

West Coast DX Bulletin



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FERNANDO de NORONHA PY7AAI, Antonio Martins Pedra, was due on from Fernando de N. last week, figuring to open around the 12th and to operate through this week.

He was planning to sign PY7AAI/Ø and to work c.w. on eighty through ten meters. He said to look for him around 25kc up from the bottom edge. Gear will be a FT-101E with beam and dipoles.

QSLs go to: Fred Maior, PY7AZQ, R. Almeida Belo 241, Apt 302. Olinda, PE, 53000 Brasil.

On the QSLs for PY7BXC/Ø, Fred says that he has about 4300 on hand and is waiting delivery of the cards from the printer. That 4300 are incoming QSLs. However, the cards should be going out around the end of January.

ST LUCIA John Alexander, K6SVL, will operate from St Lucia, opening late this month and roaring across the ARRL DX Test from VP2L. He does not yet know what the call sign will be but the plans are firm.

This might be an interesting one to watch. First, John is from the Palos Verdes Country, his post office being Palos Verdes Peninsula. And you know what that means! During the 1976 CQ WW DX Test John made a single band DXCC during the contest. However, he tends to discount this as he says he was in Virginia during the test and as all those in the Western Reaches know, it is very easy to work DX from the East Coast. Even with poor conditions!!

Many, however, tend to believe that the Sundancers training helps. The discipline of the dance makes a good DXer. Listen for John in a week or so. QSL to his home QTH.

SM6PF Nils Strom, SM6PF, who had been handling the QSLs for SM6CSB, Hal Lofhede, at his 3C1X operations, died suddenly last week.

Some questions were immediately asked about the status of the 3C1X QSLs. As Hal has secured his Equatorial Guinea operation and returned to Sweden, the likelihood is that he will make arrangements to pick up the unanswered QSLs and arrange for them to be answered.

During the period that Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD, was there operating with Hal at 3C1X, Erik noted that both his QSL manager, SM3CXS and SM6PF had copies of the logs. Also, that Sundsvall DX Group were having the cards printed.

If you have already sent a QSL for 3C1X it would be best just to sit tight and quiet to determine what arrangements are being made. If you have not as yet sent a QSL you might hold it for a bit until some information comes through. Either way, you are going to get a QSL but a lot of correspondence and queries at this time may only impede getting things straightened out. SM6DHU has suggested that the cards should go either to SM3CXS or to the SM-Bureau....

SUNSPOT LOUIE All the activity on the day of this chart was on the western side of the sun and No. 970 flaring as it was ready to turn the right hand limb. The day previous No. 967 had flared twice as he turned the corner and generally conditions last week were not the jumping type.

The geomagnetic field has not been exactly quiet, you will note from K6EC's figures that on January 4th it got up to a figure of 70. As most of the charts used to figure conditions cut the Ap figure at 50....and you are well into 'disturbed' conditions at that point....you can easily figure what an Ap of 70 means.

The Solar Flux got up to around 140 early in the month but has been sliding off since then. Are the good days gone forever? Hardly! You can depend on N4XX to find the true DX note in the high noise level and Ted figures that some ANs are due the Deserving.

Keeping in mind that all things are relative, and relatively speaking, some more so, and what was a normal condition a year back must be considered below normal this year. Not "Below Normal" as in the forecasts, but rather just below normal. And you can expect some of the AN days to be more AN than other AN days.

With the easy to understand stuff out of the way, and before plunging into the forecasts, it might be noted that with solar activity recurring more often than it was a year back, the accuracy of the 27-Day reports should increase. Even Boulder is pointing this out in their latest report. Everything is going to be better.... And with all the mail coming in, here are the two weeks of reports---

January 17th High Normal
18th High Normal
19th High Normal
20th Above Normal
21st Above Normal
22nd High Normal
24th High Normal

January 25th High Normal
26th Above Normal
27th Above Normal
28th Above Normal
29th Above Normal

How's that for improvement? Not a BN in the lot! And with the activity in the future options looking best, K6EC comes up with the track records for the Solar Flux and AP Index and Ev says it was:

| | Solar Flux | Ap Index |
|---------|------------|----------|
| Jan 2nd | 139 | 5 |
| 3rd | 135 | 10 |
| 4th | 129 | 70 |
| 5th | 123 | 21 |

| | Solar Flux | Ap Index |
|---------|------------|----------|
| Jan 6th | 124 | 6 |
| 7th | 115 | 7 |
| 8th | 106 | 14 |



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MARION ISLAND The Saturday schedule by Gordon will not come for another week or so as he will be gone on a field trip. On his return Gordon will resume the Saturday schedule with K2UO and K5VNJ.

Look for the operation around 21320kc from about 1730Z on Saturdays. VE3FXT is reported as looking for a trip and operation from Marion. This might be a quick, brief trip as the length of operation would depend on how long the supply vessel was at the island.

LACCADIVES This one continues to be reported as coming towards the end of the month but no solid information came through during the week. The call-sign is reported as being VU4RES.

There may be more information on this one....or it may come with little advance warning. It definitely appears to be on the way. Prepare!! The Deserving are always the ones who work the DX!!

VU2TN and VU2IJ are reported as heading the group of VUs going to the island group. Early this month the word was that they would be on "...in a week or ten days."

AFRICANA NET W0GX and WA6BJS have decided to put a hold on the operations of the Africana Net for a couple of months. The band conditions have not been sufficiently good enough to maintain the desired level of net operation. This condition around the start of the year has been encountered on other occasions and they figure it best to wait until about mid-March for a resumption of the Net.

Watch for them then....meanwhile, you can keep checking the bands as they are steadily improving.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION It may be cold outside but now is the time to plan your summer vacation. Clyde Sylvester, W7KSA, who will be the Chairman of the Northwest DX Convention suggests you might want to be in Portland, Oregon, the first weekend in August for the annual gathering of the mossy DXers in the Northwest corner.

The W7s are always having a good time at their DX meetings. The date is definite and you can make your vacation plans by dropping Clyde a sase. He will give you the full fill-in....Clyde Sylvester, W7KSA, P.O. Box 555, Portland, Oregon 97208.

MONACO PA0XE, E. Kaleveld, will be Monaco from next weekend to operate for a bit. Also headed that way are Ernst Manske, DL1PM, and Klaus Doering, DL1RK for some operations that presumably will carry them across the DX Test period.

QSLs First, K5DB is working on some accumulated information and you may catch another list before too long.

Some queries have come for the following...CR6IK goes to W8CNL. J28AY goes to F6ETO....M. Bourez, 34 Batiment "Alsaca", Cite la Conte 11000, Carcassonne Department, France. 8J1RL is the JA station at Syowa Base in the Antarctic...QSL to JARL. N4NW....Thomas Gregory, 1252 Norview, Norfolk, Virginia 23512....as of January 1, 1978 is handling QSLs for Dick Barnes S79D. Sase or Sae/IRC. WBLWHE handles the QSLs for 9L1SL/B, 9L1KB and TJ1AD from Dec 74 to Mar 75. Note that the 9L1SL/B is not the same as 9L1SL/A. This is a club station there and WA3NCP might be the route to go for 9L1SL/A. KM6FC to W5RU. FM0BZW, PJ8MIG, VP2LL, VP2SQ, VP2SAB, 8R1CB and 8R1IW all go to W2MIG.

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SHORTLY NOTED We are still getting reports of delayed receipt of the bulletins for December 27th and January 3rd. These, as well as the of January 10th, were all mailed on the weekends. On the second-class all went into the mails on Saturday.

We would like anyone sufficiently irritated to write a complaint to their local congressman. The bulletin was mishandled and delayed in dispatch locally. The problem here, as in many other areas, is a belief that you can save money by not working the mails. Inasmuch as you eventually have to use the manpower to move what was not moved previously, and the costs are not avoid but only delayed. The end result is the same.

As long as we are beating the drums of rancor, we must again advise we do not want any more subscriptions. This has been hard to convince and we are skirting the edge of coming apart completely. We are reluctant to mention this but it is obvious that many are actively promoting things and the good intentions are driving us into the ground....pile-driver wise....

JA/CUV/1 who publishes the JA CQ-DX bulletin says he has lost interest and is considering suspending publication. Can you imagine what it would be to be wandering blindly across the bands without a DX bulletin to guide you....or misguide you? Keep it among ourselves!!

The Peoples Democratic Republic of Korea has been issued the P5A-P9Z prefix by the ITU. We cannot recall ever hearing a North Korean station or a report of one but you can be sure that Slim will be there before long.

The ARRL Board of Directors will be meeting shortly. While QST shines with the up-beat, there are some knotty problems which seek answers.

The 3rd quarter fiscal picture did show a loss. Some have calculated that about 40% increase in income will be needed to balance ARRL's budget.

Annual dues were raised 33% in the past year from \$9.00 to \$12.00. Advertising went up about the same percent to about \$1300.00 a page. The possibilities in this area would seem thin for more income.

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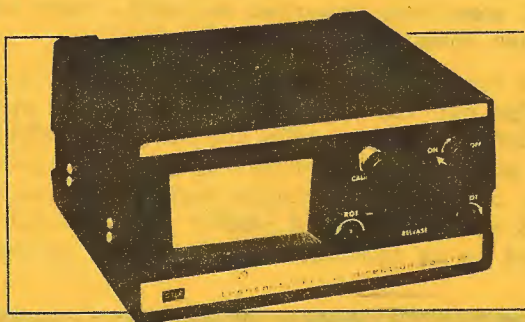
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| Installation | Inside tower |
| Diameter | 9-5/16" |
| Mounting | 5/16" Bolts (6 supplied) |
| Height | 14-1/16" |
| Mast Size | Up to 2" O.D. |
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SHORTLY NOTED BUT LONG REMEMBERED!

Check the February CQ for the article by Theodore J Cohen on "Television Interference and the Citizens Band Radio Service". It starts on Page 27. Those who thirst for c.w. operations and are always fretting a bit because there are not enough of them, should watch for DL1RK who will be at 3AØ in a couple of weeks. A top c.w. operator, he will be usually around 25kc up from the band edge.

A O Milne, G2MI, has handled the RSGB QSL Bureau so long that most cannot recall anyone else ever handling those G-QSLs. Seeing that Arthur and his XYL Lucy have been doing the chore for 38 years.

At a recent meeting of the RSGB, the long and faithful service to RSGB and to amateur radio was marked by RSGB by making G2MI a "Honorary Member" of RSGB, this the highest honor the society can confer. They also gave him an FT-101D and a gold watch to Lucy Milne. His home club, the Cray Valley ARS gave a lead crystal rose bowl to mark their appreciation for G2MI's long service in the QSL Bureau.

G3DRN, E G Allen, a staff member for RSGB, will be taking over the G-QSL business.

VE3HRS/TZ6 shut down right after the start of the year and will be home in Canada by the end of January. ZK2AU on Niue has been heard recently on twenty c.w. Said to QSL to W6TR/WB6ZVC. That HFØPOL has been heard though some were a bit skeptical. Also on Twenty CW.

VE4VV will be using XØ4X in the WPX SSB Test this Spring. Also, he will use VB4ITU during ITU week in May. Jacky, F6BBJ, has been saying that the political situation in D6-Comoro makes any operation there a slim possibility. He passed this one up. When last heard he was planning a number of possible stops plus a return to France before long. HH2MC does not go to N2BA. Jacky may show from Glorioso...yet.

A9XCC will be departing Bahrain right at the start of February. His roommate has been operating the gear but Jim is turning his own station over to a Bolivian couple who are coming to the island. A9X should continue to be heard...and A9XCD is still around. However, we have no clue to A9XXC sometimes reported and while many have been positive in identifying A9XCC, none has championed A9XXC.

VR6TC says that he is sometimes at 14224kc from 1730Z on Fridays. CG6LQ was a prefix for the British Commonwealth Games. K6UA/mm off the Kuwait coast is now an operator aboard a tanker. Has been on 75meters. HC5EE says the QSLs for their pre-Christmas efforts will go out about the end of this month if not before. H5IND QSLs are being received from K9VCM. That PYØAC on twenty c.w. from Trinidad says to QSL to LABRE. XE1FR is ex-W5ABY and Ken says he has just about completed 5BDXCC from XE..all he needs are the cards, he has worked them all. And he is looking for new fields to endeavor....

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

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I cannot hear the faint DX,
That's somewhere there, I know.....

TEN METER REVIVES!!

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|--------|----------------|-----|--------|----------------|-----|--------|----------------|-----|--------|----------------|
| DM3YVA | 28040/1450/Jan | 8e | HKØBKX | 28045/1750/Jan | 5xe | ZS5YH | 28005/1400/Jan | 7e | | |
| F8DF | 28033/1515/Jan | 5e | I2ZZU | 28005/1410/Jan | 7e | 4U1ITU | 28020/1640/Jan | 6xe | | |
| GD4AM | 28030/1350/Jan | 7e | IT9VDQ | 28035/1510/Jan | 5e | 4Z4MB | 28045/1355/Jan | 7e | | |
| HB9BLX | 28012/1450/Jan | 2e | STØRK | 28025/1340/Jan | 2e | | | | | |
| CG6LQ | 28561/1835/Jan | 8w | G3NOF | 28615/1500/Jan | 2e | I1ABZ | 28548/1420/Jan | 6e | YU3AW | 28535/1440/Jan |
| DA2HS | 28301/1430/Jan | 2e | GLEQT | 28615/1445/Jan | 2e | M1J | 28586/1435/Jan | 6e | YU3TDX | 28576/1450/Jan |
| DK5UG | 28290/1435/Jan | 2e | GLFRK | 28218/1440/Jan | 2e | OX3PN | 28601/1920/Jan | 1m | ZS6BNG | 28495/1400/Jan |
| DK6NJ | 28595/1410/Jan | 2e | GW4ESL | 28542/1500/Jan | 6e | PAØCYW | 28224/1445/Jan | 2e | 4Z4KB | 28540/1530/Jan |
| EI9BC | 28569/4530/Jan | 8w# | HB9AAL | 28579/1440/Jan | 2ve | SP9PT | 28588/1420/Jan | 8e | 4Z4GH | 28585/1340/Jan |
| F6DUK | 28571/1435/Jan | 2ve | HP1LC | 28542/1500/Jan | 6e | ST2SA | 28600/1345/Jan | 1ve | 9J2KL | 28557/1345/Jan |
| F6BJA | 28535/1420/Jan | 2e | I3LLH | 28601/1440/Jan | 3ve | VO2BK | 28580/1615/Jan | 2e | 9H1FF | 28545/1515/Jan |

AFRICA CW

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|--------|----------------|----|-------|----------------|-----|-------|----------------|----|-------|----------------|
| D2EA | 14035/2230/Jan | 7m | ST2SA | 14028/1900/Jan | 3e | ZE7JV | 14015/2000/Jan | 1e | 7P8AF | 14014/2200/Jan |
| FB8ZF | 21037/1320/Jan | 2m | ZD8TM | 14066/2250/Jan | 7m | ZS1HF | 14038/2015/Jan | 1e | 9J2WS | 14021/0555/Jan |
| FB8ZL | 21040/1830/Jan | 2m | ZD8W | 14038/1605/Jan | 8w# | ZS5SF | 14027/2220/Jan | 1m | | |
| FHØBKZ | 14045/1945/Jan | 8w | ZELJE | 14015/1945/Jan | 2e | 5Z4CW | 14039/2040/Jan | 5e | | |

ASIA CW

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|-------|----------------|----|--------|----------------|----|--------|----------------|-----|--------|----------------|
| AP2TN | 14040/1355/Jan | 2m | JT1BF | 14044/1935/Jan | 8m | UK7GAL | 14029/1320/Jan | 8e | 9M2FK | 14044/0015/Jan |
| HM2JN | 14028/2355/Jan | 7m | IT20UK | 14026/1845/Jan | 3e | VU2TS | 14034/1945/Jan | 8e# | UAØBBN | 21024/1600/Jan |
| HM2KH | 14030/2350/Jan | 7e | UA9FGF | 14058/1330/Jan | 8e | VU2KMK | 14007/1315/Jan | 5e# | | |
| HM3LR | 21033/0110/Jan | 8w | UAØBAQ | 14031/2215/Jan | 6e | 4Z4TA | 14025/1505/Jan | 7m | | |

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| A2CTL | 21280/1750/Jan | 4e | FR7ZS | 14242/1350/Jan | 1m | ZS4JS | 21355/1830/Jan | 10w | 3D6BP | 21355/1935/Jan |
| A2CBW | 14225/2215/Jan | 7m | TJ2P | 14203/2000/Jan | 5e | ZE8JD | 14203/1740/Jan | 7w# | 3B8DA | 14113/1625/Jan |
| CN8GX | 14217/2040/Jan | 5e | TR8LE | 14222/2115/Jan | 5e | ZS2MI | 21320/1820/Jan | 7e | 5T5KJ | 21333/1815/Jan |
| DL4CS | 14206/2045/Jan | 7e | ZD7SD | 14235/0705/Jan | 5m | ZS3E | 21284/1945/Jan | 4e | 5Z4PW | 14219/1915/Jan |
| EA8JJ | 21355/1810/Jan | 5w | ZD8KG | 14203/0540/Jan | 2e | ZS3KC | 21355/1825/Jan | 5w | 7P8BE | 14220/0730/Jan |
| EA8PX | 21355/1815/Jan | 5w | ZD8RP | 14226/0410/Jan | 1m | ZS3KC | 14217/2050/Jan | 7e | 9G1RB | 14114/2225/Jan |
| EL2ET | 14201/2335/Jan | 5w | ZD9GG | 21312/1415/Jan | 1w | ZS6AK | 14236/2055/Jan | 7e | 9L1CA | 14237/2240/Jan |
| EL2Z | 14255/2050/Jan | 7e | ZE2JK | 21284/1820/Jan | 4e | ZS4VF | 21305/1530/Jan | 4e | 9L1CA | 21284/1745/Jan |

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|-------|----------------|-----|--------|----------------|------|--------|----------------|------|----------|----------------|
| AP2AU | 14220/1350/Jan | 8e# | EP2RL | 14205/1430/Jan | 8m# | UF6FE | 14223/1335/Jan | 3e# | OE6DK/YK | 14245/1515/Jan |
| AP2MU | 14215/1350/Jan | 3e# | HL9UF | 14225/0135/Jan | 3m | UH8HCE | 14210/1335/Jan | 6m# | 4S7JD | 14204/0210/Jan |
| AP5HQ | 14215/0215/Jan | 8m# | HL9VG | 14221/0230/Jan | 1kh | UK8BAJ | 14208/1430/Jan | 9m# | 4X4JS | 14210/1505/Jan |
| A9XCC | 14207/1500/Jan | 8m# | HM3LR | 21262/0115/Jan | 8w | UL7QB | 14220/1225/Jan | 3e# | 4Z4FQ | 14228/1545/Jan |
| A9XCS | 14206/1425/Jan | 9m# | JY3MB | 14205/1305/Jan | 1e# | VS6AK | 14225/1240/Jan | 8e# | 4Z4MQ | 14202/1525/Jan |
| BV2B | 14220/0100/Jan | 2w | JY5US | 14210/1330/Jan | 10m# | VS6CW | 14225/1235/Jan | 8e# | 9K2FO | 14220/1415/Jan |
| CR9AJ | 14225/0015/Jan | 7m | JY5HH | 14205/1425/Jan | 1e | VU2HI | 14202/1405/Jan | 6w | 9K2EW | 14212/1435/Jan |
| EP2VH | 14215/1320/Jan | 2e | JY9DI | 14250/1330/Jan | 1e# | VU2JNA | 14202/1500/Jan | 3w# | 9M6VW | 14243/1515/Jan |
| EP2MS | 14240/1425/Jan | 2e | OD5EP | 14202/1420/Jan | 7m | VU2XX | 14210/0230/Jan | 8w# | 9N1MM | 14210/1355/Jan |
| EP2DD | 14209/1335/Jan | 9e# | OD5JP | 14220/1420/Jan | 2e | VU2YY | 14208/1335/Jan | 2m# | 9M2DQ | 14214/0000/Jan |
| EP2LI | 14250/1420/Jan | 8m# | UF6VAG | 14260/1430/Jan | 2m | VU2YK | 14210/1415/Jan | 10m# | | |

EUROPE CW

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|--------|----------------|----|--------|----------------|----|--------|----------------|----|--------|----------------|
| DJ4TR | 21010/1840/Jan | 1w | HB9BU | 21023/1615/Jan | 2w | UA2FCS | 14066/1330/Jan | 2m | UK5QBQ | 14058/1510/Jan |
| EA6BH | 14025/2100/Jan | 1e | LX1BJ | 14002/1635/Jan | 1w | UA6XCO | 14006/1410/Jan | 9m | UK2PAO | 21035/1610/Jan |
| F6DBO | 21005/1805/Jan | 2w | LZ1KC | 14023/0715/Jan | 2m | UA2FAL | 21045/1525/Jan | 2m | UQ2PP | 21039/1425/Jan |
| F8SF | 21023/1550/Jan | 2w | LZ2RB | 14009/0740/Jan | 2m | UB5ODH | 14006/1355/Jan | 9m | UP2BCS | 14013/1445/Jan |
| G5QA | 21015/1555/Jan | 5w | OY2P | 14062/2150/Jan | 2m | UB5WK | 14978/1350/Jan | 1m | YO7VJ | 14022/0730/Jan |
| GD4BEG | 21025/1350/Jan | 2m | SM2DLZ | 14030/2355/Jan | 5m | UC2IW | 14054/1450/Jan | 2m | 4U1ITU | 21023/1600/Jan |
| GJ2LU | 14014/1545/Jan | 3w | TF3CW | 21015/1745/Jan | 2e | UK2GAC | 21032/1510/Jan | 2m | 9H1EL | 14022/1625/Jan |

EUROPE SSB

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| CT2BB | 21295/1815/Jan | 2kh | IØAMU | 14215/1510/Jan | 8w# | OHØNJ | 14210/1410/Jan | 10m# | UK5KAA | 14200/1505/Jan |
| EI8H | 21281/1820/Jan | 1kh | JX9WT | 14207/0040/Jan | 3m | ON4UN | 14205/1545/Jan | 8w# | UK5MAS | 14221/1400/Jan |
| GD2HCX | 21273/1345/Jan | 2e | LX1FN | 21308/1610/Jan | 8e | SV1DH | 14212/1330/Jan | 2e# | UK5IAZ | 14210/1335/Jan |
| GULBON | 21307/1650/Jan | 2m | LZ2ST | 14296/1515/Jan | 8w# | UA6JWW | 14210/1345/Jan | 10m# | FK6LAZ | 14227/1330/Jan |
| HB9AXV | 14218/1605/Jan | 8w# | M1J | 14221/1450/Jan | 1e | UA6HZ | 14210/1330/Jan | 3e# | UO5OWS | 14201/1350/Jan |
| I1VGC | 14227/1500/Jan | 8w# | OE5TRL | 14228/1245/Jan | 3e | UA6DV | 21274/1400/Jan | 2e | UV3CE | 14214/1525/Jan |
| I2RGV | 14227/1555/Jan | 8m# | OE5WYL | 14210/1415/Jan | 10m# | UK5MAF | 14216/1425/Jan | 8e# | YU2NFJ | 14218/1510/Jan |

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| FP8HL 14032/1845/Jan 1e | VK6HQ 14030/1650/Jan 2e | ZK2AU 14028/0015/Jan 2e |
| HF0POL 14022/2150/Jan 3e | VK2BQQ 14011/1305/Jan 5e | |
| J3AAG 14039/1940/Jan 7m | VP2SZ 14031/2055/Jan 5e | |
| PY0AC 14003/2000/Jan 4m | YN1Z 14015/1935/Jan 7m | |

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| CE0AE 14201/0715/Jan 5m | FY7BC 21280/2155/Jan 4e | PJ8TBI 21280/2025/Jan 4e | YB0ACT 14201/1450/Jan 2m |
| CE0AE 21355/1820/Jan 4w | KC4AAA 14238/1340/Jan 3m | TG8DX 21355/1815/Jan 6w | YB0ADI 14209/1320/Jan 9e# |
| C6ANG 21355/1825/Jan 10w | KC6MM 14228/2145/Jan 2m | VK6MK 14213/1335/Jan 9e# | ZP5AO 14202/0130/Jan 9m |
| C21ES 14205/0440/Jan 4w | KM6FC 21395/2300/Jan 1m | VP8JB 14204/0120/Jan 9m | ZP5VR 21280/1840/Jan 4e |
| CO2FRC 14209/2050/Jan 5e | LU4ECO 21281/1910/Jan 4e | VP8FC 14209/0215/Jan 5w | 3D2DM 14202/0150/Jan 3w |
| FM7WE 14220/1935/Jan 5m | P29JS 14198/2100/Jan 6m# | VP8JE 14212/0120/Jan 2m | 6Y5MR 21355/1820/Jan 5w |
| FP8DX 14222/1445/Jan 3m | PJ9MDL 14209/1415/Jan 4e | VR6TC 14224/1730/Jan 6w | WA5FBH/6Y5 21318/2045 7e |
| FY7AN 21355/1825/Jan 5w | PT2HQ 21280/1925/Jan 4e | XE1ST 21292/1840/Jan 1kh | 8P6FU 21355/1835/Jan 5w |

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| DM2CUJ 7032/2345/Jan 3m | LA7MUL 7030/0105/Jan 1m | WD8AAS/TG9 7194/1220 4m | YU1QFX 7032/0005/Jan 4m |
| DL1DQ 7006/0240/Jan 2w | LL1FM 7006/0755/Jan 3w | UB5UAD 7034/0240/Jan 7m | YU2CBM 7008/0720/Jan 3w |
| EA7ADI 7032/0105/Jan 4m | LZ2BR 7030/0220/Jan 7m | UB5PAN 7020/0630/Jan 3w | YU3TGI 7001/0120/Jan 2w |
| EA7VD 7006/0355/Jan 1w | OE5KE 7032/0125/Jan 7m | UK1AAA 7005/0610/Jan 3w | YU3FOP 7028/0240/Jan 2w |
| F6CDQ 7005/0650/Jan 3w | OH2MM 7007/0720/Jan 3w | UF6DFP 7003/0250/Jan 2w | ZS5A 7004/0400/Jan 2w |
| GI3IVJ 7004/0125/Jan 3m | OK3KFF 7000/2325/Jan 4e | UO5ODP 7010/0220/Jan 1e | ZS6WW 7026/0205/Jan 2w |
| VE3FAE/HK2 7006/0240 6e | ON4FD 7030/0445/Jan 1m | VK5KL 7007/1245/Jan 6m | 7P8BE 7004/0250/Jan 6e |
| HA5GX 7027/0100/Jan 7m | PY2ASD 7034/0115/Jan 7m | VK6WT 7002/1220/Jan 6m | 8P6JA 7016/2350/Jan 4e |
| I0HCJ 7033/0040/Jan 7m | PY3CIA 7027/0030/Jan 4m | VK6GU 7090/1230/often | 9H1ED 7001/0205/Jan 1e |
| JA9APS 7009/1200/Jan 1m | SM6DHU 7002/1115/often | VU2GW 7004/0115/Jan 2w | |
| JW4EJ 7005/0250/Jan 2w | SM6AOV 7006/0750/Jan 3w | YO5AIR 7012/0340/Jan 1w | |
| CO5GV 3799/0450/Jan 5m | F3NB 3502/0640/Jan 2w | JA8DNV 3799/1300/Jan 1m | UP2BAR 3640/0640/Jan 1m |
| CT2BD 3784/2335/Jan 4e | F6ARC 3796/0630/Jan 2m | JH0BQU 3797/1310/Jan 1m | VK5BC 3691/1210/Jan 5e |
| WBLZMW/DU 3808/1230 4e | FO8EX 3788/0730/Jan 5w | KG6JIH 3808/1200/Jan 5e | VK6AS 3695/0440/Jan 8w |
| K0AX/DU2 3789/1440 4w | G6CJ 3524/0815/Jan 2m | KL8AA 3569/0430/Jan 1m? | VP2LJ 3790/0950/Jan 1m |
| DK5VP 3514/0235/Jan 3m | GD4BEG 3526/0540/Jan 2m | KL7GKY 3806/0450/Jan 2m | YN1AZ 3792/0530/Jan 10w |
| DJ9KC 3766/0215/Jan 3m | GLFMF 3516/0125/Jan 4m | KM6FC 3808/1230/Jan 7e | YO3JW 3519/0610/Jan 2m |
| ET6S 3796/0850/Jan 1m | GW3AX 3796/0850/Jan 1m | OK1ADM 3796/0635/Jan 2m | 4AAFR 3796/0400/Jan 6e |
| ET8H 3799/0750/Jan 2m | HK2DP 3512/0450/Jan 5m | UA2FBG 3516/0330/Jan 3e | 5R3AB 3507/0150/Jan 4e |

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii xe = mexico ve = nova scotia, etc)
(all times in gmt # = long path... ??? = Slim!!! Still stuck in the Priblofs by the ice pack!)

RELATIVE RARENESS Over the years the 'Most Wanted Lists' have been compiled for needed DX. The work of W1AM and the Southern New England DX Assn in refining the needed lists down to call areas has done much to show that rare DX is a relative thing. After the first ten or so on the needed list, the figures frequently are more affected by the place on the globe than anything else.

Over in Japan JH1VRQ and JA0CUV recently polled the JA DXers to find the top thirty in the needed list. They had 256 replies.

The first ten or so usually are on everybody's list. For the JAs they are...with the percent of those responding needing it shown.... LU/VP8 So Sandwich 100% 3Y-Bouvet 100%; Clipperton 98.2%; YI-Iraq 96.9%; 8Z4-Neutral Zone 96.9%; BY-China 94.9%; VS9K 93.8%; ZA-Albania 93.8%....

There are eight there, these showing on just about anyone's needed list no matter where you are. From then on note how geography affects things

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|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9. Malpelo 91.0% | 17. Serrana Bank 83.2% | 25. CE0X-San Felix 77.7% |
| 10. PY0 St P&P 90.6 | 18. 60-Somalia 82.4 | 26. Geyser Reef 77.7 |
| 11. YV0-Aves 88.3 | 19. Glorioso 81.6 | 27. A7-QATAR 77.3 |
| 12. Abu Ail 86.7 | 20. VS9A 81.6 | 28. EA9-Sp.Sahara 77.3 |
| 13. XZ-Burma 85.9 | 21. Annobon 80.5 | 30. KC4-Navassa 75.0 |
| 14. VK0-Heard 85.2 | 22. 9U-Burundi 80.1 | 31. VE1-Sable Is. 73.4 |
| 15. So. Georgia 84.8 | 23. So.Shetland 78.5 | |
| 16. 3X-Eq Guinea 83.6 | 24. TL 78.1 | |

The Caribbean is often difficult for the JAs. A few years back one outing set up a schedule to work the JAs and clean up some of the demand. Because of the site of the operating position on Navassa, they did not get out good to Japan. A W4 in the Carolinas was acting as traffic director....the JAs could hear him well....the W4 could hear Navassa very well but the JAs and Navassa could not hear each other.

DX is still a relative thing. Once you work it and confirm, it is not quite so relative. Sam explained all of this one time and we think we have it right. All things are relative, some more so!

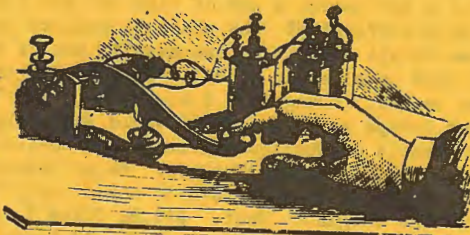
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Said to be coming....late March or April
KH6JFI/N4ZC and WA8VDJ from January 25th..next week!
K6SVL at VP2L from late this month across DX Test
Something percolating in the Caribbean.....
PAs and DLs heading there for late this month
N4ZC looking to go west....KW6 in mid-February.
PY7AAI there now.....PY1RO next month
VU4RES expected any time now
8Z4 possible later this Spring.
VEs planning for late May or early June
Watch for possibles..3B8/9/7...or even Glorioso
Eights looking for ARRL Test
More Eights....VP2M for the Test
To the 18th....sounds funny.
Guantanamo Bay Radio Club event....January 21/22nd
Next weekend....January 27th-29th
February 4th and 5th
February 18/19th
April 15/16th at Holiday Inn in Visalia

With the contest close, the time is also closing for listings for any special DX efforts in the upcoming ARRL DX Test. Back for the CQ Test there were eleven special efforts noted for the Phone Test and ten for the CW go-round. Right now the ARRL has only a couple listed. We are scra ching for more.....



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ARRL W5LA, James F LaPorta, has been added to the staff at Newington to serve as Deputy Communications Manager in training. Also added was Bernard D Glassmeyer, W9KDR, as Oscar Program Manager.

Some of the matters still pending from the July 1977 Board Meeting have had some implementing action and these include:

- Minute 25. Bob Boo h, Hal Steinman are meeting with the Chief of the FCCs Field operation on authority for FCC administer examinations at hamfests and ARRL Conventions.
30. Hal Steinman is meeting with FCC to present a headquarters draft seeking action on a request to allow selected amateurs to use 30kHz on ten meters for narrow band TV.
34. A petition to extend the 80meter novice band to 3675-3750kHz was submitted to the FCC on January 3, 1978
35. Comments were filed on January 3rd for authorization of Techs to use any part of the 144mHz and 50mHz bands.
42. FCC indicates consideration for the use of the ASCII eight level code is on the agenda.
48. Retention of the Novice Class license have been communicated to the FCC
60. A petition renewing the request for increased voice segments as set forth by the ARRL in its presentation on Docket 20282 was filed with the FCC on January 3rd

TNX to K1AA, W1AB, W1DA, W1MV, W1NG, W1OT, W1PCD, W1VV, W2RGD, W2FP, W2HAZ, W2NC, WB2RLK/VE1, K2VV, W3CDL, WA3DMH, N3ED, K3TUP, AA4AA, W4BAA, W4GTS, W4KA, W4LCL, N4NW, W4LOUF, W4LTPU, W4UF, N4WX, W4ZR, W4WHE, N5DD, W5FL, K5HWO, W5VWP, W5JW, K5OA, N5OK, W5OSJ, K5OVC, K5TSQ, WA6BJS, WA6DNM, K6EC, NLXX, W6IA, K6JG, N6MM, N6NA, W6PT, W2MIG, K6SVL, W6SWM, W6TSQ, K6UFT, K6XT, K7ABV, W7KSA, W7LR, W7YR, WD8AHS, WB8EUN, K8IA, K8IP, W8JXM, W8PBO, N8WW, K9GM, N9JL, W9RN, W9TKV, K0BJ, WA0FBQ, WA0KDI, N0RF, K0SVX, KH6BZF, KZ5FR, JH1VRQ, PY7AZQ, XE1FR, JA0CUV.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came in out of the rain last week and he had a question. Actually, he had a whole handful. "What is it that DX does for you?" he asked and we were cagey enough not to answer. Why parry when you can wait for a chance for a quick thrust? So we skidded the question back to him and he was launched. "In DX," he said, "my objective is to reveal the conflicts between our individual, unattainable fantasies and our daily DXing. How do we kill the excitement of DX? What happens to our ideals, our dreams and the fantasies of youth? When does the DX Culture stifle our self-expression? When does a job become a way of life and not DX? Do our children and marriage impede our creativity in DX and self-expression? How shall we explore to actualize our DX fantasies and develop resources? How does one do all of this....and more?" Son of a Gun!! This one was a torrent of questions and we held up our hand to stem the flood. "Does all of this really have anything to do with DXing?" we asked and the QRPer smiled. "Danged if I know," he said, "but it came from a brochure for Bienergetic-Interpersonal Encounter Groups so I thought I would run it by and see what happened." Both of us had to laugh at this for DX is a world of mystique, strange and confusing to the outsider, a model of clarity and logic to those initiates to the Eternal Enigmas. Be an Understander! DXers were encountering and answering the questions long before they were asked. \$14.00 a year will bring you the weekly word by second-class mail, words of mystery from the enigmatic West. \$18.00 flies it by first class mail to the U.S./VE/XE areas. \$20.00 roars it far down the star-path to all the DX lands far beyond the edge of tomorrow. You may not get all the answers to your questions, but you will get more DX questions than there are answers!!

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