

# WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



May 15, 1978

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SABLE ISLAND There are plans to active this one sometime in July and W1BLF, John Bartlett, is reported to be in the middle of the plans.

There will be more coming on this one.....with St Paul Island due later this week, both of the rarer DX islands in VE should be available to the Deserving.

COCOS-KEELING J B Smith, P29JS, reports that the plans are solid for the coming Cocos-Keeling operation and they expect to be in full swing in racking up QSOs by May 31st.

QSLs for this operation go.....U.S. and U.S. possessions go to K4UTE. Europe and elsewhere go to F6CYL, Ann Koloboff, who will also be operating as VK9YL on the effort.

Some help may be needed. K4UTE was making inquiries recently about some needed transportation about May 25th to Perth, Australia. Anyone in a position to help might call (904) 781 2400. The initial planning by P29JS was pledged \$1000.00 by the Northern California DX Foundation.

Gear includes two TS-820s with linears and all the needed accessories. P29JS says that definitely there will be fast and continuous action once they get things lined out and the operation going. Look for the operation two weeks from this Wednesday.

ST PETER AND PAUL ROCKS There are plans by Rolf Rasp, PY1RO, for a St Peter and Paul Rocks DXpedition sometime later in this year. PY1RO often found DXing on One-Sixty, will be on the rocks to work all bands.

More information will be coming on this one. This is another effort in which the Northern California DX Foundation has pledged support.

DESECHEO There has not been any information coming out on this one but there are a lot of portents that are read by the initiates into the Mysteries of the Ages.

Apparently everything is set and will be triggered by assurance of country status for DXCC credit. One of the local Tarot Card players was asked about the coming week and this one casually pointed out that all the signs were right. "Heck, it is even the time of the full moon," he noted, "the full moon due at 6:17p.m. PDT on May 22nd. And you know how DXers go ape at the time of the full-moon. Wait until they hear that Desecheo!"

Listen next week. And if you hear KP4AM, work it! It may be Dave in downtown Levittown. But it more probably will be Desecheo!

Then again, maybe it won't come. But all the local ape DXers will be listening! Even the one known sometimes as King Kong!

NIUE Baruch Sheinberg opened up on schedule with ZK2TT and, considering the fluctuating bands, has been worked by a large number of those needing Niue.

The signal was often strong into the Western Reaches. However, it was not uncommon for Baruch to stand by for the W1/W2/W3/W4s and get no response.

ZK2TT will be there until this Friday. Many have sought the QSL route....it goes to: Baruch Sheinberg, 4Z4TT, POB 22572, Tel-Aviv, Israel. He has asked that IRCs not be sent because of the problem of handling and disposing of them but rather that \$1.00 (U.S) be enclosed and he will return your QSL direct.

ZK2AV is also reported as active from Niue, this being Steve who will be there until June 1st. This one has been found frequently on c.w., often around 14039kc from 0500Z. He was also found at 7026kc at 0630Z by W5RBO. He says that he is active on ten through eighty c.w. and QSLs to DF2RG.

TUVALU The Virginia Century Club has set up a schedule for this coming weekend with VR80 to try to wipe out some of the demand for this one.

The schedule will be at 0930Z at 14284kc on Sunday, May 21st. If this one runs into poor conditions, May 22nd will be the alternate date. If the whole thing falls through, the following week the same effort will be set for Sunday and Monday again.

This is a local club effort and there will be coordination on two meters. Should you be on frequency a bit of patience may be needed while things are sorted out. Remember that much of the action is prearranged and late comers will be taken care of if possible.

That's awful early in the morning even for the Deserving.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Conditions have not been exceptional these last weeks and the solar activity appears to have settled in for a long stay.

On the solar flux figures, the figure for the flux on April 30th has been set at 210 at the Ottawa observation point, Boulder had it at 197 on that date. The flux has slipped downhill since then, it being in the 140s last week and the geomagnetic figures were going up. Ap figures got up into the sixties early in May and were still in the 35/40 range the date of this observation and chart.

There have been flares. One on May 8th appeared to be Region 1095 but there was some suspicion that it actually was Region 1092 which had loops extending out from its area. Geomagnetic activity was expected to stay at high levels and more flares were expected for this week. A storm was expected to develop in the middle of last week and the effects to continue into this week. Flares were expected from this Tuesday, May 16th, to Friday May 19th. Then possibly more on the 20th.

What can you do about it? Actually little at all. But there is a report that some study is being given the problem and that a high level announcement may come soon. We mentioned this to W6TSQ who was hardly receptive to any ideas in this area. "When will you learn that the solution to any problem is to levy a tax," Sam asked and we wondered how they were going to work this one out. Some have hinted that they will tax you by your suntan. This is getting hard to believe.

But N4XX is a believer. Ted says that the days ahead are going to be even better. Of course there will be some days better than others, some days worse than others and some days that will be absolutely impossible. But those with the flame of faith burning bright will learn some of the Eternal Mysteries of DXing. And that is that no matter what you are exulting over or suffering with right now, there will be more of the same. And Ted says that the Good Days are always with us, some gooder than others, and you can expect----

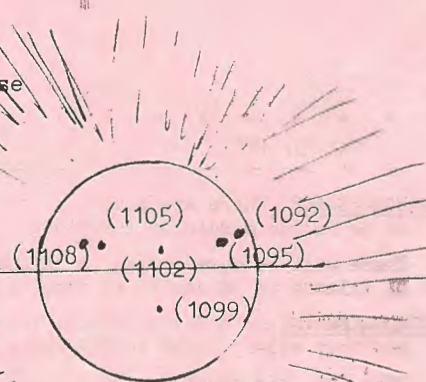
May 16th	Below Normal
17th	High/Low Normal
18th	High Normal
19th	High Normal
20th	Low Normal
21st	Below Normal
22nd	Low Normal

May 23rd	Low Normal
24th	Low Normal
25th	High/Low/--flares
26th	High/Low/--SWFs--flares
27th	Below Normal

And K6EC, who monitors the Boulder reports, comes up with the figures for the chartmakers. Ev would have you note those geomagnetic figures. And they were...

	Solar Flux	Ap Index
May 1st	179	50
2nd	180	55
3rd	179	33
4th	175	50

	Solar Flux	Ap Index
May 5th	172	8
6th	170	3
7th	165	2



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**CHAGOS** Down in the Oklahoma Panhandle, where it is still winter on the high plains, K5GZ and K5IH, keep a weekly schedule with WA6OXZ/VQ9. This is on Fridays at 21260kc from 1830Z. Sometimes the schedule slides a bit up or down as necessary....kcs, that is.

Dale, WA6OXZ/VQ9, will be leaving the island group in June. On the Friday schedule, Dale usually hangs around because he does not have to turn out for any duty on Saturday and will work those needing VQ9 the night long.

He will be returning stateside from Diego Garcia at the end of June. K5GZ is ex-K5HWO who handles the QSLs for this one. K5IH is Ilene, the XYL. Listen for them on this schedule.

**SHORTLY NOTED** The RSGB 'Radio Communications' notes that the ITU has issued the prefix block, J4A-J4Z to Greece and J5A to J5Z to Guinea-Bissau. The latter issuance undoubtedly will help with the crush of amateurs coming on the air there.

Also caught in the RSGB magazine is the restating of their position on CB. They are not opposed to CB but are opposed to it showing up on 27MHz. They say: "....The 27Mhz band as used in the USA and some European countries is probably one of the most unsuitable frequency bands that could be envisaged....". RSGB notes the problem with TVI, skip and the proximity to the ten meter band and the opportunity for CBers to use high-power amateur gear in illegal operations. They also are opposed to giving up any amateur frequencies for any CB type activity.

Foreign publications are often interesting for the different perspectives they give to amateur radio. The RSGB frequently has some excellent technical articles by Pat Hawker, G3VA. They also welcome overseas subscribers.

In Australia the amateur market has a new magazine being aimed at it and Ken Jewell, VK3AKK, will be doing the DX sector. The magazine is "Amateur Radio Action" and should be out soon if not already. VK3AKK would also be happy to see VK and ZL DX information headed his way.

K2BT says it may be hard to believe but those seek QSLs for VR3AH's efforts of a year or so back are getting one-day service. In and out immediately. Forrest also says that there are very few blank areas in the logs, only in a few instances where the contest activity may have come faster than Doug could write. VR3AH will be back on Christmas Island again next month and this time the QSL route will go via WBLPRU, Greg.

Remember the first Novice to work DXCC? That was KN4RID.....Bill Tippet. And what happens to those who work everything so quickly.....he is now W0ZV in Loveland, Colorado and still looking for DX. He also previously held W0RKO/

Bill passes along the word that OH2BAD says that the recent OJ0EW was probably Market Reef Slim. However, all is not lost and an OH-group are firming up plans to put OJ0 on the air later this summer.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED Last week we had been capering around the shack, happily congratulating ourselves that we had managed to go a full year with no change in the WCDXB rates. This week comes the word that the Postal Service intends to kick the postage up to 15¢. It is not a sure thing...but almost.

This will affect the 1st class subscription rate...definitely. Ten years back we started out at 5¢ postage. This proposed rate increase will mean a 300% increase since then.

Within the U.S. second-class is by far the biggest portion of the weekly mailing but on a few occasions the local Post Office has lost it, especially on the holidays around the first of last year. Once we thought it would be the whole U.S. mailing and 1st Cl. did get down to 495 for one week, it is now back up to about 685 copies going that way....second class has 1250 or so and the overseas copies are just under 500.

What does all of this mean? If the postage rates go up for 1st class, so does the subscription. Second-class increases, even though the newspapers howl, have not been near as much and actually the last increase for second-class was absorbed. We still think second-class is a good bargain....if only we can keep the local Post Office on track. Recently we have been successful. Almost like the good old days!!

Leslie Murphy, K4DY, is looking for the first 14 issues of the WCDXB. He has a complete file except for these. Our recollection is that the first handful of issues ran between thirty five and fifty copies printed. We were thinking big in those days. Anyhow, if you are holding those issues and would like to part with them, K4DY would like to hear from you.

Carl Henson, WB4ZNH and ex-C5ABC, says it is not necessary to send second requests for C5AAF and C5ABC. He and the XYL are working on the cards. As a side note he also has a friendly DXer nearby who complained to the FCC that he was running 2.5kw. Interesting seeing that the equipment is not capable of anything near that power. The complainant reproduced the letter to help other neighbors with TVI complaints... or help them think up some. And you think you have troubles!

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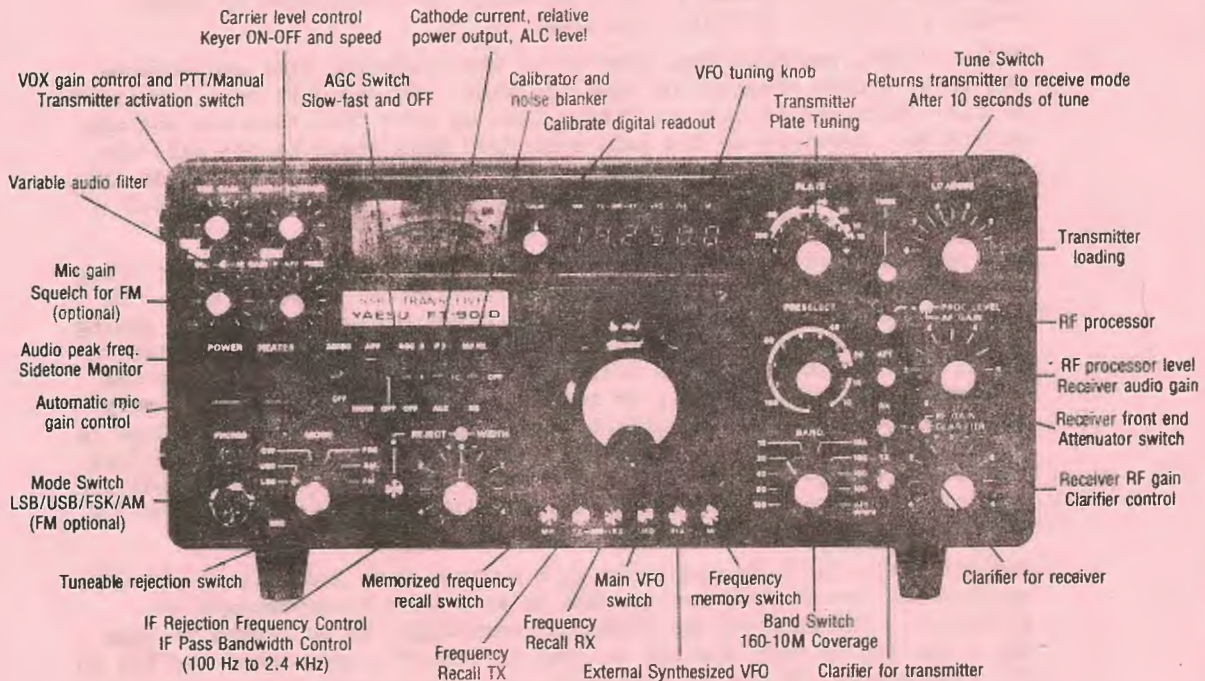
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YI1BDG/IRAQ The pace on the YI1BDG operation has slowed, even the multitude of lists are not being compiled. The station definitely appears here to stay and many DXers are being philosophical about things, figuring that one of these days they will get through.

Martii Laine, OH2BH, who has been in the thick of the operation writes:

....Just spoke to Mata, YU1NZV, over the telephone and found him safely back home.

The situation in Baghdad was far more complicate than we suspected and we should take off our hats to him on the work well done. The license was to the local station and meant to be operated by local people situated in a public building.

Mata, YU1NZV, was more than limited on his operating time and someone had to be around whenever he took the mike. He was only once permitted to stay overnight in the building....and he felt that that was not any good move. However, he did make some 3000 QSOs which is not bad, the conditions to the U.S. were down most of the time and only towards the end could he work the U.S. On that night mentioned, almost 200 U.S. stations were worked, almost all of them W4s and W5s.

Mata was paid off by the Ministry of Youth and was working on lecturing at the course organized to get amateur radio established in Iraq. He also met all key persons at the PTT and other ministries and was giving them needed information. There now are some six amateurs permitted to use YI1BGD and the situation will improve. No material, no money and **no operating assistance will be required at this point in time---only** patience and understanding will be required among the Deserving Ones to understand that to get amateur radio approved once and forever in Iraq will be surely better for all of us than a one-shot, 30K QSO expedition type of operation. Furthermore, the situation will also allow the 30K QSOs but not as the first thing.

Amateur Radio in these countries will be more than just giving out 5/9s on fourteen two-hundred and up, and we will have to appreciate the situation. The back of the JY8BH QSL card might be published because the situation is very similar in Iraq and the YUs approached the YIs on the same basis. Mata also mentioned that the present situation, operators and operating approval, is fairly close to the military and those involved are moving softly.

Mata, YU1NZV, will QSL all his contacts and will be the QSL source for future operations by the local people there in Baghdad. He is getting the YI1BGD logs every second week.

More equipment with more power and split-frequency capability is on its way to Baghdad and we will keep the DXers informed. Out of the 400 U.S. contacts, very few were to W6....only W6RJ and K6YRA made solid ones while I was around....

Best regards,  
Marty, OH2BH

This is the reverse of the JY8BH QSL card that Mary asked be printed for some background information....

The Royal Jordanian Radio Amateur Society has been established in January 1971 by H. M. King Hussein, JY1.

The society will license and control Radio Amateur Operations in Jordan to achieve the following purposes:

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2. To encourage an interest in the techniques and operations of radio so as to provide a body of technicians, engineers and experienced operators who will be an asset in Jordan.
3. To help to provide a body of people experienced in current techniques of radio communications who will be able to provide public service, particularly in time of any national emergency.

Jordan is a splendid example of a work well done. We all have to do our utmost among the nations for their better future and understanding and at the same time protect the greatest hobby in the world -- amateur radio.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Man goeth forth unto his work,  
And to his DX until the evening.....

TEN METERS.....It has not lived up to the promises of its youth

CE3ZW 28015/1655/May 1w C31PH 28603/1335/May 6e  
FM7WQ 28543/1630/May 6e  
VP2SQ 28612/1630/May 6e  
ZK2TT 28595/2120/May 7m

AFRICA CW

EA8LK 14032/0155/May 1w FR7BW 14028/1220/May 6m ZD8TM 14032/2120/May 1e ZS6WW 14024/1250/May 4w#  
EL2T 14050/2130/May 1e J28AG 14007/2130/May 1e ZELJS 14037/1335/May 1w  
FR7BN 14030/1100/May 6m ZSLMG/H5 21015/1800 5e ZS2CW 14010/1525/May 4w  
FR7BE 14043/1210/May 1e WA7JRL/SU 21034/1810 6m ZS5KI 14023/1520/May 4w

AFRICA SSB

A2GBW 14246/1315/May 7m# H5AA 14209/1400/May 7w# ZS3WK 14220/1355/May 7w# 5Z4RG 21350/1735/May 6m  
CN8AK 21355/1915/May 7m J28AZ 14231/0355/May 6m ZS3JJ 14207/1455/May 7w# 5H3KS 14220/1400/May 6m  
EL2DN 21264/1810/May 5e S79DF 21302/2015/May 6m ZS3TP 14207/1510/May 7w# 5H3FW 21345/2115/May 7m  
EL2BS 14222/2330/May 6m TJ2P 14219/2210/May 3e ZS2SA 14229/1450/May 6m 7X2DG 21322/1840/May 7m  
FB8ZM 14224/1230/May 6e WA6OXZ/VQ9 21265/1845/ 5m ZS6ADS 14200/1445/May 6w# 9G1MK 14219/2130/May 3m  
FR7BE 14201/1250/May 2e# WD9FCG/VQ9 21355/1740 8m 3D6BL 14220/1350/May 7w#

ASIA CW

ALXHI 14040/2115/May 4e UH8DC 14003/0220/May 8m UL7IH 21045/0325/May 8m OE5CA/YK 14024/0355 8e  
A9XBC 21025/1915/May 7e UH8BU 14019/0235/May 6m UL7EAJ 21037/0335/May 8m ZC4IO 21024/1945/May 5e  
EP2LA 14042/0450/May 7e UJ8BQ 14005/0050/May 3e VU2EK 14050/0100/May 3e SM6EIG/LU 21030/1550 6m  
UG6EA 14003/0215/May 8m UJ8JCA 14023/1250/May 6e VU2TH 14014/0050/May 3e LX4MI 21026/2020/May 5e

ASIA SSB

A9XBD 21273/1720/May 6m HL9TJ 14225/1200/May 6e VU2KT 21299/0345/May 6m 9M2AT 14203/1455/May 6w  
AF2AU 14210/0245/May 5m JY9CH 14241/2150/May 5e VU2JNA 14220/1345/May 6m 9M2LN 14225/1630/May 7m  
BV2B 14225/0750/May 6m JY9DI 14252/0355/May 6m VU2CK 14216/0240/May 5m 9M2CR 14245/1345/May 7m  
EP2LI 14225/1305/May 3e# JY9DM 14252/0310/May 7m OE5CA/YK 21355/2000 7m 9V1SR 14218/1500/May 7w  
EP2FN 14204/1325/May 3e# UL7PBI 21364/0340/May 6m LX4BH 14214/1405/May 6m

EUROPE CW

DM3FF 14003/0245/May 8m HA5KKG 14027/0350/May 7w OJ0BW 14025/0200/May 7m?? UK4FAA 14032/1455/May 3w  
EA7VK 14004/0600/May 8m LX2FT 14040/0030/May 6m OK1IAR 14003/0315/May 8m UN1CB 14024/0625/May 6m  
EA2OP 14013/0655/May 7w LZ2DR 14004/0550/May 8m OK3YCA 14003/0400/May 8m UO5DAW 14003/0410/May 8m  
GC2GNC 21028/2005/May 7e LZ2RM 21037/1350/May 6w OZ1EE 14010/0150/May 6w UP2MB 14006/0325/May 8e  
GJ3CHS 14023/0145/May 6w LZ2KBA 14011/0220/May 6w OZ1BJW 14066/0635/May 7w UO5PK 14024/0240/May 6m  
GJ5CHU 14043/0250/May 6m LZ2KAF 14037/0145/May 6e WA7RFJ/OZ 14029/0325 8w UR2ZN 14004/0355/May 8m  
EI8H/GU 21020/2055/May 7e M1C 14029/0205/May 7m SP7EUS 14003/0220/May 7w UY5YY 14003/0445/May 8m  
HA3PT 14004/0450/May 8m OE5AHL 14010/0450/May 6w UA3LAC 14003/0340/May 8m UR2RSA 14014/0330/May 8w  
HA6LZ 14003/0550/May 8m OE1ZGA 21028/1745/May 6w UA3LAC 14003/0340/May 8m UQ2PQ 21010/1900/May 5e  
I2HOF 14020/0400/May 7w OE1JNB 14004/0525/May 8m UB5DAL 14003/0150/May 8m 3A0FC 21025/1540/May 6m  
I2NV 14003/0155/May 8m OH5PA 14004/0355/May 8 UB5IFO 14003/0205/May 8m YU1NYP 14035/1455/May 3m#  
IS0WJS 21017/1735/May 6w OH6RC 14004/0340/May 8m UC2OQ 14032/0120/May 6e UK6AAJ 14055/1255/May 4w#

EUROPE SSB

C31PH 14205/2150/May 5e GILGDE 21268/1925/May 7m TK2GAG 14215/0520/May 6m 9H1ED 14206/0105/May 1m  
C31PH 21303/1600/May 6m M1D 14227/0630/May 8w UA4HDZ 14223/0255/May 5m 9H4L 21302/1700/May 6w  
DM2DEK 14234/1505/May 5w# OH0OS 14219/1440/May 6w UK6AJS 14250/0315/May 7m  
EI2CZ 21271/1935/May 7m OK3EA 21272/1310/May 5e SV1JG 21299/2215/May 6m  
ET6CR 21343/1310/May 5e SV1AT 14243/0415/May 7m UO5OWS 14223/0335/May 6m

## DX-Ten Years Back

from F08-Clipperton. The Colvins were hope after their African tour. 9U5SK was on from Burundi and ZD7DI from St Helena. IZ6KDB was on from Ponza. There were a lot of undercurrents on the Don Miller lawsuit and the whole argument was headed for the courts.

May 15, 1968 5BDXCC authorized at recent meeting of the ARRL

Board of Directors. Communications Department working out the details. KP4CSW and KP4SDU on from Dominica and St Lucia during the last week. ZA1AB being reported and European stations saying this one legitimate. K9GCE was hoping for some early operation

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

The world is DX today;  
Forget the gods are old,  
Forget the years of gold  
When all the months were May.....

ELSEWHERE'S CW

A35MB	14040/0440/May	4m	HC5CN	14020/0225/May	3m	PJ3CAL	14050/0345/May	2e	VR6TC	14027/0430/May	8e
CE7AC	14032/0255/May	2m	HI3PC	21032/1430/May	2e	PY1CPC	14016/0215/May	3m	ZK2AV	14041/0455/May	8m
CP5NK	14024/1300/May	4w	HK0BKX	14032/1350/May	4e	TG9ML	14035/1515/May	1w	LK1A	14016/1235/May	6m
CP6EE	14039/0245/May	2m	HK7AMP	14027/0210/May	3m	VK3BNF	14043/1345/May	3w	8R1J	14006/0130/May	3w
FG7AS	14064/0145/May	5m	HP1XYA	14008/1200/May	2e	VK6NI	14043/1345/May	4w			
FO8AK	14035/0525/May	7m	KX6MP	14031/1220/May	6e	VP2EET	14040/1215/May	2e			
FP8AA	14018/0145/May	6m	J3AJ	14015/0240/May	2m	VP8QE	14024/0145/May	2m			

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

C31PH	21294/1410/May	6m	HH2YL	14204/1615/May	7m	P29JS	14255/0545/May	2w	VP2MF	14202/1155/May	6e
DU1REX	14207/1340/May	7m	HI8JEL	14292/1320/May	3e	P29JD	14215/1230/May	6e	VP5KK	14202/0120/May	4m
FG7TD	14227/0235/May	5m	HK1GJX	21298/1925/May	4e	TR8RG	14213/2010/May	7m	VR4CF	14201/1315/May	8e
FK8CO	14215/1005/May	7e	J3BA	14195/0420/May	6m	VK6LK	14200/1315/May	3e	ZK1AS	14310/0600/May	2e
WA2WYR/CX	21116/1540	7e	KG6SV	14216/1230/May	7m	VK9XW	14214/1505/May	7w	ZK2TT	14195/0120/May	4m
HC8GI	14204/0410/May	7m	KC6CG	14233/1300/May	6m	VP2KT	14214/2315/May	3m	5W1AT	14207/1240/May	5m
HC8RG	14204/1600/May	7m	KX6BU	14213/0515/May	4m	VP2AG	14280/0330/May	2e	6Y5MP	14209/0315/May	4m
YB0JH	14218/1300/May	5e	YB0AD	14222/1330/May	7m	VP2EE	14211/1315/May	8e	8R1R	14316/1525/May	2e
YB0BR	14237/1420/May	6w	YS1AJE	14213/0510/May	4m	VP2SAB	14205/1140/May	5e			

LOW BAND LOUIE.....what's left of him!

A35MB	7001/0535/May	3w	YN1ZJX	7003/0210/May	4m	KA6KN	3798/1250/May	5w
HH2T	7002/0140/May	5w	YU1QFX	7008/0140/May	5w	9M8HG	3797/1315/May	4w
P29BB	7100/0950/May	1e	ZD8TM	7004/0320/May	7w	9V1TE	3797/1315/May	4w
VP2EFZ	7013/0430/May	2m						

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii etc. all times in gmt)  
(# = long path ?? = Slim! You are a clever one!!!)

SHORTLY NOTED 5H3FW continues to show from Tanzania. This is Friedrich Walliser whose home call is DF7GF. You can QSL either direct to P.O. Box 296, Arusha, Tanzania or via his QSL Manager, DF4TA, Armin Blau, Am Sonnenrain - 1C, Loerrach 7850, West Germany.

5H3FW is a school teacher there in Arusha. This is about 80 kilometers west of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Some weeks back there reports out of East Africa indicating skepticism on the DF7/5H3 operation but it is true-blue. He reports that there only four other 5H3s active at this time. 5H3KS is another often being reported.

VR6TC was heard on c.w. a week or so back..... 14027kc at 0430Z on May 8th. From the east coast the beam heading was okay but from the New Mexico Territory it came in at about 45°. In the past Tom has indicated that he does not work c.w. When queried by a ZL4.....he could not get the question because of the QRM. Son of a Gun!!

The YL-SSBers will be holding their annual convention at the Los Angeles Airport Marina Hotel on June 15-18th. To get the action going early, the YL-International SSBers will hold their annual QSO party this coming weekend, May 19th and 20th. This is one effort that combines both modes on a single weekend.....CW from 1800Z to 2400Z on May 19th and Phone from 0001Z on May 20th to 2359Z on May 21st. Look for the action at 3565kc/7070kc/14070kc/21070kc and 28070kc for c.w. Phone look at 3925kc/7290kc/14333kc/21373kc and 28674kc. You will find a lot of DX stations in the action.

On June 18th there is Visitors Day at the W6AM Dancing Academy atop the Palos Verdes Hills. Starting at 1:00p.m., Don will welcome those who want to see what a 'farm' in the Los Angeles area might look like. Take the Harbor Freeway to Anaheim....to Palos Verdes Drive North, a couple of miles to Hawthorne Ave, keep climbing up hill to Highridge and you should see the aircraft obstruction lights on the antennas. 28503 Highridge Road.....

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#### CALENDAR

NIUE	ZK2TT until this Friday, May 19th
St PAUL	VEs there from Thursday, May 18th to the 22nd
COCOS KEELING	VK9YS and VK9YL from May 30th for a couple of weeks
SABLE ISLAND	W1BLF planning July action
St PETER & PAUL	PY1RO cooking up some plans for later this year
TURKS & CAICOS	WB2CHO on Providenciales for the VHF Test....June 6-13th
ICELAND	TP6M in July
FAROES/ICELAND	GMs there in July/August....all bands including VHF work
SAO THOME	D4CBS reported going in July....a couple of month stay.
IRAQ	Efforts going trying to get gear for stronger signal.....
DESCHEO	Keep watching next week....something may pop after Monday...
BOUVET	LAs apparently planning.....September a possibility
MELLISH	VKs ready to go sometime in late August or September
CHRISTMAS ISLAND	VR3AH saying: "I will return!". June 1st or so....
PACIFIC VHF	N6NB in Hawaii this summer for some VHF tests to mainland....
	Get your antennas ready.
BRITISH VIRGINS	KP4EBQ there from this Wednesday, May 17th
ITU WEEK	Right now! JAs with some special 8J prefixes
TEXAS VHF-FM MEET	Downtown Houston....August 4th. K5RC for details
WILLIS	VK9ZM reported going in June
ANDORRA	Two groups of PAs headed there....action from Jul 15th to Aug 18th
DXPO 78	Tyson's Corners...beyond the Beltway. Sept 15/16th
MANASSAS HAMFEST	June 4th....WB4AHV for details
YL-SSB '78 QSO	This weekend....From 1800Z on May 19th to 2359Z on May 21st
W6AM's OPEN HOUSE	June 18th.....from 1:00p.m. atop the Palos Verdes
SEANET CONVENTION	Singapore this time....November 10-12th

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ARRL John Griggs, W6KW, has resigned as Director of ARRL's Southwestern Division, the resignation effective June 1st. Jay Holladay, W6EJJ, will move up from the Vice-Directors position. W6EJJ is a well-known Southern California DX Club type and will bring some wide-ranging knowledge of DX and DXing to the board.

W6KW has been recovering from a mild stroke suffered last Fall and was not able to make the January Board meeting. Though his progress in recovery has been steady, the state of his health apparently made return to full activity something well in the future. John Griggs served as the ARRL Director from the Southwestern Division for seventeen years and was a member of the Executive Board for many years.

TURKS & CAICOS Chod Harris, WB2CHO, will be on Providenciales Island from June 6th to 13th and across the ARRL VHF Test. During the test he will be working six meters. He will also have a TS-520S for some VP5 activity when the six-meter band is not producing.

Look for him to be signing WB2CHO/VP5. He would like something a bit shorter to sign and will be looking to take the local amateur examinations while there. He may show with a true-blue VP5 call.

WB2CHO who has been with ARRL Newington for some years, is departing downtown Newington on June 5th. Chod indicates that his future plans include some traveling and he may show up from some other stops in future months. However, the first week of loosen ties will be spent signing VP5.

KUWAIT Emmett Dennis has moved his radio station, 9K2FX, and is hoping for some improved DX. He is also not trusting completely in hope, a 3-element beam is on the way to him there in Kuwait. W4KA, Leo Haijsman is handling the QSLs. 1044 SE 43rd Street, Cape Coral, Fla 33904. Sase or Sae/IRC is absolutely necessary.

TNX to W1AB, W2AG, K2BT, W2FP, K3ND, K4DY, WB4EDD, W4KA, WA4OUF, WB4ZNH, W4LCL, W4HU, WA4OUF, WB4RRK, WB4RIS, W4ZR, W4UF, W4VN, W5AQ, K5GZ, K5IH, W5JW, K5OVC, WA6BJS, K6EC, W6MUS, K6LAE, N6OZ, W6SN, W6PT, K6RV, W6TBO, K6UFT, W6VD, K7ABV, N7MW, K8IP, W8JXM, K8RD, W8UVZ, N9JL, K0BJ, WB0MSZ, W0SF, N0TG, W0ZV, N4XX, KH6BZF, P29JS, K6XP, W6ZM.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers was up the hill last week and we talked of things important. Such as the conditions of the bands and the complaints of the local water district that here in Marin the residents are not using enough water. "It's another year," the QRPer said, "and I guess that more DX like Clipperton and Iraq will be back but I can't get excited. Things aren't like the good old days." We had to think this over for we did recall when this QRPer back in the early Sixties had insisted on listening on the dead bands at the bottom of Cycle 19. "I might hear something I need," was always his explanation. We reminded the QRPer of those days long gone and he laughed. "I was hungry," he said, "I was always looking for DX. I remember the joy of the first JA I worked. And that great day when I worked England, France and Germany all within one hour. And all for the first time. Those sure were the good days." We had to ponder these words for often one will hear DXers talk of those happy memories of other days. So we carefully said: "Wouldn't it be something to only have eighty countries again and to be struggling to get one hundred confirmed so we could get our DXCC? Wouldn't it? And wouldn't it be great to start everything all over again? Wipe out all DXCC credits and everyone starting from scratch?" Son of a Gun! You would have thought we had our hand on his wallet. The QRPer was on his feet, excitedly waving his hands. "The heck it would!" he roared, "no one is going to take my hard won DX countries away from me without a fight. No one!" We were sure that this was but an initial reaction and that any QRPer would yield to reason and logic. "But everyone would be starting over even," we argued, "and think of the joys and fun of having all that DX to chase again. You'd have 319 or so, depending on the tides at Newington, rather than the six or eight you are looking for now. Wouldn't it be wonderful?" It did not sell. For though many will talk of the good old days, the days when the mornings were brighter, the sun warmer and the winds softer, few really want to go back. And while many an established DXer will sometimes be heard to say: "Wouldn't it be great to be sixty again...and chasing all those girls!", few will get enthusiastic about having 318 countries to work again. For as Albert would say: "All things are relative and some more so", and Tom himself would often say: "You can't go home again!" And there are things that new DXers see that the old DXers have forgotten. And \$14.00 a year will make sure that you see some of the DX confusion to keep you off-balance and turning the knobs, this coming by second-class mail. \$18.00 ripplies it out of the dawn by first-class mail to the VE/US/XE areas while \$20.00 sends it by airmail to all the DX lands....all of them

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