

# Red Eyed Louie's West Coast DX Bulletin

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SPRATLY 1S1A opened up from Spratly last Wednesday and secured sometime early Saturday, apparently the last transmitter on the air still working on 15mtrs SSB up to about 0200Z on Saturday.

Band conditions were not good for the eastern slope and only a comparatively small number east of the Mississippi managed to work 1S1A. On the West Coast things were much better and early reports indicate QSOs on 80 through 15 mtrs.

The effort was not an easy one and only the dogged determination of the group made any action possible at all. In mid-week they arrived off the island after battling the gales all the way across the China Sea. Initial reports indicated that their physical condition was such that they were more interested in getting some hours of rest than jumping into the DX action.

One mishap was narrowly averted when Pete, HS4AGN, was swept away from the island while ferrying supplies ashore in a whale boat. Alerts had been put on for air-sea rescue units in Okinawa and other spots over Pete's predicament in the open boat but eight hours after he was pushed out the group located the small boat on the open sea and retrieved Pete.

A letter from Don Riebhof, K7CBZ/XV5, helped to understand some of the problems that the group encountered in their earlier efforts to get to Spratly. Don writes from Saigon just before the departure:

"...Pete, HS4AGN, arrived in Saigon on 6 February and Phil, VS6DR, on the 8th. We spent the next two days putting the final touches on the boat and on February 9th we sailed 40 miles down the river to the seaport of Vung Tau.

Sailing on the Vietnamese rivers at night is dangerous and slow and the arrival at the port was around 11:00p.m. The skipper was tired and tense from the trip and decided on an early departure. By morning the winds were near gale force and some last minute items held us up to about noon. These included water, small boat motor, food and some other items. By noon several other boat captains had advised us that the weather outside was most unfavorable. While the sun continued to shine, the winds were near 30 knots and the seas were running about 9 feet high.

We launched at noon and gave it the old college try. As we rounded a point and met the full force of the high seas, the boat was thrown about extensively. Several of us hung desperately on to the bow attempting to secure plastic sheeting over the cabin windows to prevent water damage to the radio gear. At this point the water was breaking over the top of the entire boat, an 65' ex-Army 'Q' boat, and the skipper decided to turn back.

The remainder of the day was spent at the rig absorbing weather reports from DU, VS6, KG6 and KA6-lands. Things did not look promising but we tried again on the morning of February 11th.

Things were even worse and while we stayed at it longer, it was evident that we would be a mess if even we survived. Our progress was so slow that it would take some 100 hours to get to Spratly vice 50 hours in fair weather. Again we turned back and when the reports the following morning were the same from those boats operating in the area, we made a decision to return to Saigon. At this date, February 14th, we are awaiting calm seas and hope for an earliest possible sailing

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

As August Turchetti would often say: "E meglio aver oggi un uovo, che comani una gallina".

AFRICA...CW

CN8CG 14047/2040/Feb 15w  
 CR6AI 21013/1935/Feb 18w  
 EA8FF 14049/1825/Feb 15w  
 TN8BK 14070/1920/Feb 18w  
 ZS5LB 28050/1730/Feb 16w  
 3B8DM 14026/1220/Feb 14e  
 5T5CJ 28042/1730/Feb 18w  
 9G1HE 14007/2305/Feb 14w

ASIA...CW

JH1VOE 21036/2235/Feb 15m  
 JT0AE 14031/0100/Feb 16e  
 UA0FBA 14014/0125/Feb 16e  
 UA0YAE 14038/1240/Feb 19e  
 UA0YT 14045/0110/Feb 16m  
 UK8AAA 14041/1215/Feb 16e

UK9LAA 14030/1235/Feb 14e  
 UK0ZAA 14031/0300/Feb 16m  
 UL7NAF 14011/1230/Feb 13e  
 UL7NAO 14007/1225/Feb 14e  
 UW0LQ 14040/0045/Feb 16e  
 UJ8I 14042/1510/Feb 16w

EUROPE...CW

EA2IA 21028/1735/Feb 16w  
 EA5CV 21037/1640/Feb 15w  
 GD4AM 21028/1750/Feb 16w  
 GI4BBV 21075/1745/Feb 16w  
 GM6RV 21030/1745/Feb 14w  
 GM3MIM 14028/1530/Feb 15m  
 GW4ANK 21035/1700/Feb 19w  
 HA0KLE 14024/1940/Feb 12e  
 HA1KST 21039/1715/Feb 16w  
 HA9KPE 14010/1755/Feb 20w  
 HA5AF 14039/1740/Feb 19w  
 HA4XS 14032/1825/Feb 19w  
 HA9VY 14041/1910/Feb 15w  
 HA5KBM 21021/1625/Feb 16m

JW4EJ 14031/1535/Feb 15m  
 HB9TE 14034/1710/Feb 15w  
 ON6FR 21026/1750/Feb 16w  
 OZ1XR 14030/1605/Feb 20w  
 OZ6PI 14041/1700/Feb 20w  
 SK2AU 21019/1740/Feb 16w  
 LA9JM 14034/1220/Feb 16w  
 TF3BL 21034/1740/Feb 16e  
 UB5AY 14055/1620/Feb 15w  
 UB5PS 14034/1700/Feb 15w  
 UD6CN 14014/1630/Feb 16w  
 UF6QAC 14059/1620/Feb 16w  
 UF6BC 14012/1605/Feb 16w  
 UG6GAG 14059/1610/Feb 16w

UK2PAF 21036/1635/Feb 16w  
 UK2GAN 14041/1655/Feb 19w  
 UP2BAR 14049/1550/Feb 15w  
 YO5KAD 21011/1300/Feb 16e  
 YU10ER 21034/1740/Feb 19w  
 YU2LA 14032/1840/Feb 19w  
 YU3CD 21031/1625/Feb 16m  
 YU3EOP 14032/1755/Feb 19w  
 9H1CH 21013/1750/Feb 14w

ELSEWHERE...CW

KC4USI 14086/1210/Feb 15e  
 OX5AY 21011/1710/Feb 16w  
 OX3VL 14017/1730/Feb 15w

PJ2VD 21010/1940/Feb 18w  
 TI2EA 14037/2355/Feb 14w  
 VK5US 14017/1315/Feb 13e

VO1FB 14015/2300/Feb 14w  
 ZF1JA 21010/1735/Feb 19w  
 6Y5DB 21036/1640/Feb 16w

AFRICA...SSB

A2CCY 21328/2005/Feb 15e  
 CN8HD 21355/1750/Feb 18w  
 CR4BS 28536/1640/Feb 18m  
 CR4BS 14212/2235/Feb 17m  
 CR6EO 28535/1730/Feb 17e  
 CR6QR 28581/1720/Feb 18w  
 CR7BO 21355/1750/Feb 18w  
 CR7FE 21310/1830/Feb 16m  
 CR7CB 21295/1845/Feb 16m  
 CR7RM 21355/1915/Feb 15e  
 CR7FR 21350/1830/Feb 17e  
 EA8HS 14212/0000/Feb 17m  
 EA9EJ 21315/1715/Feb 19w  
 EA8GY 21278/1845/Feb 16m  
 EL2AF 21285/1520/Feb 14w  
 EL2DT 21318/1600/Feb 18e  
 ET3USA 21322/1825/Feb 19e  
 ET3USC 14204/2115/Feb 16m  
 FL8OM 14207/2345/Feb 16e

SU1MA 14320/1500/Often  
 TJ1BB 21295/1350/Feb 18e  
 TJ1BG 21412/1520/Feb 18e  
 TT8AL 14212/1605/Feb 19w#  
 TU2DV 14211/0100/Feb 16m  
 VQ9R 21330/1705/Feb 17e  
 VQ9R 14212/1410/Feb 16m#  
 ZD7BB 14322/0100/Feb 16e  
 ZD7SD 14213/2305/Feb 13m  
 ZD8RR 28564/1630/Feb 17e  
 ZD9GC 14244/1555/Feb 21w  
 ZE1AD 28548/1520/Feb 16m  
 ZE2KL 21281/1920/Feb 20w  
 ZE7JV 21322/1750/Feb 18w  
 ZS6AWU 28560/1625/Feb 17e  
 ZS5LB 28561/1520/Feb 16m  
 3B8CV 21271/1350/Feb 18m  
 5A5AQ 14205/0310/Feb 19m??  
 5N2ABG 21290/1520/Feb 19m

5U7DB 21295/1825/Feb 19m  
 5U7BB 21290/1755/Feb 19e  
 5X5NK 21290/1520/Feb 19m  
 5Y4XQB 21355/1930/Feb 19w  
 5Y4XNH 21310/1830/Feb 15m  
 6W8AL 21318/2120/Feb 19e  
 6W8EY 14214/2130/Feb 13m  
 7X2MD 14207/1650/Feb 10w  
 7X2MD 21289/1840/Feb 15w  
 9G1HE 14250/1645/Feb 20w  
 9G1HO 14215/2335/Feb 18e  
 9J2RC 28553/1730/Feb 17e  
 9G1HL 14216/2345/Feb 14w  
 9J2TC 21301/1900/Feb 20w  
 9J2WR 21305/1905/Feb 16m  
 9X5NA 14209/2050/Feb 17w  
 9X5VA 21353/1940/Feb 17m  
 WA1/VQ9 21325/1815/Feb 19e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches Kv = virgin islands etc)  
 (# = longpath all times in gmt ??? = Son of a Gun, Behghazi Slim rides again... )

MORE RED EYED STUFF....ASIA...SSB

A4FD	14251/1550/Feb	16w	UAØNT	14227/0110/Feb	18m	XW8DO	14228/1615/Feb	18w
EP2DO	14201/1315/Feb	18m	UAØFGM	21354/0015/Feb	15m	4W1BC	21324/1715/Feb	16e
EP2YL	14235/1520/Feb	15w	UI8CD	14245/1400/Feb	16m	4W1BC	14245/1435/Feb	16m
HL9WI	14218/0330/Feb	21w	UK9XAC	14205/1450/Feb	19e	4Z4ED	21359/1640/Feb	17m
HS3AHP	14207/1545/Feb	20w	UW9BC	14202/1325/Feb	13m	5B4AO	21330/1505/Feb	17e
HS4AGZ	14255/1405/Feb	16m#	UW9WR	14198/1425/Feb	20w	9C9DO	14211/1540/Feb	17m
HS3AHL	14207/1655/Feb	20w	VU2HI	14247/1400/Feb	19m#	9C9RB	14250/1400/Feb	16m
JY9VO	14235/1630/Feb	12w	VU2UK	14210/1355/Feb	14m#	9K2AU	14240/1430/Often	
MP4BIN	14247/1430/Feb	16m	YA1OS	14210/0300/Feb	15w	9M2DQ	14190/0040/Feb	13e
MP4TDM	14226/1520/Feb	15w	YA1GNT	14205/1320/Feb	18m			
MP4TEE	14250/1445/Feb	16m#	XV5AC	14210/0030/Feb	13e			

EUROPE...SSB

EA5AX	14210/1630/Feb	14w	LA9IM	14333/1920/Feb	19e	UK3AAO	14210/1540/Feb	14w
GI4BBV	21303/1740/Feb	14m	LX1BJ	14333/1915/Feb	19e	UK4FAD	14210/1345/Feb	15m
HA5AIR	14237/1615/Feb	15w	OE7UD	14212/1535/Feb	14w	YU1MV	21412/1530/Feb	18e
IS1AMJ	14237/1600/Feb	15w	SVØWJ	14242/1510/Feb	14w	YU2NHS	21302/1700/Feb	20w
IØRBJ	14218/1615/Feb	18w	SVØWK	14210/1555/Feb	20w#	ZB2CO	21327/1700/Often	
LA1KI	14218/1510/Feb	16w	SP9VU	14202/1710/Feb	18w	ZB2CF	14221/2235/Feb	14m
IV5GKR	21315/1720/Feb	15w	UF6CR	14204/1345/Feb	14m#	ZB2BL	14220/2305/Feb	14e
M1C	21313/1535/Feb	19w	UF6DZ	14193/1600/Feb	14w	9H5D	21274/1520/Feb	15m
M1D	21262/1530/Feb	17e	UK2FAA	21295/1515/Feb	14w			

ELSEWHERE...SSB

CE3YO	28590/2000/Feb	12e	VKØWW	14235/1440/Feb	17m	VK9AJ	21315/2345/Feb	16w
CP1JV	28624/1725/Feb	18w	VP2LAS	21290/1750/Feb	17e	YBØAB	14207/1330/Feb	19e
DØ1EN	14203/2245/Feb	20w	VP2KH	28535/2235/Feb	11e	YB5AAB	14255/1350/Feb	14m
HR1KS	28593/1745/Feb	19m	VP2GSM	14217/1300/Feb	19e	ZK2BD	14240/0620/Feb	17w
HC2HM	21310/2315/Feb	15w	VP2VAP	14211/1135/Feb	20e	ZF1JA	21293/2020/Feb	18m
KJ6BZ	28624/1725/Feb	18w	VP2GPL	21275/2015/Feb	18m	ZP5AQ	14210/0150/Feb	16w
OX5AA	14220/2350/Feb	10e	VP2AASL	14206/2120/Feb	13m	3E1XTW	21344/1725/Feb	17e
PJ8GQN	28530/2235/Feb	11e	WB2/VP7	21352/1820/Feb	17w	6Y5EE	2855/2030/Feb	22w
PJ9BB	21355/1745/Feb	18w	VP8KF	21340/2100/Often		6Y5AH	14253/1515/Feb	11w
PZ1BC	14202/2350/Feb	19e	VP8FL	14223/0150/Feb	11w	9Y4EH	21353/1750/Feb	20w
VK6HD	14202/2300/Feb	20w	VP9BO	21319/0100/Feb	17w	9Y4EH	28556/2030/Feb	20m
VK6LK	14202/2300/Feb	20w	VR1AA	14207/0500/Feb	14w			
VK8CW	14207/1400/Feb	14m	VR3FE	14194/1200/Feb	20e			
VK9FH	21290/2215/Feb	16m	VR6TG	21355/2220/Tuesday				

FORTY/EIGHTY/ONE-SIXTY

A2CCY	3796/0425/Often		HKØBKX	3798/0415/Feb	18w	VS6DO	3790/1430/Often	
A2CJP	3798/0420/Feb	15w	IØAMU	3768/0535/Feb	14e	VR1AA	3507/0640/Feb	21w
CI1MK	3795/0650/Feb	16w	KV4HW	3798/0715/Feb	19w	YV4AGP	3803/0435/Feb	14e
CN8BF	3776/0700/Feb	20w	KG4FS	3803/0710/Feb	19w	YS1RFS	3786/0825/Feb	16w
CI1MC	3804/0100/Feb	12w	OH1XX	3785/0620/Feb	13e	YN9MQ	3781/0430/Feb	14w
GO6RL	3802/0105/Feb	12w	OHØMA	3795/1530/Feb	10w	YA1OS	3797/0220/Feb	19e
DJ9KH	3798/0135/Feb	14w	OZ8KR	3774/0535/Feb	14e	ZK2BD	3792/0710/Feb	19w
DL7PV	3783/0430/Feb	16w	SM5BLA	3795/0650/Feb	14w	3E1DV	3801/0555/Feb	20e
G2AZW	3795/0130/Feb	13w	TI2AD	3814/0535/Feb	13e	3E1DC	3804/0510/Feb	13e
G3RRS	3797/0140/Feb	19e	TI2GI	3788/0535/Feb	21w	3E1MN	3805/0220/Feb	13w
G3XPH	3776/0635/Feb	20w	TG9YN	3795/0050/Feb	11w	5N2ABG	3777/0555/Feb	20e
G3TJW	3776/0650/Feb	20w	UZ5JF	3783/0430/Feb	16w	K3/6Y5	3797/0145/Feb	19e
G4AMT	3791/0720/Feb	20w	VP2SQ	3803/0145/Feb	14w	6Y5DL	3804/0155/Feb	19e
HA5KDQ	3798/0425/Feb	18w	VP2MY	3795/0710/Feb	20w	6W8DY	3785/0750/Feb	18w
HK1QQ	3529/0400/Feb	10m	VP2EQ	3803/0110/Feb	14e	8P6CX	3797/0140/Feb	19e
WBØHK6	3804/0200/Feb	19e	VP2LI	3803/0140/Feb	23w	9J2WR	3780/0450/Feb	21w

CALENDAR

St. PETER & PAUL	PSØWH for about five days from March 10th
FERNANDO De NORONHA	PVØWH for about five days from around March 18th
REVILLAGIGEDO	4C4AA and 6F4 from March 15th to 20th....all bands.
OGASAWARA/IWO JIMA	KA1CQ from March 20th to 27th...all bands 160m thru 10....
MARCUS	KA1DX from March 22nd to 27th.
ARRL PHONE TEST	This week-end....March 3rd and 4th. PREPARE!!
ARRL CW TEST	March 17-18th. Second go-round.
CQ WW WPX SSB TEST	March 24th..25th.
WORK ALL BRITAIN	Phone portion...March 11th. CW go...March 25th
WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS	May 12 & 17sponsored by PY-Ministry of Communications..
FRESNO INTERNATIONAL	April 7-8th at the Fresno Hilton. A solid week-end of nothing but DX.....eyeball type. W7VRO will be there!!

MORE RED EYED STUFF

CO2BB 7000/0550/Feb 16m	HM4GF 7003/1525/Feb 19w	VP2SAH 7027/0345/Feb 14m
DU1AMA 7004/1605/Feb 19w	KG6JAR 7003/1520/Feb 19w	VP2SU 7025/1100/Often
EP2BQ 7005/1440/Feb 8w	PJ7VD 7025/0610/Feb 13w	ZL4IE 7010/0605/Feb 16w
EL2DO 7010/0620/Feb 13w	UR2TAX 7002/0600/Feb 22w	6Y5EE 7007/0600/Feb 21w
HK1QQ 7027/0320/Feb 10m	VK6ZE 7032/1425/Feb 12w	6Y5DB 7005/0600/Feb 16w
HKØBKX 7003/0510/Feb 24w	VE8DT 7004/1500/Feb 19w	
HI8LPW 7004/0510/Feb 14w	VP2ST 7021/0315/Feb 15w	
G3RPB 1828/0515/Feb 18e	OK1ATP 1827/0515/Feb 18e	9C9BQ 1828/0300/Feb. 29e
OK1KPU 1828/0540/Feb 19e	PJ7VD 1826/0005/Feb 13e	
OK2SLS 1828/0550/Feb 19e	OL5ADY 1828/0545/Feb 19e	

9C9BQ QSLs to EP2BQ...says he is on 1828kc most days from 0200Z. W4BRB has WAC on 160mtrs. JA7AØ reports hearing the East Coast during the CQ 160mtr Test.

ITU TELECOMMUNICATIONS TEST Sometimes called the Brazilian Test, this is an annual event and will come off on two week-ends in May. CW will go on May 12th and Phone the following weekend. Both sessions start at 0000Z and run for 24 hours. All bands are available and there are single op..multi-op..fixed and maritime mobile.../mm in ITU Zones 76 to 90. Exchanges will be your signal report plus the ITU Zone. Logs go to the Ministerio das Comunicacoes-Dentel, 7000 Brasilia - DF, Brazil. Full details and the list of rules on the contest can be had by dropping a line to them.

CHAGOS WA1RHD, VQ9 on Diego Garcia now has his antenna back in working condition and has been working into the states. W20VC was his 1st stateside contact after getting things organized. Bob will be returning to stateside via ET3=land in March. Often on the SEANET..14320kc/1200Z and last week was at 21322kc from 1345Z. QSL to W4WFL.

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SPECIALS...ALL Items Guaranteed!! Shipped FOB from Houston.....

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MW 65 Tower	331.50	CL-36	149.00
W51 Tower (FOB Calif.)	386.00	HY-GAIN TH6DXX 10/15/20 mtrs	139.00
CDE HAM-M Rotator	99.00	TH3Mk3	114.00
TR-44 Rotator	59.95	204BA	129.00
Cable...8448 rotor cable	.10 ft	402BA	135.00
8214 RG8 foam	.16 ft	BN86 Balun	14.95
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COLLINS 75A4 (clean) \$345.00	NC240S National/a.c.pwr sply...		125.00

Max W5GJ Don K5AAD Mary W5MBB Dave WA5ZNY

IRCS K6GLC has over a thousand IRCS to pass on for 7Z3AB. If you are interested, send Jim a sase and order any amount you want.....at 15¢ each. Jim asks that you order in multiples of 20...20 IRCS for \$3.00.....200 for \$30.00 etc.

PROPAGATION A card from John Attaway, K4IIF, passes along the information that amateurs may receive the very latest propagation forecasts by dialing....

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This prefix in the telephone number is for Huntington, New York, outside New York City. That is to help you to figure how much it might cost you to get the late word on what might not be coming through.

MANIHIKI W6KNH runs a schedule with 5W1AU and ZK1MA on Tuesdays, 14240Kc at 1700Z. Clyde advises that anyone who might wish to work ZK1MA would be welcomed to break after they complete their business on the schedule. After!! You might also look for ZK1MA at 3860Kc around 0800Z when he often runs a schedule with ZK1-land.

TNX to W1AM, W1YRC, DL2AA/W1, K2BT, W2CTO, W2OVC, WB2WOU, K3TUP, W4BRB, W4EH, W4HU, K4IIF, W4KA, W4TUC, W4UF, WB5AEH, W5AK, W5ALA, WA5EMH, K5LIW, W5UBW, W6APW, K6AQV, W6BJI, W6DMJ, K6EC, K6GUY, K6HTM, K6KII, W6KYA, WA6KZI, WA6MWG, W6OL, WB6QAS, W6<sup>T</sup>SQ, W6TTS, WB6UDC, WB6UJO, WB6WHM, K6<sup>W</sup>R, W6YHT, W7FSE, W7NCO, K7NHG, W7UXP/4, W7VRO, W8BQV, 88ZOK, W9DDL, W9DRL, WA9VOL, W9WKU/4, W0BN, W0JRN, K7CBZ/XV5.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. A couple of the neighborhood QRPers came to a philosophical split last week. It started out innocently enough when one asked: "What do you think of that mess on the band edge with the deliberate QRMing and zeroing in close to the DX station frequency?". The other QRPer responded and jumped in with: "Yeah! You'd think that they would have enough courtesy and decency to move off so we could work those DX stations with their weak signals. I wonder why that VE7 always manages to show up and pontificate every time a rare one shows. You'd think he'd be courteous enough to keep clear". The first QRPer at this point held up his hand. "What are you talking about. I work the low frequencies and I am talking about the disruption that goes on at times around 3800Kc" This got an immediate reaction from the Second QRPer, he jumping to his feet in indignation. "What are YOU talking about?. We were there first. Let those fellows look for another frequency.....". We bailed out about this time for surely DX will always be blessed with the days of righteousness. And all are armed with the might of right and a big signal even more so. \$9.00 for a full year of righteous, QRM-free DX reports, \$10.50 brings the good words on what you missed by airmail....

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