

WEST COAST DX

Bulletin

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ALDABRA Andre Saunders, 5Z4KL, will head an Aldabra effort in the latter part of August, the tentative date calling for a departure from Mombasa on August 20th. Also in on the effort will be Darlene, 3B9DK and Jack, DULDP and his XYL. The trip to the Aldabras will be made on the yacht, "INTREPID DRAGON", a finely built vessel on the lines of a Chinese junk. The call to be used will be VQ9KL/A. Plans call for a five or six day operation....all bands. The frequencies will be announced shortly. The INTREPID DRAGON is presently in the Seychelles and is expected at Mombasa in early August. QSLs will be handled by Bob Hope, 5Z4LW, P.O. Box 7872, Nairobi, Kenya. Support will be needed and is being requested. Andre says that if the Aldabra effort net jell, any contributions will be returned. Support can be sent direct to Andre at Kenya Polytechnic, Box 30214, Nairobi. Andre has also applied for licenses for future planned operations in 601-Somali and TZ-Mali. So far there has been no word of any action on these requests.

CHINA BY1AB has been showing up on twenty...was at 14204kc at 1900Z on July 8th. This station has been reported at other times and days. Gave his name as 'Mao' ...careful to say he is no relation to the Chairman. Said to QSL to 579B Tong Tien Men, Peking 11, Peoples Republic of China. Reports from Thailand say that BYLAA has been heard along with BY1AB. That the accents and beam headings look right. These operators are supposed to be working for Radio Peking and their English is not the best. Son of a Gun....what can you say about these? Work them first and worry later!!! Beam headings from the West Coast also indicated that the signals were coming in from the Orient.

DARLENE Darlene still on regularly from Rodrigues and turning into a consistent DX performer. Late information on her activity indicates that she will be on every day but Monday....but she has also been reported on Mondays down below 14200kc. Anyhow, look for her daily from 1400Z around 14285kc. Darlene will be on Rodrigues until the end of July, departing then for Mauritius where she will be the guest of 3B8CR. She will leave Mauritius on August 10th bound for Kenya where she will be the guest of 5Z4KL. She will participate in the planned Aldabra operation and is trying to obtain a 545 license. From Africa she will go to Jordan to sign JY9DK. Beyond Jordan she plans call for travel to Italy, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and she may try for some operating time at Monaco. Darlene hopes to return to the states late this year and plans to be at the big International DX Meeting at Fresno the last week-end in January. Darlene was there last year...Son of a Gun, all the big guns go to Fresno!!! Last week 3B9DK was showing up regularly at 1400Z around 14285kc and working with no difficulty into the Western Reaches with 17GOC directing traffic but with no lists being taken. She moves around when QRM gives trouble, last week was generally around the regular frequency but may move 20kcs or more in either direction. Once last week she was at 14196kc working C.W. to SSB. She is also often on the South East Asia (SEA) Net at 14320kc from 1200Z. QSL to VE6AKV....for sure..

REPORTS FROM TANGLEFOOT LOUIE..... Force 7 on the Richter Scale.

(e=east coast...m=midwest...w=west coast...hp=Panama etc)

AFRICA

9F3USA	14029kc	0215Z	Jul	5e
ZD8MG	21039	2045		5e
ZD8CW	14017	0020		4e
CR4BS	21296	2025		5e
5Z4LW	21311	2040		5e
9X5AA	21263	1945		3e
CR5SP	14203	2225		3e
CR7AQ	14223	1105		4e
FR7ZX	14208	1050		1e
ZE1CY	14215	1125		1e
EA8FF	14205	0615		3w
5H3LV	21357	1800		6w
ZD8JK	14018	0430		3w
5X5NA	21366	1810		3w
9Q5VM	14026	2305		3w
3B8DD	14020	0420		2w
CR7IK	14202	1225		4w
FB8ZZ	14214	1230		4e
7Q7AA	14197	0455		2w
CR6MX	14204	0605		2w
XT2AA	14218	2300	Thurs	
9X5VA	21335	1800		1w
CR6CA	14205	2345		2w
ZD8MG	14039	0040		6m
FR7AN	14205	0400		7m

ASIA

JD1ACH	14206kc	1055Z	Jul	4e
UK8JAA	14051	2220		3e
HL9TL	14039	1135		5e
MP4BHH	14228	0250		5e
VS6DO	14207	1240		5e
VS9MT	21350	1645		5m
JT1KAA	14030	1425		3w
JT2AD	14040	1440		3w
HS3AFB	14012	1525		3w
9K2AL	14295	2000		3w
EP2RC	14026	0550		2w
HM1BK	14210	1245		3w
VS6EN	14198	1400		1w
9M2SS	14273	1410		1w
9V1QB	14029	1415		2w
9N1MM	14226	1500		1w
9M2GV	14224	1500		5w
XW8DK	14280	1525		7w
HS4ADL	14291	1415		3w
8Q6AC	14202	1705		4kh
JT1AN	14028	1415		2w
JT1AM	14050	1430		1w
VS6AO	14022	1545		4w
UI8NH	14034	0355		6m
JD1YAA	14030	1446		1m
JD1ABO	14065	1446		1m

EUROPE

UR2AR	14209kc	0440Z	Jul	7m
SP8AJK	14202	0415		7m
JX5CI	14029	0200		6m
UA2CK	14041	0420		6m
C32OZ	14209	2300		1e
UG6AB	14030	0315		4m
GI3OLJ	14065	0140		2m
GB3HCW	14277	0120		1m
UQ2GW	14022	1400		3w
UT5HZB	14041	0225		8w
UK2FAA	14230	0400		3w
LX1HD	14223	2255		1e
LX1SF	14223	2255		1e
LZ3KRE	14200	2335		1e
F6BDZ/FC	14201	0010		5e
YU1BCD	14216	0010		4e
VP2AZ	++++ 14020	+++++ 1555	++++++	6w /
KG6SW	14242	0920		1e
VP2MF	14205	1055		3e
KS6GT	14300	1045		2e
VP2LG	14201	1650		4e
VP2MF	14190	1140		5e
KW6DT	14041	1110		6e
KC6CT	14056	1210		5e
C21CC	14247	1100		3e

ELSEWHERE

FO0TG	14211kc	0440	Jul	5kh
VK3UV/9(Boug)	14206	0910		2kh
FM7WW	14228	1140		6m
VR4CG	14206	1135		6m
KC6HG	14032	1310		5m
ZL4OL/A	14026	0430		6m
KC6WS	14235	1330		6w
FK8AC	14230	0605		3w
VS5CB	14212	1535		2w
9M8OEA	14270	1520		2w
YJ8BL	14203	0545		8w
DU9FB	14208	1415		1w
KB6CT	14279	0545		1w
TG9ND	14220	0400		1w
8R1Q	14232	0345		1w
VF1CP	14270	0125		1w
KC6RS	14300	0715		1w
DU1FH	14226	1340		3w
CO2FC	14055	1410		1w
VR6TC	14243	0630		7w
KV4AA	14025	2000		7w
9M8SFD	14273	1410		1w
VK9XX	14237	1300		3w
C21DC	14245	1210		3w
C21AA	14180	1200		2w

ANNOBON--HOWLING SUCCESS At the end of last week, nothing but praise was being heard for the Annobon operation by the OH-DX Group. It would seem that anyone who made a determined effort to work 3CØAN made a successful contact, and many reported working them on both c.w. and SSB and on more than one band. The operation was due to secure last Friday and Saturday they were back in Fernando Poo with 3C1EG again on the air.

Transportation was the hang-up to the very end. The plans to use a Spanish vessel just did not work out and an aircraft was again sought for transportation. There was also an offer of a tuna clipper to take them from Sao Tome. Back in June a Dornier twin-engine plane had been offered for their use but this was refused because of some doubt as to the airworthiness of the craft. When the plans for transportation by boat evaporated, a second look was taken and some experienced fliers advised that the Dornier should be airworthy. It was also reported that a Cessna 337 would be used.....this being a twin-engined craft with engines fore and aft and the tail empennage carried on twin booms. Anyhow, they finally got to Annobon after being on the air from Fernando Poo right up to the early part of July 4th. The bands were thick with rumors.....all from reliable sources. They were taking off at 1000Z.....at 1600Z.....at 1800Z.....they were on Annobon and setting up the equipment.....the plane had not kept a schedule with a TYL. There were plenty of reports and it seemed that every DXer was impatiently sitting around with his big spoon ready for the DX feast. But Monday passed without Martin or Villi showing up.

But Tuesday....that was a brighter day. 3CØAN started being reported around 1400Z and the rest of the story should be a multitude of entries in logs for a new country worked. At times the signals coming through were extremely strong and the operation had the ear-marks of an ironman effort. On Wednesday 3CØAN was coming through to the Western Reaches on 15 mtr c.w. from 1700Z to 0100Z on Thursday with out any break and a high rate of QSOs being consistently maintained. At one point Martin said he had been operating for 30 hours straight and while tired, he was sticking in there.

The operation was due to secure about 1100Z on Friday. Apparently the gear had to be left behind, possibly to ensure that the plane got off the short air-strip there at Annobon. It seems that the strip is little used, some reports saying it was last used six months ago.....some saying three years ago and others saying that it had been converted to a hayfield. At one point during the preliminaries, information on the field on Annobon was sought from the Jepperson Aviation Chart Agency in Denver, there being so little information available.

Originally this had been announced for a two day operation and ended up as 3½ days of effort. Martin has had his leave extended to July 15th and there was some talk that they might activate Rio Muni for a new country on the way home. In retrospect there does appear that there might have been more than just a bit of hazard in the effort and the several hundred mile flight across the Atlantic with a questionable landing strip waiting at the end had some holding their breathe. Things turned out well and the operation must certainly bring credit to the OH-DX groups effort.

It should be obvious that there were considerable expenses involved in this effort and support is vitally needed. Such help can be sent either via OH2NB or W6AOA. Fuller details on the effort should be available soon but as of the last week-end, the Fernando Poo and Annobon efforts were being hailed as highly successful efforts by skilled operators. Do not hesitate to tell Martin and Villi what you thought of the operation.

MANIHIKI ZK1MA, Tuatai, kept the schedule with K6UFT on July 2nd but did not keep any of the schedules last week. On the July 2nd schedule Tuatai said that he was having some rig problems. Gordon, K6UFT, expect Tuatai to keep the schedules and these are for 0400Z on Tues/Thurs and Friday just above 14200kc. WB6UNS warms up the audience by taking calls for the listings around 14210kc from 0300Z the nights of the skeds.

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PREFIXES...

The prefix world for a while seemed to be going mad over the Fourth of July weekend...among those heard were:

KC2GMF Greater Monmouth County Fair.
KF4SJ 450th Anniversary of the City of San Juan...oldest city in North America. QSL to Box 1871, Ponce, Puerto Rico 00721.
WS7BCM Believed to be in the Portland area but no definite information.
K00KC County Hunters convention. QSL to Bx 753, Shawnee Mission, Kans 66207
WS0ATA Bellevue, Nebr. Radio Club. QSL to K0BLT.

TI9-COCOS Apparently there was activity from Cocos last week by TI1AAC but few signs of anyone hearing him. A single report from HPLJC who worked TI9AAC at 14204kc/0415Z on July 4th was the only evidence of this operation. It was supposed to be a four day operation from July 3rd to 7th.

FRENCH WEST INDIES W4VPD reported as preparing to work over the French islands in the Lesser Antilles this month. FS0GD--St. Martin due July 17th...also on the itinerary are FM0GD--Martinique and FG0GD--Guadeloupe. Reported to be primarily a c.w. effort.

160 Meters W4QCW will operate 160mtrs from Peru this month using the following call signs:

OB7B. Jul 9-12th from Cuzco
OB8V Jul 16th from Pucalpa

The OB-prefix will be used July 1 through December 31st of this year. 15 OB-QSOs will qualify you for an especial award.

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA Recurrent reports of a 3X1CG being active from the Republic of Guinea....last action was supposed to be on July 3rd...c.w. only. No details on time/frequency or anything else. This report has popped up previously. There is a similarity to the call 7G1CG used a few years back and which ended up as a big nothing.

CRETE SV0WLL reported as being found in the 21250-21300kc region from 2000-2200Z. Also being reported as coming through from Crete is SV0WBB. SV0WLL QSLs via Box 1134, APO 09291. SV0WLL QSLs to SV0WT....often reported on 15mtrs around the 21275--21285kc slot from 1930Z. Latter part of June was being worked in the Western Slope at this time.

DODECANESE Active stations at present are SV0WE and SV0WUU on Rhodes. SV0WE sometimes found on the low end of twenty SSB after 1800Z and SV0WUU in the 21350-21365kc area about the same time.

YEMEN European stations reporting a 4W1AF the last week in June....21295kc from 1430Z.

D.A.R.C. MOST WANTED LIST DX-MB, the bulletin from Germany reports the results of a poll made in May on the most wanted countries among its members. In order they were: 1-Clipperton; 2-Minerva Reef; 3-Bouvet; 4-British Phoenix; 5-Maria Theresa; 6-China; 7-Willis; 8-Tonga; 9-Tokelaus; 10-Revilla Gigedo; 11-KB6-Baker; 12-Spratly; 13-Manihiki; 14-Juan Fernandez and 15-Fanning. This list also found out of 120 polled that 63 needed Albania, 47 were thirsting for Franz Josef, 39 for Market Reef and 29 needed Monaco. Son of A Gun!!!

CALENDAR

ALDABRA VQ9KL/A by Andre Saunders, 5Z4KL & Co.
 RODRIGUES 3B9DK, Darlene, most days around 14285kc from 1400Z
 CARIBBEAN W4VPD in the French Islands in mid July.
 BRUNEI VS5CB on daily....will be there for two years.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

KC4USN	7264kc	0845Z	Jul 4w	DU1FH	3796kc	1115Z	9V1QI	3796kc	1115Z	Jul 3w
9V1QI	7085	1110	3w	KG6JBD	3829	0946	ZP3AQ	3806	1005	2w
VP8ME	7205	0715	2w							
DU1FH	7085	1100	3w							
8R1J	7001	0520	2w							
HK2DP	7001	0520	2w							
KS6DY	7032	0725	7e							
VU2SX	7029	0745	7e							

OGASAWARA JDLACH showing up from the Bonins and will be there until early in August. Weekdays often find the operators with little time for action. On c.w. 14040kc is their favorite locale while the low end of twenty SSB often finds them coming thru on weekends. Reported from 14205-14230kc from 1030 on week-ends in addition to 14040kc

SHORTLY NOTED Much indignation over the QRM that appears and zero-beats every time a rare DX station shows. Innocuous, naive, questioning, plaintive, argumentative... or just strings of CQs or 'V's....the result is the same. To argue is folly...far better to have the phone number of a FCC Monitoring Facility handy...and to phone them. Not just one call, either. The magnitude of the problem will be measured by the number of complaints.....everyone bellow.

9F3USA was asked about the Red Sea plans..said there were some problems in arranging for a boat. Things should be definite by the end of the month. KC6CT on Yap will be departing the island soon to return home. JE1CKA is a new Japanese prefix being heard on twenty SSB....along with JRLBMU who is in Tokyo. WB8BTU looking for some VP2 activity in the near future...hopes to open from St. Vincent. YJ8BL trying to get on the ZKIMA list.....he is ex-VRL. Says that he is available on 80mtrs.

The 5X5NA operation strictly a list and no breakers tolerated....check the INDXA frequency for W3ZNH or more info. 14218kc from 2300Z. PT&T-Saigon running a telephone to Hongkong for satellite relay to Oakland. Reported as using independent sideband on 21215kc with lower sideband on 21212kc....LINCOMPLEX System. Reported to be making a bit of a hole in the band thereabouts.....reported that the FCC taking a look. Loudest around 17-1800Z on the night path to the Orient.

5B4ES reported heard recently....possibly Cyrus activity again. Also, the YB stations were mostly off the air in the period 28 June to 10 July. National elections in Indonesia and the amateur clubs suggested this quiet period should there be any problems....so they would not be blamed for anything. G21AA operating at 14185kc and listening above 14200kc. Dig down into that foreign territory....sometimes you might dig up something good. W4AQW is now W4AL. Presently active from 5H3-land are JR, KA, KG, LV, LZ, ML, MN, MT and MV. 5H3MA moved to Ethiopia and is now ET3DA. AC5PN at 14041kc/1418Z on July 7th...anyone with info on this cat. Said his name was Yusyonten. QRPer I7ZCZ works into the states with two watts. VR3DY heard early in June was a pirate....no good whatsoever. FO0TG on Moorea is Ray Eichman, WA6IVM.

ZA2RPS QSLs The cards for the June Albanian effort headed by DL7FT were being received last week and DL7FT indicates that by the week-end last they should all have been put in the mails. Some slides and tapes made during the effort are also being sent to the states for use by DX Clubs. one unusual note that cropped up is the fact that there are some stations who worked the ZA2RPS effort last year in 1970 never bothered to send for a QSL. Frank hopes to visit the States next year along with DL7AV who was the c.w. expert on the Albanian effort. The financial nut for the effort is still troubling them and contributions are still a long ways from meeting expenses. Should anyone be seeking a QSL for a contact or wish to help with the expenses, DL7FT is the route for both..

MALDIVES 8Q6AB and 8Q6AC calls have been issued to 4S7WA and 4S7YL respectively. 8Q6AC has been reported at 14202kc from 1700Z. QSLs for either of these go to their 4S7-CBA.

FORMOSA Several JA operators working on plans for possible BV action in the coming DX tests this Fall. Licensing still the big problem to surmount but the group is working through a resident there on Taiwa . Patience....something will develop one of these days. It always has.

TRAVAIL That has been this edition of the bulletin. It was not enough to be tied down with a cast on the leg, the mimeograph machine decided to chew up stencils as fast as they were prepared. This edition had to be cut twice, with some pages cut three times. We were away ahead Saturday morning....in deep trouble Saturday night. Fina.ly got the edition together and mailed it....one day late.

TNX TO..W2FXA, WB2YQH, K2LGG, W3POE, W4BA, W4HU, W4TUC, W5ALA, K6AQV, W6KHS, K6EC, K6KA, K6LAE, W6ONZ, K6OZL, K6QZ, W6TSQ, K6TXR, WB6UDC, K6UFT, WB6WHM, K6WR, K6ZDL, W7PFZ, W8BQV, W9WKU/4, W0JRN, W0YDB, KH6BZF, HPLJC, JA10ED, JA0CUV/1, 5Z4KL

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the suffering Marin County DX Group. A couple of the local operators were eyeing the scenery at a recent ARRL Convention. Several guesses were hazarded on the age of some scenic attractions. Finally a QRPer tired of the guesses and advised: "Check the elbows, Men. Check the elbows. You can camouflage a lot of other things but you cannot hide the elbows". Son of a Gun...one never knows when a QRPer might add to their span of knowledge. \$9.00 for a full year of wrinkled DX reports....\$10.50 by airmail. A full year's supply of test kits for use on the road to Greater Perspicacity.



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