

WEST COAST DX Bulletin

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TOKELAUS Jim Henderson, ZM7AH and Tom Hawkins, ZM7AI, made it to the Tokelaus last week and were on the air. Everything did not go exactly as planned but the results were just what they were aiming for in their plans. According to reports out of the South Pacific, the prospects were not too good and Jim went into Apia for some R&R. There he got acquainted with the crew of a freighter headed for the Tokelaus and an agreement was made to take Jim and the gasoline up to the Tokelaus. The petrol had been a problem due to the reluctance of the previous transportation to haul the fuel along with a full load of passengers. Evidently acting on the spur of the moment, Jim left for the Tokelaus on the freighter on Sunday, October 20th and arrived there the middle of last week. Tom left later in the week and made it the 300 miles to the Tokelaus without any more problems.

The plans are for Jim Henderson, ZM7AH, to be active from the Tokelaus until about December 7th. Tom Hawkins, ZM7AI, will not be staying for a long period as he has some duties back in the states. Apparently things got a bit mixed-up with the rapid changes in plans and Jim was on the way before the others got the full story. The possibility being mentioned was that in the exhilaration of the bon voyage parties that there was a loss in remembering what time it was and what might be going...

The plans for the operation were to try all bands including 160mtrs and some excursions into the novice areas. During the contest they would be signing ZM7AJ as a contest-only call and the present schedule indicates that Jim, ZM7AH, will be around for the CQ WW CW Test late in November.

BANGLADESH A JA-group will make an extended effort from Dacca in Bangladesh, putting three stations on the air starting November 8th and operating until November 15th. The group will include Kazuo Kokazi, JA3KWJ, Mel Maruyama, and JA2PJC, A. Hatsu. The group will work eighty through ten, depending on band conditions, and will also look at the possibilities of 160mtrs. The frequencies to watch are:

CW 1825kc/1910kc 3505kc/3525kc 7005/7025kc 14005kc/14025kc
21005kc/21025kc 28005kc/28025kc

SSB 3570kc/3795kc 7070kc 14195kc 21295kc 29595kc

More developing might be found by checking the SEAnet at 14320kc/1200Z most days, the Pacific DX Net or the Pandora Box Net...14265kc/0600Z.

There will be individual call-signs with JA2KLT signing S21A...JA2PJC signing S21KP and JA3KWJ will be signing S21KK. All QSLs will go to JA2KLT. The group plans to operate from the QTH of PAØIWH/S2 there in Dacca.

MAURITANIA 5T5AC has been coming through on twenty, usually around 14207kc or thereabouts from 2000Z. This is Chester of XV5AC who is now at the U.S. Embassy there for a bit of temporary duty. W1YRC handling the QSLs for this one....

KERMEDEC One of the YLs aiming for Chatham in the CQ WW Test, ZL1BKL, indicated that if things go well in this effort, they may give some serious consideration to a possible Kermedec effort in a couple of months....possibly in January....possibly.

SUNSPOT LOUIE At the time of this observation, no significant spots were observed, the last one having rotated to the backside of the sun on October 17th. A close scrutiny of the sun since that date at the W8ZOK observatory revealed no activity. WWV got down to some W-3 forecasts on October 17th and 18th but it was up to N-6 last Friday for the start of the CQ Test.

Some short openings have been found to most areas and seeing that this is the political season, it might be well to fall back on the well-worn opener:

"Don't tell us what you did for us last year, what are you going to do for us next year?"

Boulder says that conditions should be quiet through October 27th and then should be unsettled with an increase in geomagnetic activity. The next period of significant disturbances is expected to be about November 9th to 14th. Solar activity was expected to be low through last Saturday, and then to increase slightly. MUFs should be near seasonal normals to slightly below through the weekend and then become a bit below normal. Radio quality Tuesday and Wednesday of this week was expected to be in the '5' category after being '6' over the weekend. A probability of moderate ionospheric storms is forecast for the November 9th to 14th period with a 70% probability factor.

Looking back a bit, there was some Solar Flare-induced short-wave fading happening about 1300Z on October 16th and at 0412Z on October 17th. And looking ahead a bit, the 12 month moving average on sunspot numbers was expected to be '26' for October; '24' for November and '23' for December. Looking all the way to the bottom of the pit, the forecast for September 1975 is '14'. Dig in, men! Hold back that slide to the bottom!! Organize all those local squares into a Sundance Group!! Today!!!!

KINGMAN QSLs Jack Troster, W6ISQ, President of the Northern California DX Club, last week pointed with pride to the fact that he had hauled some 8000 QSLs to the local Post Office and flung them on their ways. "Neither snow nor rain nor heat or gloom of night will stay these QSLs from their quick delivery", Jack announced as he dropped them one at a time through the mail slot. "That is, if they had an identifiable envelope and a contact in the logs".

The cards covered the Northern California DX Foundation/Northern California DX Club effort in the Pacific last summer. Included in the mailing were the cards for Kingman/Palmyra/Fanning and Johnson. W6ISQ noted that he still had on hand some 150 envelopes that could not be identified because of the lack of call-signs on the envelope. Initially the envelopes were separated from any incoming cards and unless an identifier of a call-sign was on the envelope, there is scant possibility of the card and envelope being united at this time. "However, I'm still trying", Jack said, "but it looks rather hopeless".

There are still some 5900 QSLs on hand for these operations. These will be held until January 1st for any late arriving envelopes. After that date they will be shipped to the various bureaus for eventual delivery. If you thirst for a Kingman/Palmyra/Fanning/Johnston QSL, send a sase to Northern California DX Foundation, Box 717, Oakland, Calif. 94604.

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SHORTLY NOTED

Seeing that we turned the corner onto this page with no really BIG items to fill the space, we figured that we would get an early jump onto some notes...

There has been a suspicion that maybe the bulletins have not been arriving all nice and untattered. So last week we checked with the Foreperson at the local Post Office. If you don't know what a Foreperson is, you are not in the affirmative phase. Anyhow, the Foreperson advised that in recent weeks the bulletin has been so thick... ..and we have been getting to the Post Office at the last minute just in time to catch the evening dispatch on Saturdays, that they have had to run the bulletins through the facer-canceller machines trying to speed the distribution. And if the staples are not tight, often the back page has a strip torn from it. So we found out that if we can mail earlier, this Foreperson will make sure that the bulletin is hand-cancelled. This will preserve the turgid prose of the bulletin. However, it also might mean that at times we will do nothing except rush the bulletin to the Post Office, eliminating any social visiting along the way. You know, there really are big problems in the world these days and it is hoped that you noted how adeptly we handled this one.

CQ in their October issue notes some of the problems affecting the publishing industry. There is also a report on the last page of some of the costs that the ARRL have been coping with in publishing QST. Everyone knows that postage has gone up but there have been a lot of other costs and this includes paper. At the local supermarket you may have noted how much paper products....along with some other things....have jumped in the last year. Paper has cost us as much as \$2.75 per ream which figures out to better than 1/2¢ per sheet. That would mean that recent bulletins have had as much as 3¢ of paper alone. This may not sound like much but the cumulative effect is sometimes a bit appalling. And it would not be surprising to see some publications that have been around for a long time, get to the point where they cease operations.

Not us, however. The move to offset seems to be almost mastered and sometime in the future we may make some more changes.....this would be next year so do not start watching for it....tomorrow. The weight of the bulletin has started to be a problem and recent issues have pushed the ounce limit for the U.S. and Canada/Mexico mailings. With a printed bulletin we can now mail second-class which we could not do with a mimeographed sheet. Sometime in the future we may try a trial mailing to see the effect of such a method of mailing because the postage rates between 1st Class and 2nd Class are something again. Any 2nd class mailing which is mailed once a week or oftener is classified as 'newspaper' and should move with the 1st Class. Mailed less often than once a week it is termed 'publication' and moves with the bulk mails. However, don't jump to the conclusion that airlift is included....this specifically is "FCM" and that means 'First Class Mail' and....as was noted before....there is a difference.

There are a couple of other possibilities and somewhere along the line we will come up with something. There still is a feeling that there is more news available every week than we can find space to print. Something has to be done about that....

The Richardson Wireless Club operated from Montserrat from VP2M-Montserrat during the CQ WW Phone Test last week-end....one group operating there and another one at VP2G-Grenada. They were scheduled to operate all the way from October 23rd. There was a 5A1TL on the air recently giving W2AIM as his QSL manager. W2AIM has been out of town recently so it was not possible to check on this one. But there has been scant 5A-action since 1967....legitimate activity, that is....so it may not be the time to get excited on this one. He was at 14230kc/0340Z on October 20th and said his name was Merv....in Benghazi. Showed up in a dead band. Don't scorn these when they show but be cautious. Work them first and worry later...

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED

That WA7FSZ/6Y5 on recently QSLs to K9KXA. There have been some reports that the FCC has been checking some of the East Coast Stations for high power. It's rumored that some licenses have been jeopardized... Son of a Gun!! Mike at ZD8MH is at a BBC Relay station. TJ1EZ QSLs to POB 4101, Yaounde, Cameroun. ZS3JAM in Southwest Africa goes to Box 296, Otjiwarongo, S.W. Africa.....or to ZS3TP. We have come up with both versions....ZS3TP works at the Post Office there in Otjiwarongo so he may be taking care of all the deserving local QRPers W4KA is back home after visiting some of the exotic areas in East Africa and says he's still available for any DX Station needing QSL manager help. VQ9GP is another one popping up and this one can be QSLed to Box 235, APO New York 09030.

VQ9D, Dick Barnes, says that the QSLs for the recent Desroches efforts have been ordered from Philadelphia and should be delivered sometime in November. The cards will be going in the mails as soon as they can be processed but it looks like a month or so yet. Dick says to be patient..... For statistical needs, VQ9D says that they figured out the cost of the Desroches operation and it came to about \$200.00 per person. They had been braced for a bit more and were pleasantly surprised. VQ9D often found on 21mc c.w. these days.....even sometimes in the novice areas.

That WL4GBC operation from North Carolina ran into some limited operating time but did manage some 350 QSOs including some WPXers such as WA6MWG/W6TCQ/WA5VDH/W4WST and K7NHV. WB4KZG who was running the WL4GBC operation had to run home and put the home rig on the air to ensure that he worked that one.

Someone with a long memory brought up the matter of the Canadian World DXpedition Trophy....and the plans for their efforts. This goes all the way back to 1972 if your memory is fading. This was supposed to include a two-week, all-expense paid DXpedition for the winner. Should you be waiting for the latest word, it must be advised that nothing has been heard for a long, long time. An awfully long time!!

PAØIWH is apparently back in Dacca and catching up with matters. Several report receiving QSLs recently. FW8WB from Crozet shows several times a week around 14040kc from 1200Z or thereabouts. He does not speak English fluently and often the pile-ups and the commotion are more than he can stand when he goes to SSB. Thus these efforts often find him sliding back to c.w. where things are apparently more to his liking. WO6PDC was a special prefix at the Pacific Division Convention in San Mateo over the last weekend. This information came just as the station went on the air. It also means you get it when the station has gone off the air as the license was good to October 28th for the special call. QSL to WA6AHF.

K6WR now in Amsterdam for a couple of years has been issued the call PA9WRR. Over in Kenya, 5Z4PI recently being heard has been out in the bush and operating with a dipole and power off the 12v battery in the Land Rover. 5X5NK can be QSLed to DL1YW. IZ2ZGP goes to I2YDX. W7MPZ is now down in Bogota...he was signing SVØWO not too long ago but apparently this was not the SVØWO active back in 1972. It may be confusing but does anyone know how to QSL that 1972 SVØWO? 5Z4PP being often reported apparently was at SVØWEE at one time but is not the one that W3HNK is handling the QSLs for. Over in Okinawa some of the KA6s broke off their preparations for the CQ WW phone weekend to start nailing things down in anticipation of the typhoon moving up their way.

VQ9D reports that a check of their yagi there recently showed the beam tilted over at a 45° angle....three of the four bolts holding the HAM-M had fallen out and it was hanging by one bolt. Being on a telephone pole, they had to borrow a crane to lift the whole array off for repairs. Meanwhile, while Ron and Dick worked on the yagi problem, VQ9D reported working W6HJP with a long wire and a tuner.....good signals both ways.

OSCAR 7 should be in orbit anytime now....if not already. Input for OSCAR 7 are 145.85-145.95mhz....output 29.4 - 29.5 mhz. A second transponder relays signals with input passband between 145.975mhz and 145.925mhz. There are also some tracking beacons with frequencies of 50mhz; 145.98mhz...435.1mhz and 2304.1 mhz.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIEAFRICA CW

CN2AQ 14035/1933/Oct 6m
 CR60Z 21016/2020/Oct 14e
 EA8BK 21059/1840/Oct 15e
 ZD8RD 21031/1740/Oct 15e
 ZS5BS 14026/1500/Oct 15w
 3B8DN 21060/1750/Oct 17e

EUROPE CW

HB0NL 14032/1845/Oct 11w
 HB0NL 21024/1210/Oct 17e
 IS0SNL 14082/1630/Oct 16m
 IS0XBL 21031/1430/Oct 19m
 JX2HK 14035/1330/Oct 19e
 LA4AT 14042/1500/Oct 12w

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CX7AE 21042/1450/Oct 16m
 FG7AM 14025/0340/Oct 16e
 F08EG 21046/1815/Oct 15e
 FP0VI 14028/2215/Oct 18e

AFRICA SSB

A2CAB 21358/1815/Oct 12e
 CN8HD 14333/2025/Oct 15m
 CR6EM 14214/2200/Oct 18e
 CR6NL 14217/2035/Oct 16e
 CR6WW 21355/1900/Oct 18e
 CR6OR 21355/1900/Oct 17e
 CR6XI 14211/2310/Oct 17e
 CR6GA 14213/2030/Oct 14e
 CR7CO 14202/0425/Oct 15m
 CR7JK 14208/1900/Oct 19m
 CR7FC 14232/1940/Oct 20e
 CT3AF 14210/1210/Oct 20e
 EA8JP 14240/0850/Oct 21m
 EA8DI 14240/0920/Oct 21m
 EA9EO 21311/1800/Oct 20e
 EA9EO 14214/2000/Oct 20e
 EL4D 21357/2000/Oct 17w
 EL4D 14223/2005/Oct 16e
 EL2FM 21308/1800/Oct 20m
 EL2FN 21311/1845/Oct 22e
 EL5C 14215/1930/Oct 21e
 ET3FF 21355/2145/Oct 20e

ASIA SSB

EP2DO 14212/1510/Oct 11w
 HS4ACN 14230/1230/Oct 21e
 HZ1AB 14210/1420/Oct 22m
 JY9US 14225/1130/Oct 19e
 OD5BA 21336/1520/Oct 12m

ASIA CW

BV2A 14022/1515/Oct 21ka
 UK7GAL 14011/1220/Oct 19e
 UM8MAL 14018/1250/Oct 18e
 UM8FM 14034/1455/Oct 14w
 4K1D 14013/0015/Oct 15e

OH4RH 14034/1815/Oct 14w
 OZ3HW 14032/1550/Oct 14w
 PA0PBL 14034/1720/Oct 11w
 PA0KX 14045/0155/Oct 8m
 SM3EAG 14032/1710/Oct 14w
 UA3CIK 14032/1600/Oct 14w

FY7YG 21049/1805/Oct 15e
 VK2QL 14025/0600/Oct 22w
 ZL4CA 14001/0630/Oct 22w
 8P6BU 14035/1140/Oct 19e

TR8VE 21339/2110/Oct 14m
 TU2DO 14230/0700/Oct 21ka
 TJ1EZ 14202/2130/Oct 21e
 VQ9M 14210/1730/Oct 12m
 VQ9MC 21310/1735/Oct 21m
 VQ9GP 21355/1805/Oct 22e
 VQ9DC 21357/1840/Oct 14e
 ZE1EJ 21292/1845/Oct 14e
 ZD7HH 28571/1820/Oct 19e
 ZD7SD 21325/2020/Oct 18m
 ZD8MH 28615/1850/Oct 19e
 ZS1CZ 21260/1600/Oct 18m
 ZS3TP 21283/2040/Oct 14e
 ZS3HT 28630/1710/Oct 19e
 ZS3JAM 21355/2145/Oct 20e
 ZS3E 21355/1900/Oct 18e
 5H3FQ 21350/1735/Oct 22e
 5T5AC 14207/2120/Oct 21e
 5N2AAJ 14221/0700/Oct 17kh
 5X5NK 21321/1755/Oct 20m
 5U7DA 14266/2035/Oct 17w
 5V7WT 21355/1950/Oct 20e

UK1ZA0 14029/1445/Oct 14w
 UP2CZ 14015/1400/Oct 20e
 UR2RDI 14040/1400/Oct 21e
 UW3ZV 14032/1605/Oct 14w

9Y4VU 14027/0130/Oct 19m
 HC2YL 21055/1215/Oct 17e

5T5GS 14213/2350/Oct 18e
 5V7WT 14202/2200/Oct 21w
 5Z4PD 14253/1725/Oct 15m
 5Z4OM 21274/1740/Oct 17m
 5Z4PP 21355/1855/Oct 17e
 5Z4PI 21310/1910/Oct 20e
 6W8DY 21357/1905/Oct 18e
 TW8FP 14214/0005/Oct 19e
 7Q7DW 21306/1835/Oct 20e
 9G1AR 14213/2350/Oct 18e
 9G1RS 14211/2320/Oct 22e
 9G1AR 28556/1625/Oct 19e
 9J2K0 21350/1750/Oct 22e
 9J2EP 21280/1730/Oct 19e
 9J2KD 14203/1850/Oct 20w
 9J2BL 21363/1830/Oct 23m
 9L1JM 21303/1740/Oct 20e
 9X5VA 21356/1830/Oct 17e

XU1DX 14240/0625/Oct 21ka
 4W1GM 21355/1825/Oct 17e
 9M2DQ 21345/2355/Oct 14w

TA2SC 14333/2000/Oct 11m
 UK9AAA 14219/1255/Oct 19e
 UL7YP 14245/1235/Oct 21e
 VS6CY 14227/1705/Oct 12w
 VU2DK 14240/0625/Oct 21ka

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EUROPE SSB

CT1SH	21355/1730/Oct	21m	EA3JE	14212/1910/Oct	14kh	IZ2ZGP	14212/1830/Oct	21w
CT1SX	21309/2020/Oct	22e	EA5AX	14333/2000/Oct	16m	OH8OR	14210/1930/Oct	17w
CT2AE	21293/1740/Oct	19e	EA6BJ	21356/1835/Oct	20m	ON8WW	14240/0700/Oct	21ka
CT2BN	21292/2030/Oct	14e	EA7EM	14240/0830/Oct	21ka	PAØRYS	14240/0835/Oct	21ka
CT2BN	14220/1220/Oct	17e	GB3ANT	14227/1050/Oct	19e	SM5EAC	14333/1915/Oct	11m
CT2AK	14223/1925/Oct	19m	GC3EML	14208/1930/Oct	22w	YU1US	14240/0705/Oct	21ka
CT2BH	21355/1905/Oct	18e	GW3NNF	14209/1600/Oct	17w	ZB2BL	14205/2025/Oct	19m
CT2BM	14215/2300/Oct	16e	GW4AYJ	14210/2135/Oct	16e	ZB2CF	21357/1840/Oct	14e
CT2BK	14216/2300/Oct	16e	IØLLZ	14333/1930/Oct	11m	4U1ITU	14253/1240/Oct	18e
EA3UU	14216/1400/Oct	22w	IT9GCQ	21286/2045/Oct	17e			

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

C21DX	14240/1840/Oct	14e	HI8XKP	21299/2155/Oct	18e	VP2GRN	21299/1650/Oct	19e
CO2FA	14217/2045/Oct	20e	HI8XBB	28626/1830/Oct	20e	VP2GRN	14226/0320/Oct	15e
CE1ME	14243/2315/Oct	14w	HI8XAW	28636/2150/Oct	13m	VP2DH	14220/1330/Oct	18e
CE3AQX	14207/0140/Oct	18w	HI8EJH	28571/2105/Oct	19e	VP2DAJ	14201/2320/Oct	18m
CP1AP	28632/2150/Oct	13m	HP1GD	21304/1755/Oct	20w	VP2AC	21311/1840/Oct	22e
CP1DCC	28595/2155/Oct	13m	KG4DS	21294/2120/Oct	14kh	VP8HA	14210/0240/Oct	19e
DU1TOM	21300/2315/Oct	14w	KG4CA	21294/2120/Oct	14kh	VP8MY	14203/0305/Oct	20w
FM7AQ	14207/0005/Oct	23e	KG4CA	14314/2010/Oct	19m	VP9GE	14231/1920/Oct	19m
FO8EG	21310/1735/Oct	21m	KG6JCZ	14278/0445/Oct	14m	K1/VP9	14212/1650/Oct	19e
FP8DH	14214/1955/Oct	20e	WA7/KG6	14205/1435/Oct	19m	VR6TC	14220/0645/Oct	14kh
FP8AA	14212/2055/Oct	17e	KH6BB	14212/1715/Oct	18e	XP1AA	14218/1940/Oct	20w
FPØVI	14212/2100/Oct	17e	KV4FC	21357/2045/Oct	19m	YBØABO	14230/1230/Oct	21e
FYØBHI	14208/0250/Oct	15e	KZ5JM	21331/2040/Oct	19m	YN1AZ	28608/1715/Oct	15e
FY7AU	14205/1130/Oct	20w	LU5HEQ	28579/2325/Oct	14m	6Y5LA	21376/2035/Oct	19m
FY7AE	14300/1230/Oct	18e	LU5MAY	28568/1850/Oct	20m	WA7/6Y5	14222/0055/Oct	19m
FY7AE	21350/1805/Oct	22e	LU9ERS	28538/2100/Oct	19e	8P6CC	14205/1210/Oct	20e
HC1WW	14333/2145/Oct	16e	OA4KF	28538/2100/Oct	19e	8P6CC	21301/1350/Oct	19e
HO8FI	21302/2350/Oct	14e	TI8PE	21275/2145/Oct	19w	8P6AO	21255/2220/Oct	14e
HO8GI	21302/2350/Oct	14e	TI2AD	14286/1330/Oct	18e	9M8VLC	14208/1530/Oct	19m
HH2WF	21357/1840/Oct	14e	VK3JW	14265/0530/Oct	15w	9Y4SI	21355/2020/Oct	20e
HI8RXV	14251/1145/Oct	22e	VK6KW	14220/1545/Oct	19w	9Y4RM	14228/1330/Oct	18e
HI8HA	21355/1900/Oct	18e	VK9XX	14220/1545/Oct	19w			
HI8LC	21355/2020/Oct	17e	VP1WLF	14205/2200/Oct	15m			

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CM6CP	7035/0420/Oct	18m	TG9DJ	7084/1125/Oct	18e	ZF1WE	7194/1520/Oct	19e
CR7CN	7003/0320/Oct	18e	TI2ZFFV	7280/0215/Oct	16w	ZL3DR	7013/1120/Oct	16e
FY7AM	7013/0355/Oct	15e	VK2SA	7007/1130/Oct	17e	ZL4AA	7089/1000/Oct	19e
HH2WF	7280/0250/Oct	18e	VK3FC	7035/1125/Oct	16e	ZS6QN	7005/0405/Oct	17m
HI8XAW	7280/0045/Oct	21w	VK5PB	7143/1110/Oct	19e	ZS6MP	7004/0415/Oct	17m
HK1QRC	7244/0345/Oct	19w	VK5FM	7030/1240/Oct	16m	WA7/6Y5	7280/0200/Oct	18e
HP1XIS	7280/0120/Oct	18e	VK7KG	7093/1125/Oct	18e	8R1AG	7240/1005/Oct	18e
HR1MM	7250/0240/Oct	17e	VK7DK	7094/1120/Oct	18e	9Y4AR	7174/1140/Oct	18e
KP4DRN	7008/1050/Oct	17e	VP2LA	7240/1010/Oct	18e	9Y4VU	7030/0320/Oct	17m
KV4FZ	7174/1140/Oct	18e	ZE1JV	7001/0415/Oct	19m			
DU6DB	3790/1400/Oct	12w	VP1FF	3807/0700/Oct	17s	YN8JES	3805/1040/Oct	21w
KS6DH	3806/0630/Oct	20w	VP2GMB	3805/0300/Oct	25e	ZL1ASY	3807/1145/Oct	22e
LU8AHW	3515/0900/Oct	20w	VP5WW	3803/0330/Oct	25w	ZL2BT	3798/1100/Oct	19e
TG8KV	3808/0240/Oct	16e	VS6DO	3790/1410/Oct	21w	ZL4AV	3816/1125/Oct	17m
UAØFGM	3620/1300/Tuesday		XE2LK	3808/0240/Oct	16e	ZS6DW	3779/0350/Always	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii)
 (ka = japan all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Slim! On Cray Island??)

October 1974

CALENDAR

TOKELAUS ZM7AH and ZM7AI made it!
WALLIS Two weeks..last part of November
BANGLADESH JA2KLT and JA2PJC plus JA3KWJ....November 8-15th signing S21A,
S21KP and S21KK....most bands. JA0CUV and JA1MCY.Nov 15th..
TONGA/COOKS W6KNC from Tonga October 29th....from ZK1-Cooks November 5th
MALDIVES JA0CUV and JA1MCU November 20-29th
JUAN DE NOVA FR7ZL there until mid-December.
KERMEDEC January possibility
MAURITANIA Chester signing 5T5AC
ARKANSAS DX MEET December 7th.....Hot Springs, Ark. W5QKR for details

ARRL The ARRL has filed opposition to any fees charged by the FCC for amateur radio licenses. This was in the matter of Docket 19658, the ARRL vigorously opposing any license fee and pointing out the inequities of the present and proposed fee structure. The cost of printing QST continues to be a problem, mostly due to the zooming costs of paper. Revenues for the quarter ending September 30th were up \$61,000.00 from last year but costs jumped about \$72,000.00 and the net loss for the September quarter was \$45,167.00. It might be noted that publication costs of QST jumped from \$108,562.00 in 1973 to \$144,795.00 for the same quarter in 1974.

On the FCC Docket 20118 which relates to illegal CB linears, the ARRL has requested a modification of the proposed rule, noting that the wording which was in the initial proposal would outlaw one and perhaps several amplifiers now manufactured and sold to amateurs.

On the FCCs Docket 19555 dealing with environmental protection, the feeling is now that 'ordinary' towers will not be covered by the rules. What might be an 'ordinary' tower? One under 300 feet? Frankly, this 'ordinary' is not just clear.

The ARRL now has 4542 Life Members, 236 being voted in at the last meeting of the Executive Board. More are expected in the next couple of months as many will be moving to beat the dues raise which will come January 1st.

WA4BDW has petitioned the FCC to require all Technician examinations be administered by a FCC employee or designated authority rather than by mail. This is RM-2443.

W6WEQ has petitioned to abolish the additional privileges allowed holders of Extra and Advanced Class licenses. This being RM-2449.

The Commission has dismissed a petition (RM-2111) filed by the Interantional Amateur Radio Society (K6BX vehicle) which asked clarification of the eligibility of corporations and organizations to hold amateur station licenses.

Dick Baldwin, W1RU and Dave Sumner, K1ZND, are back in Newington after being at the frequency management seminar at ITU headquarters. They also visited the Swiss and East German authorities together..then split to cover OK/SV/YO/YU/7X/CN/EA/G etc...

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IRCS 9G1AR has been trying to convert a stack of IRCs belong to a widow of a ham there in Ghana. Harry has the following at the price indicated.

100 15¢ U.S. IRCs...sell for 10¢ each	20 15¢ foreign IRCs...sell for 10¢ each
275 22¢ U.S. IRCs...sell for 15¢ each	180 22¢ foreign IRCs...sell for 15¢ each
85 26¢ U.S. IRCs...sell for 20¢ each	80 26¢ foreign IRCs...sell for 20¢ each

This is the way they were listed. If you are interested, send check made out to Harry Z Kaklikian. Send it to: Harry Z Kaklikian, ACCRA--Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520. This is the way it was listed and Harry said that no sase would be required.

CEUTA EA9EO, Bill, has been showing up rather regularly on fifteen and twenty in recent weeks. He used to stick mostly to c.w. but has been noticeably active on SSB during October. In the latter part of October he was found around 21311kc from 1800Z and around 14214kc from 2000Z.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, WA1NRF, W2FPM, K2GBC, W2OVC, W3CDL, K3TUP, W4BAA, W4EH, W4HU, W4KA, WB4KZG, W4UF, W5AK, WA5AUZ, WB5CEW, W5LZZ, W5MYA, WA6BJS, W6DAB, W6GC, W6ISQ, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6WR, K7NHG, W7PFZ, WA7RFH, W8OA, W8ZOK, W9DDL, W9KB, K9UIY, WA0TAS, KA6DE, KH6BZF, KZ5PW, VQ9R, 9G1AR, 5W1AL, ZM7AH.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and sat and talked for awhile. "You know", this QRPer said, "I was at the club meeting the other week and most everyone was griping about DX and band conditions. But you know something? During the last week I have worked Europe and Africa and the Indian Ocean. And I've been thinking that maybe some of us are losing sight that it is still something wonderful to sit in your home and talk with someone half ways around the world....a friend whom you might never have seen but you have often heard. And someone who is interested in your welfare and is always glad to hear you". The QRPer was silent for a bit. "You know something", he continued, "It will always be something special to me....something that will always be a marvel. But do you think that some might be losing sight of these things?" Son of a Gun, what could we say? So we thought for a moment and then came on with one of our more pithy statements. "Sure thing", we said for what else would add to what he had already said.....only that \$10.50 will bring you a full year of DX marvels by First Class mail.....\$12.00 roars it in by turbo-fan. Always a marvel it arrives....

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