

WEST COAST DX

Bulletin

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ZUQAR ET3ZU/A was due to open up from this Red Sea Island...some of the advance reports said 1700Z on Sunday, some said 1700Z on Monday. The first stop at Zuqar was to have about twenty hours of operation. The crew would then move on to Zubair Island where later this week they expected to be active for 44 hours of operation.

Frequencies to watch are: 14100kc, 14143kc and 14166kc. The transmitter will be crystal controlled on these frequencies. The announced listening frequencies are 14232kc and up 10kc and 14275kc and up 10kc. QSLs will go to ILLJ. There are reports that there has been tentative approval for these operations as a new country, the different islands being counted as one country so it would not matter which one you might work. The times to listen that were passed along was 0500-0700Z. From 1700Z to 1930Z and from 2100Z.

Information on this operation was originally carried in the WCDXB on February 16th of this year. These islands are about 150 miles northwest of the Straits of Bab El Mandeb and Aldo, ET3ZU, is reported to have the contract to service the navigation lights and lighthouses on the islands between Somali and Yemen. Suzerainty of the islands uncertain. Good possibility that ET3ZU will periodically visit the islands during the life of the contract. One report says that the operation will be SSB only, C.W. apparently being a mode with no capabilities in the crew.

MELLISH REEF The plans for this one by K2IXP-Larry and others seems to be hanging fire while details are being worked out....details generally meaning finances. The INDXA indicates that up to the latter part of last week that financial support had not developed in any overwhelming degree.

Some reports from the Pacific indicate that Larry hopes to have from four to eight operators on the trip should this one develop. Earlier dates in May may be subject to some changes in the dates. Another report mentions June 7th as the departure date from the mainland for Willis for a 5 day operation and then onto Mellish around June 15th. This operation probably will be subject to changes due to various factors but there will be ample advance warning when the hoped for operation jells

OH-DX RING Martin, OH2BH, along with OH2NB and OH5SE, have announced their plans for operations in the coming months.

The group will operate from Albania signing ZA5Z for seven days commencing on the 15th of May. They will arrive in Albania via Stockholm on that day and will operate for seven days. Separate stations will be manned for SSB and C.W. and the aim is for a 24-hour a day operation.

On June 13th the plan is for OH2BH and OH5SE to fly to Fernando Poo for two weeks of operation signing 3CØEG. During this time an effort will be made to put Annobon Island on the air signing 3CØAN

Annobon Islanda will entail a 500 mile ocean trip and transportation will be the big question here. If this one goes as hoped, there will be a 3-day operation from these islands and then the return to Fernando Poo.

Frequencies will be: C.W. 14020, 21020 and 28020kc
SSB- 14195, 21295 and 29595

Gear will include a Tempo I transceiver with separate VFO along with a TH3-beam and 14AVQ vertical. This will be an expensive trip with up to \$4000.00 being needed. Support for the trip is being strongly requested and may be sent to W6ACA or to OH2NB.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE....

AFRICA

ZS2MI	21267kc	1440Z	Apr 26e
FR7ZX	14202	1205	21e
3B8CR	14198	1222	24e
9Q5IA	14267	1955	24e
9A5CC	21307	0010	25e
TU2CH	21346	1255	26e
VQ2RK	21310	2100	19e
ZD8CS	14231	2135	19e
EA7EJ	14225	2300	22e
5H3LV	14205 LP	1220	23e
5H3LV	28584	1740	24e
CR7AQ	14204	1250	24m
9J2LL	14242	1435	23w
ZD5F	14203	1645	23w
ET3ZZ	14233	0400	25w
FR7ZA	14079	1835	21w
CR50A	14023	2315	27w
CR4BC	14218	2310	21w
5V4WT	14219	2140	23w
SU1II	14001	0230	19m
CR3KD	14206	2215	19m

EUROPE

9HIM	14203	0250	26m
I2ROQ	14225	0010	24m
IP1MOL	14213	0230	26m
LZ2AW	14044	0410	26w
OX4AE	14050	0205	27w
9H1AF	21310	1610	20m
HV1CN	14207	2200	22m
IS2AWP	21270	1530	25w
IT1SPI	14220	0520	24w
UC2WE	14250	0630	24w
UK2WAF (UC2)	14202	0500	27w
UK2GAF (UR2)	14226	0510	27w
LZ1KAA	14222	0545	27w
JW5NH	14202	1425	27w
UP2BB	14033	0425	24w
EA5CV	14245	0300	27w
UK2TAB (UR2)	14015	0640	25w
JW7UH	14206	1755	20w
VP2LG	14206	0335	28w
DU1IJ	14226	1720	27w
VP2LAW	14205	0200	27w
VK9DH	14033	1435	25w
KS6DH	14038	0430	25w
YS2FM	14069	0450	23w
KX6BQ	14277	1425	24w
VR2FT	14210	0530	22w
VP2LAW	14006	0245	27w
FM7WU	14027	0205	26w
PZ5RC	14218	2250	22w
VK9XK	14210	1440	26w
VP2ME	28576	2145	26w
PJ7EF	21300	20	25w
CX4CI	28590	2100	29w

ASIA

AP2KS	14217kc	0300Z	Apr 25e
JD1ABO	14226	1200	20e
9M2CP	14232	1110	27e
UK8AAA (UI8)	14005	1205	23e
MP4BEU	21274	1810	24e
9N1MM	14204	0050	26e
HL9KH	14 205	1145	25e
UA9VH/JT1	14205	0205	25m
MP4TDM	14225 LP	1215	26m
9K2AM	14246	1445	23w
HS1AB	14244	1425	26w
AP2AD	14218	1510	30w
ZC4CB	14025	0530	25w
HS3AFB	14215	1600	27w
YB9AAV	14205	0500	24w
VS6DO	14204	1410	24w
9V1QC	14235	14235	1420
JT1AH	14037	1730	24w
9M2DX	14226	1445	26w
HM0C	14210	1505	26w
EP2DH	14217	1830	26w
VU2VAE	14210	1600	24w
7Z3AB	14250	1500	27w
TA3GB	14265	0630	23w
JY1	14197	1350	26w
VU2KV	14242	1615	24w
XW8DO	14229	1625	24w
UL7HD	14023	0200	26w
YB0AAN	14208	1455	25w
YB8AAH	14208	1410	26w
9K2CW	14023	0200	28m
EP2DH	21310	1510	25w
9M2AA	14206	1120	20m
VU2HLH	21308	1600	20m
UD5LX	14027	0305	26m
UD5FB	14209	0320	26m
MP4BIN	14210	0320	26m
9M2LP	14212	1800	25kh
ZC4CB	21008	1810	25w

ELSEWHERE

KG6JAR	14216kc	1030Z	24kh
KP4AN	14215	1029	25kh
KC6WS	14212	1355	24m
VP2AF	14026	0240	27m
DU6RH	14054	1500	28m
FG7TD	14225	0300	19m
FM7WN	14208	0400	21m
8P6DF	14206	0305	26w
9Y4VT	14220	0030	20w
VP2AZ	21296	2110	23w
VR6TC	14230	0640	23w
CE0TS	14218	0600	27w
KB6CT	14310	0800	27w
VR4EE	14265	0820	27w
KW6AA	14270	0800	28w
VR5DK	21358	0355	often
VR5DK	14210	1205	often
VK0IN	14234	1530	26w

CALENDAR

TOKELAUS ZM7AG in there regularly from 0400Z. A flexible wrist on the VFO helps
 TONGA VR5DK active daily....will QRT on May 10th and QSY to New Zealand.
 MELLISH Still being planned...still a good possibility.
 USSR CW TEST May 8-9th
 BERMUDA TEST May 15-16th --Phone portion.
 ALBANIA OH-Group from May 15th. DL7FT from May 24th
 ZUGAR On this week...ET3ZU/A...Possibly a NEW ONE!!!
 FERNANDO POO 3C0EG for two weeks or so from June 14th by the OH-Group
 ANNOBON 3C0AN for three days around the third week in June by the OH-Group.
 BRAZIL TEST WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS DAY TEST..May 17th for 24 hours of c.w. and
 May 24th for 24 hours of phone. Many trophies.
 NTDXA North Texas DX Assn Charter Banquet June 5th, Richardson, Texas. Write
 W5KYD for details
 ARABIAN NET Saturdays at 1900Z.....14295kc for the hardy ones. JY/SU/ST invited.
 GUIRAMAS May 8th signing DX6GI for 48 hours.
 JORDAN EP2WB signing JY9 for a week from May 1st.

CLIPPERTON This one seems to be the rock of the ages...all our hopes are there. In spite of all the busted plans, there still are a number seriously looking at F08C and hopeful for an operation there.

A recent visitor in Southern California was a Mr. Rene del Amar, reportedly the Chief Director of Communications in the French Oceania areas. The gist of the information from this gentleman is that there is no possible chance for any amateur operation from Clipperton at this time. Reportedly, he gets around fifteen applications for Clipperton each year and he must reject each one in turn. Apparently the French may be using the island in connection with nuclear and missile tests, possibly as a communications point, and this prevents any civilians from any country operating there.

This more or less ties in with previous information on Clipperton and while hope will burst forth anew at every renewed possibility, there is some strong feeling that there may be a few moons before Clipperton delights the deserving.

CEYLON Paddy, 4S7PB, reported to a W6-station by mail that because of civil strife in Ceylon a government decree has ended all 4S7 activity with gear 'confiscated for safe-keeping'.

SHORTLY NOTED Son of a Gun, this issue marks the start of the 4th year of the WCDXB. This is the 157th consecutive week of issue. How about that? The weekly mailing is now well over 500 copies and all that spells is work. Except for the squirrely helpers there really would be a problem. Hold tight, however. we are aiming for a couple of hundred more issues.

If you think that the Post Office is not serious about raising the rates, try to buy a commemorative stamp....6¢ ones exhausted but 8¢ commemoratives will be available this month. Venkat, VU2KV/VU5KV/VU9KV looking for the California Award...he asks that all W6s please QSL even though they may not need the Andaman Islands. W6KNH forwarding ZM7AG logs to INDXA on weekly basis. They should be received soon. Forty/Eighty information declining with summer coming on...probably will run it with the other reports for the next several months. Italian prefixes have been revamped....a lot of new numbers showing up. BY5AB showed up on twenty c.w. last week, said to QSL to VS6DR. Be not hopeful with this one. Surprising how many TZ2 cards surfaced when the right approach was made. Darlene, VR5DK, will be house hunting in the Dunedin, New Zealand area later this month. KB6CT QSLs to the Federal Electric Corp, APO S.F. 96401...usually above 14300kc from 0700Z. UJ8AC often found on Sundays from 0200-0400Z above 14200kc. Some reports that ZM7AG will go QRT when his teach contract expires in two months...others say he is only going for a short trip to the city lights in Apia. F9MS is QSL Manager for FR7ZU/E /G and /T. Sae & 3 IRCs W7VRO will be the QSL Manager for AF2USA who presently is signing VK9UV/9 from Bougainville. K4ZAs EA9EJs hopes did not jell!

VENKAT--RECAP Last week Venkat was confined to bed on doctors orders after a numbness developed in his left hand. Some medical opinion leaning to the belief that hours of clutching the microphone at VU9KV and the strain of the operation did some nerve damage in the palm of his hand.

Venkat made just under 5000 QSOs in the ten days of operation from the Andamans. Twenty meters favored the Western Reaches and his efforts to work the East Coast and Midwest were often frustrated by band conditions. Fifteen meters saved the day for the East and Midwest but unfortunately the openings to these areas often came when many were at work. Total number of W/K contacts were under expectations and efforts to raise stations in the 1st, 4th, 8th and 0 areas were often few and far between.

Some 40m contacts were made with 6-land but otherwise 40meters was unsuccessful, the broadcast situation on 40m SSB made things impossible for receiving. The only 80m contact was with VS6DO...on SSB while the only W6 to get through on ten meters was K6AQV who gave Venkat a 5 and 0 report. In the overall total of contacts, the number of QSOs was split approximately evenly between the JAs, the W/Ks and European stations. VK/ZL QSOs were numerous. The number of contacts made with the African continent appear to be surprisingly low.

Logs were mailed by Venkat to W6KNH late last week, some delay because of the medical problem. W6KNH has about 900 cards received already but was still trying to pry the VU9KV QSLs out of the printer last Thursday. The first 1000 contacts have been forwarded to W6KNH and the balance will follow shortly.

TNX to W2GXA, WB2YQH, K2LGI, W4BA, W4HU, W4OPH, W4TUC, W4UF, K5AWR, W5LJT, W5KYD, W5RBO, K5ZJK, K6AQV, W6BJI, WA6BVI, WA6CVU, K6EC, K6GAK, W6HRE, W6ID, W6GRF, W6PTS, W6JHV, W6KNH, K6LAE, WA6LLY, K6MHD, WA6MWG, W6ONZ, W6TSQ, K6TXR, WB6UDC, K6UFT, WB6UJO, K6WR, WB6WLL, WB6YLG, WA6ZCQ, W7MB, W7VRO, W8CT, W8ODV, K8RWL, K9DKU, WA9VOL, W0JRN, W0YDB, KH6BZF, WB4PUD, WA6FYC, J7RLS, OH2BH.

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