

WEST COAST DX Bulletin

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KAMARAN Recent reports indicate that the planned effort by Aldo, ET3ZU, has been put off for about six months. Still planned but delayed a bit.

SOUTH SHETLANDS LU1ZC showed from Deception Island last week-end but apparently no large number found him at 14195kc. Most reports indicate that they worked the station on the 10th from 0400Z onwards. QSLs go to K4MZU.

BOUVET This one still alive and some reports that it may surface soon. A ZS1 is being mentioned as the one who will be the operator there and the call sign will have a prefix of 3YØ. If construction on the weather station by the South African government is to get started this year, the next few months will be the period when weather conditions are more favorable.

SPRATLY WA5VTU apparently got close to the islands but conditions were not favorable for landing. On the possible use of the 1S1A call-sign, apparently the ITU has asked the ARRL to try to discourage the use of this prefix, it never having officially been issued and they would rather not have it appropriated. It has been indicated that in such instances where there are no proper call signs that just the call sign of the operator with the geographical location as a suffix. In this instance it might have ended up as WA5VTU/Spratly.

PACIFIC DX ZL3PO/C continues to show up from Chatham and if you check the 40/80 desk you will note that ZL4ND/C is also in there. On the recent report that the Fijis may swap their VR2-prefix for a 3D2, note that there is a 3D2FM being reported on twenty meters.

That C2Ø-prefix used at Nauru is said to be only used on holidays...such as January 1st. It may surface again one of these days....the problem being to know when it is a holiday there. Some of the British Colonies and former British Colonies never did get around to making the 4th of July a national holiday.

JD6-will be the prefix for Okinawa to replace the KR8 one issued by the vacating authorities there. JH6ALF has been heard on 21mtr c.w.

KJ6BZ on most days at 21285/2200Z looking for the Middle West and East Coast. He will be leaving the end of January for a vacation and will return to Johnston on March 2nd.

VR5FX still very active from Tonga.....usually found on twenty c.w. in the 14235kc to 14250kc. A week ago was at 14046/0900Z. Often on earlier.

WALLIS/NEW CALEDONIA VE8RA, Karl, has his planned Pacific operation firmed and has forwarded the details. His plans call for Wallis--FW8 from March 14th to March 22nd and New Caledonia-FK8 from March 22-27th....or extended to April 3rd if the activity warrants.

Prior to heading out to the Pacific, he will head down to Brazil for a visit with PY2PE, departing Brazil around March 10th. Karl will operate on all bands from Wallis/New Caledonia, using a Hy-Gain 18 AVT if it arrives in time. He will try to use a Quad on the higher frequencies if certain materials are available locally. At both places he will use split frequency including listening in the General Class portions of the bands. Those using transceivers are asked to indicate this by adding "transceive" to their calling format. Short calls preferred. QSLs will again be handled by VE7BWG. More details as the awaited dates near.

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HAITI HH9DL, the one and only true-blue HH9 in residence, active again as promised. Was at 14220kc at 2250Z a week or so ago. Don is also reported as showing up frequently on forty meters at 7250kc at 1230-1300Z. Don's QTH is at Ft. Liberte, 30 miles west of Cap Haitien on a remote plantation. Housing facilities are scarce as well as any transportation to get there. W4BRB has been making efforts to get some sort of arrangement made to operate from HH9 during the 160mtr test at the end of this month but reports scant progress. If this does not jell he probably will operate from VP7 during that test. W4BRB is about half-way home for DXCC on 160mtrs....picked up three new ones in three days the first week of the year.

MIDDLE EAST ST2SA reported to have not received the linear amplifier shipped by the INDXA last August. The item seems to have just disappeared. Some replacement of one kind or another may be on the way some time this Spring. Apparently the Arabian Knights Net not active all the time, some of this may be due to the political problems in the area which cause some complications. There may be more action when the tensions ease. ST2SA will not be on the air after January 21st while he takes his ill father on a trip to Mecca. Sid may be back around February 10th. Possible that K6KA will visit Sid at Medani later this Spring. SU1IM and his daughter Dr. Moona, SU1MI, are your only hopes for Egypt at this time. Ibrahim has been trying to get through to the West Coast around 1500Z and onwards and operating in the 14040-14060kc slot. Back in 1967 SU1IM had a dinner date with K6KA who got as far as Greece when some hostilities broke out in the Suez area. If all goes right this time, they will keep the appointment in Cairo this April.

FAR EAST AP2AR from East Pakistan is presently at school at the University of Kentucky working for his Ph.D. Arif feels that the recent reshuffling left him with some problems. The present status of his property and belongings in Dacca is not clear and his future plans are a bit tentative. A5A to A5Z has been assigned to Bhutan. Yontan was reported to have been away from the home QTH on inspection trips and should resume activity later this month. His SSB signal last reported as not too strong. He may try the 1600-1700 time period on c.w. looking for the 6/7s.....around 14045 kc, plus or minus. Was 14301/1200Z Ja 9.

SHORTLY NOTED Things get longer and longer....or some one is getting windier and windier. The last issue went out with the wrong date.....some complained that it took ten days to get the January 4th issue. We are not sure if they were talking about the real, true-blue Jan 4th issue or the error. WB9BPG managed to get up a 40mtr 2-element full-sized quad with the help of K9LNX. Says it took him out of the QRP class right now. It has 50' spreaders!! Another amateur has been assigned to Kure and more action should be forthcoming. A sponsor has surfaced to supply QSLs to Kure Mgr/KH6BZF to keep the cards coming. Most any Kure operations in recent years can be sent to Lee....KH6HCM was there also and handled his own. If any get mixed, they may be able to straighten them out. SASE or SAE avec IRC needed. SV0WU on Rhodes goes to American Embassy, VOAR, APO N.Y. 09253. Some sources gave 09223 as the Zip Code and this may have been the problem in getting cards. SV0WK who worked to get Rhodes on the air is looking for some way to get some more action out of Crete. Bahia Anegada which may surface next month will be good for a prefix but is not expected to count for DXCC...this is the LU-group effort. No further word has been heard on the West African Net which was supposed to be at 21300/1900Z....anyone with inside information? Also, any up-date on the KP4AN/KP4CL 75mtr net efforts. HZ3TYQ hopes to have a beam up for 10/15 mtrs soon but for now is on twenty only. 7Z3AB mostly available at 14245kc/1500Z but has not been reported recently. HS3AGG is at 14260/1230Z daily looking for New Hampshire. VP8ME QSLs to WA5FWC, FR7ZL/T for 1969 contacts should be good to his CBA. YA2AG QSLs everything from Bx 279, Kabul; KX6DC to WB6KBK; JA1KTQ to WB6CWD; KC6RS to W6MMG; HS3ADW to K0VIF; VU2HLU to W0PAH; 9Q5RD to W9AES; FG7TD to WB8ABN, GM3CSM to WB9BGS and MI to K1DRN.

CALENDAR

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL This coming week-end. Possibly a quiet period on the bands with most Big Guns at the Del Webb Towne House.
 CQ 160mtr Test January 29-30th.
 ARRL DX Test First phone-go-round February 5-6th
 First c.w. go-round February 19-20th
 FRENCH TEST January 29-30th....C.W.
 February 26-27th...Phone
 WALLIS/NEW CALEDONIA VE8RA trip to ensure that everyone works these
 FW8=Wallis March 14-22nd
 FK8-New Caledonia March 22-27th....possibly April 3rd

FRESNO--Final Venkat will be there.....arrives in the San Francisco area Friday and will be hauled to glamorous, mysterious, exotic Fresno by W6KNH. Arriving with Venkat will be JA1BK, Kan, who will have films of the XU1AA operation by the JA group in the last CQ Test as well as footage of some of the JA-gang. Others will be there including Darlene JY9DK and Martin OH2BH. Son of a Gun, if you miss this one you have missed.....period. If you are looking for IRCs there should be a bunch available at \$150.00 per thousand. Should that be a few too many, you can get a hundred for \$15.00.
 Even the Marin County QRPers are turning out for this one....WB6UJO, WB6ZUC, W6TSQ, K6OJO, W6PTS and WA6AUD for starters. There are hardly more amateurs than that in the county!! John Browning, DL5DD, is coming all the way from Germany for the meet.

PARCE VELA A JA-DX Assn group has permission to operate from Parco Vela signing JD1ADD. All they are waiting for is some indication as to whether or not this will be accepted by the ARRL DXCC Desk as a new country.

SEANET CONVENTION The gathering in Penang over the New Years found 24 members from ten countries showing up. The festivities were so good that they have already scheduled the next meeting which will be in Bangkok on November 10th. HS1AFP, P.O. Box 2008, c/o GPO, Bangkok will handle all inquiries and reservations.
 On the SEANET business, the problem of handling an unwieldy check-in list due to the presence of AC5TY and XU1AA on the net at times was thoroughly discussed. It was decided that future policy would be not to take outside check-ins until after 1230Z. The frequency is 14320kc if you are wondering.
 Discussion was also made on opening up some of the presently off-the-air countries and some expression was heard on working towards open and legitimate operations rather than questionable or clandestine operations which may stir up activity for a brief time but whose long run effect is detrimental to amateur radio. Because of the possibility of opening up one or two of the presently ITU-barred countries, this matter was given considerable discussion.
 Members of the net are working trying to get the XU1AA QSL cards out but as yet there have been none known to surface.

ROCKALL Well, it did not sink by golly but look at the bottom of Page 105 in the January QST if you did not catch it before. It will not count for a new country for DXCC. Son of a Gun!

JORDAN The prefixes go like this. JY1--King Huessein. JY2--Princess Muna, JY3--Advanced Class A licensees, JY4--Class A licensees, JY5--Class B, JY6--Club Stations, JY7--club stations, JY8--Tourists, JY9--Visitors.

BURUNDI 9U5BB is keeping a schedule with K6GLC on Tuesdays....14245kc/1530Z. Anyone hungry for a 9U5 might try a courtesous break at the right time. There is also a report of a 9U5 being heard on 80mtrs at about 3505kc/0500Z.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE.....

Waste not your hour, nor in the vain pursuit
of this and that endeavour and dispute.
Seek you DX.....always!

AFRICA....C.W.

CR6DN	21031/1850/Ja 9w	CT3AW	14032/1625/Ja 7w	ZE8JW	14046/2020/Ja 8e
EA9EO	21037/1855/Ja 9w	EA9EO	14002/2000/Ja 9w	3B8CJ	14051/2150/Ja 9e
ZE1BL	21040/1630/Ja 12w	SU1MI	14029/1540/Ja 10w#	3D6AX	14027/1820/Ja 7w
CR5AJ	14039/2045/Ja 8e	TJ1AW	14026/2110/Ja 8e	9Q5BE	14005/1715/Ja 11w
CR6JJ	14045/2100/Ja 5w	TY1ABE	14010/2130/Ja 10w		
CN8CF	14040/1930/Ja 8e	ZE1DG	14030/2000/Ja 13w		

ASIA....C.W.

KR6EA	21027/0025/Ja 9w	UA0DL	14049/0000/Ja 9e	YA2HWI	14020/1700/Ja 10w
EP2PR	14038/1350/Ja 7m	UL7GAP	14018/0210/Ja 8w	4X4HT	14023/1720/Ja 11w
OD5EJ	14031/2100/Ja 7e	VU2IN	14021/1245/Ja 4e	9M2CP	14027/1215/Ja 9e
UH8DL	14031/1230/Ja 5e	VU2JA	14017/1320/Ja 4e	9M2CW	14028/1615/Ja 6w

EUROPE....C.W.

LX1CF	21028/1350/Ja 8e	IS0AEW	14068/1620/Ja 10w	TF1AW	14048/1900/Ja 11w
SV0WEE	21041/1435/Ja 9e	JX2HK	14026/2125/Ja 7e	UK2PAR	14028/1645/Ja 8w
9H1CH	21025/1700/Ja 11w	JX9AM	14045/2350/Ja 7e	UK2FAX	14037/1530/Ja 6w#
CT1VX	14022/0455/Ja 8e	JW2IK	14023/2320/Ja 9e	UR2QD	14050/1300/Ja 4e
EA6BD	14020/1816/Ja 9w	OH8OB	14030/0030/Ja 9w	4U1ITU	14030/1710/Ja 8w
EI2CH	14030/1535/Ja 6w#	OY1R	14027/1405/Ja 8e	9H1CH	14028/1750/Ja 6e
HA1KSA	14002/1710/Ja 11w	OK1GT	14021/1530/Ja 9w	GW3SYL	14031/1610/Ja 11w

ELSEWHERE...C.W.

ZP5AL	21049/1745/Ja 8e	OX5AT	14045/1605/Ja 11w	VE0NEE	14027/2010/Ja 8m
TG9YN	21030/1800/Ja 8e	TI2CF	14025/0535/Ja 11w	VK7CH	14041/0900/Ja 9e
CE9AI	14035/0535/Ja 11w	VP1AV	14041/2000/Ja 8e	YN1AA	14018/1230/Ja 4e
HI7JM	14034/1230/Ja 6e	VP2AR	14015/1305/Ja 4e	ZL2AFZ	14060/0535/Ja 8e
KR8BY	14029/2350/Ja 9e	VP2LY	14024/1850/Ja 4e	ZL3PO/C	14017/1220/Ja 7e
LU1AZO	14036/0355/Ja 10w	VP5BQ	14051/2200/Ja 8e	ZP5TT	14036/0355/Ja 10w
LU9FA	14040/0140/Ja 13w	VR5FX	14031/0520/Ja 11e		

AFRICA....SSB

A2CAB	21275/1910/Ja 8e	9Q5PF	21262/1940/Ja 9e	TJ1AW	14203/2235/Ja 8e
A2CAY	21330/1745/Ja 7e	CN8CG	14241/1700/Ja 9w	TY6ATE	14256/2130/Ja 7e
CR4BC	21272/1935/Ja 8e	CR6OP	14241/2040/Ja 8e	VQ9R	14202/1350/Ja 10e
CR6KE	21266/2000/Ja 8e	CR7GJ	14206/1650/Ja 8w	ZD7SD	14213/2150/Ja 10w
CR6PP	21285/1940/Ja 10w	CR4BS	14224/2230/Ja 6w	5VZYH	14191/2305/Ja 6w
CR7EX	21278/1945/Ja 13w	EF3JA	14203/1520/Ja 8w	5Z4ERR	14220/1430/Ja 10w
ET3DK	21294/1300/Ja 7e	ET3USC	14203/1430/Ja 9w#	5N2ABG	14223/1620/Ja 10w
ZD7BD	21278/2030/Ja 6w	ET3JH	14207/1600/often	9G1WW	14244/2140/Ja 11w
ZS3AV	21275/1940/Ja 8e	EL8I	14260/2045/Ja 10w	9J2WR	14207/1550/Ja 7w
7P8AD	21276/1655/Ja 10w	EA9AQ	14250/1625/Ja 6w	9Q5PF	14203/2030/Ja 8e
9Q5JE	21382/1945/Ja 8e	FB8XX	14226/1600/Ja 8m	9U5BB	14245/1500/Tues

ASIA....SSB

EQ2WB	14205/1350/Ja 6e	UW9WR	14234/1330/Ja 10e	VS6DA	14212/2330/Ja 11w
EQ2BQ	14215/1550/Ja 4w#	UK0FAA	14273/0330/Ja 7w	XW8AD	14202/0030/Ja 9e
EQ2SW	14225/1540/Ja 5w	UW0IQ	14215/0220/Ja 8w	XW8AX	14280/0100/Ja 12w
HM1BK	14209/0050/Ja 4m	UL7YR	14196/1315/Ja 4m	YK1AA	14237/1550/Ja 12w#
HS3AGG	14250/1305/Ja 8e#	VU2IK	14210/1325/Ja 7e#	ZC4BJ	14202/1600/often
HS0UDN	14227/1345/Ja 8e	VU2CK	14204/1330/Ja 8e	ZC4LC	14206/1640/Ja 6w
JY8ABO	14210/2200/Ja 7w	VU2HI	14254/1330/Ja 10,	4J0BJ	14210/0200/Ja 14w
MP4BIN	14233/1345/Ja 6e	VU2KV	14207/1230/Ja 8e	4S7PB	14207/1925/Ja 10w
MP4TDM	14223/1320/Ja 6e	VU2IRA	14222/1325/Ja 4m		
UH8AE	14217/1320/Ja 7e	VS6BS	14216/0025/Ja 9e		

(e = eastern area m = middle states w = suffering 6s/7s etc # = longpath)

MORE RED EYED LOUIE.....

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ELSEWHERE'S...SSB

KJ6BZ	21285/2200/Daily	OX3TN	14225/2205/Ja	7e	VP8ME	14300/0045/Ja	9e	
KS6DX	21365/2040/Ja	7e	PZ5CW	14180/1130/Ja	8w	VR1AB	14265/0540/Ja	12w
8P6DT	21283/1725/Ja	9w	VP1CP	14212/1530/Ja	7w	VR6TC	14236/0600/Wednesdays	
CX1JM	14207/0015/Ja	12w	VP1HGV	14232/1230/Ja	11m	ZP5JC	14252/0100/Ja	7w
DU1FH	14211/2350/Ja	8e	VP2LU	14247/1250/Ja	8e	3D2FM	14245/0730/Ja	9w
HH9DL	14220/2350/Ja	7w	VP2MA	14190/2230/Ja	9m	5W1AE	14255/0535/Ja	11w
KG4EQ	14311/2315/Ja	11w	VP2AR	14222/2115/Ja	7e	8P6BN	14203/1220/Ja	8e
KV4AA	14290/1230/Ja	11m	VP2VAM	14195/1140/Ja	8e	VO1AR	14332/1700/Ja	15m
LU1ZC	14195/0530/Ja	10w	VP7AK	14229/0005/Ja	12w			

EUROPE...SSB

EA6BJ	21319/1700/Ja	9w	IS1TDW	14225/1600/Ja	8w#	OY5NS	14213/1810/Ja	10w
GI3KDR	21317/1730/Ja	9w	JX6RL	14222/2310/Ja	6w	UB5YD	14236/1420/Ja	7m#
LA0AF	21393/1500/Ja	6e	LZ2EE	14220/1620/Ja	9w	UP2QJ	14207/1402/Ja	8m
LX9LS	21301/1315/Ja	9e	M1B	21274/1615/Ja	9e	SV0WU	14210/1430/Ja	5m
EA3JE	14220/1640/Ja	8w	M1I	14225/1530/Ja	10w	ZB2A	14332/1700/Ja	15m
GI3OQR	14206/1740/Ja	8w	OE3PHA	1420/1600/Ja	8w	9H1C	14260/1630/Ja	10w#
IS1LIO	14210/2135/Ja	8e	OY2R	14205/1650/Ja	11w			

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK.....plus 160mtrs

CE1JX	7228/0630/Ja	9e	HI8FED	7010/1230/Ja	6e	TG9CD	7008/0245/Ja	11w
CO6JH	7018/0135/Ja	10e	W9/HK0	7013/0500/Ja	3w	TI2PZ	7003/0715/Ja	6m
CO8HJ	7019/0130/Ja	10e	JX5CI	7002/0430/Ja	1e	UK3ABO	7087/0915/Ja	10e
CO2DR	7008/0245/Ja	11w	KG6ALV	7012/1200/Ja	9e	VP1AV	7004/0230/Often	
CX3TCG	7085/0935/Ja	10e	KP4DLW	7037/0115/Ja	7m	K4/VP7	7011/0545/Ja	8e
CX8BBH	7021/0620/Ja	9w	LA7FJ	7008/0100/Ja	7m	VP9BK	7004/2140/Ja	7e
EA7II	7207/0710/Ja	9e	LU1AZO	7009/0135/Ja	10m	VK2BKM	7006/1300/Ja	6e
F6ARC	7011/2210/Ja	5e	LZ1KHB	7033/0325/Ja	8e	YO9AEL	7040/0410/Ja	1e
FP8FU	7000/2050/Ja	7e	LZ1KVV	7002/0140/Ja	8e	ZP5KA	7003/-250/Ja	4e
FY7AF	7212/0326/Ja	12m	LZ1KSB	7026/2107/Ja	7e	ZL1BHQ	7007/1220/Ja	6e
GW4NZ	7087/0820/Ja	10e	LZ1KBZ	7028/1450/Ja	6w	ZL6ARS	7008/0155/Ja	8w
HC2HM	7006/0320/Ja	12m	OZ3PO	7073/0745/Ja	9e	ZS1A	7008/0505/Ja	11w
HM5EE	7009/1420/Ja	10w	OY9LV	7008/0520/Ja	1e	ZS2EM	7027/0440/Ja	10w
HA2MU	7025/1450/Ja	6w	OK1XN	7022/0150/Ja	8e	9H1C	7073/0745/Ja	9e
HP1EE	7008/0600/Ja	9w	PZ1AV	7026/2110/Ja	7e			
HK4AJF	7006/1210/Ja	9e	SM0CER	7004/0320/Ja	9w			
HK3CEX	7228/0630/Ja	9e	SP9CS	7018/2200/Ja	5e			

DJ6RX	3525/0445/Ja	9e	OK1FF	3508/0445/Ja	10w	XW8DO	3508/1450/Ja	11w
DU6BG	3808/1510/Ja	7w	PJ2MI	3803/0950/Ja	7w	YN1CW	3508/0140/Ja	10e
G5WP	3791/0800/Ja	8w	SM5BIC	3798/1445/Ja	7w	YC0BJ	3805/1500/Ja	8w
G3KFT	3800/0805/Ja	7w	TG9DX	3816/0315/Ja	8e	YU1BCD	3503/0455/Ja	9w
HK3AVK	3803/0800/Ja	6w	UB5WJ	3525/0425/Ja	10w	YU2CBM	3507/0450/Ja	9w
KG6JBD	3844/1520/Ja	8w	VE8RA	3808/0625/Ja	7w	YU3ACJ	3505/0550/Ja	1w
KL7KC	3808/0630/Ja	7w	VK3BM	3687/1150/Ja	6w	ZL3PO/C	3805/0930/Ja	9w
KX6IO	3812/0710/Ja	12w	VP2LF	3501/0140/Ja	10e	ZL4ND/C	3796/0830/Ja	9w
KS6DH	3809/1120/Ja	9w	VP2MA	3805/0145/Ja	9e	ZS6AK	3505/0400/Ja	9w
KZ5JF	3809/0325/Ja	8e	VP2LY	351/0600/Ja	13w	5W1AU	3799/0800/Ja	12w
LU7AJG	3808/0730/Ja	9w	VS6DO	380/0930/Ja	6w	UD6BQ	3519/1825/Ja	10ja
UQ2AO	3509/2120/Ja	7ja	OY7ML	3505/1740/Ja	5ja	UA2EC	3506/2105/Ja	4ja

W1AM often found around 3810kc/0300Z for those looking for Rhode Island for 2-letter WAS.

HK0BKX	1827/0200/Ja	2e	PA0PN	1828/0300/Ja	8e	HK1QQ	1829/0200/Ja	9e
HC2GG/1	1805/0025/Ja	5e	G3SZA	1827/0035/Ja	9e	VS6DO	1804/1520/Ja	12w
PY1DVG	1828/0240/Ja	5e	G3YUV	1828/0620/Ja	9e			
GM3YCB	1828/0315/Ja	6e	HB9NL	1828/0640/Ja	9e			
EI9J	1828/2340/Ja	7e	8P6DR	1827/0640/Ja	8e			

QSLing ? ? Some issues back we ran up a flare on VP2SAB QSLs. The following is quoted from a letter received on the matter.....it probably will chill those still hoping.

I have worked this gentleman on 3 different occasions. Inasmuch as St. Vincent is the only island in the Caribbean that I need to complete the Caribbean, Central America and South American areas, I have been especially watchful for stations from there.

QSO #1 took place in early 1970 and I was assured that a QSL card from him was no problem. I followed the usual routine of a SASE plus enough IRCs to cover the cost. Still no QSL card. QSO #2 took place last Fall and when I questioned him about the previous contact, I was assured that if I'd QSL again, I would receive my card at once. Oi, such a dreamer I am. I QSLed again and no more luck than the first time. About Thanksgiving Day I heard VP2SAB operating maritime mobile and called and had a fine QSO again. He assured me that, after I jogged him memory, on his next trip home he would make a special effort to send a card. He told me he was working aboard an inter-island ship and seldom home and with little time to answer cards. Inasmuch as I knew that Gene, W6TTS, had been given the same run around, I had Gene send another card which I enclosed with mine and sent both on to VP2SAB. We are still waiting. At one time this station had a QSL manager. I have dropped him several lines about QSL cards and never received an answer.

W8...

TNX to W1AM, K1DRN, WA1POD, W2FXA, K2LGJ, W3ATO, W3CDL, W4BRB, W4EH, K4RY, W4GTS, W4HU, W4HXY, W4OPM, W4TUC, W4UF, W5LZZ, W5UBW, WA5WEY, WA5ZNY, W6APW, K6APV, K6EC, W6EJ, K6GLC, K6KA, K6LAE, K6MHD, WA6MWG, W6OL, W6PNO, W6TCQ, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6TXR, K6UFT, K6UJS, WB6UOM, WB6WHM, K6WR, WA6WXP, WB6ZUC, W7SE, W7PFZ, W7YTN, W8COG, K8RWL, W9DDL, W9DWQ, K9VQK, W0GYH, W0IYP, W0YDB, VS6DR, HS5ADB, VE8RA.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by recently, somewhat agitated. After some calming down we got the problem out of him. Seems that recently he had heard from a friend in Kabul...the friend reporting that while prowling through one of the bazaars there in YA-land, he had been surreptitiously approached by a native who offered to sell a W2-QSL card. "Think of that", the QRPer said, "Black Market QSLs". He smiled his little beady-eyed smile and asked: "Did you ever think you would hear of something like that...buying a QSL?". We mulled that one over for a bit and then gave him our own beady-eyed smile and said nothing. Like Mona Lisa, it is sometime better to keep one's mouth shut. Enigmatic for sure. And for a full year of enigmatic DX reports...write for the sliding subscription rates....

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