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Jest Coast DX Bulletin

SABLE ISLAND VE1BFV is reported as presently on Sable Island and will be there for six months. Apparently there are two operators for the station and they are trying a FT-101 to a long-wire. There was expectations that a linear and a beam plus some dipoles would be delivered before long and the signal should be stronger.

Apparently the two operators are working for the Canadian Department of Atmospheric Environment. Last week they were being heard at 14202kc. They can split the FT101 about 5kc and the frequency around 14200kc would be a good bet to look for them. W3HNK is reported as handling the QSLs. On February 17th they were active after 2000Z.

SOUTH ORKNEYS LU1ZA has been heard and worked and the following was given as the operating schedule:

0100Z		\$14060kc
0200Z	9 S	14330kc
0400Z		7003kc

The station has been worked at or near these frequencies at these times.

SOUTH SHETLANDS CE9AV is a new station in the South Shetlands. This station has been found around 14209kc from 0030Z.

MONACO CT4AT, Don Riebhof, is looking for some DX action and is reported as heading for Monaco for the 2nd go-round of the ARRL Phone Test in March. Beyond that, he is also reported as planning a ZB2-Gibraltar in the CQ Test in October.

EUROPA A note from FR7ZL, Guy, notes that he made 2509 QSOs and worked 97 countries during his stay on Glorioso. He shut down a bit early when a couple of tropical storms, 'Barbara' and 'Clotilde' were working in the direction of the island there. He also reports that over 250 QSLs have gone out direct, the Glorioso QSL also being available from his QSL Manager, F8US.

Guy will be going to Europa in June and will be there until August. He is looking to work another handful from this one which counts for Juan de Nova...

COLVINS Lloyd and Iris were still in the Fijis last week, their plans for Nauru still a bit indefinite. A query to Iris a week back indicated that they were still not sure and that their future moves would depend on where they could get licenses. QSLs for the VR8B operation have been going out and many have reported receiving them.

NAME CHANGES Some of this may be repeats but it is a bit difficult at times to keep up with things. Anyhow, here are some of the country/city changes which have come recently.

> Dahomey is now Malagasy Mozambique

PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BENIN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE Lourenco Marques in Mozambicue is now known as 'Maputo'.

SUNSPOT LOUIE One spot, about 9000 tilles in diameter was visible on February 14th Mit was not visible on the 13th and was gove on the 15th. It was not too dark in appearance and this type of activity can be expected at this stage of the ending sunspot cycle, Cycle .	
The Swiss Federal Observatory Zurich has released the count for January and it showed 16 days with no sunspot activity at all. From January 1st to 11th nothing was reported. The highest count was on January 1th when Zurich noted 36 sunspots. There were six days when the spots were between twenty and thirt and six days between ten and twenty. The mean for The 12-month Smoothed Monthly sunspot you when a	or January 1978 with the latest fagures on Muly 1979 with the latest fagures I be anapping in esci month in the
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In their latest weekly bulletin, Boulder revised their figures downwards, and they have done this several times in recent months. Last November they were forecasting a 13 for August in the smoothed 12-month numbers, now it is down to eight.

Maybe if we cannot find any sunspots we can look for something else. Like Comet West which is supposed to be visible later this week just before dawn. This comet will make its closest approach to the sun on February 25th and will be heading back out into space. By Sunday it should be above the eastern horizon at 6:00 a.m., rising a bit earlier each morning. It is due to rise at 6:33a.m. on March 2nd----at 6:25a.m. on the 7th and by the 12th will be quite dim. However, the end of this week it should be quite bright in the morning sky just before sunrise.

W4UMF does not jump for joy when he peers into the future and Ted says that it will be something like----

February	24th	Low Normal		March	2nd	Low Normal
	25th	Low Normal			3rd	Low Normal
	26th	Low Normal			4th	Low Normal
	27th	Below Normal			5th	Low Normal
	28th	Below Normal	· .	 1	6th	Below Normal
	29th	Below Normal			7th	Below Normal
March	lst	Low Normal			8th	Below Normal
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Ted suspects that the recurrent geomagnetic storm will be with us again for the second go-round in the ARRL Phone Test. This time it should be reduced in intensity, however. Boulder is also looking for a minor ionospheric storm this weekend---Feb 27-29th. Son of a Gun, one gets overwhelmed with all this good news!! SHORTLY NOTED The present propagation conditions are giving some pause to those considering DXpeditions and in some instances even postponements. When some problems in the planning started to show in the San Felix effort, the group took another look and decided to wait a bit, and especially as it did seem that any prospects of working into Europe and Asia were going to be slim during the next several months....or years....

However, the Baja Nuevo effort still seems to be developing and this one may come this summer. There will be more on this but it does seem to be firming up quite well.

We think that most will recall the discussions on the IRCs which have appeared in the bulletin for the last year or so....and that the U.S. would not accept the old style IRCs after the end of 1976...only the new style ones. Geoff Watts in his DX News Sheet reports that the British have a different viewpoint ...that the Universal Postal Union Rules state: "...there shall be no limit to the period of exchange for reply coupons". (Article 180, Paragraph 3). This may end up with the coupons not being accepted in the U.S. but acceptable in other countries...the old style ones, that is. Undoubtedly there will be more on this. The U.S. Postal Service made this announcement in a Postal Bulletin in November 1974....in case you are trying to run down the source.

W1AM's last schedule with XT2AA was pretty much a wash-out. Nothing went as planned and apparently everything will have to be tried again. One ex-W6 Honor Roll type who moved east has been trying to catch the Colvins from 3D2. Things were hardly going very well at all and did not improve when the desperate DXer was greeted by Novice teen-aged son on his return home. "Guess whom I worked today in the novice bands.....?".

A quick look at Red Eyed Louie will show where the action is these days. K1TZQ kept a running log on conditions in the ARRL Phone Test and it went---

<u>75 meters</u>	Often good to Europe but big guns missing. Lack of DLs. Good to the Pacific with KM6EA/ZL3NR/c and VK4VM.
40 meters	Poor conditions plus lack of activity. Many complaints heard in 1-land.
20 meters	Fair but sometimes surprising. Almost no JAs heard in W1-land and VK/ZLs scarce. East Europe rareYOs/SPs/UKs very scarce. Surprise opening to Middle East around 2100Z on Sunday with VE1XU/Su and SVØWZ best catches.
<u>15 meters</u>	Only fair but good at periods. Usual Africans and South Americans. First day open to Europe 1430-1530Z. Seond day much better. Sometimes Europe coming in on SE paths. A few weak Pacific stations heard around 2100-2200Z.
10 meters	The usual South American paths and a few Africans.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Second-class Postage Paid at San Rafael, Cal fornia... Published weekly by the Marin County DX Group. Hugh Cassidy WA6AUD \$10.00 per year by second-class mail (newspaper treatment) in the U.S and Canada. \$14.50 per year by first-class mail in the U.S. and Canada. \$17.00 per year by airmail to Mexico and anywhere else in the world where the Deserving DXers wait for Cycle 21 to arrive..... Sunspots will rise again!! They always have....

MORE SHORT NOTES Nothing is known about that P29PNG that was supposed to be on and no one reports hearing this one. CR9AJ is going great at the 14225kc corner from 2300Z. BV2B is reported to have a linear working and is often found in this area. CR9AJ reported to be on cw. at 14040kc on weekends.

Those looking for a ZDSGF QSL should take hope...they do come through from a QSL sent to P.O. Box 12, Pennington, Natal, Republic of South Africa. There are a lot of HKØAA QSLs already in hand and more reported recently. Apparently they were in a strung-put mailing but many report receiving them a couple of months back, and more report receipt. Definitely they are out....

Gus has been planning to make a DXpedition this Spring and he held a seminar on his plans in mid-month. The reports are that there was a good turn-out and it appeared that he has the necessary support. You might watch for him in the SEAsia sector next month.

We also get a lot of questions on what happened to the January CQ. Out of the Potomac country we got one report that the truck hauling the mailing from the printers broke down enroute to the Post Office. No one bothered to advise CQ for a couple of weeks...and the truck sat there with the magazines for two weeks until the inquiries got things stirred up.

CE9AV on South Shetlands is said to stick close to the Spanish mother-tongue and does not give his calls in English. LU1ZE is active from Antarctica. That LH2A is the University of Technology at Trondheim and QSLs to LA2AD.

Don't relax on the Vanik/HR 7052 RFI legislation. Our spotter in the galleries says that things are developing and when things start to move....stand back!!!! Write now so that this legislation will have a chance of passing.

K6KII is another one to gain the CW DXCC Certificate. Cliff is waiting to learn what the number will be and expects that it will be in the forties. 6Y5SR is more or less permanently logated in Bakersfield. Rubin was supposed to depart KC6AQ enroute home last Friday. FG7AR/FS7 says to QSL "..to K1LPA...me!".

Getting back to CR9AJ, the beam is only about twenty feet above the lighthouse though the land does drop away all around mostly. The rapidity of those seeking to work Torres is sometimes difficult for him to handle giving the calls a bit deliberately with phonetics might be helpful. QSLs go to Box 798, Macao. 7Q7DW may be returning home shortly from the states and Malawi should again be a ailable. QSL to WB9EBO via the W9-QSL Bureau. AP2KS continues to improve from major surgery and is getting anxious to get back on the air. YBØABV is about 2000 QSLs behind long distance discussions with his printer in Philadelphia got a bit warped when the printer lost the first check sent him The FCC has issued an Report and Order on Docket 19723 dealing with RACES. New rules effective March 23rd closely parallel the proposal which appeared starting on Page 73 of August 1974 QST. The Guatemala government has declared the communications emergency ended though the continuing problems in the aftermath of the earthcuake are still with them. The ARRL gained 3038 new members in January alone ... the press run for the March issue of QST will be 136,000 copies. How about that??

SIRA One of the benefits that may come out of the Guatemalan emergency and the heavy load of emergency traffic the amateurs handled is an understanding with the Sociedad Internationale de Radio Afficionados.

Often SIRA has been found on the low end of twenty phone...14203-14205kc---running phone patches. W1WQC/4 reports that with the understanding reached during the handling of the emergency traffic since the first part of February, the SIRA people have agreed to move their all-Spanish patches into other portions of the band and to avoid the DX channels on the low end "of twenty phone.

At this point the understandings on both side appear to be quite amicable and it is hoped that cooperation will provide more future benefits.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE



I have fought for the bravest and best, I have longed for the greatest and true, I have followed an infinite quest, It has brought me red-eyed to you.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

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SABLE ISLAND SOUTH ORKNEYS SOUTH SHETLAND SOUTH GEORGIA MONACO CHRISTMAS ISLAND TUVALU ABU AIL UPPER VOLTA TURKS/CAICOS ARRL DX TEST CQ WW WPX SSB TEST DAYTON HAMVENTION FRESNO INTERNATIONAL VE1BFV presently active LU1ZA presently active.... CE9AV the new station active in the group VP8MS expected to be active about this time... CT4AT expected to be there for the ARRL March phone test... VR3AH....one of these days when the gear arrives. JA Group for two weeks across WPX test in March FL8OM around Easter is the report...for a week 5T5CJ in March for the second go-round in the ARRL DX Test North Florida DX Group for WPX Test late in March Phone.....March 6/7th... CW.....March 20/21st March 27/28th April 23-25th. Prepare for the Big One!! May 14-16th at the Fresno Hilton. All the Big DXers going--

THE FRESNO INTERNATIONAL We get a lot of inquiries on this one so we are going to lay out the blue-print for all who may be packing in preparation.

The DXers start gathering Friday though officially the meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. onSaturday. The early ones are there to check the action and to greet the later arrivals...

The Northern California DX Club will run its liquid-suspension bus again this year and K6QX of the World QSL Bureau will be handling the reservations. This leaves San Francisco and travels via San Jose and the Pacheco Pass to Fresno. The bar is open all the way....all the way. If you are coming from out of town and want to get warmed up, you can fly into San Francisco and ride with the thirsty DXers to and from Fresno, getting acquainted along the way. Few who have ever made this trip were able to ever report any pain...

It may also indicate what the early arrivals are waiting for....they want to see that loaded bus unload. Get your hotel reservation early....get the bus reservation with K6QX....and start training. There's nothing like the Fresno International!!!!

OUTGOING OSL BUREAU The January Board meeting decided to study the feasibility of the ARRL having an Outgoing QSL Bureau, a report to be made at the July Board meeting. President Dannals has assigned the duty to the Plans and Programs Committee, Larry Price, W4DQD, Chairman, and with Doc Gmelin, W6ZRJ and Paul Grauer, WØFIR, as members. If you have any scintillating ideas on the subject, this is your chance..... ******************************* 1508 McKinney Ave, Houston, Texas 77002 (713) 224 2668 MADISON ELECTRONICS SUPPLY Nights (713) 497 5683 -DX SPECIALS DRAKE MN-2000 \$186.00 in sealed cartons CDE HAM-2 Rotator (List price is \$159.00) It's \$117.00 FOB Houston at Madison!! Belden Rotor Cable 14¢ foot CDE .001/10kw DOORKNOB CAPS \$1.95 each 20% OFF LIST HY-GAIN 204BA MOSLEY Classic 33 ANTENNAS HY-GAIN TH6DXX TRIEX 'W' and 'MW' Series. 15% OFF LIST TOWERS Shipped FOB California. DRAKE TR4C and TX4C Max Mary W5MBB W5GJ Don K5AAD Dave WA5ZNY

OUT IN FRONT We have the of the results on the quest of Bicentennial Awards. In the ARRL Bicentennial WAS Award, Vernon Dameron, K1DRN, has come up with No. 2 Award, this being dated January 22nd. With his QTH in Massachusetts, Vern's last state worked was Maine, last state confirmed was Indiana. Actually, he skipped January 1st and did not start after this award until January 2nd.

In the USA/WPX 76 Award issued by CQ Magazine, No. 1 certificate went to Richard Roderick, WA5VDH.

If you are interested in these awards, a sase to ARRL will bring the forms. It will cost members \$2.00/non-members \$4.00 for the award. The WPX forms can be used for the CQ Award and they go to W8IMZ. There is no charge for the CQ USA/WPX 76 Award.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1DRN, W1JAA, WA1NRF, K1TZQ, W1WQC/4, K2BT, W2FPM, WB2LOF, WA2RLQ, WA3DMH, W4BRB, W4HU, W4KA, WA4TPU, W4UF, K4YFQ, W4UMF, W5LZZ, K5OVC, WB5OXC/3, W5USM, WA5VDH, WA5WEY, W6APW, K6DT, K6EC, W6FF, K6HTM, WB6IXC, K6KII, W6MAR, W6RTN, W6TSQ, K6VY, WB6VZI, K6WM, W6YO, K7ABV, W7BCT, WA7OBH, WA7UVO, W8BQV, W8ZOK, W9BG, WB9EBO, WDX9JFT, K9OTB, K9WEH, K9UIY, WØSFU, WAØTAS, FR7ZL, JA1TNV, YBØABV.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, his list of ever-ready questions with him. "Tell me something", this QRPer says, "Why are there so many DXers in there when there is an overseas emergency? Seems that most of the calls I was hearing recently were also the ones I hear in pile-ups. We had been thinking about this also so we hauled the QRPer down to the Thursday Tuncheon at Denny's Super Hamburger Palace. A full board was available and again the QRPer asked his question. Son of a Gun!! he got a quick answer. "In DX you can't work them unless you can hear them. Right?". The QRPer was quick to acknowledge that this was correct. "And you can't work them unless they can hear you. Right?". Again the QRPer was quick to admit that this was a certainty. "So when you need the best possible under prevailing conditions you need someone who has the gear and the antennas, and the know-how to get things done. Right?" And again the QRPer's head was nodding fast in agreement. And there was silence for a bit and finally one of the Board asked a final one. "So, what's the question?". And later the QRPer did say he understood things a bit better now but he did have the final question. "Why don't we tell others about this? Shouldn't they know?". And there was a long time before any further comment came. "Sooner or later everyone learns. DXers are the long-haul experts. And everyone learns....everyone knows". And that is one of the Inevitable Truths. DXers are the ones whose reach is everywhere. And when you need that long reach....call a DXer. \$10.00 brings you a full year of the Inevitable Truths by 2nd Class mail....\$14.50 by 1st-class to the U.S. and VE.... \$17.00 flings it back of the dawn to Mexico and all the DX spots by airmail

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