

WEST COAST

DX

Bulletin

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April 9, 1974 15-74

SOUTH SHETLANDS LU1ZC did not show as hoped, the word coming through that the vessel had not left the Argentine Islands by April 4th because of storm conditions in the area.

The efforts are still on, according to information relayed by K2KGB, and the vessel will be enroute to Deception Island in the South Shetlands as soon as weather conditions permit. Thus LU1ZC can appear from this spot anytime if it has not already been heard by the time you get this bulletin.

The South Orkneys is also scheduled to be a stop and Peter Fitzgerald, VP8MS, should show from there around April 20th for three or four days of operating. This operation and its opening date will, like a good many other things, be dependent on a number of things besides the weather as the trip is being done in connection with research by the British Antarctic Survey.

Beyond the South Orkneys, look for action from South Georgia around April 27th. This may go for a number of days...three or four but possibly more information will be available by then.

COCOS The activity during the WPX did not materialize. No definite word on this one but a TI2 station is reported as advising that the activity is still possible and may surface sometime in the first part of April.

BI-CENTENNIAL CALLS The FCC is working on something though they have not come up with anything definite as yet. WA6MWG and W6OET sent in a suggestion some weeks back and Charles Higginbotham, signing for Prose Walker, advised that the FCC is giving the matter considerable thought and that they intend to adopt some kind of system for use by amateur stations in 1976.

The FCC seeks some system which will provide for all existing prefixes; be entirely voluntary and must involve no paper work at the FCC headquarters. All of this and the plan must comply with international radio regulations.

It is felt that such a system can be worked out and there will be no need for the FCC to assign any RM number to any requests. They hope to announce the system at the appropriate date and in sufficient time so that everyone can become familiar with the whole thing.

If you have any scintillating ideas, drop old Prose a note. After all, he's an amateur himself and possibly might wish to hear from his friends.

TARAWA VR1AR being heard recently is a slow QSO operator. One report says that the station was on the air March 12th sending at about 5wpm. Those who raise him found that he could copy about 2 wpm. Gave his location as Tarawa there in the Gilberts. One thing for sure, he probably will have ample opportunity to develop his code speed.

While many burst onto the scene...DX that is...with a bit of skill and knowledge, the absolute difficulty that one faces in a remote area of trying to learn some necessary skills in amateur radio so that they can communicate may easily be overlooked. The speed may sound slow but the effort must be fearsome.

REPORT FROM SUNSPOT LOUIE The single spot which was on last weeks chart disappeared to the back side of the Sun on March 30th and nothing new in the way of significant sunspots has appeared since that time. WWV last week was running N-6 though even this signal from WWV was difficult to copy at times. For some days prior to the date of this observation the forecasts had been for Unsettled or Disturbed conditions.

For this January the average sunspots observed were 29.3. The best days were January 14th when there were 74 sunspots and January 15th when there were 77. During the period from January 12th to 19th the count was above 60 for most of that period. The March CQ had an article on forecasts which would discourage many whose fortitude might be weak.



1330Z
2 Apr 74
W3ZOK

QSL Information There were a number of e-otic calls during the WPX Test and sometimes these are the hardest to track down. Anyone who thirsts for a variant in a WPX, might check the following.

CQ6LF to W3HNK	VP1MPW to WB8LJY	WS6MVM to W6VIO
CV2T CX2CS	VP2EEA W4GSM	WS7MVM K7NWS
EL D WA5ZWC	VP2EEC K2FJ	WQ0KSU W0QQQ
FY7AQ WB4VUP	VP2GNE W4YHB	XW8BP JH1ARJ
FY7AM WB4VUP	VP2GGG1 W5MYA	ZD7FT VE1AIO
JD1AJD JA1KSO	VP5WW WB4EYX	3D2GK K7DVK
JD1ACH JA3GZN	VP5OW W4ORT	5Z4OW G3DGW
KK2RPI WA2EAH	VP7DT K4VMA	5W1AU W6KNH
PJ9JR W3ZKH	VR1PD W6LUV	3D6AC W2LGU
TU4AH F2QQ	VA6WDX VE6LB	7P8AY K3TUP
TU2EN F6CEE	WB4BUQ/8R1 WA6MWG	ZB2CY G4BVL
TU2EM F6AHH	WF8HOF W8OYV	

CT3AF BX 358 Funchal
XT2AL B.P 7, Gaoua
XT2AP B.P 112, Bobo Boulasso

SPORTLY NOTED W1AM, who handles the QSLs for XT2AG, sent his daughter to Upper Volta to pick up the logs. How about that? The 17 year old also visited her brother who has been in Ouagadougou for a number of years. W1YRC has received XU1AA logs recently covering the periods: 30 Sep 71 to 31 Oct 71; 1 Jan 72 to 16 July 72; 17 Dec 73 to 25 June 73; 21 Sept 73 to 20 Oct 73 and 1 December 73 to the present time. If your QSO matches these dates, send card and sage to W1YRC.

The Renasslar Polytechnic Institute Radio Club in Albany, New York, will put KK2RPI on the air in April and May to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Institute. Look for them 5kc inside the lower edge of the General Class Bands. QSL w/SASE to WA2EAH. WB2AQC and WA2BAV leave on April 17th for a five week trip to Eastern Europe, going to Yugoslavia/Romania/Bulgaria/Greece/Hungary and Turkey. They expect to be active from all these countries...QSL to their home QTH.

W20VC continues to see some hopeful signs in his million dollar antenna civil suit. Last week we mentioned the Harmonic Hills Radio League which is handling the funds for the legal costs...the address of the club is: Box 73, Katonah, New York 10536. Jackie, 3B6CF, on Agalega is waiting for a relay for his rig so he can get back on the air. Carl, VQ9R has the relay but needs a boat heading that way to get delivery. Some of the variants in the WPX Test included CF3AS, CF2UN, 4M3AJ, 4M3AJ, TI1WD, VX2AS, PS7NS, CV2T, 9Z4T, PS4KL, IzIVVZ, XX7SM, PS6AM, YY5MM.

W1GEY is reported to have received a letter from the FCC advising that any BY-operation would be improper...China never having signed the ITU Treaty. Some indicators that the ARRL might accept it. W1GEY says he still is going...and may operate if possible.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

And the tear that we shed, though in secret it rolls,
Shall long keep DXs memory green in our souls.

AFRICA...CW

CN8CC	14059/1200/Mar	28e	XT2AQ	14030/1510/Apr	2w	9J2XZ	14026/1845/Mar	29e
CR6JO	21050/1900/Mar	25e	3B8DA	14029/1645/Mar	31e			
TR8PB	14051/2320/Mar	30w	5Z4JX	14007/2020/Mar	29m			

ASIA...CW

HS4AGN	14033/1450/Mar	28m	UK6DAD	14002/1455/Mar	26w	VU7GV	14029/1640/Mar	31e
KA8NE	14030/2300/Mar	29w	UK7PAS	14023/1515/Mar	26w	XW8BP	14002/1440/Mar	28m
UA0FCB	14046/0345/Mar	28m	UK8MAA	14020/1255/Mar	27e	9V10P	14027/1530/Mar	29w
UJ8AK	14042/1510/Mar	27m	VU2GW	14023/1525/Mar	26w	9V1RF	14041/1350/Mar	26m

EUROPE...CW

DA2UV	14025/1125/Apr	2e	GD3HQR	14058/1240/Mar	31e	UB5RAB	14040/1905/Apr	2w
DK7DR	14005/1125/Apr	2e	GD4AM	14024/2150/Mar	31e	UK2WAF	14043/1430/Mar	30w
EI9BC	14025/1805/Mar	30e	HB9AJX	14003/1120/Apr	2e	UK3B	14036/1420/Mar	30w
F5UZ	14030/1120/Apr	2e	IS0FPH	14025/2145/Mar	31e	UR2QA	14028/1155/Mar	27e
FC8TT	14024/1840/Mar	29e	OE3FS	14035/1240/Mar	31e	YU3TCQ	14030/1120/Apr	2e
G3NKQ	14033/1120/Apr	2e	SP2KAC	14035/1425/Mar	26e			

ELSEWHERE...CW

CO2EM	14050/1250/Apr	1e	LW7DDV	14040/0115/Mar	31w	VP8KF	14026/1140/Mar	31e
FG7AH	14025/2335/Mar	26e	PJ2NR	14040/2330/Mar	31w	VP9BK	14030/0155/Apr	4w
FK8BV	14015/1230/Mar	27e	PJ2JW	21010/1800/Mar	30e	WS6MVM	14023/2230/Mar	28e
FO8BV	14065/0615/Mar	23e	VP2EEA	14006/1325/Apr	2w	WS7MVM	14030/2125/Apr	3w
FY7AM	14016/2130/Mar	27w	VP5CW	14030/1900/Apr	1w	ZF1RD	14026/2340/Mar	26e
HI8CNT	14027/2340/Mar	31m	VP5WW	14030/1515/Apr	1w			

AFRICA...SSB

CR6OR	14205/1930/Mar	26w	VE6/SU	14265/2100/Mar	29e	ZD9GD	14210/1702/Mar	27e
CR6GA	14226/1920/Mar	29w	TU2EN	14210/2215/Mar	27e	ZS3TF	14206/1845/Mar	27e
CR6EM	14201/2030/Mar	29e	TU2DP	14208/2345/Mar	24e	3D6AC	21298/1615/Mar	28m
CR6TP	14320/2200/Mar	28e	ST2SA	14333/2130/Mar	28e	5Z40W	14222/1900/Mar	28e
CT3AF	14211/2115/Mar	28e	VQ9R	14233/1935/Mar	29e	5Z400	14235/2055/Mar	25e
CT3AB	14220/2150/Mar	29e	XT2AG	14265/2100/Mar	29e	5Z40Q	14208/2045/Mar	28m
EL2DG	14208/1845/Mar	29e	XT2AL	14241/2240/Mar	28e	7X2BK	14232/2340/Mar	28e
EL2DZ	14202/2315/Mar	27e	XT2AP	14241/2245/Mar	28e	9G1GG	14332/2210/Mar	28e
EL4D	14206/2355/Mar	27e	ZD7FT	21296/2025/Mar	27e	9G1DY	28600/1500/Mar	24e
ET3USE	14205/1850/Apr	1e	ZD7FT	28590/1515/Mar	24e			

ASIA...SSB

EP2GG	14309/1110/Mar	28e	UK8SAB	14212/1400/Mar	29e	8Q6AC	14213/1940/Apr	1e
JD1ACH	14213/0320/Apr	1w	XV5AC	14222/1430/Mar	29e	9M2DQ	14225/2330/Mar	27w
JH3/JD1	14226/0305/Apr	1w	XW8FN	14223/1400/Apr	2e			
UJ8JGJ	14203/1320/Mar	29e	UK9AAA	14203/1255/Mar	29e			

EUROPE...SSB

CT2AK	14216/1950/Mar	26w	ON4WW	14225/1340/Mar	24e	UT5RT	14216/1840/Mar	25e
EA6BH	14203/2125/Mar	28m	SV1DT	14230/2105/Mar	25e	UV3CE	14214/1245/Apr	2e
GI3JIM	14227/2010/Mar	27m	SV1BV	14334/2020/Mar	27e	YU1ANO	14201/1430/Mar	26e
HA3LF	14205/1905/Mar	29m	SL6BH	14236/2015/Mar	27e	ZB2CY	14206/2115/Mar	28e
IS0SHU	14205/2110/Mar	25e	SP9VU	14211/1945/Mar	27m	4U1ITU	14224/1640/Mar	27e
OH8SW	14210/1930/Mar	29m	UA9BE	14214/1340/Apr	2e			

MORE RED EYED STUFF...

ELSEWHERE'S...SSB

HC8RF	14248/1515/Mar	26w	TI2WD	21268/1355/Mar	24e	VP8ML	14210/0155/Mar	28w
HKØBKX	14217/0050/Mar	27e	VK6LK	14279/1250/Apr	1e	VK6APA	14246/1720/Mar	27e
HKØBKX	21300/1820/Apr	1e	VK6WC	14279/1250/Apr	1e	XP1AA	14251/1310/Mar	25e
HI8XHJ	14241/0100/Mar	27e	VK7GL	14208/1300/Apr	2e	ZF1JA	14210/1230/Apr	1e
HR6SWA	14218/2140/Mar	27e	VP1MPW	14210/1550/Apr	1e	ZF1ES	21355/1750/Mar	27w
FY7AM	14203/0105/Mar	27e	VP2GNE	14255/2320/Mar	27e	ZP5HZ	14264/0115/Mar	27e
FY7AQ	14204/2300/Mar	26w	VP2VBH	14206/2200/Mar	26w	ZP5LZ	21315/2130/Mar	23e
KG4FX	21360/1600/Mar	25w	VP2EEC	14202/2230/Apr	1w	5W1AU	14265/0615/Mar	23e
PJ2CW	14201/2045/Mar	28e	VP5MI	21299/1550/Mar	25m	9M8NK	14192/1720/Mar	27e
PJ9JR	14220/2200/Mar	27w	VP5WW	14208/1355/Apr	1e	9Y4NL	14206/0000/Mar	28e
TG8UN	21358/0000/Mar	27e	VP7BC	14207/2030/Mar	29w			

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

FK8KAA	7028/1125/Mar	28e	VP2EEC	7175/0210/Apr	6w	VK2WC	7095/1045/Mar	26e
HC2WH	7233/0255/Mar	28e	VP7DF	7258/0335/Apr	2w	WS7MVM	7030/1340/Mar	29w
VP2EEA	7006/1145/Apr	1e	VK2AHK	7024/1130/Mar	27e	ZF1RD	7029/1200/Mar	27e
CP1MK	3809/0655/Mar	25e	KS6DH	3783/1055/Mar	30e	XV5AC	3794/1320/Mar	29w
DU1XKE	3794/1345/Mar	27w	KV4FZ	3807/1020/Apr	1w	YS1AG	3789/0525/Apr	3w
DU6AJ	3794/1345/Mar	27w	KZ5BW	3801/0530/Apr	2w	ZL2BT	3797/0655/Mar	25e
HC8GI	3796/0250/Mar	25e	LZ1KSA	3798/0210/Mar	25e	ZS6DW	3780/0330/Often	
JD1AJD	3556/1410/Apr	1w	UAØFGM	3617/1410/Apr	2w	8R1AD	3798/0320/Mar	28e
W6/KB6	3802/0935/Apr	1w	VP2EEC	3789/0600/Apr	1w	9M2DQ	3807/1400/Mar	29w
WA4/KG6	3806/1400/Mar	30w	VR1PD	3801/0935/Apr	1w	9Y4EH	3796/0220/Mar	26e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kv = virgin islands etc)
 (all times in gmt # = longpath ??? = Slim on CrayIsland.....again!)

W6NJUs QSL MANAGERS DIRECTORY After a lapse of a year the QSL Managers Directory was again published by the DX PUBLICATIONS, the first of the new series showing late in March as had been anticipated.

The typography is much cleaner than the previous directory and getting it back into circulation represents a major effort by W6NJU. There has been much updating of the QSL information since the last appearance under the late W6GSV.

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CAMPBELL ISLAND In addition to ZL4NJ on Campbell, ZM4FY has been reported, this being Maurice who is scheduled to be on the island for the next six months on his assignment there at the weather station. This one has been reported in the 14200kc country from 0600Z.

ZL4NH is handling the QSLs for ZL7KK who was on Chatham about a year ago. ZL4NJ/A who shows up often on 80/40/20mtrs goes to ZL3IT. Indicators are that his main action may be on forty....around the 7080kc area around 0700Z.

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CALENDAR

SOUTH SHETLANDS ETC.	LU1ZC possible from the South Shetlands any time..if not already. South Orkneys and South Georgia later in April.
Mt. ATHOS	Still looking possible for late May...
EUSTATIUS	PJ8DX from April 8th by K2FJ.
CHINA	W1GEY reported as still looking for BY-Action..April 19th
JERSEY ACTIVITY	Jersey Activity Day...May 4/5th
IRAQ	Some looking at this one...and think they can do it but only hope at this point.
BERMUDA TEST	April 20/21st...phone section.
PACC DX TEST	April 27/28th
HELVETIA 22	April 27/28th
DAYTONA HAMVENTION	April 27/28th
FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX	The Big DX Meeting....at the Fresno Hilton April 27/28th.

THE INDIAN OCEAN SCENE Often the availability of DX depends on a number of factors and one is the political scene and who may be on first...

Some of the following undoubtedly will affect some of your DXing and in this case DXing may be only a side-show on the overall scene.

The U.S. is moving to expand its base on Diego Garcia while the new Labor government is reviewing the agreement signed last February by the Conservative government then in power. The U.S. Navy is asking Congress for twenty million to develop the base. The plans are to lengthen the airstrip, deepen the lagoon for anchorages and to install fuel storage. In Bahrain the facility the Navy has there will have its contract and in October 1974. The ruling sheikh cancelled the lease back in October when everyone was out of sorts and the late word is now he wants the U.S. to stick around.

Russia has been building bases with reports that anchorages have been buoyed in other parts of the Chagos, a communication station for fleet support built at the Somali port of Berbera and a new airfield being built at Mogadiscio. At Umm Qasr, in Iraq, access to the Soviet Navy has been provided as well as at Aden in Yemen and at Chittagong in Bangladesh. At Mauritius the Soviet has obtained fueling rights.

Last October the Carrier HANCOCK was sent into the Indian Ocean, this being followed by the ORISKANY and later the BAINBRIDGE, a nuclear-powered frigate was sent into the area. The KITTY HAWK is expect to relieve the BAINBRIDGE.

The U.S. Navy would like a base on the coast of Pakistan but this does not appear politically possible because of objections of India.

The U.S. has not been exactly cozy with India since the campaign against East Pakistan. Recent reports are that India is facing serious problems with food supplies and is asking about renewed U.S. aid. In the last week there have been heavy purchases of grains by India in the futures market. Some say Russia is trying to encircle China.

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