

WEST COAST DX Bulletin

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July 2, 1974 27-74

KINGMAN REEF Hardly anyone was not in on the act as the week-end developed and by this time just about everyone will have known how things went as the Northern California DX Group tried to locate low-lying Kingman Reef. As Friday closed:....[GMT/UTC that is]..they had decided to stop the search for the reef until they could get a good navigational star fix and determine how far the ocean currents had swept them from their intended course. If all was figured out, they should have been on the air late Saturday. Previously the group had made close to 10,000 QSOs from Palmyra with the KP6PA operation. All of these plus the VR3AG and the KP6KR cards go to W6WX which is the call held by members of the Northern California DX Foundation. These cards should go to Box 717, Oakland, Calif. 94604.

CARIBBEAN K5QHS got delayed at Miami when enroute to the Lesser Antilles and was a day behind schedule last weekend. However, San should have shown from Martinique over last weekend and will move on to Dominica to celebrate the 4th of July in that British outpost. Check 3815kc/0200Z each day for late information as K5QHS keeps a schedule with the Arkansas DX Assn members. This is primarily a lower frequency effort with 160mtrs the first ten minutes of each hour around 1805kc.

EGYPT VE6CBJ/SU has been reported active again after correcting his problems with the rig. He should be active until about the middle of August and is frequently found around the 14220kc area/2300Z running a bit of traffic into Canada. QSL to VE1AL.

NEW ONES Independence for Transkei from South Africa seems to be very near and word out of that area indicates that matters are proceeding. The drawing up of a constitution for Trnskei is expected to form a blueprint for other Bantu homelands to follow.

One of the cantons in Switzerland is thinking of the same route, according to the newspapers, and the Canton of Jura a week or so back conducted a referendum and narrowly voted to secede from Switzerland. This might be another one to watch.

COCOS-KEELING VK9YV continues to be reported on Cocos-Keeling though few direct reports have been received. Indicators are that this one operates in the 14285kc area from 0500Z. QSLs to VK6SW.

WIND AND TIDE AND THINGS The initial problems at Kingman apparently came from trying to find the reef by allowing for the drift as indicated on the charts for the area. However, it seems that the currents ran opposite to the chart and compounded the correction cranked into the course and they ended about twenty miles away. Some at home expressed surprise they shut down so early on Friday. At that latitude there is little change in sunrise/sunset hours during the year. Sunset last week would have been around 6:15p.m. Palmyra Time....and in December when days are supposed to be the shortest, it would have been around 5:55 Palmyra Local Time. Sunrise last weekend would be around 5:50a.m., in December it would be 5:55a.m. Kingman has been described as about 50 square feet in area, slippery and often water-logged. From the deck of a boat, a low-lying spot like that is hard to spot. Prove it to yourself by taking the square root of altitude and multiplying by 1.4. The answer in miles may give some idea how limited your horizon is when you are down low.

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SHORTLY NOTED VK9RH continues to show from Norfolk, being on forty c.w. last week. But

Some Italian activity from Somalia also rumored.
W20VC went to court last week on one case and the matter was postponed until Septem-

back at the Yorktown Court House on July 9th on this one...
Some of the indigenous types along the banks of the Potomac had a luncheon for LU5HFT

Some characteristics of the Red Eyed Louie reports are noticeable as the sunspot

home address at WØ OPW. Look for 5W1AB on a sked...7005/0500Z Mondays.
 ==FOR SALE== W6KDI decided to improve his signal last May and put up a quad at his

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THE STATE OF THE DX WORLD

We have a feeling hereabouts that DX is possibly at a point where several roads to the future are open and that some of the decisions may be coming shortly. While there are some who are ready to complain that nothing is ever done right, there is also the belief that W2TUK and the Board of Directors are earnestly trying to do their best and some reasoned and logical assistance will be invaluable. Following this trend of thought, some letters giving insight to all DXers will be run when we can manage it. We think this letter from W4BAA will help some in their consideration of the needs of DX and the deserving DXers...

To: DX Advisory Committee
L L Lamb W3BWZ

Dear Lynn:

I attach my answers to your DXCC questions but I also have a few comments on Rule 9 etc. which I set forth below for your consideration.

First let me briefly list a little of my DX Background so you will know I'm not shooting from the hip.

W9KHD	1932-1945	
W6WKU	1945-1950	174 countries worked WAZ No 16. DXCC No. 113
W9WKU	1951-1972	315 countries confirmed
W4BAA	1973---	194 countries confirmed

I think you may note that I have had to start DXCC all over again three times since WW II.

I do not happen to think the Honor Roll is a life or death situation but I do object to the fact that Rule 9, and the listing of inactive countries, makes it practically impossible for someone who moves to ever make it.

Considering the mobility of the U.S. population, Rule 9 favors those who fortunately have never left their district.

How reasonable is the rule? Here are some rather startling facts....

How Far Can You Move in Your Own District?

W1	525 Miles	W4	1000 miles	W7	1500 Miles	WØ	1200m.
W2	375	W5	1050	W8	825		
W3	375	W6	900	W9	710		

WOW!! A W7 can go from Bellingham, Washington to Douglas, Arizona, a distance greater than from Chicago to Cuba...three times the distance a W2 or W3 can move and ten times the Rule 9 Call-Area to Call-Area limit.

Mobility of the Ham Population

The 1974 Callbook lists 73000 address changes from 1973. How many moved to a new call area? Here's some idiot work to give you a clue...the result of some red-eyed work for two districts.

Number Moving from W4 and W9 Districts in 1973-1974

To	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	W8	W9	WØ	F	Total
Fr W9	11	18	14	89	25	44	28	32	—	66	2	339
Fr W4	18	17	44	—	79	40	32	36	26	38	9	339
	29	35	58	89	114	84	60	68	26	104	11	678

[more-more-more]

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W4BAA on DXCC Rule 9 (cont'd)

Amazingly enough, 339 amateurs moved from each district, a total of 678 who changed QTHs in 1973.

If one extrapolates these figures (O.K., I know I cannot), let us see what it might look like

339 as a percentage of 38 761 W4 amateurs = .87%

339 as a percentage of 25 685 W9 amateurs = 1.3%

Expanding this to ten districts, 339 amateurs x 10 districts = 33 900 changes in QTH. As a part of 280 000 licensed amateurs, this would be equal to 1.3% of the licensees changing QTHs in a year.

If 1% of the U.S. amateurs move in a year, this would figure out to 2800 amateurs moving, in a ten year period this would involve 28 000 amateurs.

That's quite a group. And how many are DXers? Maybe no one knows but the point is that there must be quite a few that have to start again and that is part of the big load on Bob White and the DXCC Desk at ARRL headquarters.

RECOMMENDATION

Since Rule 9 does not recognize the vast distances one can move in his own district and since it was developed over 25 years ago when the U.S. population was not as mobile as today, Rule 9 should be changed. I would recommend..

- 1] Rule 9 be relaxed to match the greatest distance an amateur can move in any district....i.e 1500 miles (W7)
- 2] Or—Rule 9 be eliminated entirely—letting all contacts count no matter from where they might be made within the continental U.S.
- 3] Or—All countries which are not active during a ten year period be temporarily deleted until they become active again..i.e Clipperton. This would give the amateur who moves a reasonable chance to make the Honor Roll.

I recognize any attempt to do the above will result in a large flap among Honor Roll members. However, I think the DXAC will have to decide whether the Honor Roll represents a DX achievement open to all, or whether it will merely represent achievement by those who have had the advantage of living in one call area most of the time since WW II.

Thanks for listening. Let me add that I think the DXAC has made some real contributions and I, for one, do appreciate the efforts.

73,

DeWitt L Jones W4BAA
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NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION August 3/4 Sheraton Hotel, Portland, Oregon

This annual meeting of the DXers in the Northwest corner will be hosted by the Willamette Valley DX Club this year. Speakers will include Bob White of the ARRL DXCC Desk...and a method of how to figure out your own propagation forecasts by Jack White. Among DXers expected to be there are AP2AD/ET3JH/HL9VV/KG6KY/KS6DY and more are expected. W7KSA is the Chairman and they are planning a rather shaking time there over that week-end....

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Sound, Sound the clarion, fill the life!
Throughout the DX world proclaim
One crowded hour of glorious life
Is worth an age without a name....

ASIA...CW

BV2A	14023/1435/Jun 21w	JT1AZ	14048/1620/Jun 22w	VU2NO	14019/0225/Jun 18e
JR1JFO	14025/1130/Jun 25e	KA6WS	14044/1150/Jun 21m	VU2HH	14034/1435/Jun 25w
JT1AL	14023/1615/Jun 22w	UK0FAJ	14019/1110/Jun 25e	9V1RD	14050/1445/Jun 21w

EUROPE...CW

DM3FA	14018/1840/Jun 19w	OK1JJ	14065/0505/Jun 25w	UA4IV	14034/1120/Jun 18e
CT1UM	14024/1510/Jun 25w	SP1BHX	14035/0550/Jun 22w	UD6DKG	14022/1520/Jun 21w
G3MEA	14035/0555/Jun 25w	SV0WTT	14041/0235/Jun 18e	UK6DBD	14011/1510/Jun 25w
GW3FVZ	14006/1540/Jun 22w	UA2DS	14018/0250/Jun 24w	UK6DAD	14010/1510/Jun 25w
F0AHY/FC	14047/0225/Ju 18e	UA3EK	14026/0300/Jun 25w	UK2GAZ	14036/0535/Jun 25w
I8/AEN	14025/2320/Jun 18e	UA3RDT	14036/1125/Jun 24e	UP2FA	14035/0545/Jun 22w

ELSEWHERE...CW

FOSEE	14063/0510/Jun 23w	VP2IAW	14030/1045/Jun 18e	WH4FLA	14030/2235/Jun 19m
TI2BEV	21015/1800/Jun 23e	VP2GFA	14009/2215/Jun 24w	ZL1LT	14033/0420/Jun 20m
VK5FM	14030/0420/Jun 20w	VR1AA	14018/1820/Jun 19w	8P6AI	14040/1140/Jun 18e
VP2VBU	14090/0245/Jun 18e	VS5MC	14030/1520/Jun 20w		

AFRICA...SSB

A2CCY	14224/1145/Jun 23w	FR7AX	14208/0335/Jun 19e	3B8DG	14205/1140/Jun 22e
EA8JJ	21294/1830/Jun 20e	FR7ZL/T	14205/0300/Jun 23w	5U7AZ	14265/0640/Jun 18e
EL2FN	21312/1705/Jun 19e	OY3H	14208/0140/Jun 22e	5X5NK	14213/0435/Jun 22e
EL2FP	21307/1855/Jun 20e	VE6/SU	14221/2255/Jun 24m	5Z4PJ	14256/1430/Jun 20e
EL7F	21298/1810/Jun 23e	VQ9M	14204/0305/Jun 19m		

ASIA...SSB

A6XR	14216/0320/Jun 19e	UK9CAE	14216/1240/Jun 23e	XU1DX	14222/0020/Jun 24e
A9XK	14212/0330/Jun 19e	UK9AAN	14214/1530/Jun 23m	4S7PB	14210/1530/Jun 24w
EP2MW	14222/0330/Jun 19e	UK9UAO	14209/0035/Jun 16w	4X4BL	14245/0340/Jun 18e
EP2VJ	14229/0155/Jun 24e	UK9OAZ	14211/1210/Jun 21m	8Q6AC	14201/1540/Jun 25w
JY9GR	14235/2150/Jun 23e	VS6DO	14220/1245/Jun 18e	9V1RV	14225/1500/Jun 21e
OH2VI	14283/0625/Jun 19w	VS6DR	14205/1540/Jun 19m	9V1OI	14240/1610/Jun 21w
UA0FGM	14280/0635/Jun 22w	VU2HI	14213/0300/Jun 19m	9V1RW	14216/1510/Jun 22w
UI8CD	14206/0110/Jun 16m	VU2GHG	14201/0140/Jun 19m	9M2CX	14232/1530/Jun 16m
UJ8BQ	14205/0110/Jun 16m	VU2KV	14210/1550/Jun 21w		
UL7LEZ	14210/0130/Jun 16m	VU2DK	14222/0210/Jun 24e		

EUROPE...SSB

CT2BG	14224/1925/Jun 18e	OE8FG	14219/0350/Jun 25w	SV1IM	14203/0100/Jun 23m
F0AHY/FC	14245/0625/Ju 24e	OH2BH	14218/0510/Jun 25w	SV1GA	14204/0400/Jun 19e
GC3GS	14215/1925/Jun 23e	OH0NJ	14227/0305/Jun 19m	SV1WGG	14209/2045/Jun 20w
GW3AX	14210/1755/Jun 24w	OH4RH	14240/0620/Jun 20w	U0AAX	14205/2030/Jun 18e
I5PDJ	28550/1310/Jun 22m	OZ7PE	14205/0535/Jun 25w	2850AK	14219/0340/Jun 22e
I0AIF	14272/2230/Jun 19w	RA3AHD	28577/1945/Jun 23w	UK5IAZ	14235/1920/Jun 19e
LZ1CN	14218/0320/Jun 19e	SP9KRT	14239/0120/Jun 24m	ZB2CF	14266/2000/Jun 21m
M1D	14213/0605/Jun 24e	SK6AW	14201/0555/Jun 20w	3A2GX	14226/0100/Jun 21e

[e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches; all times in gmt]
[# = longpath ??? = Slim who was in Albania last month by the reports]

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MORE RED EYED STUFF...

ELSEWHERE'S...SSB

CO8QS	14238/2000/	Jun 19e	KX6LB	14212/1130/	Jun 21e	VK7GK	14215/1310/	Jun 20e
CO2AA	14219/0145/	Jun 23m	KX6LM	14213/1225/	Jun 24e	VK8CW	14202/0710/	Jun 25w
CP1FW	14220/0325/	Jun 22w	KX6BU	14286/0725/	Jun 20e	VP2DAJ	14202/0320/	Jun 18m
CT2BM	14238/1940/	Jun 20e	LU5DDO	21301/2140/	Jun 23m	VP2DH	14202/1215/	Jun 24e
DU1NRS	14223/1230/	Jun 21e	OX3EA	14265/6640/	Jun 18e	VP2DM	14214/0330/	Jun 16e
DU1REX	14220/1315/	Jun 19m	LU6AJ	14207/0400/	Jun 19e	VP2KF	14202/1050/	Jun 18e
DU1RZ	14220/1315/	Jun 19m	P29RJ	21285/0015/	Jun 22m	VP2LAW	28600/2120/	Jun 22e
FO8DP	14210/0545/	Jun 25w	P29UC	14238/0520/	Jun 18m	VP2MHK	14359/0120/	Jun 16m
FM7WO	21312/1740/	Jun 19e	P29KG	14209/1205/	Jun 24e	VR1AA	14209/1145/	Jun 22e
FY7AQ	14207/1110/	Jun 18e	P29HC	14241/1225/	Jun 18e	VR1AL	14264/0540/	Jun 21m
HC8GI	14206/0450/	Jun 18e	P29FH	14216/1210/	Jun 21e	VX2AW	14204/0925/	Jun 22e
HR6SWA	14244/1240/	Jun 24e	P29KE	14209/1220/	Jun 21m	ZM1MF	21312/1740/	Jun 19e
KC6CL	14337/0430/	Jun 20e	PJ9CQ	14285/1215/	Jun 18e	ZL3OY	14210/1210/	Jun 20e
KC6HC	14219/0645/	Jun 20e	YS1RA	14224/0130/	Jun 20w	ZL4NH	14235/1530/	Jun 21e
KL7MF	14214/2010/	Jun 23e	YS1MAE	14208/0230/	Jun 18e	ZF1JA	14169/2130/	Jun 17e
KS6EZ	14255/0410/	Jun 20w	YB0BJ	14228/1200/	Jun 16m	ZK1CO	14226/0410/	Jun 24m
KS6CC	14215/0405/	Jun 24m	YJ8CS	14265/0640/	Jun 18e	3D2GK	14205/0515/	Jun 23m
KV4AA	14236/1940/	Jun 21e	VK2CX	14166/0335/	Jun 20w	3D2ER	14202/0540/	Jun 25w
KV4AD	14205/1340/	Jun 22m	VK2BKE	14265/0510/	Jun 25w	BD2CC	14265/0620/	Jun 18e
KP4EAJ	14219/2040/	Jun 22w	VK3BKV	21310/0200/	Jun 25e	5W1AU	14197/0250/	Jun 17e
KW6HF	14285/0730/	Jun 26w	VK6MX	14208/1200/	Jun 24m	5W1AU	21290/0215/	Jun 24e
KX6LA	14204/1155/	Jun 18e	VK7MS	14228/0700/	Jun 20m	9M8VLC	14208/1630/	Jun 18e

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

PJ2CW	3780/0800/	Jun 17e	ZL2BT	3780/0815/	Jun 17e			
CM3LN	7019/1050/	Jun 21e	KS6DH	7087/0520/	Jun 25w	VP2DC	7240/0940/	Jun 26w
JH2BYF	7021/1200/	Jun 24w	PJ2VD	7016/1045/	Jun 21e	VP7NP	7015/1045/	Jun 21e
JA4FCS	7027/1200/	Jun 21w	PZ1AR	7167/1145/	Jun 21e	VR1AA	7095/0655/	Jun 24w
JR3UOR	7080/0910/	Jun 20e	SM1ENS	7188/0100/	Jun 25e	ZL3SG	7011/1035/	Jun 18e
KH6IEF	7040/1040/	Jun 19e	VK3FH	7014/1040/	Jun 18e	5W1AB	7005/0500/	Jun 25w
KG6JAR	7015/1040/	Jun 21e	VK6KG	7084/0925/	Jun 25e	8R1AG	7240/0940/	Jun 26w
KP4AN	7185/1000/	Jun 22e	VK9RH	7040/0810/	Jun 18e			

NAURU JA10CA will be on Nauru from August 2-6 for five days of operation. The plan is to work eighty through ten, both c.w. and SSB.

This is not the same effort planned by other JAs who are also aiming to activate C21 during the summer months.

The C21DX action by JA10CA will have the following frequencies:

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	21300	28500-600kc		

Gear will include TRIO TS 520D with outboard VFOs, linear and with a Mosley TA33 antenna plus dipoles. JA10CA will probably have another operator along with him. QSL will be handled by JA10CA himself. Plans are to operate as much as band conditions allow

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CALENDAR

KINGMAN REEF KP6KR should have shown by this time...tune to the pile-up!!
Mt. ATHOS August 18th....SV1GA/A and friends.
CARIBBEAN K5QHS delayed at Miami but due to open last Saturday.
NAURU JA1OCA August 2-6th...all bands, all the time.
EUROPEAN DX TEST DARC effort...CW second August weekend...Phone..second Sept weekend
RCA 1974.. LU-Contest...phone/c.w. August 10/11th...
GB2BA British Airways Club...Jun 28/Jul 2nd..looking for other birds..
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SILENT KEYS W9HUZ, Henry B Van Voorst, became a silent key on June 20th. He was an early Honor Roll and 5BDXCC member.

W6OHU, Murray Link, a member of the Northern California DX Club, passed away in the hospital at Placerville a week or so back. Some complications developed while Murray had been hospitalized there.

LEICHENSTEIN DA1QC, DA1QQ and DA2QC will be headed for the HBØ-country to operate from July 26th to 30th. Their primary frequency will be twenty meters but they also plan to operate forty and 80.

NEPAL On 9N1MM, the problem may be more of a bureaucratic one than anything else. One source made a check and said a mini-coup matter may not be the problem but rather a change at the Communications Ministry and the new head does not comprehend amateur radio. Things are a bit unsettled in that area....and 9N1MM is not on the air....

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