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<u>MT ATHOS</u> A Mt. Athos effort is definitely on and at this point the only question to be decided is the date. Initially plans were directed towards something around the period of June 20th but late word is that this time period is slipping a bit. Planning currently is directed towards the July period of best band conditions which would place it in the period around July 20th. The June plans are not entirely out the window but a considered estimate is that this would be getting into the least likely time with the July period looking more and more as the time when Mt. Athos will again be heard.

SV1GA plus other SV-operators will be in on the effort. As the plans firm up it appears as many as five operators may be in on the effort with sufficient gear and antenna to make a sizeable total of QSOs.

The group is aiming for the best period of propagation in the July period. You can do your own predicting by running your own charts on the solar flux and the index. More will be coming on this....but as the Hero of Mafeking would often say: "Be Prepared!!".

SERRANA BANK The W7PHZ & Friends plans for the HKØAA-Serrana Bank effort are firming and they may even show a day or two early.

In a QSO with W6ONZ last week it was indicated that they may be on Serrana Bank a day or two earlier than originally planned. More should surface on this before the action starts but things are getting rather definite.

Looking beyond the HKØAA-Serrana Bank effort, the group is thinking of next year and some possible DX activity. Some thinking has been directed to a possible Malpelo operation in 1976 and evidence of support or need most likely would be significant in helping with the decisions.

Serrana Bank this June for sure. Anytime after June 15th..... The plans for this operation include operations on ten through eighty plus two meters. The two-meter operation will tie in with a repeater at TG9.

<u>COCOS ISLAND</u> There has been nothing in the last couple of weeks on the TI9FAG effort but this week there is some information from the other side of the matter, this being one of the DJ-operators who was on Cocos. The letter is in German and the following is a brief summary:

> There seems to be two rival clubs in TI. TI2-- seems to have been jealous and demanded 5000 US \$ per operator plus one buck per QSL. Under these conditions we would organize the Cocos trip and not contact the ministeries. The HB9-group didn't go along with that.

He then indluenced the captain of the chartered ship to increase the charter to \$150 per day with a 20 day minimum.

The group then got snother ship 'Dona Dina' and went under the direction of A.F. Gonzales, TI2FAG, to Cocos

All this information on the TI9-Cocos problems has been run just as received. You make up your own mind on things for at this point you know just as much as we do.

SUNSPOT LOUIE At the cime of this observation were still in a period of no significant solar activity. The last spot of any consequence disappeared on May 5th and even observations a number of times a day fail to reveal any significant activity The present state of the sunspot cycle continues to draw a lot of attention and speculation. The long periods without significant activity are of import in themselves and some feel that these are indicat that the cycle is bottoming. Somewhere along the line you will be able to look back and say "That was it ... the bottom!!!! now you must live in hope. One of these days note some improvements, sporadic as they may be that

W4UMF has the look ahead and here is what you migh vacation for the next couple of weeks.

will be an indicator that you are on the approximation

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W6TTS comes up with the reports from WWV. Gene says that the solar flux and the indices were:

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21st	68	11	25th	68	8
22nd	69	10	27th	67	24
23rd	69	8			

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Howard Hale W6SC

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The June QST (received Mere in the Western Reaches on May 28th) contains the first of a two-part article on the solar flux etc. Quite extensive ...

RFI The ARRL RADIO FREQUENCE TESK GROUP is jubilant over the introduction in the U.S. Congress HR 7052 which contains long needed enabling legislation to cope with RFI problems. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The Task Group wants all possible support for the legislation. If you send a sase with 10¢ postage to Ted Cohen, 8603 Conover Place, Alexandria, Va, 22308, he will send you a copy of the bill. Get some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on this important matter and the send you a copy of the bill bet some input on the bill bet some input

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Though the Sunspots decline, they will return and the DX Season is always with $us_{\underline{\bullet}}$

- The Sunspot Recession is almost over. The signs are that we are PREPARE!! bottoming and things can only go up, up, up...
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Bob Ferrero K6AHV

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At its meeting on May 15-16, 1975, the ARRL Board of Directors established the League position on the FCC restructuring proposal, Docket 20282. The Directors were guided by the results of a survey of the entire U.S. membership of the League which was conducted in March and April, and to which over 56,000 members responded. The Board did not endorse the concept of a dual-ladder structure dividing amateur radio into hf and vhf "tracks," but instead proposed a unified, logical progression up from a basic entry-level license, with each class of license including all privileges of those grades below it.

Here is a summary of how present amateur licensees would be affected by the FCC proposal, and by the ARRL counter-proposal:

Amateur Extra	FCC proposal	ARRL proposal
power: frequencies:	2000 watts peak output lose exclusive phone bands on 75 and 15 m.	1000 watts dc input retain 75-meter exclusive phone band, add a new one on 20 meters from 14175-14200 kHz
tenure:	lifetime operator license	lifetime operator license
examination:	eliminate written exam	retain written exam
Advanced		
power: frequencies:	2000 watts peak output gain access to Extra class 75 and 15 m. phone segments	1000 watts dc input gain access to Extra class 15 m. phone segment
call signs:	no change	may obtain preferred "one- by-three" call, if desired
General		
<pre>power: modes: frequencies:</pre>	500 watts peak output Al, A3, and F3 only lose 29.0-29.7 MHz, gain 50.0-50.1 MHz	1000 watts de input all present modes lose nothing, gain 50.0- 50.1 MHz
station licenses:	lose right to hold club, repeater, and control station licenses	retain right to hold all "special" station licenses
mail exam supervision:	lose right to supervise exams by mail	retain right to supervise exams by mail

Conditional

power, modes, frequencies, station licenses would be affected in the same way as Generals. tenure: lose right to renew retain right to renew license

license, except in case of disability

Technician

power: modes: frequencies:

station licenses:

Novice privileges:

tenure:

FCC proposal

500 watts peak output Al, A3, and F3 only gain 50.0-50.1 MHz, 144-145 MHz lose right to hold club, repeater and control station licenses all, with separate license lose right to renew license if taken by mail, except in case of disability

ARRL proposal

1000 watts dc input all present modes gain 29.0-29.7, 50.0-50.1, 144-145 MHz retain right to hold all "special station" licenses all, automatically

retain right to renew license

Novice

power: tenure: 250 watts input 5 years, renewable 75 watts input 5 years, non-renewable, but reobtainable without mandatory lapse upon reexamination all privileges of new Basic Amateur class

other privileges:

none

Another important FCC proposal was for the creation of a new entry-level class of license with vhf privileges. Here is a comparison of the FCC and the ARRL versions of this new license:

name: frequencies: power: modes: requirements:

tenure:

FCC proposal

Communicator all above 144 MHz 250 watts input F3 only Novice-level written exam on vhf techniques, no code exam

5 years, renewable

ARRL counter-proposal

Basic Amateur 145.0-145.5 and 222=225 MHz only 50 watts input Al, A2, A3, and F3 Novice exam designed to acquaint applicant with broad range of amateur radio, knowledge of Morse code without speed requirement 5 years, non-renewable, but reobtainable without mandatory lapse upon re-examination

Complete details on the ARRL Board meeting will appear in the July issue of QST, and the complete text of the ARRL filing will appear in a subsequent issue--probably August. We hope you won't want to miss these important issues.

Support for the League position on restructuring can be expressed in two ways. First of all, you can send a letter to the Amateur and Citizens Division, FCC, Washington, DC 20554, endorsing the ARRL position on amateur restructuring (Docket 20282). Even better, you can join the ARRL, and encourage your friends to join. A further increase in ARRL membership, already at its highest level in history, will be a message to the FCC that amateurs are united in their support of a structure that would permit present ' licensees to retain their privileges. Your support will be extremely important as we continue the tasks of strengthening the amateur radio service and preparing for the world frequency conference on the horizon. The League's position on restructuring of our service has been reached with those goals in mind.

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CALENDAR

MT ATHOS	Definitely!! SV1GA & Friendsmaybe June but most likely during the solar flux peak in July.
SERRANA BANK	W7PHZ and friends from June 17th
GLORIOSO	FR7AI should be there any day now
RODRIGUEZ	3B9DL from about June 15th
SOUTH PACIFIC	Ed DeYoung & Co. on a multi-stop effort including some that
	may count as new ones from late August
CHAD	TT5AC presently active
NEDAL GUERNSEY	W9CTY planning to be there in September 9NCTY??
GUERNSEY	GC8HT at 3773kc from 1400Z on June 3/4th.

NEXT WEEK We will be out of town most of this week and the next weeks bulletin
probably will be a day or two late in mailing. Don't start beating the unsuspecting mailman. It won't be his fault. Patience!!
It will probably be a cropped edition. Time may not be available for Red-Eyed if
conditions turn good. You will get a bulletin...probably a couple of days late.

SHORTLY NOTED WIGNC has the logs for VP2VL for the period 24 Mar 75 to 18 May 75. John hopes to be QSLing early in June. He is also looking for some back logs. That TA1DB said to QSL via the ARRL...then vis W4DOS. Some suspect it may be Ankara Slim!! The Annual New Jersey QSO Party is set for August 16-18th. The Englewood Amateur R_adio Association sponsoring this annual event. Both c.w. and phone in this event. VU2ABC is due to leave India this Wednesday and enroute back to the states. Don Riebhoff was in the California area last week, home a bit precipitiously. He is not sure as yet of where his next assignment might be. In addition to those TK prefixes you now also have XL which supplants the familiar VE for the Canadian callsigns. Also being heard is YZ for the Yugoslavia stations. That TK prefix is for France...

PY7YS still working on the plans for Fernando de Noronha and St. Peter and Paul but late information lacking. He also says he will be at **Ro**cas which he hopes will be a 'new' one.

Ten meters found it way out of the woodwork last week to the delight of many who were happy to see the band is not moribund. Some Western Reaches even found stations coming through as 1950 as 0500Z on May 26th.

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ARRL Larry Shima, WOF Dakota Division Director, subjected his resignation from the Board of Directors in a letter dated May 20, 1975 or within a day or so after his return from the recent Board meeting.

WØPAN said that the decision to resign "..was made necessary because of increasing responsibilities in my business career".

Thomas M Kulas, WAØIAW, the Vice-Director in the Dakota Division moves up and is now the Director to serve out the remainder of 1975.

The FCC is looking at the 216-220mhz band with the thought to accomodate the estabalishment of a low power land mobile radio service. This would be implemented over a three year period starting this Fall. The FCC made this suggestion in a letter to the Office of Telecommunications Policy.

- TNX to W1GNC, W1JAA, WA2CCF, K2GBC, W3CDL, W4BAA, W4KA, WB4TPU, W4UF, W4UMF, W5AK, W5ALA, W5UFF, W6APW, K6AQV, W6HRE, K6HTM, K6LAE, WA6MWG, W6TSQ, W6TTS, WB6QBJ, 7ABV, WB8EUN, W8ZOK, W9KNI, WØPRY, KA6DE, HP1JC, I2CBM.
- WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. The local OkPer who was worrying about the DXCC fees a week back came up the hill again last week. "You know something", this QRPer said, "I understand that the ARRL has been losing money and that they are going to have to dig it out of somewhere...like the DXCC for instance. Did you know that?". We had read this over the years so we nodded our head, this preserving our erudite facade. The QRPer smiled at our reply and we should then have been a bit suspicious ... just a bift "You know something", he continued, "I checked back to 1964 and would you believe that every year since" 1964 the ARRL has shown an operating loss....eleven straight years of deficits?". We nodded again to this but the QRPer rattled on without waiting for our reply. "And that the total of these eleven years of deficits run to about \$470,000.00?". And again we nodded for these are parlous times and many must bear a heavy burden. But the QRPer was smiling again and for sure by then we should have been wary. "Do know" the QRPer asked. "that last year they reported an operating loss of, \$137 547.00 but they showed an asset increase of \$216,546.00?". Son of a Gun, we were on our feet at this for something was not adding up. "How do you figure that?", we roared for we were feeling trapped again. "How you you figure they had the assets go up so much when they lost over a hundred thousand?". The QRPer shrugged, "Don'task me", he said. "All I know is what I read in the Annual Reports. And since 1964 when the operations was over \$470,000.00, the assets increased over a half million. That's all I know". He was saying this but that beady-eyed smile was just a bit brighter. We thought this over for a bit and finally asked the QRPer. "I hear what you're saying", we said, but what does all of this mean?". The QRPer was quick to reply. "It means that we DXers are fortunate to have someone to watch out for our interests", he said and away he went down the hill. And Vexed and bewildered, we dug out our own Annual ARRL reports. All we can say is that QRPer sure does read every thing and you can real everything in the way of good news for DX or \$43.00 a year by 1st Class mail. \$15.00 overseas.....

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