

West Coast DX Bulletin



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DJIBOUTI A number of J28 stations are being reported, the number a bit noticeable considering the relative scarceness of FL8s prior to independence in late June.

FL8KT is reported as now signing J28AI. Said to QSL to: Paul Kissonerehis, Box 1958, Djibouti Republic. This one has been reported on twenty meters.

J28AC is also reported as active on forty meters. Also noted is a J28A which was at 14320kc/1230Z on the SEANET system a week or so back, and J28AY which was on fifteen meters at 21260kc around 1410Z and being worked on the east coast.

EASTERN CAROLINES This week the Henry Team will be opening from Ponape, this Wednesday, August 10th being their arrival there on the island.

All the frequencies were listed last week. Listen for them as both Henry and Meredith are aiming to run up a good total of QSOs.

KERMEDEC The ZL-plans for Kermedec may have sounded a bit remote when first revealed some months back but the target dates are getting close and they are still aiming for October.

The group has been searching for a generator for the trip and have been taking a long look at a used 3kw Honda diesel. The equipment needs some overhauling and they are not moving fast on this decision.

WAKE RE-GAP The operation by Al Gordon, WA6KWQ on July 13-16th and again on July 19-20th ran up some 1370 QSOs, this with only a dipole and 180watts of power. Almost half the QSOs were with JAs, about a fifth with W6s, just under a tenth with the W7s and the other 20% scattered through the world. Here is how the call area/QSOs breaks down

W1	1 QSO	JA	620 QSOs
2	2	Europe	1 (An OH7)
3	3	So. America	3
4	77	VE	19
5	58	KP4	2
6	227		
7	111		
8	20		
9	54		
Ø	41		

All the rest were various stations within the Pacific Basin. Conditions were not good to the 1/2/3/8 areas, but then generally they were not good at all.

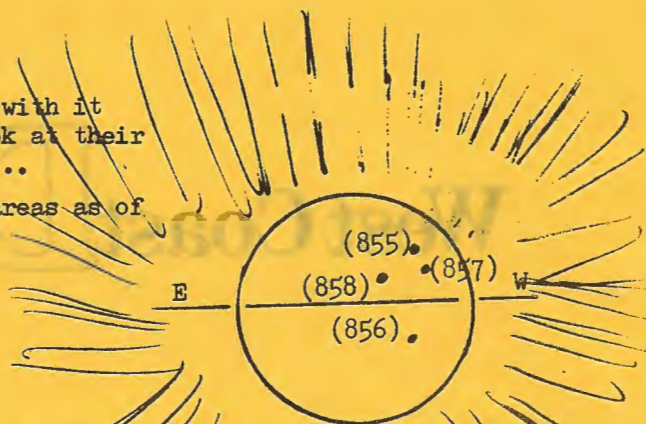
Al figures that being 'downwind' from Japan accounted for their large total.

NORFOLK ISLAND VK9JD is being found on eighty in the western reaches. Says he will be on regularly on Sundays from 1200Z. As long as business hold us, he will be transmitting at 3698kc and listening up around 3800kc or maybe slightly lower....or slightly higher. He says he will be on Norfolk for the next three or four years and the address for QSLs is Box 27, Norfolk Island.

SUNSPOT LOUIE The spots are a bit more with it this week but some are starting to look at their location and wonder what is going on....

Here is the location of these active areas as of last Tuesday.....

No. 855 N28 W36
856 S19 W53
857 N21 W49
858 N12 W22



You might note the latitudes of these groups and they, relatively, are not high as you would expect from new cycle spots. A new cycle is expected to show activity higher than the 15° to 25° range now frequently being encountered. This cycle is a bit difficult to understand. It would be great to have everything fall into line so we who deserve better would not have this to worry about. We could then find something else to worry about.

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No. 855 9 spots
80 millionths
856 1 spot
10 millionths
857 1 spot
10 millionths
958 1 spot
10 millionths

Like the dry situation here. One expert advised that he had been reading tree rings and found a period around 1000AD where it did not rain for around a hundred years. And there are those who point to the Maunder minimum and then postulate that sunspots are unusual things, that we have been seeing too many of them and maybe we will not see anymore for awhile.... That is not the information that the DXers need. And tomorrow will hardly be the happy day it is supposed to be if we have to listen to more of the direful tidings.....

We don't have to! We can listen to what N4XX reports after a trip to the far Illinois country and a spin around every ride at Great America at Guernsey, Illinois. Spinning yet like the dervish, Ted says that the next couple of weeks should be a whirl....some HNs, some LNs, some BNs and in between, a bit more of the same.

August 9th	Low Normal	August 16th	Below Normal
10th	Below Normal	17th	Low Normal
11th	Low Normal	18th	Low Normal
12th	Below Normal..maybe LN at times	19th	Low..going to
13th	Low Normal		High Normal
14th	Low Normal	20th	High Normal
15th	Below Normal	21st	High Normal

That should be enough to cool your DX ardors....

But K6EC is cool all the time as he listens to WWV and EV says that the reports for the charts went....

Solar Flux/Ap Index			Solar Flux/Ap Index		
Jul 25th	83	5	Jul 29th	84	49
26th	83	5	30th	82	28
27th	83	5	31st	78	10
28th	85	5			

Check those Ap Index figures from the 29th to 31st and you will know why things were hardly spectacular.

The Perseid meteor showers should reach their height this Thursday and Friday, August 11/12th and interference from moonlight should be minor. Observations after midnight should find the best times and they will be coming out of the north-east. Look for them.....

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DXAC REPORT We have the report of the DXAC Committee which was made to the recent meeting of the Board of Directors. It runs to nine pages. We will start printing it next week.

The best we can do with this is to shrink it down to go onto five sheets. Rather than summarize, the feeling here is that DXers should see the full report and that is the way we are going to run it.

This will make another one of those monster issues. For the overseas copies we will drop ol' Red Eyed for a couple of weeks.

We may mail the entire US mailing by second-class mail as the postage costs are a formidable problem but a decision will not be made on this until we have the issue a bit closer to final form.

LAW SUIT At a meeting of the ARRL Executive Committee on July 20th, the body considered two written complaints on a mailing to League members in the Washington Section. The mailing was done by the Washington SCM, Mary Lewis, W7QGP, of Seattle.

On the request of W7QGP, a set of mailing labels had been supplied by the League for the mailing of a newsletter. The Communications department is reported as advising that no electioneering could be permitted if the labels were supplied. There was a mailing of a newsletter which included information on the coming Northwestern Division Convention, information on Section appointments and a statement that an SCM election would be held and that she, W7QGP would be a candidate.

The Executive Committee voted four to two to disqualify W7QGP for re-election for "...having knowingly and intentionally failed to adhere to the limitations imposed by the Communications Manager upon the use of the mailing labels...."

Mrs Lewis, W7QGP, has filed suit in the U.S. District Court to have the action overturned and she seeks damages in the amount of \$15,000.00. The damages are asked for 'defamation'.

QST in a future issue will carry an article asking opinions on the ways that the image of women amateur operators can be enhanced.

A FEW NOTES CT9AT QSLs are being bounced. Rule 7 being cited. OF1VR brought OH2BGD on frequency recently. Seppo introduced him as the last station to work Bouvet. Some hearing a weak signal and the Bouvet call hopefully leaped up with wild ecstasy. However, as best we can determine, it was not Bouvet but downtown Vantaa. They were talking about Bouvet....

ON4UN/CT4AT/W1YL and WB7ABK were the SEA-Q DX Meeting in Seattle the last weekend in July. Reports say it was a good enjoyable DX affair. SM2EKM met with the Western Washington DX Club at their August 4th meeting. K7UR got 85 Russian cards in the monthly shipment from the QSL Bureau. Something broke...

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\$20.00 per year for airmail service to Mexico and all the far DX lands down the edge of the night and beyond tomorrow. All of them!

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SHORTLY NOTED From time to time we get a reminder that the smaller type is not restful on the old DXer types. We know that. After all, Don Wallace and the worker on the press here went to Europe on the same troopship.....the George Washington.

However, there are also production problems. One is Red Eyed Louie which had grown to five pages...sometimes more...before we reduced it. As our normal production limit is about ten pages, we were facing the fact that Red Eyed was taking an awfully lot of space.

We reduced....and the usual ten page bulletin represents twelve normal size pages. DXers overseas are really blessed. We reduce the whole bulletin onto three sheets. This week we are forced to reduce a bit more than usual and with the DXAC Report coming next week, that will be reduced.

We think that DXers are better informed on things than most amateurs and as a group are better informed than any other group. We keep that in mind in trying to supply the maximum information. At times it is with minimum-size print. Just understand!

Someone asked for the QSL for FR7BN. Try Mussard Louis, La Possession, 97419 Reunion Island. It worked for W5JW. Now that Q162Ø might be something else. He said he was at Mascarene on Reunion Island...said to QSL to DL2A0. This one was on in July. Said he was running 50KW. On FR7BN....keep reading.....

That 4J4A is a UJ8 and you QSL to UK4FAA. The ISWL's MONITOR in reply to a query says that the Poltava Pestilence is a multi-radar system, transmitting a complex series of pulses from four transmitters. Used on twenty meters this system is theoretically capable of resolving shapes of typical fighter aircraft at long range. The presumption is that once the system is 'debugged' it will be shut-down to avoid jamming experiments.

UK9MAA graduated from college this month and will be a railway engineer in the Lake Baikal area. Look for him to be signing UA9MAA. ZS5PG who is in on the long path most mornings, said he had S8AAD with him one morning recently. FK8BK, Louis, is FR7BM four months of the year. Said he will be going back in September to the home dipole. Simon, VR1AF, is back on Ocean Island and brought an antenna tuning kit with him. He will be getting on forty/eighty. W7OK will have the word when he is ready to go. YB7AAU is headed for some leave and will be gone until next month.

Vince Thompson, K5VT/3, is handling the QSLs for FM7WO and FRØDGP....who is also FM7WO.

Now to get back to FR7BN. Vince is also handling the QSLs for this one from June 1977...and will do so until further notice. His current address is

Vince Thompson K5VT/3
625 E 35th
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

K5VT is...or was K5KEZ....and that address in the CB is good and mail will be forwarded. The above address is better, though.

DX 10 years back

August 9, 1967
Don Miller was on from Mauritius...and was cutting out to put VQ8CB/R on from Rodriguez. 9L1KG was

being heard by the Colvins from Sierra Leone. VK4HG was on from Willis. VQ9JW was expected from Aldabra by G3UDU. W4QCW showed the previous week from EA9EJ-Rio de Oro. Also being heard were VQ9BE/VS9MB/TN8AA/W3DWE/VR6/8Z4KW/VKØGP/ and VS9ARS. Also 3C1....which were special Canadian prefixes.

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The DXAC SURVEY This was submitted to the ARRL Board of Directors at their July meeting. It runs to something like 108 pages....54 sheets. It costs \$1.23 to mail. It is an exhaustive survey...and interesting. We pulled the Table 35 which indicates the response to the various questions. They are on a scale of 1 to 5. 1 means a Strong Disagreement, 2 - Disagrees; 3 - Neutral; 4 - Agrees and 5 - Strongly Agrees. The whole thing is a bit complex and takes some studying. However, this should give some idea how the control group responded.

TABLE 35

MEAN RANK VALUE OF STATEMENTS BY RESPONDENTS WHO ARE ARRL MEMBERS

Question Number	Statement	Mean Rank Value
19	A reef should be dry at high tide to qualify as a country.	4.132
18	There should be a gentleman's agreement that phone patches should be restricted to above 14.250 on 20 meters	4.082
7	As it presently stands, the DXCC Honor Roll is very difficult to achieve.	3.909
1	To qualify as a country, a place should be large enough to be habitable.	3.750
2	The ARRL should publish a DX handbook.	3.691
3	The DX Advisory Committee should take a more active role in the administration of the DXCC program.	3.677
15	I spend the majority of my operating time listening on the bands rather than communicating with others.	3.476
13	Endorsement stickers should be available for 5 Band DXCC.	3.318
14	I am satisfied with the present DXCC program.	3.310
16	The ARRL is responsive to DXers' wants.	3.283
10	I would rather work a new country that others have already confirmed than a brand new country.	3.204
6	Countries should be temporarily deleted, for Honor Roll purposes, if they have not been activated in the last 10 years.	3.172
4	The DX Advisory Committee adequately represents the DX community.	3.065

TABLE 35 Continued

MEAN RANK VALUE OF STATEMENTS BY RESPONDENTS WHO ARE ARRL MEMBERS

Question Number	Statement	Mean Rank Value
12	I agree that Kingman Reef, St. Paul, and Sable Islands should be classified as separate countries.	2.974
11	There are too many countries on the DXCC country list.	2.897
23	In addition to DXCC, the ARRL should issue an award which consists of working all of the United Nations countries.	2.806
9	It should be possible to achieve the DXCC Honor Roll within 5 years.	2.672
21	In light of numerous suggestions for overhauling the DXCC country criteria and award, and the possible changes in amateur frequency allocations and operating privileges that may result from the forth-coming World Administrative Radio Conference, a new beginning for DXCC with updated country criteria should be established January 1, 1980.	2.511
5	The countries list established by the ARRL should be increased in size.	2.315
17	Slow scan TV and facsimile should be encouraged in the 20 meter amateur band.	
8	The DXCC Honor Roll should be more difficult to achieve.	2.227
20	When a situation develops whereby the status of a proposed country is hazy as it relates to the country criteria, it should be granted country status.	2.094
24	The effect on the ARRL DXCC award program would be enhanced by starting over every 10 years.	1.923
22	DXCC should be de-emphasized by removing to various degrees its credibility and/or tradition.	1.621

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Name me no names for my disease,
With uninforming breath;
I tell you I am none of these,
But homesick for DX.....

LOW BAND LOUIE.....

VK9JD 3698/1145/Jul 28w
VK8AC 3528/0930/Jul 27w
YJ8KC 3807/1116/Jul 13e

CT1QN 7024/0440/Jul 26w
DM8TSF 7005/0030/Jul 28e
EA7JA 7007/0540/Aug 2w
F3NB 7013/0430/Jul 26w
FK8KAA 7005/1150/Jul 26m
FO8EX 7005/0445/Jul 26w
GLAMJ 7008/0430/Aug 2w
GM6RV 7007/1440/Jul 26w

G3EDG 7023/0430/Jul 26w
GW3JNW 7007/0350/Jul 26w
PA0GLN 7005/2240/Jul 25e
SP5DWE 7024/0050/Jul 28e
UA3EAL 7022/0045/Jul 26e
UA6PAM 7011/2245/Jul 25e
UB5MCU 7018/0050/Jul 26e
UB5LI 7012/2235/Jul 25e

UK2BBK 7013/0230/Jul 30w#
UK5EDA 7014/0120/Jul 28e
UR2RCA 7006/0115/Jul 28e
VK2QL 7005/1155/Jul 26w
VRLDX 7012/1135/Jul 31m
YU2BCM 7007/2335/Jul 25e
YU3EU 7006/0330/Jul 26w
YU4EBL 7029/0015/Jul 28e

ZL4NH 7006/1225/Jul 29w
ZP5AO 7005/0210/Jul 28e
ZS6WW 7017/0500/Jul 30w
4K1F 7009/0315/Jul 30w
4MLCET 7036/0800/Jul 30w

AFRICA CW

ON8CC 21027/1515/Jul 30e
EA8BF 14010/2325/Aug 1m
STYRM 14036/1645/Jul 27m

3V8AL 14011/2220/Jul 28w
9G1JN 14011/2200/Jul 28w

AFRICA SSB

CN8BX 14205/0055/Jul 26w
EA8OZ 14202/0320/Jul 30e
EA9FE 14231/0135/Aug 1e
FR7AA 14320/1235/Jul 27e
S79R 21277/1600/Jul 27e

K4SQT/SU 14270/0035 25e
J28A 14320/1230/Jul 26e
J28AY 21260/1410/Jul 26e
TU2EF 14205/2250/Jul 26w
ZD7SD 21264/1645/Jul 23e

ZE1FD 21353/1730/Jul 30e
ZS1MF 14203/1310/Jul 30e#
ZS3BL 21284/1630/Jul 31e
ZS6PG 14224/1350/Aug 1e
3B8CN 14320/1235/Jul 27e

5H3JR 14286/2000/Jul 24e
5Z4QD 21280/1815/Jul 28e
7P8BC 14224/1245/Jul 30e
7X2LF 14233/0100/Jul 31e
9G1RQ 21347/1615/Jul 31e

ASIA CW

BV2A 14024/1400/Jul 27e
EP2SV 14024/0335/Aug 1w
HM3LR 14009/1250/Jul 26e
JT1BF 14053/1440/Jul 27w

UA0JBI 14045/0525/Aug 2w
UD6DFD 14024/0330/Jul 27w
UH8HBR 14015/0355/Jul 26w
UI8ACZ 14008/0130/Aug 2m

UI8GAJ 14015/0220/Aug 2m
UJ8AC 14035/0220/Jul 25e
UM8NAJ 14025/0310/Jul 24e
VS6BB 14010/1515/Aug 2w

VU2LE 14015/1530/Jul 30w
VU2BK 14051/1500/Aug 2w
4X4GD 14008/0410/Jul 27w
9M2DW 14006/1550/Jul 27w

ASIA SSB

A9XCC 14225/0010/Jul 31m
AP5HQ 14222/0200/Aug 1e
BV2B 14211/1310/Jul 27e
EP2SV 14205/1630/Aug 2w
EP2TW 14239/0400/Jul 28w
HL9KW 14225/2345/Jul 25w

HS1WR 14223/1430/Jul 21w
JY5HH 14203/0350/Jul 27e
JY9DI 14241/2350/Jul 27m
UA9CBO 14205/1130/Aug 1e
UF6VAG 14225/0345/Jul 26e
UD6DFD 14253/0330/Jul 27e

UK9AAN 14212/1115/Aug 1e
UK9MAA 14220/1230/Jul 30m
UW9WR 14216/0115/Jul 31e
UW0LI 14205/1300/Aug 1e
VS6GG 14218/1230/Jul 25e
VU2BX 14202/0215/Jul 28e

4S7SW 14252/1600/Jul 27w
4J4A 14224/0350/Jul 27e
4X4JS 14230/0500/Aug 2w
5B4EU 14260/0240/Jul 22m
9V1NR 14210/1530/Jul 31w
9V1SW 14202/1530/Jul 31w

EUROPE CW

C31OH 14003/2255/Jul 31m
CT2BS 21030/0015/Jul 26e
C31OF 14009/1945/Jul 27e
DM2BPF 14040/0515/Jul 28w
DM8TSF 14011/1810/Jul 31w
EA6DD 14012/2150/Jul 27e
EA7XQ 14056/2245/Jul 31m
UA2FAL 14030/0520/Aug 2w
UA2FAI 14033/0425/Jul 26w

FC6CYS 14035/0345/Jul 27m
GM4CXP 14032/2200/Jul 27w
HA5NQ 14043/0235/Jul 27m
HA8KUX 14009/0425/Jul 27w
IS0FPH 14021/0510/Jul 27w
LA3DV 21037/2320/Jul 26w
OF4AB 14057/1655/Jul 31w
UC2OBA 14053/2050/Jul 27e
UK2BBK 14019/2010/Jul 31m

OF3NY 21037/2320/Jul 26w
OF6BAD/OF0 14007/0510 2w
OF8AA 14024/1640/Jul 31w
OH2BAD/OH0 14034/0340 26e
SM6EUZ 21059/2345/Jul 26m
SM5DYC 14021/0430/Jul 28w
SP9CTW 14012/0510/Jul 28w
U05OBW 14018/2005/Jul 27e
U05AP 14006/2155/Jul 27e

SP3ALM 14001/2005/Jul 31m
UP2BCR 14029/2015/Jul 31m
UY5YK 14050/0515/Aug 2w
UZ3ER 14010/0330/Jul 26e
YO3AQJ 14026/1700/Jul 24e
YO7DL 14037/0525/Jul 26w
4U1ITU 14002/2140/Jul 28e
9H1EL 14014/2135/Jul 31w
9H1ED 14025/1935/Jul 27e

EUROPE SSB

C31OF 14207/0130/Jul 26e
FC9UC 14203/1915/Jul 24e
FOCH/FC 14220/2115/Jul 28e
GM3AWW 14223/0645/Jul 28w
HB9BAM 14214/0550/Jul 21w
HV3SJ 14214/2045/Jul 27e
IS0IIT 14201/2150/Jul 28e

IJ0ONU 14217/0130/Jul 28e
I1DFS/IAS 14202/2130 28e
IT9HIV 14244/0500/Jul 27w
I8MPO 14203/0045/Jul 26e
OE1ASC 14245/0600/Jul 25w
OH5BM 14246/0555/Jul 25w
ON4QJ 14209/0535/Jul 28w

ON5DO 14210/0445/Jul 26w
PA9WRR 14222/0515/Jul 27w
PA0TT 14286/0630/Jul 27w
TA1MB 14223/0400/Jul 28e
TF3SV 14219/2200/Jul 26e
SP9CTW 14213/0430/Jul 28w
UC2WE 14210/0425/Jul 26w

UC2OAV 14252/0400/Jul 27e
UK2GAB 14212/0450/Aug 2w
UK2GKW 14206/1925/Jul 28w
U05DV 14210/0345/Jul 26e
U05OAK 14222/0510/Aug 2w
UR2EJ 14215/0250/Jul 28e
9H1FF 14217/2000/Jul 24e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii, etc. all times in gmt)
(# = long path ??? = Slim!! Often on c.w. Always from a rare spot. Hardly ever QSLs....)

MORE RED EYED LOUIE

Oh! Lonely Night, Last Forever.
 You have made me learn to live and love,
 And work DX....

ELSEWHERE'S CW

G02KW 14022/0235/Aug 2m	KL7LXQ 14049/1440/Jul 28m	VP2GLE 14019/0125/Jul 25m	ZF5AO 14032/0420/Jul 30w
HK0BKX 14043/2350/Jul 23w	NW7ARL 14013/2055/Jul 31m	XE1DDE 14017/0540/Jul 23w	4M4CEI 14037/0325/Jul 30w
HK9BRW 14002/0340/Aug 1w	OX5AP 14002/1410/Jul 27w	YB7AAU 14034/1415/Jul 28m	8P6GO 14022/0245/Jul 30w
HS6FF/HR3 14050/1225 26e	WB6EMA/TG7 21027/0200 27e	ZL1NG 21020/0050/Jul 27w	

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

CG1CR 14159/0050/Jul 31w	FO8DF 14218/0635/Jul 27w	KP4CLB 14207/1120/Jul 27w	VR4DE 14220/1110/Jul 31w
CO2FRC 14202/0300/Jul 29e	FO8DO 14244/0410/Jul 28e	KX6BU 14202/0330/Jul 27e	VR4DH 14215/1140/Jul 31e
DU1EN 14219/1145/Jul 27e	FO8BD 14251/0345/Jul 29e	P29CC 14265/1100/often	XP1AB 14280/2315/Jul 24e
DU1REX 14210/1000/Jul 28m	HH2MC 14214/0455/Jul 28w	P29FN 14214/1200/Jul 26e	YB5MF 14223/1200/Jul 26e
DU6BG 14232/1220/Jul 27e	HK0LE 14210/1415/Jul 30e	VP1AB 14210/0510/Jul 28w	YB9AAT 14212/1210/Jul 26e
FM7WS 14204/1205/Jul 26e	HK0CLS 14206/0455/Jul 29w	VP1GTM 21396/0100/Jul 27e	YB2SV 14216/1400/Jul 27w
FK8EK 14255/1100/Jul 29m	HP1MU 14203/0440/Jul 29w	VP2MBB 21291/1955/Jul 24m	5W1BH 14201/1225/Jul 26e
FK8AB 14265/0545/Jul 29m	KG4AN 14204/1230/Jul 25e	VP9HL 14225/0025/Jul 29w	6Y5MC 14196/0450/Jul 29w
FK8CP 14214/0535/Jul 30m	KJ6DN 14304/0440/Jul 27m	VR1AF 14265/0645/Jul 29w	8P6GG 21271/1630/Jul 31e

MORE SHORT SQUINTY NOTES Looking ahead a bit, a group of W8s plus a VE1 have announced that they will be on Grand Cayman for the CW portion of the CQ WW DX Test.... This will be across the period November 19-29th. The early announcement is being made to attempt to avoid duplication of efforts when other noble DXers look for a contest spot.

This group will include N8AA/W8DNC/K8MFO/W8VW and VE1CD. They will operate One-sixty to ten in the multi-operator, single-transmitter class.

We will be looking for listings for the CQ Tests and will do as we have done before, list all the special efforts in the contests. W5AT will be headed for Sint Maarten for the period November 15-30th along with W4UY and W4DL. PJ8CM may be the call-sign used.

Norm Meyers, N9MM, will be showing slides of the recent Kingman effort at the 25th annual W9DXCC meeting and banquet at Itasca on September 10th. This will be at the Holiday Inn and is just to the northwest of Chicago. W3AZD from the ARRL DXCC Desk will also be there. Early reservations are \$14.50 and go to Howie Huntington, K9KM, 75 South Burr Drive, Lake Zurich, Ill 60047. In fact you might try this route for any information or questions on the meeting.

Hans Buehler who was 9M8HB says that he QSLed 100% via the 9M2 Bureau for all the contacts made while he was there at 9M8. Now HB9XJ, he says he plans to wait a bit longer and if there are still those who thirst for his QSL, he will try again.....through the HB9 Bureau.

6W8DY is leaving Dakar for an extended period....possibly up to a year. A6XP schedules his QSL manager DK3NK on Mondays/Wednesdays at 1700Z at or about 14335kc. W9BN worked into Hawaii, catching KH6HI on six meters in early July. Says it was the first KH6 heard on six in Madison since 1958. Shows what good record keep does for you.

We admit that we have a problem in proof-reading. We know what we intended to write and often see it even if it is not there. And there is no one else around who understands what we are writing about so the problem does exist. You can note it in the FCC article on the last page this week. What was intended was: "....calls such as AA1AA/KA1AA....or AA1A/NA1A/KA1A and WA1A are now listed in 2.302 of the regulations as amateur callsigns." Unfortunately, it came out as "....are not listed". We were too far down the track to recoup on that one. And we are not sure that this clarifies things.

QSLs for ZK1DR go to WA0WCR....Tom Lindgren, 1260 13th Ave., Marion, Iowa 52302. ZK1DR is Alan Cresswell and is the Officer in Charge at the Rarotonga Observatory. He will be there in the Cooks until 1980 and previously had the calls ZL4FX, ZL2EX and in the Antarctic, ZL5AC. Currently using a long-wire, he hopes to have a Quad up soon. Look for him in the time slot from 0300 to 0900Z. Both c.w and SSB.

The FCC ran out of license forms in mid-June. They expect a new supply in mid-August. If yours is a bit overdue, they are asking you not to write. They cannot issue the licenses until the forms arrive.

Anthony Malesic who used to sign CP1JV.....and XW8HT....is now in Santo Domingo and expects an HI8 license shortly.

FCC's figures released at the end of June indicate that the number of Novice licenses jumped 53.1% during the six month period ending June 30, 1977. Considering that the total amateur licenses for all classes only went up 9.3%, you can see where the action is.

As of June 30th there were 317,223 amateur licenses. The breakdown was: Novice/54 848 licenses Technician/63 318; General/Condition 107 923 licenses; Advanced/84 263 and Extra/16 871. ARRL membership grew by 9.1% during the same period.

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CALENDAR

EASTERN CAROLINES	W6UOU and W6WNE opening this week.....August 10th
MARCUS	KA1S due next Thursday....August 18th
MADEIRA ISLANDS	OZ1LO opening there this Tuesday.....Aug 9th to 22nd/CT3BQ
OGASAWARA	JA7ZDQ/JD1....mostly c.w. in the second week in August
SAIPAN	KG6RE by JA group....August 19th to 26th
KERMEDEC	ZLs working on generator.....aiming for October
FRANZ JOSEF	Russians say that he should be heard soon.....UW3HY!
MONACO	DJ8RR looking for a couple of days after Aug 10th....
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	25th Annual Meeting....Holiday Inn/Itasca Sept 10th
EUROPEAN CW TEST	This weekend.....August 13/14th
SEANET PHONE TEST	Next weekend....August 20/21st
NEW JERSEY QSO PARTY	Also next week....August 20/21st
ALL ASIA CW TEST	August 27/28th
EUROPEAN PHONE TEST	September 10/11th
CW WW PHONE TEST	Prepare!! October 29/30th
SEANET CONVENTION	November 19/20 in Bangkok. HS1WR often on 20 SSB to help
SP/DKC	Sept 1st to 4th...special call at 10th SPDX Club meeting

SOME SHORT NOTES Ted Witowski, W1RLV, is currently in Poland and has permission to operate. He will be heard from a number of SP-call districts, N7MW caught him at 14210kc/1435Z in late July. He has also been reported by our SP-Desk as operating /SP9. QSL for this one to his home QTH in W1-land.

CX7BG, noting the quest of W4BN for the elusive QSL for VE8DC, wonders what it may take to get a QSL out of that one. Neil notes that he has tried eight (8) times. He sent QSLs via the VE8-bureau, to the Eureka Air Station and via Belleville, Ontario. Each with IRCs and sase. Results have been zero to date. Anyone with ideas how to get a QSL out of the elusive VE8 in Zone 2? Some of these needy DXers are desperate.

UB5WE, Victor Goncharsky was married on July 21st to Helen Laskovets, UB5WCW. Both come from families active in amateur radio. You may have seen UB5WE's photo in one of the recent radio magazines.

K6JG is over in KH6-land saying that he is trying to bake the gout out of his foot. This is part of another DXing family and some say that they suspect that the XYL, KH6IHD, may have given a couple of pointed reminders that she wanted equal time at the rig. Take that!!

Recent-VR3AH is now at Kwaljalein. He is signing KX6LA and working all the big signals out of Six-land. Doup hopes to clean up the sixes in a couple of months and see if there is life on 80 beyond the Great Basin. QSLs for this one go to Box 494, APO San Francisco 96555.

XP1AB heard recently was being operated by Harvey, WA2UUK. He said his tour on Greenland will shortly end and to QSL to his home QTH.

Those looking for a QSL route for 3B8DO should try:

Herve Groeme
19 bis, Rue Nicolas de Cere
Beau-Bassin
Ile Maurice

W2IYX says that is what the QSL card shows. It was good for a QSL in 1974.

FCC On the release on July 22, 1977, which made available some 2x2 callsigns, the FCC noted that since July 1, 1976 that more than 5000 such 1x2 calls have been issued.

The FCC noted that the 2X2 calls will only be available in the fourth and sixth call areas at this time, but will be available in other other areas when their supply of 1x2 calls are depleted.

All this becomes a bit interesting as calls such as AA1AA/KA1AA ...or AA1A/NA1A/KA1A and WA1A are not listed in 2.302 of the regulations as amateur call signs.

TNX to K1DRN, W1MV, W1NG, WA2BCK, K2BT, W2FP, W2GHV, W2IYX, W4BAA, N4NW, WA4OUF, W4TYE, W4UF, K4UTE, N4WF, N4XX, W5OSJ, K5OVC, K5RO, ADXA, K5TSQ, K5VT, N6BB, WA6BJS, WA6DNM, WB6DVG, K6EC, K6JG, N6JM, N6KA, K6LAE, WA6PXY, W6TSQ, K6UFT, K7UR, K6VY, WB7ETJ, W7ISY, N7MW, WA7UVO, K8MFO, WA8COA, K9UKM, K9AJ, K9APW, WB9BGJ, W9GW, W9TKV, WA9WKA, K0BJ, WA0KDI, W0PRY, WA0WCR, CX7BF, SP9ZD, UB5WE.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. The local QRPers got tangled in another of their always relevant debates recently. They were debating the glories of being one on the DXCC Honor Roll. And though none could recall the top ten calls on the list, none were being budged an inch with all the arguments. Later, one of the QRPers came back to clear up some of the points raised in the arguments and we, cannily, hauled him up the hill to the Old Timer. With all the arguments revived, reviewed and dissected, the QRPer waited for the Old Timer to speak. And he finally did. "Those who live to see their grandchildren will have more hope for posterity than all the rankings on the DXCC list," he said.....and that was all he said. Later we asked the QRPer what he thought about that statement and the QRPer shrugged. "That's okay for him to say, old as he is," said the QRPer, "but how about me. Young and unmarried." Son of a Gun, what would one say in a situation like this? For often these arguments have ones own needs embedded but all DXers always need a few new ones. And while cries of..."Don't let them take it from you!" resound every time someone suggests starting over, the weekly list of DX rumor, fact and hope will come your way by first-class mail in the U.S/VE areas for \$18.00 a year. \$14.00 brings it by second-class mail to the U.S. while \$20.00 flies it south to Mexico and all the far DX lands by airmail. Down the long path and beyond, all the way to where the morning meets the sky. Come, we will show you the way.....

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