

West Coast DX

Bulletin

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GUS Gus was back in the Seychelles and was operating from Mahe over last week-end. After the disappearance of his transportation, Gus finally was able to get off Des Roches on July 15th. The tri-maran which left Gus on Des Roches while it went to obtain additional supplies failed to show up as expected and initially it was thought that the captain had skipped, taking a considerable part of the DXpedition funds meant for supplies and leaving Gus on Des Roches. However, on Saturday came a report that a search plane had sighted four survivors on a reef in the Des Roches area with a fifth crew member not in sight and apparently missing. As the captain of the craft could not swim, some fear was felt that he was the missing one and possibly lost. Gus was waiting in Mahe to find out what had happened and how it affected his future plans. If nothing develops by July 26th, Gus indicated that possibly the balance of the plans for the Indian Ocean operations would be scrubbed and he would head for Mombassa in Kenya. His plans beyond there are indefinite but he may be heading towards home.

COCOS with Cocos Island-TI9 the most-wanted country or mighty close to it, attention has been given to possible early operations there. After the TI8NAM/TI9 some plans for early operations developed but these have been postponed until later in the year. Weather conditions in the Cocos area are not conducive to small craft operation from August to December and the plans at this time call for a possible effort in late December/early January. Among those interested are K6JGS/HK3 at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, HK3VA and Bill Conklin, K6KA here in California. Anyone interested in this operation or having information on operating conditions might get in touch with K6KA, Bx 1, La Canada, Ca. 91011.

TIMOR Some problems have developed with the projected Timor operation, mostly internal organizational ones and further planning has been suspended until these have been cleared. Possible date at latest word is August 15th but this is very tentative. Funds sent to W5RBO are being held by him until situation clears and will be refunded if operation does not jell.

GOUGH IS Two meteorologists on Gough Island have been missing since June 20th and South African search groups have been sped to the rugged South Atlantic island to search for them. Ten men familiar with the island were sent from Tristan da Cunha by the British fleet tanker Ennerdale and South Africa sent the helicopter carrier Simon van der Stel. The two missing men are part of the seven man team on Gough Island to operate the weather station and were missing after they set out to visit an alternate station a few miles north of the main station. The only trace found of the men was some clothing and a bandage.

NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION Scheduled for August 2nd and 3rd at the Washington Plaza in Seattle. Among those who will be there will be CR9AH, John Alvares and VK0WR, Bill Rohrer (W7ZFY) and Stu Meyer. W2GHK. Pre-registration cost is \$14.50 which includes the grand banquet and DX Breakfast plus other events. Registrations can be sent to Western Washington DX Club, 5632 47th Ave SW, Seattle, Wash. 98116

MARTINIQUE FM7WD showed up on July 14th operating on several bands. Was on twenty until 0400Z, then shifted to 40 c.w. Was reported on various frequencies during the week...K5AAD the operator and QSLs to WA5LES. This is the delayed Caribbean effort by K5AAD and while no late word on his trip has been received, his plans also included Grenada, Antigua and Trinidad. Has operated just outside the phone bands on SSB and 5kc inside on c.w...sometimes 50kc.

SPRATLY The VS6-group looking for a possible Spratly effort this Fall have determined that there are inhabitants on the island....now they are seeking to learn whether the welcome mat will be red or lead. Still a good possibility if the situation is right as transportation no problem.

FORMOSA BV2A still the only possibility and usually around 14030kc from 11--1300Z. Report is that local authorities opposed to amateur operation and BV2A is on the bands and patrolling them to some extent to watch for any unauthorized operation. Some inquiries going forward seeking pressure points in the government with the objective of having the restrictions loosened.

INTERNATIONAL PREFIXES When you heard those peculiar call signs, a quick reference is available in the ARRL Handbook....Pages 609/610 in the 1969 edition listing all the assigned International Prefixes. A quick check will show that PHONEY who showed again last week from the brand-new country of Karo on the border of South Africa is just what he claimed to be. The handbook will show that he had to be in the Netherlands....just goes to show you how a little knowledge can uncover these wily ones. A lot of PHONEYS are worked but few QSLs received.

FUNNY FARM As long as we are on the subject, run these through your computer. ZK2KR at 14040kc at 2000Z on July 14th. Said to QSL via W2CT. The LX1AL/M1D in June has been confirmed as a funny one by LX1AL himself. Likewise for the CT3MN 1st March....CT3MN himself says it was not so.

ANDORRA C3IBL....on at 14203kc at 2300Z on July 14th. C3A-C3Z has been assigned to Andorra by the ITU. Do not let those prefixes throw you...work all of them.

MADEIRA IS. CT3AO...working from a list controlled by CT2AK and WA3HUP. Has been showing up at 2300Z Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Sensitive to any QRMing and failing to observe rules and listings....will go QRT if matters get too noisy. QSL to CT2AK.

MARION IS. New operator on the island getting settled and possibility of some amateur operations in the near future. WA3ATP keeping in touch and giving encouragement....will advise if regular schedules established.

Schedules:

3V8AC 21290kc 1800Z w/QSL manager. Thursdays...possible other days.
VK9XI 14215kc 1300Z Mondays....club night at the beach house.
9N1MM 14230kc 1430Z daily

RECENT FCC PETITIONS

RM 1454 (K1KTB) To allow Technicians to operate in 80 to 10 c.w. bands
RM 1456 (W2NSD/1) To allow Technicians to operate in novice c.w. bands.
RM 1455 (W2NSD/1) To allow counterpart calls on payment of \$20.00 fee when moving from one call area to another.

DXCC DESK

SV0WN (Rhodes), WA4PUC/HS now being accepted for DXCC.

REPORTS FROM RED EYE LOUIE...A WATCHER OF THE LONELY NIGHT

EUROPE

JW1CI 14005kc 0045Z Jul 14z
 JW1CI 14202 0330 12w
 UP2AY 14010 0355 12w
 GC3UGK 14017 2350 12w
 GW3XEJ/p 14009 1200 13w
 GD3KDB 14266 0745 15w(WB2YOH)
 UD6BD 21280 0520 10w
 UQ2KCT 21025 1615 17w
 UP2CP 14214 0430 15kh
 GC5AOH 14214 0215 13w(to F9MD)
 UG6AW 14210 0600 11e

ASIA

9K2AA 14202kc 0250Z Jul 14m.
 TA2E 14025 0315 12e
 OD5LX 14024 0220 16kh
 UH8AP 21044 1650 18w
 4S7NB 14049 1140 13e
 VS9MB 21355 1600 16e
 MP4MBB 21310 1900 14m
 VS6AL 14230 1135 16w

AFRICA

3V8NC 14197kc 0230Z Jul 15m.
 7Q7WW 21286 1910 13e
 6W8CQ 14008 1950 14e
 3V8NC 14025 2110 13e
 ET3USA 21040 1520 16e
 VQ8CR 14065 LP 0400 12w
 FR7ZG 14204 LP 1030 12w
 ZE4JW 14198 1250 14w
 ZE2JE 14242 1300 14w
 CR7BC 14202 0530 16w
 FB8ZZ 14042 1040 11m
 CR3KD 21034 1700 16w
 CR4AJ 14335 0000 12m
 VQ8CC 14050 0330 12e
 9J2EJ 21050 2150 12w
 SU1IM 14040 0320 16w

NORTH/SOUTH AMERICA

FY7YQ 28600kc 1700Z Jul 12w
 FY7YQ 21420 1710 12w
 VP2GBL 28600 0000 12w
 VP2AZ 14049 0300 12e
 OX5BG 14040 0400 12e
 OX5BH 14204 0600 11e
 OX5BM 14022 0320 17kh
 CM6HT 14028 0340 17kh
 KV4AM 7003 0730 15w
 TI2LA 7003 0835 15w
 HC1TH 7005 0900 15w
 HC1TH 3855 0910 15w
 VP8KD 14265 0010 16m(K2JXY)

ELSEWHERE

KS6CQ 21318kc 0450Z Jul 15w
 KS6CZ 14260 0700 15w
 VR1L 14266 0745 15w
 5W1AD 14266 0745 15w
 VR2FT 14266 0745 15w
 YB0AAB 14232 1300 16w
 VK9EM 14232 1300 16w(K6TWT)
 KC6JC 14210 1230 14w(e.car)
 KW6AA 14207 1110 16w
 FO8CM 3524 0730 13w
 KX6GD 7036 0715 15w
 KX6BU 3510 0800 15w
 VK3AUT 7003 0832 15w

ELSEWHERE

KC6AQ 14211kc 1430Z Jul 14w
 VR1O 14232 0920 12w
 VR2DI 14205 0935 12w
 KW6AA 14202 1420 18w

OUTAR MP4TCN is working on a possible trip to MP4Q-land in the near future. Meanwhile you might listen for Trucial Oman at 21285kc...2230Z on. Was there on Jul 14th. Also a possibility is an effort from OD5-land.

SHORTLY NOTED Correct QSL information for 9K2AA is Bx 4743 Kuwait...corrects earlier information. KH6EDY on Kure is showing up on both 15 and 20 c.w....but no SSB. Easter Island QSLs might go via APO N.Y. 09877. KS6CQ lost his 80m antenna but repair work makes him possible on 80 c.w. You might try 15647kc and 14829kc for APOLLO 11 transmissions....also 11183, 13210, 15046, 15071, 17975 and 18023kc. Gus' cards still trickling through....ZD3A cards being received. HB9MX can arrange skeds for both HB0 and AP2-West Pakistan. Some griping over failure of foreign stations to receive W/K QSLs...many needing those elusive 6-land QSLs for the California Award.

CALIFORNIA CALL-SIGN PLATES Aroused W6-amateurs took just about two weeks to scuttle legislation which would have raised the cost of call-sign plates about 2000% to help finance plates for CBers. In the Senate Transportation Committee on July 16th, the originator of the measure, Assemblyman Wakefield, bowed to the pressure from the amateurs and removed all reference to amateur plates from the bill when he made a presentation before the committee. In Sacramento at the Committee hearing was WA6AUD representing both the Pacific and Southwestern ARRL Divisions, WA6JDT, SCM of the Sacramento Valley, and W6FRE, K6DLL and WB6KZN from Sacramento Radio Clubs. Help on the measure came from WB6CIE who first blew the whistle on the legislation and WB6AUH who watched for it to surface in the Senate after it was passed in the Assembly by a vote of 47-16.

KERM, DEC Another operation is due to open from Kermadec around October 8th. The call sign not known at this time but ZL2AFZ will handle the QSLs on this one. Possible operation in the VK/ZL Oceania contest.

PYØ--New One??? PY7AOA is reported as planning a trip in November to some islands... or rocks.....350 miles offshore from Recife and 100 miles from Fernando de Noronha. Plans to use the calls of PYØAOA or PYØAB. More information if this one develops.

LORD HOWE VK2BKM plans another effort from Lord Howe....and will take better antennas for this effort. Target DXday is in October and all bands will be worked.

SABAH K6ZIF advises that he has not heard from 9H6HM since early June and is trying to reestablish communication via airmail. Jack planning for list operation at 14235kc at 1400Z on Saturdays....watch the frequency if interested.

73,

WA6AUD

TNX..to the Keepers of the Dawn Watch including W6VUW, K6KA, WB6UJO, W6PTS, KH6GQW, W6JHV/7, K6EC, W9WKU, K6LAE, W6NJU, W6KNH, W6DZZ, K6MHO, W4OPM, W8SRK, WA6DJI, WA5UHR, W5RBO, K8RWL, K4ZCP, WØCJZ, W6KYA, W6MI, W6DQ, K6AQV, W3CDL, W8VHY, VS6DR, K6OZL.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published each week by the Marin DX Group. Certainly the stigma of QRP is sometimes hard to bear. Why one of our locals was really reduced to the depth of QRP recently....had to run his Galaxy 550 barefoot!!! Man....that's really suffering. Suffer with the sufferers...better than a TV Soap Opera. \$7.00 yearly

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