

WEST COAST

DX

Bulletin

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November 6, 1973 45-73

PHOENIX ISLANDS The VR1PC operation aimed for the turn of the month is reported to have been postponed until mid-November. Transportation the hang-up though as of last week it was still reported as on.

LORD HOWE ISLAND With the recent planning by VK4AK for a Lord Howe operation, it might again be noted that this out in the Tasman Sea does have scheduled commercial air service. Presently the route is the last run for the big flying boats that were the thing thirty or more years back.

However, the use of the flying boats is coming to an end and they will be retired at the end of April, some of the craft in use being over 30 years old but rigorously maintained. They are simply reaching the end of their operational life.

Ansett Flying Boat Services make the run from Sydney and it takes about three and a half hours for the 485 mile run northeast out of Sydney.

Band conditions were not especially good last weekend and it was not possible to confirm whether VK4AK had shown on schedule. If the action did develop, it will run through this week to November 12th.

CAMBODIA The plans for the XU1AA by the W6-Group, and Chester from XV5AC and possibly others, failed to materialize on schedule last week. Late word out of the area was that transportation and some visa problems may have contributed to the delay.

As of the weekend the report was that one of the group in Saigon could not get clearance to enter Cambodia and the W6-group did not wish to go for the XU1AA operation without him.

The operation may be rescheduled after the SEA Convention which would make the next possibility sometime next week. Possibly definite word will be surfacing during the coming week.

MARCUS The JD1AJA/Marcus Island plans apparently was another one that did not jell as a station was signing JD1AJA/JA3. Indicators were that Masa was still in the Osaka area.

KA1BL showed during the contest to be worked by stations on the east coast. This one showed in the 21320/21360kc area from 2300Z on a couple of days. KA1DX is also supposed to be on Marcus but this one has not been reported for some time.

ASTOVE ISLAND VQ9HCS, Harry Stickley, is presently operating from Astove in the Cosmoledo Group in the Indian Ocean, 800 miles south of the Seychelles. The report is that this group is administered from Mahe in the Seychelles and is 260 miles southwest from Aldabra. Questions keep jumping up why this does not count for a new country and maybe someone may have the handle to that question.

Harry operated with the same call from Aldabra last year, securing towards the end of February this year. He will on Astove for about two years, has two KW 2000s, is able to work split frequency, a linear, a 3-element beam and will be getting another 1.75kw generator next month.

Harry has been reported in the 21310kc territory from 1730Z.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE:

I cannot tell how the truth may be;
I say the report as 'twas said to me.

AFRICA...SSB

A2CAY	21355/1730/Oct	20m	TU2DV	14281/0040/Oct	26e	5U7AB	21318/2000/Oct	30e
CR6QR	14221/0055/Oct	26e	TU2EF	14203/2320/Oct	24kv	5U7BA	21350/1915/Oct	24e
CR6SM	14221/0100/Oct	26e	TY1BJ	21325/1630/Oct	21w	5U7AZ	21300/1340/Oct	23m
CR6AA	14217/2315/Oct	26m	TY1UW	14205/1935/Oct	29w	5Z4NH	21393/1800/Oct	27e
CR7IZ	21285/1810/Oct	23w	VQ9HCS	21276/1825/Oct	24e	3B6CF	21263/1625/Oct	23w
CR7II	21324/1850/Oct	23e	VQ9MC	21310/1735/Oct	24e	9G1AR	14218/2230/Oct	22e
CR7BO	21298/1810/Oct	26e	ZD3Z	21304/1805/Oct	27e	9G1GG	21356/1720/Oct	21w
EA8IS	21295/1700/Oct	20m	ZD8AB	21340/1800/Oct	23e	9J2SS	14223/2325/Oct	25m
EA8JJ	21355/1725/Oct	21w	ZE1AV	28575/1940/Oct	23w	9J2WR	21340/1750/Oct	26m
EL2CI	14226/0025/Oct	30w	ZE7JV	21330/1830/Oct	30w	9J2BL	21365/1750/Oct	27e
ET3ZU	14205/2030/Oct	29e	ZS6UW	21293/1600/Oct	31w	9X5VA	21307/1855/Oct	23e
TR8SS	21345/1935/Oct	24e	3D6CF	21263/1625/Oct	23w			

ASIA....SSB

A4XFJ	21319/1555/Oct	26e /	JT0AE	14224/2350/Oct	28e	MP4BJR	21296/1300/Oct	26e
A4XFF	21285/1420/Oct	26m	JY9GR	14239/1925/Oct	23e	4W1BC	28502/1525/Oct	28e
HS1AGN	14322/1215/Oct	25kv	KA1BL	21320/0050/Oct	28m	5B4BI	21322/1710/Oct	23e

EUROPE....SSB

CT2AZ	21312/1935/Oct	22m	GM4GK	21282/1355/Oct	24e	OK2AAO	14227/1600/Oct	25w
CT2AK	21302/1820/Oct	23m	GW6GW	14250/1950/Oct	26e	OZ4TT	21321/1355/Oct	26e
CT2BG	14232/2040/Oct	23e	GW3SB	21370/1955/Oct	25w	SI2ZZU	14203/1750/Oct	25w
CT1UE	21300/1835/Oct	30w	IS0RUA	21286/1430/Oct	26e	SP6PZB	21290/1450/Oct	26e
DF2GX	14233/1100/Oct	23e	JX4GN	14204/1250/Oct	26e	UC2BC	21356/1430/Oct	26e
EA3SA	21295/1450/Oct	22w	LX1RF	21298/1525/Oct	30e	UC2BF	21280/1405/Oct	26m
EA6BJ	21346/1705/Oct	24e	LX1BJ	14333/2005/Oct	30e	UD6CC	21276/1410/Oct	25m
EA6BG	21394/1345/Oct	24e	M1D	21280/1440/Oct	23m	UK3AAO	21291/1455/Oct	26e
EA7DJ	14289/1130/Oct	26e	OH0NI	21275/1420/Oct	27e	YU2NFY	21290/1440/Oct	23w
GB3MBC	21320/1705/Oct	24e	OH3VV	14211/1545/Oct	25w	3A2CP	14320/1120/Oct	23e
GI4RY	21286/1350/Oct	24e	OJ0AM	21300/1350/Oct	26m	9H4D	21275/1625/Oct	21w

ELSEWHERE...SSB

CO8QS	21272/2215/Oct	22m	PJ9GIW	14209/2320/Oct	26m	VR1PD	21291/2255/Oct	22kv
CX4CR	14201/0100/Oct	26e	PZ1DR	21290/1915/Oct	23e	XP1AA	14243/0225/Oct	26e
DU1BOB	21313/2345/Oct	30w	VK5MS	14210/1010/Oct	23e	YB0ABE	14243/1220/Oct	23e
FG7XL	21365/2030/Oct	23e	VK6LK	14205/2345/Oct	25e	ZF1JA	14190/1210/Oct	24kv
FO8CX	14258/0525/Oct	31w	VK9ZC	14202/1405/Oct	20m	ZF1JA	21355/1745/Oct	23w
FO8DO	21356/0045/Oct	25w	VP2M	14233/2330/Oct	26m	ZF1WE	21318/2225/Oct	29w
HC8GI	21385/1815/Oct	29e	VP2MJK	14210/2315/Oct	29e	5W1AA	14242/2325/Oct	26e
HC8SB	21376/1750/Oct	21w	VP2EY	14207/2030/Oct	24e	5W1AN	14251/0450/Oct	20w
HH2OCA	21307/1820/Oct	25e	NP2LL	14266/1130/Oct	26e	8R1AG	21286/2010/Oct	25w
KC6SK	21307/2350/Oct	26m	VP2DAJ	21310/2145/Oct	26m	9Z4LO	21282/1815/Oct	27e
W6/KB6	21290/1915/Oct	23e	VP2VAN	21355/2000/Oct	30e	9Z2AR	21318/2000/Oct	30e
KH6HDB	21312/2005/Oct	26m	VP2KF	14201/1230/Oct	24e			
OX3HA	14255/1830/Oct	26e	VP5LD	21316/1555/Oct	25e			
OX5AB	14218/2215/Oct	26e	VP8HA	14236/0110/Oct	25kv			
PJ9BB	14223/2320/Oct	29e	VP8FL	14204/0225/Oct	25m			

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kv = virgin islands etc)
(all times in gmt.... # = longpath (?? Sounds like Slim at SV1/Mt. Athos again!))

MORE RED EYED LOUIEAFRICA...CW

CR6AL	21025/1605/Nov	1w	CR7IZ	21039/1605/Oct	26m	3B8DL	14040/1455/Oct	26w
CR6DN	21026/1650/Nov	1w	FB8XA	21040/1350/Oct	26	7P8AB	21030/1140/Oct	25e
CR6PV	21037/1230/Oct	29e	TU2DO	14037/2125/Oct	24w			

ASIA...CW

JT1KAA	14040/0105/Oct	26e	UKØIAC	14032/0220/Oct	27m	XV5AC	14018/0055/Oct	26e
UI8ABA	14038/0210/Oct	27m	UL7CT	14030/1325/Oct	26e	4X4BS	14043/1200/Oct	25e
UK9OAD	14050/1255/Oct	25e	UL7GAC	14032/0220/Oct	27m			
UKØSAL	14032/0215/Oct	26e	UM8MAD	14023/0220/Oct	28w			

EUROPE...CW

DL3DB	21015/1535/Nov	1w	HB9EG	21110/1540/Oct	26m	SL5AB	14034/2030/Oct	23w
DK10U	21017/1550/Nov	1w	LA6ES	14031/1630/Oct	23w	SP4AVG	14040/1640/Oct	25w
DM2AIC	14033/1800/Oct	23w	LZ1KPZ	14026/1705/Oct	23w	SP2KAØ	14026/1700/Oct	23w
DT2BJD	14029/1815/Oct	23w	LZ1KSV	14040/1720/Oct	26w	SY5MA	21052/1210/Oct	25e
DM2CPE	14040/1840/Oct	26w	OH3IM	14046/1540/Oct	25w	UC2WAL	14043/1330/Oct	26e
DM4YEL	21057/1610/Oct	27m	OK2FJ	14036/1740/Oct	25w	UC2WJ	14023/1250/Oct	25e
DA2FM	21063/1535/Oct	26m	OK1MIN	21112/1545/Oct	26m	UK1ZAI	14051/1455/Oct	24w
EA2IE	21024/1615/Nov	1w	ON5KD	21029/1630/Nov	1w	UK6AAI	14045/1455/Oct	24w
EA5BS	21030/1640/Nov	1w	ON6BG	21037/1340/Oct	26m	UR2TAX	14044/1450/Oct	24w
EI9CH	14045/2010/Oct	24m	ON6UR	21071/1600/Oct	27m	YU2CAW	21119/1600/Oct	26m
G3SR	21019/1710/Nov	1w	ON8HF	21035/1730/Oct	24w	YU1RPQ	14036/1720/Oct	25w
HA8BBE	14040/1735/Oct	26w	OZ7ON	14033/1500/Oct	23w	YU7BWJ	14033/1735/Oct	23w
HA2MU	14040/1640/Oct	25w	PAØZF	21017/1600/Nov	1w			

ELSEWHERE...CW

FO8BG	21094/2250/Oct	26e	OX3MP	14023/1250/Oct	25e	WH6IEG	21128/1640/Oct	26m
FP8BR	14071/2050/Oct	24e	PZ1AP	14010/0120/Oct	26e	XQ3AL	14039/0055/Oct	25e
FP8FU	14050/2225/Oct	23m	VP2MD	21028/1240/Oct	29e	YN1RSA	21054/1350/Oct	26m
LU1ZR	14015/0210/Oct	26e	VP2MDX	21015/1545/Oct	26m			

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CM2QN	7004/1205/Oct	25e	KL7FA	7018/0220/Oct	23m	UP2NV	7010/0615/Oct	26m
CT1FV	7098/0030/Oct	20m	KX6LA	7004/1200/Oct	25e	UT5AA	7004/1500/Oct	30w#
GM3JDR	7001/0425/Oct	26m	LA2B	7008/0625/Oct	26m	VK4QL	7012/1115/Oct	26e
HA5JI	7004/0435/Oct	23kv	LU1XAF	7005/0445/Oct	23kv	VP2MDX	7028/0300/Oct	23m
HBØAIC	7098/0030/Oct	20m	LZ1KRI	7002/0440/Oct	23kv	XV5AC	7005/1500/Oct	29w
HI8CNT	7050/1145/Oct	25m	UK5UAA	7002/1440/Oct	30w#	ZD3Z	7002/0420/Oct	26m
HK5BIR	7012/1150/Oct	29e	UK4HCA	7009/0440/Oct	23kv	ZM4NH	7030/1145/Oct	26e
IØRDJ	7098/0030/Oct	20m	UP2MAS	7009/0230/Oct	22m	3A2EE	7074/0720/Oct	28e
CT1MK	3778/0610/Oct	26w	ON4TW	3795/0535/Oct	26w	ZD3Z	3797/0625/Oct	24e
IØAMU	3795/0545/Oct	26m	VP2MQB	3790/0305/Oct	24e	ZF1AK	3797/0240/Oct	23w
KX6DU	3777/0750/Oct	26m	VP2MDX	3503/0320/Oct	25e	4C9AA	3805/0740/Oct	28w
KZ5PW	3798/0615/Oct	31w	YU3EU	3501/0325/Oct	25e			

QSLs/CALLS Etc... That 4C9 on during the contest should be Mexico from the callsign allocations. The 9Z2 etc calls are from Trinidad. 9Z4GS will be on during the CW portion of the CQ WW Test. There is a WH6 listed, no special call, and we figure that everyone knows what that one might be.

FGØAFA/TS7 QSLs to John Irwin, 578 Morris Ave. No. A-6, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208. Many got the K6SE info but apparently missed his present QTH. ZD3Z goes to OH2NB. ZF1GW/VP7 to WB4NXX. PJ9GIW to K4BAL. 4W1BC to G3SUW. KA1BL to KØSVW. VP2MYA to W5MYA. VP2VAN to K2FJ. TY1UW to EF3ZU. VP2MDX to W4PRO.

CALENDAR

LORD HOWE VK4AK/Lord Howe should be on this week
 PHOENIX ISLANDS VR1PC in mid-November
 LAOS The W6 Group and some Friends scheduled for Laos this week
 SEANET At the Marco Polo Hotel in Singapore....November 9/11th..Annual Meeting
 OK DX Test November 10/11th...both CW and Phone
 VS6-ACTIVITY All the VS6s you need....November 17/18th....all bands/all modes.
 CQ WW TEST CW go-round. November 24/25th.
 ARKANSAS DX MEET Ft. Smith, Ark-December 8th. The meeting moved to TRADE WINDS HOTEL.

JUAN FERNANDEZ K6QHS made 1500 QSOs from CEØZ plus another 600 from CE3 while waiting for transportation. San worked all bands except 80mts because of some problems with limitations in the rigs. He reports the band edge for Chile is 3750kc and he would have been able to work up a kc or so. Thas and no more....
 QSLs should go into the mails in mid-November. The trip did run up a bit of a bill, around \$1900.00 at the last count and a special effort is being made to get an early mailing on those where there was some support. San was only able to stay two days on the island, weather being a bit of a problem. Before being able to get to CEØZ, he was stuck for six days in Santiago. About 150 contacts were made on 40mtrs from CEØZ.

After a bit of a rest, K5QHS will be heading for some place in the Caribbean area for a bit more operating. Places he has been considering include VP2D/VP2A and VP2K. If you should have any special interests in the Carib country, drop him a line. All the mail goes to Sanford Hutson, Box 218, Broken Bow, Okla. 74728.

CLIPPERTON Somewhere back in the wistful years while we wait for an FO8C-Clipperton operation to surface, there has been some review of the overall situation and some of the past history of the island.

At one time the island was claimed by both France and Mexico. Mexico at one time had a small colony on the island, this group being forgotten when some other problems developed about a half century ago. Anyhow, the dispute between Mexico and France over the island was adjudicated by a special tribunal and the King of Italy awarded the island to France.

However, it might be that things are not exactly quiet on the matter of title to the island. In the past there has been indicators that France did not wish to have any Mexican Vessels transporting any possible parties to the island. Now there is another word that Mexico is still not satisfied with the decision made about sixty years back and has been putting some diplomatic pressure on France in the matter. France, it is reported, does not wish to draw any attention to the island and wants everyone, including any daring amateurs, to keep clear. There is more to the question than a superficial approach would indicate but someday....maybe not soon, but someday, Clipperton will rise..

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ARRL ARRL financial position was good through the third quarter of 1972, things being roughly comparable to last year. Actually, with some heavy 'one-time' expenses, such as the \$8000.00 advanced to AMSAT, the CB matter before the FCC and the fight over encroachment into the 220mc band, things may be a bit better.

A competition for a design for QSL cards for the 200th anniversary of the USA brought a winner, the design including a replica of the emblem of the Bi-Centennial Commission. When the ARRL inquired about approval for the use of the design, it was like there was a burglar in the house after the family jewels. It may be some months yet...

The FCC thinking of some special prefixes for the 1976 celebration. Possible use of the AA-AL segment of prefixes.....or an incorporation of "76" into the call, this latter being considered a bit too lengthy. If you have some scintillating ideas, send them to Prose Walker.

The plenipotentiary conference of the ITU just completed its work in Torremolinos, Spain, and has set 1979 rather firmly as the year for the World Administrative Radio Conference on general matters. As Lord Baden-Powell would say: "Be Prepared!!".

TNX to W1AM, WA2BCK, W2FPM, W2OVC, K3ZOL, W4BAA, W4EH, W4HU, W4GTS, W4KA, WB4SIJ, WB4PTU, W4TUC, W4UF; W5AK; WA5EMH, K5FKD, K5QHS W5UBW, W6APW, K6AQV, WA6BJS, W6DLN, W6FOZ, K6JB, W6KPC, W6OL, W6PT, W6TSQ, W6TTS, I6WR, K7NHG, W7YR, W8BQV, K8RWL, W8IBX, W9DDL, WA9JDT, WØJRN, KL7HSA, KH6GLU, KV4AM, G5BAU, FGØAFA/FS7, JA3RTU.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, thirsting after knowledge. "This sunspot business", he said. "Explain it more to me". Knowing that there is always an advantage in talking to an expert, we hauled him to a local tower of knowledge and tossed this one the question. This worthy pursed his lips, gazed at the distant horizon and then procleaimed: "I lean more towards the corona structure theory", he declaimed. As Ludendorff long ago explained, $e = d_1/d_2 - 1$. Where d_1 and d_2 are the average equatorial and polar diameters of the isophote, you measure not only the polar and equatorial axes but at angles of $22\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ to each side, the three determinations for each axis then being averaged. As the solar cycle moves from maximum to minimum, the value of 'e' becomes larger". The QRPper thought all this over for a bit. "You mean the corona becomes flatter?", he asked and the enlightened one was aesthetic. "Exactly", he exclaimed and looked to us for approbation. Son of a Gun, what could we say? We hadn't gotten beyond d_1 . But for \$9.00 a year you may get a bit further down the garden path of DX...\$10.50 brings it airmail...and we may stick with sunspots.

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