

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



May 27, 1975

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ARRL BOARD MEETING Elsewhere you will find information on the May 15/16th meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors. There was action on a number of things, the matter of fees for DXCC/WAS was affirmed. Other awards generally will still be free. On the restructuring Docket #20282, the overall tone was to oppose most changes and in some cases endorsing changes to apply to new licensees but grandfathering privileges to present license holders. In many ways it was a significant meeting. Full details will be in the July QST. It should be required reading.

CHAD Chester made it to Chad where he has the callsign TT5AC but came down with an influenza-type respiratory infection shortly after his arrival and has not been too active.

9G1AT is also there in Chad at this time and is primarily a c.w. operator. There was no indication as to how long they would be there, they apparently arriving there about May 18th or 19th.

MT ATHOS While really firm information is a bit scanty, there appears to be a second group looking at Mt. Athos for something in the September area. Some of the lack of information may stem from intense rivalries which were evident in previous efforts with some efforts to discredit some operations.

At this point the feeling is strong that Mt. Athos is definitely in the final plan stage by at least one group and that any information will not be released until the last minute. However, watch for a possibility around June 20th.....

UPPER VOLTA XT2AA is presently in France on leave and the hope of W1AM to establish skeds is a bit shot. Recently W1AM's son arrived back in Ouagadougou to find that XT2AA was departing the same day. Efforts are being made to make arrangements with another station to work out the list of those needing XT--Upper Volta. There is some optimism that things eventually will be arranged to work off the present list on hand.

SPANISH SAHARA The Spanish government last week indicated that it was prepared to relinquish control over Spanish Sahara--EA9. Spain has indicated to the U.N that it wished a referendum organized to determine how the inhabitants wished the country's future to be. However, in a cabinet meeting last week a decision was made not to try to prolong the Spanish presence in the Sahara.

Relatively little attention was given to the area until some rich phosphate deposits were discovered about ten years ago and commercial production got under way about a year back. Morocco claims all of Spanish Sahara while Algeria and Mauretania claim portions.

The announcement out of Madrid made no mention of Ceuta and Melilla, both of which have been under attack as colonial anachronisms.

LAOS With amateur radio apparently be quiescent in South Vietnam and Cambodia, there are still some stations in Laos on the air, XW8HK and XW8HP being found on twenty c.w in recent weeks. These are both operated by Japanese nationals, XW8HK qsling to the JA-embassy there in Vientiane and XW8HP going to JA3VLD. XW8CO was also heard earlier on twenty SSB.

SUNSPOT LOUIE: Another week has passed and the sunspot situation is back in its rut. No significant spots could be found in the last week even though it was possible to make observations on most days. Conditions were improving towards the end of last week with even ten meters showing signs of some life yet.

The last significant spot disappeared to the back of the sun on May 5th. The indicators are there that we are bottoming out on the cycle and that it will be here within the coming months if it has not already arrived. Actually, the significant point that most will want to watch for is not whether it is going to go any lower but when will it turn up. Past experience has always been that when it starts up, it goes up fast. As Earl, the Earl Kim, of Dayton says: "...conditions can only improve".

Out of Boulder comes the report that conditions should be quiet until May 20th. Some disturbed conditions are expected around June 1st. Looking back, Boulder says things were quiet until May 20th when an unsettled period set in. There were some geomagnetic disturbances at 0309Z on May 16th and 1951Z on May 19th, each followed by a brief period of major storm activity.

W4UMF says that if you do not make it in the present 'good' period that should run until this Thursday, you may have to wait awhile. Conditions on the 8th and 9th of June should be borderline LN/HN and this being solely to an expected quiet geomagnetic field. No solar activity is expected on these days. The Bad Days? June 2nd should be a real stinker with June 3rd close behind. Now if we were able to pinpoint the dates for Mt. Athos, you would be able to plan your vacation, serene in the belief that you will know the days when you will be missing nothing.

Anyhow, here is what W4UMF says you will catch in the coming weeks:

May 27th	High Normal	June 4th	Below Normal
28th	High Normal	5th	Low Normal
29th	High Normal	6th	Below Normal
30th	Low Normal	7th	Below Normal
31st	Low Normal	8th	High Normal
June 1st	Low Normal	9th	High Normal
2nd	Disturbed	10th	Low Normal
3rd	Below Normal		

W6TTS, the WWV Listener, passes along the averages for those who need the information to plot their own curves.

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
May 13th	68	4	May 17th	67	19
14th	67	11	18th	67	11
15th	67	3	19th	67	16
16th	67	25			

There was a blood-red eclipse of the moon last Saturday night. And it caught all the Palo Verde Sun Dancers out doing their jump and jiggle bit. If you wonder why they were out on that night, remember that the full moon always brings out some unusual things. AS the PV leader said: "....we get the urge when we see the full moon". We had already suspected that....but we would still want to know "Why?".



1300Z
20 May '75
W8ZK

SCHEDULE OF ARRL OPERATING AWARD FEES

<u>Award</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>		<u>EFFECTIVE - JULY 15, 1975</u>	
	<u>W/VE Member & DX</u>	<u>W/VE Non-Member</u>	<u>W/VE Member & DX</u>	<u>W/VE Non-Member</u>
WAS	Return postage	\$3 plus postage	\$3 includes re- turn of cards re- gistered mail	\$6 includes re- turn of cards registered mail
5BWAS	\$10 includes return of cards reg. mail	Not available	\$15 includes re- turn of cards reg. mail	Not available
DXCC Appn.	\$3.50 includes re- turn postage, pin	\$8.50 includes re- turn postage, pin	\$10 includes re- turn postage, pin	\$15 includes re- turn postage, pin
DXCC End.	Return postage	\$2 plus return postage	\$2 plus return postage	\$4 plus return postage
5BDXCC	\$10 includes re- turn postage, plaque	Not available	\$20 includes re- turn postage, plaque	Not available
Satellite	Return postage	Return postage	\$2 includes re- turn registry	\$3 includes re- turn registry
RCC	None	None	Free	25¢

Novice licensees exempt from all fees.

Charges do not apply to: A-1 Operator, Public Service, Old Timer's Club, BPL/BPL medallion,
Code Proficiency, Contests.

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ARRL MEETING The ARRL Board of Directors met on May 15th and 16th. Two items which would interest DXers would be the ARRL position on the FCC Restructuring Docket 20282 and the matter of the fees to be charged for DXCC. While other items may be touched briefly, it is felt that these are the two of paramount interest.

First the DXCC fees. The following is the way things went and this must be solid fact as it is taken right from the official minutes. You might also remember that most if not all of the motions are not spontaneous but come from discussions prior to the convening of the meeting, sometimes even to the point as to whom will make what motion and who will second. Anyhow, here is how the action on the DXCC fees went:

1. Moved by Larry Price, W4DQD, and seconded by Doc Gmelin, W6ZRJ, that the policy of the Board will be that appropriate fees necessary to substantially recover the costs for administrative process by League Headquarters shall be charged recipients of the types of operating awards for which application by the individual recipient is made.
Fee schedules shall be developed by the General Manager and shall be effective upon publication in QST.
2. Amended on motion of John Sullivan, W1HRR, seconded by Harry McConaghy, and unanimously adopted that there be separate fees for members and non-members.
3. Moved by Doc Gmelin, seconded by Roy L Albright, W5EYB, to refer the entire matter to the Membership Committee and that a new schedule of fees for DXCC be postponed. A motion to table this one ended in a tie, 8 to 8 and W2TUK voted in the affirmative to break the tie and table the motion.
4. The next afternoon, on the motion of John Sullivan, and seconded by Roy Albright, the tabled motion was taken from the table. The pending motion when it was taken from the table was Doc Gmelin's motion to refer to the Membership Committee. The motion to refer to the Membership Committee lost with Gmelin, Paul Grauer, W0FIR, John Griggs, W6KW, Phil Haller, W9HPG and Stan Zak K2SJO voting to send it to the Membership Committee. Albright, Arnold, Cotterell, Egbert, McConaghy, Price, Shima, Spencer, Sullivan, Thurston, Wicker voted not to refer it to the Membership Committee.
5. Gmelin again made a motion, seconded by Zak, to amend the original motion to provide that "all new fees will be delayed until complete schedules are published in QST. This motion to amend passed 11 yeas to 5 nays.
6. Larry Price moved, and was seconded by Sullivan, to reconsider the motion to delay the fees. This one was passed 12 yeas to 4 nays. Gmelin was opposed.
7. The question being on Gmelin's motion to amend (...all new fees to be delayed until published in QST), the motion was rejected.
8. The question being at this point was the original motion (#1) to create a schedule of fees for operating awards, and amended to provide separate fees for members and non-members (#2), the motion was adopted with all in favor except Albright, Grauer and Haller.

In case you might be wondering at this point as to what is an 'Operating Award', Page 137 of the ARRL "Radio Amateurs Operating Manual" it says: "The ARRL sponsors a variety of operating awards..." such as...Code Proficiency Awards; Brass Pounders League; A1-Operator Award; WAS; DXCC; Rag Chewers Club; Old Timers Club, etc. But there is that phrase in the motion:... "...for which application by the individual recipient is made". Some of these awards, BPL/A1-Operator/possibly code proficiency are ones which the individual recipient does not make application. BPE comes by way of the SCM.

ARRL BOARD MEETING (Cont'd)

The actual, on-the-record action on the ARRL position for the Restructuring Docket started at 8:15p.m. on the second day with the meeting adjourning at 10:22p.m. Before they got on the record, there had '....informal discussions' which took all morning of the second day of the meeting with a Drafting Committee working during the afternoon to draw a summary of the views as expressed during the informal discussions. This Drafting Committee consisted of Vic Clark, W4KFC, Jack Gant, W5GM, (Vice-Director West Gulf), Jay Holladay, W6EJJ, (Vice-Director Southwestern), Ed Metzger, W9PRN, (Vice-Director Central), John Sanders, WA4ANX, (Vice Director Delta) and David Sumner, K1ZND, (Assistant Secretary ARRL Hqtrs).

When the Board got to formal action on the Docket, here is what they did:

1. Unanimously voted that recognizing the need for changes, they would proceed to consider the proposals in FCC Docket #20282.
2. Unanimously voted that while endorsing the concept of adding a new beginner class of license conveying limited vhf privileges, they rejected the proposal to divide Amateur Radio into hf-only and vhf-only for licensing purposes and they rejected the proposal to create an Experimenters class of license.
3. Voted unanimously that the license structure provide for a single line of license progression with the steps: Basic Amateur/Novice/Technician/General/Advanced and Extra.
4. Endorsed a provision of Docket #20282 for a new beginner class of license, this to be called "Basic Amateur" with the following privileges.

145.0 to 145.5mhz and 222 to 225mhz

A1, A2, A3 and F3

Power not to exceed 50 watts

Ability to recognize Morse code
but no speed required

Novice class written exam

Examination administered by two
examiners, Generals or higher.

5 yr license, non-renewable but
re-obtainable.

Distinctive prefix, suffix to be
retained when moving higher

5. Unanimously voted for no change in Novice privileges....except that power to be determined by the same method used for other classes, a 5year non-renewable but reobtainable license and Novice to have all Basic Amateur privileges.
6. Unanimously voted no changes in the following privileges of Technician Class: modes, power, license term, special station licenses and that the Technician Class be granted all authorized frequencies above 29mhz, all Novice Class privileges, that there be no change in license renewability and the written exam to be administered on the same basis as General Class.
7. Unanimously voted no change in General Class privileges now available and that Generals be granted A1 privileges in the 50.0 to 50.1mhz segment.
8. Unanimously voted no changes in the following Conditional Class licensee privileges. License term or renewability, available frequencies, modes, power, hold of special station licenses; new Conditional licenses be issued as General (C) or General (D) as appropriate and as proposed in the Docket. The General (C) to be non-renewable and that new General (D) to be renewable upon application. That there be no requirement for mandatory re-examination of present holders of Conditional Class licenses should they change to within 175 miles of an examination point.
9. Unanimously voted that Advanced Classes retain existing power and frequencies and that they be allowed to apply for a 1x3 callsign.

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AND STILL MORE ARRL BOARD MEETING

Restructuring-ARRL Board Actions (cont'd)

10. Unanimously voted to concur in the issuance of a lifetime operator license for Extra Class licensees, and to change the name from 'Amateur Extra' to 'Extra'. And that there be no changes in the following privileges: Frequencies, sub-band exclusivity and that the written examination to up-grade from Advanced to Extra be retained rather than eliminated as the FCC proposes. Previously in the meeting the Board had voted to petition the FCC to return 21250kc to 21270kc to joint use by Advanced/Extra Classes and to request a new Extra Class sub-band at 14175-14200kc.
11. Unanimously voted a recommendation that restructuring provide the following code requirements with the current Advanced/Generals/Conditionals to get an automatic 15wpm code credit.

Extra	20 wpm	General/Conditional	10 wpm
Advanced	15 wpm	Tech/Novice	5 wpm
12. Unanimously voted to reject, except for the Novice and Basic Amateur Class, the concept of power level as an incentive device.
13. Unanimously voted to concur in the increase from one to two the number of volunteer proxy examiners to be required in mail examinations.
14. Unanimously voted that the method of determining power level continue to be based upon plate power input in lieu of peak envelope power output.
15. Unanimously voted concurrence that no presently licensed amateur would be forced to change his call sign to reflect class of license and further that any system of prefixes to identify should be limited to Novice and Basic Amateur classes.
16. Unanimously voted that their comments include an urging that the holders of the former Amateur Extra First Class license be given credit for the Amateur Extra Class written examination.
17. Unanimously voted that the League filing include appropriate comments by Headquarters Staff in response to footnote dealing with question of power limitation and measurement for various modes of emission.

It should be obvious at this point that everything went 'unanimously'. And this will constitute the ARRL position on Docket 20282. While opposing the proposed dual line of licensing for hf and vhf, they adopted many proposals to protect the privileges of the 'haves' while urging a different line of privileges for the 'have-nots' or those who have not yet attained a particular license. This is particularly notable in the proposal on Conditional Class licenses. If you were to categorize the achievement of this Board Meeting, it seems a fair summation that they were unanimous in upholding the Great Status Quo.

If you read between the lines there are some vibrations which indicate that there may be more beneath the surface. WØPAN made a motion to make a study to determine if the Legal and Regulatory Committee should be discontinued. This fomented some 'informal discussions' and the proposal was rejected 10 to 6...by tabling. It may not be completely rejected but it sure is dead. Also tabled was some proposed changes in the 3.8 to 4.0mhz bands. Carl Smith, WØBWJ, John Griggs, W6KW, Robert Thurston, W7PGY and George Diehl, W2IHA, (Vice-Director Hudson) are a committee to study the Communications Department and field organization with a view to revitalizing their operations and functions. You can read between the lines on this one that they may not be enthusiastic about the Department or some of the Personnel. Write this committee if you have any constructive input.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Then awake! the heavens look bright, DXer.....

FORTY METER LOUIE

CO2BM 7038/1340/May 20m	JH2YCF 7011/1220/May 20m	VP2VL 7020/0445/May 12w
CO2JA 7006/0250/May 11w	JA6DCT 7012/1220/May 20m	VS6DO 7080/1225/May 20w
CO5DM 7007/0240/May 11w	KP4HC 7210/1210/May 13e	XE1BGM 7008/0635/May 14w
HC5GL 7275/0000/May 13e	OA8V 7205/1100/May 11m	ZL1AMM 7032/0625/May 14w
HM5GM 7010/1425/May 13w	PJ8HS 7159/1105/May 11e	ZL2KS 7028/0450/May 15w
HP1JC 7038/1340/May 20m	PY2FFC 7204/0955/May 17e	ZS6DN 7013/0450/May 16w
JH1APF 7012/1220/May 20m	VK2AX 7009/0615/May 13w	8R1CB 7159/1100/May 11e
JH2IPD 7011/1220/May 20m	VE1XM 7210/1130/May 14e	9M8HG 7006/1350/May 17w

EIGHTY METERS

FP8DH 3815/0135/May 19e	VS6DO 3798/1215/May 20w	ZL1AQ 3807/1040/May 20e
PAØGMW 3799/0015/May 20e	A2CCY/W5 3815/0200 19e	ZL3NR/C 3804/1015 20e
OA4AGR 3799/1030/May 11e	YJ8BL 3807/1040/May 20e	8R1AG 3804/0840/May 17e
VP2AR 3807/0920/May 15e	ZL2BT 3797/0940/May 16e	

160 Meters....Lives!!! Somewheres.....

PJ8HS 1807/0235/May 11e
W2DEO/8R1 1805/0040/ 9e

AFRICA CW

5Z4PP 14029/1750/May 13e
9X5PT 21030/1925/May 13w

ASIA CW

HM1IJ 14033/0630/May 14w	UD6DHU 14015/0310/May 13w
JA1ZGR 14031/0440/May 19m	UK9AAN 14029/1755/May 13e
JA8FQO 14053/0415/May 20w	UKØFAT 14045/0435/May 19m
JT1KAA 14031/0440/May 19m	UL7RM 14060/0130/May 12m
UA9GYL 14048/0230/May 12m	XW8HK 14035/1630/May 21w
UA9FEA 14045/0225/May 12m	XW8HP 14036/1740/May 21w
UAØKAD 14033/0235/May 12m	UD6BO 14031/2020/May 18m

EUROPE CW

F8ZF 14038/1550/May 11w	UK2GBY 14033/1750/May 16e	UR2RDQ 14055/1420/May 14ka
KØCGE/HBØ 14030/0055 12m	UK1KAA 14035/1530/May 11w	UY5FF 14050/1620/May 14ka
ØK2LGI 14013/1735/May 16e	UK2RIL 14035/1540/May 11w	YO6EX 14001/2035/May 16e
LZ1KDI 14035/1620/May 11w	UK2FAA 14055/1450/May 14ka	YZ4EJ 14045/2140/May 18m
SV1CH 14048/2150/May 18m	UO5OBA 14049/2140/May 18m	
SVØWO 14010/2035/May 16e	UO5OWK 14023/1905/May 13e	

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CE2PC 14058/0245/May 19w	TI2WX 14035/1450/May 16w	ZF1VW 14032/1950/May 18m
CP1BCC 14031/1500/May 17e	KU2SCG 14025/1825/May 13e	ZL2AI 14037/0415/May 16w
CX2XA 14036/0410/May 20w	WF2OC 14026/0350/May 17e	ZL1CO 14030/0445/May 19w
CX4AAQ 21385/1955/May 18m	VK3RJ 14038/0420/May 20w	ZL2PT 14021/0410/May 20w
FG7XZ 14005/0155/May 19e	VK7ZO 14040/0435/May 19w	4J9A 14020/0250/May 13w
HP1AC 14038/0015/May 10w	VP2VL 14033/0300/May 22w	W6GBY/6Y5 14018/1230 16e
H31AC 14038/2345/May 10m	VP9AL 14067/2330/May 6e	8P6BU 14036/2050/May 16e
KG4FU 14040/2335/May 16e	VS5MC 14038/1430/May 19w	8R1J 14037/1355/May 18w
ØX5BW 14030/0125/May 17w	XQ3AL 21065/2015/May 18m	9M8HG 14024/0505/May 14w
TI2BEV 14036/0305/May 17e	YB7AAU 14033/0420/May 16w	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches ka = japan)
(kh = hawaii etc. all times in gmt # = longpath ??? = 8X8A--Slim on Cray Is.)

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

AFRICA SSB

CN8BD 14279/2120/May 18m
5L7D 14213/0205/May 17m
5V7WT 14223/2315/May 19w
9G1RQ 14226/2250/May 6m
VQ9BP 14207/1750/May 24w

ASIA SSB

EP2DB 14249/0500/May 24w

EUROPE SSB

EA6BH 14260/2240/May 18e
G2PU 14208/2340/May 17m
ISØMFN 14204/2115/May 18e
ISØXGL 14247/2125/May 18m
IT9AZS 14243/2335/May 13w
LX1BW 14224/1345/May 18e
OJØMA 14242/1245/May 15e
OY1AT 14228/2030/May 18e
TK2MO 14209/2040/May 15w

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

CO7UPC 14209/0020/May 18w
CP1FW 14260/0300/May 15w
CX4AAQ 21385/1955/May 18m
DU1DOS 14208/1400/May 11w
DU1DCC 14208/1410/May 11w
DU1XKE 14224/0425/May 14w
HC2YL 14223/0020/May 20m
HC8GI 21370/0055/May 9m
HH2WF 14198/2100/May 16e
HI8UHF 14224/2300/May 16w
HR6SWA 14240/2325/May 19w
KG6JDB 14224/0420/May 14w
KL7MF 14243/1225/May 16e

ASIA SSB

HL9TO 14212/1245/May 13e
HM1DK 14221/2345/May 13m
HS2AIG 14206/1400/May 11w
JA1DKF/JD1 14199/0650 20w
JG1NSI 14233/1405/May 11m
JY6BM 14209/2105/May 18e
KA6GN 14202/1230/May 13e
KA2USF 14238/0130/May 12m
OD5IO 14284/2120/May 18m
UK9ABA 14210/1435/May 15e
UK9CAE 14224/1425/May 15e

UK3QAA 14228/1230/May 13e
UK1ZAA 14215/2340/May=17m
UK4FAD 14219/1540/May 16ka
UK6FAA 14219/1330/May 16ka
UP2NK 14228/1410/May 10m
YO3AC 14218/2130/May 18m
YZ1BCD 14218/1850/May 12e

UL7NW 14211/0135/May 16m
VS6EG 14212/1420/May 15e
VU2ABC 14204/0205/May 16m
XW8CO 14233/1410/May 11m
4X4WH 14205/2030/May 18e
9K2DT 14192/1625/May 16ka
9M2AA 14210/1434/May 11w
9M2AP 14200/1400/May 19w
9N1MM 14216/0120/May 16m
9V1RR 14208/1410/May 11w
9V1OI 14239/1415/May 11w

KM8ICH 14286/2315/May 18w
KS6FF 14309/0400/May 18e
KX6NW 14204/0630/May 20w
OA4CJ 21360/1825/May 17m
P29AJ 14240/0730/May 19e
TG9CO 14222/2345/May 19e
TI2AV 14202/2030/May 18w
VK2CK 14206/1405/May 11w
VP2AYL 14204/2335/May 18w
VP2KF 14196/1700/May 18e
VR4DX 14206/0700/May 19e
VR6TC 21356/0050/May 7m
YBØABS 14292/1335/May 18m

YBØPG 14218/1420/May 19w
YB9AAA 14222/1355/May 11w
YB9AGH 14235/1320/May 18w
YBØABV 14224/0535/May 17w
YS1GMV 14237/0245/May 16w
ZL1WE 14237/1950/May 16e
ZL1GG 21405/2310/May 17m
ZL2BAO 21356/0105/May 7m
ZF1MA 14215/1640/May 18m
ZK1CW 14210/0235/May 12w
8P6AH 14331/1850/May 18w
9M8VLC 14224/1350/May 11w

SHORTLY NOTED The ARRL Contest Advisory Committee has a survey out which was distributed at the Dayton Hamvention. The major areas in the survey are the 10 meter Test, the 160 meter test, the ARRL DX Test plus a list of other items to which you can show a preference. If you wish one, drop a line to the Contest Committee. A35AF notes is the only amateur in Tonga. This is Kazuhiko Inoue who has been there in Vava'u since July 1973. It is a DXer which helps a bit. AP2KS is keeping a schedule with JA1TNV on Sundays...1330Z and at 14224kc. AP2KS is open to scheduling on other bands, 75 through 10 but SSB only.

ALPHA 374

Ron Cade, WA6FIT, is your DXing West Coast Factory Representative for the new ETO Linear. Full legal U.S. power on continuous output. Do drop a line to learn about the ALPHA 374. Write WA6FIT for information and demonstration.....

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ALPHA 374

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CALENDAR

SERRANA BANK
GLORIOSO
ST VINCENT
MT ATHOS
RODRIGUEZ
SOUTH PACIFIC

HUTT RIVER

CHAD
NEPAL

W7PHZ and friends on Serrana Bank from June 17th
FR7AI should be opening about this time.
VP2SPI by the Radio Club of Barbados on June 20th
Two possibilities for this summer or fall...
3B9DL from about June 15th
Ed De Young and Co. for a multi-stop new ones in the
August/September area.
A principality that may be activated in November...and
may be a new counter!
Chester is there....with influenza
W9CTV planning to be active there in September.

SOME SHORT NOTES We have an lot of the ITU calls on hand and will get them all in order for next week. This week's bulletin has been long on news but short on DX developments but it still filled a number of pages.
We might note some switches: KB1ITU goes to WA1RGW and KI1ITU goes to WA1STN. We had them reversed last week. WB4SIJ was signing WS4ITU and not KS4ITU. KI4ITU goes to K4YFQ..and KM9ITU to WB9LHI and not WB9LHT. Next week we should have close to 100 of the calls listed for QSL purposes.
Some HZ1KE QSLs are coming through as well as some of the PQ0IVS of Fernando da Noronha of August 1974.
Some have noted that KM6EA hangs out around 14320kc a good deal of the time. TI2BEV departed Costa Rica a week or so back and has been heard as ZF1WW in the last week. This is K4VW when he is home in Lake Placid, Florida. There is the report that ZF1-calls won't be issued to non-Grand Caymans and that visitors would have to sign their own call /ZF1. ZF1 prefixes would only be issued to nationals living on Grand Cayman except "...in unusual circumstances".
Bob Kegley, ex-TU1AZ and ex-BV2AB and ex-XV5AC, is now back in the states and most likely will be locating in the Washington, D.C. area. Another XV5-call is also back in the Washington area is K6JGS. He had the call XV5AE....if you did not work him there is a reason. After a year of trying to get the XV5-call, it was issued to him just as he was packing his gear to leave the country. That VP2VL being heard on forty c.w. last week seems to be Bob Denniston, W0DX, whose call might be remembered by some real old timers. That KM8ICH goes to W8MB.
TI2AJF is back in the states. If you need a QSL, send yours via the W9 Bureau. If you sent one to Costa Rica, you might try again....via the W9 Bureau this time.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and we sat and talked for awhile. The QRPer talked of band conditions and the miserable situation with the sunspot cycle and important things like that. After listening a bit we asked: "With things so bad and you are already aware that most days you will find things impossible, why do you keep turning the rig on. Don't you know you ~~will~~ be disappointed?". The QRPer thought for a bit before his smile returned. "Maybe you're right", he said. "And maybe I know all of it before I turn the rig on. But I like DX and DXers. And something, illogical as it may seem, something tells me that one of these mornings all the DX will be back and I want to be there when it arrives. I want to see those Great Days dawning". We thought this over for a bit for, Son of a Gun!, what could we say? For one must live in hope and trust and the Sunspots will return one of these days. And while you watch the morning sky for the mottled look, \$13.00 will bring you the great words on the Great DX Day by first-class mail. \$15.00 flies it to the far reaches of DX beyond the U.S...VE and Mexico.

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