

WEST COAST DX Bulletin

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DESROCHES Information on the Desroches operation scheduled by the VQ9 group for next month has been forwarded by Richard C Barnes, VQ9D, and this fills in all the blanks on that up-coming operation.

The group plans to depart Mahé on September 2nd with an arrival on Desroches on the afternoon of September 3rd. They will travel on the racing yacht 'STORMY' with all the participants crewing on the passage. Maritime operation under their own state-side calls are planned for during the voyage to maintain communications with Mahe. Operations on Desroches will be as previously announced, each using his VQ9-call portable Desroches. The list will include VQ9BP, Bill Pomeroy, VQ9M, Ron Miles, and VQ9D, Richard Barnes.

Plans are to work all usable bands ten through eighty though some of this will depend on antennas with 80mtrs the outside possibility. There will be two TA-33 beams and an Inverted Vee for 40mtrs. Additional wire and an antenna tuner will be carried in the possibility of putting 80mtrs on the air. There will be two 35' masts taken on the boat to raise the antennas and the beams enroute from England should arrive in good time.

Generators were a problem a week or so back but there are some reports recently that this has been solved.

QSLs can go two routes..... W/Ks can QSL to

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Philco-Ford Corp
Box 116 APO New York 09030

Other that the W/Ks can go via:

Bill Pomeroy VQ9BP
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Mahe, Seychelles

Cards without sase or sae/IRC will be sent via the bureaus. The plans are to operate from the time they get the gear organized up to sometime around September 15th.

MACAO A beam was shipped out to CR9AK some months back, this being an effort of K6AHV and W6MAV of the Northern California DX Foundation. There are some tentative plans for these two to operate from CR9AK for a week to ten days this fall. The dates are not firmed up as yet though the early indicators is that it probably will not be around the contest period in October. More should be surfacing on this one before long.

MT.ATHOS The word as of last week was that everything was still on if conditions down in that political arena can hang together. There has been a change in the government in Greece recently and some other problems but those involved were keeping their fingers crossed. It may be hard to get a definite line right up to the last minute but as of last week the SV1GA/A Mt. Athos plans were still on for the August 18th period.

REPORTS FROM SUN SPOT LOUIE Cloudy weather has prevented observation of the sun for several days and the hazy conditions at the time of this one may have hidden some smaller spots. Those four on the charts indicate some of the reason for the improved conditions recently. The bottom spot on the chart is about 20,000 miles in diameter and should have made its appearance about July 21st. The two center spots are about 12,000 miles in diameter and probably are the ones which turned the corner and became visible on July 17th. WWV was forecasting W5 and W3 last week and was not offering much encouragement for the deserving DXer. Generally, conditions have been somewhat better in the latter half of July with some fifteen meter reports starting to show with Red Eyed. The number of deep-Russian stations reported on c.w. is somewhat interesting to note.



1445Z
24 Jul
WBZOK

BEACON STUDY Part of the Kingman effort was to gather some scientific information and one study was the matter of low-power signals during the time of minimal sunspot activity. A beacon is being tested in the Washington area for further studies of such beacons which may eventually be dropped for oceanic studies or movement of the ice packs.

A 24-hour beacon is presently operating right on 14000.0kc signing WB6FDV/W3. It's output varies from 1 watt to .1 watt and when in the 1w transmission the letter 'H' is sent, and when in the .1w effort the letter 'L' is sent.

Reports on this are requested and these can go to W6ISQ, Jack Troster, One bit of information that is desired is whether amateur beams can be used to triangulate the bearing for such beacons and beam headings are requested. It is suggested that it may be easier to use the null in developing the bearings. All reports will be welcomed.

AVES The Island Resources Foundation of St. Thomas are making another scientific study on Aves Island and will be there for about 30 days from around July 22nd. This reef in the Caribbean is about 1600 feet long, 400 ft wide and 12 feet above mean sea level.

Normally the Radio Club of Venezuela makes a DX clean-up from Aves every three to five years, usually signing YVØAA. To furnish communications for this scientific group YV8AL has been issued. Generally the station will be found working back to St. Thomas on the Caribbean Net, 7158kc/1100Z daily...or the Antilles Weather and Emergency Net at 3815kc/2230Z daily. Possibly if you are looking for some activity on twenty or thereabouts, KV4FZ, Herb Schoenbohm, will be able to help you. If you hear YV8AL, remember it's on Aves Island for sure.

SHORTLY NOTED We ran short on time this week and will be mailing late Saturday. The meeting of the Northern California DX Foundation was enjoyable with the Kingman Reef operators there but it cut into our advance time. If we cut corners, you'll know why. One thing...we got a letter from an irate subscriber last week. We were accused of 'creative re-punctuation'...'grievous error'...or even possibly 'shoddy journalism'. Son of a Gun!! Jim Maxwell, K6AQ//W6CUF, and SCM of the Santa Clara rolled us up and we checked back through the files. We quoted from the ARRL CD Bulletin for July..and George Hart W1NJM as follows: "...For some (most) purposes, the CD appointee is an ideal representative of the operating amateur..." A check of the CD bulletin shows it as: "...For some (most?) purposes, the CD appointee is an ideal representative of the operating amateur..." Got it?? Here we had to dig to figure that plaint out. Now that we have gotten all those nuances straight and possibly escaped being included with the Washington Post and the New York Times.....we can return to the brighter day and the onward and upward hopes... And we've run out of space and time for this week. Next week we will try to clean up...early!!

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Oh, Lonely Night, last forever.
You have made learn to live and love, and work DX...

AFRICA...CW

CR7IZ	21035/1620/Jul	21e	5R8BD	14020/0400/Jul	16e	9J2CL	14036/1505/Jul	23w
EA8BF	14045/2310/Jul	21m	6W8EX	14035/0400/Jul	16e	9X5PT	14016/2255/Jul	17w
FR7BS	14047/2020/Jul	15m	7X0WW	14001/2010/Jul	16e			

ASIA...CW

UA9CM	14008/1645/Jul	17w	UJ8BQ	14026/0150/Jul	18m	UL7XE	14012/1630/Jul	17w
UA0KAH	14021/2140/Jul	18e	UK8AAI	14021/1520/Jul	22w	UL7QM	14009/1640/Jul	17w
UA0RA	14026/1045/Jul	18e	UI8ABA	14000/0150/Jul	16m	UM8MAX	14014/0310/Jul	19m
UA0ACJ	14008/0110/Jul	19e	UL7VAG	14028/0050/Jul	17e	UM8MBF	14022/0345/Jul	19e
UF6AW	14026/1940/Jul	17m	UL7EAH	14025/1745/Jul	20w	UV9OC	14008/1645/Jul	17w
UF6CX	14018/2245/Jul	15e	UL7NAA	14015/1655/Jul	22w	VU2DX	14024/0220/Jul	17e
UF6FBX	14021/2125/Jul	14m	UL7BAE	14040/1250/Jul	17e	XW8HJ	14026/1430/Jul	20w
UH8HAB	14022/0215/Jul	17e	UL7NAF	14037/0200/Jul	18e	4X4XX	14027/2045/Jul	15m
UI8IR	14008/1230/Jul	20e	UL7NG	14029/0200/Jul	18e	9V1RF	14031/1215/Jul	20m

EUROPE...CW

CT1TT	14010/0040/Jul	21w	LA3EQ	14016/0355/Jul	19w	UD6DJT	14027/2100/Jul	15w
DM2BJD	14020/0545/Jul	20w	LB1C	14072/2200/Jul	22e	UD6BN	14015/2250/Jul	18e
DM2DEO	14019/0505/Jul	19w	LZ1KDP	14015/0515/Jul	20w	UK2GKW	14026/0605/Jul	20e
DM2AVD	14013/2220/Jul	16w	OE1KJW	14002/2240/Jul	17w	UK2FAA	14013/1705/Jul	20w
DM4FF	14011/0420/Jul	22w	OH1KA	14018/0444/Jul	20e	UK50AF	14038/2040/Jul	16e
EA7RA	14001/0040/Jul	21w	OH2WQ	14020/0545/Jul	19w	UK5MAZ	14023/0405/Jul	20w
EI8S	14021/1715/Jul	17w	OK1FF	14033/0410/Jul	20w	UK6APA	14027/1700/Jul	20w
FC9VN	14050/2200/Jul	15e	OK2BOT	14018/1740/Jul	20w	UK6AAJ	14014/2005/Jul	19e
FO8EH	14008/0445/Jul	17w	OK2BJJ	14026/0415/Jul	22w	UP2PBZ	14010/0115/Jul	19e
EA2IA	14041/1930/Jul	21w	OY2O	14014/1535/Jul	21w	UP2OX	14045/0525/Jul	20w
G3SMI	14004/2345/Jul	22w	OY4M	14046/1235/Jul	21m	UP2NK	14051/0350/Jul	19w
G3RUX	14019/0530/Jul	19w	OZ5DX	14022/1530/Jul	21w	UR2RJ	14008/1650/Jul	22w
HA6KVB	14016/0515/Jul	19w	SQ5EKY	14025/2245/Jul	22e	UR2GT	14003/0405/Jul	19w
HA0KLE	14010/0500/Jul	21w	SQ8AJK	14017/2110/Jul	15e	UQ2AN	14012/0445/Jul	20w
HB9SM	14006/2230/Jul	16w	SQ9ABE	14019/0420/Jul	22w	UW4WP	14020/0520/Jul	21w
IS0FPH	14072/2010/Jul	19e	TF2CU	14039/2230/Jul	16e	TU3BO	14030/0500/Jul	18w
I4NLO	14019/2120/Jul	19w	UA1DV	14020/0430/Jul	17w	9H1DV	14019/2220/Jul	20e

ELSEWHERE...CW

C21ZO	14027/0600/Jul	18e	LU9MBZ	14039/0125/Jul	17w	YN8JMP	14010/0125/Jul	23e
CM2VG	14026/0146/Jul	23e	OA6DX	14022/0215/Jul	24w	ZF1AL	14032/0255/Jul	16e
CX2XA	14036/0210/Jul	24w	OX3MD	14009/1630/Jul	17w	ZK1AD	14030/0340/Jul	22e
DU1POL	14035/0330/Jul	19e	OX3OO	14050/2250/Jul	16w	ZL1IR	14030/0435/Jul	16w
HC1XG	14006/2345/Jul	16e	OX3OU	14050/2250/Jul	16e	ZP5NP	21032/1720/Jul	20e
KL2ARW	14034/1410/Jul	20w	VK2ATC	21030/2340/Jul	20w	3D2ER	14019/0645/Jul	18e
KL7GNP	14044/0245/Jul	16e	VS5MC	14030/1350/Jul	10w			
KX6LA	14034/1045/Jul	21e	VP2ST	14020/0140/Jul	15w			

AFRICA...SSB

CN8BO	14202/2230/Jul	19e	TJ1BF	14250/2010/Jul	20m	5A1LT	14220/0605/Jul	21???
CN8CC	21303/2110/Jul	21e	TR8SS	21301/1630/Jul	21e	5X5SL	14205/0420/Jul	20e
ET3USE	14250/2000/Jul	20e	TU2EF	14202/2100/Jul	21e	5U7AG	14203/0140/Jul	18e
FB8ZC	14235/0400/Jul	21e	VQ9D	14210/1900/Jul	16e	5T5LO	14205/0000/Jul	13m
FB8ZD	14225/0820/Jul	20w	VQ9M	14203/2015/Jul	22e	9X5SP	14179/1655/Jul	2ka
FR7AK	14202/1105/Jul	21e	ZD7SD	14205/2040/Jul	21m	WA4/6W8	14215/1930/Jul	15e
VE6/SU	14210/2330/Jul	18w	ZS3AW	14255/0805/Jul	20w			

MORE RED EYED LOUIEASIA...SSB

A51PN	14210/1550/Jul	21w	UI8LK	14201/1840/Jul	16e	4S7DA	14216/1735/Jul	16e
EP2VJ	14224/0310/Jul	20e	UK9AAN	14243/1940/Jul	17e	4X4BL	14240/0220/Jul	19w
HL9KN	14245/1230/Jul	18e	VS6EG	14228/1520/Jul	20w	9M2AT	14206/1500/Jul	22w
HL9UF	14205/4200/Jul	18e	VS6DO	14220/1235/Jul	16e	9M2EE	14203/1510/Jul	15w
HS1WR	14268/1545/Jul	18w	VU2GDG	14211/0150/Jul	19e	9M2DA	14262/1500/Jul	22w
JY9GR	14280/1950/Jul	20e	VU2KV	14196/1530/Jul	20w	9M2EG	14215/1515/Jul	18m
KA2DF	14222/1245/Jul	16e	XV5AA	14225/1505/Jul	20w	9V1RV	14215/1335/Jul	15e
TA2SC	14212/1130/Jul	15e	XW8FN	14228/1310/Jul	22m	9V1OI	14245/1450/Jul	20w
UAØNT	14222/1350/Jul	22w	XW8HJ	14210/1630/Jul	18w	9K2DC	14344/2010/Jul	19e

EUROPE...SSB

CT2BD	14205/0000/Jul	22e	OH2CP	14207/0250/Jul	19m	UA10E	14210/0425/Jul	18w
CT2BG	14207/0010/Jul	20e	OH2BH	14209/0510/Jul	20m	UC2CW	14220/0300/Jul	19m
DK1AQ	14226/0450/Jul	18w	OH3WW	14255/0650/Jul	18w	UC2BF	14222/0500/Jul	18w
DL9SV	14230/0515/Jul	19w	OH3YI	14270/0555/Jul	19w	UK1ZAI	14216/1845/Jul	16e
EA6BG	14221/1905/Jul	18e	ON6DX	14214/0020/Jul	19w	UK2GKW	14205/0430/Jul	19m
EA6BY	14226/0045/Jul	21e	ON4QJ	14203/0030/Jul	20m	UK3ABB	14203/0325/Jul	22e
F3KW	14211/0550/Jul	19w	OK1BGH	14207/0550/Jul	20m	UK3AAC	14211/0440/Jul	21e
FC2CH	14218/2245/Jul	22e	OZ5OF	14211/0650/Jul	18w	UO5OAK	14237/0330/Jul	20e
GD3FTQ/p	14224/1220/Jul	17e	OZ7PH	14215/0650/Jul	18w	UP2OX	14220/0445/Jul	21e
GM2RV	14208/0530/Jul	19w	SV1BR	14240/0530/Jul	19w	UQ2HO	14233/0505/Jul	18w
ISØMVE	21286/2145/Jul	21e	SV1CH/C	14215/1915/Jul	16e	UR2DE	14224/0520/Jul	22w
LA3EQ	14228/0520/Jul	19w	SVØWGG	14224/0510/Jul	18w	YO3AC	14207/0600/Jul	21e
OE3WVB	14204/0510/Jul	20m	ØQ6PZB	14208/2145/Jul	22m	ZB2CH	14212/2140/Jul	22m
OH1VR	14215/1520/Jul	19w	TF3SU	14217/1800/Jul	15w			

ELSEWHERE...SSB

A35FX	14255/0615/Jul	21w	P29FH	14210/0755/Jul	20w	YBØABB	14222/1425/Jul	20m
CE3ABZ	14221/0135/Jul	18w	P29GO	14245/0805/Jul	20w	YB7AAJ	14233/1440/Jul	21w
CP3BY/1	14203/0250/Jul	17e	TF3SV	14218/0200/Jul	21e	YJ8BL	14230/0610/Jul	20m
DU1NRS	14220/1650/Jul	23w	VK2BKE	14265/0530/Jul	16e	YJ8GS	14209/0630/Jul	18e
DU1XKE	14202/0755/Jul	20w	VK9YV	14223/0830/Often		ZF1AL	14215/1336/Jul	17w
DU1RØX	14210/1415/Jul	20e	VKØDM	14265/0640/Jul	23w	ZK2BD	14238/1100/Often	
FO8BW	21352/0250/Jul	19e	VP2VBH	14203/2330/Jul	14e	3D2AJ	1421Q/0435/Jul	21e
FO8DP	14219/0330/Often		VP2LAW	21367/2200/Jul	19e	3D2GK	14260/0325/Jul	21e
FP8CW	14209/0245/Jul	18e	VP2GRF	21366/2220/Jul	16e	5W1AN	14206/0435/Jul	22e
FM7WN	14203/0250/Jul	21e	VP5KG	14264/0655/Often		5J4CJB	21308/1715/Jul	20e
HC1JH	21326/0025/Jul	20e	VR1AC	14213/0435/Jul	17w	5W1AU	14236/0320/Jul	21w
HC8GI	14265/0520/Jul	22ka	VR1PD	14230/0515/Jul	16w	8J1AB	21287/1350/Jul	13ka
KB6CU	14282/0430/Jul	16e	VR1AA	14228/1115/Jul	21e	8P6CW	14206/2240/Jul	14w
KC4AAC	21355/1920/Jul	19e	VR4BS	14216/0530/Jul	20w	9M8VC	14235/1435/Jul	21w
KG6SW	14218/1210/Jul	13e	VR6TC	14230/Ø600/Wed		9M8VLC	14225/1405/Jul	22w
KS6LQ	14225/0525/Jul	21e	VS5MC	14215/1140/Jul	19e	9Y4CR	14212/0335/Jul	21e
P29RJ	14260/0610/Jul	21e	VS5LH	14207/1320/Jul	16m			
P29FV	14239/0120/Jul	19e	WM20ON	14206/1425/Jul	20w			

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CX3AQ	7003/0150/Jul	17e	GC2LU	7009/0500/Jul	18e	UP2OX	7012/0055/Jul	20e
CO2OM	7008/0040/Jul	20e	HC1CW	7002/0240/Jul	17w	VP2LAW	7003/0050/Jul	18e
CO6JH	7015/0140/Jul	22w	ISØLSV	7013/0310/Jul	18e	ZF1AL	7035/0015/Jul	20e
CT2BG	7006/0235/Jul	20e	LZ2KSQ	7014/0050/Jul	18e	3B8DQ	7010/0314/Jul	17e
DJ5PN	7010/0300/Jul	22w	M1C	7001/0430/Jul	15e	K9/6W8	7027/0530/Jul	17e
DK2FB	7007/0310/Jul	22w	OZ7JZ	7011/0050/Jul	20e	UAØFGM	3620/1230/Tues w/Sam	
EA8FJ	7040/0330/Jul	16w	OZ7HT	7027/0050/Jul	20e	VK2XT	3695/0900/Jul	24w
FY7AU	7025/0420/Jul	17e	UF6AAJ	7002/0130/Jul	17e	VK3ZB	3615/1225/Jul	23w

CALENDAR

Mt ATHOS Still set for around August 18th but watch the political situation.
 NAURU C21DX by JA1OCA put off to late August....transportation problems.
 TOKELAUS WB6CZB leaving this week for Samoa with plans to go on to ZM7 in Sept.
 DES ROCHES Two weeks from September 3rd by VQ9 DX Task Force...
 AVES YV8AL due about now.....should be on until late August.
 ARGENTINE TEST August 10/11th...phone and c.w.
 EUROPEAN TEST DARC TEST...C.W. second August weekend....Phone second Sept weekend
 NORTHWEST DX MEET This weekend at the Sheraton in Portland...Bob White/ARRL will attend
 W9-DXCC Itasca, Ill....Sept 21st at the Holiday Inn. WA9UCE with Kingman
 report.....LU5HFI will attend
 NEW ENGLAND MEET New England DX Meeting....Oct 12, Newton, Mass. Holiday Inn. Those
 not New England DXCC members write W1DAL for reservations, etc.
 St. PIERRE FP0YV scheduled to be active right now....
 NEPAL 9N1CK by VE2CK possible in September
 MACAO No. Calif. DX Foundation aiming for CR9 action this Fall.

ARRL BOARD MEETING: The Official Bulletin from W1AW on the ARRL Board of Directors meeting held in New York in mid-July mentions the business taking the Board into a third day of meeting. Except for raising the dues, there is difficulty in detecting what were the earth shaking matters needing the extended debate and there is a feeling that there was some maneuvering and thrashing about when one reads the official minutes. Anyhow, the following is the text of the official bulletin....

The ARRL Board of Directors held their second 1974 meeting in New York City just prior to the national convention with sessions running into a third day for the first time in many years. Directors took extensive actions in a broad spectrum of matters involving amateur radio generally and league affairs in particular. FCC will be asked to expand the six meter repeater sub-band down to 51.5mhz with higher power authorizations, to permit SSTV and FACSIMILE use through VHF repeaters, to authorize multiplex control of repeaters, and to allow remote control of portable repeaters, to halt further operating losses and return League finances to a sound basis the Board ordered a rise in membership dues to nine dollars USA, ten dollars in Canada, effective January 1, 1975. Approval was given National Conventions in Reston, Va. for 1975 and Toronto, Ontario for 1977. Robert Benson, VE2VW, was named Associate Counsel for Canada. Studies were ordered of means for more rapid delivery of QST, of a possible ARRL member newsletter, and a patron grade of benefactor membership. The New York counties of Saratoga, Warren and Washington were transferred to the Hudson Division. The Board instructed that the Phone DXCC be continued and that more propagation prediction information appear in QST. The Emergency Communications Advisory Committee will explore international plan for amateur emergency communications. (More follows)

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ARRL BOARD MEETING (cont'd)

Unconditional support was given a new task force to tackle broad problems of amateur interference to TV and home entertainment devices. Spot announcements will be created for radio and TV use. WIAW code practice material will be made available in cassette form. Minutes of the meeting will appear in September QST.

Everyone should read the official minutes. You may get some ideas as to the course of the ARRL.

LORD HOWE VK2BKE/Lord Howe continues to show many evenings at 14265kc. Often showing sometime after 0500Z and before the net starts at 0600Z. VK3PA usually in there to help line up everyone for QSOs.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, WA1NRF, WB2EXK, W2FPM W2OVC, K3TUP, W3YIK, W4AAV, W4BAA, K4CFB, W4HXY, WB4HQE, W5AK, W4UF, K5FKD, K5FVA, W6AAO, WA6BJS, W6CLM, K6EC, WA6FIT, W6GC, K6LAE, WA6MWG, W6OKK, W6OL, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6WR, W6YFR, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, WA7RFH, WA7FAB, WB8EUN, W9DDL, WB8EBO, W9KNI, W0FRN, KA6DE, KV4FZ, JA1OCA, VQ9D.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and talked of a number of things. "You know", the QRPer said, "I've been thinking over this DXCC thing....this matter of Rule 9 and the country status of reefs and rocks and long inactive places. And what the whole lash-up needs is a change which will protect the honored position of the old timers and those on the Honor Roll....that will eliminate the inequity of the long-inactive countries and at the same time will give new vigor to interests of the serious DXer" You know something, we thought this over for a bit for it did seem to present a very reasonable and studied approach to solving the problems. "And what is your solution?", we asked and the QRPer smiled his enigmatic-Mona Lisa smile. "Well, I'm working on it", he said and that was all he said. And all we could say was: "Son of a Gun!". While there is great work being done towards a solution for the Problems of the Ages, \$10.50 will bring you the DX weekly problems for a full year....\$12.00 will sling it in by airmail.... We working on it...

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