WEST COAST DX & BULLETIN

GIBRALTAR W9JVF, Ron Williams, will be on Gibraltar the rest of this month and will be operating in the ARRL Phone Test on March 1/2nd.

Ron expects to be active in the week prior to the test, aiming to open up about February 23rd and to operate through the DX Test. Prior to the DX Test he probably will sign ZB2CS and in the Test it may be either ZB2BL or ZB2A. One way or the other he will be active.

There will be a beam for 15/20 meters and a long-wire for 75 meters. These will be the only bands on which activity is planned. Ron will be looking for stateside contacts and the haul into the Western Reaches. He is a feature writer for the Saturday Evening Post. It is also possible that he will operate from the RAF Station on Gibraltar signing ZBØBL. Whatever does develop, there will be activity from ZB2-Gibraltar.

MIDWAY ISLAND Sam Kibler, K4DNU, has been found on twenty from Midway in recent weeks. A week or so back on February 16th Sam was signing KM6BI at 14234kc from 0130Z.

For some Midway has not been the easiest one in recent years due to the lack of regular activity and sporadic QSLing. Apparently Sam is working to change all of this. Sam has organized a bit of interest on the island and has a class studying for novice licenses, this including Sam's XYL. One novice is already on the air on fifteen meters and it is expected that another eight will open up shortly. They are getting the support of the Commanding Officer on the island and are doing the work of setting up three operating positions and antennas to cover eighty through ten meters.

On other activity, the group is working through the accumulated cards on hand though some logs are missing. They are trying to either handle the QSL and if the log is missing, to return the card so that the sender will stop waiting. It is anticipated that there will be considerable activity out of KM6-Midway shortly.

TUNISIA DL7RT will be on that Tunisian-3V8 effort scheduled for the end of next month, the action running from March 24th through April 3rd. This will be a twenty and forty meter operation, one frequency to be used will be 14195kc for twenty SSB. For c.w. 14025kc will be used and 7025kc for forty meters. There will be other DL operators besides DL7RT making the 3V8-effort.

SPRATLY As of last week, Maurice Caplan, VS5MC, was zeroing in on the April 14th period as the start of an eight day operation from Amboinia Cay. Speaking of the preparations and the inclusion of additional participants, Maurice said: "This time will be a bit more realistic deal than my 1-man plan". The plans at this time include Don Riebhof, XU1DX; Leslie Hickingbotham, VS5LH; and Kevin Newberry, KA8OP. The group has chartered a local fishing boat but doubt if the vessel will be ready until the end of the local fishing season in late March. Also going along on the trip will be a group of scuba divers to do some looking around the reefs there. If all goes by plan, the group will open on the 14th of April or thereabouts and will run until about April 21st. More information will be surfacing on this one in the coming month.

SUNSPOT LOUVE while cloud cover name can be with the ling the last week at W8ZQK s/QKH, there enough be a true to confirm that on the day of this point and on the pre-vious is the two significant sinspots were present.

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Boulder says that the start of this week should be quiet and solar activity is predicted to be low with MUFs near seasonal normals. Unsettled conditions are expected to develop this Thursday, February 27th, and remain so for about eight days.

Fade outs due to solar flares have a very low probability

and no inospheric storms are anticipated.

Looking back, Boulder confirms that conditions have unsettled in the previous week with slightly disturbed geomagnetic conditions. The whole day indices were '5' from the 12th to the 18th except for a '4' on February 14th. The twelve month moving average Zurich sunspot numbers looks for a figure for February at 24, March 22, April 21 and May 19. The numbers slide down to 13 for this coming December and a figure of 12 for next January. We ran into the laader of the Palos Verdes Sun Dancers last week and asked why he wasn't working on those stomp routines. The question didn't bother him at all. "XYL Jessie attached an odometer onto my tuning dial last year and when it read 100,000 miles she say it was time for a tune-up and overhaul. She ran me right out of the shack for sure". We thought this over for a bit and finally had to ask the obvious. "What are you doing now if you can't get in there and swing that big beam?", we asked and that PV Sun Dancer smiled his wrinkled smile. "I'm out putting up some better antennas for forty and eighty and maybe a bit of onesixty. That's where the action is going to be. For sure!". Son of a Gun! Those Sun Dancers are mightily muscled.....both in their legs and heads. "Sound the beat, Muscle-Head", we said ...

TURKS/CAICOS Some problems by the operators in scheduling brought a stop to the VP5 plans in the ARRL Phone Test by the North Florida DX Assn. Something may develop for a later date but this one is scrubbed.

BOUVET There is a report that the operators that were signing Norweginan calls in the Antarctic have returned to Norway and that no license was issued for Bouvet and there is small possibility of any being issued in the future. This information came down through LA-sources and possibly reflects the current situation. With summer ending in the Antarctic, it would seem rather definite that there will be nothing for another year.

SOUTH SHETLANDS CE9AT showed last week, being at 14212kc from 0100Z and operated until after 0320Z. While apparently LU2AFH is not a formal m.c. and traffic director for CE9AT, he often is there on an informal basis to assist. Ron has asked CE9AT to appear at 14210kc on Tues/Thurs/Saturdays which should help the W/Ks on the north-south path, band conditions being what they are. This is an informal arrangement.

On the 19th a large number of QSOs were run through but a lot were still left waiting.

ANDORRA W6EIF will be departing Cartagena soon and returning stateside. Tom is asking about a possible C31-Andorra license for a stop-over enroute. This will be in March if it jells. Tom has been teaching at a Spanish Naval installation, he being a Honeywell rep. Efforts to get a EA-license during his stay ran up against a blank wall...this apparently the case with any W/K application. Anyone with some input as to how a deserving W/K DXer can get a license in Spain?

1900Z 18 Feb 75 W8ZOK F2QQ QSL MANAGER Picking up on the inquiries for the correct address for F2QQ, there is further information and this comes in a letter direct from F2QQ. Richard writes:

I am QSL Manager for several DX Stations...FYØBHI, FY7AA, TU4AH, FGØZZ/FS...

These past years I have moved several times and a lot of Amateurs are sending their QSLs to my previous addresses. I get some of these QSLs but others are being sent back to the senders.

For a quick reply, cards must be sent to:

Richard Gemehl F2QQ 52 rue de Saussure 75017 Paris FRANCE

All the best and 73s...

/s/ Richard Gemehl F2QQ

LONG ISLAND DX ASSN Because of the problem of working out-of-state in recent months made things difficult, Larry Cohen, K2KGB, long-time editor of the LIDXA DX Bulletin has turned the duty over to Robert Barden, WA2RJZ.

Larry has been working in Massachusetts since last Fall and the short time available when home on week-ends proved an increasing handicap. WA2RJZ will take over with the upcoming issue.

SHORTLY NOTED FG7AR, Allen, is presently on St. Martin signing /FS7 and is the Director of the electric power facility on the French part of the island. He will be there for a couple of years. FG7AK, Yvonne, who also signed PJ8AK/VP2VV/FS7 has departed St. Martin and is now in Guadeloupe.

Some high winds on Mauritius island disrupted some of the antennas a week or so back. VQ9MC was passing on the word. The 9G1-operators who have been planning West Africa action are also looking for a possible TL8-activity next year. The report is that there is a French national sometimes active from TL8 on c.w. If you checked Red Eyed and found SM7JZ/4X listed in Africa, it was not mistake. The station is in the Sinai, about 12 miles east of the Suez Canal. This would count for Zone 34.

XU1DX has been reported as short on fuel and with operations curtailed. 9G1AR may be leaving Ghana soon. That CH6CF reported in 40 meter Louie is part of the Canadian brackets of call-signs. A check to see if it was an aircraft did not help, Canadian identification generally beginning with 'CF-'. While we are digging in that area, someone asked why that Clipperton report of a month or so back had "I F" as a signal rather than 'SOS". The answer being that these are ground-to-air visual signals. "I' means: "Require doctor. Serious injuries". 'F' means: "Require food and water". This may help understand why the Coast Guard would fly 1400 miles to check out the report. While on the Clipperton matter, we had one story recently about a group with their own private DC-7 they used for hopping about the country and were planning to zip down to Clipperton and operate there. There was also the report that there was a landing strip on Clipperton long enough to accomodate a DC=7. Some mild skepticism brought a wave of indignation. "Be a Believer", we were told. Son of a Gun, what could we say? "Not Yet", was our reply and it is still an interesting bit of speculation about anyone trying to land on Clipperton with a DC-7. Even if they had a valid amateurs license. Which they did not. VQØAZ was working JAs like mad on Sunday, February 16th. Said he was in the South Pacific. This prefix is British Overseas Territories but otherwise is a bit of a mystery. 9G1AK is getting out a strong signal using only a dipole but Chester is aiming for a beam in the near future. W6CLM worked CR4BS while mobiling. Some of those DX stations will do anything to work any of the elusive sixes!!

SOME THOUGHTS ON RESTRUCTURING

Charles G Bird K6HTM

The FCC proposal is out. Everyone should have seen it in QST or in the special mailings that came from Ham Radio Magazine and others. The important thing is that we all need to read it and decide what our own position is on Restructuring.

I have heard many comments on the air, pro and con, but most of them seem to reflect considerable prejudict, some of it rooted in the upheavals of incentive licensing. The most interesting comment I have heard came from WA6MFJ who said something to the effect that in this day and age of social equalitarianism, i.e., by law everyone is getting a piece of the action. The FCC is practicing discrimination in Restructuring. It is taking away...' That kind of comment certainly makes most of us want to rattle the bars in our ever more confining prisons.

Let's face it. Everybody now licensed except Extra Class is going to lose VHF, and each will have to perform a humiliating bureaucratic action to regain that which he stands to lose. The humiliation will reach deeper into one's pride as the years go by since each shall become classified in the group that was grandfathered in while the new group works for what it gets. Is not this distinction and discrimination? And further discrimination due to confinement can be found in nearly every one of the proposed changes: Power Restrictions, Mode Restrictions, Frequency Restrictions and the like. No doubt your blood is boiling and the bars in that cage are really rattling. Calm down now!

What is the FCC anyway? It is an administrative branch of our democracy, therefore, an expression of the people. We know what that means (someone said after the recent gubernatorial election in California: Nobody wanted Brown but we got him anyway!"). No one can deny that the FCC is trying to act in the best interests of everyone: "These proposals represent our best thoughts in these important matters (paragraph 20, Notice of Proposed Rule Making, December 4, 1974). Not everyone will be happy, of course. But look who will be happy. The superpower freaks can at last legally run their state-of-the-art linears, all those folds who were kept out of ham radio because of the c.w. requirement can now get in and manufacturers of 220mhz gear will have a ready outlet for all those transceivers they have stockpiled in warehouses around the world.

Let's consider Restructuring less cynically. The FCC has made a remarkable effort in reviewing some 35 petitions before it to feel the pulse of the people. The results of this review must be considered a giant step toward equalitarianism in ham radio. If you do not think so, consider that the number of U.S hams will probably double in a short time as a result.

Well, Bird, where do you stand, you ask? Are you for or against Restructuring? I must answer that I am for democracy. I am standing numbly in the middle (where, I think, everyone else is too!), recognizing the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal. After all, the California Governor has decided his official car will be a \$3000.00 Plymouth and he will pay his apartment rent out of his own pocket while everyone else splurges. That's not so bad. Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose. Let's have it, Commissioners. I can hardly wait.

/s/ Charles G Bird K6HTM Chico, California

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Thy soft response renewing
What makes that Louie drive on so fast,
What are the sunspots doing?

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      Some have been trying devious means to get the FR7AM logs or QSLs. The re-
  port from one is that the efforts have proven fruitless and FR7AM/Glorioso QSLs
  still remain in the mirage category. Some are waiting for FR7AI to show up there
  this summer.
  VK9JA on Norfolk wants the QSLs to come direct to him and not via any QSL manager.
  John is a stamp collector and he wants to see those stamps...plus a few IRCs.
  Full address is: John Anderson, Mission Road, Norfolk Island. This corrects some
  information that has been printed in some magazines.
  VKØDM goes to WA4NRE. PJ8AS goes to WØIPU. This is Tom who used to be SVØWT.
  That CE2AA which is the QSL route for CE9AT in the South Shetlands is the call
  of the Valparaiso Radio Club. Rene is the current operator there. That WN6HMS/KC4
  says he will QSL sometime in 1976. Apparently the location is at the South Pole
  and a bit remote even nor that "...neither rain nor mow routing even through a
  FPO.... HZ1KE goes to G5KW.
  KC6JW in the Western Carolines goes to: Fr. John Walsh, P.Q. Box A, Yap, Western
  Caroline Islands. This is a Catholic Mission there. There are some changes
  going on out in the Pacific and the Marianas have signed an agreement putting them
  in a commonwealth status with the United States. This is for the five islands
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north of Guam. VS6BL QSL to W3HNK. KC6VE to W7PHO....and 9V1SH also to W7PHO.

CT2BP to Philip Wilson, PSC, Bx 253, APO New York 09406/ DU6BG to WA7RFH.

CALENDAR

SPRATLY SOUTH SHETLANDS

GIBRALTAR TUNISIA

SOUTH ORKNEYS

BARBADOS DOMINICA GLORIOSO COCOS

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BAHAMAS ANTIGUA

STX KERMEDEC TURKS/CAICOS GUERNSEY

MAURICE developing plans for an April 14th opening at 1S5MC

CE9AT presently active two or three nights a week

W9JVF from ZB2-Gibraltar from now through ARRL Phone Test DL7RT & Co. from March 24th...20/40mtrs only

LU1ZA on weekends..

8P6EZ on now through ARRL Phone Test.. K2FJ on through the ARRL Phone Test

FR7AI says he will be there in July....QSLs in hand!!

TI9 action scheduled for late April.

Chester still looking for TT8....looking more like a March

W4BRB back under familiar skies signing /C6 for ARRL Test Delta DX Assn opening up middle of this week with big multimulti plans for the ARRL DX Test... VP2A this weekend!

W1AM with three March skeds for XT2AA...

ZL-XYLs planning some Kermedec activity but date not firm yet No Florida Group snagged on some problems...scratched for now ..

GC8HT at 14243kc/1400Z Friday Feb 28th looking for W/Ks

GB3RN-HMS BELFAST GB3RN will be a special station aboard HMS BELFAST and active from 0800Z 28 March to 1800Z on 6 April. HMS BELFAST is permanently moored in the River Thames opposite the Tower of London and is now a naval museum. Frequencies for GB3RN will be:

CW 1826 QSX LF for DX, 1836, 3520, 7020, 14020, 21020, 28020, 144020khz SSB 1875, 3660, 3790, 7060, 14160, 14275, 21352, 28600, 144350khz

Schedules can be arranged by writing to G3HZL, 153 Wckple Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 7HT, England.

IRCs With the availability of the CW DXCC, there has been an increased demand for IRCs. Some are still available at 20¢ apiece.

KH6BZF cleaned out a lot but still has some left to move. Send sase with check to Lee, first come, first served. He asks that orders be in minimum lots of 15 IRCs The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX FOUNDATION also has a chunk of IRCs left over from the Kingman OSLing. This go for 20¢ each in lots of 15...send check made out to Northern Calif. DX Foundation along with sase. Maril to: Don Schliesser, 1900 Powell Street, Suite 500, Emeryville, Calif. 94608. Any quantity you need!

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Write Don, K5AAD, for a quote on any gear you need.....

Max W5GJ Mary W5MBB Don K5AAD Dave WA5ZNY John W5AB FWØ-QSLs Ron Stockton, SLTJ, advises that he has rece d the cards for the FWØAA and FWODX efforts of last Fall. Presently he is turning out about 150 QSLs each evening and the initial efforts have gone into the mails already. The cards are going out as the same order received, those sending a single sase for both the FWØ and FKØ operations will have to wait, the FWØ QSLs getting priority and there are some 4000 of these to clear up. The FKØ QSLs will go when FWØss are cleaned up. Ron is handling his own QSLs, FWØDX/FWØAA and FKØDX. QSLs for FWØIC/FKØIC are being handled by K6YFZ and FWØGA and FKØGA by K6RIR. These may be just a bit slower in surfacing as they are being processed at a more leisurely pace. Patience!!!

TNX to K2BT, K2KGB, W2OVC, K3ZOL, WB4EYX, W4HU, W5KA, WB4KZG, WA4NRE, WB4SIJ, W4UF, K5FVA, K5KEZ, W5LTY, W5UFF, W6APW, W6CIM, W6DAB, W6EIF, W6GVM, K6HTM, K6KA, W6MAV, WA6MWG, WB6LTJ, W6ONZ, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6YD, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, WA7OBH, W8ZOK, WDX9JFT, W9YRA, WØJRN, KH6BZF, KA6DE, F2QQ, G-1516, HP1JC, YBØABV.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. We ran into one of the local QRPers last week and we asked about the ARRL CW Test. Maybe we should have talked about other things. The QRPer looked a bit forlorn when we mentioned the Test and finally he spoke. "You know how I have always been a c.w. man", he said, "and I was aiming for that first big one of the year. I was just about set when I remembered. The test was opening on St. Valentine's Day. But, what the heck!, I thought I would play it shrewd. It didn't work". We were quiet for a bit for there was a tragic story here and there are dark passages of the heart that will never know the light of hope again. But we finally asked: "What happened?". Son of a Gun, it was a sad tale. "Well", the QRPer explained, "I figured I would fix things up right so there I was, home early from work, candy in one hand, flowers in the other and the the most loving smile on my face. And it worked! The XYL was ecstatic. And I really thought I had done it. The XYL fixed a great meal, we opened a bottle of wine and all was serene. Things were going so good that I thought I would slip off to the shack, leaving her doing the clean-up on the dishes, a smile on her face and humming a happy tune. I sure thought I had managed it for once". The QRPer stopped for a long while and we thought that maybe he would never start again. "Well, how did you do in the Test?", we asked, knowing that sooner or later we would have to get to the important things. The QRPer sighed and his shoulders drooped even a bit more. "I really don't know", he said. "I had hardly got the rig warmed up and was looking for the action when someone cut my co-ax. And the XYL was mad at me for something that I still don't understand". The QRPer turned a trouble glance to us. "What did I do wrong?", he asked and we could not reply. For you only pass this way once and if you blew it on St. Valentines Day Test, you won't pass that way again. Ever! Learn these dangerous times. ... the WCDXB will bring you a weekly portion of triumph and danger ... and maybe even how to survive the St. Valentines Day Test!!

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