

SENEGAL Some operators from the University of Wisconsin are in Senegal and will be there until this October. Operators include K9KGA, WB9EGZ and WB9FRG and they are operating /6W8. When conditions are favorable they will try low-band activity, this mostly being when the can have a shot at the states when the signals are above the level of the rain QRN.

WB9FRG has been heard in the 14220kc area from 0200Z while K9KGA has been found at 14225kc from 2230Z.

TOKELAUS WB6CZB, Jim Henderson, will be leaving in early August for American Samoa with plans to move onto Western Samoa by the middle of the month. From here Jim is planning to go to ZM7-Tokelaus and opera e for a couple of months if he can get all the necessary logistics handled and he figures that they will not be difficult. There is only one boat running up to the Tokelaus every three months or so and once he arrives in the ZM7-land he will have to wait for the next one around. There is a possibility that an extra run may be made this Fall which might cut the stay there about in half.

Landing permission is somewhat dependent on the approval of the village elder on the island from which he plans to operate and Jim expects to get this all lined up when he arrives in Western Samoa. Whatever does happen, he figures that most of the demand for ZM7-Tokelaus will be dried up by the time he leaves the island. That is, it will be dried up for a couple of years. A student at New Mexico State, Jim was out that way a couple of years back when he operated 5W1 and A35 for several weeks. He will be out of school for a semester or so, his plans also including the possibility of a stop-over at FW8-Wallis for some operations.

The last sustained activity from the Tokelaus came from ZM7AG, Jim Sheedy, who was on the group there back in 1971 and supplied a large number of QSOs to satisfy some of the demand. More will be surfacing on WB6CZB's plans before long.

KINGMAN WB600L arrived back home the early part of last week, being greeted by a contingent from the Northern California DX Club who were happy to greet one of their own returning from a successful operation. The group sailed from Kingman to Johnson, arriving there early Saturday and then flew via Air Micronesia to Honolulu. K6AHV stayed in the islands to vacation while WoOAT and WB9UCE/6 returned the day after Pete, WB600L.

Generally the comment on the operations is highly laudatory and just about everyone who was around over the week-end managed to work Kingman Reef....this finding the East Coast managing to get the new one without any great difficulty. Comments run from a modest "Impeccable" to an increasingly enthusiastic "exemplary" and "outstanding".

WB600L was at the Northern California DX Club meeting last Friday night to gave a recounting of some of the highlights of the trip. The August meeting will have the full crew on hand with movies, slides and four-handed "Tales of the Line Islands". Son of a Gun....what more could the deserving DXers want?

SUNSPOT LOUIE Last week there was a decided drop in propagation conditions and especially so since the end of the Kingman effort. The band conditions were exceptionally good during that period and the very good sunspot activity reached its peak on July 3rd, the last day of the KP6KR operation. WWV had forecasted N-6 for the previous two days but beginning on July 4th and all through the following week the forecasts were marked by 'U' and 'W' forecasts with a W-2 being issued on July 6th. Band conditions were poon. On July 9th the last of the sunspots which had caused these conditions finally rotated to the back of the sun and one new spot, this about 15,000 miles in diameter, made its appearance. It will take more than this one to make the band come consistently to life. As of the weakend WWV was giving N-6 reports. The area of heavy activity was responsible for 11 solar flares before it turned the corner. The activity brought aurora activity and the northern lights were very bright on several nights last week.

SHORTLY NOTED There is a recent arrival in the XZ-area who says that he has some gear but cannot figure how to get it on the air. This one needs a tech manual...."Aircraft Accessory. T4/FRC" W9KNI is looking for the manual so he can forward it to the fellow with the war surplus gear in Burma. He would appreciate any help or information on this manual.

Some in the Far Pacific have written to the PT&T there in Rangoon inquiring about a possible okay for a bit of vieit and QSOs. The band conditions on that frequency must be bad because the Burma PT&T never comes back to the call.

Down in the West Palm Beach area, W4BRB, one of the last of the WPB Hot Doggers had a pile of DXers on his hands over the 4th with PY1RO, ex-KH6HCM, WB4NXR/VP7, ZF1AL plus a few others to represent DXCC, Contests and just plain DX. Guess what the conversation was about?

9G1AR is back in the Potomac area for a couple of weeks. He had to bring his son back from Ghana to get some facial repairs attended to after an unfortunate accident. On that September Des Rochestrip planned by the VQ9s...it seems that it will be Ron, VQ9M, who will be going and not VQ9DM. It still looks like the first two weeks in September though they are still looking around for some power generating equipment. Over there in the Seychelles, the locals will go independent from England sometime late this year.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

I'll tune thy elegies to trumpet sounds,
And write thy QSOs in blood and wounds.....

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(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kv = virgin islands etc)
(all times in gmt/utc # = longpath ???? = Slim on Cray (or Clipperton) Island...)

A FEW MORE NOTES Those who may be headed for New York and the ARRL National this week-end should remember that the action starts at 1:00p.m. on July 19th with a DXCC and DX Quiz. Get there early or you might miss the most important part of the whole meeting.

George Bailey, W2KH, who was president of the ARRL from 1940 to 1952, has moved to the Nashville area in Tennessee where he is living with his daughter. Anyone who might wish to drop a note to a real old-timer...literally, he's 87 years old, can send it c/o Mrs. Mary Montgomery, 131 Taggart Ave, Nashville, Tenn 37205. For one who reads the RSGB Bulletin regularly, it is still surprising to find the number of technical articles with practical application. The Technical Topics by Pat Hawker, G3VA, are always good and should anyone be wanting to figure out how to find the way to Doughty Street, drop a note and we will advise.

The stack of yellow reports that was a monveent against the south wall, finally toppled over last week. We were a bit surprised to find that the base contained reports going back six years to 1968. We dumped most of the stack, also throwing away last weeks along the way. We were surprised to find what we had accumulated over the years. We may be accumulating some more gear in the coming month and this will be something that we probably will not have to point out, it will be so obvious.

On those 30 prefixes in Russia, the ones still to come should be UP30WI from Vilnius on July 13th; UC3ØGR from Grodno on July 16th. SM2DWH/S2 advised on July 7th that he was shutting down his operation, the last QSO being with W6TSQ at that time. W6TTS has been working to clean up the files at the W6 QSL Bureau before it goes to the southland in October. Initially it had been estimated that there might be 80 callsigns with six or more cards on file in the bureau but with no sase to get them moving. After a month of work, they have passed the 1800 mark with 6 or more and no sase. On October 1st the W6 QSL Bureau will go to W6LS, 2814 Empire Avenue, Burbank, Calif. 91504. W9ZNY was supposed to have permisson to operate BV2A in mid-July. Nothing has come from attempts to get more information on this one but you may find something developing. One report said that there may be some SSB operation. Low end of twenty..c.w. and phone ... and if they are on, tune to the pileup. CT2AZ has returned to the states from the Azores and probably will end up with a stateside QTH for awhile. The report is that CR5AJ will leave Sao Thome soon and will be headed for distant skies ... possibly CR8-Timor or even CR9=Macao. Slim who has operated from Cray Island for a couple of go-rounds, did not lose the chance to continue the initials when FO8CT shoed a week or so back. Said that the FO8CI was for 'Clipperton Island" but the feeling is that he was somwhere near or east of the Applachians. Those measuring the signal felt that it was coming close to home. The stateside Pandora's Net....14265/0600Z often produces DX from other areas besides the Pacific. HH2WF, for an example, was there last week.

CALENDAR

MT ATHOS SV1GA/A aiming for August 18th....Prepare!!

NAURU JA10CA August 2-6th...all bands all around the clock...

LIECHTENSTEIN DA1QC & friends from July 26-30th.

DES ROCHES VQ9-Group for two weeks in September TOKELAUS WB6CZB looking for ZM7 in September

EUROPEAN TEST DARC uprising CW second August weekend . Phone second Sept wknd.

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W9-DXCC MEET

LU Test...phone and c.w. August 10/11th.

This weekend in New York...July 19/21st &

August 3/4th at the Sheraton in Portland.

September 21st at the Itasca, Ill.Holiday Inn

ALL ASIA TEST August 24/25th..

MORE NOTES K6AHV who ran up a few from Kingman was the top single-operator in the 1973 CQ Test running up 1,635,039 points in the all-band category. BV2A has shown recently on that crystal-bound frequency. This last report gave it as 14020kc/1430Z. Sometimes the station reports put it a few kcs. higher.

W7TE is still trying to convince people that he is not the QSL Manager for ZA1AB or for VK3UV/9.

It is noted in the ARRL CD (Communications Department) Bulletin that they are giving some thought to another 'poll'. In the past such polls have gone to those who hold some CD station appointment...Official VHF Station for example....and they vote on a number of things.

Some surprising results develop at times. A few years back as a result of the poll then conducted they reduced the radius in which a membership in a club might be in order to participate in a club effort in something like the ARRL DX Test. The loud uproar brought the logical reply..."What's the matter, fellows? After all we did make a poll and this is what it shows".

Anyhow, the July CD Bulletin out of ARRI Headquarters stated: "...For some (most)".

purposes, the CD appointee is an ideal representative of the operating amateur..so
the trick is to ask the right question".

What we are leading up to is that the poll on the club membership-participation had a return of something like .5% (one-half of one percent) of the ARRI members, action was on this basis. Now they are thinking of another poll...of the CD appointees to get some input on policies for the CD (Communication Department)...and the DX Desk is part of the Communications Department. Get it?

If you did not, maybe you will. Should you want to participate in one of those CD referendums and cast your vote for love, liberty, happiness and DX, you had better write your SCM for an official appointment....Official VHF Station is a good one...

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 ARRL The ARRL announced on July 5th that Kingman Reef has been added to the ARRL DXCC Countries list. Geographically, Kingman Reef is located at the northernmost tip of the Line Islands in the Pacific Ocean. It is owned by the United States. The addition to the ARRL DXCC Countries list is made under Point 1 of the DXCC criteria by virtue of its separate administration from that of Palmyra and Jarvis Islands. Submissions of Kingman Reef confirmations for DXCC credit may be made starting October 1, 1974.

COCOS-KEELING VK9YV who went out to Cocos-Keeling a month or so back, apparently took no equipment with him, hoping to find suitable gear available there on the island.

DX watchers in the Pacific have not been especially quick in reporting this one and it is possible that there just was nothing suitable there. Inquiries to the deep Pacific on this possibility have brought little information.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1LQQ, WA1NRF, K2BT, W2CNQ, W2FPM, K2GBC, K3ZOL, W4BAA, W4BRB, W4UF, W84HQE, W4HU, W4KA, WB4SIJ, W5AK, K5FKD, K6AQV, WA6BJS, WA6FIT, W6OL, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6UFT, WB6CZB, WB6ZUC, K6WR, W7TE, W7PFZ, W8BQV, W8IBX, W8ZOK, WB9EBO, W9KNI, W9QWM, K9WEH, WØJRN, KH6FLC, JAØCUV/1.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week absolutely exhausted. "That KP6PA operation was bad enough", he said, "but when that KP6KR came on right before I could get any rest, I was in bad shape. Went almost twenty-four hours without any rest. Sure was rough !. This one got to us and we got our sympathetic look all lined up just like that nowice embalmer once taught us and we got that right concern into our voice. "But did you manage to work them", we asked and the QRPer looked blankly at us for a number of seconds. "Work them?", he asked, exasperation showing in his voice. "No, I did not work them. and I didn't even try. I had to be in there keeping order on the bands, chasing off the QRMers and answering all those dumb questions from those smart guys who kept jumping in on the frequency. Somebody has to tell those klucks off and someone has to run those lost ones who come on the frequency calling the DX station". The QRPer started to get a mite emphatic. "Someone has to keep order on the bands...and I hope that all those guys appreciate the effort I made. Without the experience I gained when I used to be on Channel 9 I really might have had a problem". Son of a Gun, we were beginning to understand things a bit better than we would have liked. Self-righteousness is a bright shield and off bedazzles its wearers. \$10/50 brings your a full year of righteous DXing ... \$12.00 flips it in just like on Channel 14...

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