

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



January 28, 1975

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SPRATLY At this point it looks like the first week in February will be the period for the 1S5MC operation by Maurice Caplan, VS5MC. The critical factor will be the boat to be used in transportation and this is the period when it will be available. Conditions are not expected to be outstanding during this period. Conditions are anticipated to be below normal as far as propagation is concerned for the period February 2-9th. Of this whole period, February 2nd to 9th, the long-range forecast would indicate that February 8/9th probably will be the best for conditions.

CW-DXCC Back in August the DXAC entered into their agenda the matter of a DXCC for C.W. contacts only. The matter was forwarded to the Board of Directors with a recommendation that a C.W. only DXCC be established and this recommendation was adopted at the January Board Meeting.

The effective date of the CW-DXCC is January 1, 1975 and any c.w. contacts after that date can be counted.

QST in a month or so, most likely the March issue, will carry the details for the c.w. only award. Meanwhile, those who have looked for some incentive to activity on c.w. will have something to look to in the way of awards.

DXAC The item above, the C.W. DXCC was one of the two items from the August agenda reaching the Board of Directors. The other one was the proposal that there be a yearly listing of all holders of the 5BDXCC Award. This proposal was also acted on favorably by the Board of Directors.

On that agenda, Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 were not the subject of recommendations. The other six items on which recommendations were not forwarded were:

1. Automatic home-credit DXCC credit for the activator of a DX Country.
2. QSLs for DXCC endorsements through 290 total be made by IARU Societies.
4. Credit contacts made by IPU special calls towards DXCC Award.
5. Suspension of country from consideration for Honor Roll purposes when it has been inactive for ten years. Subsequent activity would reinstate it.
7. Change Rule 9 to read: "Contacts within continental boundaries of any country"
8. Change Rule 9: "...Contacts from fixed location for which original DXCC issued...except where station moves within original call area, or from one country to another, all contacts...within a radius of 500 miles of initial location".

While all of these have been underconsideration by the DXAC without any recommendations to the Board of Directors, anyone interested should not feel that they are (1) alive and enroute to Newington, or (2) dead and interred in the round file. If you have a feeling for any of these, write to the DXAC at League Headquarters. Copies of your letter, logic and leanings will be forwarded to the all the members of the DXAC.

As for this recent action, this will stimulate those who were steadfast through the years in proclaiming: "C.W. will rise again!". It did.....January 1st.

SUNSPOT LOUIE That single spot that was visible last week, it being about 18,000 miles in diameter, rotated to the back side of the sun on Jan 20th and no new spots have appeared since that time.

While there have been daily snow storms at the W8ZOK observing post, there have been some opportunities to check the sun and there has been no significant new activity noted. Band conditions have not been very good though some openings have been found. Some short-haul 21mc action has been found and even some 28mc activity has been reported on N/S paths.

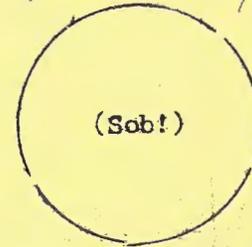
From Boulder the word comes that up through this Wednesday conditions should be fair with some fair openings during night hours. Solar activity is expected to be low and fade-outs due to solar flares should have a slight probability. MUFs should be near seasonal normals. Conditions are expected to be quiet until early February when conditions are expected to be disturbed in the February 3-5th area. Daily high latitude radio quality is expected to be '6' through this Wednesday. In fact it was expected to be '6' every day from last Wednesday. That ionospheric storm expected in the February 3-5th area is forecast to be from moderate to large and with an expected 60% probability.

Looking a bit ahead, Boulder says that the smoothed sunspot number on the moving 12-month Zurich system should be 11 this November and December. It looks like it might be bottoming. If that sounds like an astute observation, well, just how much lower can it get?

Looking at the contest this coming week-end, W4UMF figures that it will open on February 1st with a LOW NORMAL Day for high-frequency propagation. In the period February 2-5th it will drop to BELOW NORMAL. February 6-9 will be Low Normal and it is expected to sink to BELOW NORMAL on February 10th and 11th. If you are looking for the contest, you may find the opening hours the best. If you thirst for Spratly you may hope that February 6-9th will find them operating as this would seem to be the best period for long-haul DXing.

The Ted Cohen, W4UMF, article on short-range propagation forecasts will possibly be in the March CQ, the article having been sent to the magazine in mid-January. This article, along with the one in the September CQ, should be considered as being of considerable significance to the serious DXer.

ARRL BOARD MEETING At first glance there does not seem to be any earth-shaking, soul-searing results at the meeting though a good deal of action went on. On the matter of the retirement of John Huntoon, W1RW, the Board of Directors was acting as a Committee of the Whole for over three hours on the matter and surfaced to unanimously vote Dick Baldwin, W1RU, in as General Manager effective February 1st. John Huntoon, W1RW, will continue as the Secretary for the ARRL. On the restructuring docket of the FCC, the Board moved the July meeting up to May so that they can prepare comments on Docket 20282. Meanwhile efforts will be made to solicit opinions and wishes from the membership. Albright, Thurston, Arnold and Griggs were elected to the Executive Committee. Two efforts to change the Board Meetings to once a year instead of the present two were voted down, 11 in favor to five opposed, the motion needing 12 affirmative votes to pass. This was proposed as a cost-reduction move. Any amateur attaining the top of the DXCC Honor Roll may obtain an appropriate plaque as long as he is willing to pay for it. A 1976 Bicentennial WAS was authorized....\$2.00 for ARRL members, \$4.00 for non-members...no charge to stations outside the U.S and Canada. The General Manager to study reprinting the first 15 years of QST. The Board tabled a motion to update an index for QST, continuing their previous policy. The feeling here apparently being that an index is not justified on the basis of cost or demand. That was the Board meeting. On other matters, it might be noted that the ARRL is encountering problems with skyrocketing expenses and while net revenue was up 14% in 1974 over 1973, expenses were up 15.5% and there was a net loss of \$136,203.00 for the 1974 operations.



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FORMOSA BV2B, Tim, is keeping an operating schedule and word out of SEAsia via XV5AC to W6DLN indicates that he will be active on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 0800Z. The frequencies to be used will be either 14250kc or 14216kc. Tim may have a linear going soon to help the signals.

ST PETER & PAUL Word has been heard that PY7YS will be looking for some action at St Peter and Paul Rocks and Fernando de Noronha sometime during February. Also mentioned was some possibility of activity from Isla da Rocas.

CONTEST ACTIVITY A couple to watch for will be UAØFGM who will be at 3583kc during the c.w. portions of the ARRL Test and at 3620kc for the phone action this weekend. Look for him around this area and the listening frequency will be up in the 3805-3810kc area.

In Europe, PA7SMK will be signed by PAØSMK and PAØWRR during the contest. This is a special prefix to commemorate an anniversary of the City of Amsterdam and this is reported to be the only station using the prefix. PAØWRR is K6WR far from the customary skies.

QSLs One thing, when we get roaring down the stretch with the electric typewriter, nothing stands in our way.....like listing John Irwin's Caribbean effort as VP2EED rather than the correct VP2EEB. Being programmed, we had to read John's note a couple of times before we understood the point.

VP2EEB John Irwin, 578 Morris Ave, Apartment A-6, Elizabeth, N.J. 07208

On another Caribbean effort, a report came through from Ham Robinson, W1WQC, from St. Lucia where they were signing VP2LBY and VP2LBX. Ham says to QSL contacts to WA5QVR, Ben Tomlinson, in Arkansas, he being the VP2LBY of the St. Lucia operation. Ham notes that he has not been at several of his CB addresses for some years and to go via Ben's QTH. However, that Miami address in last week's bulletin is also good as that is Ham's present QTH. However, it may be that Ben will have the logs and cards. It is hoped to run the letter from Ham next week, he and Ben flying 1800 miles south from Miami in a Cessna 180.

SHORTLY NOTED According to the newspapers, the U.S. is negotiating for air base facilities on Masirah Island at the entrance to the Persian Gulf. This island is 400 miles off the Hormuz Strait, the entrance to the Red Sea and is partially controlled by the Sultan of Oman. There are some problems there as Britain has troops helping the Sultan to contain an insurrection in Oman and Masirah has been used as an airforce staging and service base. There are some indicators that the U.S. and the Sultan are talking about matters including military supplies. Jerry Stover, W5AE, was recently elected to the Board of Governors of the Radio Club of America. Art Westneat, W1AM, was named Chairman of the Oceanography Coordinating Committee of the IEEE. Son of a Gun! Shows that DXers may sometime look at something beside the sunspot charts.

Check the January QST for the address for SVØWEE...it works. A2CCY is departing Botswana April 1st. Next assignment unknown. 4W1GM departs Yemen April 22nd and CN8BO is leaving Morocco this weekend and returning stateside. CT2BM also..Mar 2nd. FR7ZU is reported to possibly be heading for Glorioso and might open this week. This came via a South American source.

W4NJF, Gay Milius, says that he definitely is not the QSL Manager for A2CAF....he used to handle the call for Rod Short who is now back in U.K. The present one is an unknown. W4NJF had an article published in Linn's Stamp News on philately and the amateur and is wondering if anyone might be interested in a Philatelic Net. The New Orleans Group are about set for their operations for the 2nd go-round for the DX Test and will be signing VP2A from Antigua....all bands 10 through 160 mtrs. Speaking of contests, it seems that the JAs have to stop at 7095kc and a check below that frequency during the contests will often find them waiting there. VS5MC is looking for a split frequency to resume schedules on....QRM being a problem from the eager ones. W8KI will be operating PJ8KI from February 14/26th. Will be active during the CW Test on Feb 15/16th and QSLs go to home QTH in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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FIRST THE NEWS.... Back in 1968 when the West Coast DX Bulletin first showed on the scene, the initial intent was to pass a bit of information around and to keep everything at a low key....including costs. There was some speculation as to the possibility of the mailing running as high as 100 copies a week. We were sadly in error.

Being not intended to be a major undertaking, the bulletin was cranked out on a mimeograph machine so old that it was difficult to locate even ink supplies and we learned to reload the ink canisters. But the machine did perform for a number of years, sometimes better than others.

We started with one sheet. Then it was two. Soon it was three, usually four and often five sheets or ten pages. And we still could have filled more.

An electric typewriter improved the quality of the reproduction a little bit. A used off-set opened new possibilities. Postage went from 5¢ to 10¢ and paper went from a \$1.40 a ream to \$2.65 a ream. Last week's issue used twelve reams or better than a case of paper.

We started with a small crew. The crew has not grown though the subscription list has. In January the weekly mailing was 945 copies. This was up about 5% from that point in December when we mentioned we could not handle much more in the way of subscriptions. Press running time now is between five and six hours. Collating, folding and the such takes another four hours. It's been a muscle job all the way and we are finding muscle is not enough.

Initially the subscription was set at \$7.00 a year. While costs have gone up 100%, the subscription rate has only increased 50%. We wanted to keep things cheap and we succeeded. It may have been a mistake. During the last year a couple of other newsletters aimed at amateur radio generally have surfaced. HR REPORT which comes from HAM RADIO MAGAZINE costs \$12.00 a year for 24 issues or 50¢ an issue. 73 Magazine also publishes a newsletter, HOTLINE, and it costs in the same area. For comparison, the WCDXB publishes 52 times a year and costs 20¢ per copy, these all being First Class Mail rates.

Recently HOTLINE in commenting on the demise of A5 magazine, this devoted to SSTV, commented on the mortality of others including the FM Journal and Rpt, noted: "...most of these publications have been run as a hobby rather than a business and still they were unable to continue publication".

We started out at the WCDXB as a DXer interested in printing a DX newsletter. We have turned into a printer interested in DX. And it is still tilting more and more to the printing and with less time to the DXing....

The bulletin, strange as it may sound, is an enjoyable effort when things go well and we finish in time to make the deadlines. When things do not fall into place and there are hours on end when you wonder if you can even finish running even a single page, there must be a time for some reappraisal.

The WCDXB must mechanize and lessen the dependence on muscle labor. This cannot be done with the rates scaled to a bare covering of costs. Thus the rates must be raised. They will be raised March 1st to what amounts to a 5¢ increase, 25¢ an issue or \$13.00 a year for First Class Mail. AIRMAIL will be \$15.00 a year.

To some degree we are victims of our own well-meaning attempt to keep things at the lowest possible level and to provide the maximum in information. It worked with a small subscription list, it will not work with a large list. It has been found, to our sorrow, that you can stretch a lot of things but you cannot stretch time.

Until March 1st, the WCDXB will take any renewals at the old rate. You can renew for as long as you wish....but after March 1st things are going up. Unfortunately!

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIEAFRICA CW

CR7IZ	14048/2045/Jan	18m	TU2EB	14020/2150/Jan	17m	ZS6K0	14012/1900/Jan	12m
CR7SA	14044/2120/Jan	18m	VQ9D	14042/1910/Jan	14m	3B8DP	14040/2030/Jan	18m
FR7AI/T	14041/1945/Jn	18m	ZD8TM	14070/2330/Jan	15m	9J2B0	14075/1955/Jan	18m
FR7AL	14034/1925/Jan	12m	ZE1JL	14060/2030/Jan	9m			
TU2FN	14018/1840/Jan	18m	ZS1XR	14033/2035/Jan	18m			

ASIA CW

JA7PCH	14041/0110/Jan	9m
UAØIAT	14036/2320/Jan	16m
8Q6AH	14034/1310/Jan	23e

EUROPE CW

DM3YSO	14013/1640/Jan	19m	OE5AHL	14032/1620/Jan	19m	SQ1TC	14049/1635/Jan	19m
DK6GB	14055/1550/Jan	19m	OE5FRW	14038/1610/Jan	19m	SP4KKV	14033/1600/Jan	19m
EA5PS	14070/2010/Jan	19m	OK3ØQX	14028/1550/Jan	19m	SM7BY	14033/1605/Jan	19m
G3EGJ	14036/1700/Jan	17m	ON4AS	14032/1620/Jan	19m	UK1ZAB	14050/1640/Jan	19m
G4BPV	14036/1725/Jan	17m	ON4ON	14036/1716/Jan	17w	UK3WAG	14018/1420/Jan	12m
HA3MA	14044/1630/Jan	19m	SQ7ASZ	14014/1240/Jan	18e	YU2OB	14038/1630/Jan	19m
HB9ET	14048/1640/Jan	19m	SQ3DG	14048/1630/Jan	19m			

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CH1AHV	14088/0015/Jan	15w	KL7HCN	14030/2235/Jan	11w	VK3MJ	14032/0610/Jan	19m
CP5GK	21062/1940/Jan	12m	PJ2ARI	14033/0100/Jan	16w	VR1AA	21026/2050/Jan	18e
CY6AVD	14010/1635/Jan	12m	PJ9GQN	14026/2330/Jan	20w	YV5CKR	14061/1310/Jan	16e
CY6ARQ	14037/2115/Jan	22w	PY1FB	14034/0105/Jan	16m	ZL1CO	14034/0430/Jan	15m
HR1KS	14040/2045/Jan	18m	PY2ASI	14030/2315/Jan	16m	ZL4AC	14045/0455/Jan	15m
KX6BB	21030/2220/Jan	11m	TI2DL	14035/0030/Jan	22m	8P6GC	21050/1955/Jan	14m
LU1AO	14042/0110/Jan	16w	VP8NU	14064/0000/Jan	17m			
LU9CV	14039/0050/Jan	23w	VK3MR	14055/0435/Jan	15m			

AFRICA SSB

A2CCY	14203/2005/Jan	15e	C5AM	14217/2200/Jan	20w	ZD7SD	21353/2000/Often	
A2CJP	14203/2000/Jan	18e	CT3AF	14199/2145/Jan	20w	ZE1DP	14261/1930/Jan	16e
EA8JF	14256/1255/Jan	17e	FR7AK	14216/1835/Jan	21e	ZS6AWV	21355/1915/Jan	16e
CN8B0	14221/1920/Jan	17e	TU2DP	14210/2215/Jan	14w	5Z4PI	14203/1855/Jan	14e
CR6BS	21353/1740/Jan	19e	TU2CJ	14210/2235/Jan	15w	7P8AT	14203/2035/Jan	14e
CR6OR	21355/1915/Jan	18m	TU2EG	14213/0000/Jan	15e	7P8AQ	14208/2045/Jan	19m
CR6AN	14227/2100/Jan	20w	TR8BJ	14226/1945/Jan	17e	6W8FP	14203/2020/Jan	11e
CR6GA	14332/2130/Jan	21w	VQ9GP	14216/1945/Jan	17e	9G1AR	21353/1740/Jan	19e
CR61K	14201/2115/Jan	10m	VQ9BP	14210/1930/Jan	18e	9G1JC	14211/2130/Jan	17w
EL2FJ	14237/2010/Jan	16e	VQ9D	14333/1915/Jan	16e	9J2EB	14205/2050/Jan	20w
EL4D	14224/2130/Often		VQ9HCS	21310/1805/Jan	20w	9X5NA	14207/2150/Jan	18m
EL4D	21355/1915/Often		ZD7SD	14214/2035/Jan	15e			
ELØH	14316/0000/Jan	17m	ZD7FT	14201/2040/Jan	14w			
ET3USE	14238/1950/Jan	20e	ZD7SS	14214/2105/Jan	15w			

[e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches ka = japan etc]
 [all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Slim on Cray Island..signed 8X8, wasn't it]

MORE RED EYED LOUIEASIA SSB

A4XVB	14216/1430/Jan	19e#	PAØIWH/S2	14175/1235	192#	XW8FA	14224/0000/Jan	17w
A9XK	14220/1400/Jan	19e#	UI8CD	14202/1330/Jan	18e	XV5AA	14226/0025/Jan	18w
EP2DB	14202/1320/Jan	10e#	UI8OM	14202/1335/Jan	18e	OE5CA/YK1	14216/1830	21e
HZ1TA	14250/1450/Jan	19w	VU2EN	14226/1410/Jan	11e	4W1GM	21303/1530/Jan	20m
OD5FB	14249/1810/Jan	19e	VS6DE	14206/0030/Jan	17m	9K2DC	14195/1410/Jan	19e
OD5ST	14208/1820/Jan	21e	XW8CO	14208/1350/Jan	17m			

EUROPE SSB

CT1GQ	14201/2050/Jan	11m	HL9UB	14223/0000/Jan	16w	OK3ØJKL	14222/1345/Jn	20m
CT2BM	14216/1915/Jan	21e	HA1Ø4UA	14224/1340/Jn	20m	SQ6KDA	14266/1315/Jan	20e
DJ8RR	14204/1755/Jan	18m	OH5PY	14249/2045/Jan	15e	UA6LDL	14207/1355/Jan	11e
DM2DGO	14210/1555/Jan	20m	OK3ØSV	14268/1325/Jan	20e	9H4C	14206/2000/Jan	21e
EA5AX	14215/1820/Jan	16e	ON5SY	14211/1610/Jan	11w			
FØBGM	14208/1505/Jan	15e	ON8WW	14201/1210/Jan	16e			

ELSEWHERE SSB

C6ABC	14201/2145/Jan	15e	KG4DS	21355/1915/Jan	18m	VP1FF	21355/1930/Jan	13m
C6AEK	14331/0030/Jan	21w	KG4DS	28577/1655/Jan	18e	VP2DE	14202/2050/Jan	20w
CX6AM	28587/2045/Jan	17w	KG4GG	14222/1230/Jan	18e	VP2DM	14211/1235/Jan	19e
CX1BV	14203/0100/Jan	15m	KC6VE	14224/0050/Jan	15w	VP2EEB	14213/1415/Jan	13m
CE3BJ	14250/1330/Jan	16w	KZ5JM	21355/1905/Jan	13m	VP2GNE	21300/1835/Jan	20w
FGØGE	14203/2050/Jan	16e	LU1TMI	28596/2100/Jan	17w	VP2LBX	21298/1930/Jan	17w
FG7XL	21366/1820/Jan	13w	LU8DTM	28597/2015/Jan	17w	VP2LBX	28600/2010/Jan	17w
FGØZE	14204/2100/Jan	16m	OA4DE	21338/2055/Jan	18m	VP2MW	14242/2115/Jan	15e
FY7AM	21308/1730/Jan	20m	OA4M	28541/1655/Jan	19e	VP2ME	14223/1120/Jan	16e
FY7AN	21313/1825/Jan	18e	PJ2AR	14208/1720/Jan	18m	VP2VZ	14203/2025/Jan	14e
FY7AQ	21282/1830/Jan	18e	PZ1DF	14218/2245/Jan	17w	VP8NV	14223/0020/Jan	22m
FY7AQ	14207/1220/Jan	19e	PZ1DR	14248/1215/Jan	19e	VP8LP	14208/0010/Jan	22m
HH2JT	14320/1230/Jan	15e	PZ5FB	28667/2050/Jan	17w	VP9HS	14203/0105/Jan	15m
HI3XEG	14200/1725/Jan	18m	PZ5FB	14243/1145/Jan	16e	VP9H	14333/1900/Jan	17e
HKØQA	14203/1915/Jan	14w	TG7BY	21346/1920/Jan	18m	VS5MC	14224/0030/Jan	17w
HP1XRU	14244/2045/Jan	16w	VK4ZQ	14214/2110/Jan	20w#	WC7SUN	21288/1740/Jan	19e
HP4CK	14256/2340/Jan	15m	VKØME	14225/1720/Jan	10m	WC7SUN	14212/1800/Jan	14e
HR1JA	14245/2330/Jan	16m	VO1AW	14333/1900/Jan	17e	YBØAAB	14224/1400/Jan	12m
3D2GK	21355/1905/Jan	20w	ZF1WE	14270/1230/Jan	20e	YB7AAU	14224/2310/Jan	16w
6Y5GB	14230/0000/Jan	17m	ZL1AQ	21290/2000/Jan	11w	ZP9AH	14283/0130/Jan	16w
8P6CC	14209/1520/Jan	18e	ZL1AMO	21276/2105/Jan	19m	9Y4VT	14229/2210/Jan	14w
8P6AH	14195/2105/Jan	20w	8R2AK	14247/0510/Jan	17m	9Y4TS	28595/1635/Jan	18e
8P6AE	14222/2110/Jan	16m	8R1X	14204/2150/Jan	10w	9Y4AAC	14203/0100/Jan	15m

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CO6JH	7004/0150/Jan	16w	KZ5OC	7173/0400/Jan	15w	VQ9M	7006/1330/Jan	8e#
CR4BS	7178/0840/Jan	16m	PJ9GQN	7025/0430/Jan	19m	VR1AA	7027/0620/Jan	18e
DK1NT	7028/1625/Jan	18m	SM2EPE	7015/1235/Jan	17e	VP7BB	7033/0315/Jan	20m
DJ7OM	7029/0850/Jan	14m	SM6DHU	7002/1125/Jan	17e	VS5MC	7006/0900/Jan	17w
GI3JEX	7028/1630/Jan	18m	KG6SW/TG9	7203/0245	18e	XE1EXP	7003/0525/Jan	21w
HM1DH	7006/0900/Jan	17m	UK9CAE	7001/1155/Jan	17e	YN1WB	7213/0310/Jan	18e
HM4HU	7003/0920/Jan	17m	UK2AAA	7004/1450/Jan	16w	YS1GWE	7030/1240/Jan	15e
HR2FVB	7136/0340/Jan	17e	VK200	7005/1200/Jan	15m	YN1FWN	7263/1205/Jan	16e
HR1AHN	7199/0235/Jan	20e	VU2RQ	7006/1240/Jan	19e#	ZS1A	7010/0525/Jan	20w
HS2AKP	7005/1530/Jan	17w	VK6WT	7004/1310/Jan	18e	ZS6/3D6	7002/2240/Jan	19e
JX2HK	7005/1240/Jan	16e	VK3KF	7010/1235/Jan	14e	3D6AX	7003/1540/Jan	17w
KG4PS	7195/0150/Jan	15w	VP1IL	7184/0155/Jan	18e	6Y5SR	7027/1205/Jan	19e
WA6/KG6	7031/0815/Jn	14m	VP1FF	7073/1220/Jan	19e	9M2CX	7003/1525/Jan	17w
KX6BB	7002/1310/Jan	18e	VP2DE	7040/0300/Jan	20m	9V1OP	7013/1510/Jan	16w
KZ5RS	7015/0115/Jan	16w	VP2AC	7159/0645/Jan	16w	9Y4T	7160/1125/Jan	17e

