

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



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BILL RINDONE Bill was expecting to open from A6X-United Arab Emirates over this last week-end and then move on to A4X-Oman later this week.

At this point it would seem that Bill is winding up his Asian activities, he will be moving on to the western part of the Indian Ocean including the stops on the Persian Gulf, and then swing south towards Africa. There are still a number of choice spots on his itinerary and it may pay to keep a bit alert as he moves on to new operating locales.

In the VK9XX-Christmas Island operation, Bill made 5400 QSOs with 120 countries. In the 9N1MM-Nepal operation, practically all c.w. made over 3000 QSOs with 90 countries.

All of these QSL to his home QTH in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Any support will be appreciated.

There had been plans for a rendezvous with W4BPD in Bhutan in mid-April. Later these were slid back to mid-May. The matter would seem to be still up in the air with the prospect lessening as Bill gets further west towards Africa.

THE COLVINS Lloyd and Iris opened from YJ8-New Hebrides last week, this time they got off the plane and settled down to stay for the rest of the month. They were signing YJ8KG and you can look for them in or about their usual operating spots.

BAJA NUEVO The plans for this one moved on a bit last week, the Northern California DX Foundation agreeing to help with the boat charter and some other minor expenses.

Some matters still had to be worked out but there were some indications that the operation may include up to five operators. Late word was being expected as the bulletin was being printed and it may be found further on if something did arrive on time.

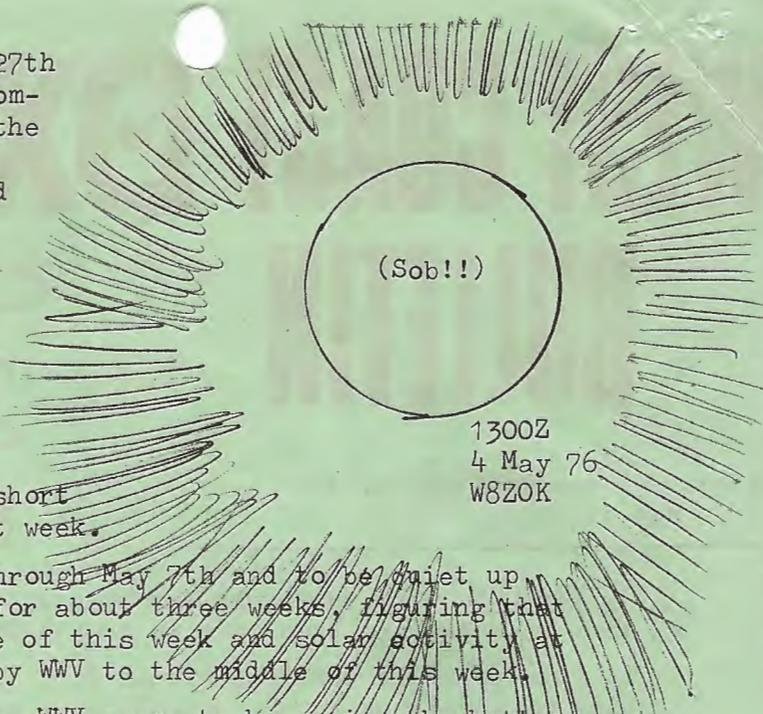
NAVASSA The Miami Herald newspaper last week had a news article that the Coast Guard was considering closing Navassa Island again due to it being used as a trans-shipment point in the narcotic traffic moving up from the Caribbean. It is understood that some other government agencies may be looking at Navassa with some plans aimed at next year.

N6V The Cal-Tech Jet Propulsion Lab Amateur Radio Club has been given permission to use the call 'N6V' in the coming months and it will be used during the periods which correspond with the landing of VIKING I and VIKING II on Mars. The probable days of operation are June 18th - 23rd, July 3rd-18th, August 6th-12th and Aug 31-Sep 15. Look for them:

CW 3530 3730 7030 7130 14030 21030 21130 28030 28130kc
SSB 3810 3930 7230 14225 14325 21360 and 28630kc

SUNSPOT LOUIE Last week the chart for April 27th noted one sunspot visible. On the 29th two companion spots showed, forming a triangle with the spots approximately 35,000 miles apart. Two of the spots near the equatorial line diffused into one disturbed area which lasted until May 2nd, disappearing on that day. The remaining spot rotated to the back side of the sun on May 3rd and no spots were visible on the date of this report.

Band conditions have reflected this activity with WWV coming up with some U-4s and W-4s. May 3rd had six hour indices of 4344 and the following day, May 4th, it was 4455. In short conditions were not good in the middle of last week.



WWV expected conditions to remain unsettled through May 7th and to be quiet up to May 12th. WWV looks for quiet conditions for about three weeks, figuring that geomagnetic conditions unsettled to the middle of this week and solar activity at a low level. No ionospheric storms are seen by WWV to the middle of this week.

In the 12 month moving average sunspot numbers, WWV seems to be seeing the bottom as it is certainly looking for some flat numbers from May to December....SSN of 9 in May and SSN of 8 in December. Things seem to be getting to the point where the only way they can go is up, up, up. You may not know the day or the hour, but the bottom is near. As W6TSQ said last week: "Look at it this way, it surely is a year closer than it was this time last year!!" We had to think that over for sometimes these astute pronouncements on the Inevitable Truths are a bit hard to grasp. So what did we do, what did we say? "Say it again, Sam! Say it again!"

From the right bank of the Potomac, headed downstream of course, we get the word on what you can expect for the next couple of weeks. Hold on one more week and you will learn what it might be like around the time for the JARL Oki-no Tori Shima trip. If you have been reading your charts, you might suspect some recurrent high A Index figures. Anyhow, peering into the far Pacific, seeking to pierce the veil of the future and to bring hope to the long suffering but still Deserving DXers, Ted says it will be:

May 12th	Low Normal	May 19th	High Normal
13th	High Normal (Keep fingers)	20th	Low Normal
14th	High Normal (crossed.....)	21st	Low Normal/High Normal
15th	High Normal	22nd	Low Normal
16th	High Normal	23rd	Low Normal/High Normal
17th	High Normal	24th	High Normal
18th	High Normal	25th	Low Normal

And with that, Ted says: "If I can't get things up for Oki-No, look what I did for those Iraqi plans. The best possible at the bottom of the cycle...almost!"

Up from the south at break of day comes the word from K6EC and Ev has all the figures for those whose trust is in the charts. Ev says it went thisaway...

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
April 27th	75	11	May 1st	80	8
28th	74	11	2nd	76	22
29th	72	12	3rd	73	58
30th	79	11	4th	71	-

There's the whole lash-up. CQ had another article on sunspots in their April issue. We'd feel better if they were published in some other month than April. This is a time to try the hearts of DXers and we need reassurance... Sunspots will rise again!! Maybe??

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OKI-NO TORI SHIMA With the JARL DXpedition able to operate only at low water, most DXers will be wanting to plan their watch for the periods when low water will be in that area. Needing expert assistance, we consulted with our Maritime Desk and Bob Harris, K6VY, came up with a lot of information. First, the periods of high and low water at Oki-no Tori Shima. These were worked out from the tide tables at Guam and at Naha, corrected for the expected times at Oki-no Tori Shima. All of these are in Greenwich time and you will have to correct the time for your location if you are looking for local time.

May 27th	Low	1500Z	+1.5'	May 31st	Low	0510Z	-0.5'
	High	2020	+2.5		High	1230	+2.5
May 28th	Low	0330	0.0		Low	1740	+1.5
	High	1030	+2.5		High	2230	+2.0
	Low	1540	+1.5	Jun 1st	Low	0545	-0.5
	High	2055	+2.5		High	1310	+2.5
May 29th	Low	0400	0.0		Low	1820	+1.5
	High	1110	+2.5		High	2310	+2.0
	Low	1620	+1.5	Jun 2nd	Low	0630	0.0
	High	2120	+2.5				
May 30th	Low	0430	-1.5				
	High	1150	+2.5				
	Low	1700	+1.5				
	High	2200	+2.5				

From Hydrographic Office Publication 82, The Coast Pilot, we find the following information.

PARECE VELA (Douglas Reef) $20^{\circ}25'N.$, $136^{\circ}05'E.$ A U.S. naval vessel examined Parece Vela Reef in 1947 and reported that the first indications of the reef when approaching from seaward are the breakers, the distinct discoloration of the water, and, when near the reef, a large rock about 6 feet high on the southwest side. Three small rocks break the surface on the west side of the reef, and another about $1\frac{1}{4}$ feet high, is located on the northeast side. Because of the breakers around the reef the small rocks are nearly impossible to see from seaward.

The reef is about $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles long, northeastward and southwestward, and about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile wide. A shoal ledge extends from 50 to 70 feet outward from the line of breakers around most of the reef, and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile northeastward from the northeast end. A small boat channel, about 50 feet wide and 20 feet deep leads into the lagoon from the southeast side of the reef. The channel is easily accessible for a small boat. The lagoon has 10 to 15 feet, but there are numerous coral heads of lesser depths throughout the area.

It was also reported that a submerged reef about 3 miles long and 200 yards wide extends in a northwesterly direction from a position about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile northward of the west part of Parece Vela. Numerous rips were observed on the west side of this reef, and the depths on it were estimated to be 6 to 10 feet. Vessels should not pass closer than 5 miles northward of Parece Vela, for the length of the submerged reef is only approximately known.

In 1959 a helicopter reconnaissance survey of Parece Vela Reef indicated that the reef is pear-shaped-in an east-west direction-with its greatest width at its eastern end. No open channels were observed, although there appeared to be deeper water over the reef on its northwestern side. A circular underwater construction of quarried or concrete blocks, about 40 feet in diameter, the highest part of which was barely awash, was observed in the southwestern part of the lagoon. The aforementioned rock, about 6 feet high, was not visible.

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SABLE/St PAUL Reports have popped up from time to time about efforts aimed at St Paul or Sable. VE1BFV is permanent party, more or less, on Sable and is being worked. St Paul is something else and some information on the possibilities for either has drifted this way from a good source.

St Paul is ice-bound during the winter months and up to around the first part of May the only way one might get on to St Paul is via helicopter. With a chopper it might be one thing to get to St Paul and another to get it set down with the wind ususally found there. There is a light-house keeper on the island who is reported to be as amiable as a bear with a sore nose and he pretty much has the say about the island.

It does not seem feasible to expect to just head for St Paul and expect to operate. It may take a bit of doing and the way may be a bit rough.

To land on Sable you need both the permission from the Canadian Department of Transport and the Canadian Environment Agency. The only ingress permitted is via air and one airline is reported to be the sole holder of landing rights. There are no lodging facilities on the island and Environment has indicated that they cannot handle nor be responsible for guests.

The only possible shelter is a quonset hut for VIPs, this being about two miles from the air strip. If the Environment people do not offer to run over with their tractor, an unlikely possibility, you are stuck.

There have been a good number of requests for operating permission for these islands, both from W/Ks and VE groups. Undoubtedly there will be more operations from St. Paul and VE1BFV is supplying Sable regularly. If one is thinking of the summer months and possible operations from these spots, it may pay to do some checking first. It may not be as easy as one might imagine.

W6AOI-SILENT KEY John Ellison, W6AOI, a member of the Northern California DX Club became a Silent Key on May 3rd while in a hospital for some surgery. A retired Navy Captain, John was an Annapolis graduate and had also studied at MIT. A very pleasant and knowledgeable person, W6AOI was always a considerate gentleman. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

MALPELO Though there does not appear to be any action on this one in the near future, reports are starting to come out of Colombia that some thinking is being directed towards an effort in 1977. There will be a celebration in that year of Colombian independence and an effort may come in connection with that celebration.

EME-WA6LET This will be coming via the big 150' dish at Stanford Research Institute in another week, the time will be from 1000 to 1900Z on May 23rd. WA6LET will transmit on the odd minute and listen on the even minute.

Transmitting frequency will be 432.095mhz. Listening frequencies will be:

432.025mhz to 432.050mhz. 432.000 +/- ⁴⁰⁰⁰ _{VI}

Also, it is possible that 222.000mhz and 220.000-220.075mhz will be used as an listening frequency, also.

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** The Sunspots Will Rise Again!!!
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SHORTLY NOTED This was a week when there really was no startling DX news but there still seems to be an awfully lot to fill these sheets...

We got no late word on the YI-plans of DL7FT, this being Friday evening, and nothing further on the SP6-plans. In other areas, the Baja Nuevo project there is some checking of licenses, etc. of those who may participate and as of last Friday it was shaping up but it probably will not show for another week or so.

K5QHS, San Hutson, has also been working in that direction, his plans being tied in with some HK-operators. They have been leaning to an early Fall effort but San would rather not be on a low reef like Baja Nuevo during the hurricane season and he has been leaning the other way towards the June-August period. Whether or not these Baja Nuevo plans come off, San is also working on a couple of others which will interest any Deserving DXer. Something will come.....

It might be noted that some of the various nets meet...

Arkansas DX Assn	Mondays and Fridays	3815khz	0100Z
Pacific DX Net	Tuesday and Friday	14265kc	0600Z

Last Friday, May 7th, the ARRL in Official Bulletin 588 noted that the FCC had announced that during the duration of the earthquake emergency in Italy, that the Italian had lifted its ban against 3rd-party traffic.

In those tide tables for Oki-no Tori Shima, the COAST PILOT says: "Heights are reckoned from the datum of soundings on charts of the locality which is mean lower low water".

RSGB is looking to WARC 1979 and has asked Lord Wallace of Coslany if he would stand for election for RSGB President in 1977. Lord Wallace said he would. It might also be noted that "...Enquiries have been made to (RSGB) headquarters as to the views of the Society on the so-called citizens band activity in the segment between 27 and 28mhz. At the present time the opinion of the (RSGB) Council is that no support can be given to the establishment of a communications band in this part of the spectrum. In the UK all transmissions in this band comprise the use of tones, i.e. for paging and location and for model control. Reports of cb activities in the USA show gross violations of the regulations, leading in some cases to heavy fines and prison sentences. The Society has no desire to see the spread of these practices to the UK, particularly as in many cases press reports do not differentiate between the licensed radio amateur and the 27mhz users, most of whom are unlicensed". Son of a Gun!!

TA1ZB often around 14026kc/2045Z. A week or so back he was calling 'CQ' and could not get anyone to answer him. Wallis may still be a possibility for the Colvins after their tour this month at YJ8-New Hebrides.

We are still looking for names and mailing addresses of DX Clubs in the US/VE areas. So far we have both the North California/Southern California Clubs, Delta DX Assn; Twin City DX Assn; Southern New England DX Assn; Eastern Iowa DX Assn; The National Capitol DX Assn and the British Columbia DX Club. We know there are a couple more and if your club is not listed, jiggle the secretary a bit to give us the information. We are also looking for DX repeater frequencies. Somewhere along the line we will publish the whole list. Think of how you will feel if your club is not listed!!

Some have asked about Bill Rindone's not giving his itinerary in advance so some time off can be planned. We had Bill's travel plan when he departed. It came apart before he got to Christmas Island. We have checked with one of Bill's neighbors who relays messages to his XYL and he is at sea as much as we are. At this point it appears that Bill is flying by the seat of his pants, knowing generally where he is going but the time and dates for any long-range announcements are uncertain. Generally, there are some 'if's' and 'maybes' in his plans. However, watch when he heads down into Africa....this was where some surprises were to be!!

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Though the night was made for DX,
And the day returns too soon...

LOW BAND LOUIE

HC1XG/HC8 1805/0900 28e		
PY1RO 1803/0320/May 3e		
AH7EB 3806/1030/May 2w	PY2ELZ 3798/0525/May 3e	XL2ACW 3802/0525/May 2m
DF3KV 3799/0300/Apr 29e	PY3BDH 3785/0325/May 3e	YU2RTW 3502/0330/Apr 30m
DK6NN 3808/0055/May 1e	PY5AJ 3791/0320/May 3e	YU4EBL 3797/0425/May 3e
WA6EVX/KG6 3807/1045 30w	VE1BFV 3804/0530/Apr 27m	ZD8TM 3503/0140/May 2m
LU2FED 3736/0100/May 3e	VP2KN 3810/0335/May 1e	ZS6DW 3777/0350/Often
ON4LJ 3799/0450/Apr 20e	VS6DO 3806/1200/May 2w	9J2JN 3778/0350/May 2w
A35AF 7005/1025/May 3e	KC4AAC 7007/0500/Apr 29m	YC1YQ 7002/1400/Apr 30w
CX7AF 7012/0445/Apr 30m	KS6TV/KB6 7094/0910 24w	YU5FGF 7018/2240/Apr 27e
DK3SN 7003/0125/May 1m	LU8ADK 7003/2330/Apr 28m	YB0ABV 7008/1100/Apr 22e
FO8ER 7003/1150/May 2e	LZ2DR 7003/0045/Apr 30m	VK3MR 7005/2310/Apr 29m
FO8DR 7102/0515/May 2w	OX3ER 7113/0820/May 2w	9Q5QR 7012/0235/Apr 30w
FK8GD 7010/1025/May 3e	SP2IW 7012/2245/Apr 27e	
KC4USV 7194/0930/Apr 28m	SP9AI 7005/0345/Apr 29m	

AFRICA CW

EA8BF 14004/0045/May 2w	9X5PT 14020/2155/May 2e
ZD8TM 14037/2125/May 2e	9Q5QR 14017/2140/Apr 29e

ASIA SCW

KA6CN 14052/0905/May 4w	UJ8AC 14029/0300/Apr 29m	UM8FM 14024/1600/Apr 28w
UA9LAX 14020/1150/Apr 27e	UJ8AG 14050/0150/Apr 29m	UV9AX 14033/0255/Apr 29e
UA9OBU 14049/1235/Apr 27m	UK9OAD 14060/0320/Apr 28m	VU2LE 14034/0150/Apr 29e
UA0SP 14049/0300/Apr 28m	UK9WAP 14030/1300/Apr 27m	4X4JU 14040/2300/Apr 28w
UA0RA 14030/0305/Apr 28m	UL7TAM 14049/0135/Apr 29m	4Z4RS 14037/2345/Apr 27w
UA0FAM 14027/1240/Apr 27m	UL7FAZ 14042/0135/Apr 29m	9N1MM 14029/0130/Apr 29e
UI8AP 14035/0200/Apr 22m	UL7FAE 14030/0210/Apr 29m	
UI8AG 14054/1110/Apr 29e	UM8NNN 14024/0120/Apr 28m	

EUROPE CW

CT1UM 14030/1750/Apr 28w	LA3HG 14022/1920/Apr 30m	UK6VAF 14030/1320/May 1e
CT2BS 14026/2325/Apr 29w	LA7HJ 14035/2240/Apr 28m	UR2RDI 14030/1130/Apr 29e
DL7BT 14023/1750/Apr 30m	LA9EF 14021/0020/Apr 29w	UR2RCU 14036/1230/May 2e
DM4NEE 14022/1830/Apr 30m	LZ2US 14030/1545/Apr 29w	UT5LF 14029/0445/Apr 21m
EA4CR 14023/1555/Apr 29w	OK1IBL 14022/1800/Apr 30m	UT5EG 14044/0400/May 2w
EA6DF 14053/2200/Apr 30e	OK1MF 14026/1610/Apr 29w	UK2PAF 14037/2000/Apr 30e
EA6DD 14043/2045/Apr 29e	SJ9WL 14005/1400/Apr 24m	UY5YK 14037/0355/Apr 28w
GD4BEG 14026/1255/Apr 29m	SP9BBH 14022/1825/Apr 30m	YU2QZ 14022/1820/Apr 30m
GM3AWW 14004/1815/Apr 28w	TA1ZB 14026/2200/Apr 29e	YU2CDB 14030/1440/Apr 30m
HA7MC 14031/1625/Apr 29w	UA3ABM 14040/0515/Apr 21m	YU3TXT 14012/1550/Apr 29w
HB9AFH 14022/1900/Apr 30m	UA6LLT 14033/0420/Apr 28w	ZA1AC 14023/2235/Apr 27???
I3GNQ 14036/1605/Apr 28w	UB5SF 14044/0400/May 2w	3A0FF 14018/1615/May 1e
JW5NM 14025/0210/Apr 27e	UB5NS 14026/1620/Apr 29w	3Z5KM 14030/1145/Apr 29e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches ka = japan, etc)
(all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Zagreb Slim....active recently)

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MORE RED EYED STUFFELSEWHERE'S CW

A35AF	14021/0230/May	2e	FY7YE	14050/2000/Apr	30e	VK5FM	14040/0415/Apr	26m
CE0AE	14034/0625/Apr	27w	HC1XG/HC8	14025/2310	29w	VK6RJ	14020/1155/May	1e
CK4CR	14039/0435/May	3w	HK0BKX	14035/0150/May	3e	VK3BW	14053/0425/Apr	27w
DU1OR	14033/0630/May	4w	KC4USX	14025/1300/May	1e	VP2GLE	14012/0020/May	3e
FG7AT	14028/2130/May	2e	KX6MV	14021/2205/May	2e	VP2MB	14021/0310/Apr	30e
FG7AS	14006/1140/Apr	29e	KX6MJ	14032/0320/May	4w	VP2ST	14023/0150/May	3e
FO8AZ	14026/2350/Apr	29e	LU9DER	14030/0310/Apr	29m	VP9HY	14010/2230/May	2w
FO8EZ	14024/0225/May	2e	OX3NB	14012/0045/Apr	29w	ZF1JH	14036/2325/Apr	26e
FO8DN	14036/1610/Apr	28w	P29JS	14034/1410/Apr	25m	ZL1BOK	14056/0420/Apr	27w
FM7AZ	14030/2250/May	2e	PPT2GLJ	14031/2300/May	2w	5W1AB	14025/0110/May	3w

AFRICA SSB

C5AN	14205/2350/Apr	27e	VQ9R	14225/1125/Apr	30e	5Z4AA	14225/2200/May	2e
C5AF	14209/2235/May	2e	VQ9MHS	14265/2060/Apr	30e	6W8MW	14208/2100/May	2e
CN8BF	21297/2010/Apr	27e	ZD7SD	14202/2010/Apr	27m	9G1JL	14219/2220/Apr	26m
EA9EO	14205/2135/Apr	28e	ZD7SD	21276/1540/Apr	23m	9G1JC	14219/2220/Apr	26m
EA9FF	14265/2250/Apr	26m	ZD7FT	14205/2130/May	2e	9J2AP	14204/1315/Apr	21m
EL2JC	14255/0015/Apr	25w	ZS6PI	21280/1505/Apr	30m	9J2JC	21260/1600/Apr	28m
FR7BE	14215/1225/May	1e#	3B8CA	14218/1235/May	2e	9Q5DM	21350/1930	
SU1MA	14201/2045/May	1e	5N2NAS	14333/1750/May	1e	JA5RK	14244/2100/May	2e
TR8RA	14207/1950/May	1e	5U7AG	14212/1930/May	1e			

ASIA SSB

BV2B	14226/2345/May	1e	UK8MAA	14212/1245/Apr	29e	OE6DK/YK	14244/1720	2e
HS5AKW	14225/2330/May	1e	UK9ABA	14237/1230/Apr	30e	4S7PB	14216/1720/Apr	27m
JR6YAX	14205/2210/Apr	26m	UK9AAN	14223/1315/Apr	25m	4X4LO	14234/2120/Apr	27m
JY9CR	14216/2025/May	1e	UK0BAE	14208/0200/Apr	21e	4Z4BL	14234/2010/May	2e
UA0FCK	14208/0050/Apr	27m	UK0SAA	14204/0250/Apr	28m	5B4BK	14207/1850/May	2e
UA9OO	14205/1220/Apr	30e	UK0VZ	14220/1345/Apr	29m	9V1OI	14218/0530/Apr	27w
UI8FFF	14203/0140/Apr	29m	UM8FM	14201/1125/Apr	27e	9V1RD	14212/1515/May	1m
UK7LAH	14222/2120/Apr	27m	VU2ACD	14203/0140/Apr	29m	9V1SH	14207/1250/Apr	25m

EUROPE SSB

EA3JE	14209/1230/May	2e	OE9HAJ	14203/2235/Apr	26m	UK2GAB	14265/1220/Apr	29e
EA6BG	14215/1235/Apr	30e	OG8AA	14204/1755/Apr	28w	UK2BBB	14203/1340/Apr	29m
EI2CA	14246/2300/Apr	26m	OH5XO	14264/1200/Apr	29e	UK2GKW	14206/1805/Apr	28w
G2DF	14202/1810/Apr	27w	ON4IZ	14258/2300/Apr	26m	UA3WJ	14212/1315/May	2e
HB9ALM	14209/1235/May	2e	SP9AI	14201/1945/Apr	27m	YU2YDE	14253/1150/Apr	29e
I4VEQ	14204/1605/May	1w	SP9CTW	14225/1725/Apr	28m	ZB2DN	14219/1930/May	2e
LA4ZC	14224/1345/Apr	27m	SV0WZ	14219/1945/Apr	30e	3Z5KMB	14210/1840/May	1e
LZ2VP	14225/1305/May	2e	TA1MB	14219/2005/May	1e	9H1EL	14212/2130/May	2e

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

CP1AP	14260/0125/Apr	27m	LU5HEN	28600/0015/Apr	28w	VR1AC	14309/0320/Apr	27e
DU1XKE	14219/0530/Apr	27w	LU7ACT	14216/2300/Apr	27m	VR4AF	14301/0840/Apr	27e
FG0GE	14245/1200/Apr	28m	P29CC	14223/1210/May	2e	VR6TC	21351/2335/Apr	27e
FO8DP	14225/0345/May	1e	P29BN	14214/1215/May	2e	YB0ACG	14260/1625/Apr	30e
KG6RI	14301/0745/Apr	27e	P29MM	14218/1230/May	1e	YB0PG	14207/1250/May	1e
KS6DV/KB6	14309/1310	27e	P29GA	14219/1300/Apr	21m	ZK1CL	14144/0340/May	2e
KJ6CF	14335/0330/Apr	20m	P29PN	14211/1500/Apr	25w	3D2ER	14219/0510/May	3e
KJ6DX	14301/0745/Apr	27e	VK6RU	14215/1300/Apr	21m	W3ZA/6Y5	14209/0150	29m
KM6EA	14227/2345/Apr	28e	VK9XK	14214/1430/May	1w	8R1X	14294/1955/Apr	30e
KS6DU	14255/1250/May	1e	VP2VBG	14207/0400/May	1e	8P6FE	14211/0000/May	3e
KX6BU	14256/1245/May	1e	VP2SV	14206/1600/May	2e	9Y4UD	14280/1450/May	2w

CALENDAR

BILL RINDONE	Expected to open in the United Emirates over last weekend
BAJA NUEVO	Looking good....moving but no late word. Mid-May to Mid-June.....
ABU ALL	Nothing new to keep the hopes up.....
EUROPA	FR7ZL to open from this Juan de Nova spot in next week or so
LORD HOWE	VK2FT should be heard about this time.. Watch the low freqs...
GRAND CAYMAN	ZF1BT from May 25th by W5UFF
LIECHTENSTEIN	HB0XAA from May 26th by the Wiesbaden Radio Club
IRAQ	DL7FT said he would be on from this Monday..
FRESNO INTERNATIONAL	The Big DX Meeting. This weekend at the Fresno Hilton
NZART GOLDEN JUBILEE	June 4-7th in Auckland. ZK1BKL for details....
YL ISSB CONVENTION	June 24-27th in Long Island City. W0UUE for details.
NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION	Aug 7-8th in Vancouver, British Columbia
DXPO 76	Sept 25th in the Washington, D.C. area.
USSR TEST	May 22-23rd. A world-wide effort. C.W or SSB

SOME SHORT NOTES Also at that IARU Region II meeting in April at Miami was G3FKM, John Allaway, the President of RSGB. G3FKM does the DX column in the RSGB Bulletin, "The Month on the Air". Also reported as being in attendance was Roy Stevens, G2BVN, a former officer in the RSGB and presently a member of the RSGB Council, PA0LOU, L. van de Nadort and Shozo Hara, JA1AN, of the JARL.

There were 23 countries from Region II present at the meeting, the only ones absent were TI-Costa Rica and C6A-Bahamas according to the reports. There were both official and unofficial talks. One good surmise is that the Oki-No Tori Shima matter was discussed.....

The OSCAR satellite scheduled for launch in 1978 will be a far more complex unit. The new one will carry two 144 to 432mhz transponders, a 2304mhz beacon and a microprocessor set (RCA CDP1801) housekeeping unit.

The new satellite will seek to correct some problems in the earlier OSCARS which suffered from strong signals hogging the output. It is felt that the problem of handling multiple uncoordinated uses has been solved. The new Phase III OSCAR will have two 50w PEP transponders and will be lofted into orbit with the help NASA, probably with an ITOS weather satellite.

The FRACAP, Central America Radio Club Convention, held on the April 23rd weekend, had over 650 foreign amateurs in attendance. Vic Clark, W4KFC, was also there....

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FCC The FCC has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking, Packet 20777, that would delete all references to specific emission types, such as A1, A3, etc. in the amateur radio rules. FCC proposes to replace the present provisions with limitations on the allowed bandwidth which an amateur signal may occupy in certain portions of the amateur bands. Four categories of permissible bandwidth are proposed. These are: Less than 350 Hz; Less than 3.5kHz; Less than 35Khz and 35Khz or more. CW and RPTTY emissions would fall into the less than 350 Hz subbands. SSB, FAX and conventional SSTV would be allowed in the 3.5Khz or less subbands. Conventional a.m. and nbfm would fall into the 35khz or less category. Comment deadline is June 23rd....reply comments July 23rd. More detail will be in QST.

TNX TO W1AM, W1DAL, W1GZI, WA1IJC, WA1SSH, K1TZQ, W1WQC/4, W2CNQ, W2FPM, WB2LOF, WA3DMH, W4AAV, W4BRB, W4GTS, W4KA, K4QMQ, W4UF, W4UMF, W4TYE, K4FYQ, WA5AUZ, K5DEC, K5OVC, K5QHS, K5TSQ, WA5WEY, WA6CXK, K6EC, WN6EJL, W6GC, W36IXC, W6KYA, K6LAE, WA6MWG, W6TSQ, K6UFT, WB6UJO, K6VY, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, W7KSA, WA7OBH, W8BQV, W8OA, W9KB, K9KEV, K9UIY, W0BA, W0BN, HP1JC, JA1JIX.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. This being the tomato planting season, it is essential to watch one's competitors. Last week we dropped in on one of the local QRPers to see what was doing. We found him cultivating mint. "Look", he said, here is my spearmint. Over there is my peppermint plant and that tall one is my orange bergamont mint. I am expecting a hot summer and I am prepared. 'Be Prepared' I always say", he said and we were on him fast. "For what?", we asked and the QRPer smiled. "Well, I was thinking of some nice tall Mint Juleps for one thing. Or maybe one of those big Planter's Punch...all packed in that shaved ice. Sometimes it is hard to find fresh mint so I am growing my own. Be Prepared!". You know something, we had to stop and think this over for this QRPer was one of those dry ones. Maybe a small beer once in awhile but never nothing more. "Whose leg you trying to pull?", we asked. "You never touch any of that stuff" and the QRPer started to swell and bristle. "Look", he said, "Who has been putting up that big tower with the stacked monobanders? Who has been up every dawn looking for Abu Ail? Who has been saying that all of this is to work a YI or a BY or a 3V or a South Sandwich or any of those that have not been around for twenty years or more?". We had to admit that maybe it did fit our pattern. "But that's different--", we started to say and we were cut off. "Look, Buster", the QRPer said, "what makes you think that you are going to work any of those at all? Tell me!". Son of a Gun, we knew we had him there. "But we might", we quickly interjected. "We might find one and we want to be ready. "Be Prepared" like you say". The QRPer snorted at this. "And what makes you think that the possibility of me working on some mint juleps this summer is any longer than you working YI or Abu Ail or something like that. My plans are possible!". We were on a losing end of the gig for anticipation is often the biggest joy of all. \$10.00 will bring you a full year of joyous DX Anticipation by second-class mail in the U.S/VE areas...\$14.50 brings it to you by first-class mail while \$17.00 flies it to all those DX lands down the curve of time and beyond the hours of dawn..... One will learn never to argue with a dreamer....

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