

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



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June 20, 1979

REVILLA GIGEDO There was some guarded references to this one a few weeks back but since the last issue all the story has come out. Look for it this week end with a crew out of Mexico City and other places signing XFLMDX.

The group is planning an all-band effort....eighty through ten meters. Both c.w. and SSB are planned, the amount of activity in each mode depending to some degree on the final crew going on the operation.

Look for them to open up about 2000Z on Friday, June 22nd. They plan to operate for three days and to secure at 2000Z on June 25th. Six operators were in the crew last week, two of them c.w. types. They said to listen for them at:

SSB: 14195kHz listening 14200kHz and up.
14190kHz will be used for operating transceive working others than the W/Ks

21295kHz listening 21300kHz and up
21240kHz will be a transceive operation for others than the W/Ks

28495kHz listening 28500kHz and up
28490kHz is the transceive frequency, etc.

On the lower frequencies low for XFLMDX at—

3795kHz listening 3800kHz and up

7095kHz listening 7170kHz and up
7090kHz transceive

CW: CW frequencies will generally be around 25kHz up from the bottom of the band but subject to some slippage either way. Start your search pattern around the 25kHz area and you should pick them up before long.

Mentioned as operators have been XE10K, XE1FX, XE10W, XE1GEM and XE10Z. There may be and probably will be others in on the operations but this was the list last week. The group is out of the Mexico City DX Club and the QSLing will be handled by that group. Send yours to:

Mexico City DX Club
Box 21-167
Mexico City 21 DF, MEXICO

The group was planning to fly out from the mainland, leaving early Friday and arriving on the island during daylight hours. They will immediately set up a station and start handing out XFLMDX QSOs. They plan to keep three stations going and to run up a big total of QSOs.

Activity from Revilla Gigedo has not been heard for some years, XE1J often being the action there for a long number of years. This year the Mexico City DX Club is going to cut down some of the demand for this one.

WAKE ISLAND Dan Lynch, WD6CDU, reports that he has permission to operate from Wake Island and will be there at the KH9-stop from July 10th to July 18th.

Dan will take his own gear, this including a back-up rig and these are TS520s. He is scouting for a small beam and linear and plans to work SSB only.

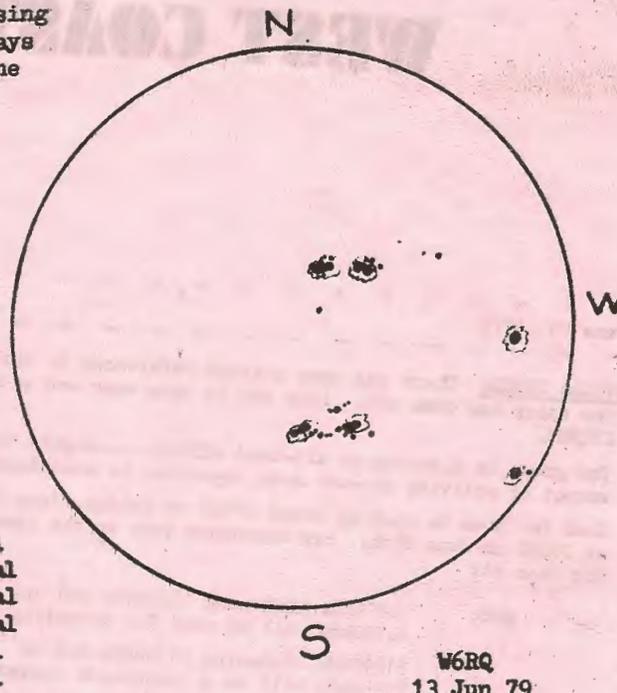
Look for him at:
28510kHz
21440kHz
14280kHz

This is an individual effort and all QSLs will require a Sase or Sae/IRC. He is going the whole thing on his own. QSL to: Dan Lynch WD6CDU, 7231 Kensington Court, Highland, Calif. 92346.

From what we have picked up along the way, it appears that there is a weekly resupply flight into Wake for the military base there. No other regular transportation seems to be available and any stop or action on the island will be for a week. Occasionally a ship does stop but most of the travel is via air.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Some may recall when N4XX was raising his voice and shouting: "Repent!! The Dire Days are coming!!!" At that time some looked at the chart and wondered what was coming besides Skylab. But if you look at the solar chart masterfully engraved by W6RQ you can see now what Ted was seeing then. This chart has some activity but by the time you read this most of the action will have turned the western limb.

But things do not last forever, even the sad notes, and if you can last until you get a bit further down the page you will note that the days of HN and AN are not far off. In fact, hardly being able to wait to get to the yeoman work that K6EC has done with the Solar Flux, we will run in N4XX's report right here.....



Jun 20th	Below Normal	Jun 27th	High Normal
21st	Below!!	28th	Above Normal
22nd	Below!!!	29th	Above Normal
23rd	Low Normal	30th	Above Normal
24th	Low Normal	Jul 1st	High Normal
25th	Low Normal	2nd	High Normal
26th	Low Normal	3rd	High Normal

Most everyone keeps waiting for things to turn upwards and take off but though it's coming, that's for sure, no one is quite sure just when.

Remember when K6EC down in the border country promised that if he could get a long enough lever, he'd pry the flux over the 200 mark. Well, take a look what Ev did with the flux in early June and stick that on your charts!!

Solar Flux Ap Index Solar/ApIndex

Jun 4th	234	7	Jun 8th	236	12
5th	224	6	9th	245	12
6th	229	18	10th	233	14
7th	231	22			

A major solar storm was expected from the middle of last week and to last into the first part of this week. The flux was above the 200 mark from June 2nd up to the 13th, possibly beyond.

Prepare for the good times, they are coming. They always are!

No. 1781	23 spots
N28° W68°	250 millionths
No. 1782	2 spots
S22° W50°	370 millionths
No. 1783	11 spots
N07° W50°	250 millionths
No. 1786	6 spots
S14° W39°	50 millionths
No. 1788	37 spots
S21° W39°	350 millionths
No. 1789	11 spots
N04° W30°	230 millionths
No. 1794	3 spots
N18° W04°	110 millionths
No. 1796	58 spots
N17° E16°	950 millionths
No. 1797	28 spots
S17° E23°	720 millionths

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BENITO JUAREZ ISLAND We had the front page of the bulletin rather well set and then we found out about this one.....XF4J--- was due to show this last weekend, June 17th and they should be there until Thursday.

Benito Juarez? "Oh, that's the new name for what they used to call Revilla Gigedo", they tell us. So rather than the Mexico City DX Club operation expected this weekend, the schedule was shaping up for two operations.

The group was planning an around the clock operation. It may take a chart to help figure things out--

40/80/160mtrs XF4J---Pepe the operator and QSL to:
Box 200
Colima COL
Mexico

10/15/20mtrs XE4IX Pete QSL to
Box 30
Guadalajara Jalisco
Mexico

CW-All Bands XE4EH Rick QSL to
Box 30
Guadalajara Jalisco
Mexico

On SSB look for them around 14195kHz and listening up above 14200. When working into Europe or other DX areas, they will be found at 14190kHz and working down. CW should be around the O25 area but this should not be a hard one to locate. On the other phone bands, check the usual DX Frequencies. All this came to us in mid-flight. If you did not find them over the weekend, it may help to listen.

HV3SJ QSLs Last November DJØYD operated HV3SJ for a couple of days and the QSLing for this one has been a problem. When he wound up the operation, he apparently took both the original and carbon copy of the logs and those thirsting for a HV3SJ QSL have thirsted in vain. But wait!!

All things most always come to him who waits. Clyde Schoenfeld, W6KNH, last week received by surface mail, three months enroute, 45 pages of HV3SJ logs covering the activity on November 11/12, 1978. Previously Clyde has returned an estimated 200 requests for QSLs, not having any log information. However, with the arrival of the awaited items, W6KNH is ready to deal. Send Sase or Sae/IRC if you want a HV3SJ QSL for that period.

FCC The FCC Monitoring Office at Anchorage is responding with a from letter to those who answered their citation for working HS-Thailand Stations. The letter does not mention that the citations were erroneous, only that in view of the reply the matter is being closed.

As every good bureaucrat knows, you have form letters for everything except to admit that you were wrong. As you never are, no such form letter will ever be needed.

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KIRIBATI/BANABA Something is stirring out along the mid-Pacific line. Down along the equator where, as Rudyard would often say, are those islands where the long-backed breakers croon, their endless ocean legends to the lazy, locked lagoons.

In mid-July, about July 14th, some of the British territories will be going independent. Here is the line-up and, admittedly, this may be subject to some changes. The interesting part being is the possibility of some new DXCC counters showing up after the change.

Ocean Island, as relayed by VR1AF, will go independent on July 14th and will be then known as "Banaba". Ocean Island is in the western portion of the Gilbert Group and a bit SSE from Nauru.

We also have a report that VR1-Gilberts, VR1/KB6 Phoenix and VR3-Line Islands will also go independent and will be known as "Kiribati". This also is mentioned for mid-July.

There is a possibility that with all the changes that VR3-Christmas may be a new one. though at this point the criteria that may apply is not quite clear.

Keep listening. All this probably will fall into line somewhere along the way but all we are sure of right now is that things are changing.

GUINEA-BISSAU It is reported that C5ABK has permission from the government in CR3-land to operate for two weeks in December and that he will be there the first two weeks in December. Keith has been working to get the okay to operate and apparently has met all their requirements. He has also run the operation by the ARRL DXCC Desk it is reported and as it passed, everyone stood and saluted.

Tentatively set to open December 1st, C5ABK is accumulating equipment and will take beam, amplifier and everything needed. QSLs will be handled by G3LQP.

SHORTLY NOTED It might be noted again that John Attaway, K4IFF, CQ's DX Editor, is looking for information on activity aimed at the CQ WW DX Tests this fall. John wants to know of anything developing for the CQ WW Phone Test on October 27/28th or the CQ WW CW Test on November 24/25th. Send to John at Box 205, Winterhaven, Florida 33880.

On the June 13th issue we had production problems. We finally got things together but could not get all the second class into the mails on Saturday. Being afraid to mail them on Sunday, they always seem to disappear for a month when we tried that, we held the remaining 700 copies up to go into Mondays mail. If some showed a day or two late, you'll know the problem. Things are better for the June 20th issue and we are optimistic.

We are always a bit delighted when operations show as announced. The Okino Torishima operation has been banging away with a good signal. Not an especially fast operator but a persistent one. It seemed as though there was but one operator but this one was working pretty much around the clock. Hardly possible but that was the way it seemed.

Erik showed from Laos signing SMOAGD/XW8. He had a good signal on both c.w. and SSB. It is reported that Erik suffered some injury falling through a window while trying to get antennas up and this may account for the delay in showing. He did come and added another country to the long list of rare to impossible ones he has managed to activate. We are still always a bit surprised to find so few DXers recognizing Erik when in our opinion he has consistently been one of the top DX operators in recent years and especially in putting the rare and needed ones on the air.

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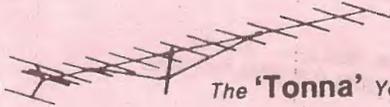
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MORE SHORTLY NOTED The hope for the TH8JM operation is getting a bit thin. It seems that no one wants to issue documentation for the activity and the ARRL DXCC Desk is not expected to accept the cards. John Montague is expected to have a true-blue TL8-license in his hand any time now and it starting all over again if you need that one.

TR8AC and TR8GDC are expected to move up to Alexandria, Egypt, later this month and will be there for a couple of years. Some SU-activity can be anticipated.

FH8YL says she will be on vacation during July and she plans to operate daily. Early this month she was at 14240kHz at 0300Z. If you are looking for an ET3FMA/9E3FMA/9F3FMA QSL for action in the 1965-1968 area and some apparently are still looking, send an sase to Don Murray, W4WJ, 19700 NW 5 Ct., Miami, Florida 33169. Don has the logs in hand, it was he who did the operating. W7WLL has retired after tending to the QSL chores for years but Don is still willing to trade...one QSL if you are in the log for one Sase.

XT2AV goes to VE2DFR and VP8QE to K8FU. C21MF who has been showing on twenty phone around 1200Z goes to Box 162, Nauru. He says that Nauru post office not taking IRCS. This is not the way it should be but sometimes it is hard to fight city hall. Some are still looking for QSLs for 3X1X but it is not anything but a wavering hope. For the long-haul, the December plan of C5ABK may be a better hope.

ON4UN caught CR9AJ on seventy-five meters recently and crossed off Zone 26 in his WAZ search. This completed his 5BWAZ but he still needs four QSLs plus the CR9AJ one.

Larry Brockman, N6AR, is looking for contributions of old Handbooks, these going direct to 9J2TJ who teaches classes to students there in Zambia. Send direct....Fr. Frank Woda, Box 28, Chisekesi, Zambia.

WD6GHZ reached the Hawaiian Islands on the WILD SPIRIT, 16 days out of Sausalito. By this time he will be headed down to Christmas Island and still looks to be at Palmyra around the first of July. Check 7144kHz around 0600 for the schedule that is being kept with W6-types. This may also be the area where you'll find the KE5-Palmyra action starting.

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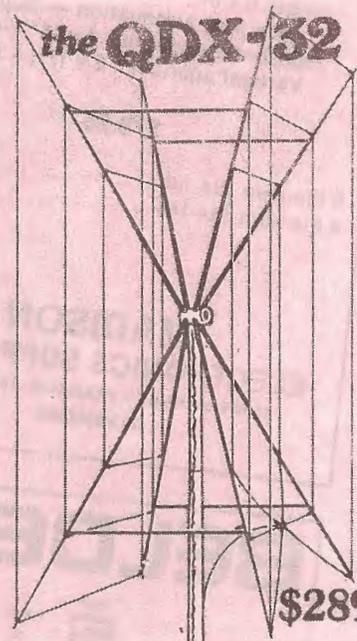
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FG7TO	28591/2045/Jun	6w	A2CDW	28012/1210/Jun	10kh
VQ9KK	28575/0605/Jun	1kh	FW0WW	28025/0030/Jun	3e
YJ80T	28595/2015/Jun	5m	AI4R/KV4	28030/1815	11w
5W1AU	28595/2050/Jun	5m	TI2BEV	28033/1850/Jun	10w
			5W1BZ	28029/2335/Jun	2w
			9G1EX	28024/1430/Jun	9w

YJ80T 50.110/0820/Jun 10kh

LOW BAND.....

EA8PP	3795/0400/Jun	1e	WA2WYR/CX	7168/0730	10w	N1DX/HL4	7005/1300	11w	ZP5PX	7082/0630/Jun	10w
HK0BKX	2795/0400/Jun	1e	D4CBC	7084/0745/Jun	10w	KZ50J	7082/0630/Jun	10w	5T5CJ	7082/0630/Jun	10w
			EA7VK	7002/0530/Jun	3w	VR1BD	7008/1015/Jun	3e			
			FK8CR	7082/0800/Jun	10w	VR3AR	7004/0320/Jun	9w			
			HB0AYX	7012/0050/Jun	4e	VQ9KK	7005/1320/Jun	9w			
			F6DCQ/HB0	7015/0300	5m	YJ80T	7244/1015/Jun	6m			

AFRICA CW

CN2AQ	21040/1535/Jun	6e	S8AAA	14026/1635/Jun	8m	3B6CD	14026/1145/Jun	9e
EA8QG	21017/1925/Jun	4w	WA7JRW/SU	21034/1250	9e	5H3KS	14026/1320/Jun	11w
FB8XV	14032/1325/Jun	8w	VQ9MR	14041/1025/Jun	4m	7P8AF	14045/1515/Jun	12w
FR7BP	14020/1225/Jun	6e	3B8DA	14038/1235/Jun	8w	7X4AN	21025/1735/Jun	6m
FR7BW	14028/1315/Jun	9w	3B8CF	21031/1545/Jun	5w			

ASIA CW

BV2A	21024/0640/Jun	6kh	UF6HS	21027/0525/Jun	6w	UK8AAC	21031/0235/Jun	12w	SM0AGD/XW8	14027/1450	11w
HM1MV	21027/0230/Jun	6w	UF6FDF	14057/0115/Jun	6w	UM8MAQ	21089/0155/Jun	10m	SM0AGD/XW8	21028/1000	10kh
JA7JT/JD1	21041/1050	9kh	UF6FF	14029/0340/Jun	5e	VU2TS	14005/1210/Jun	5e	9M2FR	14025/1230/Jun	8w
JA8AQN/JD1	14027/1535	10w	UH8CJ	14004/0145/Jun	8e	VU2KMK	14028/1140/Jun	5e	9M2OK	14028/1400/Jun	8m
OD5RC	14021/0245/Jun	7e	UI8TAA	14002/0150/Jun	8e	LZ4UW	14028/2230/Jun	6e			

AFRICA SSB

C5ABK	21353/1905/Jun	9w	FH8YL	14240/0300/Jun	8w	TR8AC	14342/2100/Jun	7m	3D6SS	14260/1425/Jun	10w#
CN8AQ	21306/0010/Jun	10w	FH8OM	14240/0400/Jun	8m	VQ9KK	21280/1620/Jun	6m	5N0SID	14240/0430/Jun	6m
EA8PP	14205/0400/Jun	6w	FR7BE	14195/1400/Jun	10w#	XT2AV	21295/0135/Jun	6e	5H3JR	21286/1945/Jun	4m
EA9GU	14255/0220/Jun	3m	S8AAP	14225/1415/Jun	10w#	XT2AW	14280/0100/Jun	3m	5Z4RM	21259/1920/Jun	6e
EA0FD	14222/0405/Jun	9m	S79MC	14240/1200/Jun	4m	ZS2MI	14240/0740/Jun	8e	9J2BO	14220/1340/Jun	10w#
FB8XV	14209/1300/Jun	7m	ST0RK	14222/1505/Jun	11w	3B8DA	14209/1250/Jun	9e	9J2TJ	21353/1945/Jun	10w
FB8XV	14212/1105/Jun	10w#	VE6CKS/SU	14204/0245	6e	3D6BK	14225/1320/Jun	10w#			

ASIA SSB

A51PN	14270/1300/Jun	6e#	HS1WR	14204/1610/Jun	9w	UK9AAN	21298/2000/Jun	5m	5B4PA	21260/2150/Jun	3m
ALXGY	21257/0125/Jun	10e	HZ1TA	14212/1510/Jun	9w	UK0KAC	14199/1225/Jun	6m	7Z2PA	21261/2150/Jun	3kh
A7XAH	14250/0500/Jun	8e	JT1BF	14221/1240/Jun	3m	UM8MNN	14203/0320/Jun	6e	9K2DR	14250/0340/Jun	8w
AP2TN	14220/1235/Jun	4m	JY3ZA	14250/0300/Jun	8e	VQ9KK	14216/1110/Jun	7e	9N1MM	21317/1225/Jun	9e
BV2B	14219/1220/Jun	9e	JY3ZH	14222/0335/Jun	7e	VU2TF	21280/1030/Jun	7e	9V1NR	14201/1125/Jun	9m
CR9AJ	14202/0510/Jun	3w	JY5ZM	14203/0405/Jun	6e	YI1BGD	14233/0500/Jun	7w	9V1TX	14213/1020/Jun	8e
HL9TF	14332/1110/Jun	9e	JY2RZ	14240/0055/Jun	6m	4S7DA	14201/1135/Jun	6m#			
HL9TH	14267/1155/Jun	5m	UF6HV	14220/0355/Jun	5e	4S7JD	14209/1210/Jun	8m			

EUROPE CW

CT2QN	14007/0815/Jun	11kh	IS0FPH	14020/0410/Jun	5w	OY7ML	14029/0015/Jun	11m	HA5MA/ZA	21023/1405	9e???
GW3GWA	14023/0505/Jun	5w	LX2FT	14029/2345/Jun	7e	UK1PAA	14025/1625/Jun	11w			
FC9VN	21021/2225/Jun	6e	OH2PQ/OH0	14038/0235	6e	UR2REC	21055/1820/Jun	5e			
HB0AYX	21029/1825/Jun	5e	OH2PQ/OH0	21028/2115	5e	4U1ITU	14016/0010/Jun	5w			

MORE RED EYED LOUIE

And all my days are trances,
And all my nightly dreams
Are where the DX glances
And where the Deserving scream--
In what ethereal dances,
By the Palos Verdes stream!

EUROPE SSB

CT2AX 21311/2045/Jun 9w	HB0AYX 21306/2130/Jun 6e	LX1RI 14211/0620/Jun 4w	SV1IW/5 14242/0705
FC6FQE 21327/1625/Jun 5m	HB0AFI 14210/0335/Jun 8e	OH2BOZ/OH0 21283/1425 6m	SV9JI 14289/2000/Jun 5e
FC9UC 14210/0650/Jun 11kh	HB0BOI 14205/2150/Jun 6m	TA1MB 14256/0420/Jun 8m	UO5OGD 14227/0430/Jun 8m
GI3YMT 21285/0520/Jun 9w	M1C 14225/0520/Jun 9m	TA1SU 14250/0330/Jun 8e	
GJ2LU 14253/0510/Jun 5e	LZ1AJ 14211/0615/Jun 4w	UK2BAG 14234/0445/Jun 8m	

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AX6WT 14002/1215/Jun 5e	N1DX/H44 14032/0635 11w	P29JS 14030/1120/Jun 5e	ZF2CN 21027/0355/Jun 10w
K0AX/DU2 14014/2150 6e	H44PG 14037/1040/Jun 8e	VK6CF 14040/1250/Jun 5m	ZK1DN 14029/0400/Jun 5w
W7LFF/DU2 14024/1315 10w	HK0BKX 14028/1435/Jun 8w	VK6SA 14002/1240/Jun 5e	LK1B 14025/0805/Jun 9kh
WD4KMD/DU2 14015/1540 10w	HI8MOG 21041/2225/Jun 6e	VP2VI 21014/1830/Jun 5e	4U1UN 21040/1425/Jun 6e
FK8DD 14030/0630/Jun 4e	HP2VK 14027/0810/Jun 11kh	VP2VFC 21029/1540/Jun 12w	4U1UN 14027/2145/Jun 7m
FG7AX 21038/1410/Jun 10w	J7DD 14002/0200/Jun 8e	YB9ADA 14060/1125/Jun 5m	
FO8FN 14005/0325/Jun 5m	KG6JFK 14039/1410/Jun 11w	YJ8BJ 14027/1215/Jun 7m	
FW0WW 14025/1130/Jun 5e	KX6BU 14063/0615/Jun 6kh	XP1US 21020/2350/Jun 7m	
FY7YE 14052/0215/Jun 6w	P29BL 14020/1310/Jun 9w	ZF2CN 14029/1350/Jun 10kh	

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

AX6RG 14221/1245/Jun 5e	KX6BU 14326/1045/Jun 9e	VR3AR 14205/1100/Jun 11kh	ZK1DR 21284/0350/Jun 10m
C21MF 14205/1325/Jun 9m	KK6FP 14214/1020/Jun 9e	VR6TC 21348/0040/Jun 6e	ZK2VE 14225/0345/Jun 9e
CP6HK 14223/0250/Jun 8w	P29JA 14238/1205/Jun 5e	VP5SC 14215/0320/Jun 6m	3D2ER 14250/1025/Jun 5m
DU9RG 14202/1310/Jun 10w	P29GT 14253/1215/Jun 5e	VS5MS 14215/1040/Jun 5w	3D2EM 14219/0950/Jun 11kh
DU6BG 14225/1055/Jun 4m	PZ1CZ 21382/2145/Jun 6m	VS5TX 14226/1550/Jun 10w	4U1UN 14209/0355/Jun 7e
WB5LBJ/DU6 21320/0010 6e	VB8MTE 14195/1250/Jun 5w	WH2ABB 14264/1230/Jun 8m	5W1AU 14237/0400/Jun 7e
FO8ES 14221/1055/Jun 4e	VK0PK 14218/1125/Jun 7e	YJ8OT 14175/1150/Jun 9e	8P6GN 14207/2245/Jun 6e
H44CB 14297/1045/Jun 8m	VP1RDM 21277/0150/Jun 10e	YJ8OT 21295/0420/Jun 6e	
KC6GF 14198/1245/Jun 6m	VP2KM 14282/1150/Jun 5m	YB1ADU/9 14221/1205/Jun 9m	
KG6SW 14234/1215/Jun 8m	VR1AF 14233/1000/Jun 8e	ZK1CX 14276/0435/Jun 6e	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii, etc. all times in GMT
{ # = long path ??? = Slim...busy last week. Heard as HA5MA/ZA from downtown Tirana and then as XW8AA from
(downtown Vientiane.....c.w. most always!!

SOME MINOR NOTES Lampedusa Island was due on last week. This was due last Thursday, June 14th and was to run until this Wednesday, June 20th. They were signing I99BVS and I99DMK. If you caught them, QSL via their some suffix.....BVS to I2BVS and DMK to I2DMK. I2DMK is Max Di Marco out of Milano. His QSLs go to Via G. Pascoli 60, 20133 Milano Italy. Its in Zone 33 for WAZ, AF19 for IOTA....

There was a lot of 8J3ITU action, they made over 20K QSOs during the ITU week. All QSLs will be going out via the bureaus, the JAs say they should arrive by Christmas. JH3DPB has a few of the QSLs on hand which he will surrender for a sae or sae/IRC....and the envelope had better be large as the QSL itself is large.

We got a couple more notes this week that IRCS are no good in certain countries. This is an erroneous impression and IRCS are legally good in all countries. There are absolutely no exceptions. The problem....again....stems from someone in some post offices not recognizing what an IRC is. They are not a big selling item unless there is an DXer in the neighborhood. But because a clerk in a post office fails to recognize it, it does not mean that that is the policy of the country. There would be no way to exchange international mails if there were no Universal Postal Union and IRCS are initially prepared by the UPU. Each country then obtains a supply and over-prints them for their own use.

We've said it a number of times but we still get reports that IRCS are no good in....eastern Europe....RussiaPakistan.....West Germany, etc. Everyone of those reports are in error. If you are turned down, go right to the top but that's not here. Write to the postal authorities and do not take the decision of some minor window clerk. We know of one time when a clerk turned down a piece of U.S. Currency.. It was not the size he was expecting. It used to be bigger you know and before WW II an awful lot of it was still circulating in the Orient. It's all good, sometimes better. Just like your IRCS.



COMORO	FH8YL on vacation in July...plans to spend it on the Pacific DX Net.....most night 0600Z at 14265kHz
GUINEA BISSAU	There's hope. C5ABK says he has okay for December operation
MANIHIKI	ZLs saying mid-July
NIUE	Another ZL-group saying look for them about July 11th
SINT MAARTEN	Tunnel DX Club.....July 12-16th
SAN MARINO	W1LJ there at M1C from July 7th....W7KZE from Jul 16th to 20th
PALMYRA	WD6GHZ enroute to Christmas Island...expects Palmyra about July 1st
RODRIGUEZ	July being mentioned as the time for action
MONTSERRAT	VP2MAY during the first half of July
St. MARTIN	North Jersey DX Reconnaissance Team there.....July 20th
BAHAMAS	AI5P there in C6A from July 1st
TURKS AND CAICOS	AI5P in WP5-land from next Sunday, June 24th. Florida group showing up July 6th to 9th
WAKE ISLAND	WD6CDU there for ten days from July 10th
WEST VIRGINIA MEET	ARRLs meeting at Jackson Falls.....June 30/ July 1st
ARRL NATIONAL	Baton Rouge....July 20-22nd. All the DXers heading for the Sheraton.
NEW ENGLAND SCRODS	October 6th in downtown Waltham. Join the scrods!
VENEZUELAN PHONE	July 7/8th
IARU RADIOSPORT	July 14/15th
COLOMBIAN TEST	July 14/15th
MARTS-SEANET TEST	CW July 21/22nd. Phone August 18/19th
VENEZUELAN CW TEST	July 28/29th
EUROPEAN DX TEST	CW.....August 11/12th
REVILLA GIGEDO	On this weekend....June 22nd to 25th...all bands
LAOS	Erik has been on...may be winding up his SMØ/XW8 effort
OKINO TORISHIMA	Also winding up.....
KIRIBATI	Another island kingdom..... July 10th

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ARRL Newington reports that there has been confirmation with the Panamanian government that the HP9 callsigns have never been issued for use on amateur bands.

The HP9-prefixes designates commercial maritime users and the holders of such calls are expressly prohibited from using the amateur frequencies. A warning has been voiced to U.S and Canadian amateurs that communications of any kind with HB9-callsigns, including third-party traffic, is not legal. This matter is covered in Part 97.89 of the FCC rules and DOS regulations Part 2, Section 51, Sub-section 1.

Vic Clark, W4KFC, continued to improve after his hospitalization for a heart attack and it was expected that he would be released from the hospital in Fairfax, Virginia, sometime before June 10th. A period of convalescence is anticipated and it may be some time before he is able to resume his heavy load of ARRL and IARU work.

TNX to W1DA, WB1QDC, K1ER/4, W1MV, WA1WTF, K1TO, W2AG, W2FF, W2GHV, W2HAZ, WA2RLQ, WA3DMH, K3ND, WA4JTI, W4LCL, W4UF, W4WJ, N4WX, N4XX, W5CPI, K5DB, N5FW, K5VNI/2, K5OVC, W5YH, N6AR, K6ARE, WA6CIL, K6EC, WB6FCR, WA6FIT, N6OB, W6PQZ, K6RV, WB6SEL, W6SN, WA6ELA, W6TWO, W6TSSQ, K6UFT, N6VL, W6VD, WB6VTE, K6WR, WB6ZUC, K7NO, K7UT, N7UT, K8HV, WD8IXV, K8IP, K8MN, K8RD, K8UNV, W8UVZ, W9SC, W9SS, W9TC, W0BA, W0BW, K0FFC, K0JN, WA0KDI, W0MEK, W0MSZ, K0SGJ, W0YUL, KH6CZ, KH6DL, KH6JWK, KH6BZF PY1APS, JH1VRQ, JA3CMD.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One learns after going to a number of class reunions that though a person might have been the most obnoxious bore in those other days, the fact that he and you are still here is often a redeeming feature. And it is all conviviality and fraternalism. And last week instead of one of the QRPers we had a surprise. Slim came up the hill. "Just happened to be passing through," he said, "so I thought I'd check and see if there is any rare DX scheduled for the next couple of weeks. I may be here today but you can bet I'll be there tomorrow." We had not seen the true-blue Slim for years but while there may be difficulty at times in understanding these culprits, there are also at times some interesting things to learn. "How do you keep it up?" we asked and Slim laughter was joyous. "Really," he said, "it is not difficult at all. Most any DXer is fearful of missing something and being afraid, they are ready to believe anything. You will find that DXers are the true-believers. There are no skeptics on the DXCC roster, that's for sure!" We had to think this over, looking for the single example to refute Slim's premise but right then could not come up with a name or a call though we were sure there should be one we'd remember when we got the time. "Tell us more," we said and it did not take much urging to keep Slim talking. "You've already noted that I'm mostly always on c.w.," Slim said, obviously delighted in recounting his own cleverness, "and you can figure that anyone who shows on phone with a suspicious operation is probably an ersatz Slim and not the sought-for true-blue type. You have to be careful with that type. But the true-blue Slim is usually on c.w., naturally, it is harder to recognize me there." It was good to get these details confirmed but we had to ask about the operations that were phone only. The was a good laugh on that one. "Let an operation announce for weeks that they will be on phone only and then let me show on c.w. and they all immediately believe. DXers want to believe. How do you think I keep going? They are an inspiration to bringing more rare ones up so they can work them. Look at Okino Tee last week. When there is nothing ready to come on line, I just pick a call at random, sign slant XU or slant ZA and tell them that I am there with special permission for an experimental station and that I will QSL 100% and I am overcome with believers. It's unbelievable the way they come. From all sides." And we continued. We talked beam headings and Slim explained that no matter what the heading, someone will think it's the crooked path though this usually is only found on paths close to the poles. Finally Slim had to go and as he stood up he gave us his final words. "As long as there are DXers, I'll be there," Slim said, "I think we need each other. I need them and they need me." That was already evident. "But how about 'Work 'em now, worry later' you heard DXers saying," we asked, "how about that?" Slim had to think about that. "Really," he said, "why bring worry into something that is so much fun. Should you tinge the joy of the DX you worked today, the new or the rare ones, with a worry about what it will mean tomorrow?" And with that he was gone. We were glad to see him come and glad to see him go. For there are things which are joys but also things we might be better without. But our moveable subscriptions rates, those who write these days are finding them a limited joy. But you'll have to write for we will not tell.....

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