



# West Coast **DX** Bulletin

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OKI NO TORISHIMA/PARECE VELA Word out of Newington last week was that the veil was being lifted on the 'Oki no Torishima' matter and it can be mentioned as a new country. In short, the ARRL said:

As part of the year-long celebration of the Japan Amateur Radio Leagues' 50th Anniversary, ARRL is pleased to announce the addition of Okino Tori-shima to the ARRL Countries List. Even though Okino-Tori-shima does not quite meet the specified mileage used in conjunction with additions made to the ARRL Countries List, an exception has been made for this event and is effective with the activation of the JARL DXpedition to Okino Tori-shima. Advice from JARL indicates that the DXpedition to Okino Tori-shima is scheduled for June or July 1976.

A further announcement will be made concerning submission of confirmations for DXCC credits for contacts with the JARL DXpedition at such time as the operation does take place. ARRL is pleased to join with hams worldwide in celebration of the JARL's golden anniversary.

You probably will find this in OPERATING NEWS in the May QST. It is also possible by that time there may be some other developments.

The distance by which Oki-no Torishima does not meet the DX Country criteria is a shortfall of about 45 miles of the 225 miles stipulated. While some of the details are admittedly murky, there does seem to be indication that the Awards Committee was not in favor of the move, this being the six headquarters staff members who sit in on such discussions. The committee includes Bob White of the DXCC Desk, he being one of the six votes.

While the word has been that the decision was made in view of the 50th Anniversary of the JARL, it has been hardly a secret that much of the decision was made on a political basis with the intent of securing solid support from the Japanese delegation to the WARC meeting in 1979.

Meanwhile, the Kanagawa Sea Expedition Team will be on Oki-no Torishima the first week in May and probably will be signing JD1YAH, this being primarily an oceanographic effort but an amateur will be in the crew with a FT-101 and a 14AVQ. Actually this seems to have been planned before all this new country development came to light. It is possible that any such operation will not count as a 'new' country.

In Japan itself there seems to be something less than full enthusiasm for the proposal with some opposition to the decision developing. ARRL has mentioned that this would be a one-time violation of the criteria and would affect nothing else, past or future. Some are regarding it as a precedent, however, in spite of any disclaimers.



SUNSPOT LOUIE There was some minor activity on March 11th with two small spots erupting. They were quite small, about 8000 miles in diameter, and rather difficult to see. The lower one appeared to be more the active one and on the 12th it was the only one still visible. By the 13th this one had disappeared itself.

There was activity on the sun early in March, there being three active regions in the period March 6-9th. And while we only show on the charts the significant sunspots which are expected to affect propagation conditions, the official observatory count of the spots reached 23 on March 8th.



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1300Z

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1500Z

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The region which became active on March 9th was located at S33, E40 on the sun and this would be activity from the new Cycle 21. Old cycle activity continues to dominate with activity during this early March period at S04, W73 and S08 and W64. You can see from the latitude figures that they are close to the solar equator and the activity is low even though some spots can be seen.

The 12-month Smoothed Monthly Sunspot Numbers for August figured out to 14.3. A year previous the SSN was 33.1. Looking ahead a bit, the Zurich prediction for August 1976 is a SSN of 3.

Looking at February 1976 by itself, the mean for the month was 4.6. Zurich reports that 17 of the 29 days in February had no spots at all, they finding none at all from February 1st to the 12th. February 15th was the best day with Zurich finding 18 of the spots and there were but seven days in February when the sunspot count got over 10.

It might be noted that in connection with the predictions that Boulder is looking for a SSN of 8 in August and September. Boulder has tended to look for slightly higher figures than Zurich but the difference is not significant.

SCIENCE NEWS in their March 6th issue has an article: "When the Sun Went Strangely Quiet", pointing to the period from 1645 to 1715 when sunspots were practically absent from the sun. From 1672 to 1704 not a single spot was sighted in the northern hemisphere of the sun. The article is several pages long and might be interesting to those who want to know more about the cycles of sun activity.

However, those who want to know what the next several weeks will bring can brace themselves. All things being relative and some more so, W4UMF peers into a murky future and says it will be:

March 23rd	Low Normal	March 30th	Below Normal
24th	Low Normal	31st	Low Normal
25th	Below-possibly Disturbed	April 1st	Below Normal
26th	Below Normal	2nd	Below Normal
27th	Below-possibly Disturbed	3rd	Below Normal
28th	Low Normal	4th	Disturbed
29th	Low Normal	5th	Below Normal

From K6EC we get the history of recent flux reports....and we even got his call down this week without any kinks. Ev says it was thisaway:

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
March 9th	69	33	March 13th	70	16
10th	69	22	14th	72	15
11th	69	17	15th	71	15
12th	70	20	16th	70	-

If you want a reprint of the January 1976 CQ article by W4UMF/W3ASK: "Solar Activity Update: The Transition Years", send a self-addressed envelope to W4UMF and put 24¢ postage on the envelope and he will put a reprint in the mails for you.



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NIUE Bill Rindone opened up the 3A/DX-pedition from Tonga last week, signing A35NN over the second part of the ARRL CW Test. This week he will be on from Niue, expecting to open up on March 24th and to operate across the coming WPX Test this weekend to March 30th.

QSLs for these operations go to his home QTH in Lake Oswego, Oregon. He will be joined by Gus Browning, W4BPD, next month in Asia, Gus is scheduled to be in Bhutan in mid-April.

Bill will be moving fast and does have plans for some of the rarer ones in the next several weeks. He did depart on schedule and without asking for any support. However, it is known that he has figured his costs razor thin and any additional expenses will be disastrous. When QSLing, any support probably will be greatly welcomed.

THAILAND Things are changing in Thailand and the HS-stations are back on the air and hoping that the problems of the recent year might evaporate.

The Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) will be having an outing at Pataya Beach on April 10th and 11th and at that time HSØHS will be put on the air.

Should you be looking for the Siam Award, this will equate to any two other needed areas for the award. The operation will be mostly twenty meters and the peak of the operation is expected to be around 0200Z on April 11th.

SOMBRERRO ISLAND There had been plans for a mid-March effort from Sombrero Island and the indicators were that it would be counted for a new one. With all the changes in the Lesser Antilles, countries going independent, this small island ended up by being administered by St. Kitts though it was adjacent to Anguilla. Anyhow, during the last few weeks, Great Britain returned control of Sombrero Island to Anguilla which ended the '..separation by foreign land' criteria.

For awhile it look almost ready to fly. However, it never got off the ground with the way things are changing these days.

St PAUL/SABLE A couple of weeks back we got a report that VE1BFV would be going to St. Paul and would be there from March 26th across the WPX Test this weekend. Recent word indicated that this was not correct and VE1BFV is on Sable Island and intends to stay there for some months. Then we got another report that VE1ASJ plus K1RQF and K1RQE would be on Sable Island for the WPX Test. Special XJ-calls would be used and they would be on across the WPX Test. With VE1BFV as active as he is, this did appear to be a bit of redundancy but it would be contest time and there is always something doing then..

So we back-tracked on the VE1BFV and a note comes through from W1SD. Chek says that he was talking to K1RQE and they are going to St. Paul Island and not to Sable.

We suspect that this might be the final word and that there will be both St Paul and Sable Island action this weekend during the WPX....but it may be VE1ASJ who will show from St Paul Island signing VE1ASJ/XJ1 along with K1RQE and K1RQF.....

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to Mexico and anywhere in the whole DX world which waits for the sunspots to rise.  
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SPRING EQUINOX Something always seems to come unglued around the equinox times and last week we had some problems.

First, we knew that Gus will be heading for Bhutan in a couple of weeks but our programmed thinking typed 'Brunei'...which was laboriously blocked out in just about all the copies after it was noted. Bhutan, not Brunei, the latter being sometimes thought of as an alternate but no definite operation planned.

On the possible St. Paul Island operation, the information came from a number of sources but appears to have been a misunderstanding. VE1BFV does not plan to go there the end of this month and has no plans for any such operation. The reports did have some inconsistencies but more than one had marked a St Paul operation. It will not be though there will be an augmented Sable Island operation next weekend over the WPX test.

On a recent item on TN8AC....the station was reported but W9GDV is definitely not the QSL route. No one seems to have had much success in hearing this one but it would be best to get that straightened out. TN8AC does not go to W9GDV.

On the second-class mailings of March 2nd and 9th, there were many reports of non-receipt or delayed receipt. All the extra copies of those issues were used up in sending duplicate copies. The bulletins were mailed on Saturday as usual but the suspicion is that they may have been lumped in with circular mail matter, often delicately referred to as 'junk mail', and will eventually surface but some weeks late. The March 16th issue for second-class mailing seemed to have moved on schedule and this problem may have been eased for the time being though a bit of attention will be kept that way.

March brings the joys of Spring...but it always seems to bring a few problems.

SHORTLY NOTED WWV is looking for a moderate Ionospheric storm across the coming weekend. They have also extended their prediction for the smoothed sunspot numbers (SSN) to the end of the year, they looking for a SSN of 9 from May thru July, then a SSN of 8 from August through December. That's flat!!

Many report the VY0A QSLs...some report the VR8B QSLs. Maybe we have tried to hedge on this one but it seems quite possible that the matter of a donation to YASME foundation does have an influence on the speed of the QSL. Some who have waited have tried a second card with a donation.....almost instant QSLing!!

UK1PAA on Franz Josef Land was on in mid-month....14031kc from 1230Z. ZF1GC is the one in charge of Amateur Radio....and CB....on Grand Cayman. VR3H is looking to be on Christmas Island around June 1st now....and will be there until February of next year. He expects also to operate from FO8/FK8 plus possibly others....

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PY7PO/Fernando de Noronha Claude Richie, W9TKV, has furnished a report on the recent PY7PO effort by J Alexandre Filho, PY7PO. The letter was written in Portuguese which W9TKV translated. The report follows:

Thank good, here we are back in our dear city and all went as planned. Our DX expedition was a great success. We truly are happy over the results.

The idea of our expedition originated from a conversation in my home with Jim Faria, PY7BXC. We had many problems but all worked out excellently.

We owe the success of our activities primarily to the government of the island of Fernando de Noronha, which underwrote the transportation and which aided us in every possible way. You, W9TKV, also helped by publicizing our expedition in the DX bulletins and magazines. We are most grateful and will never forget the kindnesses.

Our principal problem on the island was a lack of power. Electricity was off daily from 0500Z to 0900Z. Besides this, the current there was very low from time to time and especially at night when often the current dropped to around 75 volts. Even utilizing an auto-transformer, we often had to QRT because we could not obtain 110 volts. Even so, we succeeded in making 6112 contacts and we think that this was a good outcome.

I will hope to soon send several photos, this should be available shortly.

I am a Sergeant in the Brazilian Army. I am 36 years old, married and have six children. Jim Faria is a computer technician, 27 years old, married and with two daughters.

I will write again soon....

J Alexandre Filho (PY7PO)

MORE SHORTLY NOTED VR3, who is expected in June from Christmas Island will be there in connection with a satellite station that JAs are putting together on the island. You might come across some JAs from Christmas island.

The Seychelles will go independent in June or so....and this will be a case of a gain of one and deletions of about four. Aldabra, Desroches and Farquhar will be part of the new country and no longer BIOT administered. There is the possibility of a final expedition to Desroches before independence....VQ9BP was in the western reaches this last week but will be back in the Seychelles in April.

During the recent ARRL Test, WB2LOF found ten meters open and worked 35 countries in little over an hour. You just cannot give up. John Lunsford is back in the states....after signing calls such as TL9FH/SV5AC/9G1AK/5T5AC/TT5AC where you might have known him as Chester. Present plans for operation are a bit indefinite.

The FCC reports slow business with the ITU calls....only eleven issued to mid-March. The \$29-bite apparently is making some less enthusiastic. They plan to issue the 'N' prefix series of calls and W3DOS at the Department of State in Washington will have N31ITU. These calls will be good for the whole month of May.

ON4QX had a fire in the shack recently, made things a bit messy and crisped a lot of his records and QSLs. FG0BKZ is F6BBJ and his plans call for him to visit FM7 along with a VP2 or so. He will be possibly at FS7....he does the QSL work for FG7AR/FS7. VS5WM often found below 7100kc uses a transceiver to listen up in the U.S. bands. In case you do not get the big picture, Bill has to switch the dial back and forth. Says to be patience while he tries to relocate. On from 1100Z most days. UA0FCK will try bringing JT1AT and JT1BB on 14220kc/0000Z on Sundays....



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SISTER CITIES Carl Smith, WØBWJ, who flies the Hawaiian run on the airline which says that it is more on-time than TWA, Carl flying for Western Airlines, passes along some information on one of the ARRL projects for WARC 1979, this being the Sister Cities Program. WØBWJ is one of the ARRL Vice-presidents as well as being a DXer and a Contester. Here is the message-----

DXers -- COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SISTER CITY

It is not often that DXers and traffic men have a common interest in their operating activities, but the Sister Cities program agreement entered into between the ARRL and Sister Cities International (SCI) opens new doors of interest for even the most jaded DXER.

Does your city have a 'sister city' somewhere in the world? Do you know who your sister city is? More important, do you know the purpose of the Sister City program? Have you, or can you talk with an amateur in your sister city?

These questions have answers - let's see what we, as amateurs, can do to benefit from them. Yes, if your home QTH is of average or larger size, there is a good probability it is paired with a 'sister' on another country. You can find out who your Sister City is by dropping a card of inquiry to Hal Steinman, K1FHN, at ARRL headquarters, 225 Main St., Newington, Conn. 06111. If you haven't already made contact with an amateur in your sister city, there are good reasons why you should make an effort to do so.

The editorial column in February '76 QST gives a good explanation of the Sister Cities International Program and the part that U.S. amateurs can and should play to the benefit the concept of International good will and amateur radio throughout the world. The full text of the Cooperative Understanding between the ARRL and SCI appears in World Radio News for March '76. Much has been said about improving our image both locally and throughout the world in preparation for the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference. Cooperation with SCI is just one step toward this goal. Furthermore, it can be fun - a new source of action which leaves the satisfaction of having done something worth while.

This is a program which can and should appeal to the traffic man and DXer alike. It offers the opportunity to conduct regular skeds with another amateur and become acquainted with him and his country; it would permit officials of the two countries to talk via phone patch (if the city pairs are approved for third party traffic) or to exchange formal message greetings; and just perhaps it might be the avenue to more third party agreements with countries not currently approving them. In any event, it has the definite possibility of getting some desirable publicity for amateur radio world wide. It should be of interest as a club project yet it can be equally effective on a one-to-one basis.

Try it, you might like it...

Carl Smith WØBWJ

SOME FINAL SHORT NOTES W7OK has the logs for FK8BG from Jan 1, 1976 and for VP2KN from the same date. Send sase or sae/IRC. DJ8LP/5A has been heard with two operators, Heintz and Wolfgang. Often working into Germany in the German language. And found at 14155kc and 14210kc. They were expected to be there until late this month. ABFD was on twenty c.w.....the FCC monitoring station in the middle states zeroed in on this one while he was busy with interested ones. Paul LaFollette, ex-OX5BW, is now signing KX6MJ from March 13th. He is on Kwajalein. Look for him in the 14030-14040kc territory and around 14280kc YBØABV notes that he works into the Caribbean on 40c.w. (7005kc-7015kc) most days from 1030Z. Would like the Leeward Islands and such to listen for him amid the European crush.....



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MORE RED EYED STUFF

ELSEWHERE'S....CW

ABFD	14045/2350/Feb	27m	LU6NKO	14060/2325/Mar	6e	XQ3JX	14032/2315/Mar	6e
CX2XA	14028/0255/Mar	8e	LU5DZJ	14031/0115/Mar	17w	XQ3AL	14023/2300/Mar	12m
CX2CS	14017/2345/Mar	15w	OA2CD	14012/0050/Mar	6e	YS1GWE	14040/2150/Mar	13m
CX8XC	14040/2310/Mar	6e	P29AB	14005/2030/Mar	14e	ZD8TM	14034/2250/Mar	14e
C6ABA	14003/1450/Mar	14e	PY5ADS	14051/0120/Mar	15w	ZP5AO	14048/2300/Mar	9m
FO8EH	14036/0300/Mar	9w	PY7RX	14028/2330/Mar	8m	ZL10I	21039/2050/Mar	11m
FO8ER	14042/0210/Mar	10m	VP2MB	14041/2245/Mar	14e	5W1AZ	14032/2000/Mar	2m
FP8JP	14027/1640/Mar	2m	VP2SAH	14062/2125/Mar	2e	8P6GO	14069/0000/Mar	15w
FY7YE	14046/1455/Mar	14e	VP2GFA	14032/1835/Mar	13m	8R1J	14050/2100/Mar	9m
HC2GW	14052/0140/Mar	4e	VP2KK	14039/1855/Mar	11m			
LU1ZA	14023/0100/Mar	15e	VR1AA	14027/1900/Mar	12m			
LU5BB	14032/2330/Mar	12m	XQ2IF	14061/2335/Mar	3e			

AFRICA SSB

CN8HD	14332/2035/Mar	8e	ZD7FT	14203/2030/Mar	3m	9G1GJ	14210/2135/Mar	8w
C5AL	14243/2110/Mar	8e	ZD7FT	21295/1735/Mar	14e	9J2MJ	14196/1850/Mar	8e
EA8LD	14203/2010/Mar	16w	ZE1DP	14254/1940/Mar	8e	9J2GJ	14235/1940/Mar	9e
EA9EX	14212/1930/Mar	11m	5V7WT	14211/2110/Mar	15e	9L1JM	14205/1825/Mar	8e
EL2U	14214/2130/Mar	15e	5N2NAF	21275/1955/Mar	7e	9L1LM	14208/2025/Mar	8e
EL8F	14211/2315/Mar	13m	5Z4TV	14223/2020/Mar	3e	9L1BH	14206/2030/Mar	13w
TR8RS	14209/2300/Mar	8e	5Z4QQ	14202/1900/Mar	13m	9L1SL	14205/2140/Mar	8w
TU2GA	14312/0845/Mar	14ka	5Z4RG	14181/2105/Mar	13m	9L1FL	14204/2200/Mar	8e
TU2DP	14208/2055/Mar	5e	6W8MW	14233/1435/Mar	13m	9Q5DM	14254/1935/Mar	8e
VQ9R	14220/1825/Mar	8e	6W8CH	14275/2320/Mar	8m	9Q5DM	21315/1850/Mar	13e
ZS6M	14266/1925/Mar	8e	9G1JB	14227/2320/Mar	13m	9X5PT	14220/2100/Mar	8e
ZS4PB	14202/1845/Mar	15e	9G1JC	14218/2240/Mar	10m	9X5BT	14220/2000/Mar	13m

ASIA SSB

AP2ZR	14220/1145/Mar	4yb	JT1AT	14221/0120/Mar	14m	4Z4MQ	14220/1630/Mar	8m
BV2B	14225/2325/Mar	13w	JT1BB	14220/0440/Mar	14m	9M2MH	14225/2345/Mar	14w
HM1DN	14209/2350/Mar	8m	UAØFCK	14221/0120/Mar	14m	9M2GV	14269/1320/Mar	3ka
HM1DK	14210/2320/Mar	14w	UK9AAN	14225/1315/Mar	15e	9N1MM	14320/1215/Mar	10ka
HS5AKW	14225/2315/Mar	15w	4S7PB	14320/1210/Mar	4ka	9V1NR	14220/0130/Mar	14m

EUROPE SSB

CT1BY	14314/1330/Mar	4e	I8EWA	14221/2025/Mar	11e	PAØALO	14217/1650/Mar	14m
CT4AT	14223/1840/Mar	12w	M1D	14201/1500/Mar	12e	SV1EY	14214/1905/Mar	8e
GD3JIU	14205/1335/Mar	15e	OH8TI	14256/1310/Mar	14ka	SVØWEE	14237/2035/Mar	15w
GW3NNF	14208/1630/Mar	13m	ON4QJ	14200/1835/Mar	15w	UR2RJ	14240/1345/Mar	14w
GW4BVN	14207/1700/Mar	15w	OZ5DA	14242/1325/Mar	14ka	9H1ER	14202/2350/Mar	9m

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

A35AF	14202/0205/Mar	13w	LU1ACF	14225/2300/Mar	11m	TI2DR	14226/2105/Mar	15e
DU1DBT	14225/2330/Mar	15w	LU7AF	14211/2120/Mar	15e	VE1BFV	14208/1810/Mar	13m
DX1AT	14227/2325/Mar	14m	LU7EM	14211/2125/Mar	15e	VK9XI	14225/1230/Mar	12e
FG7XL	14333/1950/Mar	9e	LU8FEU	14213/2320/Mar	12m	VP2KJ	14211/2115/Mar	15e
FGØBKZ	14243/1335/Mar	8m	KG4GG	14332/2005/Mar	12w	VP2SQ	21300/1845/Mar	13w
FGØGE	14243/1335/Mar	8m	KC6AQ	14225/2300/Mar	11m	VP2DH	14221/0040/Mar	13w
FK8CD	21270/0030/Mar	7m	KM6EA	14332/2030/Mar	12w	VP5EI	14204/2110/Mar	2e
FP8DX	14205/1720/Mar	13w	KP4DPN	21263/1940/Mar	15w	VR6TC	21353/2230/Mar	9e
FM7AQ	14208/2010/Mar	14m	KS6EZ	14207/0110/Mar	14w	YN8AJC	14212/2300/Mar	10m
HC2YL	21283/1845/Mar	9w	KV4AD	14217/1305/Mar	15e	YB7AAA	14225/2320/Mar	4m
HCØHM	14225/2310/Mar	12m	KV4FC	21296/1905/Mar	15w	YS1MAE	14203/2335/Mar	11w
HKØQA	14201/1920/Mar	11e	OA4OAS	14216/2330/Mar	12m	6Y5MD	14204/2315/Mar	15w
LU1DAB	28596/2000/Mar	14e	OA6DF	14273/0105/Mar	14w	8P6HE	14201/1310/Mar	10e



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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

I know not what the truth might be,  
I say the report as 'twas said to me.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

G3ZYY 1827/0450/Mar 13m	PY1RO 1802/0615/Mar 14m	VP2VAN 1829/0440/Mar 6e
HKØBKK 1828/0110/Mar 15m	VE1BFV 1820/0520/Mar 8e	XE2EB 1815/0500/Mar 15e
PJ9JT 1827/0405/Mar 8m	VK5CC 1806/1235/Mar 10m	ZL2BT 1805/1230/Mar 12m
C21NI 3803/1000/Mar 13e	LU2SFD 3798/0845/Mar 13e	XE3LFH 3800/0620/Mar 12e
CO2JA 3805/0455/Mar 5e	SP7HT 3505/2115/Mar 5yb	YN7R 3799/0520/Mar 13m
DU6BG 3806/1400/Mar 10w	JG10VJ/S21 3549/2220 4yb	YO3RG 3505/2105/Mar 5yb
FG7AM 3508/0910/Mar 3m	VK200/LH 3502/1115 12e	YU1BCD 3796/0450/Mar 12e
FL8OM 3799/0030/Mar 6e	VE1BFV 3800/0505/Mar 12e	ZB2BX 3787/0000/Mar 15m
G3MWZ 3798/0635/Mar 12e	VP2DM 3797/0200/Mar 8w	ZK1DX 3798/0615/Mar 14w
GC2FMV 3795/0030/Mar 15e	VP2SAB 3817/0940/Mar 13e	ZF1GC 3800/0255/Mar 1e
HI8GRP 3803/0250/Mar 9w	VP2GA 3814/0025/Mar 13e	ZL1BIL 3798/0635/Mar 12e
JH1KSB/JD1 3513/1145 11e	VP2VAN 3807/1020/Mar 8e	ZL2BT 3804/1025/Mar 9e
KG4FU 3806/0555/Mar 13e	VP2KK 3802/0010/Mar 8e	ZS2HI 3779/0400/Mar 1e
KH6CF 3503/1115/Mar 12e	VP2LGH 3800/0620/Mar 12e	6Y5PO 3797/0200/Mar 8w
KM6EA 3802/0830/Mar 13e	VP2MPC 3803/0230/Mar 9m	8P6HF 3817/1025/Mar 9e
KZ5JM 3807/0325/Mar 11m	XE3LK 3779/0405/Mar 1e	9Y4SF 3797/0200/Mar 8w
C21NI 7007/0635/Mar 14e	OH6JW 7006/1440/Mar 11w	VP9HO 7005/2315/Mar 14e
CE7AC 7001/0335/Mar 9w	JG10VJ/S21 7070/1450 29yb	VS5WM 7082/1110/Mar 7w
CO2VG 7004/0530/Mar 11w	TA1ZB 7019/2240/Mar 10e	XE3FSA 7070/0150/Mar 6e
FG7XA 7005/0345/Mar 13w	UA6IAH 7001/0350/Mar 15w	YBØABV 7004/1105/Mar 15w
FGØBKZ 7012/2320/Mar 14e	UB5QBS 7003/1445/Mar 9w	YC7HB 7007/1425/Mar 2w
EK8KAA 7009/1445/Mar 14w	UK5YAT 7001/0340/Mar 15w	ZL3IN/C 7026/0600/Mr 14e
FM7AV 7018/2250/Mar 9e	UK5MAF 7004/1425/Mar 13w	ZL3PJ 7017/1010/Mar 9e
FM7AZ 7006/0355/Mar 13e	UY5YK 7002/0405/Mar 15w	ZS6RM 7002/0440/Mar 13w
FR7BB 7007/0400/Mar 13e	VK2AJ 7015/1445/Mar 13w	3D2ER 7004/1235/Mar 11e
HI3JEI 7003/0340/Mar 10w	VK200/LH 7002/1025 12e	5W1AZ 7098/0500/Mar 7m
HI8EVA 7028/1240/Mar 14e	VK2FT/LH 7025/1040 14e	5Z4LW 7008/2150/Mar 13e
HM1DH 7026/1430/Mar 16w	VK2IN 7010/1005/Mar 9e	6W8FP 7094/2315/Mar 7m
HM5FG 7012/1450/Mar 16w	VK2AR 7030/1115/Mar 9e	8P6GQ 7028/2255/Mar 9e
HS5AKU 7006/1500/Mar 14w	VK3RW 7008/1410/Mar 14w	9M2AX 7009/1140/Mar 8e
JA3LFS 7028/0910/Mar 5e	VK6ZO 7007/1450/Mar 11w	9N1MM 7087/1500/Mar 5ka
JA4FDZ 7010/1000/Mar 9e	VK7BC 7005/1355/Mar 13w	9V1RS 7008/1445/Mar 15w
KC4AAC 7015/0340/Mar 4w	VP1NNP 7229/0755/Mar 5e	9J2CL 7008/0430/Mar 14w
KC4USG 7225/0800/Mar 5e	VP2MOC 7004/0225/Mar 15w	ZE1CU 7009/0340/Mar 16w
KG6JAR 7003/1445/Mar 12w	VP2MDC 7004/0235/Mar 15e	ZL3PT 7035/0620/Mar 13m
KG6AAY 7090/1250/Mar 6m	VP2SAH 7008/1030/Mar 11e	ZL2BGO 7005/1355/Mar 13w
KH6IKJ 7005/0440/Mar 14m	VP2VAN 7029/0155/Mar 4e	
OX3OO 7081/0410/Mar 4w	VP9GD 7002/0245/Mar 14m	
OX3RA 7009/0245/Mar 15w	VP9HM 7003/0325/Mar 9w	

AFRICA CW

D2ACK 14019/2325/Mar 14e  
EA9EW 14048/1335/Mar 14e  
ZD8TM 14033/2300/Mar 14m  
5N2FAX 14008/2015/Mar 14e  
5Z4LW 14018/1805/Mar 13w  
9J2BO 14027/1905/Mar 8w

ASIA CW !!

HL9TY 14040/2320/Mar 5e

EUROPE CW

F6CRT 14035/1550/Mar 14m  
M1C 14015/2015/Mar 15w  
TF3AW 14047/2240/Mar 11m  
UK1PAA 14031/1230/Mar 15e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches yb = indonesia )  
(ka = japan, etc. all times in gmt # = long path ??? ~ Slim!!! Back again...)



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## CALENDAR

OKI-NO TORSHIMA

TUVALU

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TURTLE ISLAND

GRENADA

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THAILAND

EUROPA

DAYTON HAMVENTION

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX

NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION

NZART GOLDEN JUBILEE

DXPO 76

It's coming....like June or July!! New One!!

JA-group signing VR8D from this Thursday..two weeks

WB7<sup>ABK</sup> at 2nd stop on 3A/DXpedition. From March 24th..

Maybe....from March 26th. Some of our wires have crossed...

9L3SL About April 10th.....new prefix but non-country..

VP2G through the WPX Test!!

April 25th to May 9th....by K4ERO and HC1XG...

VP8MS should be on any day now....

FL8OM reported as aiming for the Easter period...

Thailand Radio Society (RAST) with big effort Apr 10/11th

FR7ZL will be there in May and June...it's Juan de Nova...

April 23-25th...Prepare!! Less than a month to go...

The BIG DX MEETING!! May 14-16th at the Hilton

August 7/8th in Vancouver, British Columbia..VE7BVH for info...

Auckland...June 4th to 7th. Lots of DX action there.../

September 25/26th in Washington area. WA3NGS for details..

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL Ted Cohen, W4UMF, will be a speaker at the Saturday afternoon technical session. Ted will bring some information on what the ionosphere might hold for us Deserving DXers in the next couple of years.

The underground has it that K6QX is filling up the liquid-suspension omnibus with a bit of celerity and if you have not nailed down a reservation, you had better check with Orm. Remember, the bus, unlike some of its passengers, can only hold so much.

We should have more information on this in the next couple of weeks....the program, not what the passengers can hold. The meeting is shaping up to be another gre one and May is a good time in Fresno. There are always good times at the Fresno International DX Meeting but May is a great time in what is probably the No. 1 agri-cultural county in the country.

SILENT KEY Those with a long memory will recall Lorenz Prinz, DL9JK, who signed some exotic calls such as 9N1JK and AC3JK. He passed away on February 2nd after a long illness, he was 52 years old.

QSL for these operations are still available, 9N1JK still being in supply and cards for AC3JK are being reprinted since one batch apparently was lost in 1970.

Final Half the staff is down sick this week... This may explain any shortcuts.....

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Max W5GJ

Don K5AAD

Mary W5MBB

Dave WA5ZNY



ARRL The ARRL Foundation held its Directors meeting February 28th. Among the actions taken was the election of Bill Eitel, W6UF, as President of the foundation to succeed Peter J Schenk, WA4GFY. Douglas Watson, W6VM, was elected vice-prex, Larry Price, W4DQD, was elected secretary and Larry Shima, W0PAN, treasurer. The board voted favorably on a request from AMSAT for \$21,350 funding for 1976. A WARC budget of \$550,000 was endorsed as submitted. Discussion of an updated version of 'Ham's Wide World' was held in abeyance until it can be made part of a coordinated public relations program.

Two professional fund-raising organizations made proposals to the foundation. The necessary liaison for the presentation of a formal proposal by one group was named, no formal action was taken on the second proposal. Herbert Hoover III, W6APW, was named to the foundation's Executive Committee. Also discussed was the offer of the Radio Club of America to supply fund-raising assistance.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, K1TZQ, K1VCH, W1WQC/4, K2BT, W2FPM, WB2LOF, W4AAV, W4EVG, W4HU, WA4HHG, W4KA, W4WRY, WB4SIJ, W4UMF, W5AK, K5OVC, W5USM, W6APW, K6AQV, K6DT, K6EC, W6EJJ, W6GC, W6GVM, WA6MWG, K6HTM, K6KII, W6PT, WA6UCE, W6UFJ, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, W7BCT, WA7OBH, W7OK, W8BQV, K8IKB, W8JXM, W8ZOK, K9OTB, W9RXC, K9UIY, K9WEH, W0BWJ, W0SFU, KX6MJ, KA6BN, HS1ALC, JA1TNV, YB0ABV, VE7CE.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came up the hill last week and, it being a warm day, we sat in the Spring sun. "The sunspot count is sure low", we said and the QRPer smiled in agreement. "The morning haul for DX is about shot", we added and there was another QRPer smile. "Fifteen meters has turned up its toes", we noted sagely and there was another smile and a nod of agreement. "Sure is difficult to get enough of the DX countries to get on the Honor Roll these days", we said and the QRPer slowly nodded his head at that one. Son of a Gun!! What does one do with a person like this QRPer? "Doesn't all of this bother you?", we asked and the QRPer shook his head. "Look", he said. "It's a warm day and I can see that mountain ridge sixty miles down country. Spring is about here and the days are getting warmer. It is a good season. And if I were to worry about all those things you mention, would it change things one bit at all?". This was the point to give up in our efforts for it was obvious that there was one here who was more interested in enjoying a warm Spring day than in carrying his fair share of the world's worries. It may be a sad day for the worriers when many feel as this one does....and \$10.00 will bring you a full year of the DX worries by second-class mail.....\$14.50 flings it by first-class mail to the U.S and VE areas. \$17.00 flippers it down the far curve of the dawn to Mexico and all those DX areas that true-blue DXers always worry about. Join the DX Worry Encounter Group!! Carry your share of the world's woes!!

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