

SUNSPOT LOUIE There is less in the number of active areas to note on this weeks chart but the single active area noted on the day of observation was a mighty one indeed!

#861 showed on August 3rd, one spot and forty millionths. Two days later it had 14 spots and 310/millionths. The day of this observation it had shown up with more spots but was covering a bit less in area. Things were being reported by WWV as slightly disturbed.

Picking up the numbers, No. 859 was a low latitude area in the southern hemisphere, one spot and hardly any coverage, it came on August 3rd, it was gone the next day.

No. 860 showed on the third, lasted to the following day and then was gone by August 5th. On the fourth this area showed 3 spots and 10/millionths.

No. 861 was at 23°N and 66°E the day of this chart. The low solar activity so far in the cycle continues to draw the attention of those who make a study of the solar activity and often the activity that does show appears to be remnants of Cycle 20. The monthly mean for July came to about 20 which will not boost the 12-month running smoothed sunspot number any great amount. With the July figure in and the 12-month figure centered on January, the January figure came out to 16 which would indicate that Cycle 21 is hardly zooming in any direction

So, what can we do about it? As any patient and deserving DXer will tell you, you smile on the good days, grit your teeth on the bad days and in between you do a quick shuffle or two and wonder if a refresher course with the Palos Verdes Sundancers might help you on the local scene.

And from the south bank of the Potomac where N4XX is always griting his teeth and working on the South Shore Shuffle, Ted works the dance theme into his report and it comes through like this.....

August 16th	Below Normal	Aug 22nd	High Normal
17th	Low Normal	23rd	High Normal
18th	Low Normal	24th	High..going to Dis-
19th	Low.....going to High		turbed. (Who did not dance?)
20th	High Normal	25th	Disturbed
21st	High Normal	26th	Below Normal
		27th	Low..with periods of High
		28th	High Normal

There it is! Plan your vacation in the dog days of summer and next week we will bring the game plan from Ted for the Labor Day weekend. As Lord Baden-Powell would often say there on the Northwest Frontier: "Be Prepared!"

And K6EC is prepared! And up from the south comes the WWV report for the chartmakers and the zigs and zags of the Ap Index are something to note in recent weeks....and Ev says they were:

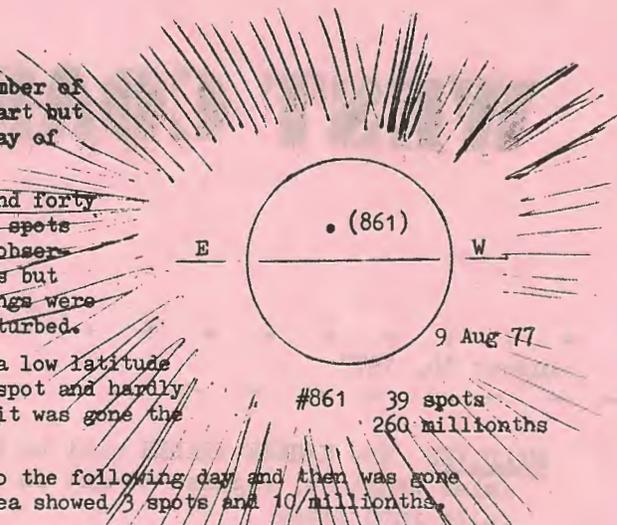
	Solar Flux	Ap Index		Solar Flux	Ap Index
Aug 1	82	6	Aug 5	84	26
2	80	6	6	86	22
3	80	5	7	85	19
4	81	10			

Note....every flux above eighty.....

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Last week we mentioned that we had the report of the DXAC to the Board of Directors and we intended to run it this issue even though it took nine pages. After studying it a bit, we figured we could get in into a bit smaller space if it were retyped from double-space to single space. Here it comes.....not in the original form but with every original word that was in the original.



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Subject: 1977 Semiannual Activities Report of the DX Advisory Committee

Gentlemen:

In pursuance of our advisory committee function, the DXAC so far in 1977 has considered the following:

1. Should special consideration be given to the Pelagic Islands for country status?

The Pelagic Islands consist of the islands of Lampedua, Pampione and Linosa. They are geographically located in the Mediterranean Sea near the African Continent, and are the southernmost Italian territory. The Pelagic Islands meet none of the present ARRL Countries List Criteria.

This was pointed out in the original request from the president of the Associazione Radiotecnica Italiana. Nevertheless, an exception to the rules was hoped for by the president of that society, and at the same time he noted that recently the ARRL had granted to another IARU society, the JARL, a similar request in the matter of Okino Tori-shima. The reason given for this request for special consideration was to help remind all amateurs in the world of the Golden Anniversary of the ARI in January 1977. A recommendation that the Pelagic Islands not be given special consideration for country status was sent to the Communications Manager January 25, 1977.

2. Should any countries that do not meet Rule 4 of the ARRL Countries List Criteria be deleted effective January 1, 1977?

Rule 4 states: "Unadministered Area: Any area which is unadministered will not be eligible for consideration as a separate entity." On January 25, 1977 the DXAC recommended to the Communications Manager that any country that does not meet Rule 4 of the Countries List Criteria as of January 1, 1977 should be deleted.

3. Should Geyser Reef, Saudi Arabia-Iraq Neutral Zone and/or Spratly Islands be deleted under the provisions of Rule 4?

Geyser Reef is an unclaimed reef in the Madagascar Channel. The Spratly Islands are located in the South China Sea and are claimed by at least four countries, therefore they are allegedly unadministered since ownership is not clear. It should be pointed out, however, that areas involved in military conflicts have never before been considered for country status or changes therein. The Saudi-Iraq Neutral Zone is said to be unadministered by definition. In addition Saudi Arabia and Iraq have signed but as yet, have not ratified, an agreement to divide the Neutral Zone between them.

4. Does the Transkei meet country criteria by reason of government?

The Transkei is a new nation carved out of a portion of South Africa. Its request for admission to the United Nations was turned down unanimously with the United States abstaining. Recommendations that the Transkei not be granted country status by reason of government was sent to the Communications Manager on March 10, 1977. The DXAC is presently considering the Transkei's country status by reason of "distinctively separate administration".

5. Does the Autonomous Region in Southern Sudan (SUD) qualify for separate country status by reason of government?

The "Autonomous Region", according to Mr. W. R. Rindone, WB7ABK, came about during negotiations to end the Civil War in Sudan, when a bilateral agreement was reached which declared the three southern provinces of Equatoria, Bahr el Gazl and Upper Nile as having regional autonomy. Later, during final negotiations, a peace treaty, subsequently known as the Addis Accord, was introduced which granted total autonomy with two notable exceptions - foreign policy and defense. This has since been modified and all troops in the "Southern Command" are directly under the control of the "Regional Peoples Assembly" which is the governing body of the "Southern Sudan". The Regional Peoples Assembly has its headquarters at Juba, the capitol of the Southern Region as established by the Addis Accord.

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(5-Southern Sudan-conclusion)

On March 10, 1977 recommendation that the Autonomous Region in southern Sudan not be added to the countries list by reason of government, was sent to the Communications Manager. The DXAC is presently considering the Autonomous Region's country status by reason of 'distinctly separate administration'.

6. Should the Annual DXCC listing in December QST be changed to list credits first by country of origin, then by number of countries, and then alphabetically according to call?

This item failed by a vote of the committee, hence no recommendation was made.

7. Should Rule 9 of the ARRL countries List be changed when applied to 5BDXCC?

You will remember that on October 14, 1976 it was recommended that to the Communications Manager that Rule 9 be made country-wide, however at that time the DXAC specifically excluded any changes in Rule 9 when applied to 5BDXCC. We have now examined this as a separate question and on May 31, 1977, recommended to the Communications Manager that the new country-wide Rule 9 be applied to 5BDXCC also.

8. Should an operator who possesses more than one station location and more than one call issued by the same DXCC country be allowed to submit QSL cards from any or all stations within that DXCC country towards one DXCC?

On April 12, 1977 it was recommended to the Communications Manager that an operator who simultaneously possesses more than one station location and more than one call sign in a DXCC country should be allowed to submit QSLs for contacts from any or all of these stations towards his DXCC from that country.

9. Should deleted countries' QSOs be allowed for 5BDXCC?

This item failed by vote of the committee, hence no recommendation was made.

10. Should the ARRL issue a DXCC for contacts made exclusively via satellite?

On January 25, 1977 it was recommended to the Communications Manager that the ARRL should issue a DXCC for contacts made exclusively via satellite, subject to all the rules for DXCC, except that the award will not be subject to endorsement for additional countries beyond 100.

11. Should the DXCC certificate and/or endorsement stickers be redesigned?

This failed by vote of the committee, hence no recommendation was made.

12. What is the desirability of establishing a new beginning for DXCC, with updated country criteria, as of January 1, 1980?

This item came as a result of the following motion from the September 1976 Executive Committee meeting. "On motion of Mr. Thurston, unanimously VOTED that in light of the numerous suggestions for overhauling the DXCC criteria and award which have been received from the membership over the past several years, and the possible changes in our frequency allocations and/or operating privileges that may result from the forthcoming World Administrative Radio Conference, the Executive Committee requests that the DX Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the Headquarters Awards Committee, explore the desirability of establishing a new beginning for DXCC, with updated country criteria, as of January 1, 1980. A coordinated recommendation would be needed by July 1, 1977, in order to permit action by the Board of Directors at its July meeting"

On June 21, 1977, the DXAC recommended to the Communications Manager that there should NOT be a new beginning for DXCC with updated country criteria as of January 1, 1980. The following rationale was offered Mr. Hart as an aid in preparing his coordinated recommendation to the Board.

Director Thurston stated in his motion before the Executive Committee that it may be desirable to start DXCC over because of "...possible changes in our frequency allocations and/or operating privileges that may result from the forthcoming World Administrative Radio Conference....", yet there is no evidence that our operating privileges will change significantly, nor is there much hope for any additional HF bands. Furthermore, should we pick up another HF band, it seems that this would in no way affect DXCC, although it may affect 5 band DXCC.

Director Thurston also stated that there has been "...numerous suggestions for overhauling the DXCC criteria and award...over the past several years". With this we cannot argue. However, no one could create a perfect system which would never require change, and any attempt to do so would destroy the very foundations and traditions that have made the DXCC program so popular.

Negative effects of starting over:

- A. The QSL burden would be severe. It would be severe not only on the DX stations and their managers, but also on stateside amateurs, 93.6% (according to the recent DXAC survey) of whom include return postage when QSLing a new country.
- B. The QSL burden would be severe on the QSL bureaus of the world and especially on those bureaus using volunteers, such as our incoming bureaus.
- C. The work load on the DXCC desk would multiply and possibly require additional personnel to keep pace with the additional workload.

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- D. A major incentive for DX operations would be removed between now and January 1, 1980
- E. Although the DXCC program is very competitive, it is not a contest. Everyone has his own beginning and proceeds at his own rate towards the Honor Roll. This action of necessity would reduce the DXCC award to a contest for the first ten or twenty years.
- F. Many long hours put in listening for a new country would be lost by not only those presently on the Honor Roll but by those who have yet to achieve DXCC. Remember, the 75 countries confirmed by the person running 100 watts to a vertical over the past 15 years are held with as much esteem as are the 330 countries acquired by the Honor Roller during the same period of time.

The DXAC included several questions relevant to starting over in its recent survey. These questions were answered by circling a number from 1 to 5.

- 1 = Strongly disagree
- 2 = Disagree
- 3 = Neutral
- 4 = Agree
- 5 = Strongly agree.

Therefore a ranking of 3.00 is neutral, anything lower indicates disagreement and anything over 3.00 approval. The results of those questions follows:

	Mean Rank Value
A. In light of numerous suggestions for overhauling the DXCC country criteria and award, and the possible changes in amateur frequency allocations and operating privileges that may result from the forthcoming World Administrative Radio Conference, a new beginning for DXCC with updated country criteria should be established Jan 1, 1980	2.638
B. The effect on the ARRL DXCC award program would be enhanced by starting over every 10 years	2.106
C. DXCC should be de-emphasized by removing to various degrees its credit-ability and/or tradition.	1.793

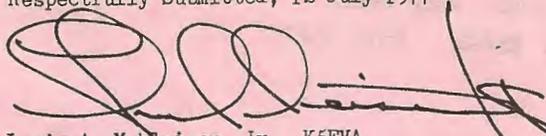
In addition the comments received by the DXAC relative to starting over, since Director Thurston put forth this motion, have exceeded 80% against. Finally, the DXAC can find nothing by starting over.

In June of this year the Survey subcommittee submitted its final report. The survey subcommittee was commissioned in February 1976. Its purpose was to draft, circulate and analyze a survey on DX related matters. The amount of time expended by the members of the Survey subcommittee on this project was considerable. They composed, typed, printed and addressed the survey themselves. The results were then key punched and analysed. Bob Wood's expertise here was invaluable. The results of the survey were then typed (no small chore itself) and it is presented here for your inspection. Mr. Locher and his committee have done a very commendable job, and I applaud them. The DXAC will be studying the results of the survey closely in the coming months, and undoubtedly recommendations will be forthcoming.

As a result of the decision to add Okino Tori-shima to the ARRL Countries List, I requested, in my last report, that you consider the matter of exceptions particularly as follows - Should the DXAC recommend against an exception, and others act contrary thereto, you, the Board, make the question a part of your agenda and at the next meeting approve or disapprove it. This action would tend to remove the stigma of arbitrariness and the ARRL Countries List would have some protection from compromise. Unfortunately, this request was overlooked. I have an obligation to ask again that you review this matter. It represents a very serious issue in which the membership has considerable interest, and I pray that you will this time accept a resolution to this effect and put it to a vote. If our liaison cannot offer such a motion then I respectfully request that a Director make the motion and that it be discussed and voted upon.

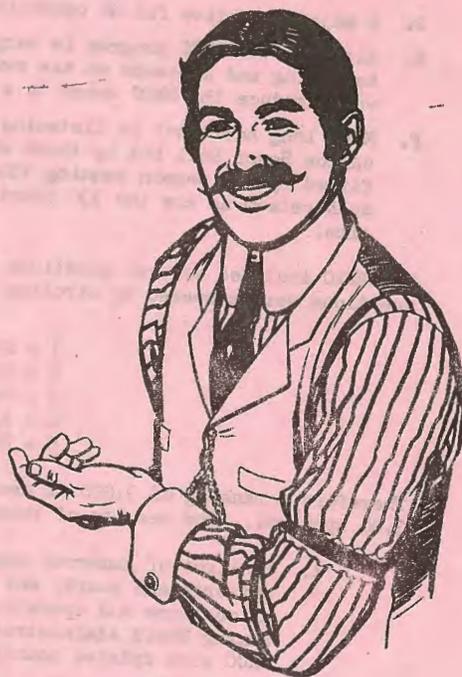
As always, I would like to thank the members of the DXAC, our liaisons, and the headquarters staff who have helped the DXAC function successfully. And thanks to you, the Officers and Directors of the American Radio Relay League Inc., without whose support there would be no DXAC

Respectfully Submitted, 12 July 1977


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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Oh memories that bless....and burn!
 Oh barren gain — and bitter loss!
 I count each QSL and strive at last to learn
 To bear the Honor Roller's cross.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

VP1WS 3807/1115/Aug 7w	DMLVUG 7011/0015/Aug 4e	OZ5HT 7002/0110/Jul 31e	VP2MBC 7028/0120/Aug 4w
	FL5Q 7001/0120/Aug 3w	SK5AA 7015/2310/Aug 4e	LK1F 7009/0345/Aug 4w
	HB9AUY 7026/0015/Aug 4e	UK5YAB 7007/0020/Aug 4e	LMLID 7030/1000/Aug 1e
	I7JEX 7014/0135/Jul 31e	VK5AI 7009/1210/Aug 4e	
	KX6LZ 7002/1030/Aug 6w	VK0AC 7030/1000/Aug 1e	

AFRICA CW

CN8CC 14043/2325/Aug 7m	EA9EO 14028/2300/Aug 5w	6W8AAD 14027/2105/Aug 5m
EA8BN 14019/0000/Aug 8e	3V8AL 14026/0200/Aug 9w	9G1JN 14010/0020/Aug 4w
EA8BF 14020/2325/Aug 5m	5V1AB 14026/1850/Aug 2w	
EA8AT 14036/2250/Aug 7m	5Z4NI 14020/1740/Aug 2w	

AFRICA SSB

CT3AF 21303/2145/Aug 7e	TJ1BB 14285/2100/Aug 1m	ZS4PB 14215/1315/Aug 7m#	5N2NAS 14325/1615/Jul 25ea
EA8OZ 14199/0430/Aug 1m	TR8ECM 14220/0300/Aug 7e	ZS5PG 14227/1325/Aug 7m#	5H3JR 14280/0210/Aug 2e
EL1H 14212/0000/Aug 4m	TU2HA 14227/2215/Aug 3m	ZS6JM 14213/1300/Aug 6e#	7X2BK 14213/2200/Aug 6w
EL2I 14208/1930/Aug 3m	XT2AS 14312/1630/Jul 31ka	ZS6BLK 14224/1255/Aug 6w#	9G1MB 14263/0345/Aug 6e
DL9PL/ST 14296/1615/J 29ea	ZD8RR 14209/2350/Aug 6w	3D6BE 14224/1255/Aug 6w#	9G1SM 21320/1645/Aug 6e
S79R 14216/0335/Aug 1e	ZE1BJ 14227/1330/Aug 7m#	5T5CW 14332/1750/Aug 6m	9G1JN 14203/2215/Aug 4e
W7FPX/SU 14263/2145/ 2e	ZE1FH 14234/1425/Aug 7w	5V7WT 14202/2215/Aug 6e	9L1NP 21320/1830/Aug 3e
VE3HYU/SU 14333/0230 4m	ZS1FJ 14252/1240/Aug 6e#	5Z4JE 14240/0440/Aug 2e	

ASIA CW

BV2A 14023/1205/Aug 2e	UD6DKW 14007/2205/Jul 31e	UJ8JCL 14018/1845/Aug 2w	VU2DX 14029/1630/Aug 4w
EP2SV 14050/1630/Aug 1w	UD6DFK 14025/1840/Aug 6e	UK7EAG 14037/1420/Aug 2w	LZ10US 14025/0020/Aug 7e
HM2JN 14005/1310/Aug 2e	UB5IRW/UF6 14040/2320 7m	UL7EAC 14025/0135/Aug 2e	9M2A 21120/2310/Aug 3e
UA9CES 14059/0400/Aug 2w	UH8HBR 14023/0245/Aug 5e	UL7VAI 14040/1310/Aug 3e	9V1TC 14007/1535/Aug 3w
UA0RP 14012/0125/Aug 2e	UJ8AC 14029/0135/Aug 5m	UM8NAJ 14024/0210/Aug 2e	9V1IC 14037/1725/Aug 6m

ASIA SSB

ALXFFV 14227/2150/Aug 2m	HZ1TB 14280/1420/Jul 29ka	UL7EAJ 14303/1310/Aug 4e	VU2GDG 14223/0220/Aug 2e
A9XFFV 14227/2150/Aug 2m	KA6DX 14209/1150/Aug 3e	UL7NW 14210/0150/Aug 2e	LX4JS 14231/0415/Aug 2m
A9XCC 14210/0005/Aug 8m	JY9DH 14222/0425/Aug 3w	UM8MAD 14210/0130/Aug 1m	5BL4EU 14244/0340/Aug 1e
AP2JR 14280/1435/Jul 29ka	JY9DI 14247/2130/Aug 7e	VS6LJ 14209/1110/Aug 1m	LX4BL 14240/0500/Aug 3w
AP2JL 14280/1445/Jul 29ka	UA9UTV 14207/0000/Aug 8m	VS6GG 14220/1145/Aug 3e	9M2MA 14320/1200/Aug 3e
AP5HQ 14224/0300/Aug 11e	UA9CZ 14203/0345/Aug 3m	VS6DP 14203/1225/Aug 6e	9V1OI 14239/1420/Aug 8w
BV2B 14213/1145/Wednesday	UA0KBA 14209/0505/Aug 4w	VU2BX 14204/0305/Aug 7m	9K2CM 14280/1500/Jul 29ka
EP2VH 14238/2245/Aug 4e	UK7LAF 14213/0150/Aug 3e	VU2ACD 14223/0310/Aug 8m	
HS1WR 14221/1220/Aug 8e	UK9AAN 14235/0420/Aug 3e	VU2KT 14203/1400/Aug 4w	

EUROPE CW

C31GW 14026/2515/Aug 8w	FC6CLD 14047/2140/Aug 7m	LZ0U 14030/2220/Aug 3w	UK2BAS 14050/1605/Aug 6w
CT2BS 14040/0030/Aug 4w	GJ2LU 14024/2300/Aug 4m	OF2DW 14025/0420/Aug 3w	UR2RSA 14064/0150/Aug 7w
DM2DUK 14033/2050/Aug 4w	GJ3DVC 14005/1010/Aug 8e	OF3FU 14030/2340/Aug 8m	4U1ITU 14029/2140/Aug 7w
EA2IA 14020/2100/Aug 4w	HB9BFN 14010/2105/Aug 4w	TF4F 14049/2140/Aug 7w	9H1ED 14024/1945/Aug 2w
EA6DD 14040/0005/Aug 6m	IS0LYN 14019/0125/Aug 3w	TF4FT 14047/2055/Aug 7m	9H1EL 14026/2340/Aug 4w
EA6C 14022/2345/Aug 4w	IS0XPI 14003/0925/Aug 8e	TF3BS 14050/1250/Aug 1e	EA6BD 14025/1855/Aug 2w
EI6CE 14042/2215/Aug 7m	IL7DMK 14025/2235/Aug 7m	UA1ZCG 14023/2210/Aug 7m	

EUROPE SSB

C31IP 14215/2000/Aug 3e	EA7KIG 14202/2030/Aug 1e	LZ1TL 14248/2030/Aug 1e	TA1MB 14256/1730/Jul 31ka
DL1CF 14204/0445/Aug 3w	HB9MQ 14205/1930/Aug 3m	LZ2EE 14214/0520/Aug 3w	TF4F 14213/1200/Aug 8e
DM3NH 14209/0600/Aug 3w	IH9HLO 14235/2315/Aug 4e	OH6JW 14210/1830/Aug 1e	U60A 14202/1200/Aug 7e
EA3JE 14211/2145/Aug 2m	IT9WGI 14233/2030/Aug 1e	PA0FRO 14202/1925/Aug 3m	UN1CC 14218/0445/Aug 3w
FC9UC 14203/1715/Aug 3e	IS0HZB 14201/0015/Aug 5e	UA4RZ 14209/0430/Aug 3m	UV2CE 14221/2125/Aug 2m
GM8SV 14332/1745/Aug 6m	I0XEN 21273/2155/Aug 3e	UB5WI 14203/0430/Aug 3m	3A2HB 14238/2030/Aug 1e
GW3NWS 14207/0015/Aug 3w	LX1CL 14210/1610/Aug 3m	UK2GKW 14227/0500/Aug 3w	9H1EQ 14201/1955/Aug 7e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches ka = okinawa ea = espana all times in gmt)
 (# = long path ?? = Slim.....recently heard from the Rome area signing HV0PB. Slim lives!!!)

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE.....The Watcher of the Lonely Night.....

ELSEWHERE'S CW

C21AU	14007/0305/Aug	1e	HI8LC	14010/1215/Aug	7e	VP2MBC	14007/1215/Aug	5e	8P6GQ	14018/0015/Aug	6w
C05DM	14016/0345/Aug	5w	HI8MOG	14018/0010/Aug	4w	VP8PL	14050/0110/Aug	1e	8P6FX	14038/2220/Aug	7m
FK8CG	14023/0740/Aug	9w	JA7ZSQ/JD1	14025/0800	9w	VP9GK	14028/1145/Aug	5e	9Y4BU	14026/2230/Aug	7w
FO8AZ	14005/0420/Aug	7e	OX5AP	14006/1320/Aug	6e	VS5AM	14045/1340/Aug	2e			
HC2SL	14045/1320/Aug	6e	PJ7VL	14031/2230/Aug	4m	XO1KE	14046/0000/Aug	1m			
HH2MC	14054/0215/Aug	9w	VK2PV	14048/1250/Aug	1e	ZP5AO	14008/0145/Aug	2e			

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

A35CH	14279/0430/Aug	7e	HH2MC	14220/0320/Aug	2e	P29CC	14315/1020/Aug	8w	VR6TC	21353/2345/Tues	
CE3AE	14247/0000/Aug	2m	HH2MC	11297/2245/Aug	6e	P29BB	14211/1250/Aug	3e	VS5MS	14216/1455/Aug	4w
CG1CR	14228/1225/Aug	2e	HI8XKC	14226/1240/Aug	6e	PT2ZAB	14240/1025/Aug	8w	VS5AM	14222/1240/Aug	7m
CP1GQ	14203/0010/Aug	4m	HK0CA	14189/0535/Jul	28ea	PY5WR/PP5	14215/0135	2m	XF3B	14192/0600/Jul	28ea
DU1MEL	14219/1335/Aug	6w	HK0CLS	14189/0535/Jul	28ea	VK3AKK	21300/0240/Aug	6e	XP1AB	14204/0030/Aug	3m
K4BEO/CE3	14217/0245	7m	HI8SRH	14205/0300/Aug	5e	VK9XI	14219/1455/Aug	6w	ZK1DR	14201/0325/Aug	6e
K0WIQ/DU2	14228/1220	4e	KJ6DN	14304/0540/Aug	2w	VP1WS	14210/0440/Aug	7m	ZP5HS	14211/0015/Aug	8m
DU1REX	14208/1245/Aug	7m	KX6BU	14230/0410/Aug	2e	VP1CYL	14210/0145/Aug	7m	3D2AM	14233/0345/Aug	5m
W5LBJ/DU6	14222/1300	5m	KX6DC	14267/0500/Aug	4w	VP2SQ	21302/1700/Aug	6e	3D2WR	14283/0255/Aug	6e
FK8CN	14228/0430/Aug	5m	KZ5SX	14240/1035/Aug	8w	VP2DAB	14224/0125/Aug	2m	4T4AKL	14332/2110/Aug	7m
FK8KAA	14192/0450/Aug	6w	OX3BO	14267/0305/Aug	3e	VP2LIZ	14202/2350/Aug	7m	5W1BG	14243/1440/Aug	6w
FO6RS	14344/0535/Aug	2m	P29HS	14220/0400/Aug	7e	VP8LP	14210/0230/Aug	6e	6Y5SL	14203/0145/Aug	2m
HC8GI	14218/0150/Aug	8m	P29MM	14220/1145/Aug	8e	VP8NY	14211/2345/Aug	4e			

SHORTLY NOTED We managed to get the nine pages of the DXAC Report to the Board of Directors down to three pages but it messed up our space assignments. Maybe you noticed that.

Since June we have been getting complaints on the erratic delivery of the newspaper copies and we think we have nailed down the problem. While the Postal Service is involved, the day of mailing seems to have become a critical factor.

If we mail the newspaper edition on Saturday, things seem to generally go okay. The local Post Office hastens them on their way by including them with the other priority mail.....like the letter mail...in pouches made up to many of the states. However, with the low volume on Sundays, the 'newspaper' version is sent to the AMF for consolidation with mail from other offices.....and the suspicion is that it is pulled out of the priority mail and dumped in with the junk mail.

Some are going to ask: "Well! Why don't you just mail on Saturdays?" We would like to....if we could get everything together. In recent weeks we have been mailing over 2000 copies of each issue. Remember when at 800 we screamed that we had all we wanted? Remember at 1600 we advised we were being pushed to the wall? Well, here we are at the 2000 mark and hanging on by our fingernails.

Basically, this is still a one-man operation with some help from the XYL. The Marin County DX Group consists of one person. That one person does everything.

We have asked in the past that the bulletin not be promoted. We do not want any increase in subscriptions. Yet we know that this goes on. The problem with the second-class is symptomatic of the strain we are having with the whole bulletin. Now if you can sell a couple more DXers, you can figure you are possibly hastening the day when we completely come apart.

That's it for this six months. We will try to get the second-class to the Post Office for sure on Saturdays. Maybe if we run into problems, we will hold it off until Mondays on the theory that one day is better than three weeks. However, we think that we will make the Saturday mailings.....somehow. Hold on!

IH9HLO was on Pantelleria and goes to I2YBC. HC2SL is aiming for a Galapagos operation from September 16-20th and will be aiming for an all band, c.w. and SSB effort. C31IP to F6AJ. PY1ZAE when asked in the last week on thost PY0ZAE QSLs said that they should be going out in a week or so. If you run into him on the air you might check to get the exact date. 5Z4JE is looking for North Dakota most nights.....around 14240kc/0430Z.

SV1FT heard on twenty c.w....right at the band edge....is on Crete and a fast QSLer. After 0130Z, W4LCL schedules VP2SQ on Saturdays at 1700Z.....their business takes about an hour and from 1800Z you might catch Bill around 21300kc.

TF4F was a special event station DXpedition. QSLs should go to Box 1058, Reykjavik, Iceland...with IRC but no envelope required. TF3KX was one of the operators....there were four. OZ5HT has a new two-element Quad up. A4XFV will be on vacation about now but will return to Oman after September 1st. Wolfgang says that the local post office does not recognize IRCs and he thus would prefer to see mint Oman stamps on the QSL requests. Otherwise, it is via the bureaus. That CG1CR was a Girl Guides encampment. On the WARC 79 preparations, an Ad Hoc group has been formed in the U.S. Consultative Committee International du Radio at the August 3rd meeting in Washington.....this ad hoc group being formed for the Amateur Service needs and will advise the FCC, the State Department and others on the upcoming international meet.....

We've run out of space but not news.....next week we will deluge you with short stuff.....

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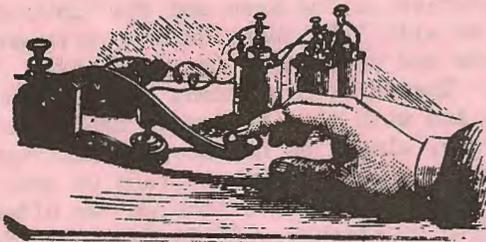
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MARCUS	KA1S should be heard this Thursday....August 18th
MADEIRA ISLANDS	CT3BQ there untio next Monday.....August 22nd
SAIPAN	KG6RE by JA-group from this Friday.....August 19th
KERMEDEC	ZLs aiming for October.....
FRANZ JOSEF	No reports but UW3HY should be heard before the snow flies....
SEANET PHONE	The SouthEast Asia Phone Test....this weekend..Aug 20/21st
T75AA	From Tikal.....next month. September 16-18th
NEW JERSEY	QSO Party.....annual affair. August 20/21st
ALL ASIA CW	August 27/28th
EUROPEAN PHONE	September 10/11th
SP/DXC	September 1st to 4th.....10th SP-DX Meeting
CQ WW DX TEST	Phone October 29/30th. CW November 26/27th
SEANET CONVENTION	Bangkok.....November 19/20th. HS1WR the host.....

SHORT NOTES....for a short space WB5UQH, a 17 year old YL Extra Class type, is headed for Brazil this week where she will sign PY4 until the end of the month. Look for her on the higher bands....SSB and CW.

The Henry's, W6UOU and W6WNE, will be heading for the Philippines and then stops at Hong Kong and places in Malaysia. Keep tab on these two. Somewhere along the way they may come up with a surprise.

A Silent Key in July was OH2SF, Lars Ravander. A pilot with FINNAIR, Lars brought the first Douglas jet from the U.S. to Finland. He was also often instrumental in making the plans for DXpeditions by the OH-DX group.



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ARRL The FCC has a new supply of the license forms and the licenses are again being processed. New licenses are going out to those who have been waiting.....

Representative Charles Vanik of Ohio has introduced HR-8496 which would give the FCC authority to set reasonable standards of susceptibility to RFI for consumer electronic devices. This measure joins two other RFI bills previously introduced, S-864 by Senator Barry Goldwater, and HR-8079 introduced earlier in this Congress by Congressman Benjamin.

The only way these measures will move even one inch towards enactment will be if DXers take to their pens and write.... RFI Legislation is strictly a do-it-yourself proposition and in this case only some consistent effort in letter writing will have any effect at all

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. That QRPer with the lucid explanation of the Mysteries of the Ages was back last week. We did not invite him, he just came. "Look here," this QRPer said, "what's all this talk about some not understanding the meaning of 'DX Is'? Where is the misunderstanding?" Heck, how could we advise where the misunderstanding was when we had come comprehension problems ourselves. "Look here," the QRPer said, his eye fastened on us again, the tone in his voice allowing no argument, "I see that I will have to state it more simply. State it in such a way that, though it may be redundancy to the point of absurdity, it will be easily understood by even a low grade cretin. Understand?" Of course we understood. We were happy to hear that clear and lucid words of explanation were coming. "Put it this way," the QRPer intoned, picking up the thread of his mission, "the DX equation is and can simply be stated as 'DX Is'. But for those whose needs require the fuller explanation, who cannot grasp the Mysteries of the Ages and the Inevitable Truths, we will resort to being redundant. We will lift these ones up with more explanations. And all these will have to know and understand is.....ready?" Of course we were ready....there was no escape. The QRPer continued. "All these will have to realize is that.....DX Is Is!" And with that he leaned back, the smile of triumph and accomplishment on his face, almost as he had just delivered a new country to the deserving. We had to think this one over....and we are still thinking. For we have learned not to ask this one questions as we often end up with more answers than we can match with questions....DX Is Is!! And for a full year \$18.00 will bring you the full 'is' by first-class mail in the U.S./VE areas. \$14.00 brings it someday to the deserving in the U.S. while \$20.00 a year flies it south to Mexico and all the lands where DX Is! Or is it DX Is Is?

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