

WEST COAST DX

Bulletin

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ALDABRA Andre Saunders, 5Z4KL, will head an Aldabra effort in the latter part of August, the tentative date calling for a departure from Mombasa on August 20th. Also in on the effort will be Darlene, 3B9DK and Jack, DULDP, and his XYL. The trip to the Aldabras will be made on the "INTREPID DRAGON", a Chinese junk owned by DULDP....actually a finely built yacht. Call will be VQ9KL/A. Plans call for a five or six day operation.....all bands and the frequencies will be announced shortly. The INTREPID DRAGON is presently in the Seychelles and is expected at Mombasa in early August. QSLs will be handled by 5Z4LW, Bob Hope, P.O. Box 7872, Nairobi, Kenya. Support will be needed and is being requested. Andre says that if the Aldabra effort does not jell, that contributions will be returned. Support can be sent to Andre Saunders, Kenya Polytechnic, Box 30214, Nairobi. Andre has also applied for licenses for future operations in 601-Somali and for TZ-Mali, but has not received replies to his application as of last week. These are future possibilities should all hopes develop.

CHINA BY1AB has been showing up on twenty, was at 14204kc at 1900Z on July 8th...has been reported at other times and days. Said his name was 'Mao'.....careful to say he was no relation to the Chairman...and to QSL to 579B Tong Tien Men, Peking 11, Peoples Republic of China. Reports from Thailand say that BY1AA has been showing up along with BY1AB....and that the accents and beam headings look good. They are supposed to be working for Radio Peking and their English is not the best. Son of a Gun.....what can you say? Work them first and worry later. Beam headings from the West Coast would also indicate that the stations are in the Orient.

DARLENE Darlene still on from Rodrigues and apparently turning into a demon DXpeditioner. Late information on her activity indicate that she will be on every day but Mondays.....the antenna is now at the 70' level and this apparently has contributed to an improved signal. Actually she has been worked on some Mondays so that day of rest is not for sure. Darlene will be on Rodrigues until the end of July, departing then for Mauritius where she will be the guest of 3B8CR. She will leave Mauritius on August 10th bound for Kenya where she will be the guest of 5Z4KL. She will participate in the scheduled Aldabra operation and is also trying to obtain a 5X5 license. From this area she will go to JY-Jordan to put in a spell of operating 3B9DK. Beyond Jordan her plans call for travel to Italy, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and she will try to operate from Monaco. Darlene hopes to return to the states late this year and plans to be at the Fresno International DX Meeting the last week-end in January. She was there last year.....Son of a Gun, all the big guns go to Fresno!!! Last week Darlene was showing up regularly at 1400Z at 14285kc to work into the Western Reaches with W7GOC directing traffic but without any lists being taken. She moves around when QRM gives trouble, last week was generally around this frequency but may move 20 or more kc's either way. At one time last week she was at 14196kc at 0430Z working Africans, SSB to CW. Monday reports indicates that the Monday operation may be below 14200kc. Darlene often found on the SouthEast Asia Net (SEA)...14320kc from 1200Z...then moves down around the 14285kc slot until around 1600Z. QSL to VE6AKV...for sure!!

REPORTS FROM TANGLEFOOT LOUIE.....

Force 7 on the Richter Scale.....

(e=east coast m=midwest w=western reaches)

AFRICA

9F3USA	14029kc	0215Z	Jul 5e
ZD8MG	21039	2045	5e
ZD8CW	14017	0020	4e
CR4BS	21296	2025	5e
5Z4LW	21311	2040	5e
9X5AA	21263	1945	3e
CR5SP	14203	2225	3e
CR7AQ	14223	1105	4e
FR7ZX	14208	1050	1e
ZE1CY	14215	1125	1e
EA8FF	14205	0615	3w
5H3LV	21357	1800	6w
ZD8JK	14018	0430	3w
5X5NA	21366	1810	3w
9Q5VM	14026	2305	3w
3B8DD	14020	0420	2w
CR7IK	14202	1225	4w
FB8ZZ	14214	1230	4m
7Q7AA	14197	0455	2w
CR6MX	14204	0605	2w
5H3LV	14218	2315	1w
XT2AA	14218	2300	Thurs
9X5VA	21335	1800	1w
CR6CA	14205	2345	2w
ZD8MG	14039	0040	6m
FR7AN	14205	0400	7m

ASIA

JD1ACH	14206kc	1055Z	Jul 4e
UK8JAA	14051	2220	3e
HL9TL	14039	1135	5e
MP4BHH	14228	0250	5e
VS6DO	14207	1240	5e
VS9MT	21350	1645	5m
JT1KAA	14030	1425	3w
JT2AD	14040	1440	3w
HS3AFB	14012	1525	3w
9K2AL	14295	2000	3w
EP2RC	14026	0550	2w
HM1BK	14210	1245	3w
VS6EN	14198	1400	1w
9M2SS	14273	1410	1w
9V1QB	14029	1415	2w
9N1MM	14226	1500	1w
9M2GV	14224	1500	5w
XW8DK	14280	1525	7w
HS4ADL	14291	1415	3w
9M2SS	14265	1400	1w
JT1AM	14050	1430	1w
JT1AN	14028	1415	2w
XW8BS	14230	1605	2w
VS6AO	14022	1545	4w
UI8NH	14034	0355	6m
JD1YAA	14030	1445	1m
JD1ABO	14065	1445	1m
8Q6AC	14202	1705	4kh

EUROPE

UR2AR	14209	0440	Jul 7m
SP8AJK	14202	0415	7m
JX5CI	14029	0200	6m
UA2CK	14041	0420	6m
JX5CI	14030	0110	6m
UG6AB	14030	0315	4m
GI3OLJ	14065	0140	2m
GB3HCW	14277	0120	1m
UQ2GW	14022	1400	3w
UT5HZB	14041	0225	8w
UK2FAA	14230	0400	3w
LX1HD	14223	2255	1e
LX1SF	14223	2255	1e
UK2FAA	14247	2050	2w
YULBCD	14216	0010	5e
F6BDZ/FC	14201	0010	4e
LZ2KRE	14200	2335	1e
C31OZ	14209	2300	1e
VP2AZ	14020	1555	6w
KG6SW	14242	0920	1e
VP2MF	14205	1055	3e
VS5CB	14226	1110	3e
KS6GT	14300	1045	2e
VP2LG	14201	1650	4e
VP2MF	14190	1140	5e
KW6DT	14041	1110	6e
KC6CT	14056	1210	5e

ELSEWHERE

FO0TG	14211	0440	Jul 5kh
VK3UV/9	14206 (Boug.)	0910	2kh
FM7WW	14228	1140	6m
VR4CG	14206	1135	6m
LC6HG	14032	1310	5m
ZL4OL/A	14026	0430	6m
KC6WS	14235	1330	6w
FK8AC	14230	0605	3w
VS5CB	14212	1535	2w
9M80EA	14270	1520	2w
YJ8BL	14203	0545	8w
DU9FB	14208	1415	1w
KB6CT	14279	0545	1w
TG9ND	14220	0400	1w
8R1Q	14232	0345	1w
VP1CP	14270	0125	1w
KC6RS	14300	0715	1w
DU1FH	14226	1340	3w
CO2FC	14055	1410	1w
VS5GB	14199	1800	2w
VR6TC	14243	0630	7w
KV4AA	14025	2000	7w
9M8SPD	14273	1410	1w
VK9XX	14237	1300	3w
C21DC	14245	1210	3w
C21AA	14183	1200	3w
C21CC	14247	1100	3e

ANNOBON At the end of last week, nothing but praise was being heard for the 3CØAN Annobon operation by the OH-DX Group. It would seem that anyone who made a determined effort worked 3CØAN, many reporting both c.w. and SSB contacts. The operation was due to secure last Friday and the group to return to Fernando Poo. Transportation was the hang-up to the very end. The plans to use the Spanish vessel evaporated, things not jelling and transportation by plane was again sought. It is reported that back in June a Dornier twin-engine plane was offered but because of some doubt as to the airworthiness of the plane, the offer was refused. When the plans for boat transportation evaporated and after some experienced fliers said that the plane was okay, there was a second look at air transportation. It was also reported that a Cessna 337 would be used....this being a twin-engine craft, with engines fore and aft and the tail empennage carried on twin booms. Anyhow, they finally got to Annobon after being on the air from Fernando Poo up through Saturday and the bands were thick with rumors.....they would be off at 1000Z.....at 1600Z.....at 1800Z.....they were on the ground setting up equipment.....the plane had not kept schedules with a TY1... There were plenty of reports and every DXer, it seemed, was sitting around impatiently with his spoon ready for the DX feasting but Monday passed without Martin or Villi showing up. But Tuesday....that was a brighter day. 3CØAN started being reported from 1400Z onwards and the rest of the story should be a multitude of entries in log books for a new country worked. At times the signals coming through were extremely strong with evidences of the operation being a iron-man effort. On Wednesday 3CØAN was coming through to the Western Reaches on 15mtr c.w. from 1700Z until 0100Z Thursday without a break, a consistent high QSO rate being maintained. At one time Martin said that he had been operating for 30 hours continuously and while tired, he was still sticking in there. The operation was due to secure about 1100Z on Friday. Apparently the gear had to be left behind, possibly to ensure the plane getting off the short air-strip. This strip apparently is little used, some reports saying it was last used six months ago....some saying three years ago....some saying that it had been converted to a hayfield. At one point on the scrambling, information on the airstrip had to be obtained from the Jepperson Aviation Chart Agency in Denver. Originally this had been planned for a two day operation.....it ended up as 3½ days of concentrated activity. Last Saturday they were expected back in Fernando Poo. Martin has had his leave extended until July 15th and there were some reports that the OH-group might activate Rio Muni on the African mainland on the way home. Their operating permit is good for Rio Muni and this might count for a new country. In the retrospect, there does appear to have been more than just a bit of hazard and the several hundred mile flight across the Atlantic to a questionable landing strip had some keeping their fingers crossed. Things turned out well and the operation must certainly bring credit to the OH-DX groups effort. It should be obvious at this point that there have been considerable expenses and support for the effort will be most appreciated. Such support can be send either via OH2NB.....who will handle the QSLs, or via W6AOA.

More details on the effort should be available soon but as of this date it surely appears to have been a highly successful Fernando Poo and Annobon operation. Do not hesitate to tell Martin or Villi what you think of their effort.

MANIHIKI ZK1MA, Tuatai, kept the schedule with K6UFT on July 2nd but did not keep any of the schedules last week. During the July 2nd operation Tuatai went off the air briefly, returned to say that he had some rig problems and had changed a tube. He finished out that operation but that was the last heard... As far as Gordon, K6UFT, knows, Tuatai will be back....hopefully without rig problems. The schedule is for 0400Z on Tues/Thurs/Fri just above 14200kc with WB6UNS warming up the action by taking the list around 14210kc starting at 0300Z. QSL via the INDXA.

UPPER VOLTA K3RLY running list operation....Thursdays--14218kc from 2200Z.

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PREFIXES

The prefix world went ~~mad over the Fourth of July week-end~~.....among those heard were:

KC2GMF	Greater Monmouth County Fair
KF4SJ	Anniversary of San Juan....oldest city in North America!! QSL to Bx 1871, Ponce, Puerto Rico 00721
WS7BCM	Believed to be in Portland but no definite information available.
KCØKC	County Hunters Convention. QSL to Box 753; Shawnee Mission, Kans 66207
WSØATA	QSL to KØBLT. Bellevue, Nebraska Radio Club.

TI9-COCOS Apparently there was activity from Cocos last week by TI1AAC but apparently few worked him. There was one single report by HPLJC of working TI9AAC at 14204kc on July 4th at 0415Z. This was supposed to be a four day operation until July 7th on twenty SSB only.

FRENCH WEST INDIES W4VPD reported as preparing to work over the French islands this month with St. Martin--FSØGD scheduled to open July 17th. Also scheduled are FMØGD -Martinique and FGØGD-Guadeloupe. This is reported to be primarily a twenty meter c.w. effort.

160 mtrs--PERU W4QCW will operate 160mtrs from Peru during this month, using the following call-signs:

OB7B	Jul 9-12th	from Cuzco
OB8V	Jul 16th	from Pucalpa

The OB-prefix will be used from Jul 1 through December 31, 1971. 15 OB-QSOs will qualify you for a special award.

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA Recurrent reports of a 3X1CG being active from the Republic of Guinea....last rumored as active on July 3rd....c.w. No details on time, frequency of whatchamacallems.....but this one was rumored previously. Similarity to the 7G1CG noted in the call-sign....

CRETE SVØWLL reported as being found in the 21250-21300kc slot from 2000-2200Z. Also being reported as coming through from the island is SVØWBB. SVØWLL QSLs via Box 1134, APO 09291. SVØWLL QSLs to SVØWT....often reported on 15mtrs around the 21275-21280kc slot from 1930Z. Latter part of June was being worked in the Western Slope at this time.

DODECANESE The active stations in these islands are SVØWE and SVØWUU on Rhodes. These have been reported as active....SVØWE sometimes found on the low end of 20mtr SSB after 1800Z and SVØWUU on or about the 21350-21365kc area around the same time.

YEMEN European stations reporting a 4W1AF the last week in June.....21295kc from 1430Z.

MOST WANTED COUNTRIES...D.A.R.C. LIST

DX-MB, the bulletin of the DARC in Germany, recently listed their compilation of most wanted countries for them. In order the top ones were:

1--Clipperton; 2--Minerva Reef; 3--Bouvet; 4--British Phoenix; 5--Maria Theresa; 6--China; 7--Willis; 8--Tonga; 9--Tokelous; 10--Revilla Gigedo; 11--KB6-Baker; 12--Spratly; 13--Manihiki; 14--Juan Fernandez; 15--Fanning.

This last...compiled as of May, found out of 120 polled, 63 needed Albania, 47 were looking for Franz Josef, 39 for Market Reef and 29 needed Monaco. How does that grab you.....

CALENDAR

ALDABRA
RODRIGUEZ
CARIBBEAN
BRUNEI

VQ9KL/A by Andre Saunders and Darlene & Co late August.
3B9DK, Darlene, most days from 1400Z.
W4VPD in the French Islands in mid-July....St. Martin, Guadeloupe and
Martinique.
VS5CB on daily.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

KC4USN	7264kc	0845Z	Jul 4w	DU1FH	3796kc	1115Z	Jul 3w	9V1QI	3796kc	1115Z	Jul 3w
9V1QI	7085	1110	3w	KG6JBD	3829	0946	4w	ZP3AQ	3806	1005	2w
VP8ME	7205	0715	2w	VP8ME	3806	0945	2w				
DU1FH	7085	1100	3w								
8R1J	7001	0520	2w								
HK2TF	7001	0520	2w								
KS6DY	7032	0725	7e								
VU2SX	7029	0745	7e								

OGASAWARA JDLACH operating from the Bonins and will be there until early August. Weekdays often finds them with little time for action.....14040kc one of the favorite hangouts. Over the 4th of July week-end they were on this frequency as well as the lower portion of twenty SSB from 1030Z....14206kc and 14227kc being reported as being used in addition to the 14040kc neighborhood. QSLs go to JA3GZN.

SHORTLY NOTED Much indignation over the QRM that shows up zero-beat every time a rare DX Station shows. Innocuous, naive, questioning, argumentative....or just giving of 'V's or 'CQ' to show good intent. To argue is folly....far better to have the phone number of a FCC Monitoring Station ready and to phone them. And not just on call from an area.....everyone should call. The magnitude of the problem will be measured by the number of calls.....everyone bellow!!!

9F3USA was asked on the Red Sea plans, said there were some problems in arranging for a boat. Planning should be definite by the end of this month. KC6CT on Yap will be departing the island soon to return home. JE1CKA, a newer Japanese prefix is often found in the lower 50kc slot of twenty SSB from 1130Z. JRLBMU also in the same area and time is a Tokyo station. WB8BTU is looking for some VP2 activity with a possible start with VP2-St. Vincent. YJ8BL was trying to get on the ZK1MA list recently....this is ex-VR1L. Says is available on 80mtrs.

The 5X5NA is strictly a list operation with W3ZNH....breakers not tolerated. Check the INDXA gathering at 14218kc around 2300Z for possibly catching W3ZNH or more info.

PT&T-Saigon running a telephone to Hong Kong for satellite relay to Oakland. They are reported using independent sideband at 21215kc with lower sideband on 21212kc carrier and upper sideband on 21218kc carrier....LINCOMPLEX System. Reported to be making a bit of a hole in the band with occasional spurious carriers. This is loudest on the night path--1700-1800Z. FCC getting into the act.

5B4ES reported as being heard recently...possibly Cyprus back on the air. Reported that the YB stations were off the air 28 June to 10 July while national elections were going on. This was the amateurs own idea so to avoid any blame should there be problems developing.

G21AA last week was operating at 14183kc and calling by districts above 14200kc. Dig down into that foreign territory....sometimes you will turn up something interesting. W4AQW is now W4AL. Presently active from 5H3 are--JR, KA, KG, LV, LZ, ML, MM, MT and MV. 5H3MA has moved to Ethiopia and is found now as ET3DA. AC5PN was at 14041kc at 1418Z on July 7th....anyone with info on this cat. Gave his name as Yusyonten. VR3DY efforts in early June was a pirated effort...QSLs being bounced back...N.G. QRPer I7ZCZ works the states with two (2) watts. Hail the suffering QRPer. FO0TG on Moorea is Ray Eichman, WA6IVM....QSL to JALDCY.

ZA2RPS The cards for the June Albanian operation were being received last week with DL7FT indicating that by last week-end all of them should be in the mails. There were slides and tapes made of the operation and these are being forwarded to the states for use by DX Clubs.

One unusual note is that there are stations who worked ZA2RPS in the 1970 effort who have never forwarded a QSL card.

Frank hopes to visit the states next year along with DL7AV who was the c.w. expert on the Albanian effort. The financial nut for the effort still a bit of a problem with the contributions to date not yet off-setting the expenses. Should anyone need a QSL for the ZA2RPS for a contact made or wish to contribute to help with the expenses can direct either to Frank Turek, DL7FT.

MALDIVES 8Q6WA and 8Q6AC have been issued to 4S7WA and 4S7YL respectively. There have been reports of 8Q6AC at 14202kc at 1700Z. QSLs for either of these go to their 4S7-CBA.

FORMOSA Several JA operators working on plans for a BV action in the coming Fall DX tests. Licensing still the problem but they are working hard through a local resident there on Taiwan. Keep hoping, something may develop one of these days.

JORDAN Reuters, the British news agency, reported that machine-gun fire was heard from JY1-King Hussein's palace this last Saturday during the celebration of the king's birthday. Initial reports gave no details.

TNX to W2FXA, WB2YQH, K2LGJ, W3POE, W4BA, W4HU, W4TUC, W4UF, W5ALA, K6AQV, W6KHS, K6EC, K6KA, K6LAE, W6ONZ, K6OZL, K6QZ, W6TSQ, K6TXR, WB6UDC, K6UFT, WB6WHM, K6WR, K6ZDL, W7PFZ, W8BQV, W9WKU/4, WØJRN, WØYDB, KH6BZF, HP1JC, JA1OED, JAØCUV/1, 5Z4KL.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the suffering Marin County DX Group. A couple of the local operators were eyeing the scenery at a recent ARRL convention. Several guesses were hazarded on the age of some scenic attractions. Finally a QRPer tired of the guesses and advised: "Check the elbows, Men, check the elbows. You can camouflage a lot of wrinkles but you cannot hide the elbows". Son of a Gun....one never knows when a QRPer might add to your span of useful knowledge. \$9.00 for a full year of wrinkled DX reports....\$10.50 by airmail. A full year's supply of test kits on the road to greater perspicacity.

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