

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



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ALDABRA Some of the VQ9s on the Seychelles are looking for a possible Aldabra operation in the coming months though the plans are not definite yet. The effort is aimed for the next month or so, in the September or October period. Several of those who were on the VQ9/Desroches effort of September last year will be in on this effort, this including VQ9BP, Bill Pomeroy, VQ9D, Dick Barnes and VQ9M, Ron Miles. More will be developing on this. Dick Barnes has been brushing up on his flying, practicing in a Cessna 150 Aerobat on the weekends.

UPPER VOLTA Jacques Feyssac, has returned from a holiday in France and is settling down again on Ouagadougou. A week or so back he did keep one schedule with W1AM and it was possible to run a bunch of available deserving DXers through for contacts with XT2AA.

Art says he is setting up more schedules and if a sase is sent him, he will get the word out when a firm schedule approaches. Mostly these will be before 2200Z and somewhere in the 14200-14270kc segment.

Chances of catching XT2AA out in the open as he is not particularly excited about pile-ups and usually only turns the rig on to talk to some friends back in the homeland in France and to a few specific stations in the U.S. The best bet would be a sase to W1AM and a hope that the schedule is kept.

If you get through, it also helps to know that W1AM is also the QSL manager.

CHATHAM ISLAND This was noted a week back and for the first time in some months. ZL3NR/Chatham was at 14215kc from 0400Z on August 10th.

BOUGAINVILLE Notice has been served on the Papua New Guinea government recently that Bougainville will secede from Papua-New Guinea on September 1st or two weeks before Papua-New Guinea goes independent itself.

The whole matter seems to be headed for a peaceful separation and a spokesman for the secessionist movement said that no violence was expected. Bougainville has some developed copper mines, the British Rio Tinto corporation operating the major one, 20% of which is owned by the Papua-New Guinea government.

This could be the new one you have been waiting for. Never give up hope....

TONGA A35AK is being reported again with KS6FF returning there on August 11th. The length of the stay this time is not known but the stay in Samoa was not long.

GREENLAND OX5BW plans to follow a schedule for the next several weeks, probably right through September and the daily operation will be:

2330Z to 0400Z

14030-14040 CW

0700Z to 0900Z

SSB in the 14210-14215kc area

CW DXCC We continue to scratch up a few more recipients of the CW DXCC Award and a couple of more numbers go like: 10 to Bob Harris of K6VY in Danville, Calif. Somewhere along the line there was a report that OZ1VY had received No. 10. It does seem certain that someone with a 'VY' suffix did get No. 10 but Bob says that that's the number his had on it.

SUNSPOT LOUIE One of the two large groups which has been present since August 6th is still visible in this report and was about to turn to the back of the sun on the date of this observation, August 15th, with the trailing portion expected to turn the corner a day later. The group has reduced somewhat in intensity during the three days prior to the report but it is still a large disturbance. The large spots at the top and bottom have been quite stable but the area between has been diffused, an indicator of moderate activity. The general pattern has remained pretty much the same.

The other large group which was shown last week and similar to this weeks group, rotated to the back of the sun on August 9th and 10th. There have been some very good openings into the Pacific and European areas during this period.

W1HDQ, writing in the MURPHY MESSAGE notes in the August issue that the 10 day low of June 6th to 15th may look important when viewed after the fact and he notes that this low period has no counterpart in Cycle 20. W1HDQ notes that the solar flux data for Cycles 18 and 19, the only ones for which this information is available, shows their minimal periods resembling very much the period from April through June 1975. It is also noted that the three lows since the origination of solar flux techniques in 1946 are almost 10.5 years apart.

The Zurich Swiss Federal Observatory says: "Not yet". Their predictions call for a smoothed sunspot number of some difference than has been coming through. A comparison with the SSN numbers previously released through WWV and the latest from Zurich show this:

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Latest Zurich	12	11	10	9	8	7				
Prior Zurich	16	15	15	14	13	12	12	11	10	9

The mean for July was 28.3. The 12-month moving average would be 34.0 for July and declining to 23.1 by January.

Undoubtedly we are getting near or are at the bottom. A year or so from one someone will raise up and proudly state: "....remember when I told you that we were at the bottom.....and you wouldn't listen. W4UMF says, as noted previously, that there has not been a cycle since 1750 that did not hit 10 or lower before bottoming out. The predictions of the Sunspot numbers as revised and shown above in comparison is an indicator that perhaps we are diving for the bottom a bit faster than anticipated. Hold on....you may not know the day or the hour and all that stuff. But Sunspots will rise again.....absolutely!!

For the next couple of weeks, W4UMF points with pride to the following expectations:

August 19th	High Normal	August 26th	High Normal
20th	High Normal	27th	High Normal
21st	High Normal	28th	High Normal
22nd	Expected to slide from High to Low Normal	29th	(See Below)
23rd	Below Normal	30th	(See Below)
24th	Low Normal	31st	(And again)
25th	Low Normal	Sept 1st	Borderline HN/LN
		2nd	Borderline LN/HN

NOTE: August 29-31st. All things being equal, these days should be High Normal. However, a considerable number of short-wave fadeouts can be expected, beginning late on the 28th or early on the 29th. Conditions on the 29th should be unstable, at the least. This is a hard period to predict and W4UMF would like to hear how DXers found the bands in this period. Conditions are expected to HN/LN borderline...and unstable!!

JUST A BIT MORE OF SUNSPOT LOUIE

We get so wrapped up in the sunspot situation, much of it because of the feeling that we are near the bottom and that the Deserving DXers are also looking for those spotted days ahead. Anyhow, we have to get the W6TTS flux report included and Gene reports that things went like:

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
August 5th	105	24	August 9th	113	16
6th	125	9	10th	113	19
7th	120	6	11th	104	8
8th	120	14			

Gene notes that things have been above or high most of this period but often it is difficult to find the difference. These are still relative to current conditions and 'Above Normal' may not bring the difference that is anticipated. One day WWV gave a N-7 forecast and Gene notes that 20 meters was wide open on that day.

BEACONS:

HL9VR 1794kc 24 hours a day. Four c.w. pulses
 DLØAR 29000kc
 DJØLJI 28195kc
 JA1IGY 28190kc
 VE3TEN 28175kc
 ZB3SX 28185kc
 ZC4CY 28180kc
 ZL2MHF 28170kc
 3B8MS 28200kc

NETS:

International DX Net 14250kc Fridays 0500Z
 YL-SSB System 14333kc Daily 1700Z
 Africana Net 21355kc Daily 1800Z (Presently waiting for sunspots)
 Pacific DX Net 14265kc Daily 0600Z
 Arabian Knights Net 14195kc Fridays 1330Z
 SEAsia Net 14320kc Daily 1200Z
 Royal Signals Club Net 14275kc Wednesday 1400Z

CE9AT QSLs There has been a change in the QSL Manager for CE9AT and the latest one is: CE2MZ, Box 1137, Valparaiso, Chile.

He asks for two IRCs plus sase and he wishes to send all QSLs by air. The operation of CE9AT is at Capitan A Prat Base, 62°30'S and 59°41' west. This CE2MZ really wants to help and one Deserving DXer reports he sent it airmail even when IRCs were not enclosed, asking that they be sent later to him. Certainly he deserves the help....

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SHORTLY NOTED The Northwest DX Meeting drew almost 200 with some exotics showing in the registration including OZ/YB/VK/HS/KC6 and Oregon. A large number of VE7s came across the border for the meeting.

W0SYK was unbelievable with a slide presentation of his 'Big Bertha' Tower. Those who have heard him are believers. K6AHV gave a report on the Kingman effort. W7RM showed his 'Unbelievables' antennas and towers. Dave Bennett spoke on the liability as a result of tower inadequacies. Unbelievable!!

9J2TJ noted to W3HHV that he has been finding some long-path openings to the Western Reaches around the 1320/1520Z time. Says he will be checking LP often.

UA1ZZZ often noted in twenty c.w. is a Soviet Polar Expedition. LZ1CY/6W8 had a P.O. box in Dakar given as his address but recently has been advising to send QSLs to Box 185, Plovdiv, Bulgaria. C31BS on from Andorra recently said to QSL to ON5FD. Some years back a W7 arrived to operate from Andorra and was given one of the first C31 calls. It was difficult to convince a good many that it was a legitimate call, many never having heard or suspected it before. However, it was not quite as hard as the previous call the W7 had used, he had been issued F00L to use in France.

W5NVU will be lecturing in Japan and Taiwan during September and will be checking in with some of the DX Clubs in JA-land. His itinerary takes him to Tokyo, Sapporo and Chiba. A year ago Dr. Kasten participated in prescribing treatment for a ship accident victim in Western Samoa, the doctor being home in New Orleans when he heard the call for medical assistance.

Son of a Gun!! We noted that one valiant took umbrage over the assertion here that DXers are smarter than the traffic or Sister Cities type. Wound up by saying: "....The Sister City activity is something we can talk about proudly and the traffic handlers have made us more friends with the government of Nicaragua, Honduras and Liberia (to name a few) than all the DXers put together.

"While many DXers do a great job of sending Callbooks and parts, hosting travelling foreign amateurs, etc, these are not on-the-air activities such as traffic and Sister City.

"One of our real hopes is that no government official was listening to the bands lately to hear the type of behavior of our 'smarter and more technically qualified' amateurs during recent DX peditions".

Heck! what does one say to something like that?

A2CCY, Bob Furzer, has been visiting on the West Coast, the possible employment in the Arkansas territory not materializing as hoped. A couple of weeks back Bob was checking some possibilities, looking for a possible overseas assignment.

5U7BA apparently is for real. Ernie Wachter, W7JRW, says that he got a QSL from Carlo Gola, Box 877, Niamey, Niger. Work them first, worry later. Sometimes they turn out to be the true-blue stuff.

WF8HOF from the Football Hall of Fame goes to W8OYV. WB8QMG is signing /HK9 from a jungle area in Colombia and Dale says he believes that this is the first use of HK9....at least recently. He is in a jungle area only open for colonization about ten years ago. He is happy to work prefix hunters and usually is on Mondays at 2300Z around 14260kc running some traffic. He will stick around for contacts. He is also on Thursdays at 0000Z and Saturdays at 1930Z in the 14280/14260kc area for a schedule into Cincinnati. Once in awhile he will warm 14260kc on other days.

6D1-prefix is being used by some XE-stations for the 7th Pan American Sports Game. ZB2FX goes to G3RFX. K9WEH comes through with: "Never mind how one gets DXCC free like the traffic awards, just send photo of the CottonTail Ranch!! Just what I need". Some more changes will come with the P29-callsigns next month. Gus, XE1KS, dropped by to visit XE1AE and came roaring out of retirement to try DX again. Gus says that it was not until he talked with Fernando did he realize that the 300 country sticker almost did him in. "It was a pity to stop at 307", he said.

THE MAPLE LEAF AWARD This is a two-part award with a parchment diploma plus a Canadian Maple Leaf flag pin for your lapel. You get this by sending a certified list with your application for:

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Enjoy the Spring of Love and Youth,
To some good angel leave the rest;
For time will teach thee soon the truth
There's no DX in last year's quest.....

AFRICA CW

C9MJK	14048/1930/Aug	8e	ZS6DE	14025/1940/Aug	8e	7X0WW	14005/2215/Aug	3e
FB8XL	14019/0650/Aug	13w	SU1WH	14036/2045/Aug	9e			
ZS3XQ	21075/1720/Aug	7e	5Z4PP	14039/1930/Aug	8e			

ASIA CW

JT0AE	14027/0140/Aug	12e	UK7GAL	14053/0120/Aug	5e	UJ8AC	14026/0140/Aug	11e
UA0AU	14025/1225/Aug	8e	UL7TAK	14052/0135/Aug	1m	UT5AA/UF6	14017/2136	3e
UA0FAM	14027/0630/Aug	13w	UJ8AE	14029/0130/Aug	11e	VU2YK	14052/0135/Aug	1m

EUROPE CW

DJ6TK	14010/1620/Aug	7w	JW5NM	14022/2300/Aug	9m	UC2UP	14014/1820/Aug	7e
F3DQ	14026/1730/Aug	11m	OJ0MJ	14011/2300/Aug	10m	UK1QAD	14004/0520/Aug	13w
GD3FXN	14011/2300/Aug	10m	OH6KT	14013/1700/Aug	11m	U05PK	14028/0520/Aug	13w
GI3IVJ	14021/1645/Aug	9w	OK2BIP	14004/0515/Aug	13w	UP2BAR	14004/0525/Aug	13w
GW4EAI	14026/1710/Aug	11m	ON6LW	14060/1440/Aug	7w	UQ2NX	14003/1635/Aug	11m
HA2MV	14028/2040/Aug	7m	ON6HE	14007/2115/Aug	7m	UR2ZN	14041/0500/Aug	7w
HA3GX	14013/1825/Aug	11m	PA0MLC	14021/1930/Aug	12w	UT5LF	14035/0355/Aug	11w
HA3HD	14010/0510/Aug	13w	UA3AZ	14004/0530/Aug	13w	SP3CUQ	14009/1755/Aug	7e
HB9WL	14023/1750/Aug	11m	UA1ZZZ	14037/1420/Aug	11e	SP9IGY	14010/2310/Aug	11w
HB9NL	14025/1650/Aug	7w	UB5ES	14041/0455/Aug	7w	ZB2FX	14032/2330/Aug	10e
HB9FF	14070/2240/Aug	12w	UB5EAO	14022/0645/Aug	13w	7SL4BP	14022/1820/Aug	12w

ELSEWHERE'S CW

A35AK	14037/0400/Aug	13w	HK0BKX	14025/0025/Aug	11e	VK4SN	14015/0355/Aug	12w
CM2AF	28600/0015/Aug	7m	KS6FF	14028/0220/Aug	4e	VP2LAW	14069/2130/Aug	12w
CX2XA	14045/0150/Aug	12w	OX3DL	14025/0140/Aug	11e	WC8CAL	14030/0215/Aug	10w
FG7AS	14006/0120/Aug	5w	PJ8AA	14030/0700/Aug	12w	XE1FR	14020/0350/Aug	13w
FP0YY	14032/1400/Aug	20e	VK2EX	14022/0350/Aug	12w	YN9JMP	14021/0115/Aug	10w
FK8CD	14069/0530/Aug	9w	VK3VG	14055/0525/Aug	11w	ZL1CO	14019/0345/Aug	13w
HI3PC	14034/1540/Aug	13w	VK4UR	14022/0630/Aug	13w	ZL2GG	14008/0345/Aug	13w

AFRICA SSB

CN8BF	14220/2220/Aug	4m	ZS4MZ	21304/1515/Aug	9m	5T5GS	14209/0420/Aug	8e
CR4BS	14225/2005/Aug	9e	ZS5MI	14239/1405/Aug	9m	6W8FP	14246/1905/Aug	11e
EA8CR	14201/0155/Aug	10e	3D6BG	14277/1340/Aug	9kh	9G1AK	14211/1505/Aug	9m
FB8ZG	14219/0815/Aug	1w	5Z4LW	14333/2230/Aug	8w	9G1JC	14206/2120/Aug	11e
XT2AA	14265/2200/Aug	10e	5L2FM	14314/2145/Aug	11e	9J2MH	14333/1910/Aug	6w
ZD7SD	14215/2025/Aug	5e	5L8F	14295/0025/Aug	12w			
ZS2OM	21282/1600/Aug	3e	5U7BA	14257/2000/Aug	8e			

ASIA SSB

EP2SN	14333/1720/Aug	7w	UA0TO	14240/1230/Aug	8e	OE5CA/YK	14246/2050/	6e
HL9VR	14223/0825/Aug	10w	UK7TR	14216/0520/Aug	8e	9K2DR	14332/2005/Aug	4w
HS5AKW	14209/1100/Aug	2w	UK9AAN	14202/0220/Aug	11e	9M2AT	14215/1520/Aug	13w
HZ1AB	14212/1240/Aug	7e	UK9SAN	14220/1220/Aug	7m	9N1MM	14210/0110/Aug	11e
J11DQN	14251/0630/Aug	3m	UK0BAC	14204/1250/Aug	7m	9V0SG	14225/1520/Aug	11w
JH7FMJ	14246/1220/Aug	7m	VS6DR	14246/1535/Aug	9w	9V0NR	14220/1610/Aug	13w
KA6PA	14243/1215/Aug	9e	VU2CK	14212/0150/Aug	11e			

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

EUROPE SSB

C31BS	14204/1815/Aug	7e	HB9GJ	14207/2155/Aug	11w	SM6ATQ	14235/2125/Aug	11e
CT10Y	14221/1825/Aug	6e	I7VCA	14275/2330/Aug	8e	SP3GDQ	14258/2300/Aug	7m
CT1LN	14217/0110/Aug	8m	IH9GXQ	14212/2210/Aug	9w	TF3SE	14252/1220/Aug	7m
DJ6VH	14333/2005/Aug	11e	JW5NM	14204/0030/Aug	12w	UK1ZAA	14202/1250/Aug	7e
EA6BG	14210/2050/Aug	6w	LC1J	14252/0035/Aug	7m	UK6AAF	14210/1300/Aug	7e
EA6CK	14212/2110/Aug	11w	LX1RF	21288/2125/Aug	7e	UW5NM	14204/0050/Aug	12m
FC9UC	14202/2200/Aug	6e	LX1JJ	14201/1550/Aug	9e	UY5XS	14333/2005/Aug	11e
GI3JIM	14203/1925/Aug	6w	M2KKZ	14207/1830/Aug	6e	YZ1BCD	14203/2115/Aug	11e
GM3GNE	14333/1820/Aug	6e	LA5IS	14333/1815/Aug	11e	ZB2FX	14243/2205/Aug	6e
GM3BCL	14333/2000/Aug	11e	Q40KT	14210/0510/Aug	7w	9H1BG	14247/2005/Aug	8e
GW3YER	14206/0000/Aug	6w	Q11TY	14204/1520/Aug	12w			
GW4BNJ	14333/1815/Aug	6w	OZ1D	14303/1855/Aug	6e			
GW4NWF	14204/1815/Aug	9w	OZ8KRL	14212/1710/Aug	7w			

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

DU1EN	14203/1250/Aug	8e	KX4LQ	14205/0720/Aug	6w	XJ4FK	14264/1630/Aug	12w
DU1XKE	14218/1240/Aug	8e	KA4LU	14210/0010/Aug	6w	XN2DP	14215/1425/Aug	3m
DU9FB	14210/1520/Aug	8m	GA5BW	14213/0035/Aug	7e	YB9ABX	14202/0710/Aug	3m
DK6NN/C6A	14210/2000	8w	P29HC	14240/0630/Aug	9m	YB0ABV	14226/0445/Aug	8w
FB8YC	14216/0210/Aug	1e	P29AJ	14240/0715/Aug	6w	YJ8AN	14310/0520/Aug	3e
FP8CT	14205/0000/Aug	10e	P29JT	14261/1320/Aug	13w	ZK1DA	14216/0420/Aug	7e
FP0YY	14333/2000/Aug	1e	P29GH	14204/0730/Aug	9kh	ZK1CL	14218/0220/Aug	10w
FO8BO	14208/1750/Aug	1w	TI2AV	14204/2320/Aug	8e	ZL1ATQ	21287/0715/Aug	8e
FO8BB	14258/0230/Aug	10e	TI2AD	14321/2345/Aug	8e	ZL2JO	14333/1820/Aug	6e
FO8DG	14213/0215/Aug	10w	TG4SR	14188/0240/Aug	9e	ZL3NR/C	14215/0400/Aug	10m
HC8GI	14218/0045/Aug	12w	VK3AI	14210/1220/Aug	6m	ZP5WO	21296/2205/Aug	7e
HC2YL	14275/0300/Aug	9e	VK6MK	14210/1310/Aug	6m	ZP7ES	14331/2345/Aug	8e
HK0BKX	14202/0040/Aug	4e	VK6CS	14221/0620/Aug	3m	3D2ER	14265/0410/Aug	8e
HR1DH	21370/0120/Aug	8m	VP2VAW	14227/2050/Aug	5e	5W1AU	14202/1600/Aug	10m
HR6SWA	14204/0330/Aug	7w	VP2VBH	14240/2220/Aug	8e	6D1LLS	14216/0535/Aug	9kh
KG4GG	14333/0255/Aug	9e	VP2KF	14282/1110/Aug	8e	6D1LM	14209/0400/Aug	10e
KG6RI	14220/610/Aug	1m	VP2SQ	14227/1130/Aug	8e	6D2QJ	14296/1740/Aug	8w
KS6FD	14258/0450/Aug	7m	VP2LA	14201/0005/Aug	6w	8P6AA	14220/2235/Aug	6e
KS6CC	14215/0330/Aug	10e	VR1PE	21280/2000/Aug	3e	8P6AH	14207/1850/Aug	8e
KS6ET	14331/0300/Aug	10e	VR1PE	14205/0225/Aug	7e	9M8VLC	14225/1330/Aug	9e
KV4CM	14217/1415/Aug	13w	VR4DX	14209/1245/Aug	7m	9Y4LK	14225/1215/Aug	5e

FORTY METERS AND A BIT OF EIGHTY

DM2EA	7007/0110/Aug	8e	KC4AAC	7219/0615/Aug	10w	UT5AB/UF6	7006/2240	6e
DJ6ZM	7002/0415/Aug	12e	KP4EDQ	7035/0410/Aug	12e	XE2AAU	7025/0430/Aug	12e
FK8CD	7030/0610/Aug	9m	LA2B	7023/2315/Aug	6e	YO8AHL	7018/2310/Aug	6e
FP0YY	7033/0350/Aug	12e	LZ2AW	7028/0110/Aug	12e	ZD8DX	7011/0330/Aug	8m
HC2AF	7034/0425/Aug	12e	PJ8AA	7028/0405/Aug	11e	6D1BGM	7033/0745/Aug	10m
HI8RHM	7018/0420/Aug	12e	SP5DKV	7038/0425/Aug	12e	8P6GP	7028/0355/Aug	12e
HR1MM	7202/0805/Aug	3e	UB5ZBB	7001/0210/Aug	10m			
VP2DM	3815/0000/Aug	6e						
VP2DL	3796/0230/Aug	9e						

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii etc)
 (all times in gmt # = long path ??? Sometimes it's just Slim....)

CALENDAR

ALDARBA	VQ9s thinking of something this Fall. Plans not jelled yet
SINT MAARTEN	PJ8AA by W2BBK until middle of the week
UPPER VOLTA	XT2AA back from holiday...W1AM with sase list
LIECHTENSTEIN	DK7PF from Sept 1st for a couple of weeks
	HB9NL from October 6th to 19th...probably signing HB9NL
CHATHAM	ZL3NR/C being found on twenty SSB
W9DXCC MEETING	September 20th at Itasca, Ill. 23rd gathering of the DX9ers
NEW ENGLAND DX MEET	October 4th, Holiday Inn, Waltham, Mass. More below
ALL ASIA TEST	This weekend...CW go-round on August 23/24th
CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY	The Elusive Sixes will be available....October 4/5th
CQ WW DX TEST	Phone...October 25/26th. Prepare!!!

ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND DX MEETING This big Northeast DX Meeting and banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn at Waltham, Mass on October 4th. There will be talks on OSCAR and moon-bounce, how the W1-QSL Bureau functions and what are some of the liability aspects of owning a tower and antennas.

The banquet will be followed by a presentation on the KC4NI-Navassa effort. A DX Quiz with prizes, DXCC info and Q&As with ARRL representatives also is on the program.

Cost for the banquet is \$8.50 with Boiled Boston Schrod entree and \$11.00 for roast Top Round. Most active will receive a notice by mail if they are in the New England area. You can also get information by dropping a sase to Tony Berg, W1VAH, 11 Vanderbilt Road, Acton, Mass 01720.

W7RS Carroll Fontaine W7RS has been having some continued medical problems with long term medical treatment. Any of his DX friends who might want to cheer him up with a note or a card will find it welcomed.

SOME OF OUR DX MISSED Apparently the OH-group which headed for Tunisia and hoped to obtain 3V8 licenses were not successful. They have not been noted in Red Eyed reports and those listening have failed to hear anything going for them.

On that PY7YS Fernando de Noronha plans, there is a report that they encountered complete equipment failure on the second day on the island and this pretty well wrapped things up for them. Some who made contacts have received QSLs and W4BRB has one for a 160mtr contact.

VQ9D Dick Barnes advises that contacts for the station made by Bip a couple of weeks back, Bip was using the VQ9D callsign, will go to Dick as he has the logs. The address is: Dick Barnes, c/o Philco-Ford, APO New York 09030. Dick is part of the group planning for Aldabra this Fall.

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ARRL The FCC was expected to announce last week that Joe Johnson, WA3SFY, has been appointed Chief, Rules and Legal Branch, Amateur and Citizens Division. He will replace John Johnston, K3BNS

The FCC has acted on portions of Docket 20120 to relax some operating requirements of the Citizens Band, effective September 15th. Stations will still be required to properly identify at the beginning and end of each transmission. The explicit prohibition on hobby communication is being deleted, a new section defining permitted communications makes no provision for such hobby communications. Changes affecting antenna height, silent periods, calling channels and interstation communication also have been adopted. Other changes have been deferred temporarily. The primary intent of the rules is to clarify, not change the purpose of CB in the face of widespread misconceptions.

There is a report that Bob Thurston, W7PGY, ARRL Northwest Division Director, had a heart attack on July 25th.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Some of the local QRPers were around last week, out of sunspots and waiting for the Great Days to return. And they got into a discussion of values...and what might be the most valuable DX item they owned. One QRPer spoke and said: "I got something that few have...an XZ-Burma QSL. Got it when I was first licensed and did not realize how valuable it would be. It's been accepted for DXCC and Burma is always on most everyone's wanted list". There was some agreement with this premise and another QRPer owned up to having an AC3-Sikkim card but also acknowledged that the market value on AC3s had gone down a bit recently. And the talk went on until the Old Timer dropped by and the question just had to be put to him. The Old Timer was quiet for a bit and then spoke. "Once I had a visit from an European amateur who was on vacation in this country. He went a thousand miles out of his way to visit me. Said it was nothing to do to see a friend. I would hold that the friendships that a DXer gives and receives has no reckoning and must be the most valuable thing in DX". And that was all he said and no one else picked up the discussion. For truth is simple and when one hears it, there is an end to speculation. And \$13.00 will bring you a full year of DX truths.....\$15.00 flies it beyond the edge of the world to those DX lands where DXers are always counted as friends.

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