

WEST COAST DX

Bulletin

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FERNANDO POO OH2BH and OH2MM departed the Cameroons last Thursday by boat and headed for Annobon but boat trouble caused them to stop at Fernando Poo. Saturday they came on the air from that QTH, opening up on 15 meters with a dipole and expecting to have the 2-element Quad up Sunday for a bigger signal.

As of Saturday their revised plans called for them to continue to operate from Fernando Poo, signing 3C1EG until about July 4th and then depart for the Annobons if the boat is repaired and ready to go. This schedule may be varied should the boat be available earlier.

At this time both operations are definite.....depending on the vagaries of transportation and public officials. The OH-Group departed Madrid June 21st after obtaining operating permission after some talks with the Equatorial Guinea officials. The gear includes a DRAKE TR-4 with external VFO and a HEATH SB-200 linear. The frequencies are:

CW	14020	21020	28020kc
SSB	14195	21295	28595

Saturday morning they were operating on the 15mtr frequency. QSLs go to OH2NB...and some assistance for the effort is definitely needed and requested.

MELLISH REEF The VK9NP/Mellish Reef effort was cancelled for the time being last week and the group returned to Australia after closing down the Willis Island effort. The weather and the condition of the boat made the decision necessary and the look for new country of Mellish Reef has been postponed until a future date. Larry back in Australia has mentioned September as a possibility but this is not definite at all.

MANIHIKI K6UFT last week was running a list operation with ZK1MA, Tuatai, and ramming a large number of contacts through to stations needing Manihiki. Tuatai had asked for help in this type of operation after his return to the island and found the QRM and the non-stop callers somewhat difficult to handle.

K6UFT along with a couple of helpers there in Novato will m.c. a list on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 14204kc from 0400Z. The operations usually lasts about a hour or so, ZK1MA operating off batteries. The calls for the list are usually taken up around 14210kc and relayed to K6UFT by landline. On Tuesdays and Fridays there is a list operation m.c.ed by ZL2AS at 14170kc at 0400Z.

RODRIGUEZ Darlene on regularly signinf 3B9DK and will be on the island until the end of July. Her usual schedule finds her coming on the air around 1000Z in the 14285-14295kc slot. At times she moves above 14300kc and has been reported down around 14265kc. On Fifteen, she has been reported close to the 21355kc announced frequency. QSL to VE6AKU.

MARKET REEF OJ/MA due to operate from Market Reef for two weeks starting June 22nd. Crystal controlled at 21085 and 21106kc.

RED SEA-Jabel AT TAIR Late August the target area for more operations with ET3USA and F2QQ and F5QQ aiming for a August 25th date for four days of action. Aldo, ET3ZU, also talking of a possible operation all by himself also in August. Obvious some bickering and dissension existing among the various planners.

Soon fades the spell, soon comes the night

Say will it not be then the same.

Whether we played the black or white,

Whether we won or lost the game.

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AFRICA

TN8BK	21350kc	1200Z	Jun 13e
9G1WW	21370	1400	13e
VQ9R	21300	1540	13e
FL8HM	14267	0300	15e
FB8ZZ	14030	0735	16e
3B9DK	14290	0340	22e
CR6MX	14240	2030	20e
ZD8CW	14032	1815	13e
7X0WW	21368	2100	19e
EA8FQ	21063	2300	19e
9G1BY	21327	1750	21e
6W8GE	21027	1800	21e
9J2PM	21284	1800	21e
9Q5KF	21343	1945	21e
3B8CR	14238	1110	22e
ZE1CW	14239	1110	15e
5H3LV	14236	1215	15e
TY1ABE	14204	2040	15e
CN8HD	14263	2135	16e
ZD3D	28556	1715	15m
9U5CR	21276	1705	21m
5X5NA	21362	1850	19m
9X5VA	21318	1745	21w
7Q7BC	21312	1730	21w
FB8ZZ	14203	0815	22w
CT3AS	14013	1415	23w
CR7CD	14053	0935	19w
ZD5F	14214	1325	20w
ZD9BR	14202	1510	18w
9G1WW	21257	1640	20w
CR3ND	14265	0740	22w
5VZYH	21288	1820	19w
9J2ED	21297	1846	19m
9J2PM	21280	1845	19m
ET3DS	14219	1230	23m

ASIA

MP4BIN	14255kc	0300Z	Jun 15e
9N1MM	14220	0000	16e
8Q6YL	14215	0150	13e
OD5FB	14210	0350	20e
HL9KH	14037	1030	20e
OD5LX	14025	0335	22w
JD1ABO	14213	0510	23w
XW8DO	14227	1325	19w
9V1NR	14249	1430	19w
HS4ABL	14205	1550	19w
JT1AN	14005	1545	18w
BV2A	14022	1550	18w
9K2AM	14295	1936	19w
YK1AA	14295	2100	19w
YA2KO	14222	1640	21w
JD1ABO	14026	1130	22w
JT1AA	14026	1515	20w
YB0AAN	14207	1300	18w
VS6AR	14192	1400	21w
UA9VH/JT1	14210	1445	23w
HS4ABL	14210	1445	23w
XW8DO	14224	1330	19w
HS3AFB	14212	1450	18w
VU2HLU	21306	1700	19w
4X4AE	14235	0510	21w
VS6AO	14029	1535	22w
JT1KAF	14026	1605	20m
JT1AN	14054	1450	21m
9V1OK	14052	1505	21m
9M2LN	14060	1450	18w
HS1AER	14090	1550	20w
HM1AQ	14215	1255	16w
JY1/B	14295	0030	17m
YB0AU	14049	0940	10m
AP2AD	14225	0150	23m

EUROPE

9HLN	14192kc	0105Z	Jun 22m
CT2AK	14222	0215	12m
ZB2A	14288	2210	18m
UO5FK	14047	0335	22w
GW4AEC	14038	0255	22w
UO5OAN	14036	0255	20w
EA6BH	14034	2255	18w
LX1BJ	14030	0500	18w
GI3JIM	14278	0645	20w
UQ2AN	14206	0515	21w
DA1JP	14202	0540	22w
HV3SJ	14240	0600	20w
HB0XTO	14222	0240	20w
VK9XX	14231	1400	15w
KJ6CF	14290	0550	17w
ZK2AF	14023	0500	18w
KS6CY	14225	0550	18w
VK9NI	14209	0650	20w
8R1Q	21253	0140	23w

ELSEWHERE

FY7AF	14216kc	0120Z	Jun 22m
C21AA	14195	1215	22m
VS5CB	14187	1240	22m
FP8CZ	14218	1310	22m
ZL4OL/A	14027	0405	22w
KC6CT	14055	1225	19m
KW6DT	14069	1220	21m
FG7TD	14212	1125	19m
WL2NAS	14215	1405	22m
VR4CG	14209	1150	20m
4M1A	14265	0500	18m
VK9FH	14252	0845	21w
9M8FMF	14224	1250	16w
VK9GH	14042	0430	29w
HP1IE	14022	2000	23w
KC6RS	14250	0220	20w
ZK1CD	14185	0540	23w
9M8SPD	14213	0655	20w
YJ8BL	13213	0710	22w
KR6TY	14026	0520	23w

CALENDAR

FERNANDO POO OH-Group there right now.....expect to operate until July 4th.
 ANNOBON OH-Group expects to operate there before mid-July.
 RODRIGUEZ 3B9DK active now.....until end of July.
 OGASAWARA JDLACH should open from the Bonins this week-end.
 St. MARTIN W9IGW planning operation July 11-12th..
 MONACO G5AUQ.....1st two weeks in July. Also possibly Andorra/Corsica

POSSIBLES

Bajo Nuevo being looked at by more than one group.
 San Felix (CEØX-) getting some attention for possible Fall action.

CARIBBEAN

W7VRO along with some companions planning for Caribbean action commencing with 8P6DM--Sept 7th; VP2GBG--Sept 12th; VP2LAM on Sept 17th and FMØLX--Sept 18th.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

VK6WO	7005kc	1413Z	Je 19w	C21AA	3528kc	1040Z	Je 18w	VK2NS	3525kc	1047Z	Je 18w
JE1DND	7006	1416	24w	KX6BU	3605	0914	19w	VR2DK	3507	0936	20w
PZ1AV	7070	0838	17w	ZM7AG	3812	0734	22w	KV4FZ	3805	1000	20w
PY8RC	7031	0844	17w	ZL4JF/A	3804	0920	23w	KV4AM	3805	1000	23w
C21AA	7025	0930	17w	VP2AA	3805	1010	23w				
9M8UB	7028	0630	20w								
8R1J	7028	0750	19w								
5R8AB	7004	1301	19w								
KG6SI	7070	1043	29w								

SHORTLY NOTED

FO8DE will operate from Gambier Island in Polynesia until July 15th...

this counts as a separate country for the DUF Award. OHØNI from Aaland usually found at 14280kc.....0500Z Monday thru Fridays. 4J1CR previously mentioned appears to be on an icebreaker checking ice conditions in the White and Barents Sea. This is said to be UA2CR running QRP SSB....3 watts.

Some reports say that ZA2RPS was limited in its operation because of the hotel guests wishing to pick up TV-DX from Yugoslavia and Italy. W3KNH runs a list for 5X5NA on Saturdays at 21362kc from 1800Z. Next operation will be this Saturday, July 3rd...write W3KNH if interested in exclusive listing. FB8ZZ appears to be the recipient of a new microphone.....was at 14203kc/0925 last Tuesday, June 22nd. JDLABO on Minami Torishima.....(Marcus)..is permanent party there and often found on twenty c.w. QSL to JALBA. There was a story that the boat on the Willis/Mellish effort was contracted for on the basis of payment to be made after both landings were successful. Boat owner said to feel he had fulfilled contract. WB6UDC has 92 countries worked while mobiling back and forth to work.....those So. California freeways give you a chance to concentrate.

W5OU became a silent key on June 20th. That WL2NAS was to celebrate the 50th Anniversary Lighter-Than-Air Celebration from the NAS Lakehurst, New Jersey. It has been a few years since we saw the Macon, Akron, Shenandoah or Graf Zeppelin over the bay....wonder what ever happened to them. ZQ7TU showed up on twenty SSB last Wednesday...sporting a transparently phoney British accent. Said he was on Skadavia...of the coast of South Africa. Darlene on Rodrigues moves around when QRM bothers her. If suddenly she is not there anymore, tune up or down for her. The Ten-Tec not working but 3B8CR trying to get it functioning again. Also a report that she will not operate on Sundays because of no commercial power...this may be corrected if fuel can be gotten to her.

Clipperton still raises a note of hope though it wavers at times. Still a number looking for a possible operation there. The ARRL has WØDX-Denniston; WLRW-Huntoon; WLRU-Baldwin; VE3CJ-Eaton among the IARU delegation to the World Administrative Radio Conference for Space Telecommunications now on at Geneva until July 17th. WA6AHF now QSL manager for VS5CB.

ZA2RPS....RECAPPED Those in on the Albania operation early in June were DJØUJ, DL7AV, DL7NS and DL7FT. The group flew to Rinas/Tirana on May 31st and opened up the operation on June 2nd. The first station worked was 9H1R at 1527Z on June 2nd and the last one worked was W6ISQ on June 13th at 0532Z. Some 2513 QSOs were made, about half with the W/Ks and half with other countries. The suffering Sixes managed to get through for 183 contacts on this trip but the dipole antenna behind the water tanks on the roof of the hotel impeded the path to the U.S.

A new QSL card will be printed for this effort and should be available shortly. The postage rates will go up in Germany July 1st.....an extra IRC should cover any of the rate increases. All QSLs go to DL7FT except that SWLs can go via DL7LV....QSLs should not be sent via the DARC.

Generally conditions were not good in the first week of operation and it was not until the third day of operation that a 'W' was worked, W4DMS being the first one to break through. Of the total 2513 QSOs, 65% were c.w. contacts and 35% SSB.

WWV WWV at Boulder, Colorado and WWVH in Hawaii will use a revised format effective at 0000Z on July 1st with the most important changes being a voice announcement every minute rather than every five minutes, the use of a male voice at Boulder and a female at Hawaii and the elimination of all code signals from the transmissions. WWVH will announce the time commencing at 45 seconds into the minute and WWV will make their announcement at 52.5 seconds into the minute. WWV will continue to make Propagation Forecasts and Geolerts but these will be in English only. The National Weather Service and other government agencies may use some time slots for announcements.

TNX to K1CPF, W2FXA, WB2YQH, K2LGJ, W4OPM, W4TUC, W4UF, W5ALA, WB5BFZ, W5LZZ, W5RBO, K5ZJK, W6APW, K6AQV, WA6BVY, K6DC, K6EC, K6GAK, W6GRV, K6HTM, W6HLD, W6ITD, W6JHV, K6LAE, W6MAR, K6MHD, W6TSQ, WB6UDC, K6UFT, WB6UOM, K6WR, WB6WHM, W6YUS, WB6ZUC, K6OZL, W6HVN, W7PFZ, W8ODV, K8RWL, W8ZOK, W9WKU, WØJRN, WØYDB, KH6HIF, F8LX, G5AUQ, OH5BH, DL7FT

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. We ran into the local Big Gun DXer down in the village last week. He was looking old, tired, forlorn and a bit lost. "Son of a Gun, Old Timer", we said. "What happened?". "Nothing much happening these days", the Big Gun replied, "I finally worked them all....every possible country for DXCC..and it took me 26 years to do it. There's nothing much left to hope for when you have worked them all". "How true, how true", we murmured in open sympathy....but all the time we were thinking that now there will be a chance for we suffering QRPers to get in there and work all of them ourselves. \$9.00 for a helping hand on the way to feeling old, tired, forlorn and a bit lost.....a weekly helping hand. \$10.50 by Airmail.... Be old early!!!

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