

West Coast DX Bulletin



February 15, 1977

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MALPELO Another outing by the Colombian Radio Society to HKØ-Malpelo is reported as scheduled for the March 12-15th period.

Departure is scheduled for March 8th. All bands will be tried, both SSB and CW.

The Colombian Radio Club will handle their own QSLs, the official name of the group is Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados.

NIUE Wayne Warden W9MR, opened from Niue last week signing ZK2AT. Wayne was working most bands, the early action showing him all the way from forty to ten meters. However, his schedule was to finish up the operation by this Tuesday, February 15th.

Wayne was also looking for a possible Tokelaus-ZM7 and a Lord Howe effort. As either of these may appear within a short time after the Niue effort, monitoring the frequencies may be helpful.

QSLs for ZK2AT go to ZNDXA, Box 125, Simpsonville, Maryland 21150

IWO JIMA A group out of KA and other spots will open from Iwo Jima about March 12th for a week of operating....the call sign will be KA1IJ according to word last week.

This has previously been KG6I- and is also JD1-Ogasawara for the JA operators. The plan is to operate until about March 20th.

PACIFIC VR3AH along with VR3AR are looking for some traveling in the mid-Pacific late this Spring and to activate some of the semi-rare spots. Doug and Lamar are looking to wake up the action at VR8-Tuvalu, VR1-Gilerts, 3D2-Fijis, FK8-New Caledonia, FW8-Wallis, 5W1-Western Samoa and ZK2-Niue. While they may take a look at all of these spots, the schedule has not jelled yet and there may be some changes in the final draft.

At this time the planning is for the travel to start sometime next month and to extend into May. More will be coming on this.

Doug has been trying most bands from VR3AH including 160meters and reports hearing a G- with a weak signal late in January. At times he has been on seventy-five but the low QSO rate there coupled with the large number of repeat contacts has had him looking for action elsewhere.

VR3AH QSLs to K2BT. VR3AR goes to WA3GQA.

TRANSKEI That S8AAA apparently is for real. Says his name is Garth and that he is the Postmaster there at Umtata in Transkei. Mail address is: Post Box-Personnel, Umtata, Transkei. Has been coming on twenty around 14195kc from 1900Z....QRTs when the QRM builds up. He belongs to SARL and cards can be sent via the South African QSL Bureau. This seems to be definitely not Slim.

REPORT FROM SUNSPOT LOUIE

Activity continues to improve and the chart this time shows two area, neither of which was especially gigantic on the date of this report.

No. 779 showed around the first of the month, was displaying 23 spots covering 90/millionths of the sun's surface on February 4th but tended to fade from then on. At the date of this observation, it was showing one spot and covering little surface. It may have disappeared altogether before making the turn at the western limb.

No. 780 showed on February 4th, one spot and 10/millionths. It disappeared over the weekend of the ARRL Phone Test. No. 781 also came and went during that weekend and 782 showed on February 6th.

No. 782, on the date of this chart was at 40°S and 49°E. It had one spot and the area covered was minimal.....in fact it was being indicated that it covered 0000/millionths of the surface. No. 779 was at 28°N and 36°W, both of these areas being high in latitude and likely to be associated with Cycle 21.

Flux figures being given by WWV are starting to move well up into the eighties, last Friday it was being given as 86. You will note from K6EC's report that the flux figures are moving regularly into the eighties and the great days are at hand.

And emerging from the New Ice Age, W4UMF kicks the ice floes aside and peers into the warming future. And Ted says that it will be something like:

February 15th	High Normal	February 21st	Below Normal
16th	High Normal	22nd	Low Normal
17th	High Normal	23rd	Low Normal
18th	High Normal	24th	Low Normal
19th	High Normal	25th	Low Normal but.....
20th	High..may slip to Low		Things may perk up a bit
		26th	Low Normal

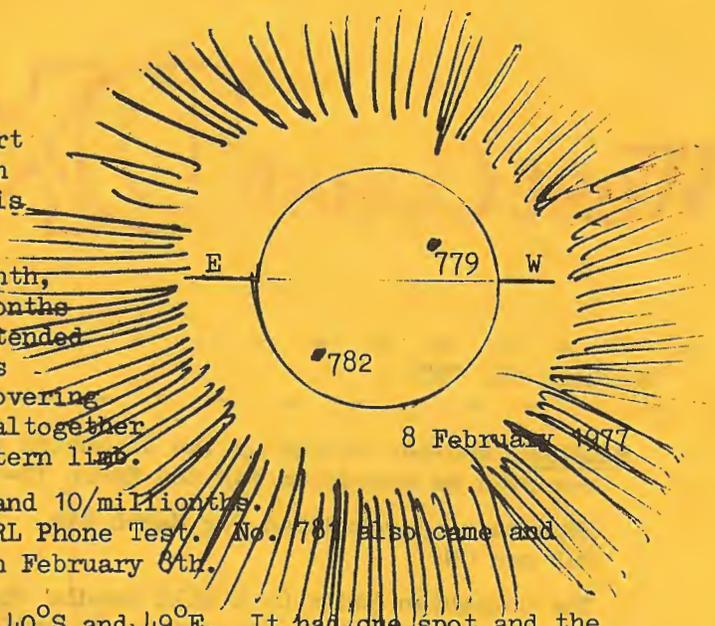
There's the big picture.....look at it from both sides.

There will be a new book out later this year on propagation, this will be published by one of the radio magazines and a couple of amateurs will do the writing. Actually, it will be George Jacobs, W3ASK, who does the propagation column for CQ, and Ted Cohen, W4UMF, who does a bit of work in this field. Anyhow, watch for the book and you probably will find it a necessary addition to your technical library.

Taking a look at what K6EC reports, the picture is starting to move in the right direction. Ten meters has been opening with some good paths at times, JH3DPB reports that during the ARRL Phone Test he was hearing the W/Ks on ten and it seems like the band is getting ready for some Spring conditions.

Anyhow, getting to Ev's report, those looking for the figures to chart can put the following down....if you are not charting, you might find it interesting and with some surprises if you take a try at it.

	Solar Flux	Ap Index		Solar Flux	Ap Index
Jan 31st	81	15	Feb 4th	81	7
Feb 1st	85	5	5th	80	8
2nd	85	14	6th	77	9
3rd	83	8			



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BOUVET The Norwegian group still apparently is looking to be in the vicinity of the island late this month...3YØCC last week was mentioning a February 26th date.

The word is that they will be there for about two days. Possible frequencies to watch was mentioned and 14030kc and 14325kc were suggested.

Information on any possible Bouvet operation does vary a bit depending on what operator you may be talking with. However, there is also a consistency in the stories and it points to the February 25-26th area and they will be at the island. If the frequencies may look unusual, such as the 14325kc.....do not get locked on to it but also watch other possibilities.

MAYOTTE FHØOMT is expected to be active sometime this week, sometime after the fifteenth and for a short period. No great information is available on this one....just that it may show.

SUDAN ST2RK is being heard on weekends on fifteen meters, the usual frequency being around 21212kc and around 1100Z until 1200Z.

The operator is a bit vague about his location and says that he will give more when he has official permission....apparently to operate. He says that he is 1000km south of Khartoum which would put him in the vicinity of the Southern Provinces...if not actually in them. Often working West German stations and speaking in German, he has been reported by a number of European stations.

While we are working that side of the street, it might be noted that Bill Rindone, WB7ABK, mailed out the ST2SA/STØ QSL cards a couple of weeks back. Bill had been waiting for some decision on separate DXCC country status for the autonomous southern provinces but because of the increasing number of inquiries, finally decided to move them out.

BANGLADESH A couple of reports of activity from Dacca showed last week, and though there were no reports from any W/Ks as hearing or working them, there did appear to be something possibly going on.....

JE1TWG/S21 was reported by JA1UQP to have been at 14082kc from 1225kc on February 4th and he said that he was operating from the Japanese Embassy in Dacca. There was a possibility of JE1TES/S21 also being active from the Embassy there in Dacca. QSLs were said to go to the Embassy of Japan, Box 458, Dacca, Bangladesh.

There was also a report that a station signing AP2AR was saying that he was in Dacca, handle was Arrif and he was at 14205kc at 2110Z on February 7th. This one seems to be inconsistent with that call-sign but that was the report.

WILLIS VK9ZM was reported on both twenty and fifteen recently. On twenty it appears that he will be regularly at 14205kc from 2130Z. WB4YFC and W7JST will be there to help keep things on track. VK9ZM is also showing at the Pacific DX Net from 0600Z at 14265kc.

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THE BIG QRM A recent story in the Washington STAR pointed up the possibility that the Big QRM may be coming from experiments to transmit electricity without wires.

The article points out that Nikola Tesla worked on such a process and in one demonstration Tesla was able to light up 200 incandescent lamps at a distance of twenty-five miles without any wires.

The article noted that it has been reported that a scientist out of the USSR visited Tesla's last living assistant in Canada and questioned him at length. This assistant, however, noted that he has had lots of questions on the matter and these have continued with the recent interference noted on the bands.

It was also reported that Canadian monitoring stations had attempted to develop further information on the signals, they were frustrated by the short duration of the signals. Attempts were being made to determine if the QRM signals were harmonics of low-frequency signals. The signals from the Big QRM have been heard from three to thirty megahertz, Tesla's experiments were in the very low frequencies, ranging from six to 100,000 cycles per second. The USSR signals have been observed at times as coming from two different locations, both apparently close together.

One scientist studying the problem had the Canadians list the frequencies on which the Russian Signals had been heard. Working backwards, he determined that the results turned out to be the Tesla frequencies, and could be harmonics of the lower frequencies.

SAN DIEGO/ORANGE COUNTIES DX CENTURY CLUB The annual joint dinner of these Southern California DX Clubs will be held next Friday, February 25th, at Marty's Valley Inn in Oceanside. Marty's is at 3240 Mission, just about where State Route 76 meets Interstate 5 in Oceanside.

This is a big Southern California event. The dinner is slated for 7:30p.m. and among other things they will have George Mitchel, K6ZE from the Scripps Institute of Oceanography as a speaker

Reservations are being handled by Terry Baxter, K6SDR/N6CW. A usual big turnout is expected and they would like to know in advance how many to expect. Catch Terry at (714) 460 5654 or at 4639 Kathryn, La Mesa, Ca. 92041.

FCC MAY BAN LINEARS FOR CB Actually, they are thinking of it. A week or so back the FCC announced a proposal to ban the manufacture, distribution and sale of linears in the Citizens Band radio frequency spectrum. Comments are being asked to the proposal, the FCC apparently admitting they are powerless to stop the use of linear amplifiers used to boost CB output power. Levels to which the output is boosted was given as 100, 200 and up to 10,000 watts.

Back in 1975 a ban was placed on linears for the 24-35mhz range, except for amateur use. However, broadband amplifiers that were compatible with the CB frequencies could still be built. The new proposal is to close this loophole. One FCC official said that in his district about 80% of the mobile CBers use linears.

The article in one of the trade journals also said: "Opposition to the proposal is expected to come from amateur radio groups whose equipment requires high power to be effective."

A week or so back a W1 in Connecticut found a CBER emplaced at 28077kc. The W1 told the CBER to move on. The CBER, an XYL, said that she was a stranger in town, coming from out-of-state, that she had an authorized call, which she gave, and then moved off frequency.

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SHORTLY NOTED Back in the February 1st issue on that page with the Ham Radio Outlet advertisement, we gave some of the items from the recent ARRL Board Meeting. We gave some a bit twisted.

The ARRL will give a special plaque to the first ten amateurs making WAS on two meters. We knew it all the time but typed it out as 'ten meters'...which it is not. Two Meters, two meters, two meters.....

GEOFF WATTS returned to the DX scene with Issue No. 748 dated February 5th. Geoff is still aiming to get back in the DX News Sheet business though he plans to limit the circulation to the United Kingdom. Geoff Watt's Prefix/Country/Zone list is still a bargain and valuable information for the serious DXer. It runs to 15 pages and gives a lot of needed background information on prefixes, regular and special, ITU allocations and a lot of other information. Send 6 IRCs to: Geoff Watts, 62 Belmore Road, Norwich NR7 OPU, England, and you will be surprised and delighted at what you get back.

One-sixty continues to bring a lot of action and the CQ 160-Test over the last weekend in January was most pleasing to those who jumped in. W1BB has just put out another of his interesting "160 Meter DX Bulletins" and you can get a lot of ideas and information out of one. Stu will supply you with your own copy if you send a sase to him at 36 Pleasant Street, Winthrop, Mass 02152. Stu received the ARRL 160m DXCC Certificate No. 1, W1GHT got No. 2 and while it appears to have been a dead-heat for KV4FZ and W8LEL who have both been reported as getting No. 3

ARRL has a special application form for the new 6 meter '600 Award'. This is for contacts after January 1st. If you work six, send a sase marked "6 Meter Award" to the ARRL and they will send you a sample of the form.

The ARRL has also appointed Jim Cain, WA1STN, as Headquarters Liaison with the Contest Advisory Committee. Note that it is Jim Cain, WA1STN...some have mixed his call with that of his KYL, WA1STO. President Dannals has addressed a letter to all Advisory Committee members noting that a new one, the VHF/UHF (VUAC) Advisory Committee has been formed, this not to be confused with VRAC, the Repeater Advisory Committee.

Dannals also noted that it is the function of the Board of Directors to set policy, that of the Headquarters Staff to carry out the policy. In connection with these functions, the Advisory Committees were constituted to provide advice in certain areas but not to function as decision making groups.

Apparently the review came because of tendency in some areas to consider the committees as the decision-making groups, their decisions to be implemented by the other parts of the organization.

A special message will be sent over W1AW on February 17th to mark the 40th anniversary of the station. This will be sent during the regular bulletins and those submitting a copy of the message from President Dannals will receive a special souvenir QSL. Time and frequency should be noted on copy submitted.

Martin Laine advises that the QSLs for G5AZ/CT9AT/HB/AZD went into the mails the first week in February. OH2BAD will help with any inquiries, Miika now being the assistant QSL Manager for any of the OH-DXpeditions. This is: Miika Heikinheimo, OH2BAD, Lokkalantie 16 A 19, 00330 Helsinki 33, Finland.

MORE SHORT NOTES.

Going back all the way to the first QSL supplement, there is a bit more in the address for A9XBD than is necessary or even correct.

Bahrain should not have Saudi Arabia as part of the address. Actually, just Bahrain is quite enough and the 'Saudi' part is in error. Geoff has gotten mail with that address but he says it may slow up or lead astray mail for him in Bahrain.

We not only are running a bit short on space these days, we are also running short on time.

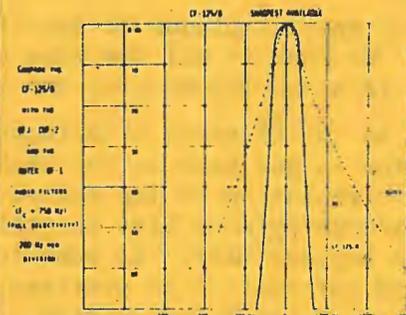
This week we mail 1700 copies of the bulletin. Those who have been with us for a long time probably also are noting that we are starting to pull apart at the seams. Mostly it is difficulty in meeting schedules, everything takes longer with the increase in the size of mailings.

We want to go underground. Please avoid mentioning the bulletin. Refer to it only as "It". We cannot handle much more and this is not a reverse ploy. We may have to consider some measures to reduce the mailing list. One suggestion has been to eliminate all those where the country list is over 300. We would hope that some other means might work.

New Officers of the Southern California DX Club are Cleyon Yowell, WB6EHT as President; John Alexander K6SVL as Vice-prex; Perry Esten W6PN is the Secretary and Marty Woll, WB6VZI is the Treasurer.

A good size contingent of JA-DXers are planning to make Fresno International. And some DXers from Europe are also expected. We will have more on the program but the prudent DXer will make his reservations at the Fresno Hilton early. April 2nd in downtown Fresno.....the county in the U.S. with the biggest agricultural income. That should get some of the rural types out.....

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 A9XS 14035/1300/Feb 3e
 UH8BZ 14020/1200/Feb 4e
 UL7GBY 14021/2045/Jan 29e
 UK8BAA 14077/1355/Jan 31e
 VU2BK 14043/1410/Feb 2e
 VU2AWL 14039/1430/Feb 3e
 LW9GR 21032/1520/Feb 3m
 K2IZN/LX 14017/1545 2w
 9D5A 14027/1340/Often

ASIA SSB

ALXFA 14250/1545/Jan 31w
 CR9AJ 14224/0020/Feb 4e
 HL9TJ 14225/2250/Often
 HL9TS 14227/2235/Feb 8m
 HL9KW 14225/2230/Feb 4m
 OD5AJ 14205/2140/Feb 4e
 OD5RB 14204/1650/Feb 3w
 KA6AO 14225/2300/Feb 4m

TA2MA 14305/0510/Feb 1sv
 UF6VAG 14207/1315/Feb 3m
 VU2BK 14202/1325/Jan 28m
 VU2LE 14222/0220/Jan 27w
 LZLWS 14333/1745/Feb 3w
 OE3OHA/5B4 14305/0515 1sv
 9K2EP 14201/1600/Jan 29m
 9V1OR 14225/0045/Jan 30e

EUROPE CW

EA6DD 14012/1615/Feb 5w
 EI6CE 14026/1540/Feb 2w
 IT9VJP 14050/1810/Feb 5w
 LZ1KAU 14008/1520/Feb 3w

OY1R 14012/1705/Feb 5w
 OZ1VY 14028/1450/Feb 2w
 PA6KW 14003/1535/Feb 3w
 TF3KJ 14031/2035/Jan 27m

UK2AIC 14018/1545/Feb 5w
 UK2BBB 14026/1330/Feb 3e
 UR2HDQ 14012/1445/Feb 4w

EUROPE SSB

EA3JE 14210/1925/Jan 30m
 EA6BG 14218/1955/Feb 8m
 EI1CN 14207/1500/Feb 4m
 FC9UC 14201/1535/Feb 2m
 GW3AX 14204/1515/Feb 1w
 GWLBVN 14205/1500/Feb 4m
 HB9JW 14216/1715/Feb 3w
 HB9LP 14203/1600/Feb 4w
 GW4BLB 14202/1640/Feb 3e
 IR1RHP 14214/1240/Jan 31e
 UR2LH 14233/1430/Feb 3m

LA1IQ 14213/1655/Feb 3e
 LA5HS 14333/1655/Feb 3w
 LA9LS 14333/1655/Feb 3w
 LZ2ES 14240/1240/Feb 31e
 OH1AA 14214/1530/Feb 4e
 OK2BKR 14209/1440/Jan 31e
 ON4LJ 14210/1630/Feb 2e
 ON4QJ 14216/1655/Feb 2e
 ON4UN 14255/1610/Feb 5m
 OT5J 14236/1415/Feb 3e
 9H1EL 14209/1230/Jan 31e

PT2ZCR 14348/0400/Feb 4e
 UK2GAG 14280/1430/Jan 31e
 UK2AAA 14212/1300/Feb 4m
 UK2BAS 14219/1405/Feb 3e
 UR2AR 14217/1340/Feb 4e
 Y02EM 14213/1425/Feb 3e
 YU2IDE 14205/1620/Feb 3e
 YU3TGP 14201/1450/Jan 31e
 YU2RTC 14230/1535/Feb 4m
 3A2HD 14265/1240/Feb 7m
 LU2TTU 21415/1530/Feb 6e

ELSEWHERE SSB

C21AF 14312/0530/Feb 3w
 CE0AE 14218/1345/Feb 3e
 CP6FK 21330/1910/Feb 30w
 DU1XKE 14225/2310/Jan 31e
 FM7WE 14210/2155/Jan 30m
 WB6UAG/FM0 14240/1250 6w
 FO8EX 14204/0020/Feb 3w
 FO8DF 14204/0050/Feb 3w
 FO8EK 21298/2250/Jan 30m
 FY7AQ 14209/2045/Jan 31e
 FY7AN 14218/2200/Feb 7m
 HK0BKX 14205/2315/Feb 1m
 HK0BKX 21295/1905/Jan 30w
 HI8XXC 14248/1435/Feb 1e
 HP1KL 28604/1830/Jan 31m
 HP1XDC 14316/1520/Feb 6e
 HP1IB 14207/1235/Jan 31e
 HR3JJR 28590/2025/Jan 29w
 KC6CG 14225/2300/Often
 KG6JEX 14332/2225/Feb 4m
 KP4DGT 14333/1720/Feb 3m
 KS6CC 14210/0400/Feb 6m

KM6BA 21350/2125/Feb 5e
 KZ5VS 21314/1645/Feb 5m
 LU1ER 21305/1645/Feb 5m
 LU2BLE 28601/1840/Jan 31m
 LUL4 14206/0405/Feb 6m
 LU5DRE 28637/2225/Jan 29m
 FY2BU 21285/1700/Feb 5m
 TI2EMC 14266/1825/Jan 31e
 VK6RU 14203/2215/Feb 4m
 VK5ED 14228/1350/Jan 30m
 VK2GKW 14209/1310/Feb 3m
 VK5BC 14207 2210/Feb 2m
 VK9XI 14224/1525/Feb 9m
 VK9ZM 21388/0235/Jan 30w
 VK9ZM 14205/2200/Often
 VK0TB 14287/0550/Feb 4w
 VO9UM 14217/1630/Feb 4w
 VO2ED 14333/2030/Jan 31e
 VP1CK 14214/1305/Feb 9m
 VP1MAR 21212/1625/Jan 31w
 W6QL/VP2A 14202/1245 6w
 VP2AZB 14218/2140/Feb 7m

VP2SZ 14206/1625/Feb 5m
 VP2DAJ 14246/2145/Jan 31e
 VP2MKN 14287/1300/Feb 6w
 VP2DJI 21297/2145/Jan 30m
 VP2VIM 14230/1330/Feb 2m
 VP2AYL 14333/1935/Feb 3w
 VP6ML 14210/0045/Feb 4e
 VP8FC 14210/0245/Feb 8e
 VP9IR 14230/2210/Feb 2m
 VP9IP 14333/1720/Feb 3w
 VR3AR 14205/2235/Jan 30m
 VR4DX 21376/2045/Feb 3m
 YS1EW 14333/1725/Feb 3w
 ZF1GT 21342/1640/Feb 5m
 ZK1BA 14218/0430/Feb 5m
 ZP5SD 28595/1945/Jan 29w
 5W1AU 14240/0430/Feb 4e
 8P6FX 28605/1910/Jan 29w
 8P7GN 14206/2130/Jan 29m
 WA7SIN/8R1 14222/2240 4m

ELSEWHERE CW

FM7AV 21027/1740/Jan 30m
 FM0COO 21050/2215/Jan 30w
 FO8EW 21042/2325/Jan 31m
 FY7AN 14013/2135/Jan 27w
 FY7YE 14053/1700/Feb 4w
 HI3PC 14043/1455/Feb 2m
 HI8MOG 14042/2215/Jan 27w
 LU1XAF 14032/0150/Feb 1w

KGLJS 14077/1750/Jan 30w
 KP4DRX 14027/2330/Jan 30w
 PZ1GV 14020/2100/Feb 4e
 VKLXA 14022/2125/Feb 4e
 VK6RU 14023/2300/Feb 4e
 VP2KJ 14029/2130/Jan 27w
 VP8AI 14018/0020/Jan 28w
 VP9HT 21018/1640/Feb 6w

ZF1RR 14014/0020/Jan 30e
 3Y3CC 14026/2345/Feb 3m
 3Y3CO 14022/2300/Feb 3e
 3Y1VC 14015/0030/Feb 7w
 9YLUV 14027/2120/Jan 30m
 LU1XAF 14032/0150/Feb 1w

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches sv = rhodes, etc)
 (all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Slim.....8X8A of Cray Island)

CALENDAR

MALPELO	Colombia Radio Club aiming for March effort
TRANSKEI	S8AAA a true-blue! Work Garth...good chance for new one
SUDAN	ST2RK may be in the Southern Provinces.....like STØ
IWO JIMA	KAs looking for a week in March
WAYNE WARDEN	Niue last week....maybe more good stuff later this week.
PACIFIC	VR3AH and VR3AR looking for extensive operation..maybe soon.
BOUVET	Norwegian scientific group in the area on or about Feb 26th
BANGLADESH	JA1TES and JE1TWG reported as active recently
MAYOTTE	FHØMT may show about this time with little advance notice
HAITI	HH2EL later this week for several weeks. From Feb 17th
AALAND ISLANDS	Aland Island OHØ Activity week....From February 17th
EUROPA/TROMELIN	FR7ZL/T and FR7ZQ/E should be found these days
WILLIS	VK9ZM active....
MacQuarrie	VKØAC will be there until late this year
MANIHIKI	ZK1BA for a couple of days sustained operation from Apr 12th
ARRL CW TEST	This weekend....February 19th/20th
FRENCH PHONE TEST	Also this weekend....February 19th/20th
ARRL DX PHONE TEST	March 5/6th. Second go-round
CQ WPX/SSB DX TEST	March 26/27th. Prepare for the wild one.
CONTESTER ROUNDUP	April 2nd in lower Houston. W5ZSK for details
SAN DIEGO/ORANGE Co.	Southwestern corner DX meeting....Feb 25th at Marty's/Oceanside
FRESNO INTERNATIONAL	The Big International meeting of the DXers. Fresno..April 2nd

AND A FEW MORE NOTES The correct address for WA5OCN, Jim Ashworth, with the 22¢ IRCs is: 10703 Dunlap, Houston, Texas 77096. Older Call Books do not have his current address.

DL8FL notes that A51TY has shown on rare occasions during the last year. Mostly showing on the SEANet. Yonten is the Director of Wireless Communications for the Royal Bhutan government and it is speculated also that the broadcast station, NYAB, which transmits on a couple of days a week, may be utilizing the only transmitter available, A51TYs FT-101. OE5MGL/YK will be in the Golan Heights until June....look for him from 0500Z below 3800kc...maybe fifteen or twenty kc. VR6TC QSLs to W6HS....who presented a Pitcairn program at the last So Calif. DX Club meeting....correct this in QSL #2. DXCC Desk is a bit delayed, patience if you have anything outstanding. Also, we are mailing Sunday this issue. Late and lost again.

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AND SOME FINAL NOTES A J Forsyth, G6FO, the editor of Britain's 'Short Wave Magazine' became a Silent Key recently.

That ST2RK mentioned a bit back in this issue has also been reported as signing ST2RK/STØ. This one has interesting aspects and may be in the area being considered for new country status.

The CANADAWARD is a colorful certificate available for working all of the Canadian provinces and territories....QSOs to be all on one band. They have mode/band/5-Band/6-Band-7-band endorsements. Full information from CARF, Box 76752, Vancouver, British Columbia V5R 5S7. A rather nice award.

TNX to W1AM, W1BB, W1DA, K1DRN, W1JR, W1MV, W1MV, WA1STN, W1YL, W2AG, K2BT, W2FP, W3EIJ, W4BAA, W4HU, WB4JLO, W4KA, WB4OXD, W4UF, W4UMF, W4WRY, W4ZR, W5AK, K5DB, W5LZZ, K5OVC, K5TSQ, WA5YMW, W6BZE, WA6DNM, K6DT, K6EC, W6GTL, WB6IXC, W6JD, K6JG, K6KII, W6KPC, K6LAE, N6NA, W6ONZ, W6PT, W6RQ, W6RGQ, WA6TLA, W6SWM, W6TSQ, W6VD, K6VY, W6SP, W6ZYC, WB6ZUC, WA7COQ, WA7HRE, WA7UVO, W8JXM, W8ZOK, K9KEV, K9UIY, WØSFU, KH6BZF, KV4FZ, SVØWZ, DL8FL, JH3DPB, OH2BH, VE7BBQ, HB9MX, K7DPO, JA1UQP, JAØCUV/1, JH1HWN, W1WY.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, troubled in spirit and shaken in his beliefs. "It was one of these meetings I went to recently," he explained. "There was this deep draft, esoteric type there and he did not look too kindly at DXCC. Why, he even said: 'Man does not live by endorsement stickers alone.' What do you think of that?" Son of a Gun! We hardly knew what to say in these times when heresy is rampant and the solid, old values are being eroded. For we have noticed the portents in the skies and the land is sere. But though we thought at length, what could we say? For there may be many things in our own personal worlds these days which may not be necessary for the body but are essential to nurture the delicate spirits of DXers. And we thought of the DXers all over the world who are united by the spirit and the tokens of accomplish on which their own values have been placed. "Perhaps you may need a new Shaman", we advised the QRPer. "One better able to divine the hidden, one better able to control events." For many DXers already know that the chase is the thrill and the stickers the record. And the values are what we DXers place on those things that are of interest perhaps only to us. And it must be said again: "Only a DXer can understand another DXer. Only a DXer can understand DX". And \$11.00 a year will bring to the initiates the word, the rumors and the hopes that only DXers can understand. \$14.50 flips it by first-class mail to the U.S./VE areas. \$17.00 roars it down the far edge of the sky to all of Mexico and all the far lands where Deserving DXers tune the bands. And watch for the false Shamans..... Many may claim, but few do understand. Only we true-blue types do.....

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