Bandung.

ITU MEETING June 1971 target date for a World Administrative Conference on space communications and radioastronomy. IARU meeting in Brussels in mid-May found European/African societies agreeing to request their administrations to support authorization for amateur space activities in bands 28mc and above. The 1971 meeting probably will bring a shift of the amateur 21,000mc band to 23,000mc. When you find someone excited over losing the 15 meter band, remember that it is 21,000mc and not 21mc.

EGYPT SU1MA and SU1IM showing up recently. SU1MA was at 14202kc at 0345Z on May 19th while SU1IM was lat 14017kc at the same time....drifting around and up and down. SU1IM also reported at 21022kc at 2140Z earlier in May. QSL to CBA.

UGANDA 5Z4KL will operate portable 5X5 June 13th thru 15th. VE3IG will use 14170 to announce times and frequencies. Contributions will be needed...send to VE3IG. Also, list will be prepared by Andre...send call if interested.

FAROES OY7Z and OY2H at 21273kc around 1730 on May 24th. Not especially strong on the West Coast.

PACDXNET Change in frequency to 14270kc to avoid commercial QRM which has been bothering the operations....Tuesdays and Fridays at 0700Z. On Tuesdays will start stateside with the W6s and on Fridays will start with the W1s. Ed looking for a reliable certificate printer. Also, about 50% of the FW8DY cards have been sent out with the balance to follow as quickly as possible.

COOK ISLANDS ZK1AL reported at 14046kc at 1400Z on May 17th. Name was Joe and QSL via W8SSR.

FUNNY FARM YZ3A, Doug, 14210kc on May 20th. Also, apparently someone poaching on Gilbert's FB8ZZ operation, calling CQ around 14067kc on May 19th....about a 40° beam heading from the East Coast. VQ9FA-Farquhar...14026 at 0530Z May 21st. VQ9B says he will check this one out.

LIECHTENSTEIN HB9AFM and HB9GJ operated there thru last week and were supposed to go QRT on the 25th. This seems to be a yearly operation for Oscar-HB9AFM who also operated from there in 1967 and 1968. QSLs go to HB9AFM and HB9GJ. Strong signals into the West.

Guernsey GC8HT will be on 28643kc at 1400Z and 1800Z on June 1st. The next day, June 2nd will be at 7043kc at 0830Z c.w.; 7083kc at 0730Z SSB; 7083kc again at 1000Z. Will listen 7213-7220kc and 7243-7250kc.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA CR3KD, Pardal, left on vacation May 22nd and will be gone for three weeks. Hopes to have the new beam up on his return so he can work all the W6s and W7s who listen longly-but listen vainly.

NEW HEBRIDES YJ8RG at 14236kc at 0640 on May 18 with VK2BFI as m.c. YJ8JM at 14037kc at 0720Z on May 19th...QSL direct. If sufficiently desperate, check with VK2BFI who frequently is on the PACDXNET for a schedule...YJ8RG also on the PACDXNET regularly. YJ8JM reported as late as 1030Z on above frequency.

TRINIDADE PY0RE at 14220kc almost daily between 23-2400Z...PY2ERS usually the m.c. Stick around if you do not make the list the first time....often a list is made up when PY0RE goes QRT. QSLs to PY1HX. On the PY0BLR effort of last year, cards have been obtained from the address in the May QST. Apparently a good possibility of mail being short-stopped in Brazil as in one instance PY0BLR said that previous attempts for a QSL had not been received by him...though four were sent. Register mail in plain envelope with no amateur call-signs if you wish to use the ultimate weapon.

TROMELIN FR7ZL/T, Guy, coming through LP almost every morning all the way from 14200kc to as high as 14235kc...and as late as 1430Z. Also reported at 14008kc, 1345Z on May 19th...LP.

PAPUA VK9DM, Ben, at 14293kc on May 20th at 1215Z with good signal. VK9BS, Bob, at 14232kc same date, same time.

SWAZILAND ZD5V, John, on daily at 14215kc from 1400Z LP. QSL via XE2YP. John will come to the states in early August and will visit QRP country....on the north side of the Golden Gate Bridge. Its QRP in more ways than one...the sheriff deputies have been blowing the whistle on the QRP bathing suits over at Muir Beach....so QRP that they disappeared altogether. (A Nude-In...naturally)

TURKEY TA2E, Haci, almost daily around 14030kc from 0100Z....sometimes up a few kcs, sometimes down a few kcs. TA1RF frequently around 14210kc from 0200Z...QSL to DJ4SK.

AMSTERDAM FB8ZZ, Gilbert, coming through regularly LP. Being worked as late as 1330Z at 14194kc, listening inside the FCC barrier. Often on from 1100-1200Z but occasionally later. Was on to 1330Z Friday, May 23rd. QSL to F8US.

VIET NAM Two stations apparently active. 3W8R, Don, at 14225kc at 1450Z May 20th. Said he was in Saigon. Was working JAS. Earlier this month HM1AY/XV5 at 14205kc at 1630Z...said to QSL via HM Bureau.

ZL1AKI Cliff is on a solo-around-the-world flight in a small aircraft and departed Guam around May 20th for the U.S. via the Kuriles and Alaska. Will be on 3705kc operating aeronautical mobile while enroute.

St. BRANDON VQ8CDB operating last week as planned. Was being worked around 14017kc. QSLs go to VQ8CD CBA.

GOUGH ISLAND ZD9BN, Paul, coming through at 14019kc at 1345Z on May 20th. Counts the same as Tristan da.

GB3SUA Special call to be used July 11-13th at Stratford-upon-Avon to commemorate 700th anniversary of the start of local government. Special QSL...80 thru 10 operation, a.m., c.w., SSB. QSL via RSGB. GB2UM at the University of Manchester has been heard on 15meters recently around 1600Z....QSLs for this one to G3VUM.

POSSIBILITIES Possibility of a K5 operating from FM7-Martinique in August. Also, FM7WQ, Pierre, has had some difficult problems and may be active again soon... some of the gear deteriorated while he was inactive and will have to be rebuilt Possibility of a TI9-Cocos operation sometime later this year if the plans of some W6s jell.

73, WA6AUD

TNX TO THE BIG GUN DXers including K6MHD, K0VBX, WB4BAP, W6ZC, WA6GLD, K6HPZ, K6CF, KH6GLU, K6KA, W6PTS, W0CJZ, KH6BZF, W6LVF, W6CAE, W5LZZ, K6YRA, W8CT, K6LAE, W6DZZ, W6JHV/7, K6OZL, W4OPM, W4BRB, W6HVN, WB6UJO, W6VUW, W9WKU, KH6GQW...The Mighty Twenty Eight...nothing gets by them.

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