



# West Coast **DX** Bulletin

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SOUTH SANDWICH We have a letter from the Argentine DX Group which is sponsoring the possible IU2XR/South Sandwich and though the letter comes first, there is a bit of later news which is not good. First the letter....

...to clarify the panorama, we feel obliged to give you the following information directly from the Organizing Commission of the DX expedition to the Argentine South Sandwich Islands.

The persons mentioned below have taken the responsibility for realizing the often announced DXpedition which we would like to have done first and then to talk for about this theme much has been said but little realized.

1. The official callsign will be LU2XR.
2. The person who will operate will be LU4DNX, Roman Pellejero, Master in Meteorology, BS in Physics.
3. We cannot inform about the date of the operation but it will be at the end of January or the beginning of February.
4. The time of operation will be only 12 hours with the possibility of an additional 12 hours more, this and all the success of the mission will depend on climatic conditions in the zone, which we expect will not be very good.

We hope that people will not take things the wrong way and that they will be able to understand that this is a very difficult enterprise and also quite expensive, and in spite of our having received many proposals, we have obtained nothing definite. Therefore, we hope that no one will get annoyed because of the short operating time possible. We feel that a short operation will be better than to go on talking of a possible one in the future....

We remain, yours very truly.

LU3ABX	Hugo Godfrid
LU8AJG	Luis Alberto Gomez
LU4DNX	Roman Eduardo Pellejero
LU5EB	Alberto H. racio Fernandez

There has been some further information that one of the Argentine Antarctic supply vessels went aground in the South Shetland group in mid-January and had to be abandoned. Some are concerned whether this may affect the South Sandwich operation but there has been nothing definite on this.

There has also been a report from Argentine that LU1BAR, Patricia Morton, presently living at Laurel, Maryland, would be a stateside coordinator for the effort. The frequencies will be fifteen and twenty and only dipoles will be available. A Drake TR4C is reported to be the rig. Anyhow, listen later this week....and keep your fingers crossed. This is a difficult operation even under the best of conditions.....



SUNSPOT LOUIE With cloud cover over most of the eastern areas, the last observation was made on January 18th and it has been socked-in at the W8ZOK observation post since then. The spots shown on last week's chart were slightly above the center of the sun on the 18th and have been projected to their probable position on January 20th.

On the sunspots, the fused area between the two larger spots dissipated so that only the two large spots remain along with a small spot, about 7000 miles in diameter, below them. The two large spots have remained fairly constant in size and appearance.

WWV has been handing out N-5 forecasts though the bands have not been good.

As has been noted several times in the past, the spots shown on the charts are the significant ones which are likely to affect propagation. There often are a number of smaller ones and in that burst of activity on January 11th, the official count was for a count of 27 on January 12th and 38th on the 13th/

All the activity, unfortunately, was less than  $10^{\circ}$  from the solar equator. It has been some time since there has been noted any activity which might be associated with the new cycle, these would be found in higher latitudes on the sun and well away from the equator.

Boulder was looking for a minor inonspheric storm over last weekend with things becoming quiet about January 26th and remaining quiet for about a week. Solar activity is expected to be low through this week. Definitely we are moving into the bottom of the cycle if we're not there already. And what can a desperate DXer do in these rocky times.....smile and grit your teeth!!

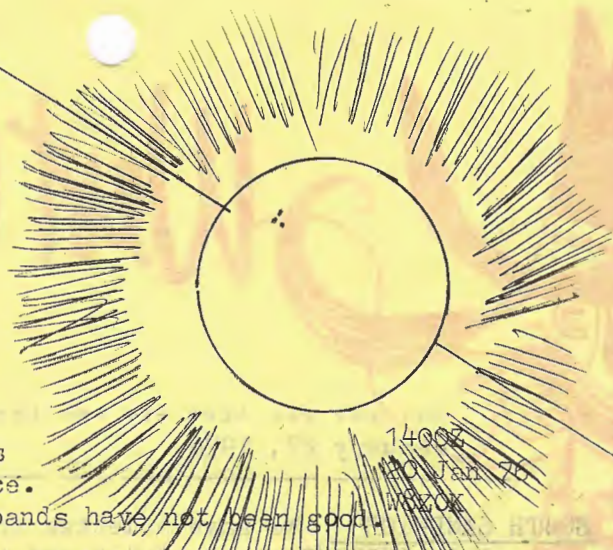
W4UMF wants to advise that he will be using a 27-day recurrence period for his predictions from now on. The continuing study of the geomagnetic activity indicates that the use of a 27-day period would improve the accuracy of the forecasts. The following are the forecasts, corrected for a 27-day recurrence period.

January 27th	High Normal	February 3rd	Low Normal
28th	High Normal	4th	High Normal
29th	High...slipping to Low Normal	5th	High..slipping to Low Normal
30th	Low Normal	6th	Disturbed
31st	Low Normal	7th	Disturbed
February 1st	Low Normal	8th	Low Normal
2nd	Low Normal	9th	Low Normal

You will note that the ARRL DX Test will find the phone portion starting out in Disturbed conditions and ending with a Low Normal condition. Jump in and check the conditions before abandoning all hope. Sometimes you get a surprise.

K6EC comes up from the south with the figures for all the chart makers. Once in a while we run into a variance and there are a number of factors which may cause some questions. For one thing, the 14 minute-after-the-hour K index is measured at Boulder while the flux comes from Ottawa. The weekly bulletin information is for Fredericksburg. Son of a Gun!! Here are the figures....

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
Jan 13th	80	10	Jan 17th	81	9
14th	83	8	18th	79	8
15th	86	5	19th	79	7
16th	83	6	20th	78	-





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ABU AIL Clyde Schoenfeld, W6KNH, was in Zanzibar earlier this month and he forwarded some information on action from the Red Sea Islands.

Clyde advises that the operation by FL8OM from Abu Ail last month was only for the grand total of 1.5 hours. While the navigation lights on the island were checked by the ship's crew, FL8OM threw up an antenna and got on the air, tore the whole thing down and jumped back aboard the ship when it was pulling anchor. This was hardly long enough to satisfy much of the demand for Abu Ail.

However, FL8OM is planning another operation from the Red Sea Islands during the Easter period and this is scheduled for about a week of operating. The plan is to go out to the island on a chartered boat and then return when the maintenance vessel makes it stop there.

Another FL8-operator probably will also be in on the operation. Previously the responsibility for the maintenance of the navigation lights was held by the Ethiopian government but since the political changes in that area in the last year, the duty is now held by the FL8-authorities.

BAJA NUEVO K5QHS advises that his HKØ-Baja Nuevo effort has been pushed back a couple of months, the advice being that the period July to September would be a better proposition as far as conditions go. There is also the report that Baja is only above the water in that period which might be an advantage.

San says that it is still on and in the interim he may try either Martinique or Guadeloupe as he has licenses for those areas. However, Baja is pushed back from April to about the July period....but it will come.

LESOTHO Erik Sjolund, SMØACD, and Andy Larsson, SM4CNN/ZS6BNF, were due to open from 7P8-Lesotho on January 22nd and were to operate through last weekend. QSLs for this one, if you worked them, were to go to SM3CXS

SOME SHORTLY NOTED NOTES EA8CR was pretty definite that his EA8CR/EA9 effort would come off last weekend....this was going to be all bands with even 160mtrs as a possibility.

Bill Snider, K6KM, who is presently in Teheran, says that the best possibilities for working the Moslem countries are Thursdays and Fridays...this being their weekend. Bill doing some SWling reports hearing EP/A4X/A9X/AP/HZ/TA on most of their weekends.

New officers for the North Jersey DX Assn are: President Lou Amoroso, W2ZZ; Vice-prex Leo Cunniff, W2OEH; Secretary Bro. Pat Dowd, W2GK; Treasurer Charles Moraller, WB2UKP. The North Jersey DX Assn also functions as the Second-Call-Area QSL Bureau.

K4II will be touring in the Pacific this Spring and will try a number of locations for 160meters. K4LFO has come up with with CW DX certificate No. 29. He said he had to work 175 to get enough cards. You might remember that the SouthEast DX Club has their DX Information Net at 0100Z on Wednesdays, 3815kc....this is 8:00p.m. localtime there on Tuesdays in Georgia.

CR9AJ was worked in Arkansas on the 19th....Horacio getting further across the country. P29EM is looking for the Dakotas, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire to finish out a WAS and you might find him around 14260kc from 0115Z most days. W8CNL is handling the QSLs for C9MJO. Ray's new address is: Ray McClure, 763 Graham Lake Terrace, Battle Creek, Mich 49017.

W5RG is home after some gall bladder surgery. The problem kept Tom a bit off schedule and he had to cancel out for SAROC but he says that he will make Fresno this year for sure. Tom is now at home and almost back to normal..... 3B8DA is working through some 3000 Rodriguez QSLs and they should be showing any week now. 5X5NK recently was saying to QSL direct. JX4GN's address apparently is sought by several and I2YDX gives it as: Odd Bugten, 7170 Aiafjord, Norway as a sure route for a QSL.



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ON YV8AL--ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

A couple of weeks back we ran the letter from the Radio Club Venezolano on their feelings about Aves and the YV8AL effort of the last couple of summers. We have another viewpoint on the matter and here it is:

.....on behalf of efforts by the Venezuelan government to protect the endangered green sea turtles preserve, the Venezuelan Department of the Interior has commissioned the Islands Resource Foundation, (a non-profit international group of scientists) to make yearly or bi-yearly trips to provide turtle counts, weighing statistics, surveillance for possible poaching, etc. These scientists are dropped off on the island by boat and live on Aves for thirty to sixty days until the boat returns.

Because of the constant danger of high winds and storms covering that tiny strip of sand, some sort of reliable communications authority was requested from the lead agency in the YV-government. They not only provided the authorization to operate from Aves, they also provided the call sign YV8AL/Ø, which in Venezuela is licensed to the Institute of Natural Sciences whose members are on the island during each expedition and who are transported there by the Venezuelan Navy and accompanied by the Minister of Interior who used YV8AL/Ø to speak to his officials in YV. By the way, this Minister of Interior is the same chap whom the YV-club must request permission from to set foot on Aves...

The letter from the Radio Club is not wrong, it merely distorts for the self-serving purposes of a few in YV-land. After a year of trying to work through the club, we got nothing. Even the President of Venezuela was persuaded to sign a decree that only nationals of Venezuela would be allowed to receive a YVØ call, this proving to be somewhat embarrassing later on.

Under the reciprocal treaty, Venezuelans operate from the U.S and its territories. I insisted to the ministry that Venezuela was a signatory to a bi-lateral agreement. Well, the Interior Department said not to worry about a YVØ-call, and extended in writing the direction to use YV8AL/Ø

As they say in the Caribbean, 'Matter Done!!' The fact that the Institute license has expired, well, I would hazard a guess that a large number of YVs are operating with expired licenses. I feel that we DXers should encourage operations from rare locations for the thrill and enjoyment of DXers around the world. Sometimes we run into groups with whom it is difficult to work with and it does seem to me that the 250 to 300 stations that the scientists may work each year are apparently of more concern than cooperation and mutual respect. Amateurs who attempt to operate from rare spots have enough problems with the need for authorizations, financing, transportation and other problems. In this case all the pieces are there except the needed cooperation from the group that one would expect to be the first to help, encourage and support the venture.

Please print this in an early issue.....

Thanks and 73,

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ROCKALL There still continues some interest in this rock and the November-December issue of OCEANS Magazine has an article on Rockall, and the political overtones in everyone's claim to the rock and the surrounding seabed of course. There are some excellent photos, some showing enough wave action to discourage even the most venturesome. It really is an interesting article if you can locate a copy of the issue.



REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

I am for DX against the world,  
But is DX for me.....

AFRICA CW

EA8LK 14031/1705/Jan 17e  
FL8SD 14029/2110/Jan 17e  
FR7AW 14049/1720/Jan 17e  
TU2GA 14042/1830/Jan 16kp  
ZS6BT 14025/2040/Jan 10w  
ZS6BFF 14038/1915/Jan 16kp  
3B6DH 14027/1900/Jan 17e

EUROPE CW

DL3CW 14003/1530/Jan 16m  
EA6DO 14045/1810/Jan 17e  
GC5TU 14065/1630/Jan 9w  
GD4AM 14031/1700/Often  
GM4CMO 14053/1605/Jan 13w  
ISØAEW 14035/1320/Jan 19e  
LG5LG 14003/1430/Jan 18m

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CO2OM 14016/2155/Jan 17m  
CP3CN 14003/2120/Jan 15m  
FG7AT 14018/1925/Jan 10w  
FG7XJ 14018/2110/Jan 16e  
FG7XA 21028/1525/Jan 18e

AFRICA SSB

C9MJ0 14209/2230/Jan 17m  
D4CBS 21319/1900/Jan 11m  
EL1A 14203/1930/Jan 16kp  
EL2X 14202/2055/Jan 20w  
TU2EF 14223/2000/Jan 14m  
TU2FR 14210/2220/Jan 13w  
VQ9R 14239/1730/Jan 18e

ASIA SSB

CR9AJ 14225/2340/Jan 19m  
HS5AKW 14210/1340/Jan 19e#  
VU2DK 14210/1345/Jan 16e  
VU2YY 14208/1330/Jan 16m  
4X4CW 14205/1355/Jan 14e

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

CP1EU 14239/1205/Jan 19kp  
CX4AW 14205/0055/Jan 17m  
CX6AM 21295/2205/Jan 13w  
FG7TD 14203/2145/Jan 16e  
FGØGE 14296/1250/Jan 20m  
FK8AB 14236/0550/Jan 8m  
FY7YE 14205/1330/Jan 19e  
HH2V 21355/1815/Jan 18m  
HI8MOG 14214/2135/Jan 17w  
HI5ØRCD 14210/2050/Jan 12m  
HR6SWA 21277/1950/Jan 11m

3B8DO 14049/1810/Jan 16kp  
5N2FAX 14006/2030/Jan 18e  
5V7AB 14064/2035/Jan 17e  
5X5NK 14028/1920/Jan 19m  
9J2CL 14028/2045/Jan 16e  
9J2BL 14049/1810/Jan 16kp

LZ1KRB 14005/1430/Jan 15m  
OH9PP 14009/1745/Jan 19w  
OZ5QZ 14020/1525/Jan 15m  
TA1ZB 14037/1840/Jan 15w  
SP2AJ0 14003/1510/Jan 16m  
SM7FSV 14003/1535/Jan 16m  
UK2WAF 14003/1500/Jan 16m

FK8CL 14037/0525/Jan 13m  
FP8JP 14039/1415/Jan 14e  
FY7YE 14003/1830/Jan 15m  
HK5SK 14032/1835/Jan 16kp  
KG6JAR 14027/0100/Jan 13w

ZD7FT 14223/1915/Jan 14m  
ZS3TP 14215/2100/Jan 13w  
ZS4VF 21284/1510/Jan 16e  
ZS6DN 14201/2315/Jan 16w  
3B6DH 14215/1930/Jan 16kp  
3B8DA 14216/1930/Jan 14w  
5N2FAX 14211/2100/Jan 16m

EUROPE SSB

CT2BB 14228/2025/Jan 14e  
CT2BU 14203/2025/Jan 14e  
CT4AT 14209/1725/Jan 14e  
FC9UC 14205/1540/Jan 18w  
GC2LU 14222/1450/Jan 16e  
OZ7PH 14204/1345/Jan 16e  
OZ1AMT 14205/1500/Jan 16w

ASIA CW

CR9AJ 14040/0000/Jan 15yb  
VU2IO 14012/1350/Jan 14e#  
VU2MQF 14064/2035/Jan 17e  
VU2DK 14010/1320/Jan 16e

UK2BBB 14058/1445/Jan 16e  
UK2GJE 14024/1345/Jan 15m  
UO5OWC 14011/1340/Jan 16m  
UP2SA 14049/1345/Jan 14e#  
ZB2A 14019/1605/Jan 15e  
4U1ITU 14052/1540/Jan 15w

YB1KW 14027/0040/Jan 10w  
P29EJ 14040/0550/Jan 11w  
YV1AD 14025/2100/Jan 10w  
6Y5BF 14021/1645/Jan 21w

5Z4PP 14202/1755/Jan 12m  
6W8HO 14221/2130/Jan 10e  
9G1JC 14237/2020/Jan 16e  
9J2AB 14205/2025/Jan 15w  
9J2LL 14264/1945/Jan 10e  
9J2BO 21261/1600/Jan 16m  
9J2WR 14264/1930/Jan 10e

GI3YDH 14220/1450/Jan 16e  
SV1AE 14205/1435/Jan 14m#  
UK1ZAA 14204/1840/Jan 14e  
YU2HDE 14214/1400/Jan 16e  
4U1ITU 14222/1255/Jan 15e

VP2GRN 14217/1300/Jan 19m  
VP2SV 14208/1950/Jan 14m  
VP8MV 14248/2245/Jan 18m  
VP8HA 14223/0030/Jan 17m  
VP8NY 14212/0015/Jan 18kp  
W4DRD/VP9 14225/2350 19m  
VR1AA 21295/2110/Jan 10m  
ZL3EM 21325/2155/Jan 20w  
ZP5XG 14230/1205/Jan 19kp  
WA7SIN/8R1 14216/2240/19m  
VK6LU 14213/2300/Jan 19m



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# LOW BAND LOUIE

A9XU 7004/2320/Jan 15m	LZ1KBB 7002/0000/Jan 16e	VP5DM 7280/0220/Jan 21w
CO5DM 7010/0210/Jan 15w	LZ1KPM 7004/1530/Jan 17w	VP8NN 7006/0600/Jan 20m
CX3AL 7003/0130/Jan 17e	ON6BC 7007/1745/Jan 18e	VQ9D 7004/1445/Jan 14w
DM2DUK 7024/0120/Jan 17e	P29AB 7007/0940/Jan 17m	VU2LO 7001/1445/Jan 16w
DU6RH 7005/1515/Jan 15w	PJ2VD 7027/1140/Jan 16m	VP9GG 7001/2330/Jan 13e
EA3EP 7007/0610/Jan 15m	PJ3SF 7001/0445/Jan 18e	YB0ABV 7006/1450/Jan 17w
FM7AV 7016/0025/Jan 17w	VE2AQS/TG 7005/0830 18m	YU1EXY 7002/1500/Jan 14w
FK8CJ 7008/1300/Jan 17e	UA9CAV 7006/1155/Jan 20e	ZL2RK 7031/0925/Jan 14e
G4DDS 7002/1835/Jan 18e	UK2BGS 7029/0930/Jan 14e	ZE6JL 7005/2250/Jan 15e
HB9XU 7003/2300/Jan 15e	UK2FAS 7003/1520/Jan 15w	ZL3LN/C 7013/0750/Jn 20w
IT9TAI 7003/2330/Jan 17e	UK6HBO 7004/1450/Jan 17w	5X5NK 7002/1500/Jan 17w
JA2GAD 7075/0955/Jan 14e	UK9AAN 7002/1245/Jan 14e	6Y5BF 7006/0010/Jan 17m
KG6JAR 7003/1505/Jan 14w	UK5JBJ 7001/2320/Jan 17e	8P6GQ 7016/0945/Jan 18m
LU1CAB 7012/0130/Jan 17e	VP2MU 7001/1445/Jan 16w	9V1ST 7004/1420/Jan 15w
CN8BF 3790/0700/Jan 17m	LA4ZC 3505/2220/Jan 8yb	VS5DB 3796/1440/Jan 14w
C6ADY 3809/0420/Jan 13m	LU8AJG 3740/0420/Jan 17e	VU2GDG 3790/1530/Jan 17w
CT4AT 3795/0025/Jan 10m	ON4UN 3786/0615/Jan 16w	YB7AAU 3790/1500/Jan 15w
FG7AM 3505/0350/Jan 16m	PA0GMW 3797/0750/Jan 17w	YV5AMI 3819/0410/Jan 12m
FG7XA 3506/0310/Jan 17e	SM5BLA 3789/1525/Jan 16w	ZL3LV 3808/0945/Jan 18e
FP8DX 3795/0315/Jan 19w	TG9DV 3797/0655/Jan 17m	ZS6DW 3776/0405/Always
HH2V 3794/0450/Jan 17kp	TG9RN 3809/0710/Jan 16m	ZL2NR/C 3787/0730/Jn 21w
HP1DXC 3806/0650/Jan 17m	UK0ZAF 3506/1120/Jan 8w	4X4QG 3790/1500/Jan 14w
JA1JRK 3798/1220/Jan 8e	VP1JKM 3803/0400/Jan 13m	5B4DA 3505/1840/Jan 14yb
JA7GLB 3501/1140/Jan 8w	VP2SV 3819/0315/Jan 12m	6Y5DA 3809/0520/Jan 16w
JY9CR 3790/1500/Jan 17w	VP5RN 3812/0030/Jan 18m	6Y5GB 3802/0235/Jan 16m
KJ6BZ 3905/0650/Jan 14m	VP8LP 3796/0815/Jan 17m	6Y5BF 3503/0350/Jan 17w
KM6EA 3820/0630/Jan 12m	VP8LB 3795/0815/Jan 17w	9M2PV 3808/1520/Jan 9w
KL7IKI 3803/1500/Jan 17w	VR8A 3798/0930/Jan 17w	9Y4SF 3794/0410/Jan 16e
EA8CR 1805/0030/Jan 17e	PA0HIP/LX 1827/0200/Jan 18e	
HK0BKX 1813/0120/Jan 15e		

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kp = puerto rico )  
 (yb = indonesia, etc. all times in gmt # = long path ?? = Slim! Your friend!!)

ARRL BOARD MEETING An official bulletin has come on the January Directors meeting and it gives a condensed bit on information on the Board meeting:

With major emphasis on preparation for the 1979 WARC, the Board of Directors in annual session January 15th and 16th initiated an extensive training project coordinated through local radio clubs, to promote increased growth of the amateur radio service. Programmed learning techniques and materials will be made available to achieve uniform class instruction leading to an amateur license. The aim is fifty percent growth prior to the Conference. The fund for defense of frequencies was replenished to a total of \$100,000.00, and monies advanced to the ARRL Foundation to finance a solicitation program for funds to cover the extensive costs of WARC preparation and participation.

In the domestic regulatory field, the Board requested the General Manager to explore a system of frequency coordinators, particularly for repeaters. It directed increased efforts toward the solution of RFI problems and to alleviate interference and eliminate jamming on the amateur bands.

FCC officials W3CAH and K3BNS met informally with the League assembly. Responsibility for club relations was transferred to the General Manager. Deadlines for Director nominations and elections were eased to avoid lateness of ballot distribution and return. A regular schedule of SCM elections and terms of office will be established. President W2TUK, Vice-presidents W4KFC, VE3CJ and W0BWJ were re-elected. Studies ordered of 50mhz and 420mhz bands, an outgoing QSL Bureau, phone patches, contest rules. Full minutes will be in the March QST.



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# CALENDAR

FERNANDO De NORONHA  
NAURU  
SINT MAARTEN

SOUTH GEORGIA  
SOUTH ORKNEYS  
SOUTH SANDWICH  
UPPER VOLTA  
SAN FELIX  
BAJO NUEVO  
NIUE  
PAPUA/NEW GUINEA  
ABU AIL  
CHRISTMAS ISLAND  
TURKS AND CAICOS

St PAUL/SABLE ISLAND  
FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX MEET

PY7PO and PY7BXC from February 1st with c.w. operation  
The Colvins expected to be heard any time from C21....  
W2JKN until the end of the week....FGØGE there until  
May....PJ8CO opening February 2nd thru ARRL Tests....  
VP8MS in late February  
LU1ZA presently active  
Plans grounded due to problems in the South Shetlands  
5T5CJ may be there in mid-February for ARRL c.w. test  
Plans for late this Spring... Details yet to be told..  
K5QHS plans back a couple of months to the summer....  
A35AF may go in the next couple of weeks....  
P29PNG on all band operation February 13/14th  
FL8s planning for week operation around Easter season  
VR3AG will open next month for long stay....  
North Florida DX Group planning big effort for CQs  
WPX SSB Test in late March  
VE1ASJ planning operation from the islands in April...  
May 14/16th at the Fresno Hilton!! Prepare!!!!

SHORTLY NOTED COMSAT will launch the first of two communication satellites in the middle of next month, these being directed to provide communication services for the maritime services. Named, 'Marisats', the first one will be over the Atlantic and a second one to be launched later will cover the Pacific. Many will be watching the growth of these services and a continued lessening of the use of the h.f. frequencies, and especially so with WARC 79 getting a bit closer. At the Pacific Division ARRL meeting in December, there was again mention of the aim of those planning for the amateur services to press for additional bands of frequencies in the 10mhz/17mhz/23mhz areas.

W2IYX is the new editor of the Long Island DX Assn bulletin, WA2RJZ having to relinquish the post due to the press of business commitments. That 160mtr effort of W5USM from YN1DW racked up 148 SSB contacts and 182 c.w. contacts on 160 meters. This included 46 states worked and 18 countries. While 160 was the main effort, there was also action on 80/40/15 meters with over 600 QSOs on forty SSB. QSLs can go either to W4BRB or to W5USM, Rt 2, Box 228-I, McKinney, Texas 75069

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15% OFF LIST TOWERS TRIEX 'W' and 'MW' Series. Shipped FOB California..  
DRAKE TR4C and TX4C

Max W5GJ Don K5AAD Mary W5MBB Dave WA5ZNY John W5AB



SINT MAARTEN VE1ASJ, Andy McLellan, will be in Dutch Sint Maarten from February 2nd and will be signing PJ8CO. Andy is reported to be doing some traveling in the Caribbean area and will be there for both the ARRL SSB and CW Tests in February.

THE SEYCHELLES The Seychelles Islands signed an agreement with Britain last week and the island group will be an independent republic within the British Commonwealth at midnight on June 28th.

The new nation will include the islands of Aldabra, Farquhar and Desroches. These islands are reported as under lease to the U.S. on a sixty year lease negotiated back in 1966. The parliamentary undersec'y for the British Foreign and Commonwealth office said that there were no U.S. installations on these three islands. The future status of the islands, Aldabra, Farquhar and Desroches, will be worked out in future tripartite talks.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, K1TZQ, W1WQC/4, K2BT, W2FPM, W2GT, WA2RJZ, W3CDL, W3HHV, W4BRB, W4HU, K4LRO, W4UF, W4UMF, K5QHS, K5OVC, W5USM, WA6AHF, W6CIM, WA6CPP, W6DAB, K6EC, W6GC, WB6IXC, K6KII, W6KYA, W6PT, W5RG, W6TSQ, K6VY, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, W7AYO, WA7OBH, W7UR, W8OA, W8ZOK, W9BG, K9KEV, WB9LHI, KP4EAJ, YB0ABV, JA1VZM, I2YDX, SM0AGD, PA9WRR, KP4AN, KV4FZ, LUeABX, W6HQN/EP, W6KNH/5Z4, JA6WGE.

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