

West Coast DX

Bulletin

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RUSSIANS Some unusual calls showing up. U4L/2 showing up on 15 and 20. Reported to be a special station traveling throughout the USSR. Was at 21279kc at 1425Z on December 3rd. A few hours later was at 14008kc at 1600Z. UKØA noted in last weeks reports is said to be in Zone 23. UKØB was at 14224kc at 0255Z on Dec 3rd ...said to QSL to UA3KBA. The U4L was signing /1 on December 2nd at 21302kc, 1305Z and said it was an expedition to Ulyanovsh.

THAILAND Hopes for a reciprocal agreement seem to be dead at this time, the Thai Government rejecting the proposal on the basis that "there are no amateurs (Thai) in the United States that wish to operate".

Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, will be in Thailand this coming week-end and some hope is held that it may be possible to interest him in this matter. He has previously responded to correspondence on the matter indicating his interest. The whole matter got bogged down in the upper echelons of the Foreign Ministry. Those in Thailand who have been patiently waiting would appreciate letters to Senator Goldwater on this matter.

HS3DR has been working trying to clean up QSLs sent to HS1CB. DL7FT is the QSL manager for HS1CB and this route should be the one followed. Being reported as active is HS3NT, Sawad, at 14050kc at 0055Z on November 29th....also at 14020kc at 1620Z a few days earlier.

MALDIVES 8QAYL showing up regularly from 0200Z last week, usually somewhere between 14210-14220kc. Sometimes VU2KV acting as m.c. and LP usually the best. This call was also used a year ago, Soma being the operator and the QSL information at that time was to 4S7YL.....same QSL information being given this time. Last week she was saying she has a poor antenna and hoped to improve it soon.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA CR3KD, Pardal, reported at 14045kc at 2300Z on December 1st. Reported to have good signal and may have the new beam antenna working. Last week CT1UA said he was not sure whether CT1FL would make it to CR3-land in January, there apparently having been a change in plans for his assignment.

MONKS (Monjes) This activity should be on this coming week-end if reports are correct. Station reported to be activated--4MØAB. Leslie Berkley, YV1PP, said that as of the end of November that the license had been confirmed and transportation details were all that remained to be worked out. Activity will be on ten thru forty SSB with no c.w. planned. Equipment will be DRAKE T4XB, R4B, TR4 with a Mosley TA-33 beam hand rotated. On 40m a dipole will be used. There will be about six to eight person in on the effort including Eric Ferguson, VE2DFH/YV1 who is with the Royal Bank of Canada in Maracaibo. The archipelago 'Los Monjes' is at 71°W, 12N, which would put it in the mouth of the Gulf of Venezuela. There had been some speculation that this would be an Aves operation. A check of your maps will show that it is far removed from that spot. Activity from Monks will be this week-end, December 12-14th if the weather conditions permit. YV1PP is ex-JY1XY.

IRAN Amateur Radio was to cease in EP-land, the edict being maintained despite many letters of objection to the government agency. Some delicate channels to the Shah of Iran were used to get the matter his attention and he ruled that Amateur Radio in Iran must continue and the cut-off date of December 31st was eliminated.

CALENDAR

COCOS
MONKS

TI8PE/TI9 on now....SSB only. 10 thru 160m.
4MØAB due to operate Dec 12-14th. 10 thru 40m....SSB only

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX MEETING Plans continuing and ARRL representation at the meeting tentatively will be Dick Baldwin, W1IKE, the Assistant General Manager of ARRL. Bill Rohrer, W7ZFY/VKØWR in a recent note confirmed that he expects to be there. Reservations for the January 31/February 1st big DX gathering can be made direct to Del Webbs Towne House, 2220 Tulare St., Fresno, Ca. 93721. Mention the DX meeting as a block of rooms have been reserved for the group. The convention cost of \$14.00, which includes the big dinner and the DX Breakfast can be remitted to Bud Baldwin, W6CS, 1539 Beverly Blvd. Suite 1, Los Angeles 90026.

SHORT PATH/LONG PATH It is noted that often there are questions on the path to the stations in the Indian Ocean such as FR7ZP/E or some others east of there. One authority points out that when the DX station is close to the antipodal point, that most any path will intersect the DX point and that the best thing to do is to rotate the beam looking for the strongest incoming signal. For example, Amsterdam Island is almost at the antipode from California and most paths should take a signal to FB8ZZ. Also, that while a beam may have a width of 15°, after it passes the mid-way point the width will follow geometric principles and the width will narrow. There are other factors involved and the width will not narrow to the original width at the sending station nor close to it. However, it is sometimes advantageous to rock the beam back and forth when trying to get thru to a distant station. All of this is usually known by DXers but it does bear some repeating at this time in view of the stations showing up from the Indian Ocean area.

RHODES SVØWE and SVØWG both now active from Rhodes in the Dodecanese. QSL to Box 6X, Voice of America, Rhodes.

IVORY COAST TU2CS, Dieter, 14202kc at 2250Z on December 1st. QSL to Bx 1900, Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

GALAPAGOS HC8GS frequently shows up at 14170kc around 0000Z and sometimes a hour earlier. Usual operation is for VE3IG to take a list and HC8GS works the list. VE3IG will take a careful and courteous c.w. breaker onto the list...all other kind ignored.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

Contest activity blurring the possibilities of 40/80 contacts so none listed this week. VP2MA lacks an antenna for 80m and not too enthusiastic about getting one up....VP2MKs arrival has been delayed until after January 1st and that should fill the 80m need. 80m band during the CQ contest had plenty of DX up as high as 3550kc. 4X4MU was heard on 80m on the West Coast while OK1KTL was the loudest signal out of Europe. ZP5KA will make an 80m schedule providing it is in Spanish. 5H3KJ says that during the contest there was a strong 80m opening to the Middle West at his sunrise time just after 0300Z..but nothing to the West Coast. EP2BQ figures that the best conditions to the states on 80m should be around 14-1500Z. Harry will try 3507kc during December and January on his week-end... Thursday and Friday due to the Moslem holiday....at 1400Z on a schedule with K6KA. W6ANN stuck with 80m during the CQ c.w. week-end and worked 68 stations in 19 Zones and 25 countries....and is curious about VR3AC who showed up on 80m. Bill is looking towards a new rhombic..the old one with a 558' leg not doing the job on 80. On 80 the East Coast frets over the West Coast QRM, the West Coast over the East Coast Iron Curtain, the Mid-West wishes that both would quiet down and give them a chance.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE (e=East--m=Midwest---w=West--hawaii--sm=Sweden etc)

EUROPE

CY7NRA	21317	1350Z	Nov 25e
EX1CR	21044	1410	Dec 3e
VO2BB	14206	1545	3e
UR2LH	14228	1500	4w
JW8MI	21023	1640	4w
9H1M	14218 LP	1540	3w
UB5EO	14202	1505	2w
GM3BQA	14240	1540	2w
CT2AK	28510	1720	1w
GC2LU	21310	1450	Nov 27m
UW3AJ	3504	0400	Dec 3e
HA5AM	14226	1313	3m

AFRICA

VQ8CFB	14028kc	1825Z	Dec 4w
FR7ZD	21045kc	1930Z	Nov 28e
6W8GE	21055	1315	Dec 2e
EA8GO	21289	1615	.2e
ZE8JW	14010	1915	3e
CN8HD	14332	2000	6w
VQ9B	14032	1510	3w
7Q7JG	28550	1555	2w
TN8BK	21280	2135	Nov 24w
9U5DP	14332	1815	29w
5H3KJ	14203	1555	Dec 1w
9X5AA	14210	1720	1w
TJ1AU	14203	2130	Nov 28w
FR7ZD	14196	0225	Dec 2w
ZD5T	14216	0325	1w
CR6LV	28573	1720	1w
CR7CD	21305	1915	Nov 30w
TJ1AK	21037	2035	29m

ASIA

UI8CD	14223kc	0340Z	Nov 30w
UJ8KAA	14210 LP	1230	Dec 3m
UJ8AC	14215 LP	1300	3m
UM8FZ	14197	0300	4w
UM8FM	14211	0415	Nov 30w
AP2AD	14245 LP	1215	26e
AP2SG	14245 LP	1230	26e
4S7PB	14290 LP	1155	28e
9N1MM	14290 LP	1200	28e
OD5FV	21301	1418	Dec 2e
MP4BHH	14216	1315	1e
TA2SC	14218 LP	1330	3m
7Z3AB	14224	1510	3w
YA2HWI	14050	0310	2w
MP4BHV	14027	1505	2w
W6DLE/4X	14210	1535	1w
9K2AM	14275	0400	Nov 30w
JT1AG	14215	0205	26e

ELSEWHERE

FM7WQ	21389kc	1700Z	Dec 2 sked
FP8AP	14332	2030	2m
VP9GJ	3508	0620	2w
VR10	21277	2215	1w
VP2MA	21346	2045	3w
FO8BX	14216	0325	1w
DX1MR	21299	0200	1w
VR1L	21271	0145	1w
VR1Q	14210	1700	Nov 30w
KS6BU	14340	0330	Dec 4w-patch
KS6BQ	14340	0330	4w-patch
VP8SL	14218	0230	5w
VP9GD	14332	1900	6w

COCOS KEELING VK9KY being reported last week, good signal on both coasts at 1300Z on December 3, 14201kc QSL via VK2SG.

FERNANDO de NORONHA PY7AWD/PY0 reported last week at 14023kc at 2335Z December 2nd was the date. QSL to PY7PO, Box 341, Recife.

SHORTLY NOTED CR8AI has informed some that QSLs routed via Indonesia do arrive empty...everything....and Luiz asks that QSLs to him be routed via Darwin, Australia or via Lisbon. The possibility of an MP4Q-Qatar operation in January is still being mentioned. WA5JSI worked UALKED on Franz Josef, sent a QSL to RAEM and received his back with an elapsed time of 21 days -- QSO to QSL. ZMLAAT/Kermadec shows up on the low frequencies regularly, around 0700Z the time to start watching. VK9LB is often at 14211kc from 0430Z and especially on week-ends. Anguilla will apparently now be VP2E...and VP2EM was at 14218kc at 0400Z on Dec 2nd. This ties in with previous calls being reported...VP2EA is the Boy Scout Station. The reports may look a bit skimpy this time. It was felt that contest reports could be misleading and they were not included though the sending in of them is appreciated. W4BVV apparently with big multi-multi loader...as usual. WA2ZAA, W7RM and W6VSS also said to have big totals in their categories. HH9DL is supposed to be on the YL-SSB Dec 11th...14332kc and Don usually comes along around 2100Z. VS5MC still got getting past the ARRL for DXCC credit...one fellow has submitted his three times.... KR6NR has closed down and is back in the states...John worked 273 countries from KR6. Jack Chalk is signing KC6EJ/Saipan and shortly will move onto Ponape for a few years stay.

COCOS TI8PE/mm, Boots, was on last week enroute to Cocos TI9 and should be on the air right now. Boots said he would operate 10 thru 30m using a Swan 350 and a Swan 500C. He has a TA33 antenna which will be on a short mast. An inverted V will be used for the lower frequencies. Boots was unable to raise a c.w. operator for the effort and the operation will be SSB only....TI8PE/TI9 will be the call-sign. A six day operation planned....transceive and split frequencies.

HEARD VKØHM still coming through. Was being worked on the East Coast at 0240Z on December 3rd. Also being worked on the West Coast from 1300Z LP. Best area is lower 15kc of the twenty meter phone band, sometimes watching below for a split frequency operation. QSL to WA6EAM. At 1420Z/1630Z on December 4th.

UGANDA Adding to the previous report, the headquarters of the East African Telecommunications Agency has moved from Nairobi to Kampala in Uganda. Along with the move was the relocation of some 5Z4-amateurs including 5Z4SS and 5Z4FB. No reports of new licenses (5X5) for these have been received but this can be expected along with more activity from Uganda. A national emergency was declared a few years back when a revolution broke out. The ruler of Uganda passed away within the last few weeks and with the death of the king it is expected that the state of emergency may be lifted. Newington now accepting cards for credit for DXCC for the two operations of 5Z4KL in Uganda.

GABON TR8MC still in there and on December 3rd was working into the states by call areas. Watch for him around 14220kc from 2100Z....some times up, sometimes down a few kcs. Has been coming through at times for better than a hour. Also active is TR8AD reported at 21280kc at 2130Z.

73,

WA6AUD

TNX to WB2VAE, W3RX, W4OPM, W4TUC, WA5JSI, W5KUC, WA5UHR, W6ANN, K6AQV, W6BH, K6CF, K6KA, W6EJJ, K6HN, W6JNM, W6KNH, W6KZS, K6MHD, K6MHO, W6MI, K6OJO, WB6UJO, W6VUW, K8RWL, W8VHY, WA9QBM, W9WKU, WØYDB, KH6GQW, HS3DR, VE7PY, YV1PP, W7ZFY/2, K6UQO, K6UFT

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