

# Red Eyed Louie's West Coast DX Bulletin

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4X4/ZUQAR?? A few weeks back we had the note from EP3ZU that things in the Red Sea area were 'hot'....and it was not the temperature.

Well, in TIME for March 19th there was an article on the occupation of unclaimed islands 85 miles north of Bab el Mandeb, the entrance to the Red Sea from the Gulf of Aden. These included Zuqar, a 70 square mile chunk of rock and sand only twenty miles off the coast of Yemen. The occupation was supposed to have been made some eight months ago and the troops are rotated every three months. A radio and radar station is said to be operational on Zuqar, the whole lash-up being operated by Israeli commandos who wear no uniform, according to the reports.

This possibly might explain why Aldo has not returned to operate EP3ZU/A...and also might give some indication why he is splitting back to Italy. For those who might be concerned with DXCC criteria, it would appear that a 4X4/Zuqar contact would be acceptable for DXCC...just like a 4Z4/Sinai contact is good for Zone 34. The problem would seem to be to work them first....

While the DXCC country list has Jabel et Tair or something like that, the original information on this one back in 1971 did include Zuqar and the DXCC listings is apparently for other islands in the Hanish group.

Possibly further information will be forthcoming on this expedition.....

TURKS VE8RA, Karl Gamper, passed through San Francisco a week back, having left his station at Yellowknife where the temperature was -39° a day previously. Karl was headed for the Caribbean and was to put PZ5KG on the air last week. After working everything from Surinam, Karl will move to the Grand Turks and will sign VP5KG for about two weeks.

This is his vacation period from the weather station there in the Yukon where he works for the Pacific Western Air Service. Karl is still looking for an Asian effort so that he can complete his goal of working DXCC from all continents. Look for Karl in the usual DX frequencies.

GRAND CAYMAN WA2BCK and WA2EKW will operate from Grand Cayman for a week starting April 14th. They will work all bands, ten thru eighty with emphasis on 40/80 contacts. The frequencies to be used will be:

C.W.	3510kc	3530kc	7020kc	7030kc
SSB	3790	3803	7210	

On the higher frequencies, look for them on the usual spots. The group sponsoring the effort is the Buffalo Area DX Club and QSLs will be handled by WA2BCK. They are hoping that the call-sign will be ZF1RR. The trip is certain, the call-sign is not at this time.

## SUNSPOT LOUIE

The spots shown on last week chart disappeared about March 17th. Two new spots appeared the same day and are shown on the report. Both of the spots are rather small, the largest being about 8000 miles in diameter and the smaller one about 5000 miles.

Anything smaller than the smaller one will not be of much benefit. Conditions during the last week have not been especially good and in the middle of the week WWV was giving out W-4 reports which is the "Poor/Disturbed" category. There was some talk of auroral activity during the WPX Test and the bands were folding early.



W8ZQK  
1500Z 18 Mar

Mt. ATHOS Another SY1/Mt. Athos effort is scheduled for a week to ten days late in April, commencing on the Easter week-end and running to the end of the month. This to be an all-band and with both CW and SSB. One Greek license holder and seven Germans are in on the effort and they will have three complete stations and plan to operate 24 hours a day. More details should be surfacing on this one shortly, including the operating frequencies. Split frequency operation is planned. 80 mtrs doubtful..

SIKKIM YA1DT is reported as planning to travel by auto to AC3-Sikkim within the next few weeks, April 5th being mentioned as the possible date for his arrival there. During the stay there he will operate on 14195/21275/28600kc. The stay is not a long one...any QSLs will go to Box 5, Kabul.

SHORTLY NOTED The calendar which was replete with DX last week seems to have collapsed and only a few upcoming ones around to brighten the day of the desperate DXer. Keep hoping...something good eventually will come your way.

K6GAK has the EA8-Awards....all of them it would seem. Dick got a whole bundle and after sorting out his own, still had about 75 more on hand. If you are looking for the EA8 Award and you are a W/K station, drop Dick a line. He needs \$1.00 to cover the mailing costs. That's Dick Garren, 1088 Benjamin Place, El Cajon, Ca. 92020  
Anyone with QSL info for HR1RF who was active last year...

JT0AE can be found most nights around 14040kc from 2300Z. He will move up to SSB country on request. K2BT braved the Spring weather and has his wind-blown tower back up but is sticking to a 75m inverted VEE....but has 97 worked on 75mtrs. SU1MA in a note to W2OVC says that bands are spotty though fifteen was good earlier this month. SU1MA maintains a schedule with F6BNQ at 1500Z at or around the 14225-14235kc country. If you are looking, check this possibility. CR4BS will be visiting relatives in New Bedford in July. CR9AK had to stick close to home because of power problems within the colony there...electrical power, that is. They have been having brownouts. Fern lost his vacation last year and could not get to Fresno this year. Possibly he will be changing his duty station.

After the recent Fernando de Noronha operation, Les would like to try Islas de Rocas but it won't count for DXCC. Its only 189 miles off the Brazilian Coast. W6ISQ made the suggestion some years back that the mileage criteria should be reduced five or ten miles every year. Think of what that would do for the bands!! 9U5KU QSLs have been received...some after a second try. That HA100KJX call on twenty c.w. is to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of something there in Budapest, UJ8AC was coming through regularly last week. Said he would QSL 100%. It was our fourth or fifth contact with Boris in recent years but we still thirst for a UJ8-QSL. Absolutely our last Russian. There was a local QRPer who had '100%' QSL on his card....when asked about it he was very adamant. "When I receive a QSL with a sase, I QSL 100%!!". Son of a Gun...  
YAESU MUSEN is opening a new headquarters at 7625 East Rosecrans, Paramount, Ca. 90723. Some realignment and new dealers being signed up.

HC2YL and HC2OM will be at Fresno. Anyone needing a handful of IRCs might check with Darleen...she has a couple of hundred on hand. WA6IDF, Rolf Carlsen, is in Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto for eye surgery...no visitors but can use a card....

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE.....

Who cares for DX alone is free, ---  
Sit down, good fellow, and drink with me!AFRICA..CW

A2CCY	14055/1945/Mar	16e	TR8PB	21035/2120/Mar	16m	5R8AG	21017/1640/Mar	15w
CN8BO	21019/1835/Mar	18e	TU2DV	14043/1135/Mar	18e	5R8AG	14030/1800/Mar	20w
CR6OZ	21027/1250/Mar	13e	ZS6BL	21038/1310/Mar	13e	9J2WR	21066/1840/Mar	18e
EA8ET	14040/1300/Mar	16e	5T5CJ	14040/0040/Mar	18e			
FR7AI	14030/1245/Mar	11e	5T5CJ	21039/1915/Mar	17e			

ASIA...CW

HM4GF	14030/0235/Mar	19w	JT1CV	14034/0145/Mar	17e	UJ8JAU	14034/0320/Mar	16w
HZ1HZ	14012/0000/Mar	17w	JT0AE	14032/0130/Often		UK0CAE	14014/1530/Mar	18w
JF1EQA	21054/0250/Mar	17w	UA9NA	14026/0135/Mar	15m	UL7AA	14029/0145/Mar	15m
JF1JSP	14030/0130/Mar	21w	UI8MV	14031/0340/Mar	14w	UL7NG	14036/0250/Mar	15m
JR1FVI	14030/0150/Mar	21w	UI8IK	14063/1215/Mar	12e	9V1RF	14031/1715/Mar	18w

EUROPE..CW

DJ2RT	14036/1745/Mar	12m	OE5EEL	21037/1700/Mar	15w	UC20AF	14024/1420/Mar	15w
EI9J	21022/2000/Mar	17w	OE7NZ	24084/1535/Mar	13e	UC2AS	14092/1540/Mar	13e
EI0CF	14073/1605/Mar	16w	OK3AL	14051/1530/Mar	13e	UK4WAC	21027/1225/Mar	15e
HA4XX	14036/1555/Mar	21w	OK2BON	21037/1705/Mar	15w	UK2GAN	14056/2010/Mar	14e
HA0KHS	21024/1240/Mar	13e	SP1KAA	21010/1240/Mar	14e	UK5UAA	14026/1755/Mar	12m
HA5KKB	14059/1535/Mar	13e	SP8EUS	14037/1530/Mar	13e	UK6DAU	14073/0345/Mar	15w
HA100KJX	14056/1400/Mr	15m	SP9YP	14036/1525/Mar	13e	UK6AAB	14055/1535/Mar	13e
HB9AEP	21037/1925/Mar	15w	SV0WTT	21014/1620/Mar	15w	UPOL-19	14026/2315/Mr	16m
LZ1KAU	21042/1210/Mar	16e	OK1MAW	14028/1700/Mar	21m	YO9DQ	21027/1250/Mar	15e
M1Z	14026/1525/Mar	16m	UA3MH	14045/1730/Mar	12m	YO2RA	14035/1710/Mar	10w

ELSEWHERE..CW

A35FX	14033/0855/Mar	18m	PJ9JT	28017/1850/Mar	18e	VP2VAM	14020/0020/Mar	20e
G29ED	14024/0630/Mar	17m	TI2DX	28015/1750/Mar	18m	VP9DR	14032/1945/Mar	16e
G29ED	21057/0300/Mar	17w	TI2DX	14032/2235/Mar	12m	VR4AA	14051/0655/Mar	17m
CX1NG	28005/2210/Mar	17m	VK2GW	21030/0240/Mar	17w	ZM7AR	21039/2245/Mar	17e
FK8BP	28100/0130/Mar	19m	VK3NR	14091/0810/Mar	15m	ZL2ALW	14085/0835/Mar	13m@
FK8KAA	14027/0700/Mar	18m	VK4SO	14033/0845/Mar	16m	ZM2AFZ	14052/0740/Mar	16m
KV4GI	14010/0905/Mar	15m	VK6US	14024/0720/Mar	13m	ZK2BD	14036/0750/Mar	13m
LU2DKG	28010/1800/Mar	15m	VK8ZZ	14045/0705/Mar	17m	8P6AI	14040/1220/Mar	16m
PJ2VD	21051/1915/Mar	17e	VK9EAJ	14030/0325/Mar	13m	8P6DR	28050/1855/Mar	18e
PJ2VD	28020/1850/Mar	18e	VK9GG	14085/0835/Mar	12m@	8P6ES	14018/0115/Mar	19e
PJ7VL	28025/1850/Mar	18e	VP1LE	14033/2310/Mar	18e	9Y4VU	28020/1805/Mar	18m

AFRICA...SSB

A2GEW	21313/1740/Mar	16m	ST2SA	28595/1630/Mar	18m	5Z4OB	21355/1945/Mar	12e
A2CCY	14216/1435/Mar	18m	ST2SA	21300/1930/Mar	18w	5Z4NT	14261/1940/Mar	16ee
CN8AL	14205/2040/Mar	17m	TJ1BG	21415/1550/Mar	18e	5X5NK	14203/1445/Mar	12w
CR7FK	21307/1900/Mar	13e	TU2BX	14205/2120/Mar	16w	5V7GE	14294/2200/Mar	16m
CR7MK	21307/1900/Mar	13e	VQ9R	21355/1840/Mar	17m	5Z4NH	14203/1445/Mar	12w
CR7AF	28609/1845/Mar	18e	VQ9M	14207/1700/Mar	13w	7Q7LA	21320/1830/Mar	16e
CR4BS	21303/1955/Mar	17m	VQ9M	21321/1750/Mar	16m	7X0GM	21297/1830/Mar	18e
EA8HG	14215/0045/Mar	17w	ZD3D	14203/2330/Mar	16w	7X2MD	21307/2100/Mar	17m
EA8GY	21262/1640/Mar	16m	ZD9GC	21325/1745/Often	7m	7X2OM	14208/0300/Mar	16e
EL8I	14245/2145/Mar	19m	ZB6JL	21355/1950/Mar	12e	7X2BM	14208/2300/Mar	16e
EL2DX	14210/0015/Mar	19m	ZS2FA	14228/1530/Mr	18m	9J2LF	28600/1845/Mar	18e
EL4E	14202/0000/Mar	19w	3B8CI	14218/2220/Mar	17m	9L1VW	21258/1850/Mar	18e
ET3ZU	14226/2025/Mar	12e	5N2ABG	21415/1545/Mar	18e	9G1HO	21415/1540/Mar	18e
ET3USD	14333/2235/Mar	16m	5Z4DV	21285/1905/Mar	16e	9G1HO	28562/1700/Mar	18e

(e = eastern states -- m = middle states w = western reaches hs = thailand kv = virgin is)  
 (# = long path @ = rtty all times in gmt ???? = Relax...it's only Slim again )

AND MORE RED EYED LOUIE...

ASIA...SSB

EP2DO	14222/1250/Mar	18hs	UK9AAN	14209/1350/Mar	14e	VU2BX	14201/1310/Mar	12e
EP2RB	14203/1635/Mar	17w	UK9CAE	14240/0335/Mar	15m	VU2CK	14220/0140/Mar	16e
EP2RB	21310/1450/Mar	15e	UK9HAD	14240/0345/Mar	17e	XW8ED	14222/1240/Mar	18hs
HS4AGN	14201/1630/Mar	16e	UK9AAN	14208/1345/Mar	14m	XV5AC	14212/1400/Often	
HS4AIA	14227/1400/Often		UL7NAA	14258/0200/Mar	17w	YA1GNT	14227/0320/Mar	16w
HS4AGZ	14262/1410/Mar	17e	UL7GAZ	14234/0335/Mar	18w	YA1LM	14227/0320/Mar	16w
JT0AE	14221/0030/Mar	16m	UL7PAC	14225/0300/Often		4W1BC	21320/1725/Often	
KA1CQ	14221/0050/Mar	21w	UL7BAB	14230/0240/Mar	18e	4X4OS	21346/1510/Mar	17e
MP4TEE	14245/1620/Mar	16m	UL7NW	14205/0220/Mar	18e	4Z4LI	21340/1550/Mar	16m
MP4BIN	14231/0345/Mar	15e	UL7FM	14207/0320/Mar	16e	4Z4GH	21320/1740/Mar	16w
UA0NS	14203/0340/Mar	15m	UW9WR	14194/0335/Mar	17e	9N1MM	14202/0135/Mar	19w
UA0NT	14243/0310/Mar	16e	UW9CC	14205/0340/Mar	15m	9K2CA	14261/1445/Mar	17e
UA0ABC	14206/0210/Mar	18e	UW0IF	14210/0205/Mar	18e	9K2AU	14335/1250/Mar	12hs
UA9YE	14210/0210/Mar	17w	VS6GA	14220/1605/Mar	18m	9M2EG	14222/1215/Mar	18hs
UI8NE	14202/0140/Mar	17w	VU2HI	14204/1310/Mar	12e	9V1NR	14240/1530/Mar	20w#

EUROPE...SSB

CT1GQ	21323/1200/Mar	16e	LA7GQ	14244/1600/Mar	16hs	SV0WE	21412/1420/Mar	18e
DA2AF	14332/1940/Mar	12e	LA1K	21297/1530/Mar	16e	SV0WM	21310/1620/Mar	14m
CT2BG	21321/1815/Mar	17m	LX1BJ	14332/1920/Mar	13e	UA3AAX	14227/1520/Mar	13e
EA6BJ	21355/1945/Mar	12e	LA5KG	14202/4310/Mar	16e	UB5WE	14225/2045/Mar	17m
EA6BG	21304/1415/Mar	17m	LA8CA	21348/1730/Mar	17m	UK1ZAA	14202/0215/Mar	18m
EA6BG	14265/2145/Mar	17m	LG5LG	21270/1900/Mar	17m	UK2GDZ	21297/1530/Mar	16e
EA6AS	21232/1735/Mar	16m	M1B	21377/1600/Mar	17m	UK2PAR	14225/1935/Mar	14e
GC3EML	14281/1935/Mar	12e	M1C	21300/1545/Mar	16m	UK2PAF	14225/1940/Mar	14e
GI3OQR	14215/2155/Mar	17m	OH0NJ	14332/1905/Mar	13e	UO5BZ	14218/1910/Mar	17m
GB2SM	21345/1630/Mar	14m	OH0NT	14332/1920/Mar	13e	UQ2GA	21278/1510/Mar	15e
HA8KUC	14215/1950/Mar	16e	OK3KFF	14262/1940/Mar	16e	YO3AC	21305/1445/Mar	15m
HB0AWQ	14231/1500/Mar	13e	OE7UD	14204/1610/Mar	18e	YO7AGM	14243/2200/Mar	17m
IT9EKO	14210/2020/Mar	16m	OY5NS	14212/1615/Mar	17m	9H1BX	21355/1830/Mar	17m
HV3SJ	21356/1750/Mar	17e	OZ8SS	14215/2300/Mar	16m	9H1CD	21303/1830/Mar	16m
EI4Z	14204/2045/Mar	13e	OZ7CA	14222/1310/Mar	18hs	9H1CV	21285/1745/Mar	12e
JX3DH	14223/1320/Mar	18hs	OE3FBB	14332/1640/Mar	17e	9H5D	21287/1330/Often	

ELSEWHERE...SSB

CO2DC	14247/1305/Mar	16e	PJ2HA	28105/2240/Mar	17m	VP5LD	21348/1910/Mar	16m
DU0DM	14205/1315/Mar	16e	PJ3NY	21270/1540/Mar	16m	VP8JV	21325/1730/Mar	17m
DU7ER	14204/1520/Mar	18m	TG9FS	21415/1510/Mar	18e	VP8JV	14218/2330/Mar	16w
DU7FR	14238/1515/Mar	20w#	VK9FH	14202/1300/Mar	16e	XF4FFC	21300/2140/Mar	20w
FP8DH	14207/2225/Mar	16m	VK6RU	14218/2330/Mar	16w	XF4J	14195/0030/Mar	21w
FP8CT	21280/1420/Mar	15m	VP1FW	14135/2245/Mar	11w	YN1JCJ	21415/1515/Mar	18e
FK8BR	14202/0700/Mar	20w	VP2VAP	14195/1115/Mar	12hs	YB0ABB	14212/1500/Mar	17m
HI8XAA	21415/1515/Mar	18e	VP2KH	21259/1640/Mar	16m	YJ8ED	14210/0815/Mar	17w
HC0HM	14213/0050/Mar	11w	VP2DH	14218/0100/Mar	11w	ZF1JA	14202/2350/Mar	12w
HP4RC	14233/0150/Mar	16m	VP2KF	14214/2110/Mar	16m	ZF1NR	14255/2145/Mar	17m
FG7XT	21320/2035/Mar	18m	VP2GQ	14203/0210/Mar	20w	ZF1J	14203/0025/Mar	13m
KG4FU	21370/0035/Mar	17m	VP2AAK	14332/1915/Mar	13e	ZP5PQ	21278/1300/Mar	14e
KG4FI	21270/2100/Mar	17m	VP2DAJ	14190/2300/Mar	17m	8R1CB	14196/1130/Mar	16e
KG6SL	14202/1300/Mar	16e	VP2DAI	14190/2300/Mar	17m	8R1YS	21324/1750/Mar	15w
KG6JBO	14233/1425/Mar	16m	VP5LD	14194/2310/Mar	17m	9Y4VT	14202/0105/Mar	17m

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Effective April 1st the MP4 prefix will be dropped by the former MP4Ts who will sign A6X-. MP4TEE, for example, will become A6XF at the changeover. Trucial Oman will become the United Arab Emirates at the same time.



FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX MEETING Developments during the last week make the presence of additional members of the Spratly crew at Fresno a good possibility. John Lungsford, 'Chester' of XV5AC is now a good possibility and Phil Wight, VS6DR, is also planning to fly in just for the meeting, returning almost immediately to Hongkong. Scott Gantt, WB4VBY, was due to land at Travis AFB last Saturday enroute home and will return to Fresno with his XYL.

There is a sizeable contingent planning to come from Hawaii with KH6BZF, KH6IJ, KH6RS and KH6GLU indicating that they will be there and 5W1AU is planning to come in from Western Samoa.

While W1YRC is expecting to put the 1S1A QSLs into the mails sometime in the coming weeks, a special 1S1A QSL autographed by the Spratly crew in attendance at Fresno will be available as a copy of the 1S1A logs will be brought to Fresno. Preregistration to April 1st is \$16.00 and goes to W6MAV. Hilton Hotel reservations made direct....

TNX to W1AM, WA2BCK, WA2EKW, K2BT, W2QVC, W3ATO, W3CDL, K3TUP, W4EH, W4HU, W4KA, W4TUC, W4UF, W5AK, WA5EMH, W5RG, W5UBW, WA5ZUH, W6APW, W6BH, W6BJI, W6CAE, WA6FYC, K6GLC, W6KHS, W6OL, WB6TIU/5, K6SSJ, W6TSQ, W6TTS, W6VBI, K6WR, W6YHT, WB6ZUC, HAM1LL/6, W7JHO, W7NGO, K7NHG, W7YTN, K8RWL, W8SRK, W8ZOK, W9DDL, W9YRA, W9WKU/4, WØYDB, WØJRN, HS4AGZ, DL7FT, KV4AM.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and sat in the sun and talked awhile. "You know", this QRPer said, "I have been going through my old QSTs and found that the DX Advisory Committee was authorized by the ARRL Board back in January 1970". We mulled this over a bit, finally saying: "That's right". The QRPer smiled his little smile and we should have been wary. "Well, in the three years since January 1970 all I can find is that they have recommended the abolishment of the DXCC Phone Certificate. Right?". We nodded our head at that one for we had the feeling we were being led down some garden path. The QRPer beamed. "I have projected an activity curve on the DX Activity Committee and it says that the next thing recommended will be the abolishment of DX!" You know, this startled us so we checked his figures and disagreed with his findings. After years of reading the Morning Telegraph, it would seem that the indicators are that DX is safe, only the countries will be eliminated. Son of a Gun. It just goes to show how the uninitiated can go astray. \$9.00 for a full year of charts on the DX Garden Paths....\$10.50 brings it short-path by air.

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