

West Coast DX Bulletin



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IRAQ The latest report is that the arrival of YU1NZV was slipped back a week and he was due in Baghdad last Saturday.

Also, it will be SSB only....at least in the preliminary stages. The operation will be monitored and sometimes that c.w. is a bit hard to follow..

YUs very firm in their belief that YI1BGD will be heard this month. And the operation will be there long enough to take care of the Deserving....and then there will be continued operations by the locals, there in downtown Baghdad.

Keep listening. It is coming..... Just don't ask when.....but soon it will be.

CLIPPERTON The FOXX-crew was due back in Southern California the first of this week and there should be a lot to tell.

The operation is reported as shutting down about 0800Z on Monday, March 27th. The total QSOs should run over 28K and many reporting having worked the operation on all bands....ten to eighty and both c.w. and SSB.

The towers were left on the island, bundled up and ready for the next outing. It seems that trying to get them out to the boat was figured to be just too much. It was also reported that the rubber boat used for ferrying from the big boat was capsized in the surf when hauling the operating gear out and just about everything was dumped into the salt water.....exciters, linears, tuners. Everything.

Many are voicing compliments on the operation. Some found the action a bit slow at time but most everyone seems to have worked the operation a number of times.

Some of the film should be available for the California International in mid-April and for the Dayton Hamvention. It should be interesting. All QSLs go to HB9MX.

ZL-FORTY METERS Last week it was noted that ZLs are being found a bit higher on forty meters than had been the situation in the past. They are up there permanently.

The expanded allocation for the ZLs was effective March 19th and they now can operate all the way from 7.0 to 7.3mHz. This information was passed along by ZL3GG to W4ZR just below 7.2mHz.

MALDIVES SM5MX, Rolf T Salme, currently at the Swedish Embassy in Tokyo, will be in the Maldives from April 17th to 30th and is looking to operate.

As of last week Rolf did not know what the call sign will be and probably will not until it is issued to him along the way. He plans to work fifteen to eighty and notes that ten meters is not allowed in that area. He will concentrate on c.w. and the low frequencies and you should look for him at....

CW	3505	7005	14005	21005kHz
SSB	3796	7055	14205	21205kHz

There may be some variations but this should give the general areas. He will be using an IC-710, the JA domestic version of the IC-701, and a vertical. SM3CXS will handle the QSLs. This is the same manager that does the work for SM0AGD.

SUNSPOT LOUIE There were a multitude of active areas on the day of this observation last week but none of them was of any large areas. In addition to the active areas which visible spots, Nos. 1036, 1039, 1044 and 1048 were visible but did not show any spots. These are called 'plages'.

Some previously active areas were expected to start showing just before the weekend. These were all in the northern hemisphere and were No.s 1024/1025/1026 and 1027. 1024 and 1028 were good sized areas the last time around and things might show an improvement in the coming weeks. During the WPX Test a week or so back conditions were good with many finding ten meters hard to believe.

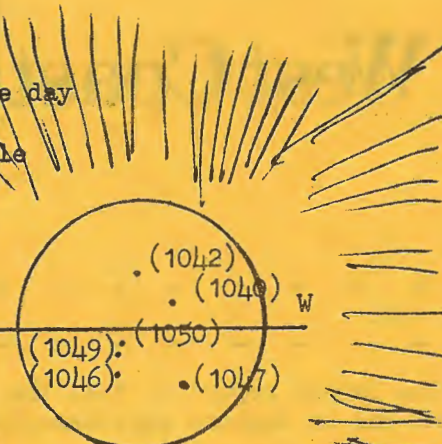
The 90-day solar flux index as of March 27th was 132.

Things are bound to get better. Every believer knows that. Tomorrow will always be a brighter day. And even on the south bank of the Potomac snow is almost a memory.

N4XX is hustling all around the back lots and Ted hardly had time to stop and get out the predictions of things to come. But he did and Ted looks for some of the good days in the weeks to come. Something for everyone....and they will be—

Apr 4th High Normal
5th High..but maybe periods
of Low Normal
6th High Normal—but
7th Above Normal
8th Above Normal
9th Above or High Normal
10th Above or High Normal
11th Above or High Normal

Apr 12th Low Normal
13th Low Normal
14th Low Normal
15th Low Normal



28 Mar 78
KH6BZF

No.	1040	3 spots
N15°	W17°	20 millionths
	1042	2 spots
N38°	W00°	10 millionths
	1046	1 spot
S25°	E18°	10 millionths
	1047	15 spots
S31°	W25°	110 millionths
	1049	2 spots
S24°	E09°	0 millionths
	1050	2 spots
S17°	E07°	10 millionths

Keep in mind that all things are relative, sometimes more so, and conditions can change. There will be good days and better days. And maybe even some unbelievable days. Wake us for those unbelievable days!!

Those keeping charts can get the big picture.....things are headed up and will keep that way. Chart the figures and get the graphic evidence. And all you have to do is to put what Ev says down and Ev says that at K6EC he heard the word from WWV as:

Solar Flux Ap Index			Solar Flux Ap Index		
Mar 20th	126	5	Mar 24th	118	4
21st	119	8	25th	119	4
22nd	118	7	26th	113	27
23rd	117	13			

All DXers are astute and some obviously so. The good conditions of Saturday in the WPX test can be checked against the flux and geomagnetic figure. The keeping of a chart will sharpen your memory and your DXing.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



Saturday Morning

LATE NEWS FROM THE IRAQI DESK.....

Saturday morning the YUs relayed the late news on YU1NZV travels and this was immediately relayed by Steve Orland, AA6AA.

Mata, YU1NZV, departed Belgrade Saturday morning and was due in Baghdad at 2100Z Saturday. He expected to possibly be on the air over the week-end and definitely during this week.

He will be using the ATLAS transceiver and running it barefoot. He will be trying ten through eighty.

On c.w. he will operate 30kc up from the lower band edge.

On SSB it will be....

3798kc 7095kc 14195kc-14230kc 21300kc 28600kc

There will be a quad used on ten/fifteen/twenty meters. A vertical on forty meters and a dipole on eighty.

QSLs go to the Radio Club there in Baghdad. The address was on the YI1BGD QSL printed in the March 28th bulletin.

Mata expects to be there until mid-May.....

Close to the weekend and Saturday morning some reports were being heard that the YI station was on. This appears to have been premature.....

But this week!!! Now that's another story.

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KERMEDEC QSLs Hold on! You will get one yet. ZL1BKL has been running into repeated problems in getting them printed but they were expected to be delivered from the printers last week.

Once they can get their hands on them, things should move right along and the QSLs will be in the mails in a matter of days. If all falls into place this time, you should be seeing Kermedec QSLs by the end of the month.

CAMPBELL ISLAND QSLs ZL4LR/A is currently active and he has been advising to QSL to ZL3FE, his home call. The catch is that he will be on Campbell Island for a six month tour and there are no vessels calling there....and no mail service.

Thus, until recently, it was going to be a long wait for a QSL. However, N4NK, Bill Barr, ex-K4KZP, of the SouthEast DX Club has arranged to have log information passed over the air and you can QSL for ZL4LR/As current operation to Bill at 305 Alpine Drive, Roswell, Georgia 30075. Sase required. If you have already QSLed to ZL3FE you now have a choice. You can wait until later this year when ZL3FE completes his tour on Campbell and returns home....or you can QSL speedily via N4NK.

CALLSIGNS A week back the FCC turned loose the new callsign make-up. You will no longer see the special event callsigns and secondary station licenses will also be phased out.

The FCC will divide callsigns into four areas. These will be:

Extra Class/Group A	1x2 2x1 2x2 (AA-AL-prefix) callsigns will be available to Extra Class only
Advanced Class/Group B	2x2 other than AA-AL prefix.
General/Techs-Group C	1x3 calls
Novices/Group D	2x3 calls

Calls for U.S Possessions will change....

Canton	KH1	Palmyra	KH5	KP1	Navassa
Guam	KH2	Hawaii	KH6	KP2	Virgin Is.
Johnston	KH3	Kure	KH7	KP3	Serrana Bk
Midway	KH4	Samoa	KH8	KP4	Puerto Rico
Kingman	KH5K	Wake	KH9		

On other spots such as KG4/Guatanamo and KX6/Marshalls are apparently not being changed, these reported as not under the jurisdiction of the FCC.

The changes are in effect immediately for the newly licensed amateur or one who upgrades. Apparently it also affects the present Extra and until sometime late this year those who have a 2x2 call can swap it for a 2x1. Other phases will come along in future months.

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SHORTLY NOTED The date for the shut-down on linears is April 28th. This will be the effective date for FCC's Docket 21116. Linear amplifiers for the amateur bands will have to have FCC's stamp of approval to be sold after that date. This will also be the end of linears sold commercially that operate on the 28MHz band.

There are still available amateur linears and the time is getting short for these. Several equipment outlets are pushing linears in April, one to clear out their stock before the new rules take effect, two to offer the ten meter capability while still possible.

Actually two dockets were involved...Docket 21116 banned the commercial manufacture of linears capable of operating in the 24 to 35MHz segment. Docket 21117 requires type acceptance of gear operating below 144MHz.

Petitions for reconsideration can be filed by April 19th. If you want a copy of the Report and Order, ARRL will send you a copy if you send them a sase with 24¢ postage affixed. Full details will be in the May QST.

FCC also moving to allow repeater operation in the 144.5MHz to 145.5MHz area and 220MHz up except for that segment from 220.0 to 220.5MHz. The new repeater frequencies will have an effective date to be announced later through FCC action. The FCC is also opening up 50MHz and up to Technicians.

You might also check the Canadian section in the April QST to note the feelings expressed to the suggestion from the Canadian Ministry to abolish phone and c.w sub-bands. This on Page 58 of the April QST.

We have a new sun-spotter this week, W6SP having headed to the Palos Verdes country where he will try the heat with his bass bongo back there in the barrancas. KH6BZF from sunny Kaneohe will be scanning the noon-day sun to bring you the spots.

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MORE SHORT NOTES OH2BC, who was on with OH2BH from the Madeira Islands during the WPX Test, lost all his gear in a rip-off a month or so back. They cleaned Kari even down to some gear dating back to the Thirties....an old Hammarlund crystal-controlled transmitter. The feeling is that if that rig gets on the air the signal can be recognized.

While on the Finnish Desk, Marty, OH2BH, will be working with Beaverton TETRONIX firm there in Oregon and is wondering if there are any Deserving DXers working there with Tetronix.

A bit late we note the latest in W1BBs One-Sixty DX Bulletins. Stew put this out a couple of weeks back. He notes that the One-Sixty conditions are not and have not been as good as hoped for but there still is DX to be found. Stew noted that Sardinia is not often available. ISØLYN last Fall worked K1PEW and W8LRL for the first 160/W contacts. Mario is on one-sixty only occasionally as an experimental station and especially during contests to improve the equipment and to repair transceivers and not for the normal QSOs. There are no skeds but listen for this one during Tests!

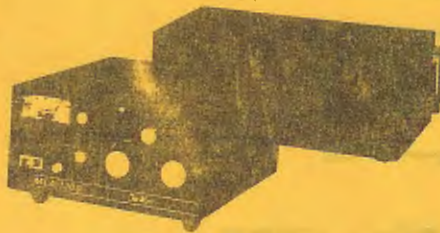
Stew will furnish you a copy of his One-Sixty bulletin if you send a sase with 13¢ postage. Stew and his XYL will be traveling on the QE II this Spring and Summer and the next one-sixty bulletin will be this fall.

Some weeks back we had a note that there were quiet hours there in Bangkok. We got some inquiry on this so we asked the Bangkok QRPer, HS1ALC, to give us some up-date. Ron says that there are no 'quiet hours' as such but everyone there tries to be most careful during the prime TV hours there. Any TVI is automatically blamed on the amateurs. Channel 3 is especially susceptible to problems.

HS1ALC still looking for North and South Dakota, Nebraska and New Mexico to finish up a WAS from Thailand. Often on, he does not run a lot of power and would like to have stations listen for him. A week or so back was at 14224kc from 1600Z.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED During the WPX Test some east coast stations was hearing on ten meters some station signing "YU/YI Testing". This one would not respond to any calls. It may have been Slim, it may have been someone testing. All the true-blue believers believe it might be the true-blue.

Ocean Island out in the Pacific is reported as going independent. QSLs for the ZS2MI operations are going out, these being handled by the SouthEast DX Club and WA4SSU. ZL4LR/A and VK2AGT.....Campbell and Lord Howe Islands..are expected on the Pacific DX on Mondays and Thursdays. Tuesdays and Fridays you might watch for them meeting with P29JS around 0500Z...or thereabouts. The Afrikaner Net expects some Reunion station to show as well as VP8PE.

It is reported that the documentation for VE3HRS/TZ6 has been worked out and that the cards should be okay for DXCC credits. If you are looking for some VP5 activity, you might check 14220kc about 0500Z when WB4RRK, W4ZR and some assorted 8P6/6Y5/VP5 types get together for some visiting. Sometimes a bit lower in frequency, you can listen for them. Incidentally, the local radio society in that area is the TACARS.....Turks and Caicos Amateur Radio Society.

There are some reports out of Europe that A7XAH may be heard during April. A week or so back we had a note and the scarcity of A7s was mentioned. If this does not square with that report one must keep in mind that DX is not an exact science and often a moveable feast. The reason we mention this is that A7XAH is in the diplomatic service and is, if we remember correctly, the Qatar Ambassador to Teheran. Anyhow, keep listening.....A7XAH is reported as going to come on with a handful of operators and work 10/15/20 in mid-April. If you hear this one, the QSLs will go to DJ9ZB

We have not noted any direct reports on K4YT efforts. He was due to be in Somalia the first part of April. There have been reports that there would be some 60=activity during this or next week, these being heard over the air. We believe these refer to K4YT but with the present situation there it could hardly be a sure thing.....



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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Oh, for the good ol' days of low flux
When any DX working was tough
Ten and fifteen seemed dead to the world
And the few QSOs were enough.

With the increase in numbers of spots
And world-wide DX jamming the bands,
A CBer with a quarter watt,
No doubt could work all far away lands.

In days gone by, DXers were known
By the 866 tan on one cheek
From DX in the eerie blue glow,
QRMed by some autodyne squeak.

The DX shack with walled QSLs
Was a sanctum to visit with awe.
All this was prior to solid state,
And apparently, prior to Ohm's Law.

W4QDP

TEN HOLDS ON!! BARELY--

CT2SH 28038/1800/Mar 18e	HZ1HZ 28051/1740/Mar 18e	VP8AI 28026/2320/Mar 18e	5T5CJ 28050/1730/Mar 18e
EI2EV 28031/1605/Mar 17e	ON4DT 28033/1710/Mar 25w	ZL1ADI 28030/2315/Mar 18e	
G5KJ 28690/1705/Mar 26e	TI9CI 28025/1910/Mar 23e	ZS5FC 28039/1610/Mar 17e	
G3LEJ 28012/1730/Mar 22e	VP1KS 28004/1420/Mar 21e	ZS5DEX 28031/1610/Mar 17e	
A2CSD 28551/1830/Mar 23e	OZ5ND 28658/1440/Mar 20e	TI9DX 28595/2030/Mar 22e	VR1AF 28697/0215/Mar 25w
CE7AE 28507/1625/Mar 21e	PJ2FR 28514/1700/Mar 20e	TU2FH 28501/1625/Mar 21e	ZE6JL 28564/1615/Mar 23e
FC2CH 28515/1705/Mar 20e	PY6FN 28509/1600/Mar 20e	UD6DI 28635/1450/Mar 19e	ZE1DF 28600/1705/Mar 23e
FP6LK 28534/1915/Mar 24m	SV1KB 28612/1630/Mar 21e	UK6DAA 28643/1315/Mar 20e	ZS3AG 28510/1635/Mar 21e
FR7BE 28502/1615/Mar 18e	TJ1BB 28545/1610/Mar 20e	VP2AZD 28549/1300/Mar 21e	5H3BP 28561/1650/Mar 22e
DJ1BP/HB 28555/1650 24e	TG9PB 28594/1600/Mar 20e	VP8PE 28660/2255/Mar 22w	5N2NAS 28510/1635/Mar 22e

AFRICA SSB

C9MET 21355/1840/Mar 27w	FR7BE 21355/1835/Mar 27w	ZS2ML 21320/1900/Mar 19w	9G1JV 21337/2230/Mar 20w
CT3AB 21245/1940/Mar 24m	FR7BJ 14202/1310/Mar 27e	3D6BP 21260/1855/Mar 23m	
DLCBS 21245/2320/Mar 22m	H5AA 14222/1530/Mar 27w	5N2AAB 21309/1855/Mar 23m	
FB8ZM 14228/1330/Mar 27e	ZELJS 21355/1805/Mar 20w	5Z4NH 21354/1920/Mar 22w	

AFRICA CW

EA9EO 14002/2215/Mar 26e	SU1IM 14019/0445/Mar 11e
EL2BJ 14004/2110/Mar 22w	ZS6WW 21020/1835/Mar 23e
J28AG 14005/0150/Mar 23m	5Z4CW 21009/1915/Mar 24e
J28AY 21011/2150/Mar 23w	9J2BO 21009/1915/Mar 24e

ASIA CW

AP2TN 14029/1500/Mar 25w	UI8FAI 14004/0225/Mar 20m	UJ8JCJ 14020/0340/Mar 27w	9K2EZ 21003/1435/Mar 19e
EP2VW 14031/0440/Mar 21w	UI8OAG 14003/0250/Mar 20m	UJ8BQ 14031/1630/Mar 26w	9M2LN 14037/1730/Mar 26w
EP2TY 21035/1610/Mar 21w	UI8IZ 14027/0210/Mar 21m	VU2BK 21025/1420/Mar 20e	
UA6FCA 14028/1455/Mar 22w	UI8AI 14002/0305/Mar 27w	VU2KZ 14030/1540/Mar 25w	
UD6CD 14073/0315/Mar 25w	UI8ACB 14031/0315/Mar 22m	VU2GE 14047/1430/Mar 25w	
UF60AA 14029/0425/Mar 21e	UJ8AC 14024/1620/Mar 25w	VS6GW 14003/1640/Mar 23w	
UF6FDI 14058/0330/Mar 26w	UK7LAA 14039/0335/Mar 27w	VS6CK 14011/0255/Mar 22w	
UH8HBR 14042/0420/Mar 25m	UK90AA 14029/0330/Mar 27w	ZC4IO 21003/1710/Mar 19e	
UH8HCE 14018/0410/Mar 20w	UL7JG 21008/1500/Mar 23e	4Z4UH 14006/2220/Mar 23w	
UH8HAI 14024/0320/Mar 20w	UM8NAJ 14020/0110/Mar 25m	5B4PW 14011/0255/Mar 22w	

ASIA SSB

EP2MS 14209/1515/Mar 24w#	UA9LAQ 14201/0230/Mar 23m	UJ8SAJ 14210/0235/Mar 23m	VU2DK 14212/1520/Mar 26w#
HS1ALC 14224/1610/Mar 24m	UA9CBO 14202/0230/Mar 23m	UK7LUZ 14209/0400/Mar 24m	VU2KT 14206/0300/Mar 22m
HS1WR 14206/1540/Mar 22m	UA9AAB 14234/0310/Mar 24m	UK9YAZ 14212/0310/Mar 24m	4S7EA 14210/0005/Mar 27e
HZ1AB 21277/1300/Mar 24e	UF6FE 14212/0430/Mar 24m	UK9SAJ 14231/1310/Mar 23e	4S7AE 14215/0000/Mar 22e
JY3ZH 14201/1245/Mar 22e	UF6VAG 14204/0355/Mar 24m	VS6HG 14219/1150/Mar 22m	9K2EX 14232/1535/Mar 26w#
JY9EC 14250/1400/Mar 23e	UH8HAI 14221/0425/Mar 23m	VU2DK 21245/1655/Mar 21e	9N1MM 14218/0210/Mar 23m

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

For in my mind, of all mankind
I love DX alone.....

EUROPE CW

DT3EE 21019/1920/Mar 24w	GD5BLG 14032/1620/Mar 23w	OK2NN 21008/1505/Mar 23e	UA2AG 14039/1300/Mar 26e
EA2OP 21017/1625/Mar 23e	GD5BLG 21030/1755/Mar 23w	OZ1DYU 21015/1640/Mar 23e	UALFAR 14021/1640/Mar 26w
EA6EO 21015/1720/Mar 25w	GD5CGV 14027/2345/Mar 21w	SP7ASZ 21008/1520/Mar 23e	UA6DU 14057/0420/Mar 25w
EA6FD 14031/2320/Mar 24w	HA3MA 21025/1650/Mar 26m	SJ9WL 14027/1505/Mar 23w#	UK6GAD 14023/1415/Mar 23m
EA6DD 14006/0000/Mar 25w	HA7MC 21021/1615/Mar 23e	SV0WD 14008/2105/Mar 25w	UO5OEW 14064/0525/Mar 24e
EA6EO 21022/1600/Mar 25w	IV3FIG 14031/1850/Mar 20m	SV1CW 14005/0015/Mar 25w	UO5AP 14011/0500/Mar 21e
ET9Q 21017/1755/Mar 22w	IS0FFH 14015/2230/Mar 26e	TF3US 14003/0330/Mar 21w	UP2BAS 21019/1700/Mar 23e
ET9J 14027/2345/Mar 21w	JW9UV 14033/0145/Mar 15m	OY1R 21018/1745/Mar 25w	UQ2AU 14003/0515/Mar 24e
FC9VN 14021/2300/Mar 26w	OK1XN 21008/1510/Mar 23e	OY2O 14015/1520/Mar 24w	YM1ZB 14003/2350/Mar 24w
GD5CGU 14030/2005/Mar 24e	OK2RZ 21008/1710/Mar 23e	OY3HP 14031/2200/Mar 16m	9H1CH 21026/1755/Mar 22w

EUROPE SSB

CT1QA 14202/0250/Mar 23m	GM8SV 21358/1905/Mar 21w	SP8IMA 21354/1750/Mar 22m	UK3LAC 14223/1135/Mar 22e
CT2BB 21355/1950/Mar 20w	HB9XR 14242/1535/Mar 24w#	TF3JB 14202/0220/Mar 23m	UK6JBK 14228/1530/Mar 24w
ET7CC 21355/1855/Mar 22w	I0VUG 14234/1540/Mar 24w#	UA6RD 14208/0440/Mar 24w	9H1FN 21337/1515/Mar 23m
FC9UC 14202/1520/Mar 25w#	IN3FST 21267/1655/Mar 22w	UK6JEK 14267/0440/Mar 24w	
GD5CGV 14222/1140/Mar 22e	OH1PT 14275/0605/Mar 22w	UK5MAF 21305/1740/Mar 22m	

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CO5LA 14024/1525/Mar 26w	HK0BKX 21010/1335/Mar 23e	VO1EP 14031/2325/Mar 23w	YC0NM 21086/1320/Mar 21e
CO5DM 14028/0245/Mar 24m	KG400 14004/0235/Mar 19m	VP1KS 21022/1825/Mar 23e	4K1GM 14033/0355/Mar 20w
CP5EE 14025/0215/Mar 21m	KG6AJ 21015/2115/Mar 21e	VP1KS 14032/2010/Mar 24e	8J1RL 14050/1435/Mar 20w
K0AX/DU2 14019/1245 21m	KG6JKS 21137/0315/Mar 22m	VP2BAO 21008/1450/Mar 23e	
H18MOG 21015/2215/Mar 23w	TI9CI 21032/1820/Mar 23w	VP2VL 21005/1310/Mar 25e	

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

K0AX/DU2 14212/1315 22e	KG6JBK 14271/1415/Mar 24m	PJ8UQ 14205/0635/Mar 23w	YB0ADI 14204/1315/Mar 22e
FM7BYP 14214/2100/Mar 23m	KM6BI 14247/0610/Mar 22m	VB3KRR 14223/0525/Mar 26w	ZP5AO 14210/0210/Mar 20m
FM0AMF 14237/0210/Mar 24m	KV4AA 14219/2140/Mar 22e	VP2KT 21251/2240/Mar 21m	4U1UN 21332/1805/Mar 22w
J3AH 14208/0255/Mar 22m	PJ8AA 21355/1810/Mar 20w	VP2LCC 21301/1500/Mar 24w	WB6MLD/8R3 14277/0815 22m
KC4AAE 14277/0550/Mar 22m	P29JS 14209/1315/Mar 27e	VR6TC 21351/0020/Mar 22m	9Y4VV 14210/1130/Mar 22e

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CO2GS 7083/0515/Mar 22m	GD5BLG 7010/0655/Mar 22m	LZ2JF 7006/0315/Mar 22m	VK7AZ 7085/1000/Mar 23e
CO2JA 7085/0515/Mar 23m	GI3IVJ 7001/0730/Mar 25w	OE8FEK 7076/0200/Mar 19e	VP8AI 7007/0235/Mar 27w
CT1AK 7085/0645/Mar 22m	GI3NPP 7085/0640/Mar 22m	OK1ALW 7025/2310/Mar 19e	XE1JJA 7086/0940/Mar 23e
EA86FO 7025/0745/Mar 21m	HC2NFW 7076/0200/Mar 19e	PJ2CJ 7005/0315/Mar 22m	ZD7BW 7034/0515/Mar 18e
EA8FJ 7009/0650/Mar 22m	HH2CL 7085/1010/Mar 23e	WB6YBR/TF 7005/0800 26m	ZL3UU 7208/1135/Mar 20e
EP2TY 7007/0305/Mar 22m	JD1ABZ 7014/1225/Mar 10m	TI9CI 7006/0305/Mar 20m	ZL3DR 7199/1140/Mar 20e
FP8DX 7085/1010/Mar 23e	LA5MT 7004/0330/Mar 20m	UA2FEG 7040/2300/Mar 18e	ZL3GG 7195/0715/Mar 22e
FY7BC 7087/0945/Mar 21e	LU8DQ 7006/0440/Mar 10w	UJ0EW 7005/0110/Mar 20m	4XLBT 7006/0355/Mar 22m
CZ3GTD 3738/1015/Mar 21e	LZ2JF 3506/0200/Mar 20m	VR4DN 3805/1000/Mar 24w	8P6HX 3799/0200/Mar 22m
EP2TY 3799/0045/Mar 22e	PY0FN 3799/0350/Mar 16e	ZF1MA 3799/0220/Mar 29m	9Y4SF 3799/0200/Mar 27m
KM6BI 3807/1050/Mar 19e	TG9AL 3780/0655/Mar 15w	4XL4YM 3797/0410/Mar 17e	
WALCGM/KV4 3820/2315 14ve	VK6AS 3685/1200/Mar 21w	5Z4RG 3798/0355/Mar 17e	FO0XA 1805/0410/Mar 22e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii ve = nova scotia }
(all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Slim.....last week signing 9Z4 in Burma }

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IRAQ	Don't give up. YUs say it's coming...soon
AVES	May show on short notice. No late word...
COCOS KEELING	VK9YS for two weeks from May 31st.
MELLISH	VKs looking at an August possibility
NIUE	ZK2TT may show in mid-month
MALDIVES	SM5MX there in mid-April for two weeks
SWISS H22 TEST	April 8/9th
COMMON MARKET TEST	April 15/16th
POLISH PHONE TEST	April 15/16th
BERMUDA TEST	April 22/23rd. K3HD for 24¢ sase will send info.
CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL	April 15/16th.....downtown Visalia
SEANET CONVENTION	November 10/12th.....downtown Singapore. 9V10D the leader....

A FEW FINAL NOTES This year we go to Visalia. Last year we passed it up to stay home and work on the bulletin. This year we go. The bulletin for April 18th may be mailed early.....or it may be mailed a couple of days late if we do not get it into the mails on Friday. Either way, you will know that we had to answer the call of the wild this year.

DA1BT is ex-WA1HAA and now K1SE. Presently in Germany, Bill in the other years handled QSLs for SY1MA and VQ9HCS among others. The current address is Bill DeLage, DA1BT, USA Sec. Eval. Group, APO New York 09108.

That H5AA showing on twenty SSB is ex-ZS4JO. Apparently he previously had not too much exposure to DXing but he is getting a crash course. QSLs go to Private Bag 2001, Montshiwa, Bophuthatswana. He has been showing on twenty from just after 1500Z and worked in the western reaches.

UJ8SAJ, often around 14217kc after 0200Z is looking for Wyoming to fill out his WAS. There are always DX stations looking for the Elusive W/Ks...we keep saying that because we run into some skepticism at times. JA2KLT, JH3DPB and possibly some more JAs are headed for Visalia.....all the loose-footed DXers will be headed that way in mid-April.

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A BIT MORE CLIPPERTON INFORMATION As we were heading down the final bit of space on the bulletin, we got some late word from W6RTN on the Clipperton trip.

The departure from the vicinity of the island was at 2200Z on March 27th. Everyone was tired but happy to be off the island. All swearing they will forsake any future DXpeditions.....which is not the first time such thoughts have been expressed. But wait until the next time!

Four antennas, towers were left along with coils of co-ax and batteries. Though the gear was well bathed in salt water, it is felt that most if not all of it can be salvaged.

The vessel stopped at Cabo San Lucas at the tip of Baja California on the return trip. HB9AHL/HB9AEE plus one other left the vessel here, flying to Mexico City and home to Europe. The M/S PHILLIPA was due to arrive in San Diego this Monday and there were plans to welcome the crew back.

Herb Johnson, W6QKI, also left the PHILLIPA at Cabo San Lucas, he having to fly home to participate in some sailing yacht races this last weekend. The Phillipa stopped at Cabo San Lucas to have the radar checked and to add a bit of fuel, they stopping last Thursday there for one day.

3B7/3B9 Alex, 3B8DA, says that he is still looking at these later this year and may be there as early as June or July, the actual date not definite as yet. Alex needs to acquire some equipment he has been waiting for but he says that it is fairly certain that he will go.

Alex has been having problems with his SWAN transceiver. On Rodriguez and St Brandon he says he has 240v. power for about five hours and the rest of the time it will have to be 12v d.c. power.

TNX to W1MV, W2AG, K2BT, W2FP, W2HAZ, K2OF, WB2RLK/VE1, W1WY, W3CDL, W4BAAM W4BRB, W4HU, W4KA, N4NW, W4QDP, W4UF, N4WX, W4ZR, K5DB, K5OVC, WA5VWP, K5GZ, K5WS, WA6BJS, WA6DNM, K6EC, N6HR, K6HTM, K6JB, W6JD, K6JG, K6LAE, K6MOO, W6MUS, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, K6UFT, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, W7LR, WA7OBH, W7TE, N7UT, W7YEM, K8IA, K8IP, W8JXM, W8OK, K8PYD, K8RD, W8UVZ, W9DH, W9DRL, K9RA, W9SS, K9UIY, N9RF, K9BJ, K9LST, KA6PS, HP1JC, DA1BT, SM5MX.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Though we have had fifty inches of rain so far this season, it is still good to see a rainbow and last week we were watching one over the ridges to the east when a QRPer came slopping up the hill. This one was not bouncing with that esoteric joy known best to DXers and QRPers. "I've been visiting over in the valley," the QRPer said, "and they are a funny bunch over there." We were beginning to suspect that there was something here and we were a waiting audience. "It's the way they look at things," the QRPer continued, "they certainly show the weight of their years." We were beginning to get the drift of things and though it is often hard for a young DXer to understand, there are those things that one understands more fully as they mature, and especially these are known to those in the prime of life at sixty-eight. "Between TV and what they will have for their next meal....and what their assorted ailments are," the QRPer went on, "they have no time to enjoy the days of these good years." Obviously the QRPer was working up to something and he finally blurted it out. "They are so busy practicing dying that they have no time for living," he said and we were in full understanding. For DXers do learn to value the good days and to enjoy them. And a rainbow in the east, the full moon sliding up over the far ridges and the evening star bright in the western sky are still things of beauty and joy. And a new and rare DX country is always welcomed, for, as most old DXers will tell you, DX is a joy and one of the many joyful things we can know. Enjoy the good days of DXing, they are with you now and you cannot make up tomorrow for the DX living you missed today. And \$14.00 will bring a full year of down-hill DX news by second-class mail in the U.S. \$18.00 raps it down the far trail to the VE/US/XE areas by first-class mail. \$20.00 flies it far down the far skies to all the DX lands where everyone waits for a call from the elusive W/Ks. Send joy into the spectrum today.....call 'CQ DX'.

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