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BHuTAN W6KNH and VU2KV plan to mount a Bhutan operation for four days from December 28th and will sign A55KV.

Clyde Schoenfeld, W6KNH, will be on a world trip and will be in India next month, probably being in Calcutta for Christmas, and in Bhutan for New Years. Venkat, VU2KV, made a short operation from Bhutan in May 1972, conditions not being favorable for an extended stay and the operation left many needing Bhutan. The exact time for the operation to open will depend on the progress made through India and Nepal prior to going to Bhutan.

The operation will use both c.w. and SSB. Frequencies will be

SSB: 14195kc 21290kc 28600kc....what frequencies will be used on the lower bands will be decided after their arrival and will be announced.

C.W. 10kc inside the lower edge of all high-frequency and low-frequency bands.

Gear will include a beam for the higher frequencies and a linear will be available for all bands.

QSLs will be handled by W6KNH. More details will be coming on this before Clyde and his XYL depart. This effort has been in the planning stage for some time and things are rather solid at this time.

KAMARAN 4W1AF and FL8OM will be on Kamaran Island for two days late this month, their plans calling for operations on November 24/25th.

As of this time there are two definite frequencies...14177kc and 7085kc. These are crystal-controlled frequencies and additional frequencies may develop. The trip to Kamaran will be on a small plane and space will only allow a ground-plane antenna. External VFOs will be available. While the above are transmitting frequencies, listening frequencies will be announced.

This is planned to be the first of several trips to the island which belongs to 4W1-Yemen Arab Republic. The call-sign is not complete but may be a VS9K-call. Many tend to show signs of rigidity over the prefix, pointing out that it was a prefix assigned to the British, they leaving the area some years ago. The ARRL DXCC Desk has in some prior instances indicated that they are not up tight over a call-sign, being more concerned over the authenticity of the operation.

Anyhow, work them first, worry later. And do your dance for good band conditions.

BAJA NUEVO Reports are that WB0ANT has authorization from the Colombian government for HK0AA to be used late in December in an effort with WA0VKP and WA0MHJ. HK0BKX has been assisting in lining things up and there should be more information on this as the plannings jell.

SUNSPOT LOUIE W8ZOK is still down in Florida decimating the grouper population off Clearwater Beach but while he is gone, WB4SLJ forwards some late information on sunspots, expectations and such other important matters. For September, the Zurich sunspot data showed a mean of 60.8 sunspots with a peak of 135 sunspots on September 3rd. During the four days from September 2nd to 5th there were over 100 sunspots visible on each day.

There were no sunspots on September 13th and 14th. The late rally towards the end of September found the totals in the 80s in the period September 25-28th and tapering off. On September 30th the count was 71.

For comparison and for those with long memories, the mean number for August was 25.6.

The predicted numbers for the coming months are: December 29; January 28; and for February 27. There is a decline but hold on long enough and you will find the numbers heading up again..

It always has.....

MARCUS As of now we still have not figured out what happened to the JD1AJA plans for Marcus during the CQ Test but KA1BL continues to show up fairly regularly from the island. KA1BL was at 21370kc/0050Z on November 2nd.

MANIHIKI ZK1MA, Tuatai Tupou, will be taking down the station there on Manihiki and relocating to Rarotonga where he will continue his work with the Cook Islands government. An effort is being made to get a license for his replacement there on Manihiki but this is not certain at this time.

On ZK1TA, which seems as though it will count only for Manihiki, W6KNH notes that he will shortly be gone from the country for three months or so and anyone needing a QSL for ZK1TA and ZK1AI should either move soon or be prepared to wait. On the ZK1MA QSLs, Clyde expects to have the complete logs, including any last minute operations by Tuatai, waiting for him when he returns from his long trip.

TRINIDAD--CQ CW TEST W4BRB will operate 160mtrs, cw exclusively and with a KW of power from Trinidad in the upcoming Great CQ WW DX TEST, and will sign 9Z4GS. Also along on the trip down to Trinidad for the test will be a number of other West Palm Beach operators including K4SHB and this group will sign 9Z4CW in a multi/multi effort in the test. Gene and his friends were in VP7=Bahamas for the CQ WW Phone Test in October. The following fills in some details.

ZF1GS/VP7 CONTEST REPORT Someone mentioned to Gene Sykes, W4BRB, that during the October Test that a ZF1/VP7 was heard calling CQ around 3811kc and with a number of stations from the Great Smokies west calling, the ZF1/VP7 would only occasionally raise a station and generally worked only an occasional W4.... Gene writes

I know what you are referring to.. How I know!! At that particular "point in time", the first cold front of the year had moved into the south Florida peninsula. Grand Bahama Island, where we were located, is due east of that area, the nearest point being some 60 miles and separated by the Gulf Stream.

From all accounts the front got stalled by the Gulf Stream and just hung there all night, somewhere in that 60 mile slot. ZF1GW/VP7 which was operated by WB4TAF/WB4GWL/WA4SVH/WB4EYX and W4ORT, were operating multi operator/single transmitter and ran into that noise headon...

I can swear to this because I was operating in the adjoining apartment on 1.8mc in a single band/single operator effort and the static was unreal. The front moved in about 0130Z and my log for 160mtrs showed that between 0000Z and 0100Z I worked some 25 stations on 160mtrs. From 0100 to 0115 only three more though I could hear all kinds of calls at unreadable levels. The multi-band ZF1GW/VP7 kept relaying messages that stations were calling me. The QRN was so bad that I gave up and sacked out for two hours. I kept getting up at hourly intervals but the situation persisted all night. The first night I worked 28 contacts, 80% in the first hour. The second night I picked up 100 contacts but the damage had been done. WA4SGF another 160mtr buff, reported 'nt static the same as I had...+20db. It was a disaster...

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FGØAFA/FS7 St. MARTIN REPORT Last month John Irwin, K6SE/2, went south to French St. Martin to operate during the CQ WW Test, working with K2FJ in a combined operation with K2FU operating PJ8DX/PJ7 in Dutch Sint Maarten, the other part of the same island. John writes:

Our suitcase DXpedition was a qualified success with some troubles with equipment, site, antenna, health (fatigue), none of them deadly. If I had to do it again I would take down in addition, a 4-element beam, an alarm clock and some insect repellent and not necessarily in that order. My Hy-Gain 18AVT/WB had its base one foot above the beach just outside of Room 6 at the Hôtel Le Pirate in Marigot. I was working barefoot. PJ8DX/PJ7 had a relatively poor location for stateside with his signals down perhaps two to four S-units. We had a good run together on 28mc Saturday in the contest. 28mc was good for me with 532 QSOs Saturday and 830 (alone) Sunday. U.S. Hams were splendidly cooperative. The worse feature was that a non-negligible percentage of them and especially the louder ones, sounded as though they had been filtered through a nutmeg grater.

The one-way skip was at times incredible. Stations barely readable were giving to me consistently 5/9 or 5/9 plus reports even when they had ten times the power. It worked the other way also, at times being extremely frustrating.

We worked a considerable number of West Coast stations on 40 and 80 but the background QRN was high and there must have been plenty that I could not copy or hear. Conditions for the PACDXNET were poor. We gave some assistance to FGØZZ in raising his 6-element beam---he was working pile-ups we couldn't even hear. Those lads were old hands at contests and did a superb job and probably bringing French St. Martin down in rarity by 50 or more countries. Their operation location was at a spot 1400 feet above sea level.

A QSL card have been made out with W2MIG helping me, for all 3842 QSOs made with FGØAFA/FS7 from St. Martin and these went into the mails on November 7th. About 500 QSLs with ease were received in less than ten days after the contest. These were answered and the rest went via the bureaus.

John Irwin K6SE/2

CAMBODIA With the SEANET Convention coming up over the last week-end, there has been no really late word on the XU1AA plans and nothing also which would indicate any change in plans. Look for them around Tuesday if all goes well. The last word from them was that they would go to Phnom Penh from Singapore and operate for a couple of days before heading home.

LORD HOWE Indicators are that the operation of VK4AK did get to Lord Howe Island but only fragmentary reports have been received on any possible operations. Last week there was a report relayed that he had been heard in the 3.5mc band....as of Saturday there was a report that he would be on the air over the weekend.

AGALEGA QSLs Tack, JAØCUV/1, writes to report that the only logs he has received from 3B6CF cover the March 19th to April 21st period and that he is waiting for additional logs to clean up the QSLs on hand.

There is no regular service between Agalega and Mauritius and any movement of mail or other correspondence generally must depend on the ship which supplies the weather station there. These ships go only once or twice a year and the receipt of additional logs will depend on this service. Tack asks for patience in waiting on the 3B6CF QSLs and he will answer all on hand as quickly as he can obtain the logs.

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QSL...

A2CAE Box 49, Gaborone, Botswana
A6XF Box 1057, Charjah, United Arab Emirates
A4XFJ Box 981, Muscat, Oman
A4XFF Box 981, Muscat, Oman
CR5AJ Box 261, Sao Thome, West Africa
CR6QR Box 568, Luanda, Angola
K5QHS/CE0Z Box 218, Broken Bow, Okla. 74728
CT2AZ J L Ritzen, USN/AF, Box 15 APO New York 09406
DA1QN Box 412, OPSC, APO N.Y. 09611
DM8THI Box 9, Ilmenau, East German Democratic Republic
EA8FE Box 860, Las Palmas, Canary Islands
EA8FF Box 260, Las Palmas, Canary Islands
EA8JE Box 81, Puerto Osario, Canary Islands
EL2CQ Box 192, Monrovia, Liberia
HC8SB Guayaquil Radio Club, Box 5757, Guayaquil, Ecuador
FR7AX Box 109, LePort, 97420 Reunion Island
FGØZZ/FS7 R Genehl, 95 Rue H. Ribusse, 92700 Colombes, France
FGØAFA/FS7 John Irwin, 578 Morris Ave, #A-6, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208
IT9BWO Box 18, Termini, Sicily
JY5HC Box 2353, Amman, Jordan
PZØAA Box 566, Paramaribo, Brazil
TI3QH Box 703, San Jose, Costa Rica
TR8AF Box 208, Libreville, Gabon
TR8PB Box 13122, Libreville, Gabon
TG8GI Box 115, Guatemala City, Guatemala
TN8BK Box 2217, Brazzaville, Congo Republic
VQ9s/Farquhar Box 193, Mahe, Seychelles
VP1SYL 6365 Kingston Court, New Orleans, La. 70114
VP2LAW Box 91, St. Lucia, BWI
KP4DMA/VP7 ETN1 Howard Robbins, USN Facility, FPO N.U. 09556
VP7BK Box 8688, Nassau, Bahamas
VK9ZC c/o Post Office, Croydon, 3136, Australia
XW8FB U.S. Embassy, APO San Francisco 96352
XW8FA USAID/PMB, APO San Francisco 96352
YB7AAU Box 47, Balikpapan, Indonesia
ZD7SS Box 16, Jamestown, St. Helena Island
ZD9GC F Nel, 12 Morgan St. Delville, Germiston, Republic of South Africa
ZK1DX Box 269, Rarotonga, Cook Islands
ZB2BL Box 292, Gibraltar
ZF1WE Box 440, Grand Cayman Island, BWI
3E1KC Box 1074, Panama City, Panama
5T5FP Box 42, Nouadhibou, Mauritania
5W1AN Box 1147, Apia, Western Samoa
5N2ESH Eric Sherlock, Box 3034, Lagos, Nigeria
5U7BA Box 877, Niamey, Niger
5U7BB Box 302, Niamey, Niger
5H3AP Box 5, Kilamanjaro Apts, Moshi, Tanzania
5Z4NH Box 871, Thika, Kenya
5Z4KL Andre Saunders, West Coullie Croft, Udny, Aberdeenshire, Scotland
5V7GE Box 196, Atakpame, Togo
7P8AB Box 389, Maseru, Lesotho
8R1X Box 164, Georgetown, Guyana
8P6ES Box 814E, Bridgetown, Guyana
9G1AR Box 194, American Embassy, Accra, Ghana

MORE RED EYED MADNESS

CT1UE	21310/1630/Nov	1w	GI3IVJ	14205/1610/Nov	5w	OH5WH	14203/2105/Nov	4w
CT1EQ	14235/1210/Nov	1e	GW8DY	21254/1820/Nov	1w	OH8TP	14204/2120/Nov	4w
CT1XKA	21372/1650/Nov	3e	HB9WU	21421/1620/Nov	4e	PAØSMK	14333/1725/Nov	6w
CT2AK	21355/1910/Nov	5w	ISØRUA	21318/1650/Nov	2m	SL5AB	14209/1925/Nov	5w
CT2BJ	21270/1605/Nov	4e	IT9BWO	14207/1450/Nov	4m#	WA1/TF	14240/2110/Nov	2e
CT2AZ	21310/1845/Nov	5w	IØOO	14211/1550/Nov	2w#	UA4BM	14212/1455/Nov	3w#
DL5DD	14207/1455/Nov	4m#	LX1BJ	14333/1720/Nov	6w	UK2WAF	14202/1320/Nov	4e
EA4JF	14205/1550/Nov	2w#	LA7DB	14212/1520/Nov	6w	UY5UX	14333/1720/Nov	6w
EA5AX	14206/1520/Nov	2w#	M1B	21275/1555/Nov	4e	YU4EBL	14217/1510/Nov	3w#
EA3JE	14212/1800/Nov	5w	OE9JKI	21300/1520/Nov	4w#	YO3AC	21320/1445/Nov	2e
EA6BJ	21322/1610/Nov	3e	OE3UP	14212/1600/Nov	5w	9H1CD	21297/1630/Nov	1w
EI9V	14244/1915/Nov	1e	OH2MM	14203/2120/Nov	4w	9H4BW	21315/1555/Nov	4e
GC3EML	14232/2010/Nov	2e	OH2BM	14217/1500/Nov	4w	9H1AF	21320/1130/Nov	5e
GI3JIM	21275/1510/Oct	30e	OH3YI	14220/1900/Nov	6w			

ELSEWHEREs . . . SSB

CE8DK	21339/1740/Nov	2w	LU4FSB	14233/0140/Nov	7w	VP2VPH	14201/1225/Nov	3e
DU1BOB	21314/CO00/Oct	31m	LU8FT	28573/1955/Nov	5e	VP2EN	21295/1530/Nov	2e
FP8DH	21278/1720/Nov	3e	OA4HJ	14233/0155/Nov	7w	YSØGDD	21293/1705/Nov	5e
FY7YO	21369/1655/Nov	3e	OX5NB	14224/0120/Nov	4e	ZL1AQ	28597/2305/Nov	3e
HC8FB	21383/1640/Oct	30e	PJ2ARI	21309/1615/Nov	4e	3E1KC	21355/1800/Nov	3m
HC8FN	14320/0130/Nov	7w	PZ1DJ	14220/2310/Oct	30kv	6Y5LA	14207/1505/Nov	3w
HC8GI	21325/1650/Nov	3m	TG9EP	14333/1830/Nov	4e	8R1G	21289/2025/Nov	1e
HCØHM	14217/0000/Nov	3e	TG8KT	14218/1230/Nov	5e	8R1X	14220/0240/Nov	3m
HH2FW	21415/1505/Nov	4e	TI2AJF	28500/1830/Nov	5e	8R1N	21325/1835/Nov	1w
H18XAW	14333/1830/Nov	4e	VK8OM	21299/0020/Nov	4w	8P6AC	28596/1695/Nov	4e
HP1NU	28562/1740/Oct	30e	VP2VAN	21355/1825/Oct	30e	8P6CG	28555/1625/Nov	4e
KC6VE	21283/2245/Nov	3m	VP2SAF	21314/1820/Nov	1e	9Y4VV	14215/1115/Nov	3e
KJ6BZ	14342/0305/Nov	3e	VP2GBL	21283/1920/Nov	1e	8P6AE	14224/2300/Nov	3e
KJ6CF	14263/0000/Nov	4e	VP2LAS	21334/1745/Nov	1e	HKØBKX	21350/1730/Nov	9w

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CM3IN	7012/2240/Nov	2m	KS6DH	7080/0500/Nov	1m	VP2EN	7005/2230/Nov	2m
CO2DR	7009/0410/Nov	2w	KV4FZ	7160/1050/Nov	2e	VP2MQB	7088/0945/Oct	30e
CO6OH	7031/0125/Oct	30e	KP4UW	7020/1140/Nov	3e	VP2VAN	7224/1110/Oct	30e
CO6TM	7035/0410/Nov	6m	KX6BU	7090/0745/Oct	27kv	VP2GBL	7155/1050/Nov	2e
CO7CD	7047/0215/Nov	1e	KV4FC	7160/1040/Nov	2e	YV1AD	7005/1125/Nov	3e
CT1QN	7004/2240/Nov	2m	KZ5PW	7080/0500/Nov	1m	ZF1SB	7025/1140/Nov	4e
DM4WFF	7033/0200/Nov	3e	OE3HZG	7035/0140/Nov	4e	ZL4NH	7077/1115/Nov	3e
FK8KAA	7006/1500/Nov	4e	PY7BXC	7006/0405/Nov	2w	ZM3DR	7014/1140/Oct	30e
HA1ØHS	7035/0125/Nov	3e	SVØWTT	7010/0250/Nov	6e	4K1D	7005/0115/Nov	4e
HH2WF	7031/0135/Nov	3e	TI2CF	7010/1110/Nov	3e	8P6BU	7020/1100/Nov	3e
H17RFM	7011/0130/Oct	30e	VK2BM	7089/1040/Nov	2e	9G1HE	7004/0520/Nov	3e
IT9RMH	7024/0355/Nov	2e	VK2SA	7010/1150/Nov	2e			
CN8CG	3797/0710/Nov	7e	HKØBKX	3778/0240/Nov	7w	UAØFGM	3622/1300/Tues	
CT2AK	3778/0350/Nov	7w	IØAMU	3790/0540/Nov	7e	VP2EN	3794/0550/Nov	7e
DJØFX	3510/0435/Nov	5e	I8FTF	3794/0600/Nov	7e	VP2LL	3810/1040/Oct	31e
DM3V00	3512/0500/Nov	4e	KG4CB	3791/0630/Nov	1w	ZD7FT	3788/2240/Nov	3kv
DK1NL	3502/0210/Nov	4e	KS6DH	3785/0520/Nov	1m	ZF1GC	3776/0100/Nov	4kv
EA8CR	3788/0625/Nov	6w	KV4FC	3810/1040/Oct	31e	ZF1JA	3788/0505/Nov	1w
F2MO	3794/0555/Nov	7e	KZ5PW	3785/0530/Nov	1m	ZF1AK	3787/0340/Nov	4e
F6BKW	3780/0500/Nov	2e	ON5TW	3778/0500/Nov	2e	ZK2BD	3786/0645/Nov	3w
G3GKA	3786/0705/Nov	4e	PZ1CQ	3529/0430/Nov	6m	ZS6DW	3779/0330/Nov	5w
GM3TSC	3767/0630/Oct	28kv	TI2WD	3501/0155/Nov	4e	8P6AU	3790/0020/Nov	1kv
GW6GW	3771/0550/Oct	28kv	TU2DO	3781/0620/Nov	6w	9G1HE	3779/0530/Nov	7w

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

UP! Up! my friend and clear your looks,
Why all this toil and trouble?

AFRICA...CW

EA8GU	21056/1330/Nov	4e	FR7AX	21046/1400/Nov	3e	ZS5JF	21059/1700/Nov	1m
EL2DK	14022/2205/Nov	2m	TR8PB	14023/2155/Nov	2m	ZS6KI	28027/1630/Nov	4e
FB8XA	21011/1430/Nov	3e	ZD9GG	21065/1500/Oct	22hs	5T5FP	21044/1520/Nov	4e
FR7AX	14009/1650/Nov	5w	ZD8JW	14082/2025/Nov	2m	9X5PT	14035/2245/Nov	6m

ASIA...CW

A51PN	14038/1030/Oct	21hs	JT0AE	14032/0030/Nov	1e	UWØLQ	14035/0040/Nov	1e
JA7FS	14028/2210/Nov	2m	UI8IC	14025/1320/Nov	2e	UWØIZ	14047/0130/Nov	5m
JF1XPU	14040/0235/Nov	5m	UI8ABA	14041/0205/Oct	27m	VU7GV	14055/1600	

EUROPE...CW

DJ4TR	14027/1620/Nov	5w	LA6ES	14027/1625/Nov	5w	OX8WH	14045/1620/Nov	7w
DK6NC	21125/1220/Nov	2m	LZ1KSP	14039/1600/Nov	2w	PAØHR	14030/1815/Nov	2w
EA6BD	14035/1930/Nov	6e	OE6RN	21032/1215/Nov	4e	PAØEO	14031/1625/Nov	7w
F2KX	14038/1710/Nov	1w	OE6MKG	14038/1555/Nov	1w	SM2CEW	14033/1605/Nov	6w
F6ARC	21025/1630/Nov	1w	OH2JC	14036/1840/Nov	2w	SM6AUM	14038/1600/Nov	1w
GW4BJE	14035/1920/Nov	6e	OH6MM	14036/1900/Nov	7w	SM7DEJ	21112/1405/Nov	2m
HA5KBO	14043/1600/Nov	6e	OK3DG	14038/1635/Nov	1w	SP7ID	14038/1640/Nov	1w
HA5KRL	14039/1550/Nov	22	OY5NS	14047/1330/Nov	1e	SV1TL	21040/1355/Nov	2m
HA8KBE	14027/1600/Nov	5w	OZ6XR	14038/1535/Nov	1w	UO5GR	14023/2016/Nov	2e
JW1SO	14004/1250/Nov	2e	OZ2ON	14075/1615/Nov	7w	9H1BT	21060/1525/Nov	4e

ELSEWHERE...CW

CX2CA	21107/1245/Nov	3m	OX3CM	14027/1400/Oct	27m	VP2VBU	21014/1440/Nov	3e
UP2/C02	14050/1655/Oct	28m	PY1NBA	21153/2225/Nov	2m	VS2OB	21038/2230/Nov	2m
FG7AL	14037/1340/Nov	2m	PY2DN	21101/2220/Nov	2m	ZI4CA	14048/0540/Nov	1w
HC1GC	14024/1215/Oct	28m	PZ1AL	14089/0310/Oct	29m	ZM2AFZ	14025/0435/Nov	5m
HI3PC	14036/1530/Oct	31e	VP2EN	14020/2135/Nov	2e	4K1A	14027/2300/Nov	1e
LU1DSE	14055/2305/Nov	6m	VP2MDX	14023/2100/Nov	2e	9Y4VU	14016/2210/Nov	2m
LU7BN	14030/2215/Nov	2m	VP2MDX	21015/1405/Nov	2m			

AFRICA...SSB

A2CCY	21351/1735/Nov	1e	TR8MC	14224/2000/Nov	3w	5Z4TE	28563/1545/Nov	4e
CR4BS	21309/1750/Nov	1e	TR8SS	21326/1935/Oct	30e	6W8DY	21350/1820/Nov	1e
CR4BS	14330/2350/Nov	5w	TU2EF	14221/0015/Nov	4e	9G1AR	14215/0110/Nov	3e
CR6OR	21351/1905/Nov	4e	TY1JW	21276/1610/Nov	2m	9G1GG	21330/0000/Nov	6w
CR6QR	28585/1540/Nov	4e	VQ9R	21353/1835/Often		9G1AR	21380/1530/Nov	3e
CR6JA	21299/1830/Nov	1w	VQ9DC	14333/1835/Oct	31e	9J2FD	21353/1750/Nov	3e
CR7CH	28570/1540/Nov	4e	VQ9MI	21310/1645/Nov	6e	9J2FC	21352/1755/Nov	3e
CR7AF	21330/2020/Nov	2e	XT2AA	14260/2200/Nov	2e	9J2JD	28577/1535/Nov	4e
CR7CM	28540/1610/Nov	4e	ZD7FT	28570/1605/Nov	4e	9J2BL	21370/1845/Nov	5w
CN8CG	14330/0000/Nov	6w	ZE4JW	21297/1835/Nov	5w	9X5VA	21355/1730/Often	
EA8JJ	21355/1855/Nov	4e	ZS6DI	28601/1600/Nov	4e			
EA8CR	14224/1650/Nov	1kh	3D6AB	14205/2200/Nov	2e			
EL7F	21295/1755/Nov	3w	5Y4XNY	21281/1840/Oct	31e			
EL2CY	14231/2335/Nov	3e	5U7AZ	14332/2010/Nov	2e			
ET3JH	14219/2055/Nov	2e	5U7BA	21306/1740/Nov	1e			

ASIA...SSB

A6XP	14224/1600/Nov	1w#	JG1BUB	21264/0100/Nov	4w	VU2GDG	14211/0115/Nov	4e
HL9VM	21312/2300/Nov	3w	JY9GR	14215/1415/Nov	1w	XV5AC	14205/2315/Nov	2e
HM1GN	21312/2300/Nov	3w	KA1BL	21370/0050/Nov	2e	4W1AF	14232/1600/Nov	3w

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii kv = virgin)
(islands etc. all times in # = longpath ??? = Slim! is always with us)

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CALENDAR

GAMBIA	OH2BH signing ZD3X from November 19th to 25th..
CAMBODIA	XU1AA by the W6-Group and Friends possible in mid=week
BHUTAN	A55KV by W6KNH and VU2KV about December 28th
KAMARAN	VS9K ...November 24/25th
BAJA NUEVO	HKØAA last part of December....
VS6 ACTIVITY	November 17/18th....all bands/all modes/all VS6s.
CQ WW TEST	C.W Go-round....November 24/25th....Prepare
ARKANSAS DX MEET	At the Trade Winds Hotel in Ft. Smith....December 8th.
ARRL 160mtrs	December 8/9th
WORLD DX TEST	World Champion Competition..1st Contest...lasts all year..From Jan 1..

AVES?? A month or two back we reported that YV8AL might be heard from Aves during September, this being a station with a scientific group there to study the turtles. The group did make a stay on Aves, weighed, measured and tagged a goodly number of green sea turtles, had to leave temporarily when Hurricane Christine threatened and returned to the Virgin Islands where the group which cooperated in the study, the Island Resources Foundation, is headquartered at Hams Lagoon Marina.

The study was in cooperation with the Fundacion La Salle of Venezuela. They were there but....unfortunately....we came across no reports of contacts with YV8AL on Aves.

SOUTH SANDWICH There is interest and something may develop and a second group is investigating the possibilities. In a previous article we mentioned it as VP8-South Sandwich but should it be an Argentine effort it will have a LU-Z call, both of these countries indicating a proprietary interest in the islands.

Anyhow, there presently is a research vessel in Buenos Aires for some repair and maintenance work and one faction is checking into the possibility of transportation to the South Sandwich area. Any action will have to be in the next couple of months as their summer will be starting in another five weeks or so and then Fall should come about three months later....this year around March 21st...give or take a day or two.

BOUVENT Something seems to be still stirring on this possibility and some of the indicators are that something in connection with the Weather Station that South Africa got permission to build a few years back may be developing. Rather than rehash all the previous reports, at this point all that will be said is that the possibilities seem to be still alive and with patience you may yet get to hear a 3Y-Station from Bouvet. There is one report that a survey party out in the area recently came back with the report that even a helicopter might find difficulty in landing on Bouvet and that initially it would seem that both personnel, equipment and supplies will have to be lowered from any helicopter ferrying to the island.

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ARRL On October 25th, the FCC released a notice of inquiry asking suggestions for Amateur Satellite service rules. Six amateur satellite stations have been launched since Oscar I in 1961, each had waivers from the FCC by special actions as needed. At this time the FCC seems to be concerned about the 435-438mc area which in the allocation tables the amateurs share with radiopositioning, this latter needing protection from harmful interference. The FCC is also asking comments on types of stations, requirements for stations and privileges, licensing processes, classes of license necessary, technical standards, telecommand and telemetry requirements, emission, identification and logging requirements. Comment deadline is January 7th of next year.

CONTEST WRAPUP PJ9GIW manned by the Atlanta Radio Club operators scored about 11,400,000 points in the CQ WW phone test, operating in the multi-multi category. They expect to be high in the finals. QSLs go to K4BAI.

WB4NXR/VP7 made about 550 QSOs on ten meters--single operator and ZF1GW/VP7 made some 2924 QSOs....almost 1300 on 15mtrs. This was a single transmitter/multi operator effort. Fred Laun, LU5HFI, made 3 098 511 points...75 countries on 10mtrs/72 on 15mtrs/87 on twenty meters. This was a single operator effort. He could only find 3 on 160mtrs. VP2M made 5100 QSOs in the test...single trans/multi operator TNX to W1AM, WA2AUB, K2BT, W2FPM, W2OVC, W3CDL, W3USS, K3ZOL, W4BFB, W4EH, W4HU, W4KA, WB4SIJ, WB4TAF, W4TUC, W4UF, W5ALA, K5FID, W5KGJ, W5OSJ, W5UBW, W6APW, W6BJI, W6GVM, W6DIN, K6KA, W6KNH, W6KYA, W6MI, W6SE/2, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6UFT, K6UJS, K6WR, ACE, K7NHG, W7YR, W7YTN, W8BQV, W8IBX, W9ZTI WØDAD/KH6, WØJRN, WØNDX, KL7HSA, KV4AM, KV4FZ, G3REFG, JAØCUV/1, HS4AGN, OH2BH, LF1GS/VP7.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPer came by last week and we talked of a number of things. We got to telling him about ZL4CA who was on twenty c.w. 1 st week. "You know", we said, "he was first licensed in 1917". This bit of information fell awful flat as the QRPer could not extend his perspective that far into the past. We tried but he could not get it. Finally we said: "You know, he was licensed long before you could buy sliced bread at the grocery". This hit him. "You mean that bread did not always come sliced?". He asked and we knew that we had lost again. For many, all things began when they gained awareness and for \$9.00 a year you can be aware of what you missed in DX... \$10.50 brings it by airmail. Sooner or later most will find out that to make a point you'll have to relate to something to eat...

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