

# WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



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**SOUTH SUDAN** K5YY was in Khartoum as of last week, visiting ST2SA and trying to arrange transport to the southern autonomous provinces. Actually, he got away from Little Rock a day or so late while trying to get the travel arrangements untangled and lost a day or two at Khartoum while waiting out the problem there. If everything went right, he may have showed over the weekend. San planned to be active from STØ during most of this week, moving onto Comoro over the coming weekend. The schedule will bend depending on local conditions he encountered.

STØ will be accepted for DXCC purposes beginning November 1, 1978. Contacts dating back to May 7, 1972 will be accepted for credit for STØ. The exact significance of the May 1972 date is not quite clear but is believed to have connection with the granting of independence to the southern provinces there in Sudan. Actually, the agreement to end the insurgency was signed in February of that year. There may have been amateur activity from that part of Sudan in the intervening years but here we recall Bill Rindone's effort in July 1976 as the opening of the southern provinces and it was his efforts which called attention to the area as a possibility for DXCC status.

Hans van den Hurk, STØRK, is also being heard from the new DXCC area. A week or so back he was at 14306kHz from 2300Z and being worked on the eastern shore. He usually shows on Sundays and will be there at Wau in South Sudan for a couple of years, having just returned from vacation in Germany. STØRK QSLs to Frank Turek, DL7FT.

It had been expected for some weeks that STØ would be okayed for DXCC credit, it might have come some months back when DL7FT went to the southern provinces with the assurance that it would be a counter for DXCC and then came home to find that it had been withdrawn. Those QSLs from DL7FT's efforts will be good.

K5YY's efforts will QSL to his home QTH, Box 5299, Little Rock, Arkansas 72215. He asks that no QSLs be sent until he has returned home. The Northern California DX Foundation is helping San with a portion of the costs of this trip, he is paying the balance himself. Thus, any small bit of support will be appreciated.

**COMORO** Though the travel arrangements for the leg to South Sudan were from the start a worrisome thing, getting to the Comoros and D68AF was not anticipated to be too difficult. The initial plan was to arrive in the Comoros on this coming Saturday, September 2nd, and though the plans may slide a day or so, this is not certain and it would be well to start the watch this weekend.

San will work considerable c.w. from D68, this to compensate for the initial effort he made two years back when he was not allowed to work c.w. during the first week of independence there. He will be teaming with Robin, D68AD, and they hope to put a strong signal on the air. Robin has been showing in the c.w. bands, showing in the lower portions of twenty meters after 1200Z. It is hoped that an improved antenna system and more power will bring C68AF and C68AD to all the Deserving. For this one, the Labor Day weekend is the alert time.

There is also a good chance of San showing from FH8 for a couple of days during next week. At the time of his departure the question and cost of transportation was the kicker, he feeling that the asking price for the short flight to Mayotte was a bit steep. He was hoping to get the price down when a bit closer to the scene. Again, if the FH8 plan jells, he will be pushing c.w. mostly, the feeling being the FH8 is often available on SSB and has been in the past. He will work some phone but c.w. will be the main game.

Operating times and band selection were all in the August 15th bulletin. There has been little change. Initially the transmitting frequencies were planned to be crystal controlled but a decision was made to take an outboard VFO. The areas will still be the same though the exact frequencies may move slightly.

**4U1UN** This is another that will be accepted for DXCC credit starting in November and credit will be given for 4U1UN operations back to February 1978.

The station is still showing during lunch periods there at the UN. Last week it was down around 14204kHz and the time to watch is from 1700Z....or noontime there in New York. The station is also heard on c.w. but there is no operating schedule for that mode, the c.w. action being dependent on the desire of the operator and often this comes after 0000Z.

The signal last week was stronger into the western reaches. The Northern California DX Foundation a few weeks back did ship a TH6DXK to 4U1UN to boost the signal and this may be on the line. The signal from the Foundation's beam should be noticeably improved around the world.

The staff there at 4U1UN continues to emphasize that they cannot make schedules nor can allow any outsiders to operate. They would ask that the word on this be spread.

**DESECHEO** The Awards Committee has okayed Desecheo for DXCC status, the word on this came late Friday and was the subject of an official bulletin over W1AW. Dave Novoa, KP4AM, is moving to get the new country on the air and the target date now is one week from this Wednesday or September 6th. This will be a new counter for DXCC. More will come on this next week.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Here we had been relaxing, thinking that everything would be...Up, Up and Away, and what happens. The July sunspot mean falls flat on its face.

Last September the monthly flux mean took a big jump, slipped back in October and November, then took off. But in July things slowed again. For the last year the monthly mean went....

Jul 77	83.7	Jan 78	109.6
Aug	86.4	Feb	145.4
Sep	100.9	Mar	141.8
Oct	96.3	Apr	149.4
Nov	91.6	May	147.1
Dec	98.9	Jun	143.4
		Jul	131.9



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And the sunspots! Look at what happened to them in July. Heart-rending!! The monthly mean was 68.4 and this made the 12month smoothed sunspot number centered on January 1978 at 59.7.

This was not what we Deserving ones had been expecting and we scampered hastily down to the barrancas where the Palos Verdes types are often bonging the beat. It was silent!

No 1251	1 spot
N43° W54°	10 millionths
1254	13 spots
S18° W09°	140 millionths
1259	2 spots
S23° E33°	10 millionths
1260	3 spots
S24° E62°	10 millionths

We found the Leader....asleep!! And when we finally shook him awake, was he happy to see us? Hardly at all. We had disturbed his summer afternoon siesta. But these were worrisome times and we had to find out what had happened to the sunspot count.

"Look," the PV Leader says, "if you don't trust the Palos Verdes Sundancers, and you don't trust good ol' Waldemeier over there in Zurich, whom do you trust?" He had us there. We had to trust....but we wanted to know why we should trust. And could we trust with the bottom dropping out of the monthly sunspot mean? We had to know.

The PV Leader stretched a bit, did a pirouette, then a grand jete, the working leg thrusting out sharply and he came to a stop in front of us. "The smoothed number was fifty-nine in January," he said. "Waldemeier says it will be 111 in January of next year. Doesn't that tell you anything? Don't you believe?"

We had to admit that we did believe, but we wanted to be sure. "Be a Believer!", the PV Leader muttered, "for what else can you do?" We had to think that over for a bit and finally we were believing. "We Believe," we earnestly assured the PV Leader, "We Believe. But are you sure?" Son of a Gun!! We are still wondering what we said that was wrong.

But when we hear from N4XX we know that things are never wrong....relatively speaking. And as Ted fights to keep the wandering cucumbers from invading downtown Alexandria, he says that things will be....relatively speaking.....

August 29th	Above Normal	Sept 1st	Low Normal
30th	Low Normal	2nd	Low Normal
31st	Low/Below Normal	3rd	High Normal
		4th	Above Normal
		5th	Above Normal
		6th	Above Normal
		7th	High/Low Normal
		8th	Low Normal

And there it all is.....relative speaking. And up from the south, from the border country, comes the watchful word from K6EC who would rather hear a YI than a WWV but takes what comes and what came was.....

	Solar Flux	Ap Index		Solar Flux	Ap Index
Aug 14th	130	7	Aug 18th	113	11
15th	129	8	19th	109	10
16th	125	5	20th	105	3
17th	118	5			

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX FOUNDATION It probably has been noticed that much of the bigger DX actions recently have had the Northern California DX Foundation involved. The name keeps turning up in reports on DX and we are conscious of it, almost to the point where we feel that some may think it is overemphasis.

However, we tend to lean the other way and have a feeling that the full story of the Foundation is not being told. They are involved in a lot of efforts to bring DX to the Deserving and the list of their involvements is getting to be exceedingly long.

This week we note Dr. San Hutsons African activity and the Foundation is involved in that. If Desecheo ever moves, the Foundation is involved in that. The 4U1UN finds the Foundation involved. Actually, there is even a lot more but some of the items must be soft-pedaled because of overseas problems. For example, the current trip of K5YY involves the study of leaving gear in a country where there is some low-power amateur operations but the gear is old, a bit and no way to get modern equipment.

With their record of accomplishment, you might want to give a bit of attention to the Northern California DX Foundation. This is a non-profit corporation and you can get more information by writing to Box 717, Oakland, Calif. 94604. They are doing things for DX and the DXers. Obviously, we are a bit overcome in our admiration for their efforts.

CURACAO The Potomac Valley Radio Club is staking out Curacao in the Netherland Antilles for their CQ WW Phone Test operations in the last weekend in October and they are going multi-multi-magnum. Or is it magnum-multi-multi? Anyhow, they are out to terrorize the opposition and will cover One-sixty through ten meters.

At this point the operations include N4RV, N4MM, K3EST, W3AZD, WA3ZAS, K3RT, K4VX, K3NA, WB3ANE, YU3EY, PJ2ARL, PJ9EE and PJ2FR. They will operate both c.w and SSB before the contest, the call being PJ9KK. But during the Test it will be SSB downhill all the way.

You may recall last year that the group went to FM7-Martinique with the Tagus Tantalizer and confounded the opposition. The report this year is that the Tantalizer is currently in BY-China and will not be available to make strong DXers weep. But they are not idle in their planning and will be ready to spring the game plan on the unwary. QSL for the operations to John Kanode, N4MM, Rt 1, Box 73-A, Boyce, Virginia 22620 or to the W4/K4/N4 QSL Bureau.

AMBERGRIS CAY Newspapers have carried reports that a group of Arizona entrepreneurs are negotiating with the Turks and Caicos government to buy Big Ambergris Cay and set up an autonomous sovereignty within the T/C government. This is envisioned as similar to the Vatican in Rome arrangement with the Italian government.

The report is that \$50million is being offered which would make the price per acre for the sandy spot a bit stiff. They want to issue their own passports, register Big Ambergris corporations and issue their own postage stamps and own currency. Naturally, they might be considered as an emerging DXCC country. Watch for this one. There will always be a bright new one coming over the horizon for the Deserving!

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SOME SHORT NOTES Those who may have been interested in the Windjammer Cruises can find an interesting article in the September issue of 'Motor Boating and Sailing'. This one has "The Caribbean's Best Kept Secret" on the lower right of the cover.

On the 8Z4, if you missed it you are not alone. OE6EEG passed along some figures a week or so back, a day or so before the operation ended, and it showed the totals to be—

9VEs 1-YV 4-W1s 6-W2s 6-W3s 6W4s 1-W5 1-W8 and 2-W9s.

This is not an exact list but close. There apparently was some skulduggery going on...one of the Deserving was calling at the time when the 8Z4 indicated he would be doing the searching, had a station come back and they traded reports. Being fulfilled, he tuned around a bit to find out what was going on and found almost immediately a thriving 8Z4 business going on twenty or so kcs up. Did he? Or didn't he? Only the log knows!

If you did work the 8Z4 they want a sae and 2 IRCs...no more, no less and no green stamps. The total of W/K/VE/XE and other Region IIs who may have gotten through is estimated to be less than a hundred.

The Washington unit of the Radio Club of America will be honoring Charles Higginbotham, retired from the FCC, at a luncheon at the Touchdown Club in Washington this Wednesday, August 30th.

H44KM was due to be in Nauru last weekend and was to operate as C21KM for a number of days. VP8PL on South Georgia has commercial duties which keeps him running and little time for amateur radio. 4K1GM was said to be in the South Shetlands by a Russian source though the station often says 'Antarctica'. TA2BK QSLs to DJ0UJ. KA1NC on Marcus is often showing on P29JS' gathering of the Pacific DXers. Jacky, F6BBJ, is reported as planning for Abu Ail by year's end.

WB5WIT is said to be the one going to sign S8ABC late next month. Said the handle was Bill....the question now comes that the callbook shows this as issued to a YL named Angela. However, if you look back a bit, WB5WLS is listed for what is apparently angels's relative....William. These 'his' and 'hers' can mix up those who read the callbook for relaxation. Anyhow, this one will QSL to Box 900, Secunda, 2302, Republic of South Africa.

On the plan for W5JW to operate KX6-Kwajalein about now, after we finished the printing of the last page but before this one, we got the word that Jack will not go until September 25th....a month from now. However, it is rather solid for this period and he will look for Europe....but not in August. September!

Karl, K4YT, was operating from 5R8 in mid-August. He has shown from a lot of the planned stopped but operating time is often limited. He may show from some of the Indian Ocean islands in the coming weeks.

KA1IW is apparently at the old MARS Station on Iwo and he says he will be there for a year. Gave the name as Glenn and said to QSL to K8DYZ. He plans to visit some of the other islands in the group. Came on the air August 15th...has beam at 25'.

CR9EE showed with a 90° beam heading from New Mexico. With that path, one must be skeptical. H44CD goes to W4BAA. A2CED often gives K4EBY as QSL Manager. The only catch is that K4EBY has not received logs for over a year and requests to send them are not acknowledged. If you work A2CED, tell him to send logs.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED There has been a rumor jumping up during last week that the Clipperton QSOs by W/K type operators would not be accepted for DXCC. Don't believe it.

The DXCC Desk at ARRL is as puzzled as you by the rumor. The Clipperton cards are being accepted and there are no known problems.

On the Desecheo Island item, the matter as of Friday was still waiting a decision by the Awards Committee. While you can expect the KPls and the others to move quickly just as soon as the decision is made, and presuming that it is okayed, the August 30th date may be liable to slip. Keep watching and Desecheo will come with a rumble and a roar.....but not necessarily on schedule.

Some W9s are aiming to bring Serrana Bank on the air again in January. The plans are well along and they have transportation pretty much nailed down. The group will include K9RA, WA9EYY, W9UCW, K1PEW and HK0BKX. More will be coming on this, they are planning four days of operating.

ARRL growth continues up but not at the hectic pace of last year. The gain was 700 in July and the membership now is at 167,000. The anticipation is that League membership will touch 180,000 by the end of 1979.

Advertising is being bumped up, it will go to \$1488.00 a page in January, this bringing it up around 73's rate which is reported at \$1495.00 but that may not be a firm figure. CQ runs to \$755 a page, HAM RADIO to \$820 and Ham Radio Horizons to \$680 a page.

There is a study to consolidate the three MARS Services into a single unit. K1CD in the Club and Training Department at ARRL has split the scene. We mentioned 4U1UN previously but forgot to mention that Max De Henseler, HB9RS, is the operator usually found during the noon operation. You probably will find the station observing the U.S. sub-bands as this was indicated as the expected practice when the FCC was consulted on 4U1UN coming into existence.

HL9WI says that some 700 Koreans recently passed the new amateur examinations. You can anticipate an upsurge in HL/HM activity. SV0WY goes to S/Sgt Mike Woolverton, OE-C, 5/AFRTS, P.O. Box 3078, 7122 Broadcasting Sqdn, APO New York 09223.

HY0POL on South Shetland says he is on c.w. at 21020/14020/3505kc....Upper Sideband only at 3705kc....listening 3800-3805kc. QSL to SP2BBD. K6XP in a recent QSO also confirmed that 4K1GM is on the South Shetlands.

FG7TD QSLs via W5RU and the same route will be good for KM6BI QSLs from July 1, 1978. AMACOM 78 down in the New Orleans area will have WA9INK for their DX Forum. This DX Gathering will be on Saturday and Sunday, September 16/17th. If you need any information on this gathering of the Deserving, drop a line to Russ Guidry, K50A.

EA9EO goes to...Guillermo Perea, Teniente Arrabal, 2, Cueta, Espana North Africa. But hold on sending QSLs for VR3AH and 7X2MB to W1BPY. Bill says he is getting them and cannot figure why. Actually, VR3AH from his return to the islands there in June of this year should go to WB4PRU. Anyhow, W1BPY is definitely not the route for either.

PY2YP has changed QTHs and Cesar now goes to: Cesar Augusto C Rodrigues, PY2YP, P.O. Box 224, 12.940 Atibaia (SP) BRASIL. GM3YOR's QSLs for the TF and OY efforts go to A B Givens, 41 Veronica Crescent, Kirkcaldy, Fife KY1 2LH, Scotland. K5SMG has a line of tapes for code practice which parallel the code used in FCC examinations. The cost per tape is about \$4.50...you can get more information by dropping a line to John Tarvin, 810 Cardigan, Garland, Texas 75040..

**DXPO  
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September 16th - 17th Tyson's Corner, Virginia  
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all the DXers to come to another great DXPO.  
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Write Dick Vincent, K3AO, Rt 1, Bx 230, Bryantown, Maryland 20617 for info

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

DX's but an open door,  
We move from room to room.....

TEN METER LIVES.....it's reported!

EA7ANL 29098/2315/Aug 15w	LX2NB 28027/1540/Aug 16w	DF2OU 28595/2245/Aug 14e
FY0EOW 28049/1820/Aug 15w	VK2QL 28027/2210/Aug 16w	HK3CTS 28635/2200/Aug 12e
JA2YCZ 28011/2120/Aug 16w	WPLDSZ 28036/1830/Aug 15w	KX6BU 28513/0035/Aug 18e
JE1CHJ 28011/2125/Aug 16w	ZD7WT 28036/1830/Aug 15w	OZ5KF 28564/2230/Aug 14e
JA7TYE 28025/2135/Aug 16w		VK3OK 28520/0055/Aug 18e
LU1HDC 28046/2220/Aug 16w		ZL1ON 28545/2315/Aug 12e

AFRICA CW

CR9EE 14018/0600/Aug 12??	FB8ZN 14020/1450/Aug 17w	SU1IM 14011/0320/Aug 11m	ZD7W 21030/1825/Aug 19w
D68AD 14034/1210/Aug 14m	FR7BN 14019/0415/Aug 12e	ZD7WT 21027/1530/Aug 19w	5T5PG 21051/1505/Aug 19w
EL2EV 14005/0310/Aug 10e	J28AY 21021/0230/Aug 17w	ZS4DZ 14034/1240/Aug 12e	7P8AF 14026/1450/Aug 21w
FB8ZM 14027/1500/Aug 16w	J28AY 14006/0200/Aug 24w	ZS6DN 21022/1550/Aug 17e	7X4AN 14019/0220/Aug 17m

ASIA CW

AP2TN 14010/1215/Aug 11e	UA0AAK 21019/0230/Aug 15w	UI8IAC 14016/0325/Aug 16e	UW0FR 14039/1110/Aug 15e
VU2GW 14025/1215/Aug 15w	UA0JCW 14030/1045/Aug 15e	UK8HAA 14020/0335/Aug 19e	4Z4UW 21035/0420/Aug 17w
VU2KMK 14028/1500/Aug 18w	UA0RAA 14052/0350/Aug 17e	UL7JG 21049/0510/Aug 17w	4Z4TA 14010/2005/Aug 10e
VU2KZ 14029/1515/Aug 21w	UF6FAG 14009/0320/Aug 16e	UL7MAR 14023/0325/Aug 16e	9M2EG 14023/1445/Aug 18w
VU2CP 21029/1645/Aug 15w	UF6FDI 14027/1740/Aug 10e	UL7JBH 14051/0300/Aug 16e	EP2IA 14031/0400/Aug 24w
VU2BK 14039/2225/Aug 19m	UF6VAI 14008/0335/Aug 14e	UL7CBO 14026/0220/Aug 15e	
OE5CA/YK 14023/0450 17w	UF6FJE 14004/0340/Aug 17e	UM8MAG 14017/0300/Aug 21m	
OE2BJL/YK 21006/1845 15w	UH8BU 14038/0140/Aug 16w	UW0IZ 14033/1225/Aug 17e	

AFRICA SSB

CN8AK 14311/2030/Aug 16m	FB8ZM 14224/1215/Aug 17m	SM2ALH/LU 14219/2000 10m	7X4MG 21273/1810/Aug 14m
CN8AK 21416/1540/Aug 13e	FR7BE 14203/0350/Aug 15m	5H3FW 21355/2030/Aug 10m	7X4MD 21355/1555/Aug 20w
CN8CX 14217/2215/Aug 20e	ST0RK 14311/2200/Aug 20e	5Z4NH 21233/1740/Aug 14w	7X2HM 14219/1930/Aug 11m
D68AD 14210/1245/Aug 12m	SU1AL 14238/1820/Aug 20e	3X1TE 14310/2130/Aug 17e??	7X4MD 14219/1045/Aug 17m
EA8CR 14212/0130/Aug 11m	VE6BGU/SU 14231/0155 19m	5U7AG 14221/0600/Aug 12m	7X2CW 14203/2320/Aug 17m
EA9EY 14286/2225/Aug 19m	TR8NWL 21285/2230/Aug 16m	5Z4CW 21280/1750/Aug 16w	KL4YT/5R8 14255/1310 10m
EL2EU 14270/0140/Aug 14m	TR8MOL 14230/2000/Aug 16m	6W8FZ 14284/0130/Aug 13m	9J2JET 21310/1925/Aug 12w
EL2EU 21416/1545/Aug 13e	ZS6AGO 14208/1400/Aug 14w	7X2LS 14207/0310/Aug 18m	9X5NH 14270/2345/Aug 12m

ASIA SSB

AP2MQ 14213/0125/Aug 18e	JY5HH 14308/2230/Aug 19e	UG6AI 14228/0450/Aug 17m	5B4HF 21280/1800/Aug 16w
EP2LI 14251/0310/Aug 18e	JY5US 14316/0005/Aug 16m	UF6VAG 14235/2115/Aug 16e	5B4PA 21300/2315/Aug 13e
EP2PQ 14210/0005/Aug 11m	JY3ZH 14205/0530/Aug 17w	UH8HAI 14206/0315/Aug 10e	5B4PA 14208/2245/Aug 19e
EP2PE 21350/1815/Aug 18m	JY5RBM 14237/0040/Aug 14m	UK9AAN 14204/2300/Aug 17m	5B4HF 14214/2150/Aug 16m
HL9VY 14201/1355/Aug 15m	KA1IW 14220/1220/Aug 19m	VU2ATN 14201/1420/Aug 16w	4S7DA 14215/1210/Aug 17m
HS1WR 14210/1420/Aug 18e	KA1NC 14292/0320/Aug 19w	VU2XX 14202/1300/Aug 10m#	4S7JD 14209/1215/Aug 17m
HS1ATV 14212/1435/Aug 18e	TA2BK 21302/1120/Aug 15e	VU2GGZ 14203/1205/Aug 15m	9K2CM 14310/2305/Aug 18e
HS1ABD 14225/0925/Aug 19w	UG6AW 14204/0420/Aug 16m	VU2DR 14205/2300/Aug 20e	9K2FX 14232/1725/Aug 18m

EUROPE CW

C31IS 14052/2315/Aug 12e	GULCHY 14005/2025/Aug 10e	OH0PA 14033/0420/Aug 20w	UK2AAB 14020/0240/Aug 16m
C31OH 14003/0340/Aug 14e	GW4DZE 14016/2050/Aug 10m	OK1GS 14013/0400/Aug 16m	UK6EAA 14052/0420/Aug 17w
C31NM 14008/0645/Aug 15w	IA5DMK 14019/0135/Aug 18m	TF3JB 14001/0310/Aug 15w	U050AL 21045/2035/Aug 10m
CT2QN 14027/0105/Aug 19e	IS0INL 14057/0530/Aug 21w	TF3YH 14007/1455/Aug 21w	UP2NK 21030/1550/Aug 20w
CT2QN 21027/1815/Aug 15w	IS0OMH 21012/1530/Aug 18w	SV0WTT 14025/0545/Aug 15w	U050GP 14086/2115/Aug 12e
EA6DD 21025/2115/Aug 19w	IT9QDS 14043/0630/Aug 21w	UA2EC 21007/1625/Aug 16w	YU1BCD 21024/1755/Aug 17e
EI7CS 21016/2225/Aug 15w	IYLFGM 21020/2120/Aug 14w	UA2FDK 14013/0220/Aug 17w	9H1FR 21030/1745/Aug 17w
FC6ETR 14022/2200/Aug 18m	LA2AV 14013/0630/Aug 15m	UB5MEI 14019/0500/Aug 15m	9H1EY 21017/1505/Aug 18w
GJ2LU 14006/0600/Aug 17w	LK1BJ 21020/1615/Aug 16w	UK1OAP 14011/0700/Aug 15m	
GW4DJW 21012/2005/Aug 16w	LZ2AW 14043/0350/Aug 21m	UK3XAB 21045/1700/Aug 17e	

MORE RED EYED LOUIE

And there, while thread shall hang to thread,  
Oh, let that ensign fly!  
The noblest banner set  
Against the northern sky.....

(ARRL votes to have official flag)  
(July Board meeting....)

EUROPE SSE

C31MM 14215/0100/Aug 14w	GM4EZI 14333/2025/Aug 16w	ON4UN 21285/1550/Aug 20w	YO3AC 14250/0145/Aug 18w
C31NM 14202/0120/Aug 14m	GU5CIA 14202/0200/Aug 18e	OY5J 14239/0005/Aug 15m	4U7ITU 14316/1515/Aug 13e
C31MJ 14203/1730/Aug 12e	HW6FIC 14193/2250/Aug 17m	UA3ADY 14177/0510/Aug 20w	9H1ED 21258/1815/Aug 14m
C31MS 14203/1730/Aug 12e	IS0BYR 14232/0115/Aug 16m	UB5MCS 14218/0430/Aug 16w	8HLM 14220/1940/Aug 16m
C31QD 14253/0005/Aug 15e	JW7FD 14270/2300/Aug 20e	UB5GAA 14243/0430/Aug 15w	9H1FN 21280/1920/Aug 16m
CT1SX 21315/1555/Aug 20w	LA2AD 21315/2020/Aug 14w	UP2BAS 21202/1815/Aug 15m	ON4UN 14214/0505/Aug 16w
FG9UC 14203/2010/Aug 20m	LZ2EE 21275/2020/Aug 14w	UY5LK 14204/0510/Aug 20w	
GI3YMT 14290/0530/Aug 17w	LZ1AI 21306/0635/Aug 16w	UO5PK 14225/0320/Aug 10e	
GJ3YHU 14206/0120/Aug 14e	OK1AWZ 14208/0510/Aug 17w	YU9DX 14209/2255/Aug 17m	

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CP5NK 14035/0300/Aug 13m	KG4FW 21025/0130/Aug 17w	VP2MBC 14026/1100/Aug 14e	8R1J 14007/0305/Aug 11e
DU1OR 14047/1215/Aug 17e	KG6ADE 14009/1230/Aug 11e	VP2LLF 14005/0220/Aug 13m	8R1J 21027/2150/Aug 13w
FP0BS 21028/1530/Aug 15w	KG6JAR 14020/1240/Aug 15e	YD4AM 21032/2300/Aug 14w	8P6JD 14016/0120/Aug 18w
FP0BS 14028/1135/Aug 17m	P29NX 14027/1145/Aug 14e	ZK1DR 14005/0405/Aug 13e	9M8HG 14053/1225/Aug 17m
KP1A 14027/1145/Aug 14e	TI2IA 21027/0330/Aug 17w	488DUT 14025/1620/Aug 10e	
KG6SW 14029/0430/Aug 18w	VK9CDB 14017/1130/Aug 16e	5W1BN 14025/0900/Aug 14w	

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

DU1REX 14215/1320/Aug 15m	HL4CD 14232/1125/Aug 18m	VE1MTA 14239/0330/Aug 24w	YB0PG 14213/1355/Aug 14w
DU1MEL 14234/1425/Aug 18m	HE2YL 14204/0400/Aug 13e	VK6MO 21335/0550/Aug 16w	YN7R 14226/0500/Aug 17w
DU7DP 14229/1405/Aug 15w	KX6LR 14280/1220/Aug 19m	VK9ZM 14276/0500/Aug 17w	YS1GMV 14189/0400/Aug 18w
FG7BA 14213/0330/Aug 14w	P29JS 14221/1215/Aug 15m	VP2EEN 14233/0150/Aug 12w	4U1UN 14204/1700/Aug 25w
FN7WE 14218/0245/Aug 13e	P29MM 14219/1300/Aug 14m	VR1AG 14269/0930/Aug 16w	8R1R 21300/1435/Aug 13e
FO0AKV 14229/1130/Aug 12e	P29FN 14189/1400/Aug 14w	VR6TC 21353/0020/Aug 16w	8R1AG 14228/1110/Aug 14e
FP0MG 14222/1725/Aug 12e	P29QC 14266/1125/Aug 17m	YB0ABO 21273/1530/Aug 18e	

FORTY/EIGHTY....the fading bands.

CE9AT 3504/0445/Aug 14e	HF0POL 7003/0315/Aug 11e	UB5FCG 7013/0410/Aug 14e	YU2CLM 7012/0010/Aug 10e
DJ6RX 7006/0300/Aug 20w	JY2IV 7013/0035/Aug 14m?	UA6HEU 7001/0220/Aug 10e	ZS4AK 7004/1345/Aug 14w
K0AX/DU2 7009/1125 14m	OA6AD 7008/0500/Aug 14m	UF6FDS 7003/0110/Aug 10e	ZS6BNS 7009/0345/Aug 20w
FBDU 7013/0415/Aug 14e	OZ1EE 7005/0310/Aug 20w	UB5MCI/UF6 7005/0040 10e	ZS1LA 7011/0350/Aug 11e
FR7EE 7002/0320/Aug 19w	SK0BU 7001/0310/Aug 20w	UP2PBZ 7008/0200/Aug 10e	4K1GM 7005/0420/Aug 21m
FR7ZL 7005/1425/Aug 19w	SP3KEY 7010/0330/Aug 20w	UR2RSA 7005/0245/Aug 9m	7P8BH 7015/0300/Aug 16w
GBJD 7014/0405/Aug 20w	UA2FDH 7015/0115/Aug 19m	YO4BRD 7028/0130/Aug 11e	9M8HG 7002/1125/Aug 10m
			4Z4BT 7002/0325/Aug 11e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii etc all times in gmt)  
(# = long path ?? = Slim? Always there with the rare ones. But work 'em first, worry later)

SHORT NOTES

JL prefixes are starting to show in Japan. The Japanese ITU allocation runs to JSZ and they are getting close. The station OY7BA heard recently is definitely Slim....not even Faroe Slim. The OYs say that the station is probably in W/K-land. The station is giving an OY-QSL route but the OYs say that practically all the QSLs are coming out of the states and none out of Europe.

OY5EX is also Slim again! This one is giving WA6BJS as the QSL route. Herb knows nothing at all about this one.

Recently, while we are on the Slim equation, we came up with a report that one QRPer took some decisive action when he was named as the QSL Route for a fairly rare one. This one named by Slim was pretty sure that he knew who the culprit was so he just redirected all the incoming QSLs to the station he figured was responsible. Now there are more screams but the first...and innocent one, refuses to hear them, says he has his gain turned down. Seems like Slim is caught with his finger in the pot.....

# DX-Ten Years Back

August 27, 1968 BY1F was continuing to show on twenty cw. A slow sending Slim. CR3KD was being heard out of Portuguese Guinea. The final settlement in the Don Miller matter was announced. Five ARRL Directors voted against the settlement which paid \$2500.00 to Miller's lawyers for legal fees. KW6GA

was looking for a stay at VK9-Cocos Keeling. Blenheim and Geyser Reefs were declared acceptable for DXCC by the ARRL Awards Committee. Both have since been deleted. W4UDF was looking to operate from AP2-East Pakistan. PY0APS and PY0ARM were aiming for Fernando de Noronha in early September. ZL1TU was aiming for Chatham, moving the date back from September to December. DL7FT was set to operate EA6AR in September and SM5WI/OY was being heard from the Faroes.

29 August 1978

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SOUTHERN SUDAN  
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TURKS & CAICOS  
CURACAO

MELLISH REEF  
CHATHAM  
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NAVASSA  
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NAURU  
TRANSKEI  
OGASAWARA  
GLORIOSO  
EUROPEAN PHONE TEST  
NORTH AMERICAN CW SPRINT  
W9DXCC ANNUAL DX MEETING  
NEW ENGLAND DX MEETING  
DXPO 78  
CQ WW PHONE TEST  
CQ WW CW TEST

K5YY there this week....if transportation problems solved.  
K5YY's stop scheduled for next week....from Sept 2nd if  
all goes on sked...maybe earlier if STP proves tough....  
W5JW now active at KX6BU....looking for Europe  
West Palm Bch Radio Club planning big effort in CQ Octobertest  
Potomac Valley aiming to be the biggest with PJ9JR during  
CQs WW DX Test....last weekend of October.  
Only a few weeks to go....from about Sept 29th  
ZLs going in October for the CQ Test.....  
VP2EEK from late this week....watch Friday and Saturday  
In the CQ WW CW Test....last weekend in November. All set....  
VS6HK for some contest-style operation from Sept 10th  
ZSLMG may be heard in October  
H44KM there this week signing C21KM.....  
S8ABC reported as coming September 22nd for a week  
KA1TW being heard.....there for a year.  
FR7ZL going for another tour of duty....November/December  
September 9th/10th  
September 10th  
Downtown Arlington Heights...September 9th. K9KM for info  
Downtown Waltham, Mass. Wear your schrod. Sept 30th. K100 for info  
Downtown Tyson's Corners....near Washington. Sept 16/17. K3AO for...  
October 28/29th  
November 25/26th

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It all comes down to the necessity of using a fresh Form 610.

TURKS & CAICOS Gene Sykes, W400 etc, says that the West Palm Beach Radio Club is looking for a few good men (operators) to build up the force heading for Providenciales to run up a tremendous score in the CQ Oktoberfest. Gene says that he already has a line-up of twelve operators from Jersey to California but they want depth. Lots of depth!! They are going to thrash all the bands including six meters.

They are trying to nail down the planning. Write...or call Gene Sykes...W400/W4BRB at 6510 Carambola Circle, West Palm Beach, Fla 33406...or call (305) 582 7936. Gene can give you all the details and they plan to be in VP5-land for just about a week.

They do not know the call to be used....yet. It probably will have an 'X' at the end of the suffix.

TNX to W1AM, W1MV, K2BT, W2HAZ, W2NC, N3ED, AA4A, WB4EDD, W4HU, W4LCL, K4MM, W400, WA4OUF, N4WX, N4XX, K5AQ, W5ALA, W5CPI, K5DB, K5GZ, K5IH, W5IMJ, W5JW, K5OVC, K5VNI/2, WA6BJS, W6CF, WA6CIL, KB6CR, K6EC, N6EM, K6JB, W6JD, W6KPC, W6PT, W6FYV, K6RV, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, K6WR, N7UT, W8JXM, W8MAW, K8RD, W8UVZ, K9MM, W9MEK, W9SS, KH6BZF, DL7FT.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. We had a confused QRPer up the hill last week, this one burdened by a problem. "You know how the DX Club changed the rules so you now can join with just twenty-five countries, don't you?" We had to admit that we were aware of the change. "Well," the QRPer continued, "I'm on the Committee to check applications and last week we came across one applicant who had never worked a JA. He had twenty-five countries but never worked a JA. Think of that!" We could feel the foundations of DXing trembling and we had to nudge the QRPer onwards. "How can a W6er be a DXer and never work a JA," the QRPer demanded. "Not only has he not worked one, he does not even recall having heard one. He wanted to know when JAs are on the air. The Committee is not sure if they should approve his application for membership." These are times when one hears things that are hard to believe and we finally hauled the QRPer up the hill to the Old Timer. There we had to listen to the whole exposition again, complete with arm waving, table thumping and various expressions of incredulity and indecision. Then it was quiet. After awhile the Old Timer spoke, but rather than giving an answer, he asks a question. "What really makes a DXer?" he asked. "It is just the working of a JA?" and we both had to admit that it should take more than that. But we could not come up with a satisfactory answer. Then the Old Timer spoke again, perhaps a bit wearily this time. "DX is a state of mind," he said. "Judge a DXer by what they are and what they think, not what they have worked." And that was all he would say. We had to think this over for a bit for long we have clung to the cherished belief of most DXers that the more countries you work, the better DXer you are. But we were now coming up with all sorts of wobbly angles when we were looking for the four-square word. "I guess maybe we'd better let the fellow in," the QRPer said, "but it is sure hard to think a fellow is a DXer when he has never worked a JA." We had to bail out at this point for these high-level dissertations and the intimation that DX may be a thinking man's game were beginning to worry us. If DX is a state of mind, why are so many DXers longing for a big and high antenna and all the power they can ram into it. These are times that test men's beliefs. And if you want a weekly test of the depth of your belief in the inevitable and eternal truths, drop us a line. We are looking only for second-class subscriptions in the lower forty-eight. Meanwhile....are you a thinker? Or a DXer?

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