

WEST COAST

DX

Bulletin

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MELLISH REEF VK3JW was ill last week, apparently a touch of influenza, but as of the end of the week was back on the air and getting ready to push off for Mellish Reef. John was due to leave for Brisbane last Friday and the plans still call for the M/S. SUSAN to depart from Bundaberg on July 10th. Landfall at Mellish should be sometime on July 13th and the operation is a go for July 14th.

The frequencies for the operation will be:

G.W. Transmitting 25kc up from the band edge and listening 5 to 10kc up or down as announced.

SSB . 80mtrs 3660kc transmit...listening 3805kc, 3830kc or 3900kc

40mtrs 7090kc transmit...listening 7220kc and 7250kc

20mtrs 14195kc transmit..listening 14200-14210kc+ or 14180-14195kc
for non W/K stations

15mtrs 21295kc or 21395kc..listening 21270kc, 21305kc or 21405kc

10mtrs 28555kc transmit..listening 28580kc for W/Ks and 28540kc for
non W/K stations

On the hour they will listen on own transmitting frequencies for transceivers until QRM drives them nuts.

John, VK3JW, says that if the trip does not bankrupt him, he hopes to visit the states in the coming year with the story and the slide presentation of the trip. Support still needed to make this new one a success and this can be sent via W6ISI who last week forwarded all the funds on hand. It was hardly enough but it did get things moving. Indicators are that the ARRL will accept this one for a new country.

MINERVA Jim Henderson, WB6CZB, was signing 5W1AL last week in Western Samoa and was planning to move onto Tonga this last week-end where he hoped to have the call-sign A35JH assigned to him.

He was optimistic on the possibility of getting to Minerva and figured that the end of the present week would be the best chance. This would be the July 8th week-end.

A Reuters News Agency dispatch from Nukualofa in the Tongas last week stated that King Taufa-Ahau Tupou IV had raised the Tongan flag on the reefs. The king was accompanied by members of the Tongan Parliament and a brass band when claim was made for the reefs and the area 12 miles seaward.

Anyhow, watch for Jim Henderson this coming week-end, something might develop and if it does, QSL to WB5BHM. Should it develop there might be some 40/80 activity and these would most likely be at 7090kc from 0700 to 0800Z and 3875kc from 0800-0900Z.

ST. PETER & PAUL/FERNANDO DE NORONHA PQ/MI and PU/WH were on last week, giving the Fernando de Noronha action and then apparently being too tired to continue. The third operation was scratched but word from PY2-land says that the third location would be a new one. Anyhow, there is a report that St. P&P may be repeated in a few months and the 'mystery' locale is still something that Don Miller overlooked but it may be activated one of these days if you can believe the reports.

VIET NAM XV5AC was on a number of times last week, both on twenty SSB and C.W. There is a possibility of some 15 mtrs operation and W1YRC, the QSL manager for the effort was lounging around on 15mtrs last Friday morning half-expecting to hear something. The XV5AC QSL will be designed by the operators there in Saigon but whether they will be printed there on stateside has not been decided. Whatever the printing decision, they will only be issued through W1YRC. Bob last week was asking whether a quantity discount might be obtained if cards were ordered in large lots...up to 10,000 being considered. It is not expected that the cards will be available for a couple of weeks yet.

Last Thursday XV5AC was calling 'CQ' at 14047kc at 1700Z and all he was getting was for action was a multitude of JAs who were right in there en masse. There is a curfew in Saigon at ten in the evening and anyone on the streets after that hour might have some problems. Thus anyone working the station after that time must figure to stay all night as it is not safe to try the streets.

Fred Laun, HS5ABD was due to return to Saigon last week and will be departing the area for reassignment before long. He may keep XV5AC active until he departs and his next station might possibly be South America. However, XV5AC should be good for a number of years and there is a possibility of additional stations.

DARLEEN Darleen has married and is now Mrs. Joseph Magen. She was on the air last week using HC2OM as the call, this being the OM's call and is trying to get HC2YL assigned to her. This might possibly be the first YL license issued in Ecuador. Her address now is Box 872, Guayaquil, Ecuador and she says that she will be at 21355kc on Fridays at 2000Z to hear from her friends.

NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION The Annual DX Gathering in the Seattle Area is scheduled for August 6th and 7th at the Double Tree Inn, located in the Southcenter Shopping Area, 10 miles south of Seattle at the intersection of Interstate 5 and 405. There will be a full round of activities including seminars, banquets, prizes, awards, speakers, breakfast and most everything else. Full information can be obtained by dropping a note to WWDXC, 7608 41st SW, Seattle, Wash 98116. W7YTN will be there to greet all the Big Guns....

BANGLADESH John Van Lear, 9M2IR, was home in Johore Bahru last week, signing his own call on twenty meters. There should be continued activity from the area with a number of Red Cross workers holding S21-calls. The hang-up was reported to be a nod of approval from Red Cross authorities in Geneva but this was expected to come through. Among those reported as having S21-calls are ON5AB who has S21AB; HB9YC who holds S21YC; LA6UH who has S21UH and a HB9— who has S21EW. These are all employees of the Red Cross and most likely will be there for some time in their role as relief workers in Bangladesh. John Van Lear signed S21IR while making the initial operation from the former East Pakistan area on June 15th. The Red Cross workers are housed in the International Hotel in Dacca with a beam and a 2Kw linear.

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SHORTLY NOTED The bulletin goes out on Saturday this week after having been a day late last week. The Washington trip did not allow for the preparatory work to meet the Saturday evening mailing.

Some apparently have come up with an acknowledgement from Radio Peking that an amateur contact was made with a BY-China station. The acknowledgement includes the information that China does not allow QSLs to be sent. It also seems that the ARRL is not accepting such acknowledgements for a BY-confirmation. Alas.

There continues hopes for a XZ-Burma operation with some looking for XZ2KN to return to the air. John Van Lear, 9M2IR, was in Burma recently and part of his luggage was supposed to be a FT-101 Propagation Analyzer. Should Burma come back on air it would complete the lifting of the ITU ban on Southeast Asia countries.

There is an obscure joke in the foregoing, if you did not get it, let us know and we will explain. John Van Lear is also thinking of visiting the Canton Trade Fair next year.

Joe Hiller, W4OPM, continues to be in serious condition and presently is in the Portsmouth (Virginia) Naval Hospital. A station signing '7I8KB' was on twenty SSB early in June....gave a W5 as QSL manager. Anyone with enlightenment on this? The '7I-' prefix is assigned to Indonesia....but it might be Slim on Cray Island again. The 'VA' prefix is being used with VA6NC being heard in June....this goes to Bx 5986, Postal Station 'L', Edmonton, Alta.....and VA8RA was on Saturday from 0400Z on twenty SSB. WR5OAR made some 1500 QSOs and 47 countries during the Rotary Convention in Houston. WA5ZNY, the operator, is a high school student there in Houston and sometime later this month will be operating from some Caribbean spots. QSLs for the WJ4AZF —Azalea Festival—are being mailed out by W4LRN.

The graphic report by Sunspot Louie may give you a depressed feeling but it does help to check the bands. From the coast here both Europe and Asia have been found on 15 mtrs early in the mornings. Listen and worth them....

VK9ZB on Willis Island continues active....QSLs go to Bx 708F, Melbourne and s.a.e. with IRCs required. One report is that QSLs will not be forthcoming until after the end of 1972 when a return is made to the home QTH.

DL9KU reported as planning a DXpedition in September to a rare one. Plans to head for Wyoming to help the boys back home.

The present address for Anthony Kathro who did most of the recent XU1AA operating is: 10 Erw Wen, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, Wales. Tony is said to have photostats of all the XU1AA logs and if you are still athirsting for an XU1AA QSL, try again.

CR9AK is reported by the KA-Desk to be often at 14100kc from 0800Z calling friends in KA6=Okinawa. Frequently he moves up to 14320kc for the SEAnet at 1200Z.

W7UXP/Kure, Gary Elliot, will be leaving KH6-Hawaii after being reassigned and most likely will end up at a U.S. Naval Base in Florida. All the logs for his Kure logs with KH6BZF, Lee Wical, who also holds many of the logs for previous Kure operations. There is a new C.O. at the Coast Guard Station on Kure and KH6BZF has not been too successful in getting logs from February 72 to the present time. His status as the QSL Manager for KH6=Kure has not been withdrawn but KH6BZF has not received the recent logs.

KH6GMP fell from his 40' tower recently. His right ankle was shattered and he ended in Tripler Army General Hospital, (Honolulu, Hawaii 96438) and may require some steel work in the shattered heel.

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KAMARAN Aldo still looking for a VS9=Kamaran operation and indicators are that it may be this September. Something definite on this is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

QSL INFORMATION

A2CAB to W2RHK	PJ9BB to W2UIA	TR8DG to W4SPX
CN8HD W4WWD	PJ9AD W3BYX	YK1AA INDXA (from July 1st)
CR8AK CT1CY	PJ8WF W5KGJ	ZD3D VE3DCY
DU1GJM K8GJM	PQ0MI PY2PE	ZS2MI ZS6LW
EL2DO W1NGQ	S21IR VE7BWG	3D6AX WA5IEV
FB8ZA F6BFA	TU2DD K2QHT	5X5NA G3LQP
FB8XX F2MO	VP2SU CBA	5Z4LV VE3BITZ
FM7WN K2KGB	VP2GBI VE3EMV	5W1AL WB5BHN
FP0VQ W2NQ	VP5RS W4GDS	5W1AU W6KNH
JY6LOM K6LOM	VP8LR WB4FIN	8P6AH VE3GMT
KC6SX KH6HFF	VR4BS ZL4NH	9H1GE VE3FCL
KG6SH W4WWD	WR5QAR WA5ZNY	9Q5RN WA6CEB
KS4BH K3RLY	WD4USA W4EH1	9L1VW W9FTU
LG5LG LA4YF	WA90TH/TF WA9PZU	9X5VA W2PPG
MP4TDM K1DRN	XV5AC W1YRC	
OD5LX K4TSJ	XW8EV K3NAS	
PJ1AA VERON	XE0AAA XE3BL	
PJ8AA W2LQU	YA2KO W7WDM	

QSL ADDRESSES

CX2XA	Bx 37, Montevideo, Uruguay
FO8DF	Bx 1825, Papeete
LZ90D	Bx 90, Sofia, Bulgaria
TR8DG	Bx 2272, Librebille, Gabon
VK9VG	Bx 723, Lae, New Guinea
VK9ZB	Bx 708F, Melbourne 3001, Australia
WX6MAR	MARCO, Bx 229, Manchester, Conn. 06040
3D6AQ	Bx 99, Mbzbane
3A0FN	Vandegrift, MATCOM-DSO, APO New York 09052
5Z4NR	Bx 18010, Nairobi, Kenya
5W1AK	Bx 721, Apia, Western Samoa
8R1W	Bx 449, Georgetown
9G1FF	Bx 1387, Kumasi, Ghana

Recent operators at HV3SJ have advised QSLing to EP2WB and also direct. The EP2WB was by an operator named 'Wolf'. The EP2WB entry was operating HV3SJ last week of June.

SCIENTIFIC DXING From K6SE/2 comes the following advice:

A bit of thought has been put into how best to use the limited time in indulging in this strange but fascinating hobby.

A recently developed new technique—for me—may also be of value to other DXers and I pass it along.

I check off the needed stations in Red Eyed Louie on 48 3x5' index cards, one card for every 30 minute interval of GMT. Only reports from the immediate area, the East Coast or Middle States, are used. For example my 1900-1929GMT card presently has six entries, all in Africa, all on 15 meters and with exact frequencies listed. For the last four weeks covered by the bulletin and centered on early June, I have listed 39 different new countries (many more entries!) on only 20 meters, 7 new countries on only 15 meters, and 20 new countries listed on both bands for a total of 66 new countries.

The data is analyzed in time and frequency and can be useful in determining when needed stations are available. It will show the active hours and the daily peaks in activity. Histograms can be constructed showing activity by band and hour for your area, the information being derived from Red Eyed Louie. This may be a useful way to garner needed new countries with a limited amount of time available.

W6SE/2

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE.....

Drink and dance and laugh and lie,
DX the reeling midnight through.....

AFRICA...C.W.

CR6AI	21015/1835/Je	24e	SU1IM	14015/2235/Je	22e	ZD8DLG	14003/2050/Je	22e
EL2DU	14032/2230/Je	22e	TY1ABE	21002/1650/Je	16w	3D6AX	14039/1330/Je	24w
FB8ZA	14038/1120/Je	26e	ZE3JJ	14027/0500/Je	28w			

ASIA...C.W.

HM0B	14050/1450/Je	29w	UH8CS	14021/0225/Je	24e	XW8BS	14030/1625/Je	23w
OD5LX	14057/0305/Je	23e	UI8BX	14025/0315/Je	22m	XW8EV	14035/1700/Je	27w
UA0XAB	14015/1145/Je	26e	UL7EAH	14037/1540/Je	27w	XV5AC	14038/1340/Je	28w
UK0ZAB	14015/1145/Je	26e	VU2AX	14027/1445/Je	27w	4X4WN	14044/0030/Je	23e

EUROPE...C.W.

GB3HCW	14012/0635/Je	26w	UB5UAL	14036/0400/Je	27w	UR2EJ	14065/0440/Je	27w
GW3IEM	14005/0600/Je	27w	UC2LB	14005/0345/Je	23w	9H1BB	14049/2150/Je	22e
LZ90D	14017/0110/Je	23e	UG6AW	14020/2140/Je	22e	3A2CN	14012/0240/Je	26w
OE8DZK	21060/1835/Je	24e	U05PK	21024/0445/Je	14w			

ELSEWHERE...C.W.

A35FX	14048/0540/Je	27w	HP1IE	14020/2150/Je	22e	VE8MK	14043/1415/Je	24w
C02VR	14035/0330/Je	22m	KG6ARH	14035/1140/Je	20e	VK9AP	14021/1135/Je	24e
CX2XA	14005/0450/Je	16w	KG6SY	14020/1615/Je	22w	VP2GL	14027/1115/Je	26e
C21TL	14009/0715/Je	26w	KG6JAR	14052/1520/Je	26w	VP2SU	14030/0130/Je	29w
DU10R	14050/1700/Je	29w	KX6HG	14025/1510/Je	26w	YN1CW	14023/0650/Je	26w
FM7WU	14018/2140/Je	19e	OX3QI	14023/1915/Je	26w	8P6BU	14047/1400/Je	27w
FY7AI	14041/0125/Je	23e	PZ1BL	14023/1139/Je	24e	8R1J	14039/1255/Je	22e

AFRICA...SSB

CR3KD	14204/0035/Je	22e	VQ9R	21354/2040/Je	22w	5Z4NR	21350/2025/Je	20e
CR5SP	14266/0645/Je	23e	VQ9MC	21317/1915/Je	27w	7X0GM	21280/1835/Je	13e
EL2CY	14283/0855/Je	21w	VQ9MC	14218/1730/Je	28w	9J2DT	21310/1245/Je	25e
FB8XX	14195/1125/Je	24w	3B8CV	14213/1200/Je	24e	9J2ED	21255/1200/Je	21e
FB8ZZ	14205/1025/Je	25w	5N2AAN	21316/1725/Je	22w	9G1WW	14202/0500/Je	24w
FB8CY	14243/1130/Je	24m	5N2AAJ	14174/0625/Je	28w	9Q5RN	21252/1900/Je	24w
TR8DG	21295/1940/Je	22e	5N2ABG	14267/0610/Je	23w	ZS2MI	14218/1330/Je	24w
TU2DO	14230/0700/Je	27w	5X5NA	21352/1955/Je	22w			
VQ9R	14207/0035/Je	23e	5Z4NS	21274/1840/Je	13e			

ASIA...SSB

HM1AQ	14210/1300/Je	22e	MP4BIN	14213/0315/Je	27m	4Z4MO	21358/2350/Je	16e
HL9VF	14233/0930/Je	21w	UI8RW	14255/1045/Je	23m	9M2IR	14225/1540/Je	27w
HS1ABP	14238/1500/Je	28w	UK9CAE	14213/1505/Je	27w	9M2DW	14202/1435/Je	29w
HS2AGH	14266/1445/Je	29w	VS6FJ	14232/1445/Je	27w	9M2RP	14224/1110/Je	26e
HS1ABE	14242/1530/Je	23w	XV5AC	14195/1030/often		9K2AM	14225/2220/Je	13e
MP4TDM	21298/1905/Je	13e	YA2KO	21258/1825/Je	13e	9V10X	14228/1450/Je	26w
OD5HC	14212/0320/Je	27m	4S7PB	14217/1120/Je	24e	9V1NR	14213/1500/Je	29w

EUROPE...SSB

EA6BJ	21353/1915/Je	22e	W5/OH2	14280/0825/Je	21w	UG6JJ	14195/0350/Je	27w
GB3HCM	14209/0500/Je	30w	OK2BGT	14187/0425/Je	27w	UK2RAF	14209/0355/Je	27w
HV3SJ	14211/0100/Je	22m	SV0WU	14205/0320/Je	26w	U050AK	14208/0330/Je	23e
LX1DV	14211/0325/Je	27w	UF6CR	14201/1345/Je	27w	YO2BC	14196/0410/Je	27w
LZ90D	14195/0015/Je	17e	UF6VAA	14233/0330/Je	27w			

CONGO REPUBLIC There seems to be some question as to the TN8AU early this month. Some doubt has developed as to the QSL manager given and thus with the whole thing. As for TN8DK, JA3IXL advises that Bernard will be traveling in Europe with his XYL during the months of July and August and will not return to the air until September.

ELSEWHERE'S...SSB

CO8QS	28580/2145/Je 26w	OASV	14236/0250/Je 28w	VR6TC	14230/0600/Wed
CR8AK	14222/1420/Je 29w	PJ8AA	14211/0745/Je 27w	WX6MAR	14282/0620/Je 20w
DU1IX	14243/1545/Je 28w	VK3JW	14252/0540/Je 27w	YJ8BL	14195/0530/Often
DU1FH	14225/1115/Je 24e	VK4/KS6	14273/0705/Je 27e	YN1AA	28600/2335/Je 25w
FG7XL	21363/1900/Je 27w	VK7KJ	14265/0625/Je 27e	YB3AAY	14203/1445/Je 19w
FM7AA	14211/1215/Je 23w	VK9MM	14205/1130/Je 23e	ZP5FN	28610/2240/Je 24w
FM7WN	14277/0305/Je 24m	VK9ZB	14202/1110/Je 20e	5W1AB	21297/0030/Je 23e
HC2OM	28610/2245/Je 24w	VK9VG	14252/1105/Je 23e	5W1AU	14203/1110/Je 27e
HCØHM	14208/0430/Je 17e	VK9JV	14202/1145/Je 24e	5W1AL	14205/0545/Je 29w
KB6CU	14291/1100/Je 24w	VK9CC	14264/1105/Je 26e	6Y5IA	21330/1910/Je 24w
KG6SL	14214/1240/Je 25e	VK9DM	14195/1330/Je 23e;	9M8WUW	14232/1400/Je 29w
KJ6CW	14282/0620/Je 20w	VK9XX	14126/1350/Je 23m	9Y4CR	28555/1945/Je 24w
KS4BH	14260/0450/Je 28w	VK9HB	14257/1455/Je 21w		
KS6DY	21355/2135/Je 27w	VP2ME	21294/1315/Je 24w		
KS6JQ	14211/1110/Je 22e	VR1AA	14194/0530/Je 22w		
KS6SK	14207/1110/Je 21e	VR4EE	14267/0615/Je 23w		
KS6DW	14209/1110/Je 20e	VR4BS	14211/1115/Je 27e		
KS6EB	14290/1110/Je 23e	VR6TC	21350/2215/Tues		

[e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches ka = japan hp = panama]
 [je = june all times in GMT # = longpath ??? = It's Slim of Cray Island again!!]

FORTY DESK

DU1FH	7091/1100/Je 24w	JA1GCJ	7015/0815/Je 28w	VK9JV	7090/1035/Je 24w
FB8XX	7006/0325/Je 14w	KC4USN	7240/0945/Je 24w	YV5CVE	7007/1100/Je 20e
CO2DR	7013/0455/Je 27w	VK2AHK	7007/1120/Je 21e	ZP5TQ	7205/0900/Je 21e

MORE NOTES

K6SE/2 who has been doing some analysis of DXing and has submitted some articles for early publication in QST, will be off to Prince Edward Island for the July 10th eclipse. He has a SWAN Cygnet and will operate /VE1 before and after the event.

YK1AA QSLs will be handled by INDXA after July 1st. Rasheed says that he plans to retire at the end of 1972 and will be much more active from Damascus than was possible in the past. Meanwhile, YK1AA is usually available on Fridays and on their national holidays.

1Z5A activity in September has been rumored. Don't ask us where...possibly another mystery spot. Might also be Spratly where Don Miller signed 1S back a few years ago. ITU not too happy about use of the '1' prefix, they have not assigned it to anyone.

ARRL Board of Directors meets in July. If you have any burning issues, you might enlighten your local rep. WD4USA will be active in a week or so when the Democratic Party convenes in Miami.

XV5AC is using a KWM-2, 51S1, a Henry 4K to a TH6DX beam at 70 feet. No forty or eighty activity is anticipated, the U.S. and Viet Nam military nets having pre-empted those bands.

LU1ZC who was rumored to be on South Sandwich is on Deception Island in the South Shetlands. QSL information needed for CE9AR who has been active from the Shetlands and VK9FH active from a slightly warmer area recently.

CR5AJ, Horacio Torres, is active most days from 2000Z at 14030kc. Horacio can QSY to 7mc on request and is often QRV on 7025kc, 7032kc, 7040kc and 7050kc. He runs an EICO 723 with 60 watts to a dipole. He does not have coils for ten or fifteen and presently is not active on these bands. CR5AJ is in the Portuguese Navy and putting two sons through school limits his ability to expand his station. The U.S. and Guyana, 8R1, have signed a 3rd party agreement effective July 6th. SVØWU continues to show regularly in the reports though many many not suspect that this is in the Dodecanese. There was a XZ2HY on twenty c.w. early in June...said to QSL to K3RLY. HKØTU also still showing up and also saying to QSL to K3RLY. Son of a Gun....Slim on Cray Island is just about everywhere but Maria Theresa. You might even hear Slim there soon.

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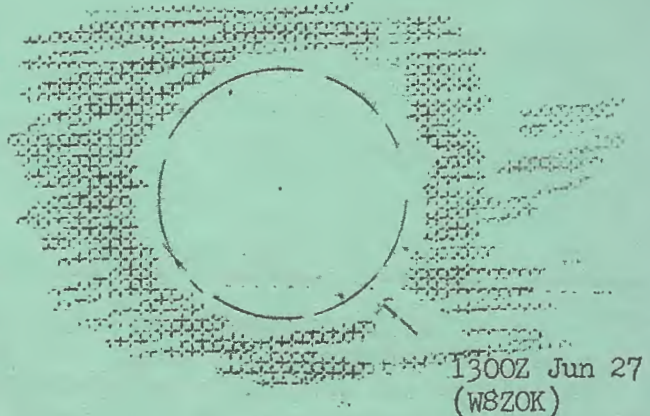
CALENDAR

VIET NAM	XV5AC still drawing a lot of attention...on most days
MELLISH	VK9JW looking solid for July 14th...
MINERVA	5W1AL/A35JH hoping for transportation to the embattled reefs in the coming week.
TRINIDADE	Possible action in August
MARCUS	KA2DX & Co looking for October Action

SUNSPOT LOUIE

The spot disappearing over the upper left hand edge was part of a group that appeared on June 16th and was lower right in the diagram last week. The small spot in the center was one of a group of four small ones which reduced to this single in the last two days.

On the bottom of this diagram is a spot just making its appearance and at the time of observation was too early to tell if it will be part of a group. All spots are about 5000 miles in diameter



DON WALLACE VISITORS DAY Don Wallace, W6AM, has announced that the 1972 Stag Visitors Day to his rhombic farm on the Palos Verdes Peninsula will be on Sunday, July 30th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Don's guest will be Douglas Byrne, G3KPO, who will be arriving at Los Angeles International on that date. Don advises rounding up the local hams, heading south on the San Diego Freeway...or north if it is preferable and shorter...and take the Hawthorne Avenue turn-off. Four miles south to Highridge Road on top of the Palos Verdes Hills and left 3/4 mile to 28503 Highridge. You can spot the place by the antennas. Don, W6AM, and Douglas, G3KPO, will be there to greet you.

PANDORAS BOX NET The net was due to return to action last week with OA4OS, Nathan, handling the Net Control and keeping things running until the FCC matter is clarified. The net meets daily at 14277kc from 0400Z and the best method to keep abreast is to listen for the latest reports. There obviously is some dismay among those most active in the net over the FCC citations.

VE6AGV--EUROPEAN TRIP Doug Holeyton of the Calgary DX Club will be traveling in Europe during July and will put a rig on the air from several spots. His present itinerary calls for him to operate from Bregenz, Austria July 15-17th; from Gamprin, Liechtenstein from July 17-19th; and from Spitzingsee, Germany July 21-26th. Listen at 14195kc for his signals....

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CLIPPERTON Planning for a possible FO8C-Clipperton operation late this Fall are apparently still on the boards with one report saying that late October to mid-November being the target date for one serious group. This would be a multi-operator effort and including some who have previously participated in some very successful and high-QSO DXpeditions.

A recently retired French operator who held a high position in the present Pompidou government visited recently in the northwest and his remarks were not encouraging. This amateur stated flatly that there will be no Clipperton activity in the near future and that there would not be any Clipperton operation unless it was a French national who was doing the operating.

Elaborating further, it was said that only a French scientist or an official with a amateur license and his own rig...plus permission to land...would be allowed to operate and that there was scant chance of this happening in the near future.

There have been roadblocks in the past to amateur operations and these have been surmounted as the YB/HS/XV/ZA activities in recent years have shown. Presently the French are conducting nuclear tests in the South Pacific....amid loud protests from many countries.

Anyhow, planning continues and while hope may fluctuate, one day for sure there will be a Clipperton activity. The 'when' is what is hard to answer.

TNX to W1AM, W1YRC, W3CDL, W2FXA, WB2YQH, K2LGJ, K6SE/2, W4EH, W4HU, W4KA, W4TUC, W4UF, W5AIA, WA5ZNY, W6AM, W6APW, K6EC, W6EYR, W6FET, WDX6GXV, K6HTM, WA6JVD, K6KA, K6IAE, W6MI, W6OL, K6QZ, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6UFT, WB6UJO, K6WR, W6YUS, WB6ZUC, W7FSE, W7PFZ, K7ZHS, W8ZOK, W9DDL, W9DRL, W0JRN, W0YDB, KH6BZF, YK1AA.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers headed for the Sierra recently, spending most of the week sweating across the countryside with a pack on his back. There was one photo of the group fording a mountain river, the water almost to their waists and flowing fast and cold. "Why do they do it", we asked, "when they could stay home with a cold beer?". The Old Timer thought about this for a while. "It might be that accomplishment in itself is a goal. Why does an amateur with over 300 countries worked and confirmed go and purchase expensive linears and other gear. Don't be a spectator....be a participant and you will understand". Son of a Gun, what could we say? Beer and gear we do understand but that mountain grunting eludes us. \$9.00 for a full year of how to cut the DX dust....\$10.50 brings it airmail. Be a beer participant!!!

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