

West Coast DX

Bulletin

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GUS Gus operated from Bandeuse Cay this last week, signing VQ9/A/BC. Operations from this one was supposed to end on Sunday and the next stop is supposed to be from Wizard sometime this week. Some troubles reported with generator. c.w. seems to be the best mode though some SSB reports being received. Gus' operating frequencies are:

c.w. 3515-3525 7015-7025 14020-14025 21020-21025 28020-28025kc
SSB 14190-14200 (sometime may be 14100-14115) 21240-21250 28490-28500kc

His times on the bands are:

1000Z--1500Z	14mc c.w./SSB	1930 - 2100Z	21mc c.w./SSB
1500 1700	21 c.w./SSB	2100 - 2400	14 c.w./SSB
1700 1800	14 c.w./SSB	0000 - 0030	7 c.w. only
1800 1900	21 c.w./SSB	0030 - 0100	14 c.w./SSB
1900 1930	28 c.w./SSB	0100 - 0115	3.5 c.w only
		0115 - 0430	14 c.w./SSB

Some cards are being received for Gus West African activity earlier this year, cards for 6W/W4BPD being received in the last week.

THAILAND The June QST dropped the listing of Thailand as a banned country. Word from the ARRL DX Desk indicates that "...the lack of mention of the HS stations in the June issue was an inadvertent error and will likely be corrected in the next listing of the 'banned' countries". If any HS stations show up, they are okay to work. HS-stations....no. Some indications are that the ban may be lifted by action of the Thai government with the ITU before the August issue of QST is received.

NAVASS-RECAP With the Florida DX group back under familiar skies after their highly successful K4IA/KC4 operation, some of the details of the trip have been coming out, the full report will be published in a magazine article. The trip was delayed initially by a late departure from Kingston due to some disagreements which has to be ironed out with (1) crew members and (2) Immigration authorities. The vessel made only 5 knots per hour into heavy seas rather than the 12 knots that had been expected. Off course and 20 miles outh of Navassa, they searched to the north, finally finding Navassa and thankful it was not Cuba or Haiti. First QSO was made at 2040Z on June 22nd with 6Y5LA who had been monitoring 7mc for nine hours waiting for word of their arrival. Three stations were on the air the first evening and the following morning antennas were put up for 160m and 75m SSB. The 1750w. generator gave up the second morning and a spare 1250w generator was used until the other was fixed....a bad diode in the alternator being the problem. The crew started to secure the operation on June 25th and the last QSO was made at 1940Z, some 71 hours after the initial one. Departure was 12 hours earlier than originally planned because of the slow boat and need to clear customs in Jamaica and to meet the travel commitments. 11,162 QSOs made with good coverage into all continents.

The name of the vessel was the Miss Jekyll.

All in all, a most successful operation and much favorable comment still being heard on the effort. QSLs to W4WIP.

CALENDAR

OH2AM-AaLand Island	Until July 13th by the OH2AM group
VQ9/A/WR-Wizard	Wizard Reef by Gus to open Thursday or Friday
FY7EB-French Guiana	VE2AFC to open July 7-13th
FM7EB-Martinique	VE2AFC to open July 14-16th
VP2GTL-Grenada	K5AAD to open July 14-20th

CARIBBEAN Plans for Martinique operation by K5AAD have not jelled and Don will pass this one up. His schedule now calls for:
Grenada July 14-20th; Trinidad July 21-27th; Antigua Aug 1st. With the scratching of the Martinique operation there may be some changes.
FM7WQ, Pierre, now on vacation but may be active later this Fall.

RA Still coming through...still mostly phone patches. Is on rather regularly on the previous posted schedule of operating 1100/1500/1900/2100Z. Was on last week at 14217kc at 1100Z...running patches. LA5KG usually the m.c. The reed craft about half-ways across the Atlantic.

SPANISH SAHARA EA9EJ on 21017kc at 1915Z on June 28th. Unusual for EA9EJ to be on c.w.

TRUCIAL OMAN MP4TCQ at 14003 at 2300Z on Jun 30th. QSL via RSGB. MP4TAF at 21337kc at 1850Z on the same date.

AMSTERDAM ISLAND FB8ZZ, Gilbert, still coming through on twenty. Usually just below the American phone band, listening up. Best times are still 1100-1200Z though sometimes on later.

BALEARIC ISLANDS EA6AR at 21315kc at 0100Z on July 5th.

FUNNY FARM MX2MX at 21300kc at 0400Z on July 4th. Beam heading 330°. ZA1AA gave YU1MW for his QSL manager....YU1MW says he knows nothing of this gem. ACØTH from Sikkim saying to QSL to 4ck, W4ECI. Still the best one was PHØNEY....it must be said that he did not attempt to conceal anything.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB At their June elections, the new officers for the coming year were elected. President, Hugh Cassidy WA6AUD; Vice-President, Don Schliesser WA6UFW and Secretary-Treasurer, Walt Cooper, W6CDJ.

EGYPT In spite of previous reports, c.w. seems to be the best mode to work an SU station with SU1IM, Ibrahim, the best prospect at 14025kc, plus or minus, around 0300Z. Tune to the pile-up and you may find Ibrahim somewhere in there defending himself.

TRINIDADE A fresh report....July 2nd...says that PY4AK now has the logs for the PYØBLR effort of April 1968. PY4AK address is Box 484, Belo Horizonte....and he promises to QSL immediately. Some PYØBLR cards received but many still outstanding. The WCLXB points the path....you risk the IRCs.

CHATHAM ISLAND ZL3BJ/C on Chatham Island will secure operations on July 13th and will return to Christchurch. From July 11-13th Bruce will be at 14205, 14240 or 14270kc for as long as time and band conditions permit. This may be the last chance for a while for a Chatham contact. Look for him from 0600 onwards though on occasion may be a bit earlier.

VATICAN CITY HV3SJ coming through at 1600Z at 21298kc on June 30th. Said to QSL via W6KNH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BAND WATCHERS SOCIETY. (e=east coast. m=midwest w=west coast
(kh6=Hawaii etc

EUROPE				ASIA			
F2FD/A/FC	14004kc	2300Z	Jun 30m	9N1MM	14206kc	0200Z	Jul 1m.
TF2WLN	21028	2020	29m	HS3ML	21272	1420	Jun 30e
OX3FD	21025	0030	30m	9K2CF	21331	1849	30e
OY1R	14043	1750	24m	UL7GW	21016	0055	29w
ZC4AK	21365	1400	30e	VU2VZ	21304	1600	Jul 2w
OH2AD/OHØ	21019	1600	Jul 2w	TA2E	21027	1615	Jun 29w
YO9HO	7004	0230	2m	HS3BA	14225	1500	Jun 28w
UPOLIB	14059	0400	Jun 28m	VS9MB	21282	1900	30w
JW1CI	14010	0115	Jul 2e	9K2AA	14213	2300	Jul 2m
EI9AR	21075	2300	Jun 27m	UV9PP	21276	0530	3w (Z.18)
UC2WP	14020	0355	Jul 2m				
OH2AD/OHØ	14019	2320	2w				
LJ1TU	21027	1615	Jun 29w	AFRICA			
SVØWP	21020	1920	29w	5A3TX	21330kc	2200Z	Jul 1m
CT2BO	14023	0215	Jul 3w	TJ1AJ	21011	1500	1e
UP2KDC	14028	0145	1kh6	5A1TN	21330	2000	4w
UB5FG	21280	1840	Jun 29w	5A1TK	14212	0500	Jun 6kh
GB2HRH	14207	0500	30w	9X5IH	21295	1815	Jul 1w
GB2HRH	21340	1800	30w				
OK2BGE	14200	0430	Jul 1w	NORTH/SOUTH AMERICA			
SP5BB	14227	0300	Jul 2w	VE8RCS	21276kc	1630	Jun 29w (Z.2)
9H1AZ	14022	0140	Jun 27m	6Y5CM	21009	1930	29w
CT2BO	14023	0215	Jul 3w	YS10	14033	1140	Jul 1m
				PY4XQO	7004	0230	2m
				LU4ECO	7002	0230	2m
				PY7AM	7013	0235	2m
				8P6AK	14020	0420	2m
				KC4USP	7250	0800	1m
				VP2MV	14021	0150	1kh
				VP2MB	14022	0320	Jun 30w
OCEANL.							
KX6JD	7097kc	0800Z	Jul 2e				
CR8AI	14231	1100	Jun 28kh				
FK8BN	14013	1110	24m				
FO8AA	14029	0400	30m				
VK9BM	14269	1600	Jul 5w				
VR6TV	21355	2325	1m				
KC6BY	14006	1050	Jun 25m				
VK9XI	21329	1500	Jul 1e				
FO8BO	3800cw	0600	1w				

SHORTLY NOTED Assembly Bill 60 in the California Legislature would raise call-sign license plates to \$20.00 for the plates plus \$10.00 every year when registration is renewed. Would also give call-sign plates to CBers. Gus will sign VQ9/A/WR from Wizard Reef. Going back to Des Roches for some generator parts and may hit three or four rare African spots. Seems to be round the turn and thinking of heading home. FO8BO calls on c.w. around 3800Z around 0600Z and answers SSB callers...does have SSB but sometimes difficult to copy. CR8AI showed up on c.w. at 14017kc at 1225Z on June 30th...said he was in Dili...name Hertzcho...lots of callers...lots of ????? W4BRB is within a handful or so...or three...of making it 100 on 80 for the 5BDXCC. W4QCW is reported to have worked the necessary number on all bands but now QSLs are the problem. Think of the agony of sweating out QSLs after you worked 5BDXCC and you might be Number ONE. Something we fortunate QRPers do not have to worry aboutjust worry about working Gus on 15 or 20. Still some things cooking for some DXpeditions but nothing jelling yet....no advertising asked. According to information in Geoff Watts DX NEWS-SHEET Clipperton is now the No. 1 wanted country, followed by Albania, Laccadives, Bouvet and South Sandwich. Last Fall CE9AT was plantively calling CQ-Contest in one of the DX Brawls.....and was not getting any takers. Also continuing the list comes Iraq, Cocos Is (TI9), China, San Felix and Maria Theresa. If you have all of these, you are dropped from the QRP ranks. One thing we cannot stand is a successful QRPper. Misery is our shield and banner.

LATE GUS WORD Gus working from Bandeuse Cay as of Saturday at 1800Z said that he would operate from this location until Monday. He would then go back to Des Roches and may possibly operate from there Monday evening. His plans call for him to open from Wizard Reef on Thursday or Friday of this week. His efforts to obtain licenses for Glorioso/Tromelin/Comoro have not been successful even with REF working on his behalf. Some feeling that the French authorities are confusing Gus with another American operator. Efforts to get these licenses still continuing through REF and other channels.

TIMOR Plans still going ahead for the VK2BFI operation for next month. Present schedule calls for the operation to get under way on August 3rd. Financial help would be appreciated for this extended operation and any help can be sent to W5RBO who will also handle the QSLs. Some question as to the dates due to an inadvertent error made in a QSO. The operation is definitely scheduled for August.

ZD8Z Jim Neiger is departing Ascension Island this week and his next stop will be from 9Y4-land where he expect to be on the air sometime late in July. This should give W6CUF a respite from QSL chores....in the 1969 ARRL DX test ZD8Z made 5704 contacts on c.w. and 5820 on phone. First in the single operator category for c.w. and third in the phone portien.

BEAR ISLAND JX1CI showing up around 14205kc from 2200Z though report is that he will be on from 2100Z regularly until about 0200Z. Will be there for a year and another operator expected soon. Sometimes may be below the band edge, sometimes has a W1 compiling a list up around 14225kc.

FIFTEEN METERS Filled with surprises this last week...open almost all night long. European and Russians being worked. Check the band to see what is availablesome good stuff being worked.

TNX to the watchers of the night including W9WKU, K6CWS, W6PTS, WB6UJO, W6CYO, W6DQ, W3CDL, KH6GQW, K6TXR, W6MI, K6HN, W1OPM, W6VUW, K4CAH, K6KA, W5OBS, K4ZCP, KØUKN, WØCJZ, W6JHV/7, WB6YLG, W6DZZ, W1CW, WA6KNE, K6AQV, KX6FJ, W5RBO, W6UFT, W8SRK, W8CT

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group...the bulletin goes out whether or not Gus is coming through to 6-land. What greater sacrifice can be made than to work on the bulletin and ignore Gus. Some say that this puts the Marin QRPers in the sacrificial goat class. Hear the goats bleat. \$7.00 yearly

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