

West Coast DX Bulletin



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CLIPPERTON If all the calls issued in Papeete for the Clipperton operation end up in your log book, you will have a pot full.

Last week the PT&T office in Papeete handed out eight calls for the up-coming operation. You will be hearing these calls....and we list the operator.....

FO0XA	-	F9JS	FO0XE	-	F9IE
FO0XB		F5II	FO0XF		F6AKO
FO0XC		F6BFH	FO0XG		HB9AHL
FO0XD		F6ARC	FO0XH		HB9AEE

There may even be a couple more. Jacky, F6BBJ, for one possibility. At the time of the application to Papeete there was some question as to whether he could make it. As it is fairly sure that Jacky will be showing in these Western Reaches within the month, there may be more callsigns issued.

The group has been advised by the French Navy that a quonset hut is on the island and will be available to the group. This was last used by a French Navy contingent on the island about two years back.

The bands will include everything from 160mtrs to 6mtrs. They will have both Mode A and Mode B for OSCAR. Initially, they were only figuring on Mode A but a San Diego group has come up with more gear for Mode B.

The French and Swiss group will arrive in Southern California on March 10th. They will be attending a special meeting of the Southern California DX Club on March 12th and departure will be on March 14th. The distance is 1460 miles and they estimate 4 1/2 days travel. This should put them at Clipperton on Sunday, March 19th, and they will put a station ashore and on the air immediately if at all possible.

Charles Signer, WA9INK/6, is still working on the financial end. The permission to land on Clipperton contained a number of stipulations laid down by the French Ministry which issued the permit. A seaworthy vessel of sufficient size had to be obtained. The vessel had to remain in the vicinity of Clipperton at all times while the operation was ashore. The vessel had to be manned by a professional crew and the operators were not to be part of the crew.

The vessel for the trip is rated, it is reported, at over 100 tons and a Lieutenant Commander on leave from his naval duties will captain the vessel for the trip.

Charles Signer, WA9INK/6, reports that funds continue to come in but that there still is a bit bit to go yet. The total for the trip is estimated to be at \$40,000.00 with \$30,000.00 the bare minimum for even a quick trip. It is reported that the 160-Top Band Assn has decided to donate the whole balance in the associations treasury to the Clipperton effort.

The operation is more solid every day and four weeks from right now when you are reading this bulletin, you should be able to turn on your rig and hear Clipperton on the air. Financial assistance is needed....and now. And any help can be sent to Charles Signer, WA9INK/6, 2120 28th Street, Sacramento, Calif. 95818. There will be a bit more information coming next week. Prepare!! Clipperton is close!

SUNSPOT LOUIE Region 1001 flared four times a week back, this kicking things up a bit. The area of this one was 1810 millionths on the day of this observation and this is the biggest active area to come down the pike for some time.

The flux has been soaring, up into the one-sixties but things have not been exactly placid. However, E keep checking the bands for some exciting things do turn up.

Six and two meters might find openings due to auroral ionization. When the hf bands are below normal or disturbed, check six and two. You may find a Doppler shift on SSB signals. The trans-equatorial path should be improving and especially between seven and ten p.m. local time.

Zurich forecast a Smoothed Sunspot Number of 43 for February. For January the monthly mean was 49.3 with a low of 7 on January 20th and a high of 118 on January 31st. If this January number is put into the twelve month running figure, the SSN centered on July would be 28 and climbing slowly and it does seem that the Zurich forecast of 43 for February should be close to the mark.

There are some days which are plain blanks. These will come but in between there are days when ten is open and DX is thick.

Keep turning those dials. DX is to be found and more is coming. Spring is also coming to the south bank of the Potomac and there has been a report that a blue crocus has been found blooming in the snow. And N4XX, putting his snow shovel aside and donning a cheery smile to put every Deserving DXer at ease, says that it will be, more or less:

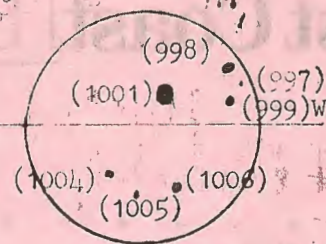
February 21st	High Normal	February 27th	High..Low Normal
22nd	High Normal		Variable
23rd	Above Normal	28th	High Normal
24th	Above..slipping to Below Normal	March 1st	High Normal
25th	Below Normal	2nd	High Normal
26th	Low Normal	3rd	High--Low (variable)
		4th	High--Low (variable)
		5th	High--Low (variable)

There it is....just what every Deserving DXer might want. And there will be more of the same to come.

Meanwhile, up from the south comes the word from K6EC and Ev says that WWV has come out with.....

	Solar Flux	Ap Index		Solar Flux	Ap Index
Feb 6th	161	9	Feb 10th	153	7
7th	162	7	11th	158	7
8th	165	7	12th	163	15
9th	160	12			

There it is....all you need do is interpret.



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No. 997	1 spot
N22° W66°	20 millionths
No. 998	14 spots
N27° W59°	220 millionths
No. 999	11 spots
N17° W53°	100 millionths
No. 1001	60 spots
N14° W17°	1810 millionths
No. 1004	4 spots
S23° E22°	80 millionths
No. 1005	2 spots
S30° E12°	10 millionths
No. 1006	8 spots
S27° W17°	70 millionths

IRAQ The consistent reports on possible activity out of YI-land has kept rumors flying. Though cautiously skeptical, we have run some down the line to alert the deserving. It does seem that action from Baghdad is possible but not exactly in conformance with some of the rumors.

It has been possible to confirm through Eastern European sources that starting late last Fall there was official interest in possible amateur operations. This has been followed up and something may come this Spring.

Sources close to the action say that the next month might see something happening and especially the later part of March. The matter is so far along that the call-sign has been selected and QSL cards printed. The location for possible action is definitely Baghdad.

At this point lack of specifics is because they do not want too much of a furor raised prior to the action.

Definitely things look promising....and definitely the later part of March is a prime period for action. It may come before. And, as the Hero of Mafeking would often say: "Be Prepared!!"

MELLISH REEF VK2BJL, D.H. Mead there in Wombarra in New South Wales, says that he is headed for Mellish Reef come early July. He is looking for interested parties who should contact him but he also says that he is prepared to go alone if it is necessary.

The information is being passed on the Pacific DX Net.

MOZAMBIQUE C9MET continues to show...says the name is Don Antonio and to QSL to Box 71 in Inhambane. The station has been showing on the Afrikaner Net and also on fifteen c.w.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME MOBILE CLUB This group is meeting around 14230kc at 1400Z and there are a number of affiliated groups. These include the Antwerp Maritime Mobile Club, the Royal Naval Radio Amateur Society, SWOP, MMC-USA and others.

The group also uses 14100kc for emergency work. Bob Th. Berge, ON4QX, is the legal and public relations advisor for the Antwerp group. Bob has a special QSL for mm QSOs. If you are interested in some operating from ships in the far areas of the world, you might check the frequency and the group there.

LICENSES Visitors to Jamaica are now receiving operating permission under the cover of registered mail. As in a number of Caribbean countries, Jamaica is tightening up procedures to eliminate unauthorized operations or use of callsigns. If it is not feasible to get the authorization back prior to the departure for Jamaica, the authorities will send it to the Jamaican address where the person will be staying.

In the Turks and Caicos area where abuse of the VP5-licenses has been a continuing problem, licenses will now be issued to match the calendar year and must be renewed annually. A local Radio Society has been formed in the Turks and Caicos to advise the government ministries on the problem and half the VP5 licenses listed in 1978 Call Book were not renewed. In some cases where there is a feeling that the license has been abused, such as operating VP5/W6 back in the states, the license will not be renewed even though application might be made. Code and theory will now be required for a VP5 license or proof of licensing in another country for a visitor. If you are thinking of that area, your application and \$11.00 fee should go to Mrs. Eng Woodstock, Acting Attorney General Legal Office, Grand Turk.

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SOME SHORT NOTES The California DX Meeting is definitely back in the news....Ted Henry, W6UOU, along with XYL, Meredith, will be the banquet speakers. We will have the full details next week.

The Northern California DX Club has come up with support for the Clipperton effort. \$600.00 is reported as being pledged to the operation.

Waiting for your Kermedec card may take a bit longer. The cards sent to the W6 source will be going out to New Zealand the end of this month and cards should be coming back late in March.

ZS3WBC on early in March from Walvis Bay will mark the hundred year anniversary of Walvesbaai. They expect to have a beam up and a bit of power. Operators will include ZS3AA, ZS3C, ZS3KC and ZS3MV...and they will work ten through eighty.

K2BT still has several thousand IRCs which he will reluctantly part with for 30¢ each. Include sase along with check for one-day service on your IRCs. VR3AH is headed back to the Line Islands though at this point it is not a good possibility that K2BT will handle the new crop of QSLs. They are still coming in for Doug's previous operation and he left there about a year back.

On those XF4JJ QSLs, the report is that when submitted to the DXCC Desk, they do get accepted. TR8RG goes to Boite Poste 177, Libreville, Republic of Gabon.

HC5EE will not be leaving Ecuador for a couple of years...something like 1980 or 1981. JA3KWJ has been in Zambia since last August but has not been able to pry a license out of the PT&T yet. The initial application was sent to the Ministry of Power, Transport and Communications. The application was shot down in December with the advice that no new amateur licenses were being issued. The licensing situation is not clear as licenses have been issued in the past to non-Zambian citizens. So what do you do, Kazuo...who has been VR1AK/VR3AM/VR8E/VR8JA and S21JA...is planning a summer trip to Nairobi to do some 5Z4 operating.

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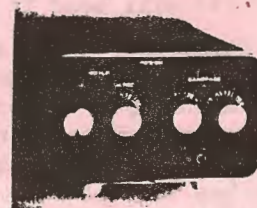
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CONTEST COMMITTEE REPORT The Contest Committee made its required report to the January Board of Directors Meeting. It is a voluminous report. However, to give attention to what the CAC might be working on in the coming months, the following comes your way.

Specifically, as a result of actions in the Board Meeting, the CAC was directed to--

Minute 24....make a study on the possibility of adding a SWL classification to either the DX or Sweepstakes Contest.

Minute 65....make a study of the format and duration of HF competitions sponsored by the ARRL. This coming from the increasing number of participants in ARRL contests and the logging and log-checking burdens.

Minute 49....make a study of the rules, regulations and policies for the administration of ARRL contests including but not limited to the criteria for rejecting submitted logs.

In addition to these Board assignments, the CAC will be considering:

1. Putting a maximum operating time limit on single operator stations. This may possibly be something like eighty hours...and apparently would affect the DX Tests.
2. Limiting multi-multi stations to the first weekend in each mode.
3. Reduce the DX Contest to one weekend per mode. This attention apparently coming from the Radiosport Contest during the summer months.
4. Eliminate High Band and Low Band Categories.
5. Make KL7 and KH6 stateside rather than DX for the DX Test.
6. Change the DX stations exchange to something more meaningful.

If you have any interest or comment on these matters, send them direct to Newington and they will be distributed. Vic Shields, K9UIY is the sub-committee Chairman for the DX Contest.




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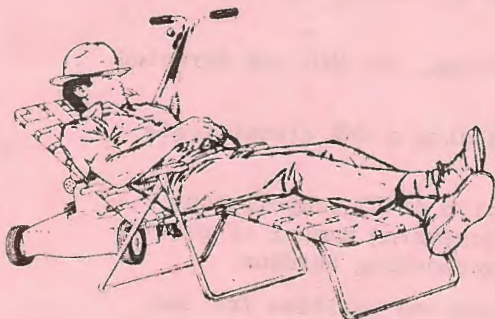


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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Should you ask me, whence these stories?
Whence these legends and traditions,
With their frequent repetitions,
And their wild reverberations?
I should answer, I should tell you,
I repeat them as I heard them....

TEN METERS THRIVES

CX5RV 28028.2315/Feb 12m	NLZC/KM6 28025/2000 12e	SP9AAJ 28022/1435/Feb 9e	YU10DS 28020/1420/Feb 10e
DL8AX 28022/1330/Feb 9e	LA6EV 28050/1500/Feb 7e	UF6DZ 28026/1340/Feb 7e	ZE1CB 28045/1455/Feb 5e
DJ8RR 28049/1640/Feb 11w	LU2DXK 28032/2225/Feb 12m	UP2SA 28031/1430/Feb 7e	ZL1AH 28030/2025/Feb 5e
GJ2LU 28015/1555/Feb 7m	LU6EF 28030/2310/Feb 12m	UR2REE 28020/1350/Feb 10e	FL1APW 28025/2025/Feb 5e
EA7TL 28033/1745/Feb 12w	OH2BAD 28028/2130/Feb 12m	UR2RFQ 28020/1400/Feb 10e	ZL1NG 28020/2245/Feb 5e
HB9ACP 28015/1510/Feb 9e	OH5PT 28020/1410/Feb 10e	UR2TAX 28031/1430/Feb 7e	9H1FG 28035/1700/Feb 8e
HI8XDF 28027/2205/Feb 12w	OX3FG 28029/1850/Feb 6e	UY5HF 28035/1440/Feb 7e	9H1FA 28035/1700/Feb 8e
HZ1HZ 28050/1520/Feb 11e	SM3EVR 28036/2130/Feb 12m	VK2EK 28028/0025/Feb 12m	9K2DR 28047/1305/Feb 6e
JR1JFO 28038/2145/Feb 12m	SM6GMG 28026/1415/Feb 7e	VK3VG 28050/2245/Feb 9e	
A2GSD 28506/1825/Feb 11m	GI5UR 28520/1600/Feb 7m	LX1PO 28580/1525/Feb 11m	UA0CCW 28605/0000/Feb 6w
CT1UL 28617/1515/Feb 12m	GWLDRR 28520/1615/Feb 7m	ON5NT 28850/1705/Feb 7m	U05GQ 28587/1400/Feb 11e
OT1HF 28518/1605/Feb 12e	I8MPO 28520/1525/Feb 7m	OD5AQ 28567/1505/Feb 12m	UQ2GDQ 28532/1450/Feb 7e
DJ2BE 28580/1615/Feb 8m	IS0LDU 28533/0150/Feb 6e	OD5CX 28540/1515/Feb 12m	UK2FAD 28552/1435/Feb 7e
DK6JL 28520/1500/Feb 7m	IS0NZA 28604/1530/Feb 7e	OZ9VW 28850/1705/Feb 7m	VR4CF 28625/0145/Feb 6w
DM3VFC 28641/1420/Feb 8e	JA8IEV/JD1 28547/0110 13w	JA1PIG/PZ 28626/2305 5e	3B8CV 28510/1410/Feb 10m
EA2LY 28550/1710/Feb 7m	JA1KSO 28667/2230/Feb 5e	PA2MVD 28520/1450/Feb 7m	ZB2BL 28591/1430/Feb 12e
ET4DA 28520/1700/Feb 7m	JA2AYH 28614/0015/Feb 5m	RA0CGM 28597/0005/Feb 6w	3D2RM 28553/2220/Feb 10m
ET6AS 28545/1650/Feb 5m	KG6SW 28600/2210/Feb 10e	RB5ABX 28538/1345/Feb 11e	W0UO/6Y5 28555/1655 5m
ET8H 28509/0415/Feb 6e	KL7RW 28582/2110/Feb 5e	RB5DAI 28538/1355/Feb 11e	8P6GG 28616/1750/Feb 8m
G3NOZ 28610/1430/Feb 8e	KG6JIH 28600/2205/Feb 10m	SV1TSL 28520/1440/Feb 7m	9J2WR 28515/1845/Feb 6e
GI4BBV 28518/1545/Feb 11e	WD8KLN/KH6 28546/2215 10m	SM5DYC 28652/1410/Feb 8e	9HLG 28515/1530/Feb 12m
GI4FVM 28520/1805/Feb 7m	LA5IH 28850/1605/Feb 7m	TR8RW 28582/1500/Feb 10m	9H1FN 28540/1635/Feb 8e

AFRICA CW

C9MET 14031/2015/Feb 13w	H5FVT 14007/2030/Feb 6e	ZS6EC 14032/2300/Feb 7w	5Z4CW 14025/1330/Feb 7e#
EA8GP 14043/2245/Feb 9e	J28AL 14028/2025/Feb 8e	ZE8JJ 21039/1910/Feb 10w	5ZrQP 21055/1950/Feb 10e
EL2EV 14028/2025/Feb 8e	J28AY 14029/2320/Feb 11w	ZS1RC 14006/2000/Feb 5e	5Z4CW 14031/2000/Feb 13e
EL2ET 14052/2225/Feb 9m	ZE1FL 21122/1735/Feb 7m	5T5PG 14003/2000/Feb 5e	

AFRICA SSB

CN8CW 14207/2200/Feb 12w	EL2BS 14212/0100/Feb 11m	ZD7SD 14215/1635/Feb 8e	ZS3JJ 14202/1910/Feb 8m
CN8GX 14213/2200/Feb 9m	SW0RK 14216/2045/Feb 8m	ZD8RG 21315/2245/Feb 10w	ZS3TP 21287/1940/Feb 11e
D4CBS 21355/2025/Feb 11e	TR8RG 21270/2205/Feb 10e	ZD8KG 21356/1815/Feb 12e	ZS6ANE/ZS3 21300/1830 9m
EA8GR 14205/2330/Feb 7w	TU2AZ 14233/2345/Feb 11e	ZD9GG 14240/2135/Feb 13m	ZS6ANE/ZS3 14204/2030 6e
EA80J 14218/2220/Feb 9m	TJ2P 14221/2130/Feb 9m	ZELJS 21355/1910/Feb 8e	7X2KAR 21350/1810/Feb 6e
EL2R 21355/1845/Feb 8e	WA3WAQ/TJ 14221/2230 11e	ZS2MT 21320/1730/Feb 11m	9G1MB 14216/2215/Feb 8m
EL2Z 14269/0325/Feb 12e	ZS1TM 21310/1845/Feb 10w	ZS3KC 21232/1925/Feb 6e	

ASIA CW

AP2TN 14033/1355/Feb 11e#	UA0YAD 14026/0200/Feb 11e	UJ8JCF 14037/0310/Feb 8m	UV0JM 14026/2320/Feb 13w
EP2LA 14037/1400/Feb 9e#	UA0ACS 14051/0155/Feb 9e	UK7KAI 14023/0400/Feb 12w	UV0IX 14029/0150/Feb 10w
HM2JN 14003/0050/Feb 8e	UA0URS 14029/0205/Feb 12s	UK9MBA 14034/0235/Feb 12w	VS6BB 14032/1345/Feb 9e
HM0K 14034/0345/Feb 14w	UD6DKW 14021/0345/Feb 13w	UK9AAN 14020/0115/Feb 8e	VU2BK 14045/1425/Feb 9e
JT1AH 14036/0130/Feb 13m	UF6QAC 21030/1300/Feb 9e	UK0LAD 14026/2310/Feb 13w	VU2BK 21007/1345/Feb 1m
JT1BF 14013/0230/Feb 7w	UG6GAE 14004/15 5/Feb 11w	UK0KAH 14025/2355/Feb 10e	VU2TS 14023/1255/Feb 12e
JT1AM 14035/0130/Feb 8e	UH8HCE 14032/0330/Feb 13w	UL7GAW 14025/0325/Feb 11w	VU2CP 14027/1315/Feb 10e
OD5AP 21044/1300/Feb 9e	UH8BU 14027/0320/Feb 13w	UL7JHH 14033/0205/Feb 9e	VU2EX 14021/0240/Feb 7w
UA9ADQ 14012/0405/Feb 12w	UH8HAI 14028/1335/Feb 11e#	UL7TAK 14027/0230/Feb 12w	ZCLIO 14005/1940/Feb 6e
UA9CIQ 14016/0405/Feb 12w	UI8AI 14005/0250/Feb 12w	UL7JAM 14036/0240/Feb 12w	4Z4ZY 21076/1655/Feb 10e
UA0JAW 14030/0330/Feb 10w	UI8ACP 14022/0410/Feb 12w	UL7EAR 14039/0245/Feb 12w	9K2EZ 21026/1600/Feb 12e
UA0QWK 14012/0100/Feb 8e	UI8FAI 14022/0225/Feb 9w	UL7NAA 14025/0255/Feb 12w	9M2YP 14022/1250/Feb 12e
UA0QAH 14037/0105/Feb 8e	UI8CCP 14020/0330/Feb 11w	UM8NAJ 14018/0350/Feb 12m	
UA0BBN 21035/1650/Feb 10e	UJ8BQ 14050/0405/Feb 12w	UM8MBA 14026/0310/Feb 10w	
UA0QGCJ 14016/1900/Feb 10e	UJ8AC 14026/0335/Feb 12w	UV9PS 14034/0215/Feb 12w	

ASIA SSB

AP2MQ 14205/1255/Feb 12e#	HS1WR 14216/0120/Feb 11e	UK7LAZ 14216/1320/Feb 11e#	VS6HJ 14205/1445/Feb 9e
AP2AD 14228/1340/Feb 12e#	WA5QKC/HZ1 14220/1435 11e	UL7QF 14213/0235/Feb 13w	4X4RH 14280/1530/Feb 14w
AP2AU 14228/1410/Feb 12e#	JT1AN 14224/0130/Feb 12e	VU2EX 14209/1305/Feb 11e	9K2EW 21264/1500/Feb 8e
AP5HQ 14214/1320/Feb 8e#	JY5VS 14203/1430/Feb 11e	VU2DK 14218/1500/Feb 11e#	9K2DN 14203/1400/Feb 6e
EP2GT 14203/1315/Feb 12e#	JY9OD 14203/1430/Often	VU2XX 14201/1300/Feb 12e#	9K2DX 14188/1545/Feb 12m
EP2SV 14211/1325/Feb 12e#	UA9UVE 14214/0305/Feb 12w	VU2YY 14226/1450/Feb 10m	9M2DW 14225/0000/Feb 9e
EP2DD 14201/1300/Often	UA9YE 14225/0310/Feb 12w	VU2CP 14202/1255/Feb 10m	9N1MM 14230/-120/Feb 9e
BV2B 14225/2340/Feb 11e	UA0SAU 14213/0110/Feb 8e	UW0IZ 14223/0245/Feb 11w	
HL9TJ 14225/2250/Feb 7m	UK8BAJ 14240/1320/Feb 11e#	VS6AK 14225/2335/Feb 8e	

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

What do I care that you are good?
Be Beautiful, and Rare, and DX!

EUROPE CW

DM4TJA 14038/1425/Feb 11e	OH2FP 21135/1500/Feb 7e	TF3BS 14020/2255/Feb 10w	ZB2AV 14013/2015/Feb 10e
F6KKE 21211/1600/Feb 6e	OK2KR 14033/1740/Feb 9w	TF3LG 14047/2230/Feb 9e	9H1ED 14024/2100/Feb 9e
GU5TU 21038/1810/Feb 10w	SM5QG 21140/1520/Feb 7e	UY5OQ 21110/1430/Feb 6e	9H1EL 14021/1440/Feb 11w
IS0WU 21014/1545/Feb 11w	SP2DVH 14033/1635/Feb 8w	YU2TGF 14006/1640/Feb 8w	9H1CH 21018/1825/Feb 12w
LX1ML 14017/1855/Feb 9e	SP2HMI 14017/1645/Feb 8w	YU2RJU 14011/1745/Feb 9w	

EUROPE SSB

CT2AK 21355/1940/Feb 10m	DK2OC 14185/0805/Feb 6ka	HB9UE 21293/1630/Feb 12e	UW1AE 21280/1345/Feb 11m
CT2BD 21354/1950/Feb 7e	DT3RMO 14273/1240/Feb 7ka	HV3SJ 21359/1545/Feb 11m	UK6SBK 14235/1410/Feb 12e#
CT4OW 21380/1800/Feb 11w	EA5TD 21315/1620/Feb 12e	UB5GBZ 21335/1305/Feb 8e	3A2HD 14240/1330/Feb 7e
DJ2SS 21275/1355/Feb 11m	EL4DA 14201/0050/Feb 13m	UK3SAB 21319/1515/Feb 10m	4U1ITU 21416/1540/Feb 5e

ELSEWHERE CW

C6TOQ 21015/1700/Feb 8w	KM6FD 21117/0105/Feb 12m	VP2MUZ 14027/1315/Feb 9e	ZL2BEN 14030/0630/Feb 14w
CX1LO 14015/0200/Feb 13m	NL2C/KM6 21027/2240 10e	VP8QE 14005/0110/Feb 10w	8P6JB 14036/1300/Feb 11e
CX7BBB 14030/0045/Feb 14w	KH6JFI/KH6 21133/0100 8m	VZ2EOH 14025/2200/Feb 9e	
CX8XC 14050/0155/Feb 10w	VK3NC 14028/1220/Feb 12e	YB7AAU 14033/1250/Feb 10e#	
FP8HL 21032/1845/Feb 5e	VK3MR 14027/2225/Feb 10e#	YB7AAK 14034/1500/Feb 9w	
HI3PC 14023/2110/Feb 10e	VP2MT 14018/1500/Feb 9w	ZL2GZ 14015/2015/Feb 10e#	

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DU1REX 14220/1505/Feb 9e	TG8DX 21355/1910/Feb 8e	VP2MDA 14217/0020/Feb 8m	YN5JAR 14205/0010/Feb 10m
FM7AV 14173/1100/Feb 6	VK6RU 14212/2255/Feb 11e	VP2SQ 21303/1730/Feb 11e	ZK1DR 14273/0420/Feb 5w
FY7AN 21356/1815/Feb 11e	VK6JJ 14210/1335/Feb 9e	VP2MBB 21354/1905/Feb 8e	3D2DM 21285/2300/Feb 10m
H8XKC 14234/1315/Feb 7e	VK6MK 14207/1345/Feb 9e	VP8QE 14222/0140/Feb 10w	6Y5YP 14202/0105/Feb 8m
HP2XHQ 21325/2315/Feb 10m	VK6LK 14202/2305/Feb 7w#	VP8PU 14202/0130/Feb 5w	8R1Q 14175/1040/Feb 7m
J3AJ 14204/0020/Feb 6e	VK9RH 21284/0225/Feb 6w	VP8DX 14213/0300/Feb 8w	8P6AH 14175/1030/often
KM6FC 21355/1940/Feb 10m	VE8MC 14206/0450/Feb 10m	VS5DX 14225/2350/Feb 7e	8P6AH 21319/1955/Feb 7e
P29AC 14209/2200/Feb 9m#	VP2ABC 14173/1115/Feb 6m	YB0ADF 14226/0400/Feb 8e	
PJ2FR 21355/1940/Feb 10m	VP2KC 14215/2220/Feb 9m	YN4JAB 21301/1950/Feb 8e	

LOW BAND LOUIE

DL6WT 3503/0510/Feb 10e	HH2MC 3802/0225/Feb 11e	OK1DCN 3502/0540/Feb 10e	VP2MUZ 3510/0450/Feb 9e
EA4PB 3515/0650/Feb 10e	HR3JJR 3795/0130/Feb 10e	PA4LVB 3520/0605/Feb 10e	VP2MDH 3799/0555/Feb 7e
ET8H 3796/0820/Feb 10w	KM6FC 3802/0735/Feb 11e	TF5TP 3795/0840/Feb 7e	ZP5YW 3800/0835/Feb 12w
FM2C00 3507/0120/Feb 12m	KV4AQ 3504/0310/Feb 11m	UA0ZBP 3509/0955/Feb 11e	9M8HG 3797/1530/Feb 7w
CT4HN 7004/0825/Feb 2m	HA9KOB 7086/0145/Feb 11m	OK1KZ 7011/0355/Feb 11e	YO3JX 7034/0345/Feb 12e
DK1VP 7003/0715/Feb 10m	HK0BKX 7008/0500/Feb 7e	ON4IE 7008/0750/Feb 12m	YU5CZ 7013/0335/Feb 12e
DK3FB 7077/0130/Feb 5m	HI8CDS 7195/0535/Feb 4m	PA4AAC 7009/0800/Feb 2m	YU2RQG 7002/0400/Feb 13w
LA7Y/EA8 7026/0100/ 4e	I0RDJ 7073/0210/Feb 4m	SM5WP 7010/0420/Feb 12e	ZE2JS 7016/0400/Feb 10e
EA2CL 7016/0655/Feb 2m	I2NJ 7003/0625/Feb 4m	TR8MG 7004/0200/Feb 8e	ZL2BLW 7013/0700/Feb 9m
EA1JD 7004/0725/Feb 2m	J3AAC 3527/0450/Feb 2e	TI2RMA 7079/0205/Feb 11m	ZS3E 7097/0545/Feb 4m
EL2T 7087/0235/Feb 4m	N4ZC/KM6 7024/0520 15e	UK2RAX 7010/0410/Feb 12e	ZS4PB 7096/0500/Feb 5m
EL2ET 7027/0610/Feb 8m	LZ1UA 7005/0535/Feb 10e	UK2GKW 7009/0625/Feb 11e	4Q2OM 7029/0745/Feb 5w???
G2CV 7014/0805/Feb 10m	OE6XRG 7010/0435/Feb 12e	UC2KBR 7005/0600/Feb 10e	9H1EL 7005/0635/often
GLAMT 7092/0140/Feb 5m	OE6MKG 7001/0435/Feb 12e	UK2GAC 7005/0620/Feb 8e	
GI3IVJ 7002/0825/Feb 11e	OH4RH 7017/0640/Feb 11e	VP2DD 7007/0330/Feb 12e	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii ka = okinawa ve = nova scotia)
(all times in gmt # = long path ??? Slim!! The last of the big time underground DXers!)

SOME SHORT NOTES F6BEH has advised W3UJ that FB8ZM is on daily at 14240kc calling 'CQ Stateside!'. Look for him at this frequency from 1500-1505Z..from 1600 to 1605Z....from 1700 to 1705Z and 1800-1805Z.

ARRL still saying no documentation for 9U5CA....and no counters. ZS2MI QSLs go to WA4SSU. He has the complete logs....at least back to December. K1RQ, Dana Cobb, is handling the QSLs for KZ5JM.

The Solomon Islands go independent this July 8th and the prefix will change from VR4 to H4. A35AK is listed in some older callbooks as held by Mike Hitchcock. But they are being kicked back with the notation that the station has not been operated since 1975. All of this puzzling as A35AK was at 14030kc at 0115Z on January 31st. Son of a Gun!

The Canadian DX Assn is meeting at 14173kc at 1900Z on Sundays. They are passing around DX information..naturally. VP8OX goes to LU2AFH. ZS6QU/4 was run down recently and asked about the /ZS3 QSLs. Says he has been on the go and over a thousand cards are backlogged. Some speculating that this time he threw the secretary out. KC6CV has been showing on ten meters...a bit high on the band and SSB. Located on Yap and showed after 2300Z. K8CFU notes that there is still lots of life on One-Sixty and notes VP2MT/EA8CR/YV4TI/GeSZA/ET8H/W0UO-6Y5/KG400 and ZR2AI on SSB after 0600Z. STORK with Hans as the operator has been showing for list operations...the list by K5DNJ/2 there in New Jersey. G3DG goes to W7VEF. And who knows the QSL route for PJ9KW. G5RV of antenna fame was signing CX5RV on ten c.w. a week back. 5Z118 was heard recently on 28123kc. Deep in the Connecticut wilderness!

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Less than a month now. Listen from March 19th!
More information...a possibility. More listening....
A week of action from March 1st...ZS3WBC.
VK2BJL says he is going in July
YV0AA about March 22nd
No confirmation but TI9CF possible about March 24th
P29JS looking hard at late Spring operation.
Don't give up. It will come when things straighten out
GU6CIA in ARRL CW TEST...March 18/19th
ZM7 action planned by 5W1AT and friends in mid-April.
Situation obscure.....maybe yes, maybe no.
VR3AH, Doug, going back for another 10K QSOs
This weekend....February 24/25th.
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ARRL The FCC has moved in Docket 21135, this to simplify the issuance of call-signs. The Amateur Radio Service Rules are being studied with revisions intended to....

Discontinue the issuance of secondary station and special event licenses.

Assign all radio call signs on a systematic basis...in the Amateur Service.

To tighten the eligibility requirements for Club and RACES licenses

A freeze has been put on the filing of applications for new Club, Military Recreation and Club licenses. The elimination of secondary and special-call licenses is intended to relieve some of the FCC workload. The FCC noted that a licensee could do no more nor less with a secondary license than with the primary one. The FCC also noted that the general public....average member, that is....could not possibly distinguish a special event call sign from a typical call sign nor understand the significance

The FCC says it hopes to announce soon a program to allow Advance Class licensees, and perhaps General and Technicians, to obtain non-specific 1x3 call signs. In the Pacific all the new licenses will have 'KH' as the prefix with a digit denoting the island or group of islands where the station is located. In the Caribbean it will be 'KP' and a digit. New Military recreation stations will have 'WM' as a prefix.

There are more but the above is the important changes. Comments on the proposals are due June 2nd, replies June 30th.

TNX to W1AM, W1AB, W1BB, W1GDQ, W1MV, W1NG, K1TZQ, W1VV, W2AG, WB2AIO, K2BT, W2NC, W2FP, WB2RLK/VE1, N3ED, W3UJ, W3US/15, W4BRB, W4BAA, W4LEDD, W4HU, W4KA, W4LCL, W4LRIS, W4UF, W4WX, W4XX, W4ZR, K5AQ, K5DB, W5IMJ, K5OVC, W5RG, W5XJ, W6BJS, W6DNM, K6EC, W6GVM, W6ID, K6JG, W6KCY, W6KPC, W6MI, W6ONZ, W6PT, W6TSQ, W6XH, K7ABV, W7LR, W7OBH, N7UT, K8CFU, W8JXM, W8FPWZ, W9DRL, W9KNI, W9OQU, W9SS, W9TKV, K0BJ, W0KDI, K0LST, W0QWX, W0SD, W0SF, KA6PS, ON4QX, W1RED/6Y5.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. As it must come to all DXers, we got a bit of skepticism last week. One of the Local QRPers was by and he had the question. "All these new areas coming along. The places like Transkei and Boputhatswana and Southern Sudan. And maybe Walvis Bay. What makes you even think that these places will ever be DXCC counters? If the ARRL says 'No', isn't that final?" We had to think this over for a bit for it was evident that this QRPer might be one of the Disadvantaged DXers. The feeling was that he had not had the benefit of a lifetime spent in bureaucratic circles and we approached his question carefully. "You will have to understand the criteria", we began cautiously, "and when you understand that, you will understand everything." The QRPer thought this over for a bit and it was obvious that he was not yet understanding. "Heck", he said, "I've read the DXCC criteria and it says right there that the Awards Committee will have the final decision. What could be plainer than that?" We knew right then that the QRPer was not understanding. "It is not the DXCC Criteria to which we referred," we were quick to state, "what we mean is the 'Bureaucratic Criteria'. For there you will learn that 'Yes' means 'Maybe', that 'No' means 'Perhaps' and a final decision is absolutely solid until tomorrow, or a new boy comes aboard. Certainly you understand all of this?" we asked and all we got was a shake of the head. Maybe there was lack of understanding but the QRPer finally managed a weak smile. "You know something," he said, "Once I was a happy DXer. But then came Okino-Torishima a couple of years back and nothing has been the same since. It seems that what should not be is, and what should be is not. Where did I go wrong?" Son of a Gun! What could we tell this QRPer but that he was going to have to learn the Eternal Enigmas himself. For what often appears wrong is right and what seems to be right is wrong. And once you have lifted the veil and understand these things, the Mysteries of the Ages and the DXCC Criteria will be clear. It may take a lot of study but for \$14.00 a year you can get a weekly infusion of DX confusion in the U.S. by second-class mail. \$18.00 flies the erratic path downward to the VE/US/XE areas by first-class mail. \$20.00 takes it down the long-path to the coming dawn to all the DX lands where there are not only difficulty in times in understanding the family jokes in the bulletin but the criteria as well. But a couple of years of study should make everything perfectly understandable.....maybe.

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