



# West Coast **DX** Bulletin

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3B7-St BRANDONS Alex Mootoo, 3B8DA, who made over 5000 QSOs from 3B9-Rodriguez, will be aiming to put 3B7-St Brandons, on the air sometime in the next month or two, his tentative plans calling for something in March or April.

Alex is now back in Mauritius where he is due to have a physical check-up and he will work at cutting down the pile of QSLs waiting for him. There were over 160 countries in that 5000+ contacts and he will also work on the rig, the SWAN 500 supplied by the Northern California DX Foundation. The rig is needing to have some flat tubes replaced.

Alex indicates that it will be a two week operation and will be this Spring. More will be coming on this.

MACAO Some of the eastern seaboard types who worked CR9AK say that this was a most outstanding operation.....when do we get our QSL? Others who could not work the weak signal on the east coast are prone to say something else. But all is not lost.

The Northern California DX Foundation, which promoted the CR9AK operation, is arranging for a beam to be shipped out to CR9AJ, Horacio Torres. Presently he is using a dipole and a beam should improve his signal considerably. Inasmuch as Torres is permanent party in Macao and is an active operator, this should improve prospects all around for those who did not beat a path through the December QRM. CR9AJ continues to be reported but only occasionally on the West Coast.

Torres is the light-house keeper in Macao, his QTH being just below the lighthouse which is an ancient bastion some hundreds of years old. The lighthouse is on a 400' hill with a clear shot all around. The dipole he is using is strung some 400' above the water but the beam should do a bit better. Actually, half of the view is into mainland China, the other half out over salt water. If you need CR9---do not give up...you'll win one day!!

POSSIBLES!! There are at least three known possibles which look very promising and which may develop into something in the coming months. At the writing, there have been requests to soft-pedal any facts but some solid information will be coming along before long. Actually, when we stopped to count there were a few more than three hot ones.

Niue is a good possibility to be activated either late this month or sometime in February. San Felix is well along in the planning stages. St Peter and Paul is a good possibility for February. SMØAGD was doing some inquiries in the Red Sea area about a possible Abu Ail operation, Erik doing this in mid-December while enroute to East Africa.

K5QHS is aiming for Baja Nuevo this Spring. There are also some inquiries going forward through diplomatic channels on a possible YI-Iraq permission-to-operate matter. This is a delicate matter and may take some months but there is some action...at high levels!!

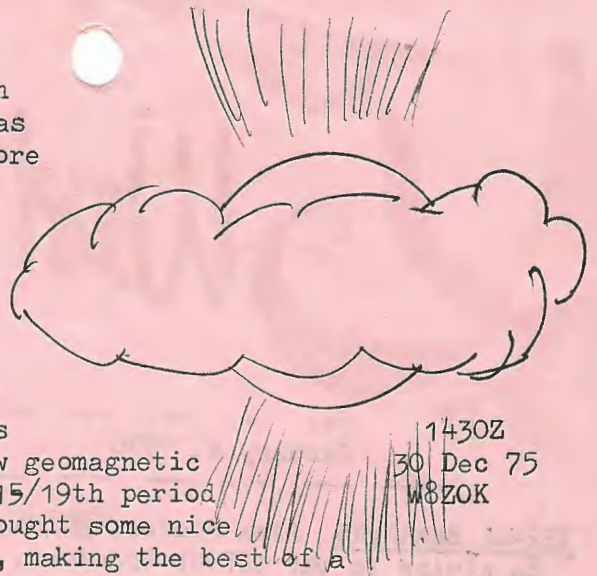
A prominent DXpeditioner was recently issued the call of VQ9DX. Only a hint is given of his plans but it hardly would be the Seychelles or Chagos. More will be coming on this as things develop.

And what should the serious DXer do? Remember what Lord Baden-Powell, the Hero of Mafeking, would often say: "Be Prepared!!". Be Prepared....and Patient!!

SUNSPOT LOUIE With winter storms providing more than needed cloud cover at the W8ZOK observatory, there has not been a chance to make any observations since before Christmas and that last chance showed no significant solar activity.

Band conditions have been poor and it would be a safe assumption that solar activity is low. The only hope is that 1976 should not be any worse... but it probably will be.

W4UMF flips in the forecasts that will take you well into January. Ted notes that while the solar flux is expected to be in the low 70s, there will also be low geomagnetic activity. That last activity noted in the December 15/19th period died on the Sun's disc and though this might have brought some nice conditions in mid-January, it was not to be. Anyhow, making the best of a bad flux, here's the big picture (?) for January



January 7th	High Normal	January 14th	Low Normal
8th	High Normal	15th	High Normal
9th	High Normal	16th	High Normal
10th	High Normal	17th	High Normal
11th	High Normal	18th	Low Normal
12th	Low Normal	19th	Low Normal
13th	Low Normal	20th	High Normal

Just remember that all things are relative and these coming weeks will be relatively quiet. K6EC has been watching things for the chart makers and Ev comes up with the recent figures...

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
Dec 23rd	71	5	Dec 27th	74	24
24th	72	2	28th	75	11
25th	74	15	29th	74	12
26th	73	3	30th	75	

That's about all of it. The turn of the year found things a bit dead.

SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB This Atlanta-based group has elected officers for the coming year with Mike Greenway, K4TBN as President; Charles Cone, W4GKF as Vice-prex; Jack McClain, W4KNW as Secretary and K4LRO-Hugh Valentine as Activity Manager. To handle all the funs, K4KZP was elected treasurer.

The group is thinking of augmenting the DX information on seventy-five meters with a Wednesday session around 3815kc around 0100Z. This will jell late this month if everything goes well. With over 50 DXers on the roster, the SE DX Group is one of the larger groups in the South Eastern sector.

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FIRST--THE BAD NEWS We have been dragging our feet on this one but most are aware that the postage rates jumped 30% last week and it now takes 13¢ to mail the bulletin first-class. Airmail to Mexico went to 17¢ over the weekend; to Central and South America to 25¢ and elsewhere in the world airmail is 31¢ per half-ounce.

You should put 13¢ on your QSL envelopes but that is not our problem here. It is the cost of mailing the bulletin and the subscription is tied very closely to postage rates. In 1968 the postage was 5¢ per ounce and we charged \$7.00 for the bulletin. It is now 13¢ per ounce and you will note that the new rate for 1st class is not as much of a percentage increase as postage has increased. Effective February 1st the subscription rates will be:

1st Class mail	\$14.50 per year (U.S and Canada)
2nd Class mail	10.00 per year (Newspaper treatment)
Airmail-Anyplace outside the U.S and Canada	17.00 per year

The recent rate increase boosted 2nd class by 20% or so but we are trying to absorb that. The feeling is that while many will continue with the first-class subscriptions, the second-class will keep the bulletin cost down. Tests have indicated that the second-class newspaper treatment is not significantly different from the first-class delivery and in some instances has arrived in advance.

It is a bit boggling at times to note the amount spent for postage each week and this is absolutely the major cost of the bulletin. There is no reason to feel that this will be the last postage increase either.

BAGHDAD SLIM Last week European stations were working a station signing W6UAP/YI and claiming to be in Baghdad. This one may be for real but it may take some convincing.

W6UAP's last recorded licensee became a silent key a couple of years ago and the latest call book does not show it as a reissue though this is always possible. The directions were to QSL to a W6SO in the San Diego area...with an unlisted phone.

Here we are skeptical on this one and the feeling is that it would be doubtful if any of the real rare ones would pop on the air unannounced and with a spur-of-the-moment operation. Maybe they might but it would seem that the odds are against having such a thing happen. And what do you do when you hear one? Jump right in and work them. Sometimes they are almost as much fun as the real thing. Work 'em first, worry later!!

ANTARCTIC The Argentine Ice-Breaker SAN MARTIN is currently operating in the Antarctic and resupplying the Argentine bases in their summer season down there. Last week Ramo aboard the ice-breaker was signing LU5AD/m and the vessel was at 64°S and 57°W enroute to the General Belgrano Base and expecting to arrive there this week...Wednesday actually. The base is 40°E and 78°S.

After the resupply mission to the General Belgrano Base, the ice-breaker will continue its resupply missions and late this month will be in the vicinity of the South Sandwich group. There is a helicopter aboard the SAN MARTIN and there may be a possibility of a brief operation from the South Sandwich though this is at best an outside possibility and it probably would be of brief duration. LU2XR is mentioned as a possible call-sign.

During the short summer in those latitudes, there are heavy demands on the vessels and the base at the South Orkneys was heavily damaged by a fire last year. You might listen for these Antarctic stations, LU1ZA recently being active from the South Orkneys. Listen around 14340/14240/14140kc for Spanish-speaking operators. By now most recognize that the 'Z' following the number indicates an Argentine Antarctic station. There is reported to be a new station active in the So. Shetlands...

SHORTLY NOTED The last week has not been easy and we are working out of a hole with this edition. Maybe we will catch up next week....maybe.

In December the WCDXB passed the 400 mark in consecutive weeks of publication. This is 400 weeks without missing an issue and is close to eight years. This issue is actually No. 402. We are also mailing 1085 copies this week and it is becoming more obvious that the week-end publishing schedule is not working out, the week-end often running out before we can get the bulletin into the mails. It might be expected that the Thursday deadline will be moved back to Wednesday sometime during the Spring so we can aim for a positive Friday mailing and with Saturday as a back-up day. But that is enough of that.....Tomorrow will be a Brighter Day!! Positively...

W6LV who handles the QSLs for 9K2DK notes that he hears a lot of stations working the 9K2 but without logs he is still in a holding pattern as far as filling out QSL requests. If you work YN1DW/YN4 on Corn Island, mostly a 160 meter operation, you can QSL either to W5USM or to W4BRB. We are also looking for the QSL route for JX4GN who was active in 1973. All the efforts to date have not produced a QSL.

UK1PAA has been found on twenty c.w. from Franz Josef Land recently. Dr. Sid/ST2SA has moved down-river to Khartoum and presently is using DRAKE gear to a TH6DX beam. In the last year or so he completed some post-graduate work in ophthalmology. DK8HG has been seen in the Western Reaches driving a 22' motor home, Oregon plates and wooden plaque on the back reading "DK8HG - HAMBURG". XP1AA is reported as no longer active from Greenland. On that ZS5SH address, that being the QSL Manager for ZD9GF, W7UR reports that back in November he was searching for this one and asked ZS5PG for some help. While the search was going on, ZD9FG broke in to advise that ZS5SH's address is: Box 12, Pennington, Natal, South Africa. It should be good....but as yet W7UR says that the QSL has not been found in his mail box.

The FCC has dropped the requirement of one year prior experience before you can go for the EXTRA Class license....this will be effective this Friday, January 9th. They feel that it has had no beneficial effect on the quality of Extra Class licensees. The January QST has a special insert with the Bicentennial call-sign prefix exchange. If you want a reprint, send a self-addressed envelope bearing 13¢ postage to Newington and they will fling one your way.

FR7ZL/G has been found in recent weeks operating in list fashion....the results have been a good increase in the QSO rate. Guy will be leaving Glorioso on January 20th. FR7AI has indicated that he will be going to Glorioso for a two month period....May to July so if you are still desperate to work Guy, as most Western Reaches types are, there will be another bit of activity ere long.

The September W9DXCC meeting was the most successful one they have had to date and they are aiming for the 1976 production already. OJØMA has a loan of a FT-101E and will be trying 160 meters this winter. JA stations were hearing a station signing 3Y2DX on twenty SSB in mid-December. Said his name was John and to QSL to LA3DA. Beam heading was towards Africa from JA-land....or possibly some point in between. JA8IEV will depart Minami Torishima in less than a month. You might watch for him just below 14200kc from 1030Z. He has also tried 7005kc from 1230Z and 75 meters in the 3800kc area from 1500Z. There are already some working on more action from Sable and St. Paul Islands but probably nothing in the next month or so....when the weather is a bit better. ZK1DA runs a Sunday schedule with WA5OCN....7035kc/0700Z. EA8CR made a brief appearance from Spanish Sahara just before Christmas...mostly 80meters and we got the information too late to alert... 3Y2DX surely Bouvet Slim!!

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;  
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining.....

AFRICA CW

A2CED	21028/1840/Dec	25e	FB8ZF	14043/1650/Dec	23m	3D6BH	14038/1845/Dec	28e
A2CEB	21032/1630/Dec	28e	FL8GT	14047/1930/Dec	27m	5Z4JE	14050/1720/Dec	24w
C9MAD	14016/1840/Dec	20m	FL8PE	14043/1755/Dec	27e	6W8FM	14045/2210/Dec	17e
EA8IB	14000/1450/Dec	26e	ZE1ET	21046/1825/Dec	22m	6W8DOO	21050/1445/Dec	21e
EA9AY	14051/1955/Dec	28m	ZS4AK	14037/1930/Dec	24m	9J2BO	21072/1805/Dec	22w
FB8ZF	21069/1600/Dec	28e	3B8DO	14039/1855/Dec	20e	9X5PT	14029/2300/Dec	27m

ASIA CW

EP2SN	14035/1335/Dec	20e	VU2LO	14030/1350/Dec	20e
HZ1AB	14047/1440/Dec	26m	VU2WA	14034/1420/Dec	21e
TA2EA	14037/1705/Dec	22m			
UF6FAT	14042/1310/Dec	21e			

EUROPE CW

CT1HT	14017/1720/Dec	26e	GC2LU	14029/1555/Dec	24m	O41VY	14024/1445/Dec	20m
CT1QN	14035/1700/Dec	23m	HA7KLF	14029/1715/Dec	22e	PAØUKW	14020/1345/Dec	20m
DL8OB	14005/1625/Dec	20m	II4FGM	14030/1515/Dec	21m	SP2AVE	14012/1530/Dec	20m
DM3VAA	14032/1505/Dec	27m	ISØAEW	14018/1350/Dec	24e	TF3KX	14043/2230/Dec	24w
ES3GN	14048/1710/Dec	24w	ISØSHU	14040/1715/Dec	26m	UK1PAA	14045/1910/Dec	24m
EA7DN	14041/1630/Dec	23m	ISØXXD	14052/1745/Dec	23w	UK2FAA	14017/1245/Dec	23e
EI2CL	14029/1725/Dec	24m	LB5J	14068/1320/Dec	24e	UK2BAS	14014/1520/Dec	20m
EI9CF	14042/1710/Dec	24w	M1C	14014/1720/Dec	26e	UR2RJ	14042/1320/Dec	26e
F6BWO	14014/1630/Dec	20m	OE9BE	14035/1610/Dec	23m			

ELSEWHERE'S CW

FO8ER	14048/2205/Dec	21e	KP4DJE	14013/1720/Dec	24w	PJ8QM	14027/2220/Dec	19e
FP8JP	14037/1915/Dec	28e	KS6FD	21034/2115/Dec	28m	VP2MB	14034/0225/Dec	26e
HKØBKK	14025/1225/Dec	26e	KZ5JM	14036/2230/Dec	27w	VP2LAW	14030/1255/Dec	26e
CX1EK/KP4	14042/2125	24m	KZ5FB	14054/2250/Dec	22w	VP2EEG	14003/1320/Dec	28m

AFRICA SSB

C9MCS	21306/1710/Dec	26e	TU2EP	14202/2115/Dec	25w	5L5F	14232/2100/Dec	27m
C9MJO	14222/2100/Dec	27m	VQ9R	14210/1835/Dec	27e	5N2OI	14227/2020/Dec	23e
C9MMM	21309/1415/Dec	27m	VQ9DF	14220/1855/Dec	27e	5U7BA	14220/2225/Dec	30w
C9MFJ	21301/1520/Dec	28m	ZD7SD	21305/1840/Dec	22e	5U7AG	14204/1930/Dec	27m
C9MRL	14207/2100/Dec	26m	ZD7SD	14210/2010/Dec	26m	6W8MW	21335/1755/Dec	21e
C5AF	14220/1840/Dec	27m	ZD7FT	21291/1415/Dec	26m	7P8AY	14215/1950/Dec	27e
CT3AR	21299/1700/Dec	26e	ZD7SS	14215/2125/Dec	28m	7P8AC	14207/2000/Dec	26m
CT3AF	21303/1535/Dec	27m	ZD8EW	21323/1745/Dec	25e	7P8AQ	21283/1835/Dec	often
D2ASM	21356/1715/Dec	26e	ZE2JJ	14212/2015/Dec	22e	7Q7RM	21321/1555/Dec	26m
EA8HA	14204/1630/Dec	22m	ZE4JH	21356/1620/Dec	26e	9G1AT	14220/1850/Dec	27m
EA9FC	14212/1525/Dec	28e	ZE6JP	21296/1520/Dec	28m	9G1JC	21357/1915/Dec	27e
FR7ZL/G	14204/1815/Dec	28em	ZS3AG	21318/1735/Dec	21m	9G1JC	14222/2305/Dec	24m
FR7ZL/G	21307/1430/Dec	29m	ZS4PB	21286/1635/Dec	22e	9J2JQ	21307/1630/Dec	20m
FR7ZN	14225/1900/Dec	22m	ZS6BNU	21300/1620/Dec	22m	9J2GJ	21308/1815/Dec	25e
ST2SA	14205/1525/Dec	24e	3B8DA	14333/1850/Dec	20e	9J2WR	21308/1915/Dec	27m
TJ2BF	21355/1900/Dec	27e	3B8CJ	14210/1915/Dec	27e	9L1JM	14207/1910/Dec	29m
TJ1DF	21311/1810/Dec	27w	3D6AJ	21310/1845/Dec	22e	9Q5SW	14216/2055/Dec	27m
TR8SS	21328/1635/Dec	27m	3D6AK	21308/1750/Dec	20m	9X5RK	21311/1550/Dec	27m
TU2DP	21288/1740/Dec	25e	5L1A	14225/2240/Dec	22e			

MORE RED EYED LOUIEASIA SSB

A4XFW	14228/1400/Dec	20e	HL9WI	14221/2255/Dec	21m	VU2DK	14208/1335/Dec	22e
BV2B	14223/2350/Dec	27m	HZ1PA	14250/1350/Dec	23e#	VU2EYE	14223/1440/Dec	29m
CR9AJ	14225/0015/Dec	25w#	HZ1TA	14250/1330/Often		4W1AF	14214/1245/Dec	26e
HL9KT	14225/0010/Dec	20w	JY9EK	14205/2300/Dec	21m	4X4WH	14203/1525/Dec	21m
HL9WZ	14203/2305/Dec	23w	KA6RI	14205/2300/Dec	21m	4X4MQ	14206/1530/Dec	23m
HL9TO	14225/2305/Dec	23w	UA0FCK	14208/2300/Dec	21m	9K2DR	14223/1420/Dec	24e

EUROPE SSB

CT1RM	14210/1605/Dec	22m	EL9CA	14223/1630/Dec	24m	LZ1TL	14235/1605/Dec	22m
CT1FL	14222/1605/Dec	22m	EI9V	14223/1625/Dec	24m	N1D	21280/1445/Dec	18m
CT1SQ	14210/1600/Dec	24m	G3ZAV	14206/1700/Dec	22m	QH2BX	14211/1745/Dec	27m
CT1CM	14220/1605/Dec	24m	GM3KKF	14226/1610/Dec	24m	SV1KB	14221/1300/Dec	28e
DM3KJF	14225/1610/Dec	24m	I0KK	14295/1200/Dec	26e	TF3AX	14222/1710/Dec	26m
EA3JE	14210/1640/Dec	24m	I8KLW	14202/1600/Dec	22e	UB5WF	14218/1455/Dec	23e
EA3AEA	14237/1215/Dec	26e	IC8TRA	14223/1600/Dec	22m	UK5ELQ	14227/1205/Dec	26e
EA6BG	14227/1500/Dec	28e	IS0PJP	14226/1730/Dec	23m	UK2BBB	14215/1430/Dec	25m
EA7DJ	21291/1645/Dec	25e	JW2CF	14252/1530/Dec	25m	UKGAPA	14218/1310/Dec	28e

ELSEWHERE SSB

CX8BI	21300/1710/Dec	22e	KC4AAD	14312/0500/Dec	28e	WK6MK	14252/1210/Dec	26e
DU1DCC	14211/0030/Dec	26e	KC6CG	14225/2300/Dec	20m	VP2EEG	14218/1440/Dec	29m
FP8DG	14248/1730/Dec	26m	KG6AAY	14228/1325/Dec	26e	VP2KQ	14210/2200/Dec	29e
FY7AN	21315/1815/Dec	27e	KV4AB	14217/2215/Dec	20m	VP2LBR	14202/1250/Dec	27e
HC8GI	21248/2220/Dec	26m	P29AB	14201/2130/Dec	24w	VP2LAW	28575/1850/Dec	27e
HC8RG	14246/0505/Dec	28e	P29DW	14246/0010/Dec	26w	VP2LCP	14217/1220/Dec	26e
K8GJM/HI8	21306/1425	27m	PJ2MI	14206/2200/Dec	20m	VP2LH	14225/0035/Dec	26m
HI8XYZ	14232/0305/Dec	26e	PJ8QM	21308/1515/Dec	27m	VP2LBR	14202/1325/Dec	27m
HP1DXC	28596/1630/Dec	28e	PJ8QM	14205/2130/Dec	25m	VP5TI	21360/1435/Dec	27m
HR6SWA	14218/1255/Dec	27e	PJ9BB	14206/1215/Dec	26e	VP8LP	28585/1845/Dec	27e
HR2JK	14291/2320/Dec	21e	PY7YS	14204/1725/Dec	22e	VS5DB	14209/0030/Dec	26m
OX3PN	21305/1730/Dec	27m	TI2AD	14260/2315/Dec	21m	YB0ABV	14225/0010/Dec	20m
KC4AAC	14330/0445/Dec	28e	VE8DC	14207/1845/Dec	24e	ZP9AK	21348/2215/Dec	26m

LOW BAND LOUIE

CN8BD	3799/0120/Dec	30m	ON4UN	3795/2045/Dec	28e	VR1AA	3788/0655/Dec	30w
CT1FL	3780/0600/Dec	21m	ON4LJ	3788/0440/Dec	26e	VR4DX	3806/1410/Dec	27w
CM2GB	3810/0625/Dec	22w	ON5NT	3788/0440/Dec	26e	VS6DO	3806/1100/Dec	23e
DK3FB	3780/0500/Dec	26e	PJ3AR	3803/0225/Dec	23e	VU2GDG	3789/1500/Dec	29w
FY0BHI	3815/0205/Dec	22e	PJ8QM	3795/0300/Dec	26e	YO3JW	3795/0545/Dec	21m
GI6VU	3800/0320/Dec	23e	PZ1AP	3505/0140/Dec	25m	YU4EBL	3508/0300/Dec	26e
HC8GI	3795/1210/Dec	28w	SM5BLA	3789/1435/Dec	27w	SP7KDJ	3799/0320/Dec	23e
HL9TG	3803/1415/Dec	26w	UK2BAS	3510/0145/Dec	21e	ZK1DA	3780/0935/Dec	28w
HI8XAV	3800/0225/Dec	26e	UK2GKW	3641/0515/Dec	20e	ZL3NR/C	3809/0730/Dec	30w
I3MAU	3797/0540/Dec	21m	UK5WAZ	3641/0515/Dec	24e	6W8DY	3795/2345/Dec	27e
KM6EA	3806/1115/Dec	23e	UA3HO	3640/0510/Dec	20e	6Y5FB	3796/0425/Dec	26e
LZ1KPM	3505/0350/Dec	23e	VP1BJ	3800/0835/Dec	21e	8P6GN	3803/0150/Dec	23e
OZ8KR	3780/0600/Dec	21m	VP2DM	3814/0220/Dec	22m	ZS2HI	3795/0345/Dec	27w
C6ANP	7009/0300/Dec	26e	VP2ST	7017/0230/Dec	26e	7LNU	1827/0150/Dec	17e
CO5DM	7009/0300/Dec	26e	VP2LL	7256/1128/Dec	26e	FY0BHI	1826/0005/Dec	17e
HI8RVR	7025/2255/Dec	26e	VP2EEG	7012/0150/Dec	29m	OK1ATP	1828/0230/Dec	17e
KJ6CW	7280/1025/Dec	21e	VP2LAW	7028/0025/Dec	27m	PA0HIP	1826/0215/Dec	17e
KL7FA	7008/0225/Dec	26e	VU2RQ	7024/1235/Dec	21e			
PJ2VD	7002/0010/Dec	21m	YU1NWJ	7002/2250/Dec	26e			
PJ8QM	7007/2345/Dec	21e	ZK1DA	7029/0710/Dec	28e			
UK9CBD	7029/1145/Dec	21e	ZP3CA	7014/0120/Dec	19m			

CALENDAR

TUVALU VR8B presently active. A new one by YASME  
 GLORIOSO FR7ZL/G presently there...to Jan 20th. FR7AI later this Spring  
 CORN ISLAND YN1DW/YN4 there to January 12th  
 CHATHAM ZL2IN/C opening this week for six month stay...  
 St MARTIN FGØGE opened last week and will be there until May  
 UPPER VOLTA 5T5CJ looking for operation there during CW ARRL Test  
 SOUTH GEORGIA VP8MS expecting to open in February  
 BAJA NUEVO K5QHS aiming for April action  
 St PETER & PAUL PY7YS will be there in February if planning jells  
 San FELIX Possibility later this Spring....still in planning stages  
 FRESNO INTERNATIONAL In May at the Hilton.... The Big DX Meeting!!  
 ARRL DX TESTS First go-rounds. Phone February 7/8th C.W February 21/22nd  
 TROPICAL HAMBOREE January 24/25th at the Miami Municipal Auditorium.

TROPICAL HAMBOREE This is joined with the Southeast ARRL Division Convention and will be on the weekend of January 24/25th at the Municipal Auditorium, 5th and Biscayne Boulevard, in downtown Miami. Tickets will be \$2.00 each.

Last year the attendance at the Hamboree was over 6000 with amateurs coming in from the Bahamas, the Antilles and the Leeward Islands plus some making the long haul up from South America. This year it is expected to be another big event.

Enos Schera, W4VPD, will have a part in the DX session and will give a slide-illustrated report on the TI9FAG-Cocos effort. Most DXers will recall the dust that was flying at the time of this effort last year.

Enos will give all the details and will have a colored slide presentation on that operation to give all the inside details. This will come at 11:00a.m. on Sunday morning, this being a change from the previously published time for this event. Make this one if you can and keep in mind that this DX show will be before lunch and not after...

St MARTIN W1BYS was due to open from Saint Martin on January 1st and will be there until the first week in May. He will be signing FGØGE and can be found most days at 7230kc from 1100Z and at 14305kc from 1130Z.

JOHNSTON ISLAND KJ6CW shows just about every day around 7288kc from 0800Z, generally to handle some traffic. However, he does not object to making contacts for DX counters if some patience and circumspection is observed.

IRCs If you need to get a handful to QSL all those new countries, Gil Baker, W5QPX, has them by the handful. You can corner them at 18¢ each for the first 25 IRCs; 16¢ each for each up to 50 IRCs purchased at one time and any amount over fifty will go for 15¢ each. Send your order to Gil Baker, 101 Rita Blanca Trail, Amarillo, Texas 79108

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DUTCH WEST INDIES If you can keep these islands and preferences together, you are destined for great things. For those who have problems, here is the line up as W9BG has them figured out:

PJ0 & PJ1	Contacts and special operations
PJ2	Curacao
PJ3	Aruba
PJ4	Bonaire
PJ5	St Eustatius
PJ6	Saba
PJ7	Sint Maartens--residents
PJ8	Sint Maartens--non-residents
PJ9	Visitors to Curacao/Aruba/Bonaire

PJ0 1 2 3 4 and 9 count for Netherland Antilles  
PJ5 6 7 8 count for Sint Maarten

TNX to K1TZQ, W1VV, W1WQC/4, K2BT, W2FPM, K2GBC, WB2LOF, W4KA, WB4SLJ, W4BAA, W4UF, W4UMF, W4UMF, W4VPD, K4YFQ, W5AK, W5KGJ, K5OVC, W5QPX, W5USM, WA5WEY, WA5ZWC, W6DAB, W6FF, K6KA, WB6LHJ, K6SSJ, W6TSQ, K6VY, K7ABV, W7AYO, W7UR, W8OA, W8ZOK, W9BG, W9MR, WDX9JFT, WB9LHI, W9NJU, K9WEH, K9YXA, W9YRA, W9ZTD, W0JRN, OH2BH, A35AF, KA6YL, JA8KB.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, a mite furious. "It's that VR8B", he said. "For three days I have been calling and they have yet to come back to me. But that will be the last time this happens. You can bet on that!". We could hear a bell tinkling somewheres in the back of our consciousness and we moved in close to the QRPer. "You have a plan. Maybe?", we said and the QRPer nodded. He moved in close and his voice was low, his manner guarded. "We will let you in at the start", he said, "and here's the plan. We have sent off to Newington to register the Marin County QRP DX Net and we will meet anytime there's some good DX on. Anytime! And our frequency will be 14205kc...plus or minus a handful of course. That's where you will find us". We thought this over for a bit for something was not ringing that bell rightly. "Why 14205kc?", we asked. "That's DX territory. What's a traffic net doing there?". The QRPer snorted. "Who worried about traffic? This is a DX Net and we will be officially registered with the ARRL to meet on that frequency and that makes it our frequency. And heaven help anyone who interferes with an official ARRL Registered Net. A controlled Net and our own frequency....how can we miss?". Son of a Gun!! What could we say to some thing like that when we did not have the answer ourselves. But while we figure out the answer to this enigma, the weekly clues to the Riddle of the Ages will come your way. Maybe we will figure out what's wrong with this idea.....someday.....

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