

WEST COAST

DX Bulletin

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PALMYRA ETC The TONGAREVA Group which last year activated ZK1TA in the Manihikis will be aiming for another Pacific operation this summer. The group whose mainstays are W6KNC, K6GUY, W6GQU and others are planning an all-band both c.w. and phone, from Palmyra-KP6; Kingman-K?6; Jarvis-KP6 and Fanning-VR3. Their target period is this July and among the calls which will be used will be KP6MD and VR3AC. More details will be surfacing on this one.

COCOS There are plans developing for about a week of operation during the CQ WPX Test the last weekend in March. Plans call for about a week of operation. Some special calls may be used for the WPX Test.

PAKISTAN AP2AD has been on rather regularly in the last couple of weeks. Sometimes when band conditions are good Ahmed comes in with a good, strong signal. Last week he was just about three to five kcs above 14300kc and says that he will be on most days, including weekends, from just after 1400Z.

BAJO NUEVO SM2AGD who hopes for some Western Caribbean in the next month or so was at San Andres Island a week back and Francisco, HKØBKX, was trying to help him get some licenses lined up. Last week SM2AGD had gone to the mainland and was hoping for permission to operate. Apparently the transportation has been lined up and the operations may look at Bana Nuevo and Serrana Bank.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA TR8SS, Ziggi, says that he has had no news on his application for a 3C-Equatorial Guinea license, and he is still patiently waiting, figuring that it will take time. Ziggi says that those thirsting for 3C-Guinea will have to practice patience....that's what he's doing.

CROZET and The FRENCH ISLANDS FB8WB has been joining 5U7AZ and TU2DF around 14125kc from about 1600Z and hanging in there for about an hour. Apparently the signal is not coming through with any great strength as East Coast Stations can hear him being worked by Africans but cannot hear him themselves.

FR7AX has been down in the twenty c.w. area last week...being found around 14010kc from 1800Z. This one QSLs to Box 109, LePort 97420, Reunion Island. FR7ZW has been in the same area, about ten days back was at 14008kc from 1700Z.

FR7ZL, Guy, is back on Tromelin for another tour of duty. Has been heard at a number of spots between 14100kc and 14200kc....after 1600Z.

FB8ZB has been heard from New Amsterdam during the last month....somewhere above the 14100kc country from 1530Z...was at 14121kc and 14142kc during February.

FCC There was a story surfacing last week that the FCC will raise the fee from \$9.00 to \$10.00 on May 1st for amateur licenses, renewal or modification.

MALI A station signing TZ2A was being heard last week on the East Coast. Apparently only Europeans were being worked and one report was that the station was running traffic into Switzerland. Another report said that the station was exclusively working PAØ....another said it was HB9s..

Was heard at 14013kc/2140Z on February 24th....one report said his handle was Lucien and his home call was HB9TZ.

BAJA NUEVO/SERRANA BANK...SM2AGD departing S. Andres Mar 5th...Operate from Baja Nuevo Mar 8-12...Serrana Mar 14-16
Call will be either HKØAA or HKØAB

CALENDAR

PALMYRA

The Tongareva Group thinking of a multitude of Pacific action this Summer. Looking at KP6-Palmyra...K?-Kingman...

KJ6--Jarvis and VR3-Fanning. Plans still loose

WB2EXK and W0YVA looking at Kingman/Palmyra this summer also.

OGASAWARA

Two groups...JD1ACH and JD1YAH there for the CQ WPX TEST

COCOS

TI2CF and TI2BY aiming for TI9=Cocos in WPX Test.

BANGLADESK

OK3HM there in Dacca until this Sunday....March 10th.

PEOPLES REPUBLIC CHINA

W1GEY hoping for permission to operate April 19-21st..confident!

TURKS and CAICOS

VP5AL there for the ARRL CW Weekend...another possible for CQ...

McQuarie

VK0DM should be on this week...

AFRICA

W7LFA from 5Z4/ET3/CR7/BS/9U5/9X5 and 5X5 in March...

BAJA NUEVO

SM2AGD looking to line up licenses to operate in March.

CLIPPERTON

Possible....this Fall. Do your DX Dance!!

SIKKIM

Clyde, W6KNH, and Venkat, VU2KV, will go this Spring if things break right and travel is possible.

SLIM. YOUR MAGIC SPELL IS EVERYWHERE Slim was back on Bishop Rock off San Diego last

month. Was at 14036kc/2035kc on February 23rd and signing 3L1C. Said to QSL to W1RAN. Previously he has signed a 7B-prefix which belongs to Indonesia...the 3L1 belonging to the People Republic of China. Earlier last month while W6KNH was out of the country he was saying to QSL to Clyde. Clyde says its Ding Dong Slim from the Funny Farm and he does not have either the logs or the QSLs or any hope for either. XY6AA was on 14195kc/1555Z around February 21st. Said he was on Antorra Island and to QSL to G3ZSS. Beam heading from the East Coast was towards Europe...there was a horrendous pile-up on this one. There will be a long wait most likely for QSLs.

If you hear Slim....work him first and worry later. Just don't get too earnest in your expectations for a QSL. In our book the best one Slim pulled was when he arranged with a WA5 to act as QSL Manager, sent him logs and printed QSLs. If we recall aright it was IZ4NG. WA5UHR tried hard to supply a very cheap QSL service and found it would not break even at the prices he set. Scott was last in the Navy and perhaps will be heard again one of these days. He sure was a determined QSLer...much better than any Slim...

This week it finally happened and the whole production staff is sliding downhill with some virus misery as this page nears an end. If there is a Red Eyed Louie, you will know we survived the night. If there is no Red Eyed, we are miserable somewhere. We have Red Eyed ready to go on the stencils but at this point it is work five minutes and rest ten.. Have patience and if we surface on some brighter day in the warm Spring ahead, you will know that we are back.....ready to kick a hole in a door....

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ARRL The February CQ Magazine has an editorial of the possible changes in the amateur license structure. ARRL Headquarters comes right back to note that this information was sent out last October.....to Directors, Vice-Directors and Officers only. This information was a part of the speech by Prose Walker of the FCC at the SAROC in January. The February CQ gives a lot of the possibilities in detail and it might be informative to review it.

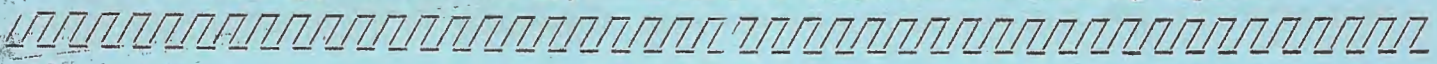
The ARRL states that this subject is expected to surface as a Notice of Inquiry rather than a Proposed Rule making. A number of sources have pointed to March as the month when all of this will burst forth upon us.

Check Page 5 of the February CQ...the article by K2GMA does have a lot of the possibilities outlined.

ARRL also notes that a professional pollster queried 600 amateurs selected at random from the Call Book on what magazine they read. 56.7% read QST..10.2% CQ..8.9% Ham Radio and 6.6% Ham Radio.

WINX to W1AM, W1DK, K2BT, W2FPM, K2GBC, W2OVC, K3TUP, K4CFB, W4EH, K4FCT, K4FRY, W4KA, W4NJF, W4FPV, W4TUC, W4UF, WA5EMH, W5UBW, K6AQV, WDX6GXV, K6KA, W6KNC, W6PT, W6TISQ, W6TTS, K6WR, WB6BJS, W6TZD, K7NHG, W8BQV, W8OA, W8ZOK, K9WEH, KV4AM, HS4AGN, VK3JW.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. A couple of the local QRPers dropped in out of the storm last week and sat and talked about a number of things. Mostly they were talking about one of the other QRPers who had had an accident in his shack. "You know how Charlie is", they said. "Every evening after supper he sits in his shack with this big highball and a cigar and he's set for the whole evening". Well we knew about Charlie and his unbroken record of qualifying for the Rag Chewers Club every evening on seventy-five. "But what happened?", we asked and the QRPers looked extremely mournful. "Well, he had a scrap with his XYL and she filled his bourbon bottle with flaming brandy. When Charlie settled back with his highball and then tried to light his cigar, he was the next best thing to a flame-thrower. Burnt all of the paint and knobs off the face of his rig". At this point the QRPers lost their mournful look and rolled on the shack floor, convulsed with hilarity. Son of a Gun! What could we say? We knew that Charlie didn't even have a fire extinguisher in the shack. \$10.50 brings a full year of safety hazards by First Class Mail.....\$12.00 races it in by airmail. As Lord Baden-Powell, the Hero of Mafeking, would often say: "Beware of those hot and burning lips..."



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