

West Coast DX

Bulletin

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ALBANIA OH2BH/p came on the air last Friday....some saying that /ZA signed at times... some saying that they would operate for as long as 15-20 minutes without giving the callsign. All parameters pointing to the OH-Group and the possibility that they figured some way to get on the air. They were due to depart Copenhagen on July 10th for Tirana. Not especially strong to the West Coast but some working OH2BH/p on Friday. They were transmitting just about 14195kc...actually up a fraction...and listening around 14205kc. Whatever happens...work them if you can...the great day may have arrived. The OH-Group expect to be there a week. Other Albanian operations somewhat clouded. Z1C on fifteen.....was at 21273kc or thereabouts for a couple of hours on July 5th. Many feeling that this one is legitimaæ...others saying it just is not so. Z1C gave out the QSL information as YU3ZW. Our Belgrade Desk checked with the locals there and the son of YU3ZW said he knew of no arrangements to handle QSLs for this Z1C. YU3EY reported as saying that he never heard of YU3FB. Z1C saying he will be in Albania for one year. Son of a Gun!!! Work everything when you can...something is bound to be legit one of these days.

GUS Gus secured the VQ9/A/F-Farquhar operation and moved onto Agalega signing 3B6CP. From Agalega Gus expects to move on to Blenheim signing AC9/A/BR and then a short hop to Chagos. Gus left Farquhar on Tuesday, July 7th and was on from Agalega a few days later. After Chagos Gus's plans indicate a working over of the FR7s. Gus reported as saying that he would return to Geyser should enough fellows drop the word to Peggy. Finances a continuing worry on the trip. At the present time Gus figures that he can operate for no more than four to six weeks. Those working Gus are asked to forward their QSLs right now to Herman, W2MZV, with any contribution or support they may wish to give. The receipt of these at this time will bear on the decision of Gus to continue working from the DX locations. While the cards may not be ready for some weeks or months yet, the sending of support now will enable Herman to advise Gus what the situation may be. Keep Gus Green.

PALMYRA KH6CHC will be going to Palmyra later this month....July 24th the possible date....and will be there, possibly for ten days signing KP6AL. Frequencies will be:

C.W. 28050kc, 21050kc and 14050kc

SSB 28510kc, 21345kc and 14205kc

A QSL manager is expected to handle the cards but this not quite jelled as yet. Possibly Jack will operate from VR3 area after leaving Palmyra.

MANIHIKI The gear sent out by K3RLY and WA5REU is definitely on the way from New Zealand and should be in Rarotonga shortly. In addition to this arrangements are being made to prepare gear for shipment to ZK2AF, Wally Christman, on Niue who will be on the island there for from two to five years. This time those obtaining the gear are going to forward it via commercial channels. The plans are to help ZK1MN, Tuatai Tupō on Manihiki, ZK2AF on Niue and 5W1LR, Trevor, who is in Western Samoa but who plans to operate from ZM7-Tokelaus a few days at a time when possible. Something may develop from Manihiki by the end of the month.

CALNDAR

ALBANIA OH2BH Group apparently on right now....should operate through the week. Stifle the doubts and arguments...work 'em now...worry later.
GUS Presently on Agalega....3B6CP. Hurting somewhat for support.
MANIHIKI Developing....possible around the end of July....25th to 30th.
EAST PAKISTAN W7ALD this week-end.
CARIBBEAN VE3EWY should be on from Dominica this week.....St. Lucia this weekend.
BERMUDA C.W. portion of the annual contest this week-end.
HK-Contest Another operation this week-end.
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DX MEETING. August 1-2nd. Write VE7SV for details
PALMYRA KP6AL due to operate commencing around July 24th.
LIECHTENSTEIN HB9AJH, PA0CDJ and PA0DDT -- July 26th to August 1st. 80 to 10m.

MARCUS The KALB operation never developed....though they did travel to Marcus. On their arrival there they could not secure any sort of accomodations and..feeling a bit frustrated....finally decided to cancel the effort and return to Japan. JD1AAH on from Marcus rather regularly. Watch around 14028kc to 14060kc. Was at 14057kc on July 1st from 1220Z; at 14028kc at 1300Z on July 3rd and 14048kc at 1200Z on July 6th.

QATAR MP4QBK active...was at 14023kc/0400Z on July 1st...at 14205kc/0345Z on July 6th. Check both long and short path around these times. Henry Radio of Los Angeles has donated a 399B-1 DX Adaptor for the KWM-1 at MP4QBK. This is to allow for split-frequency operation and possibly to avoid some of the QRM in the pileups. Walt Henry, W6ZN, of Henry Radio Anaheim Store, could only locate one crystal for the adaptor which will put the KWM-1 transmitting at 14155kc....so WB6UDC is looking for CR-18/U crystals with frequencies of 9098kc and 9095kc to put the MP4QBK station up at 14190 and 14195kc. The DX adaptor from Henry Radio should be in operation in about two weeks.

BONINS JD1ABH on from Chichi Jima...21034kc at 0410Z on July 10th. JR1FGN on with a new prefix from Iwo Jima..14212kc at 1530Z on July 8th..

TRUCAL OMAN MP4TDC at 14009kc at 0045Z on July 1st. MP4TDI at 14010kc at 0125Z on July 3rd.

SOUTH SHETLANDS CE9AT on just about daily. 14220kc at 2330Z...listen for Bud, K3RLY, Eva, PY2PE or possibly Hop. They are the ones usually doing the m.c. chores.

CLIPPERTON Nick, WB2VAE, who holds the F0NH/F08-Clipperton authorization, was about ready to give up the effort altogether in June but does report that there are some new possibilities. Transportation is the big hang-up on this one and Nick has been in contact with Jacques Costeau who will return to the Clipperton area later this year towards the start of winter here in the States. Things are not definite as yet but Nick is hopeful that this one will develop.

LACCADIVES K3IXP/VU2 still in New Delhi and working for permission to operate from VU4-Laccadives with September as the target date. Larry staying at the Lodhi Hotel, Room 54...in New Delhi.....and visiting a lot of government offices in the search for the elusive permission to operate from VU4-land.

JORDAN The additional amateur stations shipped to King Huessein will be installed in various schools, universities, etc. The JY1 prefix will be reserved for King Huessein with the rest of the dountry districted with calls from JY2 to JY9 and JY0 reserved for visiting firemen. Inquiries about possible operations by visitors to Jordan...or those intending to visit...elicits the advice that conditions are not the best right now. However, thing may improve...or quiet down..in the future.

BOUVET Latest information is that ZS6ANT will be on Bouvet for a three month period starting in October. ZS6A said to be DX-oriented which may be helpful. The South African weather station on the island should be finished late this year and a permanent operator is expected to be at the station after the first of the year.

NO NAME DX ASSN Efforts are going forward to set up on a somewhat permanent basis the No Name DX Assn whose announced intentions are to help DX activities either by supplying gear or other assistance where it will do the most good. The basic creed of the association is to eliminate the word 'rare' from the 'rare DX' phrase. Should there be a bit of skepticism, this is the group that shipped the gear out for the Manihiki operation coming the end of this month and will be sending more out to get Niue and Tokelau on the air. By this point you should recognize that K3RLY and WA5REU are in on this No Name DX Association. Full details can be obtained from K3RLY for this eleemosynary DX organization Bud Kellam, K3RLY, 6536 Allview Dr., Ellicott City, Maryland. 21043. Dues are set at \$2.00 per year....no name, just dues.

ALGERIA 7X2AL running a HW-32A to a dipole and is only most days at 14270kc..plus or minus a few sometimes...from 2000Z. Jafar is the operator and QSLs go to Bx 2, Algiers. Fasg QSLs reported.

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA G3BID, Edgar, reported as planning a vacation in West Africa late this year and will be in Gambia, Senegal and Republic of Guinea around the Christmas period. Some hope that he may put 3X-Guinea on the air.

SUDAN For those anxious to catch up with Sid, his present crystal supply puts him on the air around 14021kc, 14040kc and somewhere around 14075-80kc. On 15m the frequency is around 21042kc. On 20 meters look for Sid from 0330-0430Z and on 15m listen 1930-2100Z. Check both long and short paths. The HW-100 and beam not expected to be in action for some months...the kit has to be assembled. WA5REU handling any donations to the ST2SA station fund and can often be helpful in setting up schedules.

SWAN W4VPD and K5QHS back in Florida last Monday with the second rig gone up in smoke. It was exciting while it lasted but the operators lasted longer than the rigs did.

SHORTLY NOTED With things a bit jumpy this week...and with a plethora of news, old Red Eyed got elbowed aside...but keep those reports coming. Next week will be different. On top of everything else, Red Eyed's Chief Typist cut his thumb to the bone cleaning the squirrel cage and spent the morning exchanging medical opinions with a local M.D. Yes, there are squirrels here...that's for sure. Anyone hearing the Swedish Yacht Argo around 21075kc around 1500Z is asked to notify K6MG....may also be on around 0230-0330Z and is in the Pacific heading south. FL8MB has shipped his gear back to France and will follow himself in September. 7Z3AB will be on vacation from Oct 3 to Nov 3rd. No one seems to be able to come up with the address for WA6ENE...QSL manager for the KJ6-marathon. FM0XF is in Martinique for two months...21078kc/1015Z July 3rd. Usually signing DL5RI with the French Forces in Germany. That W4IBK/9B excitement appears to have originated in Thailand. Many HS-stations irate over the operation and fearing it may have had effects on the already difficult license problems there. St. Brandons is reported to be set for reactivation with 3B7DA, Alex, ready to go with his newly issued license but is waiting for the gear. VQ8 now signing 3B8...usually with the previously used suffix. WB6FGJ will operate from Nevada July 15th and will watch for Europe at 14220kc Eric Chilvers of the ISWL recently received the logs for VP8KO. VP8JH should be back in the Falklands shortly after a visit to his home in England. K5QHS says he heard many on 40/80 from SWAN but they would not stop calling long enough to hear his weak signal in return. VR5LT makes it a bit difficult in identifying with his QSOs in Japanese...but he was at 14202kc at 0900Z on July 7th. A KV4 has been talking to WLCW about Sombrero Island down that way and it may shape up as a possible new country...maybe. ZFLGC on last week worked them in bunches...would listen, copying calls on a list, read them off and say all were 5/8/9 and 'Go!'. Go meaning QRZ. BT1PK says a QSL will take 6 months.

FCC-LICENSE FEES The FCC last week announced higher fees for amateur licenses...just about what they proposed last February. The new fees go into effect on August 1st and will be:

Initial license, renewal and new class of operator license.	\$9.00
Modification without renewal	4.00
Special Call Sign	25.00

RACES, military recreation and Novice Licenses are exempt from fees. The ARRL vigorously opposed the increased fees and there is some feeling that the FCC was getting pressure from higher up in the government. Anyhow, the costs go up the first of August. CB license fees will go to \$20.00...if that helps any.

EAST PAKISTAN On the W7ALD possible AP5 operation this coming week-end, the following are the indicated operation times and frequencies.

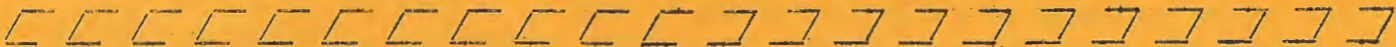
1300-1400Z 14250kc 1400-1500Z 14300kc 2100Z-- 21400kc

Charlie says he will be ashore, will obtain necessary documentation for the ARRL and will operate at other times if possible.

73,
WA6AUD

TXN to W2FXA, K2LGJ, K2POA, WB2VAE, WB2WOU, W3RX, K3RLY, W4BA, W4HU, W4OPM, W4UF, W5ALA, W5NOP, K6AQV, W6BJI, WA6BVI, K6EC, K6GLC, WB6GFJ, W6HLD, K6HN, W6ISI, WA6IVM, WB6IXC, W6JHV, K6KA, W6KZS, K6LAE, WA6LLY, K6MG, K6OZL, W6TSQ, WA6YVW, WB6UDC, K6UFT, K6MHO, WB6UJO, WB6UOM, W6VUW, WB6WHM, WB6ZUC, W7LFA, W8CT, K8RWL, WA8MAA, K9EVZ, W9WKU, WØIYP, WØIZQ, WAØOAH, KØWVX, WØYDB, WØDAD/KH6, KH6GLU, KH6LP, HPLJC
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