

# West Coast DX

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SERRANA/BAJA NUEVO--CANCELLED Plans of WB6K BK and the HKØ-operators for an operation from Serrana Bank and Baja Nuevo ran into some international problems during the past week and has been postponed indefinitely and probably cancelled for this year. There is a bit of a difference of opinion apparently existing between Nicaragua and Colombia as to who owns Roncador and Serranilla Cays and the U.S. seems to have a string attached in there also. With the development of off-shore oil drilling considerable attention is being given to these reefs and cays and one report is the the Colombian Navy is patrolling the area to chase off any boats near Roncador or Serrana. WB6K BK was advised by the U.S. Embassy in Bogota to stay out of the area until the matter is settled and not even try the Baja Nuevo operation. Also, sources in HK-land advised Vern not to try it at this time. Plans are being revised with a view to activating some of the Pacific plans this summer. These developments on the Caribbean operations came during the last week and the Pacific seems to be the area for possible early operation by WB6K BK and any developments will be announced within a week or so.

GUS Gus operated with a variety of calls during the past week...showing up last Sunday signing VQ9/A/BR. Later during the week was reported as signing VQ9/A/ER and VQ9/A/EC...with some indications that all of the operations were at no great distance from each other. Many asking as to what these will count for....many of the opinion that they will count for Des Roches but hope that they will count for something new. Gus operating from aboard the boat Friday morning signing /mm. Possible operation from Wizard Reef over the week-end for the first part of the week. This appears to be part of the Farquhar group but again....it might be a new one. Gus not very strong or consistent into the Western Reaches. In some areas only a few stations working him...c.w. or SSB. Additional trouble with the generator also reported.

UGANDA 5Z4KL, Andre, postponed the proposed 5X5 operation over the week-end of June 13-15th when sufficient money to cover expenses was not received. Much interest shown in this operation but only about \$85.00 received to cover the expenses...with about twice that amount needed to cover the plane charter and expenses in Uganda. Trip tentatively set for sometime in the latter part of July and if sufficient support not on hand then, the contributions will be returned and the operation scrubbed. VE3IG handling the fiscal details. Watch 14170kc around 0400Z and also the Sunday schedule with VE3IG at 0400Z and 2000Z.

CHINA It was reported that BY2KPC was operating from the Peking area recently and was a special call used during the Congress of the KPC (Communist Party of China--??). The station was worked in Europe on 20m SSB from 2240Z. The BY2KPC was reported to have a 22-element beam aimed at Europe. Operator was Lin. Like the ZAs these reports do crop up but there does seem to be a little more substance to the BY reports and Far East amateurs do confirm that there is amateur operation within mainland China. Should your work one, address it via Radio Peking...air-mail postage 25¢ per half-ounce and the inclusion of "Peoples Republic of China" is frequently insisted upon at the receiving end as part of the address.

CALENDAR

Navassa K4IA/KC4. On right now.  
 Gus Possible Wizard Reef and Farquhar operations this week.  
 Rhodes SVØNN was departing for Rhodes towards the end of last week. No information on the length of this operation but it may be on during the first part of the week.  
 Grenada VP2GTL by K5AAD scheduled to open last week in June  
 Guadeloupe FG7EB by VE2AFC to open July 1st.  
 Martinique FM7WQ by K5AAD the first week in July.  
 Fr.Guiana FY7EB by VE2AFC to open second week in July.

KUWAIT 9K2BV, Duane, coming through at 14206kc at 1235Z on June 13th. QSL to W5GM. Also reported 9K2AA who was at 14201kc at 2300Z on the 17th. Said handle was Joe and to QSL to Box 177 in Kuwait. Said he would be on every evening about this time and frequency.

TIMOR Plans for this operation developing. Z141Z reported as being in Australia and arranging to drive to Darwin via the coast...all the way around...to join with the CR8-effort. Still looks like first part of August for this operation.

GUS-AGAIN In an effort to figure out what is going on, the various reports on Gus' operations for the last ten days or so were boiled down and they come out something like this:

VQ9/A/D	June 11	Des Roches	1200Z or thereabouts. 1400Z	14 SSB 14 c.w.
VQ9/A/BR	13	Bertaut Reef	1300Z	14 c.w.
	14		1300	14 c.w.
	15		2300	14 ssb
	16		1400	14 SSB
VQ9/A/EC	17	Etoile Cay	1300	14 c.w.
	19		0100	14 SSB

Noticeable is that no one has reported to the WCDXB working Gus on anything other than 20 except for one instance where a mid-west station reported working Gus on 10 c.w.--Gus being about a 329 report and the call being used was not copies. Gus being worked on 15 but apparently not by many.

As of Saturday Gus was reported as having pulled up the anchor and running for shelter as a storm developed in his Indian Ocean area. Gus was also reported to have been ill during the last week.

Without trying to interpret the above figures, they seem to indicate that if you intend to work Gus what your best chances might be.

NEPAL 9N1MM, Father Moran, still coming through, was at 14227kc at 0100 on June 18th...good but not strong signal. W2SAX plans to visit Father Moran and the 9N1-country in October.

WAKE IS. KW6AA at 14219kc at 1400Z on June 19th....Operator was Dave and looking for a Seattle area patch. KW6GJ at 21300kc at 2140Z on June 19th...name is Bill and good signal.

Proceedings of the Band Watchers Institute

EUROPE

TF2WLF	14020kc	0320Z	Jun 18w
JW1CI	14030	0330	16w
YU2CB/X	14203	0000	18m
UD6AM	14026	0130	18kh
UG6JJ	14025	0230	18kh
SVØWN	14215	0430	18kh
SV1WS	14030	1700	15m
JX4YM	14205	2300	13w
OY9LV	14240	2130	14w
OY9LV	14010	1530	14w.
YO8DD	14006	0200	16w
LX1JT	7020	0200	16e
LX1JT	3510	0215	16e
SP8AJK	14203	0530	16kh
UB5WE	14203	0600	16kh
GC2FMV	14217	0700 daily	19w

ASIA

HS1TA	21290kc	0940Z	Jun 16kh
VS6AL	14250	1350	19w
XW8BZ	14240	1545	16w
9V1LG	14202	1200	15m
VU2JA	14067	1240	16w
YA2HWI	21037	1810	16w
VS6AI	14020	1345	15w
VS9MB	21355	1700	10w
CR8AI	14239	1420	15w
OD5LX	14020	0200	16w
9M2DX	14210	1100	12e
YA1SG	14218	1200	13e

AFRICA

9J2XZ	14026	1410	Jun 16m
5H3MA	14244	1400	15w
VQ9B	14033	1345	16w
VQ8CD	14023	1300	17w
9J2EJ	14050	1400	15m
ET3USA	21032	1750	19w
FL8MB	14194	0400	13kh
9Q5AF	21254	2140	16w
ZE1CY LP	14203	1400	15w

MORE ELSEWHERE'S

KV4AM	14025	0130	18kh
VP7AN	14025	0130	18kh
VS5TJ	14282	1230	16kh
HP1BR	14029	0250	18w
FK8AV	14020	0900	16w
CEØAE	14225	0230	19m(ThurSked)
YJ8RM	14040	1025	11m
VK9KY	14242	1330	16w
VK9DH	14016	1300	18w
VKØMI	14032	0445	16m
FM7WO	14021	1315	17w

ELSEWHERE

CX7CO	7009kc	0035Z	Jun 16e
VP2KF	7010	0015	11e
	3810	0018	11e
ZP8BE	7012	0040	11e
LU4ECO	7010	0050	16e
ZF1GC	7160	Sundays a.m.	
VP2LE	7011	0230	18e
PJ2MP	7010	0300	18e
W3AWU/YB6	14017	1330	18w
VP2KM	14251	1340	19w
FM7WO	14250	1340	17w
PZ1BX	3805	0900	16w
	7225	0915	16w
VR4EL	14210	1220	15
VP5JK	21293	2300	15kh
8R1G	14203	0200	16w
VP2AZ	14023	0130	18w
VP2GL	14025	0300	18m

Shortly Noted: The OK-amateurs plan a June meeting and an OK-DX Society may come out of the meeting. 5Z4KL reports that all documents for his 5X5-operation of a few months back have been forwarded to the ARRL. With many 6s up day and night looking for Gus, W6AM managed to work him on three successive days. Cards for the TN8BU activity of last April apparently no good. The Navassa operation plans to check into the PACDXNET this Tuesday...and the ZL2ABJ/C operator often checks into the same PACDXNET. An AC5ED showed up last week....name was Jock and said he was in Viet Nam. Was at 14232kc at 1440Z on the 18th. Somehow it just does not sound right....wouldn't that call put him on Wizard Reef....or Bhutan....?? KS6CQ has a 'Sunday' schedule on 40/80 from 0800Z. Look at about 7260kc from 0800Z on Saturdays. Report has it that an informal opinion from the FCC says it is okay to work the Bermuda Contest but the acceptance of the first prize may be a violation of license terms. BV2A being called at 14028kc at 1300Z....good sources say that this is the only activity on Formosa and the only activity likely to be for some time. 9M6HM will QSL direct but the short path is via K6ZIF. CX4CO and CX8CZ are possible prospects for an 80meter sked. CX1JDW QSLs go to Rodrigo Sant-Anna, c/o 1512½ No. Klein St. Oklahoma City 73106. PX5AB to Bx 818 Kigali; 9U5CB to Bx 1920 Jujumbura; PZ1BX to Box 2003 Paramaribo; CP5FB to Bx 519 Cochambamba; 9J2MX to Box 9 Kasama. From Trinidad PY7AWD/Ø reportedly on 80-in Spanish at 0000Z and 3800kc. Information needed for JT1AR QSLing as well as 5V8RQ and K5KFT/KP4. LX1RG and ZK2AU reported as digging in the fertilizer in the back pasture of the Funny Farm.....no good in other words.

CQ SSB AWARD The July CQ will carry the announcement that their SSB Award will be discontinued as of October 1st and the SSB Honor Roll listing will also be eliminated as of January 1, 1970. Applications for the SSB Award will be accepted up to October. The award was instituted a good many years ago to stimulate SSB activity and in view of the present predominance of SSB in the phone bands, it is felt that the award has run its course.

SOUTHWEST AFRICA ZS3JJ, Appie Slabbert at Mariental, coming through on 15 meters in the mornings. Usually found just above 21300kc from 1700Z. Last week was at 21307kc.

EASTERN CAROLINES KX6FN/KC6 came off as scheduled. QSLs go to W2GHK.

THAILAND The June QST does not list Thailand as a banned country causing some questions as to the legality of working HS-stations. Some sources indicate that only American calls with the /HS suffix are legal....others seeking clarification from the ARRL DX Desk. Something may develop in the operations there in the near future....some indication that the embassies already talking about an reciprocal operating agreement between the U.S. and Thailand. As such an agreement would be of little value without authorized amateur operation, there are implications therein that the status of amateurs in HS-land may change soon.

ISLE OF MAN In addition to previously listed activity, GW3NWV is active on all bands, SSB. handle is Bob. If you work GW3NWV, you can line up another quick GW3-contact by asking for a schedule with his brother, GW3GMH, Jeff. These have been worked on 10/15/20 and heard on 40.

SAN MARINO LX1AL/M1D operating at 14202kc at 0030Z on June 18th. QSL to Box 307, Luxembourg City. Had a 5x6 signal into the mid-West.

TNX...to K0UKN, KH6BZF, HS3DR, K6KA, VE3IG, W6EJJ, WB6UJO, W6AM, K6MT, K4LIF, W8SRK, WA6UFW, K6OZL, KH6GQW, WB6KBK, W6PTS, W9WКУ, W6JHV/7, W6ZC, W4BRB, W0CJZ, W6WAB, W3CDL, K6YRA, W6VD, W6MI, W4BAP, W8CT, K6MHD, W5LZZ, K6AQV, K6LAE

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