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DX Bulletin

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TONGAREVA Bad weather conditions during last week and the ZK1TA were still stuck on Tongareva. A New Zealand plane was on the island last week but strong efforts to get transportation off the island were not successful.

Sometime Saturday, with weather conditions working against the hopes that the plane from Aitutaki could get up to Tongareva, the group apparently loaded onto a small yacht visiting Tongareva and headed for Manihiki.

The 0600 schedule Saturday found the group definitely at sea and away from Tongareva. This distance to Aitutaki is about 800 miles which may take a week or so if they go all the way on the small boat. The boat was reported to be in the vicinity of twenty feet in length. There was also the possibility that the group would head to Pago Pago.

Some confusion developed initially when the group left Tongareva over the callsigns used but as of Saturday the call during the schedule at 0600 was W6GQJ/mm.

OGASAWARA The Japan DX Association will send another group to Ogasawara and will be signing JD1YAH from August 1st to 10th. The group will be aiming at an all band operation, all bands in this instance meaning from 160mtr to 435mc.

The operators on the effort will be JA1KSO, JA9COB, JA3RAF, JA7KAC, JR1VDA and JH1LLO.

Gear will include...FT-101 and an FL/FT 400 with amplifier, these to handle the 160m to 10mtr work. A Linar 6 with amplifier for 6 meters; a Linar 2 for 2 meters and OSCAR VI efforts and an FM TRS for work on 435mc

Antennas will include an 18AVT, a 5 element Yagi for 6mtrs, a 7 element X Yagi for Oscar work, a 7 element X4... 28 element Yagi for 2 meter work and a 16 element X4.... 64 element Yagi for 435mc.

At the time that the Japan DX Association will be on the island, the JA3-DXers Group will also have JA3LWA, JA3THL, HH3HPX and JH3JSA on Ogasawara. These will have a FT-101 with a linear amplifier to a tribander beam and dipoles.

But that is not all. There will be a couple of hundred more JAs also on Ogasawara putting out 10watt signals. Whether this is a group similar to the 'Novice' license or a limitation to keep the aurora from developing over the island is not clear. Anyhow, listen for all of them.

The JA DX Association was on Chichi-Jima on their last effort in April. This is the main island in the Ogasawara group and is located at 142°11'E and 27°06'N. On the April effort they made 15 000 QSOs in the middle of a storm which washed out many of the roads on the island.

Listen for the action. The JACQUES BONET MEMORIAL PLAQUE will be awarded to the amateur working the most JD1s in the Ogasawaras during the period August 1st to 10th. More details next week

MARKET. OHØMA should be operating the OJØMA station until the end of this week. The usual schedule is for the station to show up around 14265kc around 0500Z for a few words with OH2BH. In the same area DJ7MG should be available from the Aalands until the end of July. WØGYH and WØAME showed up from the Aalands on schedule early in July.

SUNSPOT LOUIE..... This weeks chart should bring sadness to the heart of the DXer. It is a chart without blemish. The three small spots shown last week rotated to the back of the sun on July 11th. Close search in the days since then have revealed no spots.

Conditions on the band have been poor,,this being notable during the morning hours. The openings during this period have not been good and the period from July 11th, when the last spots went to the back of the sun, and the date of the observation, July 17th, have been the longest period without spots since the period June 1st to June 5th. WWV was giving an N7 forecast on last Thursday, this going to an N6 on Friday. Things have not been the best, but.....hold on, Tomorrow will be a brighter day... The Comet Kohoutek should start showing in the news in the next couple of months as it nears the Earth. It should be visible to the naked eye by mid-November and then increase rapidly in brilliance until December 28th when it should go around the Sun. It is expected to be visible in broad daylight as it nears the Sun.



1200Z
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WBZOK

MONACO 3A2AJ was at 14039kc at 0600Z last Saturday. No further details available. 3A0CU was supposed to be put on the air by DL7FT in mid-July.

FERNANDO de NORONHA A station reported as active from this spot earlier in the month. PY7ZAH/PY0 was at 14012kc at 1135Z on July 12th. This station was on for several hours, gave his handle as Jim and say to QSL to WB8FDF. No later reports on this activity noted after this July 12th instance.

SAUDI ARABIA 7Z3AB will be leaving, probably within the week, and when Henry goes you will see 7Z3 develop into a fairly rare country before very long. He will be at 14250kc from 1400Z for the balance of his stay and when he QRTs it will be to remove permanently.

CLIPPERTON We put this inside so you would not get too excited. Anyhow, our agent in Paris reports that attempts to gain information on the Clipperton crisis from indigenous amateurs there in Paris evokes a Gallic shrug and a surprising lack of interest. The report would indicate that the French amateurs are ignorant of the FO8C crisis, they are uninformed of its overtones and generally not even interested. SACRE BLEU!! Someday there may be a FO8C operation but it is hard to stir the memory of living amateurs as to when the last FO8C operation took place. There have been amateurs who grew up and made the Honor Roll without ever hearing FO8C!!!!!!

SHORTLY NOTED The ARRL Board of Directors should have had their meeting by now. Read the minutes to gain some inkling of how the relations might be with the FCC. Some advocate that the amateur posture should be that of a supplicant...hat in hand and beaming at any favors. Others push for a more muscle policy, regarding the FCC as a government agency and a servant of the people (amateurs) and not its master. W1AM was visiting the Western Reaches this last weekend, here to check the level of the Millinhos in Marin County. HL9KK listed in Red Eyed Louie goes to WA8GUB. The cards for the OH-African effort of last year are continuing to surface. New Britain will get self-government this November and independence soon thereafter. Possibly a new prefix to boot. The Bahamas went independent early in July. K6KQ heard 8P6DR and VP9GR on the 3335th orbit of Oscar.....8P6DR will be leaving sometime in August from the Barbados. While Oscar VI may be nearing the end of its run, there will be more launches so prepare. W6FZJ and PA0GDV have been trying 432mc work using SKYLAB as the reflector. No success so far but W6FZJ did work VK2AMW on 432mc FME. QSLs for WS5MSC are about ready to be launched. The NASA do not plan activity during SKYLAB 3 but may be out for SKYLAB 4 in December. The French group operating GC5BDX on Sark said to QSL to F6BSK. The home QTH for the C21KM/ma is ZL1AIIH. Last week they were in the Fijis. 9M2IR reports no amateurs in Bangladesh at the present and things do not look promising.....especially for any outsiders. The Iraqi government had a few changes....the head of the state being deposed while out of the country and in a mud bath. Some observers feel the new government may be more 'friendly'. CR7FR is also expected to leave Mozambique for Lisbon shortly.

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SOUTH YEMEN 9M2IR is back in Malaysia after touching bases in the states, South America and Africa and John reports visiting Paul, ex-VP8MM, who is now in South Yemen. To a query about a possible 70-South Yemen license having been issued, Paul says that it would be news to him as he knows of none. However, he is interested in getting a club station going and it is his opinion that at this time this would be the only possibility of getting any South Yemen license and even this is only an outside possibility.

On the possibility of any W/K type operating from any of the South Yemen Islands, this is rather definitely out at this time, South Yemen having broken off diplomatic relations with the U.S. some time back.

Things there are not exactly relaxed at this time, it is even against the law to buy or sell a map of the country. These, however, are readily available elsewhere.

DT-Prefix This DT-prefix is to mark 20 years of amateur radio in DM-Land, the German Democratic Republic. QSLs for this prefix should be sent to the DM-QSL Bureau, DDR 1055 Berlin, Box 30. The prefix popped up in mid-May and will be used until the end of 1973. In the chance you might want to QSL direct, substitute a DM-prefix for the DT-prefix and you should be in the ball park. DT2CYO can be found most days at 14040kc....or possibly 14020kc....from 0530Z handing out the DT-prefix. From now until August 6th he will be operating a club station, DT/DDR. He is looking for WAS contacts from his home station.....always seeking those elusive Sixes.

INTRUDERS One cause of interference recently being encountered is spurious emissions every four or five kilocycles on twenty meters from teletype stations in Havana and Moscow. ARRL is seeking, through diplomatic channels, to get the problem solved and wants complaints to continue from anyone encountering and able to identify this interference.

K6KA, recently returned from a trip to Africa and Europe, passes along some of the intruding signals recently noted within the amateur frequencies.

- 14220kc Radio Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur. 2nd harmonic of signal at 7110kc. On the hour uses six equal second-ticks. BBC in London also uses six ticks but with the sixth tick a long one. Last winter some Russians intruding into 28mc were noted using six equal ticks.
- 14160kc 2nd harmonic from 7080kc being shared---or interfered with by Haroi, Peking and another station.
- 14190kc 2nd harmonic from possibly Peking with internal broadcast at 7095kc.
- 14260kc 2nd harmonic from 7130kc when Peking or its jammer not messing things up. BED7 from Taipei and another station have been heard here.
- 14280kc 2nd harmonic being heard, probably from something around 7140kc.
- 14310kc 2nd harmonic of 7155kc, coming in to Southern California on a heading of 300°...Manila, Singapore, Indonesia or Malaysia, or 285°...which would be in the direction of Java.
- 14320kc Possible 2nd harmonic from 7160kc...coming in at 310° from East Asia.
- 14334kc Probably 2nd harmonic close to 7165kc but fundamental is under VOA-Okinawa at that place. VOA has cured its own harmonic. Unidentified station goes off at 1400Z without identification but with Hawaiian music which many Indonesian stations use.

Anyone hearing these and able to identify could pass the information along to K6KA who will take it from there. These stations seem to show up on days when WWV is forecasting N6 though at times it takes an N7 day to detect them.

28mc BEACONS Those who may want to check possible band conditions by listening for 28mc beacons, might try listening for:

DL7AZ	29000kc	VP9BA	28165kc
JA1GY	28200kc	ZC4CY	28180kc
VE3TEN	28275kc		

NEW JERSEY QSO PARTY This annual one starts Saturday, August 18th and runs to 0600Z on the 19th when they rest for six hours. Starting up again at 1200Z they will run until 2300Z. Both phone and c.w. are used, either mode being considered in the same contest.

Suggested frequencies are 1810kc, 3535kc, 3905kc, 7035kc, 7135kc, 14035kc, 14280kc, 21100kc, 21355kc, 28100kc, 28600kc, 50-50.5mc and 144-146mc. The Englewood Amateur Radio Assn is sponsoring the event and suggest that phone be used on the even hour. Logs go to the Englewood Amateur Radio Association, 303 Tenafly Road, Englewood, New Jersey 07631. In fact if you want full details on the test, drop them a line.

SIKKIM A couple of months back YA1AH made a trip to AC3-Sikkim, getting there about the same time the locals got a bit dissatisfied and took things over. Arne Hamar, YA1AH, who is with an U.N organization in Kabul, passes along through the Camel Drivers Club Newsletter, following account of his trip....

A highlight of the Camel Drivers Club Meeting was an account by Arne, YA1AH, of his personal expedition to visit the King of Sikkim, this being northeast of India and east of Nepal. Arne had an invitation to set up a transmitting station with an AC3-Call for the DXers early in April.

Traveling in his own Volvo stationwagon with his family, it took one day to reach Lahore from Kabul, and another day to reach Delhi. Two more days on the road were required to reach Gantok, the capital of Sikkim.

This may sound easy but it was not. Arne had applied to the Sikkim government for permission to operate six weeks before starting out and stopped long enough in Delhi to make an application there through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for permission to operate. The second days journey out of Delhi only got Arne as far as the Sikkim border and they spent the night at Siliguri, about 800km from Delhi.

Early the next morning it was off on the three hour drive to Gantok and Arne was pleasantly surprised to find many military trucks escorting him on the road. Then he began to meet hundreds of demonstrators who were not there to greet him.

His arrival in Gantok coincided with a downpour of the monsoon rains which helped to break up the demonstrators and give him a chance to locate the Travelers Bungalow that had previously been arranged for by a friend in Kabul.

The first two days in Gantok were spent in fruitless efforts to get operating but with the turmoil, the efforts were hopeless. Indian troops started to arrive at the request of the Sikkim government and some order was restored. Arne was able to see an Indian Political Officer who refused him a permit to operate but promised that '...if he would come back next year, all would be serene'.

Arne then spent the next four days visiting in Sikkim. There is no air facilities there, all access is by road from India. They started back for the India border early one morning, running into a roadblock before getting very far, in fact being stopped at 7:00a.m. by trees, rocks and people. The leader at the roadblock, questioned Arne at length then demanded that all the baggage be opened. Arne's XYL, wrought up by the events of the last week, broke into tears at this request...and this did the trick. Outside of getting stuck twice in desert sand, the rest of the trip was uneventful. But mostly, it wasn't fun.....

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE.....

AFRICA...CW

CN2AQ	14061/0025/Jul	13w	EA8GN	14039/0000/Jul	17e	ZD8JN	14030/0620/Jul	10m
CN8BK	14084/0115/Jul	13w	SU1TM	14009/0015/Jul	17e	3B8CJ	14031/1310/Jul	11m
CN8BO	14022/2020/Jul	15e	TT8AQ	14028/0345/Jul	10m	7X2KO	14064/0420/Jul	13w

ASIA...CW

A51PN	14051/1420/Jul	11w	UAØEM	14065/1330/Jul	11m	4S7AB	14028/1555/Jul	14w
HS3AEH	14048/1450/Jul	14w	UAØFGM	14040/1350/Jul	13m	4S7DA	14047/1330/Jul	8m
HL9KM	14044/1145/Jul	11m	UJ8AC	14027/0115/Jul	14e	9M2BH	14053/1440/Jul	14w
HM5BF	14047/1130/Jul	11m	UL7BAB	14021/0105/Jul	16w	9M2ON	14055/1325/Jul	16m
JA8EOT	14056/0450/Jul	13w	UM8MAD	14022/1405/Jul	11w	9M2LN	14047/1230/Jul	11m
JT1AA	14031/1625/Jul	9m	VS6AW	14032/1335/Jul	14m	9V1RS	14028/1505/Jul	13w
JT1AH	14010/1435/Jul	14w	XU1AA	14050/1200/Jul	8m	9V1OK	14048/1440/Jul	14w
MP4BJR	14050/0130/Øften		XV5AC	14043/1445/Jul	13w	JT1AO	14033/1600/Jul	11w
UAØLU	14059/1340/Jul	10m	YA1TCA	14008/1400/Jul	12w			

EUROPE...CW

CT1UM	14005/2320/Jul	11w	OH2BJH	14008/0605/Jul	14w	UG6AW	14011/0340/Jul	16w
CT2AK	14067/0325/Jul	11w	OH5YU	14040/1415/Jul	11w	UK1IAC	14027/1110/Jul	11e
EA2IA	14032/2150/Jul	13w	OK2RZ	14040/0510/Jul	14m	UK1NAB	14044/2320/Jul	11e
GM6RV	14012/0620/Jul	19w	ØN4PA	14050/2155/Jul	13w	UK2PAF	14019/2310/Jul	11e
GM6RY	14031/2110/Jul	11w	ØZ4T	14050/1535/Jul	17w	UK2GBY	14046/2030/Jul	10w
GW5YB	14043/2045/Jul	10w	ØZ7ON	14027/2320/Jul	13e	UK2FAM	14041/0145/Jul	12w
GI3OLJ	14028/0440/Jul	12w	ØZ7FP	14018/0450/Jul	17w	UP2DY	14038/0355/Jul	13w
HA8KBE	14029/1450/Jul	14w	PAØHIP	14012/1540/Jul	14w	UR2ZN	14014/0540/Jul	18w
HA25KF	14005/0525/Jul	12w	PAØWVK	14037/1135/Jul	11w	UR2GV	14065/2030/Jul	10w
HA8KDA	14043/2320/Jul	11e	SP9ELJ	14039/2315/Jul	11e	UP2OY	14043/1900/Jul	12e
IT9FGD	14025/0025/Jul	16w	SP8KAF	14033/1635/Jul	9m	UT5SM	14034/0350/Jul	11m
IØJX	14013/0435/Jul	17w	SP8YA	14030/0350/Jul	11m	UV9CO	14036/0440/Jul	15w
ISØFPH	14052/0450/Jul	19w	SP9EVP	14040/0345/Jul	17w	UX3C	14056/0430/Jul	19w
JWØAU	14028/1615/Jul	9m	UC2BA	14043/0020/Jul	12w	YO4KCA	14004/0525/Jul	18w
ØH5PY	14032/0340/Jul	11m	UF6FBX	14022/0450/Jul	12w	9H1BZ	14020/0135/Jul	12e

ELSEWHERE...CW

DU6RH	14031/1500/Jul	11w	KG6AAY	14045/1125/Jul	11e	VK9EJ	14027/1020/Jul	11m
DUØDG	14052/0300/Jul	12w	KG6ALY	14041/1140/Jul	12e	VO2AH	14025/2215/Jul	13w
FM7AD	14037/1120/Jul	16e	KS6EM	14045/0955/Jul	11m	VP2ST	14018/2135/Jul	10w
FO3DF	14052/0230/Jul	10e	KX6BB	14030/0450/Jul	15w	VP2SU	14031/1905/Jul	12e
FO8EB	14022/0335/Jul	13w	K8/KG6	14030/1335/Jul	11m	VS5MC	14030/1300/Øften	
FK8BR	14046/1000/Jul	11m	K5/KURE	14019/1445/Jul	14w	VP9DL	14006/1905/Jul	12e
GM3KCY	14015/0040/Jul	17e	PJ2JB	14030/0200/Jul	17w	VR4AA	14056/0600/Jul	8e
GI5UR	14014/0040/Jul	17e	PY7/PYØ	14012/1135/Jul	12e			
HK2DP	14007/1120/Jul	16e	SP1CZH	14050/2320/Jul	12w			
HKØBXX	14021/0325/Jul	13w	TG4SR	14087/1640/Jul	11w			
HC1FM	14025/0215/Jul	15w	VA8AX	14023/0255/Jul	13w			
HI8LPN	14002/2155/Jul	14w	VK2SA	14020/1120/Jul	11e			
HI3PC	14049/1245/Jul	9m	VK7RY	14064/0455/Jul	15w			

(e = eastern states n = middle states w = western reaches etc all times in gmt)
 (# = longpath ?? = That sure sounds like Slim off on another dpxpedition...)

FOR SALE Collins 32S1 w/ a.c. pwr sply \$470.00 75S3B \$500.00 Console...\$150.00
 YAESU FT-DX \$425.00...fan/speaker/mike/c.w. filter..

Want KWM2 with plug-in relays. Will trade.....W7HKT, Travelers Lodge, Edmonds, Wash.
 98020....

MORE RED EYED STUFFAFRICA...SSB

A2CCY	14223/1200/Jul	15c#	TR8MC	14226/1950/Jul	8e	5T5LO	14333/2255/Jul	9m
CN8BO	14220/2310/Jul	16e	TR8AF	21303/1815/Jul	13m	7Q7JO	14234/1320/Jul	15m#
CN8CG	14219/2146/Jul	11m	VQ9MC	21315/1850/Jul	6e	7X2BH	14226/2325/Jul	11e
CR5SP	14265/0615/Jul	17w	ZE1DL	14205/1225/Jul	15m	7X2MD	14209/2335/Jul	7w
CR6GA	14197/0510/Jul	13w	ZE8JN	14206/1305/Jul	15m#	9X5NA	14215/0450/Jul	14m
ET3USE	14205/2300/Jul	11e	ZS5BK	14243/1135/Jul	14w			
EL2FC	14331/2150/Jul	10w	5N2ABG	14265/0615/Jul	13w			

ASIA...SSB

HL9KK	14224/1155/Jul	13w	UAØFGM	14217/1230/Jul	14e	9M2LN	14224/1700/Jul	10w
HS1AGQ	14284/1145/Jul	15w	UJ8SAJ	14204/0200/Jul	12e	9N1MM	14205/0140/Jul	12m
HS4AIA	14238/1520/Jul	11w	VS6DD	14274/1245/Jul	17m	9V1RR	14295/1320/Jul	16m
HS4AGN	14319/1320/Jul	16m	VU2GDG	14250/0150/Jul	14w	9V1OI	14280/1200/Jul	14w
JY3ZH	14225/0530/Jul	12w	XU1AA	14214/1430/Jul	16w	4X4NJ	14195/0410/Jul	11w
MP4BJT	14203/0040/Jul	16w	VS6EG	14215/1410/Jul	14w	4Z4OQ	14203/0025/Jul	17m
OD5ET	14222/0500/Jul	13w	9M2EE	14211/1530/Jul	10w			

EUROPE...SSB

CT2AK	14222/0405/Jul	14m	GW3ZWH	14190/2155/Jul	16w	UA3AAX	14202/0330/Jul	14m
CT2BH	14220/0450/Jul	14m	GW4NZ	14207/1210/Jul	17w	UA3CT	14332/0240/Jul	14m
EA3JE	14214/2320/Often		LA6XG	14228/0420/Jul	17w	UC2BA	14222/0405/Jul	14m
EA6BG	14234/2205/Jul	11w	WØ/OHØ	14202/0525/Jul	11e	UO5OAK	14204/0310/Jul	13w
GC5BDX	14232/2310/Jul	14m	OJØAM	14265/0530/Jul	17w	YU2CDS	14226/2355/Jul	14e
GW5ZLF	14213/1630/Jul	15e	PAØGKO	14231/0620/Jul	14w	ZB2CF	14332/1900/Jul	13m
GI3JIM	14234/0630/Jul	19w	UB9ZJ	14220/0450/Jul	15w	9H1CW	14217/2240/Jul	14w

ELSEWHERE...SSB

C21KM	14212/0605/Jul	16w	LU5AAG	14223/0220/Jul	16w	YJ8BD	14234/0740/Jul	12e
CX2CO	14239/0240/Jul	13w	NP3EDG	14241/2340/Jul	15??	YJ8XX	14223/0800/Jul	15e
DU1CM	14242/1430/Jul	11w	OX5NA	14214/0000/Jul	10w	YJ8KM	14253/1135/Jul	13w
DU2EL	14238/1400/Jul	14m	PJ9BB	14231/2315/Jul	13e	ZF1JA	21303/1740/Jul	6e
FPØXX	14204/0030/Jul	18w	VK9UC	14233/0650/Jul	18w	ZK1MA	14251/0350/Jul	12w
FG7TD	14207/2300/Jul	11w	VK9DV	14285/1215/Jul	14w	ZP5WM	14215/2300/Jul	11e
FM7AP	14224/2330/Jul	11e	VK9ZC	14265/0615/Jul	13w	ZPØWL	21300/2340/Jul	15m
HI8XAA	14265/1215/Jul	17w	VK9DH	14207/1510/Jul	14w	ZK1CD	14250/0340/Jul	12w
HR1RSP	14187/1220/Jul	17w	VK9FH	14243/0650/Jul	15e	3D2AZ	14251/0400/Jul	17w
KG4FO	14314/1320/Jul	12w	VKØWW	14251/0505/Jul	12e	3E1KC	21311/1505/Jul	7e
KG4FV	14303/0445/Jul	16w	VP2AB	14219/2200/Jul	11m	8R1JD	14185/2310/Jul	9m
KG6SW	14220/1205/Jul	11e	VP2LAW	14332/0000/Jul	12m	WB4/8R1	14208/2250/Jul	15w
KB6CV	14283/0900/Jul	17w	VP9DC	14275/1215/Jul	17w	8P6ES	21312/0000/Jul	10m
KB6CU	21403/0440/Jul	8e	VR1AC	14221/0520/Jul	19w	6Y5MJ	21290/2345/Jul	9m
KV4AD	21320/2110/Jul	9m	VS5LH	14330/1240/Jul	12m	9M8SDA	14286/1150/Jul	17w
KV4AA	14291/1205/Jul	16w	YB7AAU	14185/1345/Jul	14m	9Y4PH	14185/2300/Jul	9m
WA9/KM6	14261/0540/Jul	12w	YBØAAB	14228/1400/Jul	14m	WA5/KG6	14280/1125/Jul	15m

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

EL2DO	7024/0110/Jul	9e	KZ5BB	7005/1100/Jul	11e	OX3JW	7024/0115/Jul	9e
G3HOO	7080/0615/Jul	17e	LU2ACD	7294/0610/Jul	17e	UK2FAE	7030/0200/Jul	10e
HAØLO	7002/0245/Jul	16e	LZ1KSP	7004/0205/Jul	10e	UY5PA	7014/0310/Jul	16e
HA5FA	7007/0230/Jul	16e	HI7RFM	7011/0310/Jul	16e	VK2WC	7080/0620/Jul	17e
HKØBKX	7178/0300/Jul	15w	ON4LF	7080/0620/Jul	17e	ZK1TA	7091/0630/Jul	16w
JWØAU	7028/0345/Jul	9??	ON5FG	7002/0235/Jul	16e	ZK2BD	7083/0745/Jul	8e
HC2NN	3792/0450/Jul	15w	OA4OS	3807/0410/Jul	15w	ZS6TE	3780/0415/Jul	15w
KP4DLW	3807/0410/Jul	15w	UAØFGM	3618/1045/Jul	8w	ZD6DW	3780/0410/Jul	15w
KS6DY	3805/0730/Jul	10w	VR4BS	3807/0800/Often				
K5/KURE	3805/0700/Often		ZK1TA	3805/0835/Jul	10w			

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CALENDAR

MARKET REEF	OJØAM by OHØMA until about July 26th....
OGASAWARA	JDXA effort from August 1st to 10th.....JD1YAH.
VENEZUELA AIR FORCE	C.W. test this week-end July 28/29th.
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DX	Annual meeting...August 4/5th in Vancouver, British Columbia
W9-DXCC Meeting	21st Annual gathering....Chicago/Highland Park Holiday Inn
EUROPEAN TEST	September 29th....
EUROPEAN TEST	CW go-round...August 11/12th.
All ASIA	August 25th
GUERNSEY	GC5BDP and GC5BDX until July 28.....all bands

PROPAGATION CHECK/28mc BEACONS H S Brown, G3RFG, has been making some systematic checks on the various 28mc beacons, comparing the reception from the beacons to other signals on the air at the same time. Putting forth his own words, the following is quoted from his study:

From the results it can be assumed that beacons are of little use as indicators of band conditions because you might note the number of times that beacons could not be heard when there was lots of activity from other stations in the same location.

I would be very pleased if some stations in Canada, North and South America, both east and west coast areas, could carry out a similar test on all the active 28mc beacons. It would be interesting to note how many amateurs actually check the beacons before or during work on the 28mc band.

H.S.Brown G3RFG

The study runs to several pages. To give an idea of the information contained in the pages, a study made on May 29th of this year is given. Other dates are similar in nature

29 May 73	0800Z	ZC 4CY	S 4	UP2	5Z4	Y08	SMØ	UR2	heard
		3B8MS	Nil						
		DLØIGI	7						
	1000	ZC4CY	Nil	UR2	DJ2	OH2	SM3	SP8	
		3B8MS	Nil						
		DLØIGI	Nil						
	1600	ZC4CY	Nil	RA1	LA7	LU8BAO			
		3B8MS	Nil						
		DLØIGI	Nil						
	1700	ZC4CY	Nil	CT1	LU9FAN	F8			
		3B8MS	Nil						
		DLØIGI	2						

The study is interesting. Send an sase and we will send a copy. Write G3RFG on this...

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VS5MC has as late as last Thursday advised QSLing via the bureau. However, which bureau was the unanswered question and Maurice has advised that it is possible that he will soon have a QSL manager. He will be at Berakas Camp there in Brunei for some months and most everything should be straightened out soon. Meanwhile, work VS5MC first and worry later.

Anyhow, you can QSL a VK9ZC to

TNX t8 W1AM, K2BT, W2OVC, W3CDL, W4BAA, W4EJ, W4HU, K4KQ, W4TUC, W4UF, W5AK, WA5EMH,
 K5KFD, WA5LES, W5UBW, WA5ZNY, WA5ZUH, K6AQV, K6HTM/F2, K6JB, WA6JVD, K6KI, K6KII,
 W6KYA, K6LAE, W6PT, WB6RIU, K6SX, W6TSQ, W6TTS, W6VBI, K6WR, K6ZDL, W6YFR, WB6ZUC,
 W7NCO, K7NHG, W7VRO, W8OA, W8ZOK, W9DDL, WØIYP, W6GVM, FPØXX, JA1KSO, G3RFG.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the UHF types came by last week, his brow somewhat furrowed in puzzlement. "Say", he said with an unusually original opening, "Sometimes I don't understand you DXers at all". This got our attention for we have found that DXers are a truthful, honest and straight-forward example of all the best in Amateur Radio. "What's the problem", we asked. "Well", the UHFer said, "I thought it was pretty exciting when I worked a Russian through OSCAR VI. But when I told this to this DXer type, all he said was. 'It had better not be UJ8AC or you will never get a QSL' ". The UHFer fastened his close-set eyes on us. "Just what does he mean by that?". Son of a Gun, what could we say? Some just don't understand things at all. "Why", we said. "It's perfectly clear. Everyone knows you cannot get a QSL out of UJ8AC. What else is new?". But somehow we felt that we hadn't gotten the message across. But for \$9.00 a year you will see the weekly effort to get the DX messages across....\$10.50 brings it airmail. Sometimes we wonder if others have trouble understanding these UHFers...

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