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BILL RINDONE The YMØAA operation held on a couple of days longer than originally intended, operating to August 5th before shutting down, the poor band conditions during the initial two days influencing the decision.

WB7ABK reports that in the first two days of operating he made but 450 contacts from Geyser Reef under the YMØAA callsign. As the next stop in the Comoros was no great distance from Geyser, the situation was shaping up as two low-production operations a definite possibility.

The two additional days on Geyser ran the totals up another 1400 contacts, the whole operation logging over 1800 QSOs. But conditions were bad and Bill reported that often incoming signals would not even quiver the S-meter on the rig. Even for a DX operation and a tendency to embellish signal reports, the log shows an awful lot of 559 signal reports, these received by YMØAA.

With the wrap-up on the Geyser Reef effort, a decision was made to end the African trip and return home. Last week Bill was back home at Lake Oswego, Oregon and figuring to stay put for awhile.

On the matter of Geyser Reef itself, questions having been turning up on this one. Bill said that the charts of the area are not accurate and some features not sited correctly on the chart he had. Geyser Reef, he reports, itself is large, being 'L' shaped and with each arm of the reef over five miles in length. The operating area is not a sandy strand but rather a rocky area reaching about 15' above low water. Though small, it was adequate. The tidal range was about seven feet so the operation generally was well above the water.

QSLs will be ordered for the various operations, including the ST2SA/Ø and the YMØAA operations. On the YM-callsign, Bill said that prior to the trip inquiries on call-sign for the reef had turned up no definite information, prior operations there selecting whatever they thought appropriate. He did point out that when any one took the time to query him, he did state that he was operating from Geyser Reef.

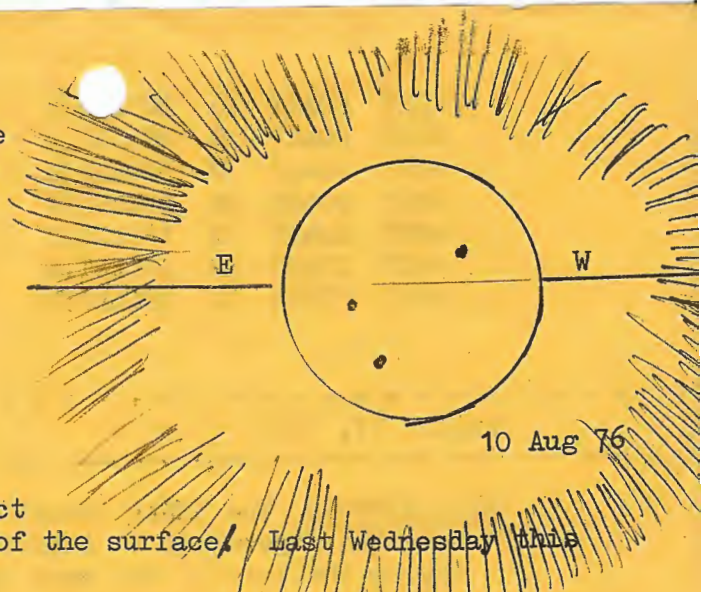
The documents and necessary papers to cover the ST2SA/Ø operation will be forwarded to ARRL shortly, these to include references from within Sudan itself. Bill is quite definite on the possibility of a new country for DXCC purposes, noting that the southern provinces have been autonomous for some years now. Definitely a 'separate administration' he says and they are ready to fight to prove it.

QSLs for the operation go to Bill Rindone, WB7ABK, 3049 Doris Court, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034. While the Northern California DX Foundation did support the effort with some assistance, a large portion of the expenses were borne by Bill himself and any help in this area will be appreciate. He will be cleaning up the QSLs from the earlier effort and the ST2SA/Ø and YMØAA QSLs should be showing in late September or early October.

Bill was conscious of the fact that band conditions were working against any QSOs with the western portion of the country.....and noted that there had been efforts made but things were just not going right. The continued poor conditions did have some bearing on his decision to stay on Geyser longer and to end things with the YMØAA effort.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Things were a bit brisk in the sunspot business last week with three active areas being visible on August 10th

The small active area close to the equator last week did not last long. It had disappeared by the day following that report but the large active area which had just turned the east limb continued active all week-end and into the week of this report. When first sighted it had one large area covering 480/millionths of the suns surface, in the middle of last week it had six distinct spots and was still covering 440/millionths of the surface. Last Wednesday this area was at 16°N.



Two other areas appeared on August 6th, one being at 4°S and had two spots covering 10/millionths. The other area at 24°S had 2 spots and also covered 10/millionths. While the spot closer to the equator moved toward the west limb with no big change in appearance, the one at higher latitudes was showing four spots and was covering 40/millionths of the surface two days after appearing. The conditions did show in the WWV report with the K index getting down, the 2800mhz flux figure in the high seventies or low eighties and high normal conditions being available.

Things are prospering for the Deserving DXer as we head into the Fall contest season and Ted Cohen, W4UMF, says that August will go with a flourish.....High Normal to wind things up. Here is what you can expect.....Days of BN and LN for awhile but as we prepare for the Labor Day weekend and the Albatross SSTV Test, you can look for some better days ahead. And what sort of a day will it be?? A day like all days, filled with flux and stuff.....and you'll be there!

August 17th High Normal
18th Low Normal
19th High Normal
20th Low Normal
21st Low Normal
22nd Low Normal
23rd Low Normal

August 24th Below Normal
25th Below Normal
26th Below Normal
27th Low Normal/High Normal
28th High Normal!!
29th High Normal!!!
30th High Normal!!!!

Definitely things look a bit better. Some say the end is near.....Prepare!!! But others say that we will bump along the bottom a bit longer.... K6EC says that while the future is in doubt, the past is not and the Flux and Index and other things like that were: (without any A Index figures...we could not corner them this week)

Solar Flux/A Index		Solar Flux/A Index		Solar Flux/A Index	
Aug 2nd	73	Aug 5th	80	Aug 8th	81
3rd	76	6th	82	9th	80
4th	80	7th	82		

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Bob Ferrero K6AHV

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WALLIS FW8CO will be on Wallis Island for a six-month stay and will be working both SSB and CW. Initial reports said that this was a new licensee but as the operator, Michel, also holds FK8CO-callsign, there is a bit of experience there. Maybe more than suspected as he says that he does not have a key and handles c.w. contacts by shorting two wires together.

The address given for QSLing is: Michel-FW8CO, c/o HiHiFo, Airport, Wallis Island. The latest callbook supplement does not list FK8CO yet so this probably will be the QSL route you will follow.

NIUE ZK2AR, Kazu, continues to be active from Alofi on Niue. From Niue his plans are to head for 5W1-Western Samoa, 3D2-Fiji, plus one other stop. QSLs go to his home QTH JR1ATU.

NAURU C21ME should be there well into September. Last week was reported on forty c.w.....7002kc from 0945Z.

BEAR ISLAND JW7FD frequently on twenty meters is on Bear Island and this one QSLs via the NRRL. There are continuing reports that NRRL is seeking separate country status for Bear Island and you might keep this in mind.

OMAN ALXGB is often at 14275kc from 1800Z and listening for W/Ks etc that might be needing him. While conditions might not favor the long-haul just yet, there are occasions, short as they may be, when bands do open up. ALXGQ is also active and is Allan Johns, Masirah, Sultanate of Oman. He is frequently found below the 14200kc mark from 1100Z. ALXGB QSLs to GLCTQ...these reports on Oman activity are generally east coast reports right now.

KWAJALEIN KX6MJ, Paul La Follette, shut down his operation on August 6th and is headed for the Ohio country. Anyone still thirsting for a KX6MJ QSL should send it to: 419 Denwood Drive South, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. This QTH is right outside Columbus. Paul has been active in the Marshalls since March, his first contact as KX6MJ being WA7URL on March 13th and the final contact was with WA6CDH on August 4th....both were twenty SSB. Paul made 3132 QSOs in 115 operating days, 1535 were SSB and 1597 c.w. contacts. Previously he has signed an OX5BW call from Greenland, his home call is WB8ONA.

SEANET CONVENTION The 1976 SEAnet convention is getting well set and there has been a change in the site. It will be held at the Kartika Plaza Hotel, this being a better location in downtown Jakarta.

Festivities start Friday evening, November 12th with the main programs scheduled for Saturday, November 13th. Things will run more or less non-stop until Sunday afternoon when they will be running out of plans, programs and steam.

The Co-chairman for the convention is also the secretary for GARUDA Airlines and special arrangements can often be made for travel within Indonesia. The SEAnet group is looking for a chance to welcome visiting DXers to their annual meeting there in Jakarta.

Roland Fisk, YB0ACH, Box 2443, Jakarta, Indonesia has been keeping the information coming on this event. If you are thinking of Jakarta in November and have any questions, drop him a line.

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'RETURN CHARGES' With the DXCC fees going by the board as of August 1st as the result of the ARRL Board action, DXCC Rule 13 comes back into effect. This time around they tell you what the 'return charge' will be

As of August 1st a new schedule of charges was announced in connection 'with ARRL Awards'. However, fees were specified only for WAS/5BWAS/DXCC/5BDXCC. Others were covered vaguely with "...Awards not listed below also require the enclosure of return postage." As some of the ARRL Awards are one-way, from headquarters to the recipient, how you figure that one out is a possible puzzle.

The schedule posted by ARRL for return charges are:

W/VE Members and Novices in the 48 contiguous states. <u>...return via UPS</u>		W/VE members in or outside the 48 contiguous states, DX Stations. <u>Return via Registered Mail</u>
WAS	\$1.00	\$3.00
5BWAS	1.00	4.50
DXCC	1.00	4.00
5BDXCC	1.50	7.00

VE members of the ARRL would seem to be headed for the higher fee column as well as the W/Ks outside the lower 48. As the number of DXCC applications has definitely tapered off in the last year under the burden of the DXCC fees, the 'return charges' may continue to affect the DXCC interest in some areas.

Also, in the W/VE areas, you will only get WAS and DXCC now if you are an ARRL member. DX stations and novices are exempt from the membership requirement, all others must be.

The use of the United Parcel Service to handle the ARRL Awards would raise some questions. It also might be a bit illegal. The completed certificates do meet the Postal Service criteria for determining first-class mail. The Private Express Statutes in the Federal Code flatly prohibits UPS, as well as any other common carrier, from handling first-class mail, this being a monopoly of the U.S Postal Service. UPS would thus seem to be in violation to knowingly handle first-class mail through their system. It is a matter which probably will be clarified in the near future.

All these changes from August 1, 1976. The DXCC fees went out....the 'return charges' came in. You will find it also in QST in a month or two.

TROMELIN A short note from Guy P de la Rhodiere, FR7ZL, indicates that he will be on Tromelin from July 27th to September 24th. Guy was looking for some Europa activity but apparently that did not come, he noting that presently there is no action from Glorioso, Juan de Nova or Europa. Guy's card did carry the stamped imprint of the meteorological station on Tromelin though there have not been reports of any working him.

Guy also notes that he needs North Dakota and Alaska to complete a WAS.

KC9WD The annual Knoxville Civil War Days in Knoxville, Illinois, will be marked by the special-call station KC9WD operated by the Knox County Amateur Radio Club. The station will be on from September 17th through the 19th and will try to work everything possible on all possible modes.

They will look for action on 160mtrs through 2 meters. They will work AM/FM/SSB SSTV/OSCAR Mode B...but expect most of the action to be on twenty and forty. On twenty, look for them in the 14210-14230kc area. WSL via WB9NEH or WB9DDF.

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SHORTLY NOTED Some of the recent EME effort may be of interest. In May the 150' dish at Stanford Research Institute was used for 222mhz and 432mhz moon bounce. On 432mhz 64 two-way contacts were made with 53 different stations in 12 countries and 14 states. SSB contacts were made with K5LLL, K9ZUI, JA1ATL, LX1FX and PA0SSB. Some problems in feeding the 222mhz signal were encountered and the operation here was not up to expectations.

Possible future use of the 150'SRI dish will most likely be on bands not previously used and this includes 50/222/1296/2304mhz. The feeling here is that there has to be good justification to put WA6LET on with the 150' dish and it has to be more to doing what has already been done.

K2YUH puts out the EME NEWS for those who may want more information on this activity. On the Colombian effort of the Mt. Airy Radio Club, they signed HK1TL....'T' for Tierra (earth) and 'L' for Luna (moon). 16 stations in 8 countries were worked. This effort was given some financial support by the Northern California DX Foundation. This was a 432mhz EME effort.

The additional CB channels seem to have raised a lot of problems with the CB industry as they wait for the date of the additional channels. There has also been some references to the interference problems from CB rigs and efforts to work some solution out. This could have an effect on any RFI legislation which may be introduced in the new Congress convening in January. There is a good possibility that the Vanik RFI legislation will be re-introduced and a lot of support will be needed to get it moving.

With Bob White, W1CW, moving over to handle the new Outgoing QSL Bureau there at Newington, there has been some speculation as to whom will take over his chair at the DXCC Desk. Indicators are that you may find David Newkirk, WA1VCG, as holding down the position. Presently he is..or was...in a lower echelon position at ARRL.

There have been a number of recent changes there on Main Street and on the new bifurcated chain of command, Laird Campbell, W1CUT, has been named as Assistant General Manager, Business Operations. Previously Dave Sumner, K1ZND, had been named Assistant General Manager, Membership Services. Prior to the up-grading Dave Sumner was one of the Assistant Secretaries.

A recent notation says that there are openings at ARRL headquarters in the Advertising, Technical and Membership Services Department and they were receptive to applicants with various levels of maturity, experience and training.

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OKINO TORI SHIMA - Another View The question of country status of Okino Tori Shima probably will be with us for a while yet and it may give a better perspective to note what others think of the matter.

Tom Higginson, GW3AHN, of Cardiff in Wales says: "...I am still of the opinion that Okino Torishima should not be a separate country, but as it appears that the ARRL is adamant in this respect, I have pursued the line that if it is to be counted then it should not be limited to the recent Japanese DXpedition and future operations but that a previous operation should also be allowed to count for this country."

GW3AHN further writes:

1. Okino Tori Shima (also known as Parace Vela and Douglas Reef) is approximately 425 miles from the nearest point in the Ogasawaras
2. Until 1969 Okino Tori Shima and the Ogasawara Islands were administered by the U.S. In that year they were retroceded to Japan.
3. From all points of the DXCC aspect, the relative position between Okino Tori Shima and the Ogasawara Islands remained the same under the U.S or Japanese administration.
4. An amateur radio operation under the callsign KG61D took place from Okino Tori Shima from 30th May to June 1st 1963. Under the then existing DXCC criteria this would have constituted a new country. But--
5. An announcement in QST, July 1963, to be effective from 1 April 1963, introduced Rule 2(b), which stated:

Islands forming part of an island group, or which are geographically located adjacent to an island group which have common government or administration will be considered as separate entities providing there are at least 500 miles of open water separation between the two areas in question.

This effectively nullified Okino Tori Shima as qualifying for separate country status at that point in time.

- 6/ The KG61D operation is accepted as a valid operation as the ARRL does accept the QSLs for country credit -- albeit, to the present, as Ogasawara Islands.
7. An amateur radio operation took place at Okino Tori Shima by the Japanese Amateur Radio League under the call 7J1RL from the 30th May to 2 June 1976. An announcement was made of a once-only violation of DXCC criteria (Rule 2(b)-the 500 mile rule between adjacent islands) by the ARRL so that the JARL could celebrate its 50th anniversary with a DXpedition to a new country.

Comment: Of the two operations, the KG61D operation in 1963 has a more valid reason for counting as a new country and would have achieved that status had not the rules been changed at that point in time. The 7J1RL operation qualifies as a new country from the date of that operation, May 30, 1976, and is based on a violation of the standing DXCC criteria.

Submission: If the 7J1RL operation will count as a new country, to be fair to all (viz: Operating Aid No. 7. Paragraph 12. 'Operating Ethics' states: "Fair Play and good sportsmanship, etc" - and this applies to administrators also!!) so should the KG61D operation be accepted for credit towards this country and the date of acceptance of credits be back-dated to 1963.

/s/ Tom Higginson GW3AHN
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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

I hear the world reciting,
The tales of ancient men,
The fighting and DXing
They will never have again.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

C31MJ	3799/0220/Aug	8e	FM7AV	3793/0015/Aug	8kv	VS6DO	3799/1250/Aug	10w
C31KR	3790/0425/Aug	7m	VK3AZY	3689/1055/Aug	4e	ZL1BKD	3809/1025/Aug	6e
F6ARC	3790/0425/Aug	7m	VP1MPW	3802/0435/Aug	7m	8P6FU	3790/0425/Aug	7m
C21ME	7002/0945/Aug	5e	LZ2KMB	7032/0040/Aug	2e	VK2GW	7008/0755/Aug	7m
DK6NN/C6	7022/0330	4e	N6V	7023/0310/Aug	4e	VK6CF	7086/1100/Aug	4e
DL1PM	7002/2120/Aug	1ep	OH2BBR	7006/0035/Aug	5e	VP2VBH	7159/1105/Aug	4m
F8IX	7033/0115/Aug	4e	OK3BDE	7007/0100/Aug	4e	VP2SAZ	7159/1110/Aug	4m
FW8CO	7010/1130/Aug	9w	ON5JY	7007/0005/Aug	2e	VP2SQ	7159/1110/Aug	4m
HI8LC	7009/0200/Aug	1e	PAØER	7012/2345/Aug	4e	VS5MC	7009/1445/Aug	5m
HI8EVA	7016/1050/Aug	4w	TI2PZ	7004/0510/Aug	6m	YV1BAD	7159/1100/Aug	4m
HK2DP	7006/1000/Aug	5w	UA2EC	7003/0010/Aug	6e	YU2CEJ	7032/0030/Aug	2e
KG6SZ	7006/1430/Aug	5w	UB5MCW	7028/0015/Aug	1e	ZK2AR	7001/1010/Aug	4e
KG6JAR	7004/1345/Aug	3w	UK5MAF	7010/0120/Aug	4m	8R1CB	7159/1100/Aug	4m

AFRICA CW

D2ACK	14008/2115/Aug	7e	FL8JC	14046/1850/Aug	1ep	5N2AAU	14033/0040/Aug	1e
D2AAI	14025/1830/Aug	1ep	YMØAA	14029/1225/Aug	5e	9L1SL	14025/2300/Aug	6e
EA9EO	14022/1830/Aug	1ep	SML4AT/4U	14022/2330	5e	9L1OU	14022/2225/Aug	1ep

AFRICA SSB

C5AL	14203/2330/Aug	1m	VE1APY/SU	14199/0200	1e	6W8FP	14233/2110/Aug	4e
D4CBS	14206/1950/Aug	7m	VQ9DF	14208/0345/Aug	8e	9J2GF	14236/1720/Aug	1e
EA8CR	14219/1015/Aug	3e	5Z4PW	14258/1725/Aug	1e	9X5SP	14295/1640/Aug	6e
EA8BW	14226/2330/Aug	7m	5Z4LW	14201/2215/Aug	4m	9X5RK	14255/1935/Aug	1e
TU2DD	14221/2220/Aug	6m	6W8BR	14233/2110/Aug	1e			

ASIA CW

CR9AJ	14027/1910/Aug	4e	UF6FCO	14037/1430/Aug	9m	UM8AX	14046/0150/Aug	6e
EP2VW	14028/1845/Aug	7e	UT5AB/UF6	14029/2335	3e	UW9VH	14022/0005/Aug	9kv
EP2EA	14038/0315/Aug	9m	UG6GAF	14036/0310/Aug	9m	VS6BB	14025/1130/Aug	5e
JH1KSB/JD1	14037/0535	5w	UH8BZ	14042/1840/Aug	1ep	VS6EY	14016/1320/Aug	8e
JTØOAQ	14027/0035/Aug	7e	UI8CX	14057/1605/Aug	9w	VS6BL	14026/1230/Often	
TA2BK	14007/1100/Aug	3e	UJ8JCL	14025/2350/Aug	7m	VU2BK	14045/1510/Aug	8w
UA9ES	14032/0235/Aug	9m	UJ8AC	14034/0215/Aug	6e	4S7DA	14026/0725/Aug	6e
UA9IG	14022/0235/Aug	5w	UK7CAK	14039/0340/Aug	6m	4XL4AM	14026/1900/Aug	4e
UA9LU	14022/0240/Aug	5w	UK7CAA	14043/1405/Aug	6m	4XL4FU	14036/2040/Aug	1m
UAØDAA	14036/1410/Aug	9m	UK9XAN	14038/1420/Aug	6m	4JØKAA	14024/0545/Aug	9w
UAØKBZ	14035/0530/Aug	5w	UKØSAG	14071/1500/Aug	8m			
UZØZBP	14044/0530/Aug	5w	UKØ000	14034/0635/Aug	7w			
UB5ICF/UF6	14024/0125	5e	UL7EAR	14015/0300/Aug	6m			

ASIA SSB

ALXGB	14275/1900/Often		UAØAI	14204/0230/Aug	7m	VS6BR	14211/1350/Aug	2w
ALXGR	14175/1130/Aug	4e	UAØFCK	14198/1235/Aug	8kv	VU2GDG	14324/0225/Aug	6w
A7XA	14275/2030/Aug	6m	UK9OAZ	14218/0230/Aug	7m	VU2ACD	14215/0135/Aug	5m
HM1IV	14203/1450/Aug	8w	UK9AAN	14210/1245/Aug	4e	VU2KV	14215/1520/Aug	7w
HM1IJ	14213/1225/Aug	6e	UK9CAE	14216/1245/Aug	6e	4S7SW	14215/1520/Aug	7w
HZ1AB	14209/2215/Aug	6m	UL7GAZ	14215/0200/Aug	6e	4Z4PG	14210/2105/Aug	8e
JY9HQ	14280/2320/Aug	7m	UL7EAJ	14204/0245/Aug	3m	4Z4PK	14226/0000/Aug	6m
OD5ER	14281/1730/Aug	1e	UL7FAE	14219/0235/Aug	7m	9M2AT	14230/1440/Aug	4w
OD5HH	14281/1730/Aug	1e	VS6EG	14209/1425/Aug	7m	9V1NR	14210/1325/Aug	8m
UA9YO	14211/0235/Aug	7m	VS6BL	14226/2320/Aug	6w	9K2CW	14234/2225/Aug	8e
UAØPT	14214/1450/Aug	7m	VS6DO	14209/1220/Aug	3e			

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MORE RED EYED STUFF---

EUROPE CW

C31HD	14002/2105/Aug	7w	LZ2KAU	14040/2050/Aug	8e	UA4HCR	14049/0520/Aug	9w
DJ6RX	14008/1740/Aug	7w	LZ2KKZ	14027/1750/Aug	8w	UB5UDZ	14028/2045/Aug	3m
EA2OP	14005/2235/Aug	6w	OE2PJJ	28122/2015/Aug	9e	UB5AAF	14033/2005/Aug	6m
EA4MY	14018/2215/Aug	2w	OH4RF	14205/1250/Aug	7e	UB5AAS	14012/0510/Aug	8w
EA6DD	14011/2310/Aug	7e	OH6DX	14032/1510/Aug	8m	UC20C	14005/0530/Aug	6w
EA7AAW	14027/2320/Aug	2w	OH2BAH/OH0	14030/1405/Aug	4e	UK2BBB	14023/0425/Aug	6w
EA7TL	14030/2325/Aug	2m	ON8JT	14027/2345/Aug	4m	UK3XAI	14029/1550/Aug	3m
EI2CL	14024/2200/Aug	8w	ON4OU	14005/1845/Aug	6w	UN1CD	14009/0540/Aug	8w
EI9J	14027/2010/Aug	2m	OY3H	14022/2310/Aug	5e	UO5GQ	14020/1145/Aug	4e
GD4BEG	14030/0020/Aug	9e	PX3MM	14033/2200/Aug	6e	UR2QRT	14027/1245/Aug	7e
GM4CMO	14025/1835/Aug	1ep	R6ER	14037/2000/Aug	10m	UK2PBR	14010/0500/Aug	5w
HA2KRZ	14027/0020/Aug	9e	TA1ZB	14024/2155/Aug	8w	UB5LDS	14021/0455/Aug	7w
HA5KKN	14018/0500/Aug	7w	TF3AW	14045/0135/Aug	8w	YO7NK	14027/2350/Aug	4m
IS0WUU	14003/0000/Aug	9e	SV1DO	14024/2130/Aug	1e	YU2SDE	14027/1620/Aug	5w
K4NLO	14009/2145/Aug	8e	SP9BDH	14045/2325/Aug	4m	YR4RCA	14006/0520/Aug	8w
LA4ZC	14013/0725/Aug	7w	UA6LXZ	14022/0510/Aug	6w	9H1CH	14025/2050/Aug	1ep

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C31MK	14218/2310/Aug	7m	GM4AGS	14223/2020/Aug	7m	ON5DO	14198/2345/Aug	3e
C31KR	14202/2230/Aug	7e	GW4BVN	14204/1005/Aug	6e	OY3H	14202/1150/Aug	4m
CT1CQ	14204/0010/Aug	7m	HB9AGC	14207/0015/Aug	7w	OY8I	14235/2020/Aug	8m
C31MJ	14202/2310/Aug	8m	IF9WFE	14214/2320/Aug	1e	R1SKW	14027/0020/Aug	3e
DM2DUK	14204/2040/Aug	8e	IT9SEZ	14203/0035/Aug	5e	SV0WZ	14220/2205/Aug	7e
DM2AYK	14207/2230/Aug	6w	IS0SOF	14245/0015/Aug	8m	SV1CT	14261/2150/Aug	7m
EI2V	14251/1220/Aug	4e	JW9FD	14220/1255/Aug	8e	SK6DG	14201/2255/Aug	5w
FC2CH	14232/2335/Aug	1e	LA6HL	14203/0305/Aug	5e	SP1EPP	14212/1915/Aug	5w
FC9UC	14202/1025/Aug	3e	LX1GM	28566/2040/Aug	9e	SP9AI	14206/2050/Aug	6w
GC4CHY	14226/1630/Aug	5e	LX1JO	14254/1250/Aug	7e	UA6LAS	14207/2035/Aug	8e
GD3AUC	14250/1650/Aug	5e	LZ2KKZ	14218/2040/Aug	8e	YO2AC	14210/0505/Aug	7w
GI4FHD	14209/1005/Aug	6e	OE6MBG	14202/2145/Aug	5m	YR0A	14225/2245/Aug	7m
GM3HMU	14211/2045/Aug	4e	OH2BH	14222/1345/Aug	7m	UR2QA	14207/1205/Aug	4e
GI4ESL	14203/2220/Aug	6m	OH4RF	14205/1250/Aug	7e	9H2CQ	14202/1545/Aug	5e

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CX4CR	14-50/0025/Aug	1e	FW8CO	14050/0420/Aug	9m	VP1MPW	14195/0010/Aug	4e
FG7AS	14035/1235/Aug	6e	FY7YE	14036/1230/Aug	6e	VP9HT	14010/0000/Aug	1ep
FG7XJ	14023/2055/Aug	3w	KG6SZ	14021/0255/Aug	7e	VR3AH	14030/0355/Aug	8e
FO8EX	14027/2100/Aug	1e	KG6RT	14035/0830/Aug	4w	VS5MC	14045/1140/Aug	7e
FO8EI	14019/0435/Aug	5m	NG2USA	14028/0150/Aug	6w	ZK2AR	14015/0525/Aug	4e
HP1MN	14049/2100/Aug	1m	OX3ZM	14049/0445/Aug	5m	3D2AJ	14043/0740/Aug	7m
HI3PC	14032/1400/Aug	3e	OX3RA	14056/2020/Aug	8e	8P6BU	14038/2110/Aug	1m
FK8BX	14015/0450/Aug	8e	P29JS	14035/0510/Aug	7e	9M8HG	14028/1520/Aug	7m
FK8CJ	14014/0440/Aug	4m	VP2MI	14024/1725/Aug	7w			
FK8CD	14067/0700/Aug	8m	VP2EEM	21052/2115/Aug	5m			
FK8BG	14050/0530/Aug	8m	VP2ST	14018/1430/Aug	2e			

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FK8CK	14202/0515/Aug	4e	P29DM	14205/1230/Aug	7e	VR6TC	14239/2235/Aug	5w
FK8CN	14201/0355/Aug	8e	P29PN	14230/1310/Aug	5w	VK9XI	14215/1510/Aug	4w
FM7AQ	14201/2315/Aug	6e	P29DJ	21300/0315/Aug	7w	YB0ACF	14206/1320/Aug	7m
FW8DX	14197/0400/Aug	4m	VP1PF	21273/2140/Aug	8w	YJ8AN	14310/0655/Aug	8m
HC8GI	14204/0355/Aug	7e	VP1RMD	14204/0450/Aug	4e	YJ8KM	21295/0615/Aug	6w
HI8XKC	14326/0005/Aug	5e	VP1MPW	14206/0250/Aug	9e	ZK1BA	14254/0450/Aug	5m
KX6BU	21350/2130/Aug	7w	VP8MS	14260/0800/Aug	1kv	ZK1DA	21270/0030/Aug	1w
LU1DPF	28600/1750/Aug	1e	VR1AF	14265/0425/Aug	8e	ZK2AR	21293/0300/Aug	4e
OX3PN	14220/2100/Aug	3w	VR3AK	14241/0545/Aug	4w	YS1SC	14201/0030/Aug	5e
PJ2ARI	14261/1450/Aug	8w	VR4BT	14260/0800/Aug	1kx	YN1KG	21362/1440/Aug	2e

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CALENDAR

NIUE Kazu signing ZK2AR. Will go to 5W1 and 3D2...
TROMELIN FR7ZL there since late July. Will go to mid-September
W9DXCC MEET September 14th--Holiday Inn, Itasca, Ill. WA9LZA for the
big picture.
DXPO Sept 25/26th..Tysons Corners, near McLean, Va...the Ramada Inn
SEANET CONVENTION Nov 12/14th...at the Karita Plaza in downtown Jakarta. Go!!
ALL ASIA CW TEST August 28/29th
ALBATROSS SSTV Sept 4/5th. See July CQ for details. The Big Picture Exchange!
EUROPEAN PHONE TEST September 1/12th
CQ WW DX TEST October 30/31st. Phone. PREPARE!!

SOME MORE NOTES S7A to S7Z is the new block of prefixes assigned to the newly independent Seychelles.

The FCC says that the work load with the alien amateur permits is such that they will no longer be able to supply the ARRL with the lists. Novice licenses issued in June were up 9%, some 28,000 novice licenses now outstanding. The FCC will hold regional meetings in Houston, on October 19th, and at Kansas City, Missouri, on October 28th. General Public meetings will be from 6:30p.m. to 10:30p.m. in Houston at the Hyatt Regency. In Kansas City they will be at the Municipal Auditorium from 6:30p.m. to 10:30p.m. There is a chance for some to see their FCC in action!

JA1EMX and friends did a good business from Saipan with the KG5SZ operation. In the last week came a letter from John Lear noting that it took five years for him to get a permit to operate in the Philippines, VE7IR/DU1, and that VE3FVY/DU4, got his permit at the same time. There has been a public statement made by the Philippine Director of Telecommunication Control, that they have completed work on approving a reciprocal agreement with the U.S. and it had been delivered to the U.S. Embassy in Manila for action there. This was on July 31st. It is possible that the reciprocal agreement will be completed by the end of this August.

9M0EXP will be active from August 14-18th....which means you can catch the tail end of the operation. They will be from some islands off the east coast of Malaysia, not good for 'new' DXCC counters but good for WPX.

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ARRL An official bulletin has come from Newington calling attention to the WWV propagation bulletin service. ARRL notes the jeopardy existing to this hourly broadcast and that there may be a problem with an impression that the service is not widely used.

"Volumes of letters are needed now stressing the usefulness of the propagation information for operational and educational services, urging its continuance," ARRL says in its bulletin. "Please ask other amateurs to join in writing the Office of Telecommunications, Department of Commerce, Boulder, Colo. 80302. The proposed termination date for the service is September 1".

There it is again. Surely there is someone else that you can write to in addition to those already written. Letters are needed.....lots of them.

TNX TO W1AM, W1DAL, W1GZI, WA1IJC, K1TZQ, W2CNQ, W2EHB, W2FPM, K2GBC, K3ZOL, W4HU, W4LEDD, W4GTS, W4HOS, W4KA, W4KN, W4KZG, W4LVM, W4SIJ, W4TYE, W4UMF, W4UF, W5AK, WB5EIN, W5LUJ, W5OSJ, K5OVC, W5TSQ, K6EC, WB6IXC, W6KPC, W6KYA, W6MTJ, W6MWG, W6RGQ, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6VQD, K6VY, K7ABV, W7AYO, W7BCT, WA7HRE, WA7OBH, WA7UVO, W8JXM, WDX9JFT, W9KNI, WB9LHI, W9RXC, WA9UEK, K9UIY, WØSFU, KV4AM, KX6MJ, YB7AAA, YBØACH, EP2VW.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Last week we were talking with a genuine world traveler, just returned from beyond the utmost purple ridges. "Guess you are glad to be home", we said with our usual scintillating opener. "Sure must be great to have all those memories." We got a slow nod on that one. "Bet you won't forget all those exciting times", we persisted and we got an even slower nod. We thought we even heard a slow sigh. "Look", said this world traveler, "I got into Khartoum just as they decided to try a military coup. There was street fighting nearby and artillery shells falling for a week. So I scrambled out of there to Nairobi to find Uganda right up to the border and threatening to invade Kenya. So I headed further south to Johannesburg and the country was all torn up with non-stop rioting. So I then scooted over to Madagascar to find the Prime Minister recently lost in a helicopter crash and some questions about it not yet answered. And things were a bit tense there. Would you call that a 'fun' trip?" Son of a Gun! what does one do to something like that? And here we had been thinking, like most everyone else, that DXpeditions are a ball from start to finish. Those strange lands and the moonlight on the coral strand. The strange locales, the exotics and the monumental. So we tried again. Where are you headed now?" and we got a quick answer. "Home!" he said. "Home is where the DX will be". And though it is always great to go, it is always great to return.....always!!

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