

WEST COAST DX

Bulletin

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BAND CONDITIONS An examination of Red Eyed Louie's contribution will show what a lot of DXers are realizing. Band conditions are not the best. But there is still a lot of good DX around at times. A study of Red Eye will certainly point out what bands you should consider for DX into certain areas of the world. Where the paths are trans-equatorial, the higher frequencies seem to do better. Actually there is not much one can do about this except to practice patience and wait for the cycle to turn upwards. On the other hand, if you have neglected the 40/80 area you might find some of the action you are lacking in the higher frequencies. Last week one W6 said he had never heard the bands so good. A check of his report indicated that he lacked but Asia for WAC in one evening of operation on 7mc c.w. and probably could have had that if he wished it. This might be the area to look for action in the coming year or three. The 40/80 Desk might give a clue. And the 160m area even gives some surprises at times. One W4 recently received a phone call from Nicaragua. It was YN1CW. The conversation went something like this. "Hey, Old Man. I am down here in Managua and stuck at 1987kc for transmitting and no one listens for me. Would the W4 boys listen for me". They did and there he was. YN1CW at 1987kc and listening at 1805kc. What is all of this about? Mostly that the 'good old days' are gone for a couple of years and you should figure that while they may be absent on 10/15/20m that the good old days might be going on right now on 160/80/40m. The 'good old days' or a reasonable facsimile.

EGYPT SU1IM has been showing up rather regularly and was on 20m c.w. almost every day during the first part of December. Mostly he is found in the 14057kc or thereabouts and around 1500Z. Last Tuesday he was calling "CQ-W6" and looking for those elusive West Coasters.

TONGA VR5FX has been showing up rather regularly on 20m c.w., appearing as early as 0500Z and being worked as late as 1730kc. His main activity appears to be in the 14035/14045kc segment though he has also been reported down close to the band edge. He will be in Tonga for three years and ZL2AFZ handles the QSLs.

SWAN KS4CJ was heard during the week as scheduled and should be active on Swan Island through this week. This is the activity by KV4AM and QSLs go direct to his QTH in St. Croix.

MacQUARRIE VKØKA, Keith, has been showing up regularly on 20m SSB and was coming through to the West Coast last Friday at 1700Z with a good signal. VKØKA will be on the island for a year and QSLs will go via the VK3-QSL Bureau. In the QSO last week Keith indicated that he will be active but the activity at times will be interrupted by his having to take care of other duties. There was indication that he would be found on the air every other day.

INDIA Reports are that the VU2-stations have been asked to stay off the air while some problems are worked out. While there is nothing definite, this might also affect a number of adjoining countries beside AP2. Some of the Himalayan countries do have India handling their custom and some diplomatic chores.

AFRICA...C.W.

9L1VW	28053/1800/Dc	4w	3B8DA	21044/1640/Dc	4w	SU1IM	14057/1510/Dc	7w
CR6JT	21043/1910/Dc	5e	5X5NK	21065/1420/Dc	3e	ZD9BM	14024/2200/Dc	4e
CR7BN	21037/1315/Dc	1m	CR5AJ	14040/2020/Dc	8w	ZS6ARS	14035/2110/Dc	2w
EA9EO	21057/1730/Dc	4e	CR6AL	14033/2025/Dc	5w	3B8CJ	14040/1915/Dc	7w
EL2DG	21037/1725/Dc	5w	CR6CZ	14004/2020/Dc	6w	3B8DA	14042/1220/Dc	1e
ZE1BI	21042/1920/Dc	3w	CT3AS	14047/1920/Dc	1w	5T5CJ	14027/2205/Dc	1m
ZS3XQ	21070/1640/Dc	8w	FR7AL	14026/1640/Dc	3w	9Q5VM	14031/2110/Dc	8w

ASIA...C.W.

UK0FAA	21034/0025/Dc	5w	UK7PAA	14006/1205/Dc	1e	VU2IN	14037/1515/Dc	1w
XU1AA	21033/2350/Nv	26m	UL7LAZ	14022/1215/Dc	2e	ZC4CB	14003/1520/Dc	5w
9V1QA	21055/2320/Dc	6w	UL7PZ	14038/1215/Dc	2e	G3/4X4	14001/1500/Dc	5w
EP2DL	14023/1210/Dc	6e	UA0YAE	14039/0140/Dc	4w	9V1QA	14039/0145/Dc	4w
HZ3TYQ	14025/1435/Dc	4w	VU2REL	14030/1220/Dc	3e			

EUROPE...C.W.

GC3PMV	21022/1625/Dc	7w	JW7FD	14036/2100/Dc	8w	UB5NAJ	14015/1505/Dc	9w
GW3FSP	21023/1620/Dc	7w	JX2HK	14040/1920/Dc	7w	YO2FV	14039/1510/Dc	9w
9H1CL	21099/1405/Dc	5e	OM0BH	14046/1510/Dc	9w			
CT1UM	14075/1435/Dc	6w	PI1PT	14037/1835/Dc	8w			
GW3LEW	14030/1730/Dc	1w	UALZX	14023/1550/Dc	7w			

ELSEWHERE...C.W.

CO2BM	21026/1605/Dc	7w	FK8KAA	14042/0625/Dc	1w	OB4QN	14062/2250/Dc	1w
PJ4HT	21042/1720/Dc	5w	KG6JAQ	14035/0250/Dc	8w	VP9GR	14028/22-5/Dc	2w
TG4SR	21051/1800/Dc	7w	KV4AA	14080/2300/Dc	1w	VR5FX	14005/1840/Dc	7w
CE9AA	14036/0630/Dc	8w	KV4CI	14003/1710/Dc	6w	VA2UN	14030/1800/Dc	6w
FO0GO	14035/1745/Dc	2w	KX6EB	14035/0545/Dc	6w	8P6BU	14012/2020/Dc	7w
FP8CT	14007/1910/Dc	2w	TI2MV	14045/2005/Dc	2w	8R1J	14089/2125/Dc	7w

AFRICA...SSB

A2CAY	28564/1630/Dc	5w	ZE4JW	21336/1930/Dc	3e	EL2CY	14260/2245/Dc	7e
CN8CS	28543/1710/Dc	4w	5X5NA	21297/1940/Dc	6e	ET3DS	14225/1415/Dc	4m#
TR8MC	28514/1700/Dc	5e	5H3JL	21285/1800/Dc	1w	ET3USA	14218/1525/Dc	4w
ZD3Q	28590/1420/Dc	5e	5N2AAU	21380/1515/Dc	5m	TT8AD	14279/2240/Dc	4e
7Q7AA	28553/1730/Dc	7w	5Z4NH	21310/1510/Dc	2m	TU2CY	14223/1640/Dc	7w
9L1VW	28580/1730/Dc	4w	7P8AD	21291/2025/Dc	6w	VQ9WF	14205/1525/Dc	4e
CR6MQ	21276/1755/Dc	7w	7P8AZ	21252/1930/Dc	5w	ZD7SD	14212/2100/Dc	6w
CR7BX	21260/1840/Dc	5w	7Q7AA	21262/1755/Dc	1w	ZD8TS	14203/2050/Dc	7w
CR7FR	21285/1710/Dc	7w	9G1SC	21303/1835/Dc	5e	3B8CA	14182/1515/Dc	3m#
EA8EN	21342/1315/Dc	1e	9J2PM	21280/1915/Dc	4e	5N2ABG	14227/1615/Dc	4w
EA9EJ	21284/1715/Dc	3w	9Q5RN	21312/1845/Dc	3m	5X5NK	14223/1535/Dc	3m#
TJ1AW	21305/1600/Dc	7e	9X5VA	21297/2000/Dc	4e	5VZYH	14203/2145/Dc	5m
TR8DG	21298/2005/Dc	3e	CR4BS	14215/2005/Dc	4m	9L1VW	14206/0040/Dc	2e
ZD3Q	21290/1750/Dc	4e	CR5SP	14192/2240/Dc	4e	9J2LL	14332/2200/Dc	3e
ZELJL	21355/1815/Dc	4e	EA8ID	14215/2050/Dc	4e	9J2PM	21280/1910/Dc	4w

ASIA...SSB

JR1GKS	28581/2340/Dc	1w	OD5LU	14203/2240/Dc	1e	XW8AX	14228/0010/Dc	1e
OD5FM	21306/1300/Dc	5e	UH8AE	14217/1300/Dc	7e	YA2KO	14204/1445/Dc	7w
AP2KV	14225/1510/Dc	9w	UK9CAE	14302/1425/Dc	3m	4S7AB	14207/1250/Dc	6e
HZ1TA	14226/1515/Dc	8w	UW0IQ	14228/0040/Dc	8e	4S7PB	14201/1330/Dc	6e
JYL/B	14302/1425/Dc	3m	OD5FB	14245/1420/Dc	4m#	4W1AF	14276/1700/Dc	4m
MP4MBM	14226/1400/Dc	5m#	VU2OMR	14205/0215/Dc	3w	4X4NJ	14206/1500/Dc	3m#
MP4TDM	14218/1400/Dc	4m	VS6BS	14203/0000/Dc	1e	4X4OC	14217/1515/Dc	3w

(e = eastern area m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii etc)
 (# = long path)

EN GARDE!! Away out in the Western Reaches, there are some amateurs who take their towers seriously. And sometimes there are some unsensitive neighbors who fail to respond to the esthetic appeal of a tri-band beam against a background of wind driven clouds and back-lighted by a moon.

Man...that is a beautiful sight. But we started to talk about something else. Along with other blessings, there are in the Western Seaboard some amateurs who are also lawyers and who do appreciate the beauty of a 60' tower.

Well, during the last year in one suburb down south of San Francisco one amateur found himself on the wrong end of a lawsuit over his tower. The unappreciative neighbors just did not appreciate it.

This lawyer-amateur in the white hat rushed to the rescue and....son of a gun...won a smashing triumph in court.

Having won the case, he considered the injunction which had been obtained against the amateur. In California, and possibly other states, such an injunction in a lawsuit must be backed by a bond....the way the story is told. So the lawyer in the white hat filed a claim against the bond for (1) Court costs; (2) Lawyer Fees; and (3) Reasonable reparations (damages). When they took a good look at the bond issued by the bonding company, it developed it had been made out to the wrong person. Son of a Gun!! After weaving and dodging, the bonding company just did manage to evade a default judgement by failing to respond. Along the way it seems that the bonding company tried..and perhaps did...shift the liability to the home owners who failed to appreciate the finer things and filed the lawsuit and got the injunction.

The matter should be settled soon. The lawyer in the white hat is feeling sure that he will collect (1) and (2) in the above..perhaps even a bit for (3). The whole point that should be driven home is that if your neighbors figure to file a lawsuit against you and get an injunction, they may end up with the sticky end of the stick. In other words.....counterpunch!!

Anyhow, at this point it does seem that those who leveled their guns against the noble amateur are going to have to dig up some lucre. And a few amateurs are suddenly feeling a bit more confident.

MORE RED-EYED LOUIE'S

EUROPE .. SSB

CT2BC	21306/1600/Dc	1w	LX1BB	21295/1555/Dc	5e	IT9LAQ	14206/1550/Dc	4w
DA1VO	21365/1600/Dc	1w	ON5PD	21340/1605/Dc	3w	SZ0AE	14202/1505/Dc	3m
EA6AR	21287/1630/Dc	8w	9H1AF	21328/1510/Dc	4e	UK2BBB	14203/2320/Dc	3m
EE6S	21310/1620/Dc	6w	9H1CU	21303/1550/Dc	3w	UQ2HO	14237/1345/Dc	6m
HB9HK	21285/1530/Dc	1w	GW3HIN	14232/1555/Dc	4w	9HLAM	14217/1510/Dc	8w
GD3GMH	21290/1545/Dc	6w	HA5KFZ	14205/1510/Dc	8w	9HICD	14203/1610/Dc	3w
GM3JAW	21262/1630/Dc	6w	HV3SJ	14300/1125/Dc	2e	9HIM	14216/1510/Dc	8w

ELSEWHERE'S

IU3DFV	28573/1630/Dc	1w	FY7AF	14219/0030/Dc	2e	VK0KA	14250/1700/Dc	10w
CO8RA	21371/2005/Dc	5e	FM7WN	14217/2210/Dc	7w	VP1CP	14248/1355/Dc	4m
HI8XDA	21386/1600/Dc	3w	HI8XGM	14261/0220/Dc	3e	VP2LI	14209/0030/Dc	4e
HR1KAS	21385/1840/Dc	1w	HK0BKX	14209/2235/Dc	3e	VP2MW	14226/2245/Dc	4w
FP8CS	21292/1300/Dc	1e	HR2WTA	14208/0045/Dc	3e	VP5HU	14235/0400/Dc	4w
KS6EH	21354/1750/Dc	3w	KS6DX	8535/1910/Dc	2w	VP7CQ	14218/2335/Dc	6w
PZ9AA	21341/1620/Dc	2w	KJ6BZ	14215/0310/Dc	6e	VP9AF	14250/0345/Dc	5e
PJ2CE	21300/2215/Dc	1w	BJ2CC	14210/2205/Dc	7w	VR4CG	14207/0635/Dc	2w
DU1AJ	14221/1630/Dc	4w	KS4CJ	14208/0120/Dc	9m	YS10	14221/0030/Dc	1e
FG7TD	14210/0330/Dc	5e	VK0JM	14248/0330/Dc	8w			

RAEM Newspapers last week carried reports of the death of Ernest Krenkel who was described as a Soviet polar explorer. The reports said that he died Wednesday, December 8th.

While the articles did not give the call-sign, it was mentioned that Krenkel was President of the Soviet Federation of Short-Wave Radio Amateurs and it does seem rather definite that this was RAEM.

He was one of the team that drifted for nine months in 1937-1938 on an ice flow in the Arctic Ocean and in recent years he had been the Director of the Soviet's Research Institute for the design of meteorological instruments. He was also Chairman of the Philatelic Society of the USSR.

RAEM served in the Arctic in 1924 to start his career and subsequently served at several polar stations. In 1932 he was on the Icebreaker Sibiryakov which was the first to cross the entire sea route north across Europe and Siberia in a single season. The RAEM call-sign was given him because of his heroism on one trip.

He was a Hero of the Soviet Union, the highest award given in the USSR. His obituary was signed by four members of the Politburo. It would seem that the amateur who has been the most prominent and widely known not only within the USSR but world wide has passed on at the age of 68.

INTRUDER WATCH The ARRL has asked that those with the more sophisticated RTTY and who might be willing to help with the Intruder Watch, to volunteer for assistance in locating the IDs for some skulkers who use all sorts of frequency shifts and codes. If interested, drop a line to Dick Baldwin at ARRL Headquarters.

The rattling noise previously reported on twenty moved up out of the amateur bands a few weeks back, going up to around 14360kc and then moving away for awhile. Just when it was beginning to be missed, it surfaced again around 14338kc. This sound is just about continuous. Similar sounds are sometimes picked up higher in the spectrum, the rattlers being heard around 15535kc and 15847kc but apparently are different transmissions as it is not possible to synchronize them. Anyone who might come up with a clue on these would be welcomed. Generally, beam headings indicate that they originate in the same area.

PACIFIC DIVISION MEETING The Pacific Division Director, W6ZRJ, called a meeting of club representatives to try to gain some idea as to how the membership might be thinking on some subjects. They were thinking...but not as vociferously as in past years. However, there was some interesting comment coming out of the meeting which should be interesting.

The thought was thrown up by W6ZRJ that there may be better prospects for possible expansion of the amateur frequencies in the next decade than there has ever been. It was pointed out that the U.S. has started putting out some proposals for an International Telecommunications Union meeting and that this may develop within a few years and a study of the bands in the 3-30mc range will be part of the meeting. It was pointed out that with the increasing use of satellites for communications and the use of more cable circuits, the pressure on the lower frequencies has diminished and that possibly there will be an opportunity to open up some of the limits presently existing in the amateur bands. In some instances it has been reported that some fixed services have switched to much higher frequencies and that appears to be some good possibilities developing.

The ARRL is working to prepare for the coming meeting...when it does develop...and has long past set aside a good sum of money to provide for the protection of the amateur frequencies.

Quite frankly, nothing is expected by this coming week-end but the long range prognosis looks better than it has for years. Watch...and as Lord Baden-Powell, the Hero of Mafeking, would often say: "Be Prepared".

SWAN ISLAND KS4CJ by K4AM through this week.
 TONGA VR5FX presently active on twenty c.w.
 MacQUARRIE VKØKA active on twenty SSB.
 FRESNO INTERNAT'L January 22/23 at Del Webb's Towne House in downtown Fresno.
 STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT December 31st. Full details on Page 91 of December QST

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

OM3RKB	3509/0045/Dc	1e	ZS1JX	7005/0205/Dc	1e	ZD1DX	7008/0345/Oftèn	
6Y5SR	3504/0050/Dc	1e	5H3LV	7008/0335/Dc	1e	9L1VW	7085/0045/Dc 2w	
G8BD	3510/0050/Dc	1c	YN1YL	7007/0200/Dc	2e	HC2HM	7008/0150/Dc 4e	
SP3CMX	3502/0055/Dc	1e	KG4CS	7006/0145/Dc	4e	ZL2OD	7005/1200/Dc 4e	
YU10AU	3530/0350/Dc	1e	JA1GDN	7005/1155/Dc	4e	VK2BKH	7010/1205/Dc 7e	
UT5SY	3510/0355/Dc	1e	HK7BDA	7005/0130/Dc	1e	VR1AA	7029/0605/Dc 1w	
OM3DG	3508/0355/Dc	1e	EL2CB	7085/0045/Dc	2w	HA5KF	7002/0240/Dc 6w	
UB5HQ	3509/0400/Dc	1e	OH1OU	7003/0220/Dc	6w	UT5AA	7002/0255/Dc 6w	
HI8LC	3503/0245/Dc	2e	ZP5RL	7001/0335/Dc	6w	OK1APV	7005/0655/Dc 6w	
8P6BIC/45	3806/0305/Dc	2e	KG6JAR	7010/1445/Dc	1w	VS6EN	7019/1530/Dc 2w	
CT2AK	3800/0315/Dc	2e	UKØKTG	7010/1540/Dc	3w	OH5UQ	7002/0555/Dc 4w	
ZL2BT	3842/0735/Dc	4w	HI7OMR	7010/0400/Dc	1w	CX4AQ	7034/0355/Dc 7w	
FP8AP	3805/0950/Dc	4w	UW9AF	7089/0445/Dc	5w	KP4CL	7210/0233/Dc 2w	
VP9BK	3805/1010/Dc	4w	UKØKAG	7010/1535/Dc	3w	IM1EX	7002/1535/Dc 6w	
KG4CS	3805/1020/Dc	4w	CM2JO	7010/0545/Dc	7w	UAØFAX	7020/1510/Dc 7w	
VP9GE	3805/1130/Dc	4w						
VS6DO	3806/1440/Dc	5w						
9M2DW	3803/1455/Dc	5w	YN1CW	1987/0150/Dc	5e	KL7HEE	1803/1245/Dc 2e	
VR1AB	3805/0730/Dc	6w	(Listens 1805kc)					
KG6ALV	3805/1925/Dc	2w						
PJ2CW	3805/1035/Dc	2w	HS5ABD	3806/1500/Dc	1w			
HKØBKX	3803/1000/Dc	3w	HR1KAS	3793/0645/Dc	4w	VR1AA	3520/0620/Dc 7w	
ZFLCG	3803/1005/Dc	3w	9Y4MM	3803/1015/Dc	3w	YN3AAA	3800/0605/Dc 4w	

K4KQ needs a KL7-Contact. Object--an even exchange of QSL cards so that he can get his last state for 5BWAS. All inquiries should be forwarded to K4KQ in plain envelope. Come to think of it....it's a 75/80m contact that K4KQ needs. He has all the rest.

NEUTRAL ZONE Some years back HZ3TYQ operated in the Neutral Zones but Vic has been inactive for the last four or five years. Recently he surfaced again, being on twenty c.w. a week ago Monday. According to reports he has still the licenses for Neutral operations and may start looking that way again. He was at 14025/1435/Dc 4.

SHORTLY NOTED Turned back the loaner typerwriter and hope that we are again getting that crisp clarity in the bulletin. Actually we will not know until we put the stencil on the machine but we are hopeful.

At the Pacific Division Meeting the NoCalDX Club got through a resolution...adopted unanimously...that the ARRL improve the content in the Operating Events so that it will be a bit more revelant. Frankly, they were holding up Frank Anzalone, W1WY, CQ Column as an example. Seems that in past ages the ARRL Board passed a policy declaration that only activity sponsored by bona fide amateur clubs or organizations would be publicized. That's why the STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT gets the publicity but CQ's WW DX Test does not. If you have any emotions...tell your director. He'll meet with the others come January.

VK2BKM/2 in the CQ Test was not on Lord H we as some hoped. VP2EQ on Anguilla was on the YL-SSB last Saturday. 6D1AA goes to W2GHK...if you missed that before. Its at the Mexican Naval Academy. YUØN to YU3EY and 4NØDX to YU1BCD. Those 8P6/5s were for the 5th Anniversary of the Independence of Barbadoes/..Work two and you qualify for a certificate. If you are short of the WCDXB Business Reply envelopes...so are we. 5000 were ordered November 5th. Five weeks later we are still waiting. Maybe next week.... Recent HH9DL operation was by Bert, apparently a guest of Don. Some interest in San Felix but Chile may not be the best area to look at right now. If you get past the sports page, there are some rather tough internal problems developing. WA6MWG does not have logs for WA1ARE/KS4 for the June 22nd--July 21st period. Bob now in PJ land and logs may surface soon...patience. KHØGMP expects to open from 5W1 soon.

IRCS As another WCDXB service, a IRC Advisory Service (WCDXBIRCAS) has been established and this momentous move came after listening to some recent exchanges over the air. As a first advisory, the WCDXBIRCAS advises:

IRCs are good in every country of the world....absolutely. Sometimes in remote areas....in the U.S. as well.....local postal authorities do not recognize what they are and are reluctant to handle them. You might run into the same problem should you ask for an International Reply Post Card. However, IRCS are good even if there are times when the local bureaucrat might find himself confronted with something new.

If one were to stop to think the matter out, the movement of international mails depends on treaties signed between nations and this is handled by the Universal Postal Union. All countries are signatories and as IRCS are part of the UPU lash-up, IRCS are good everywhere.

Sometimes in some lists....and this includes the U.S. Postal Service International Postal Manual.....there is no figure given for IRCS and Sweden is an example of this. All this means is that the country has not established how many IRCS it will take for air service. One (1) IRC is good for one (1) letter rate for surface transportation. Where air rate not shown the only alternative is to throw in a handful. IRCS are good everywhere....according to International Treaty. One IRC is good for one surface letter rate....everywhere, according to signed treaties.

TNX to W1AM, W1MO, K2BT, K2POA, WA3HRV, W4BA, W4BRB, W4EH, W4HU, K4KQ, K4UEE/6/ W4OPM, WB4PUD, W4TUC, W5ALA, K5LIW, W5UBW, WA5ZNY, W6APW, W6CAE, K6EC, W6ISI, K6KII, W6KYA, K6LAE, K6KA, K6MHD, W6MI, WA6MWG, W6OL, K6SX, W6TSQ, K6TXR, WB6UDC, K6UFT, WB6UJO, K6UJS, WB6WHM, W6YUS, WB6ZUC, W6ZTJ, W7PFZ, W7TE, W8BQV, W8ZOK, W9DDL, WØYDB

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