

# WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



December 31, 1974

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SPRATLY K9WEH reports that Maurice Caplan, VS5MC, has received the crystal control adapter for his KWM-2 and it works fine. At this time the indicators are that the developing Spratly operation probably will not be until late January with the exact day not set yet.

CARIBBEAN K6SE/2 had been planning to operate from Haiti during January but the arrangements did not jell and John will be looking at some other areas. At the end of last week he was looking at some Anguilla action sometime after New Years along with some side excursions to FS7-St Martin, FM7-Martinique or PJ8-Saba. The time will be after January 3rd and to the 21st.

John will also looking at some naked-eye stars around Cygnus. He notes that at times he gets a three demensional illusion.

Also active in the coming week will be Ham Robinson, W1WQC who will open from Turks/Caicos-VP5 next week with Dave Carter, WA5QXR, they signing VP5AA and VP5BT respectively. On January 12th they will move on to the British Virgin Islands to sign VP2VZ for a couple of weeks. Transportation for this effort is in WA5QXRs plane.

Getting back to K6SE/2, the January QST will have an article by John: "What Frequencies? What Times?". Look for it on page 54. There is an analysis of bands and the best listening times for c.w. or ssb.

COCOS KEELING The plans for VK6SW to return to Cocos-Keeling have been shelved with another operator being sent out to the Indian Ocean spot. It is possible that VK6SW will have another tour on the island sometime in the future but the date is not set and indeterminate at this point.

GROZET A new contingent of operators are going out to the station, one being an amateur. Some new antennas are going up and the plan is to be on the air from January 16th with an effort to clean up some of the demand. The report indicates that this will run for about a month and the group will be leaving the island in mid-February.

3Y3QG/3Y5DQ That rumor that these were on Bouvet continues to pop up a bit but it does seem rather definite that they are not. W2PN caught up with EL0V/mm a week back, the vessel being in the South Atlantic headed for the Persian Gulf. In answer to a query on these stations, the operator advised he had talked with both of these stations recently and they were at a Norwegian Base in the Antarctic and not on Bouvet. They seem to frequent 14040kc and if you thirst for 3Y3 etc, there's your chance. The operator on the vessel was a Norwegian, LA7RF.

ZM7AH Jim Henderson passed through San Francisco and headed for Albuquerque to get things straightened out. W5UR will help with the QSLing, this being a bit of a problem. The first QSL Manager had a heart attack, the second fell off his reef and ended in a hospital, the ladder he was using breaking while he was on it doing some patching for the coming winter. There were about 4400 QSOs made from the Tokelaus and at this point Jim figures that the trip which started last August ran over \$6000 in costs for transportation and living expenses. At this point it would not seem that one can thrive on these efforts, there has to be other rewards.



SUNSPOT LOUIE Everything is out of kilter this week with the Christmas holiday and there was no chart from the Dayton Observatory. But we do have the late word from Boulder and maybe that will help you over the dark days ahead.

Radio conditions should be quiet through New Years. Solar activity is expected to be very low and MUFs should be near seasonal normal. Unsettled conditions are expected from January 4th to 9th.

Daily high latitude radio quality through January 1st is expected to be '6' every day. Possibility of attenuation due to solar flares is low and looking ahead, a minor ionospheric storm is expected in the January 4-9th period.

During the last week conditions were unstable with brief quiet periods. Muf's were a bit below normal at night and at or slightly above during daylight hours. There was a flare at 1345 on December 19th.

The smoothed Sunspot number for November 1975 is forecast at 14. A year ago the sunspot number was still rather high. But during that period the Africana Net at 21355kc could not find conditions good enough to sustain operations. This year with the sunspot number much lower, the Africana group has had consistent operations with only one or two days being washed out because of propagation conditions. You can argue yourself dizzy by counting the numbers but it may do some good to keep checking band conditions.....even at the bottom of the cycle.

For those who may stand around looking at the stars, or may be willing to take a look, it might be noted that Mercury will be very close to Venus in the skies during January, being less than 2° apart from January 12-24th and less than 1° from the 15-20th. On January 10th Mercury will be setting about one hour after sunset. Take a look...

SHORTLY NOTED We started off this issue figuring to clean up everything and we found that except for a few held-over items that would not take much room, we had some problem in getting off the front page. This does not seem to be the season for any great DX activity though Red-Eyed finds a lot jumping in the 40/80 territory. To head off any queries, this issue is just three sheets...six pages. On December 10th issue when it was a disastrous weekend, we ran four pages...two sheets. There were a number of inquiries on that one.

W1JFL reports that he has not heard from A51PN in a long time and is hoping that the logs from June 1974 will surface soon. Mike promises to get QSLs out real fast if he can corner the logs. Patience!

6W8FP has a 3-element wire beam for forty and you might catch him around 7093 after 0000Z. Has a good signal. DJ5RT who has been in Kenya signing 5Z4RT is rumored as possibly headed for some of the needed ones...Comoro, Glorioso and Zanzibar being mentioned as possibilities. He is in East Africa on some scientific research.

7P8AY schedules K3TUP on Mondays...21280kc/1730Z. He will work others after he completes the schedule. If you are desperate, write K3TUP and John will help.

3B9DL QSLs will go out right after the 1st of the year, the whole batch going into the mails at once. WB5EDV is headed for the Beaumont area down in East Texas and Ben says he has the okay to mount his antenna somewhere on a 1000' tower. Wants to see if it helps any. Son of a Gun!!

F8EX is reported as hospitalized and would enjoy hearing from any of his DX friends....use CBA. We have had a number of inquiries on that place to apply for that Nude Beach we mentioned a bit back. Heck! Just send a plain sase and we will supply you with maps, etc. The Sheriff here in Marin has some real problems on any warm summer day. Bring your own binoculars. W4BGO in Costa Rica signing /T12 should be there for about three months...mostly 160/80mtrs. David Whitaker, Hillcourt, 57 Green Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire there in England would like you to circle your calendar for Sunday March 16th. On that day it will be a 10meter Activity day. A check at the bottom of the cycle. He would appreciate any heard or worked reports showing mode/time. Enclose a sase/IRC and he will send results

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

But search the land of living men,  
When will you find DX again?

AFRICA CW

CN2AQ 14058/1650/Dec 18w  
FB8WB 14042/0415/Dec 15w  
3B8DA 14036/1735/Dec 20m  
3B8DO 14050/1530/Dec 19w

ASIA CW

VU2GI 14046/1350/Dec 22e#  
VU2LO 14028/1345/Dec 18e#  
VU2QQ 14041/1320/Dec 19e#

EUROPE CW

DL1OV 14017/1630/Dec 23w  
DL1BV 14040/1635/Dec 20m  
DL3BA 14033/1620/Dec 22m  
EA4NY 21038/1500/Dec 17m  
F6KBZ 14036/1620/Dec 21m  
G3FWE 14033/1610/Dec 22m  
G3GFG 14040/1710/Dec 20m

GI3JEX 14027/1155/Dec 23m  
HB9BAF 14030/1615/Dec 21m  
HB9BAZ 14036/1150/Dec 23m  
HA5KDQ 14027/1645/Dec 21m  
ISØRNU 21040/1700/Dec 17m  
IT9MNG 14028/1635/Dec 21m  
JX2HK 14033/2100/Dec 21m  
OK1AUP 14033/1615/Dec 22m  
SM7AUA 14033/1620/Dec 21m  
SP8KGI 14018/1455/Dec 20w  
TF3AX 14028/1955/Dec 20m  
UK5WAA 14042/1605/Dec 22m  
YU3AT 14014/1500/Dec 20w  
9H1CH 14023/1655/Dec 20w

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CO2DR 14003/2240/Dec 20e  
HC1EE 21039/1535/Dec 17m  
HKØBKX 21076/1550/Dec 17m  
KV4AA 14046/1320/Dec 22e

PJ3QQ 14003/1325/Dec 19e  
PJ3SF 14019/1150/Dec 22e  
VK8HA 14035/2220/Dec 13m  
VK2EO 14034/2035/Dec 19m  
W4BGO/TI2 14022/0100 17m  
VP8NU 14022/0100/Dec 15w  
YB7AAU 14022/0025/Dec 22m  
YS1GW 14036/2025/Dec 19m

AFRICA SSB

A2CCY 21355/1810/Dec 21e  
A2CCY 14209/2245/Dec 20e  
A2CJP 21280/1735/Dec 21e  
CR4BS 14212/2005/Dec 22e  
CR6RV 21355/1930/Dec 23e  
CR6LF 14212/2140/Dec 17e  
CR6OR 21355/1910/Dec 18w  
CR7CO 21355/1920/Dec 18w  
CR7CO 14214/0410/Dec 20e  
CN8BO 14213/1600/Dec 21w  
EA8CR 14332/1830/Dec 21e  
EL2FJ 14204/2225/Dec 17e  
EL2FT 14215/2030/Dec 21e  
EL2C 14215/2000/Dec 23e  
ET3USB 14207/1910/Dec 21e  
ET3USD 14212/1905/Dec 23e

ET3USE 14210/1540/Dec 21w#  
FB8WB 14205/0420/Dec 15w  
FL8WB 14205/0420/Dec 15w  
TU1EZ 14213/2230/Dec 22e  
TU2DP 14233/2235/Dec 22e  
VQ9MC 14211/1725/Dec 22e  
VQ9RD 14201/1930/Dec 23e  
VQ9R 14220/1825/Dec 19e  
VQ9GP 14230/1350/Dec 20e#  
VQ9P 21355/1805/Dec 18e  
VQ9M 14197/1530/Dec 15w#  
WB2POJ/VQ9 14204/1435 18w  
VQ9HCS 21353/1730/Dec 22e  
ZD3R 14233/1150/Dec 22e  
ZD8RW 14204/2230/Dec 21e  
ZD8MK 14201/2225/Dec 17e  
ZE1AV 28565/1540/Dec 22e  
ZE4JH 21355/1850/Dec 18e  
ZE6JP 14240/1650/Dec 15w  
ZS1CZ 21355/1730/Dec 15e  
ZS3AK 21296/1955/Dec 17e  
ZS3XQ 14205/2155/Dec 24e  
ZS3XQ 21310/1930/Dec 15m  
3D6AU 14202/2100/Dec 22e  
5U7BD 14210/1715/Dec 13w  
6W8FP 28565/1630/Dec 22e  
6W8DY 28565/1630/Dec 22e  
7P8AY 21280/1745/Dec 21e  
7P8AT 14235/1930/Dec 16e  
7Q7LW 14198/1730/Dec 12w  
9G1AR 21410/1450/Dec 22e  
9J2CL 21280/1745/Dec 23e

ASIA SSB

A9XK 14198/1410/Dec 24m#  
A4XFQ 14228/1255/Dec 14m  
AP2AD 14224/1315/Dec 23e#  
EP2VJ 14225/1320/Dec 23e#  
EP2FR 14220/1320/Dec 23e#  
EP2SN 14217/1510/Dec 21w#  
EP2DB 14205/1305/Dec 25e  
HL9UB 14202/2340/Dec 18w  
JY9GR 14220/1400/Dec 20e#  
QD5FB 14193/1445/Dec 24m#

TA2SC 14212/1530/Dec 15w#  
UH8BX 14218/1300/Dec 22e  
UI8MIN 14205/1315/Dec 20e  
UI8OM 14224/1205/Dec 14m  
VU2GDG 14223/1330/Dec 22e  
VU200 14204/1250/Dec 14m  
VU2DK 14202/1325/Dec 14m  
VU2HI 14198/1520/Dec 24m#  
VU2KV 14218/1300/Dec 25e  
VU2YY 14224/1405/Dec 25e  
VS6DD 14224/2355/Dec 18w  
XW8CO 14208/1330/Dec 19e  
YK1AA 14246/1440/Dec 24m  
4X4CW 14225/1405/Dec 20e  
4X4LC 14205/1435/Dec 24m#  
4S7PB 14320/1240/Dec 23e  
4W1GM 14220/1805/Dec 19e  
9K2DC 14206/1445/Dec 21#  
9M2DQ 21345/0000/Often  
9V1SH 14224/2355/Dec 18w

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii etc )  
(all times in gmt/ut # = longpath ??? = Slim on Cray Island Again? )



MORE RED EYED LOUIEEUROPE SSB

CT2AK	21355/1845/Dec	16e	I7IPA	14202/1520/Dec	21w#	ON5GA	14206/1440/Dec	24m
DM2DGO	14208/1525/Dec	21w#	I7ON	14229/1530/Dec	21w#	OZ5KF	14216/1500/Dec	23m
DL6FZ	14221/1550/Dec	23w#	IØBNZ	14216/1420/Dec	24m	SV1BR	14202/1510/Dec	23w
EA5IW	14248/1955/Dec	24e	LX1JO	21399/1445/Dec	15e	SVØWGG	21314/1415/Dec	21e
F5RV	14220/1545/Dec	21w#	LX1BK	21138/1630/Dec	22e	UW6DO	14208/1515/Dec	22w
HB9FU	14270/1530/Dec	23wW	M1I	14216/1420/Dec	24m#			

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

CP1FW	21415/1535/Dec	22e	KV4CI	28570/1610/Dec	22e	VS5MC	14225/2315/Dec	20e
CP8AU	21271/1900/Dec	21e	KG4EZ	14332/1830/Dec	21e	YBØADK	14222/2350/Dec	18w
FM7AQ	14202/2255/Dec	20e	KG4DS	21355/1950/Dec	15e	YN1WB	21355/2000/Dec	15e
FY7AN	21292/1810/Dec	18e	KG6HC	14225/0100/Dec	24m	YS1MAE	21336/1605/Dec	17e
FYØBHI	21355/1845/Dec	18e	OA6BG	14214/2015/Dec	23e	ZS1ANT	14220/0430/Dec	15w
FY7AM	14206/2130/Dec	17e	PZ2CU	14333/2105/Dec	17e	ZL1WN	21302/1800/Dec	18e
FG7XW	21278/1800/Dec	16e	VK1ZAA	14226/1720/Dec	21e	3E1KC	21355/1830/Dec	18w
HH2WF	14275/1145/Dec	23e	VP1FF	21355/1840/Dec	18e	3B2DK	21355/1815/Dec	23w
HH2WF	21415/1500/Dec	22e	VP2GBL	21280/2000/Dec	17e	6Y5AH	14333/1730/Dec	15e
HI8LC	28564/1700/Dec	22e	VP2ME	14232/2205/Dec	21e	8P6FU	21355/1745/Dec	17w
HI8XAW	21355/1930/Dec	20e	VP8ML	14194/0045/Dec	16w	9Y4AVC	14209/1355/Dec	21e
HKØBKX	14201/2345/Dec	22e	VP8OA	14219/0050/Dec	20m			
HKØBKX	21355/1845/Dec	18e	VR6TC	21355/2240/Tuesday				

FORTY AND EIGHTY LOUIE

CO8VT	7030/1140/Dec	21e	UL7JAA	7005/1445/Dec	18w	YU2WPR	7012/1450/Dec	18w
CM2VG	7016/0010/Dec	22e	VK2BQQ	7002/1930/Dec	22e#	SM5AYY	7005/1500/Dec	20w
CM6SG	7016/0010/Dec	22e	VK3YD	7001/1935/Dec	22e#	ZS6DN	7085/0125/Dec	23e
CO5DM	7005/0010/Dec	22e	VK6WT	7004/1210/Dec	22e	ZS1A	7016/0515/Dec	24w
CR4BS	7027/0120/Dec	17e	VK3FC	7011/1125/Dec	22e	ZS6US	7006/0415/Dec	21w
EA8EX	7028/2110/Dec	16m	VK3ABR	7004/1500/Dec	20w	ZF1WE	7196/1135/Dec	17e
HM1GV	7006/1510/Dec	20e	VP2SAH	7025/0730/Dec	24m	ZL1AU	7012/1120/Dec	22e
HM4HU	7005/1500/Dec	20w	VP9BK	7011/1120/Dec	22e	3D2FR	7081/0530/Dec	14e
KP4DRT	7028/1110/Dec	22e	VS6DD	7015/1505/Dec	17w	ZS6/3D6	7016/0430/Dec	17w
PY1BA	7008/0540/Dec	21w	VU2LO	7006/1450/Dec	23w	6W8FP	7093/0045/Dec	23e
UK9FEW	7011/1115/Dec	22e	YV5TT	7035/1135/Dec	22e	8P6AO	7206/1100/Dec	17e
UAØFBF	7007/1445/Dec	20w	YV1AFJ	7027/1200/Dec	23e	8P6AJ	7231/1110/Dec	17e
UK2BBB	7013/1445/Dec	20w	YO2ASU	7007/1440/Dec	20w	9Y4T	7158/1110/Dec	17e
CO2AA	3780/0425/Dec	22e	OE6MKG	3790/0405/Dec	21e	VP9AD	3808/1035/Dec	20w
CT2BL	3763/0115/Dec	19w	OE6KF	3790/0440/Dec	21e	VP7DY	3798/1235/Dec	23w
CT2BP	3793/0930/Dec	19w	PAØGMW	3786/0025/Dec	23e	VP2KC	3793/0410/Dec	24w
CR4BS	3798/0800/Dec	22w	PAØRYS	3786/0030/Dec	23m	VP2DM	3802/0135/Dec	18m
DM2CIF	3501/0010/Dec	21e	SM5SB	3789/1445/Dec	19m	VS6DO	3807/1115/Dec	17e
DJ4AX	3761/0200/Dec	15e	TG8KT	3778/0450/Dec	17w	VS6FB	3794/1450/Dec	19w
EA8CR	3798/0100/Dec	22w	UL7GW	3507/1145/Dec	19e	VU2GDG	3699/0110/Dec	20w
EI6S	3782/0840/Dec	21e	UD6DHA	3506/0300/Dec	17e	VU2GDK	3894/0015/Dec	17e
F5LQ	3781/0430/Dec	20e	UAØFGM	3620/1120/Tuesday		YU2HA	3796/0025/Dec	23e
FM7WE	3806/1020/Dec	19w	U5ØLH	3505/1400/Dec	18w	YU2CDS	3761/0150/Dec	15e
FY7YM	3806/1020/Dec	19w	VK4SS	3502/1430/Dec	20w	ZE2KV	3503/0055/Dec	17e
FG7AN	3804/0955/Dec	18w	VK6WT	3503/1155/Dec	22e	ZP5AL	3787/0610/Dec	15m
G4BUE	3796/0035/Dec	24e	VP2LL	3816/1105/Dec	19w	6W8DY	3789/0755/Dec	21e
GC2FMV	3793/0440/Dec	10e	VP2SG	3786/0030/Dec	23e	4X4NJ	3795/0050/Dec	15e
HA5KKG	3527/0610/Dec	22m	VP2LA	3780/0050/Dec	15e	8P6AH	3780/0050/Dec	15e
JH1DGC	3511/2130/Dec	22e#	VP2MRA	3780/0050/Dec	15e	8R1AG	3798/0855/Dec	14w
OA4AIW	3792/0640/Dec	15m	VP2LBU	3800/0235/Dec	19w			
HC2YL	3816/0220/Dec	17m	VP9DL	3799/0525/Dec	15w			



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# CALENDAR

SPRATLY VS5MC looking for 1S5MC....but now it looks like late January  
TURKS/CAICOS VP5AA and VP5BT for five days from this weekend  
BRITISH VIRGINS WA5QXR and friend signing VP2VZ from January 12th  
NEPAL Possible activity over New Years by visiting German amateurr.  
CROZET New crew putting up antennas...look for FB8W- after Jan 15th  
CARIBBEAN K6SE heading south...itinerary not set but might be FS7/FM7 or  
PJ8. Sometime after January 3rd for a couple of weeks.  
10 METER DAY March 16th. British group asking for reports on 10mtr action on  
this Sunday. Heard or worked....  
FRESNO April 18/19th. At the Fresno Hilton. Prepare for the Great Day!!

NAVASSA RECAP The South Jersey group that operated KC4NI late in November has forwarded a report on the activity...

.....The original plan was to arrive on Navass mid-morning Sunday, November 24th and stay until about noon on the 29th. This would have capitalized on the latter part of the CW weekend of the Q Test to let people know we were on the air. Unfortunately, this goal was not achieved as our 65-foot chartered boat encountered a sever storm at sea Saturday evening and the heavy pounding and the seasickness reduced the available watchstanders to a point where the Captain had to return to Jamaica. Eight hours later the storm was abating and we headed for Navassa, it being reached at 11:00p.m. We anchored off-shore in heavy swells with the engine turning over in case the anchors dragged.

At daybreak on Monday, the 25th, we off-loaded into a small dinghy and to the landing ladder. A hurried station was put on the air and the first QSO was made shortly after 10:00a.m., one day behind schedule. With the loss of the contest period, there also went our hope to make 10,000 QSOs. We were tired physically and things went slow in setting up the station. It took a couple of days to get to feeling good and the short hours of sleep did not help. Even so, during four days on Navassa, which included setting up and dismantling three stations, we made 7321 QSOs including 89 on 160 meters. To our surprise, the total was nearly equally split between SSB and c.w. We had expected SSB to be the top-heavy mode but the final count showed 53% of the QSOs on SSB and 47% on c.w.

Costs of the trip were originally expected to be about \$500.00 per man but this figure swelled as we go deeper into the arrangements but we decided to see things through. There were some unforeseen expenses and an unfavorable U.S. exchange rate for the dollar. It ended up with the cost nearly double per man from the initial estimate. It was enjoyable to activate Navassa for the amateurs and if anyone might wish to help with the expenses they will be welcomed.

QSLs to K2FT, Bill Gallick, for this KC4NI operation.

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