

WEST COAST

DX

Bulletin

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Mt. ATHOS SV1DB/A operated from Mt. Athos last week and apparently worked a large number of QSOs but success in the W/K areas was not exactly overwhelming. Band conditions were not especially good though at times some reported hearing other stations in the vicinity of Southern Europe coming in with strong signals but could not find the Mt. Athos effort.

The East Coast apparently had fair success though there were still some up to the middle of the effort who were still looking for the station. As one moved further west the number of stations working the Mt. Athos effort declined sharply and on the West Coast only a handful of sixes or sevens got through. W6AM and W7PHO were among those working SV1DB/A but mighty few others. W5QBM got through on April 24th on 20mtrs. By the end of the week the group had packed and headed home. QSLs go to the operator you worked or to SV1DB. There had been some rumors of an extension of the operation but these apparently were unfounded.

The north-south path for this operation seemed to be very good with evidences that large numbers of VK/ZLs worked the station. Some in the Western Reaches reported that under marginal conditions that the high-speed code sending of some operators made any contacts even more difficult if not impossible.

TONGAREVA The plans for this mid-Pacific effort due to come off next month are going well and the call will be ZK1MD. There still is some question as to what it will be counted for....at the minimum it will be counted as Manihiki but there are still some arguing that it should be counted for a new country.

There will be more details surfacing before the take-off on this effort. W6GQU, one of the doctors who will be in on the trip, last week was signing FOZES from Polynesia and was to be there for ten days.

SPANISH SAHARA This EA8/EA9 effort which was to come off a couple of weeks back seems to have run into some problems and is reported to have never left the Canary Islands. There was a problem with landing permission and operating authorization and the whole thing apparently never flew. It does appear that they have not completely given up hope but things have not gone by the schedule so far.

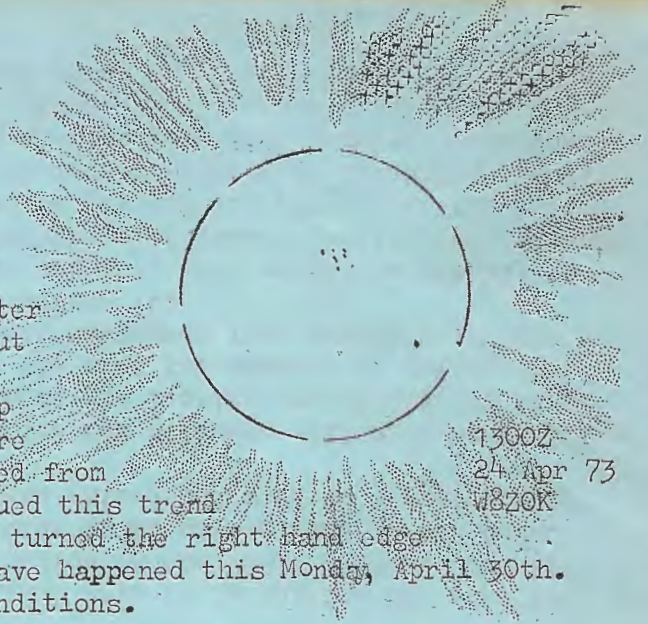
MELISH The situation still continues where the ARRL says it is waiting for word from the Wireless Institute of Australia on their decision on the VK9JW matter. The WIA is reported to have said that they completed action on the matter some months back. Indicators are that the WIA cleared all the points raised and were to forward their findings to the ARRL.

There has been a recent election in the WIA and the new officers will be taking office shortly. Some speculate that the outgoing officers are leaving everything for the incoming officers.....other speculate that the WIA sent the message by surface mail which would take about two months or more to reach Newington from Australia. It's a big ocean as anyone finds out who tries to swim across it.

Anyhow, the Northern California DX Club has been urged by some of its membership to press for clarification with some suggesting that the club will (1) write the ARRL and the WIA asking that they get together; (2) Offer to pay airmail postage on the letter, and (3) offer to pay the cost of a telephone call from Newington to Brisbane. Some, however, point out that these solutions are too simple. Some have suggested sending an expedition to the WIA to report back on their findings.....this would help many gain a new country. No!! Not WIA...it's VK9JW we will gain.

SUNSPOT LOUIE

One single sunspot and one group of spots show on this chart which was made last Tuesday. The single spot showed up the previous day, Monday, April 23rd and is a rather large spot of about 25 000 miles in diameter. The group in the center appeared on April 19th, built up in intensity but as of the middle of last week appeared to be receding. The individual spots within the group were smaller as the week progressed and some were almost invisible. The spots in this group ranged from 6000 to 8000 miles in diameter. If they continued this trend they would be invisible by the time they turned the right hand edge and went to the back of the sun. This should have happened this Monday, April 30th. The activity of these spots caused disturbed conditions.



AGAIN?? We hesitate to say this but this issue is another milestone.....it is the start of the sixth year for the WCDXB, five full years of bulletins having been put behind us. Sometimes it seems longer and there are some weeks that we feel that we have been putting out the bulletin since W6AM was running the 100 yard dash at Minnesota.

There have been something like 262 consecutive weekly issues. Trips to the wilds of the Potomac and crash landings with a broken ankle have not ruffled the calm demeanor of the staff at the WCDXB. Anyone who has phoned on a Saturday when things were not going right can attest to that.

The circulation is about 770 ~~copye~~ and that's enough. We have a difficult time keeping up with the correspondence and often the floor is littered with checks from eager DXers imploring that their names be added to the selected group who get the bulletin. Son of a Gun!! What can one say when so many are deserving?

The bulletin is still a one-man, one XYL, one squirrel, one dog operation. Maybe in the coming year we will make some changes. What we need is time. With things the way they are starting to turn at the Post Office these days, there are no immediate plans to abandon that agency. The problem right now is that we are winning too many arguments..... It gets you after awhile. It's hard to quit as a bureaucrat when you are winning.....

Anyhow, thanks to all that have stuck with us. Frankly our problem is that we get some enjoyment out of the bulletin though sometime it does seem hard to separate the joy from the sweat. But what the heck! If we can turn out 260 copies, why not try for 500.... And on we sweep into the sixth year of confusing DX..... Stick around and maybe you will be one of us.

AFRICA K5QHS reported as planning to be in Africa this summer for a couple of months to do some operating from several rare spots. At the present time he is working on obtaining licenses for TT8/TY/XT/TZ/TN8/CR3/CR5/TL8/5T5 and possibly others. There will be 40/80meter action in addition to the other bands.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me DX..

AFRICA...CW

CR6KB 14030/2245/Apr 21w
 EL2DO 14021/2250/Apr 24w
 ET3USC 14020/2050/Apr 21e
 3D6AX 14033/1410/Apr 22w
 9G1HE 14045/2015/Apr 21e

ASIA...CW

JE1DVM 14031/0325/Apr 21w
 KA8NE 14035/0140/Apr 21w
 UAØYAE 14000/1530/Apr 24e
 UK9LAA 14063/1220/Apr 24e
 UL7IO 14040/0320/Apr 26w

UM8MAD 14000/1540/Apr 24e
 YBØAU 14013/1715/Apr 20w

EUROPE...CW

LZ1FT 14048/2015/Apr 20e
 OK2AZ 14052/1540/Apr 20e
 OK5BCO 14012/1615/Apr 24w
 UA2DS 14012/2010/Apr 24w
 UA6LKH 14030/0310/Apr 25w

UB5UAL 14032/1545/Apr 20e
 UD6BZ 14030/0335/Apr 25w
 UK2FAM 14018/1615/Apr 24w
 UK2RAN 14023/1700/Apr 24w
 UK2WAF 14013/1555/Apr 25w

UO5PK 14008/2030/Apr 24w
 UT5EH 14030/0320/Apr 25w
 UY5SY 14030/0335/Apr 25w
 YU2GRO 14023/2015/Apr 24w
 YU3ZY 14028/1545/Apr 20e

ELSEWHERE...CW

CO2DL 14015/2305/Apr 24w
 CP3CN 14045/0040/Apr 22e
 DU1OR 14017/1715/Apr 20w
 FK8KAA 14047/0545/Apr 20m
 FM7AA 14061/1310/Apr 21e
 HK5KX 14020/0350/Apr 23w
 HI3PC 14004/2230/Apr 23w
 KG6JAR 14046/0455/Apr 21e
 KG6AAY 14065/1600/Apr 24w
 KX6JS 14076/1250/Apr 17e

FO8DR 14081/0500/Apr 22m
 PJ4VD 14017/2340/Apr 22e
 PJ9BN 14022/0300/Apr 17w
 PJ2MI 21030/0000/Apr 19m
 PY4AUN 14079/0145/Apr 22w
 VE8DJ 14023/1455/Apr 25w
 VK3RG 14052/0600/Apr 20e
 VK4YP 14003/1255/Apr 21e
 VK2EO 14054/0510/Apr 21m
 VK7GK 14057/0530/Apr 20w

VP2SR 14029/0040/Apr 20e
 VP9GK 14003/1155/Apr 23e
 ZL2UW 14058/0720/Apr 18m
 ZL2GH 14027/0445/Apr 21m
 ZL1ANX 14072/0450/Apr 21m
 ZL3UD 14030/0450/Apr 19m
 ZL4GA 14019/0510/Apr 21w
 ZM2AFZ 14051/0400/Apr 23w
 ZM2SA 14036/0525/Apr 21m
 6Y5MJ 14017/2340/Apr 22e

AFRICA...SSB

CR3AB 14185/1900/Apr 19kh
 CR4BS 21280/1755/Apr 19kv
 CR4BS 14206/2130/Apr 23m
 CR5AJ 14205/2140/Apr 18w
 CR6RJ 14240/2345/Apr 21e
 CR6JO 14213/1950/Apr 20e
 CR6IP 14240/2210/Apr 21e
 CR6MX 14304/2135/Apr 23m
 GT3AB 14265/1950/Apr 21m
 EA8CR 14220/1845/Apr 21e
 EA9EJ 21230/1800/Apr 18kc
 EL2DZ 14211/0010/Apr 24m
 EL4E 14201/2305/Apr 23m
 EL2DK 21270/1925/Apr 22e
 EL2CI 14263/2135/Apr 20e

EL2CY 14260/2050/Apr 20e
 ET3USF 21325/1350/Apr 20kc
 ET3USD 14250/0400/Apr 18w
 TU2DI 14260/2200/Apr 21e
 VQ9M 14210/2000/Apr 22e
 VQ9DC 21300/1640/Apr 19kc
 VQ9M 21325/1040/Apr 20kc
 XT2AF 14213/2220/Apr 22e
 ZL3M 14238/2325/Apr 19w
 ZD7SD 14202/2105/Apr 22w
 ZD7BB 14233/2340/Apr 14w
 ZD8AB 21305/1850/Apr 19kv
 ZD9GC 21325/1140/Apr 20kc
 ZH1CU 28580/1030/Apr 19kc
 ZE6JL 28590/1220/Apr 15kc

5Z4JE 28590/1220/Apr 15kc
 5Z4LW 21325/1300/Apr 19kc
 5U7AZ 28580/1640/Apr 16kc
 6W8DY 14202/0750/Apr 19kc
 7X2BK 14237/1935/Apr 20e
 9G1AR 21276/1745/Apr 21e
 9G1AR 14221/2025/Apr 21e
 9J2WS 14220/2220/Apr 21e
 9J2WS 21325/1100/Apr 17kc
 9L1VW 14220/2345/Apr 21e
 9X5NA 14212/2010/Apr 21e
 9X5NA 21325/1945/Apr 24e
 9X5VA 21309/1920/Apr 20e

ASIA...SSB

SP2SP 21325/1040/Apr 19kc
 UAØAI 14212/1340/Apr 24e
 UAØFGM 14240/0535/Apr 22w
 XU1AA 21300/0910/Apr 19kc

YA1DT 21325/1325/Apr 20kc
 YB9/YB1 14236/1505/Apr 15m
 4X4CJ 21350/1830/Apr 22w
 4X4FE 28580/1030/Apr 19kc

YBØBR 21325/1125/Apr 19kc
 9K2CA 14206/2005/Apr 22e
 9V1OI 14240/1505/Apr 25w
 9V1RF 14227/1525/Apr 23e

EUROPE...SSB

EA3GN 14230/2240/Apr 21e
 EA3JE 14212/2010/Apr 23e
 EA6BH 21296/1920/Apr 24e
 EA7JA 21301/1650/Apr 15e

GI3IVJ 14211/2310/Apr 23m
 HA5KBC 14202/1925/Apr 20e
 IT9ZHA 14205/2050/Apr 21m
 SV1EE 14234/1930/Apr 20e

SV1HO 14201/1940/Apr 22e
 SVØWU 14195/0500/Apr 21e
 SP9APU 14195/1905/Apr 24m
 UW4PA 14210/0420/Apr 14m

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kv = virgin islands)
 (kc = caroline islands # = longpath all times in gmt kh = hawaii etc)

MORE RED-EYED LOUIE...

ELSEWHERE...SSB

C29ED	14202/0324/Apr	20w	LU1ACE	14217/0200/Apr	22w	VP2KF	14202/2000/Apr	20e
GE3PY	21345/2320/Apr	21w	LU7HL	14240/0220/Apr	20w	VR6TC	14303/1630/Apr	24w
CP1DN	14209/0505/Apr	20w	OA4PD	21350/1620/Apr	22w	VR6TC	14225/0630/Wednesday	
CX7AP	14243/0010/Apr	17w	OA8BC	14230/0255/Apr	22w	YN9GL	14226/2040/Apr	20e
CX2DI	14201/0150/Apr	22e	OX5AY	14220/2050/Apr	21w	YN1SM	14206/1810/Apr	18w
DU1EJ	14202/1650/Apr	21w	PJ3HM	14210/0400/Apr	19kv	YN1NM	14240/0230/Apr	20w
FG7XZ	14205/2140/Apr	20w	PG2ZAY	14210/1215/Apr	22kv	YJ8WS	14277/0435/Apr	21m
FO8DY	14214/0210/Apr	22w	PY8ADD	14228/0215/Apr	22w	YSØGDD	21280/2205/Apr	18kv
FOØES	14250/0330/Apr	21w	TI8GT	21390/1720/Apr	18w	YS1ACE	14254/1950/Apr	20e
FM7WW	14243/2330/Apr	21e	TI3BVF	14266/0030/Apr	17w	ZK1CD	14250/0330/Often	
FG7XL	21365/1935/Apr	24e	VK2ADE	14240/0435/Apr	14m	ZK2BD	14250/0400/Apr	18w
FG7XL	14195/2115/Apr	23w	VK6WC	14205/1515/Apr	22w	ZP6BL	14209/0000/Apr	20w
HG2PW	14217/0200/Apr	22w	VK6LK	14204/1250/Apr	18e	5W1AC	14190/0515/Apr	21w
HC8GI	21295/1735/Apr	19kv	VK9MH	14208/1300/Apr	23e	5W1AU	14250/0330/Apr	14w
HP4RC	14248/2220/Apr	19w	VK9DB	14242/1400/Apr	24w	K4/6Y5	14226/2040/Apr	21e
W6/HR6	14215/1800/Apr	22e	VK9FH	14225/1530/Apr	21w	6Y5GB	14193/2145/Apr	20w
KG6AOI	14295/1555/Apr	22e	VKØWW	14203/0745/Apr	20kc	8R1J	21279/2030/Apr	23w
KG4AN	14275/2105/Apr	19w	VP1BH	2127/1745/Apr	21e	WB4/8R1	14225/2330/Apr	16w
KS6CC	14310/1215/Apr	22kv	VP2DAI	14200/2225/Apr	22e	9Y4BB	14281/0210/Apr	22w
KV4AD	21325/0745/Apr	20kc	VP2DH	14232/1220/Apr	22e	VS5EO	14280/0850/Apr	19kh

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CR4BS	7009/2240/Apr	21e	LA7TH	7005/0700/Apr	12w	VP5LD	7208/0145/Apr	20w
CR6IS	7087/2130/Apr	18kc	LU6SC	7009/0455/Apr	14w	VP7NH	7260/1500/Apr	22e
CR7BN	7012/0430/Apr	23w	OA4AKL	7077/0700/Apr	25w	VP7BA	7012/1150/Apr	23e
CR7BN	7008/0415/Apr	13e	PJ2HD	7012/2240/Apr	21e	VP2DH	7160/1105/Apr	22w
CM2AM	7006/1445/Apr	22e	PJ2ARC	7010/2300/Apr	24e	VP9GR	7173/0415/Apr	21w
CP2DR	7002/0430/Apr	24w	PJ2CE	7160/1045/Apr	22w	YN1ZTS	7188/0520/Apr	23kv
CO7AI	7013/2315/Apr	16kv	PJ9BN	7004/0425/Apr	12w	YJ8BD	7069/0740/Apr	24w
C29ED	7175/0835/Apr	24w	PZ1AV	7016/2210/Apr	22kv	YU3DMP	7022/0500/Apr	12w
FG7FD	7009/2250/Apr	21e	PY7BZD	7208/0230/Apr	18w	YU3DZR	7009/0550/Apr	12w
DL7RK	7005/0430/Apr	12w	SV1DO	7001/2245/Apr	21e	YV3YD	7003/0430/Apr	12w
GW3MQX	7005/0645/Apr	12w	TI2PZ	7009/0625/Apr	22w	ZF1KW	7025/0240/Apr	14w
GW3BJE	7003/0350/Apr	13e	TI2GI	7085/2100/Apr	18kc	ZD9GC	7089/2030/Apr	16kc
HC1NSC	7177/0510/Apr	11e	TI2WX	7003/0400/Apr	12w	ZP5AL	7007/0530/Apr	17e
HC2HM	7013/0220/Apr	14w	UK1ZAM	7003/0400/Apr	12w	ZS6OS	7016/0500/Apr	23w
HM5GJ	7007/1510/Apr	12w	UR2TAX	7006/0415/Apr	12w	4X4VE	7037/0330/Apr	23e
KV4HW	7029/0335/Apr	22w	UAØKAR	7001/0450/Apr	14w	5R8AG	7026/0400/Apr	23e
KC4USN	7236/0730/Apr	15w	OK5BEH	7005/0410/Apr	12w	9L1GC	7022/0140/Apr	23kv
KI4AST	7176/0405/Apr	21w	VK1EO	7008/0640/Apr	22w	9G1HE	7004/0330/Apr	13e
KS6DY	7030/0620/Apr	23w	VK2SA	7034/1225/Apr	19e	9Y4AR	7160/1040/Apr	22w
LU9UAI	7265/0800/Apr	15w	VK9RH	7069/0745/Apr	24w	TG9DS	7029/0440/Apr	12w
CT2AK	3778/0645/Apr	25w	KG4CB	3799/0540/Apr	19w	VP9GR	3812/0535/Apr	21w
DJ1NY	3798/0220/Apr	18kv	KL7HLY	3790/0415/Apr	18e	VP9L	3780/0010/Apr	21kv
DJ8UT	3795/0215/Apr	18kv	SP6KAN	3526/2315/Apr	16kv	YS1MV	3789/0620/Apr	19w
DK2ANDC	3509/2300/Apr	16kv	TG4SR	3780/0245/Apr	18e	ZF1RP	3790/0300/Apr	18e
DK7FZ	3800/0100/Apr	17kv	TG9GI	3808/0700/Apr	22w	ZPØPT	3778/0450/Apr	25e
DK2BJ	3503/2300/Apr	16kv	VP2DH	3808/0600/Apr	16e	ZS3GH	3801/2330/Apr	20kv
G6ZO	3508/0540/Apr	23kv	VP2LL	3805/0420/Apr	16kv	9G1DY	3798/2340/Apr	20kv
HC1NWW	3778/0520/Apr	17e	VP2SQ	3801/0100/Apr	17kv	9Y4EH	3795/0215/Apr	18kv
HB9AFI	3797/0450/Apr	13m	VP2SAF	3795/0215/Apr	18kv			

JUNE 160mtr TEST With band conditions during June generally excellent and especially on the trans-equatorial path, the 4th Annual 160meter Activity Period will be coming up next month.

This world-wide effort to organize 160mtr effort during this period when conditions often are good on all paths at night, the test will be as follows:

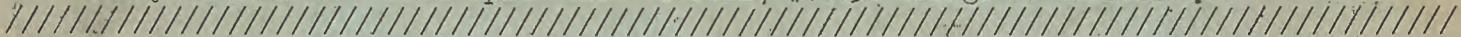
Time: 0000Z to 0030Z daily Frequencies: Europe and Asia ..1825-1830kc
Others including
W/VEs 1800-1807kc.

Stations north of the Equator to call 'CQ' during the first 2.5 minutes of each 5 minute period, stations south of the Equator to use the alternate 2.5 minutes. Those transmitting in the 1800-1807kc slot should check their frequencies +/- 2kc as well as the opposite part of the band. W/VE should avoid transmitting in the DX Window.

There should be two or three days of exception 160mtr conditions in June. Check daily. EU/LU5HFI/LU5EVM; YV5CKR, ZS1MH/9J2XZ/9J2LF plus VP8s, ZD9s will be on.

TNX to W1AM, W1HGT, K2BT, W3ODL, K3TUP, W4 IS, W4EH, W4HU, W4NJF, W4UF, W5AK, W5ALA, W5ZUH, WB6AGP, K6AQV, W6CLM, K6EC, K6GUF, W6GVM, W6OL, WB6QAS, W6TSQ, W6TTS, WB6WHM, K6WR, WB6ZUC, WB6BKN, W7NCO, W7YTN, W9DDL, WØIYP, W8ZOK, K9KXZ, WØJRN, W9WKY/4, WØDAD/KH6, KC6SK, KV4AM, KV4HW, VS6AW, VE7WJ.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. A couple of the local QRPers last week stayed home to work the Mt. Athos effort. At the end of the week they were bitter. "No matter how things are planned, someone always tangles the whole thing up", one QRPer complained and the other agreed. We thought this over for a bit and then asked: "How do you figure that?". The first QRPer was a bit shocked at our naivete. "Why, it's perfectly clear", he said. "They should have gone to Mt. Athos when propagation conditions to the West Coast were good and they should have put out a better signal and they should have worked more sixes and sevens. Isn't that rather obvious?". You know, we thought this over for a bit and it still left us confused. So we asked the Old Timer who shrugged it off. "One of the first truisms that a loser must learn is that it is always 'them' and not us. Should the computer tapes be fouled up and your QST is late, it is 'them's' fault, not ours. If you do not work Mt. Athos, it is 'them', not us. It is the Zero Error Standard....we never make a mistake, it is always 'them". Son of a Gun, what could we say to that. Having yet to make our first error, we could understand these matters. \$9.00 for a full year of weekly lessons in how to spot 'them' errors, \$10.50 brings it airmail....



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