

West Coast DX Bulletin



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IRAQ The rumors have not quieted on this one and with YI1BGD more or less silent during recent weeks, many of the Deserving are starting to get anxious. Something will come....eventually.

There is a good possibility of something coming by the end of the month. The whole thing is just not a matter of picking up and going. There are a lot of things that must be in order and it looks as though most everything is falling into place.

However, in the instance in mind, everything is not set....yet. Next week there may be something definite but there is also the possibility of something coming over the weekend.

Keep things in order and listen. And check the usual DX frequencies, both c.w. and SSB. The whole thing looks good but it is not certain at this point and final approval may not be coming until late this week. Should things open, you will hear about it quickly.

There is also a good possibility of some of the YUs returning to Baghdad late this Fall more more operations and including some of the DX tests. Eventually you will work a YI and perhaps a bit sooner than it would seem possible during recent weeks.

St BRANDON Sometimes it is a bit difficult to keep track of the prefixes and there has been a lot of mix of 3B6-3B7-3B8 and 3B9s during recent weeks. All you need is a chart and a DXCC Country List (ARRL CD-216) and you can figure anything.

Alex Mootoo, 3B8DA has been at 3B9 in recent weeks, Alex signing 3B9DA. Alex has mentioned the possibility of going to 3B7-St Brandon's at the end of June and this is still a good possibility. But he won't be at 3B7, he will be at 3B6-Agalega if transportation works out. And he may be there starting this Wednesday, June 21st, if transportation can be found.

K4YT and K5YY are looking at a possible 3B7-St Brandon operation at the end of July, again transportation being the key. If Alex does make the effort at 3B6 this month they may not go further with their planning, the feeling being that much of the demand will have been satisfied.

3B8 is Mauritius, Alex's home base. 3B9 is Rodriguez where he has been operating recently. 3B6 is Agalega and 3B7 is St Brandon. 3B6 and 3B7 count for the same country in DXCC.

BELIZE Next month a group from the Fort Lauderdale area will be in VP1 to sign four different VP1 callsigns and, hopefully, to run up a large total of QSOs on SSB and CW.

The Tunnel Radio of America DX Club will be headed for this Caribbean spot and will be on eighty through ten from July 28th to 31st.

The calls to be used will be:

VP1DX	Loren Matthews	(W4YU)
VP1MM	Mike Matthews	(WB6SJD)
VP1EF	Erv Friedlander	(K4HEM)
VP1RS	Rodger Skinner	(K4KKK)

During the weekend operation, they aim to run more than 5000 QSOs through their logs. They are looking at this as a warm-up and trial operation for possible future efforts in the DX area and particularly with some of the more rarer ones.

QSLs will go to: Tunnel Radio of America DX Club, Box 2900 North Dixie Highway, Ft Lauderdale, Fla 33334. Sase or Sae/IRC is needed.

4D86DU From June 10th to July 10th the Philippine amateur stations can use the prefix '4D' to mark the 40th Anniversary of the ending of their ties to Spain. There will be some special calls being heard and the Phillippine Amateur Radio Association are operating 4D86DU from the site of the one-time Boy Scout Jamboree gathering. Many of the old timers are coming out to work this one and this includes DU1GF, George, who has been doing some amateur work there in the islands for some 43 years. You can listen for this one on all bands and almost continuous operating.

SUNSPOT LOUIE There are no large active areas on this week's chart but the line up is interesting. There is a string of active areas in the northern hemisphere, three within a degree of each other in latitude and two a bit further off but close by. No. 1146, 1150, 1151 and 1153 and 1155 are in a line within 15° N and 19° N.

In addition to the active areas with spots shown on the chart, there were three other areas of activity but showing no spots. These were Areas No. 1147, 1149 and 1152. Areas expected to return again last week were Nos. 1124, 1128 and 1132.

The flux continues to show well above one hundred though on some days the geomagnetic field is also active. The field touched 29 in the Ap Index on June 11th but that was but a faint shadow to the figure of 43 reported on June 2nd. This was a time of a major storm starting at 0900Z.

Looking ahead a bit, flares and SWFs are expected this week, possibly starting last Sunday and holding up until mid-week. You might note that N4XX expects this to be followed by some good conditions until about next Tuesday, give or take a day.

Keeping a chart is still, in our opinion, a good way to see what is going on. The figures that K6EC comes through with every week can give a surprising picture when faithfully entered on your own chart. The repetitive of the activity and the possible do-it-yourself forecasting will be evident after you accumulate a sufficient bit of information on the graphs.

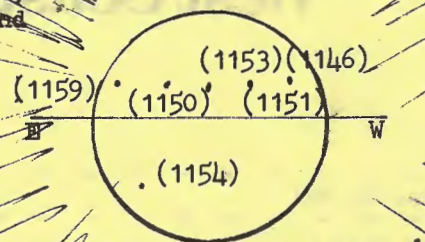
But as many a politician has heard the faithful constituents say: "Don't tell me what happened yesterday. Tell me what you are going to do for me tomorrow." And N4XX, laboring mightily at the June solstice to raise DX to new heights, says that if you want ANs, BNs, LNs and HN's with a few Disturbs thrown in, he will fill your pack. And Ted says it will be:

Jun 20th	LN/BN	Jun 26th	High/Low Normal
21st	LN/BN	27th	High/Low Normal
22nd	High Normal	28th	High...slipping to Below
23rd	Above Normal	29th	Disturbed
24th	Above Normal	30th	Below Normal
25th	Above	Jul 1st	Low Normal

There it is and you might note that we did not confuse things by saying that the sun rose earliest about June 15th and will be rising a bit later each day. We may have not done it before but we did get it in.

And K6EC gets in the word from WWV and Ev says that the Big Picture can be drawn by following the numbers and for your charts, Ev says the numbers were:

	Solar Flux	Ap Index		Solar Flux	Ap Index
Jun 5th	114	35	Jun 9th	103	6
6th	107	7	10th	105	12
7th	107	9	11th	110	12
8th	106	11			



No 1146	1 spot
N19° W38°	10 millionths
1150	7 spots
N18° E31°	30 millionths
1151	5 spots
N18° W21°	30 millionths
1153	9 spots
N17° E00°	70 millionths
1154	5 spots
S32° E47°	30 millionths
1159	1 spot
N15° E75°	20 millionths

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THE GREAT 1978 OGASAWARA DXPECTION Last week we had a bit of information on this one....we say 'a bit of' because when all the dust settled we found that all our expertise in plate-making had been lost and the printing was a thing to be desired and read with difficulty. So we make another run....

JA1KSO and JJ1KKZ, plus possibly a few more JA operators will be on Ogasawara Island from June 26th to 30th. They will be marking the 10th Anniversary of the return of the islands to Japanese Administration. This is the Bonins, north of the Volcano Islands in which Iwo Jima is located. For DXCC purposes they are lumped together.

JD1YAH will be the c.w. station, JD1YAK will be SSB. The planned frequencies are:

CW:	3503kc	7003kc	14025kc	21025kc	28025kc	
SSB:	3796kc	7085kc	14185kc	14195kc	21245kc	28595kc

Generally, on c.w. they will be listening up about 7kc while on SSB there will be announcements where they are listening. They will also listen up in the General Class country for those locked into the higher parts of the band.

Only signal reports will be exchanged and they will not participate in any list or net operation. QSLs will be sent via the JARL before September. The JD1YAH c.w. QSOs will be handled by JR1JFO. The JD1YAK QSLs will be handled in turn. The address for JR1JFO is:

Kunihiko Yamamoto JR1JFO
469 Hassei
Miura City
Kanagawa, 238-03 JAPAN

Sase or Sae/IRC(2) will be required. The group has permission to put its station on the highest point on the island and are anticipating a large total of QSOs. They have two complete YAESU Lines, beams, ground-planes and dipoles.

This will be the fifth time JA1KSO has operated from Ogasawa and he will be on c.w. 95% of the time. Nobs will be listening for the Deserving. Especially the Deserving c.w. types.

St PETER AND PAUL ROCKS Everything is well set for the July 21st opening of PY1RO's operation, only the weather conditions and sea conditions could be an immediate factor in altering the schedule. Too much weather or too much sea to be specific.

Departure from Fernando de N. is set for July 17th and a four day run to the rocks is projected. If they run into ideal conditions, they might even get set-up and operating late on July 20th. On arrival at the rocks, they will first try to land a medium size generator so they can use a SB200 linear. They will use verticals for antennas, one covering ten through forty, the other covering ten through eighty. They are also going to put an eighty meter antenna out over the water between two of the rocks and use a match-box to get on the lower frequencies.

Jim, PY7BXC, will be another operator on the trip. The Northern California DX Foundation is helping with part of the expenses and more assistance would be appreciated. The Foundation is covering about half the expenses and any additional support can be sent to W1DA, George Hitz. Should the effort fall apart, this not being expected, W1DA will refund the support received. As of mid-June the effort was solid with transportation all arranged.

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MELLISH REEF There is more information coming through on the Mellish Reef plans of the VK group and Ken Jewell, VK3AKK writes:

The whole deal is the work of Harry, VK2BJL. He has organized the whole thing and tells that everything is well in hand.

The callsign has been issued and it is VK9ZR. The expected dates of operation is around the last week in August or the first in September. These dates are just about final, the only variation being a couple of days possibly. The Mellish operation is planned to run ten days and will be on all bands. The frequencies and the times to watch will be available in plenty of time before the event.

Harry has worked out the figures and it will cost about \$8000.00 to mount the expedition, this taking into account everything. Harry says that if he comes out of this one without being in a financial hole, he will be looking at another rare DX spot in two years, such as Spratly.

The trip to Mellish will be by sailing vessel and will take ten days. They will be stopping at Lord Howe Island on the way to take on water and a couple of members of the Mellish crew who will meet them at Lord Howe. It will be a truly international group as along with Harry Mead, VK2BJL, there will be Bob Walsh, WA8MOA and the possibility of an Italian and a Japanese operator. The latter operators are not final at this point and this could change.

This operation which is getting to the solid state, will be only the second time that Mellish Reef will be on the air. The initial effort was headed by the late VK3JW who signed VK9JW back in July 1972. This operation was marked by a bit of internal dissension in the crew and the operation was not accepted for DXCC for a long time.

VK3AKK, Ken Jewell, does the DX section for the newly published Australian amateur radio magazine, AMATEUR RADIO ACTION. He is working to be the first VK with 5BWAS and is looking for New Mexico, Oklahoma, Idaho and North Dakota on forty meters. He needs a number on eighty and will make schedules.

UGANDA There is a 5X1AA being reported by European stations. The name given is 'Adi' and the report is that he is with the Pakistan embassy there in Entebbe. Says he will be there until August and to QSL to Box 1, Entebbe. Reported at 14228kc after 1730Z.

CQ CW TEST This will be a new one and probably showing next Spring. It will be a CW WPX Test and patterned after CQ's popular SSB Phone test. The possible time for the launch of the c.w. action is being mentioned as May of 1979.

While we are working this end of the field, remember that John Attaway, K4IIF, wants advance information on any special DX efforts planned for this Fall's CQ WW Tests. John wants to include all in a CQ DX column prior to the contest period. If you have something developing, send it to John at Box 205, Winterhaven, Florida 33880.

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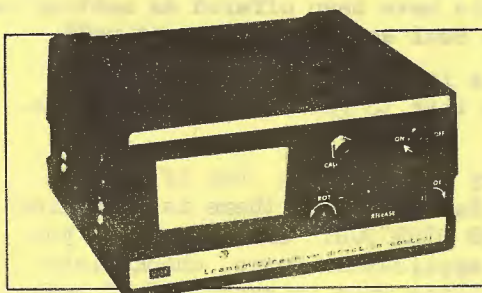


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WATER ISLAND Some have scratched their heads over Desecheo but scratched a bit harder over Water Island. Both are currently being mulled over by the DXAC and some decision may be coming in a couple of weeks.

Water Island is owned by the U.S. Department of the Interior and is exempt from Virgin Island real estate taxes. The local services normally supplied to the residents of the Virgin Islands are not extended to those living on Water Island.

The island is south of St Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. You can locate it at 18°19'N and 64°57'W. The request for country status on this one has been before the DXAC and Awards Committee for a couple of years.

Those pushing Water Island for DXCC claim that it is the same as Desecheo and should be treated equally. That if Desecheo qualifies for DXCC, then so should Water Island. All of this being based on Rule 1 of the Country List Criteria:

"...GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION. An area by reason of Government or distinctly separate administration constitutes a separate entity...."

How will it go? Either way. The initial review by the DXAC did not find much support for Water Island and the vote on Desecheo was not unanimous. The DXAC did vote to recommend Desecheo but headquarters said to take another look and to review their negative recommendation on Water Island.

There is a bit of something here that is more deeper than the consideration of the two islands. This is the rule itself and whether it engenders a number of questionable DXCC countries whose only claim to fame and DXCC status is that they are administered by another branch of the same government. There are some on the DXAC who are concerned on this point and this may have a bearing on the eventual decision.

Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay was administered by the Department of Defense a long time back. Then the Department of Justice had it for awhile. Now it is part of the National Park System and administered by the Department of the Interior. Some of the Channel Islands off Southern California have been offered as meeting the criteria. One can point to Kingman, Sable and St Paul and say..."Why not us?"

As some have said: "How did we ever get into this in the first place?" And it probably will prove to have been easier to get in than to get out. Don't be surprised as to what the DXAC decision might be.

AVAILABLE!! DXers always are when the right country comes along. And if you are looking for some information on Canadian Amateur Radio Awards, there is something available. Its the "CANADIAN AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS DIRECTORY" and it goes to you for \$3.00 u.s. The directory has all the rules, application forms, check lists and maps for all the Canadian awards. The whole thing runs in excess of 70 pages and you can get yours from Garry Hammond, VE3GCO. If you are looking for awards, this can be invaluable.

And this may help you to get the 'Canadian Islands Award' which is on parchment, has classes for 5/10/15/20 islands or island groups. Basic award is for five islands and it comes for 10-IRC or \$2.00. Send a sase to VE3GCO and he will supply a list of Canadian islands.

QSL MANAGERS DIRECTORY with a European approach is available from Franz Langner, DJ9ZB and the current one is the second edition of this directory. This has over 3000 up-to-date QSL listings and goes for \$5.00 U.S. It is prepared by one of the prominent DJ-DXers....Franz Langner, Carl Kistner Str. 19, D-7800 Freiburg, West Germany.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED The Navassa Group aiming for the operation later this year will be testing the gear during Field Day. They are going to set up as though they were on the Caribbean garden spot and see if anything goes wrong.

The boat for the trip from Kingston to Navassa has been chartered and come November 26th you will be hearing the group. NØTG/KP1 on SSB and WØRJU/KP1 on C.W.

The current line up of the crew includes WØRJU, Dave Bowker; WØZH, Myron Kern; WØRSL, Tony Trice, NØWL, Joe Markowski and NØTG, Randy Rowe from the St. Louis, Missouri area. Also going are K2KA, Sy Adler and W2PAU, Miles Brown from Cherry Hill in southern New Jersey and W60IG, John Lindsay, Fresno, Calif.

The group is seeking support for their effort and offer a personalized computer print-out for a \$5.00 or more support contribution. All the details are listed in their material shown to your right

QSLs will go to NØTG. More will be coming on this.

The last Navassa operation was back in 1974 and this group is aiming to do a lot of CW work. They note that Navassa has not been available on c.w. since the DXCC CW Award was instituted.

Sometimes the two letter call changes give us trouble. Mor so when we mix up the identities of happy, smiling DXers who lose their charm when we zig in the zag lane. We try again. W1JZ, Mike Samaroo, is not the QSL route for FM7AV as noted in some areas but not here. Joe is the QSL route for A51PN if the logs ever come through. W1JZ is reached at 79 Plymouth, Bellingham, Mass 02019. We confused Mike with Joe Reisert W1JR who reports six meter DX thriving. The ZB2VHF beacon has been heard recently in the New England area as well as the European TV video carriers.

We heard of one of the Deserving around Old Lyme there on the north side of Long Island Sound who heard his first YJ8 just about the time his XYL lost her contact lens. Did he sit at the rig, ignoring the calls for help and calling the YJ8? You bet he didn't!! Did he help find the lens and then get back to the rig in time to work the YJ8? You bet he didn't!!

On that OJØEW....there are still questions. Some OHs insist there is no operator on Market Reef, that there is no OH5EW call issued and the operator is Baltic Slim. OJØEW insists that he is true-blue, that a copy of the license is being sent to K1VSK who is handling the QSLs. K1VSK has already received a photo of the shack at OJØ. There will be more on this.

Barry Goldstein, WA2NHE, who has been running schedules for CE9AT says that success has been low. The antenna at CE9AT is not especially good and Barry wants to ship a 204BA with the associated rotor and hardware. Arrangements can be made to forward an antenna on a supply ship leaving Valparaiso in September if the whole package can be arranged. The cost will be about \$600.00. If you would like to hear CE9AT with a good signal and to help with this effort, Barry can be reached at Box 641, Pine Brook, New Jersey 07058. Any help will be appreciated.

VY1BM is ex-VE8BM. At Whitehorse in the Yukon. W2EP got an envelope from JT1BF and included were QSLs for W50SJ/W9COY and K9LL. The first two were easy....but there is no K9LL listed in the latest call book or the supplements. Anyone out there knowing who K9LL is and how to get a JT1BF QSL to him? Return address for JT1BF was shown as Box 639, Ulan Bator....this seems to be the route for JT QSLs.

The Englewood Amateur Radio Association is reminding everyone that the New Jersey QSO Party will be the last weekend in July. July 29th to 31st. This is the 19th running of the Jersey QSO Party and it starts at 2000Z on July 29th, running to 0700Z on the 31st. If you jumped in before, note that the weekend this year is different.

ZF2BN and ZF2AC should be heard on both c.w. and RTTY, eighty through ten, starting this Wednesday and running to next Tuesday, June 27th. Actually, most of the action is anticipated on twenty and forty. QSL ZF2BN to W4HET and ZF2AC to N3JL.

W4GTS and his XYL swept through Russia on a nine-day tour recently. Phil says everything was most interesting but the cooking. He lost weight. WB4RRK is looking for an external VFO which is needed by an up-coming DXpedition in the Caribbean area. John says that the VFO should be in good condition and any possibilities should give details and asking price. This is John Shelton, WB4RRK, 105 Elizabeth, Paris, Tenn. 38242.

The Haitian Radio Club (HARC) has applied for membership in the IARU and should be voted in soon. At this time there are 17 licensed amateurs in Haiti. On the PYØZAE query we got two fast replies that the card is still be sought. They do seem to be trickling through but in no great flood. Should anyone get an up-date from Hal on the card production, we would like to hear it: HL9UD is looking for Delaware, South Carolina, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Mississippi and is listening around 14200kc from 1200Z every day for a call. W7OK is handling the QSL requests for P29DP. GM3KNE looking for Oregon and Utah for WAS.

DX-Ten Years Back

ZC6 were dropped from the DXCC countries list. ZC6 was Palestine. VS9H is now considered part of the Muscat/Oman area while ZC6 was the UN Truce area bordering Israel and somehow disappeared. VK9XI was on from Christmas Island. VK8AV's hopes for Timor ran into a blank....no operating permit. 5A2TR was showing on the YL-SSB System frequently. VR1L was still on from Ocean Island.

The ARRL-Don Miller problem was headed downhill to the ultimate solution. Rumors were flying that Miller's recent operations from Blenheim Reef, Geyser Reef or Nelson Reef would not be considered until the lawsuit was settled. FB8ZZ was on from Amsterdam and FB8XX from Kerguelen. VE6AJT and VE6APV announced a major Pacific effort which included everything from Manahiki, to AC3-4-5.

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Example Format:

Country Prefix	Heading (Degrees)	Country	Range (Miles)
AZ	94	Botswana	8430
A3	251	Tonga Is.	6771
↓	↓	↓	↓
Etc.	Etc.	Etc.	Etc.

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GUERNSEY Dale Jones, who has a home call of K5MM and has signed a few others along the way, is now located in Guernsey and signing GU5CIA. You may have noted the call in Red Eyed reports.

Dale recently was in Syria and was signing K5MM/YK. Actually, this was back in April. He found business slow, only making about fifty QSOs and no W/K types. All these were on SSB, the word being that C.W. operation is currently not allowed because of the problem of monitoring it. Dale reports that the three active YK stations at this time are YK1AA, Rasheed Jalal; YK1AM who is the son of YK1AA and YK1AN. There is a possibility that Dale will visit Syria during one of the contests this Fall as he patrols the Middle East for his company, Tektronix.

A tower and 4-element tribander are on hand there in Guernsey but they turned down the request for permission to erect it. An 18AVT is currently being used while hope is nourished that permission will come for the tower and beam. In between visits to the home QTH, Dale may show from other DX spots including Madeira as a possibility. He may go with OH2BH on an effort, Marty now holding the call CT3DX. All of these are speculative as he wants to see how things go in Guernsey.

GU5CIA QSLs via N6MA, 3800 J Street, Oxnard, Calif. 93030. Sase or Sae/IRC are needed and the QSLs have been printed. You should get a quick turn-around.

Those working the Guernsey Amateur Radio Society's station, GU3HFN, should QSL to Box 100, Guernsey, Channel Islands, United Kingdom. Dale expects to be on Guernsey for at least two years before he returns to the states.

SHORTLY NOTED On the last QSL List...make a quick correction. 5T5PG does not go to KL7GN. It goes direct to Box 231, Nouakchott, Mauretania. We got crossed up on this one and if you are saving your lists, correct this one.

K5DB has culled out another batch of information and these will be coming through in a couple of weeks. There is no rest for John, however, as we have another box to ship him.

Bill Bennett, W7PHO, who runs the W7PHO Family Hour at 14225kc from 2300Z for Pacific DX, got a bit far from the familiar skies and was down in Puerto Rico a week or so back. The local DX club there got him standing up as their guest speaker for the June meeting. Bill was visiting a number of the local DXers there in Puerto Rico and testing their propagation. This including KP4AM where Bill could only say: "Desecheo?"

This is another catch-up effort and we suspect we may have needed it. After awhile the piles of weekly reports that we have stacked and waiting because we have not finished culling, these get to be a bit of a hazard and sometimes difficult to locate. Next week we will be back with the usual format.

Those thinking of the July ARRL Board of Directors meeting may want to write their director at this time and express their views. Those looking ahead might consider whether another raise in dues might be proposed. There often has been such when postage rates were raised and sometimes in between. The expected revenue has not been there in the first half of the year and the current forecast, this one replacing that one made last December, is very thin and any fall-off in advertising in QST or sales of Handbook or other publications can give the budget forecasts some problems.

Recent action by the Executive Board in kicking the planned Washington office back for reconsideration at the July meeting may draw some attention. The idea was to establish a resident office to look after amateur radio interests and this was approved at the January Board meeting. However, it has not been implemented and when matters need attention in Washington, it is off to the commute run.

The National Capitol DX Assn has petitioned the ARRL to move ahead on this Washington office. Often the explanation is made that adequate coverage is made by sending someone down to handle things or by referring it to the General Counsel. The FCC decision on linear amplifiers, which was detrimental to the amateurs without doubt, the FCC moving to open 220MHz to CB activity and the other proposals coming down the pike has caused more than one to raise a furrowed brow, concerned whether we are in as good a position in Washington as often claimed.

Some are pointing to Washington as the center for administrative and legislative action directly affecting the amateur service. Some are a bit more pointed in saying that the Hartford area is only good for tradition and the chance of accident that brought the first office of the ARRL there. The present day action is on the banks of the Potomac and what ever happens in Newington?

Keep an eye on developments this July. They may be interesting. Ten years or so back a Life Membership in the ARRL was going for about \$125.00. Now it is around \$240.00. Those who invested with the original offer have saved money. There is a feeling in some areas that the dues may be boosted a bit more. And you may remember what Lord Baden-Powell would often say....

KM6BI will be leaving Midway in June. In fact he was due to depart last Thursday. QSLs for KM6BI prior to August 1978 go to W8TIX. After August 1978 they go to the FPO address in the Call Book. KM6EA goes to Box 146, Metaline, Washington 99152 and KM6EB go to 10023 Hiram Way, Lakeside, Calif. 92040. KM6FF is now located on Oahu and this one should go via the KH6 QSL Bureau. KM6FD is good direct until August and then it should go to WA9CHG. KM6FC QSLs to K5OA....and sase needed. All this comes from Len, KM6FC, himself and should give you all the latest Midway information.

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CALENDAR

IRAQ	Still a few hurdles but good possibility for big effort next week.
BELIZE	Bundle of VP1s from Jul 28-31st on all bands.
MELISH	VK2BJL & Co....ten days—last week in August or first in September.
St PETER & PAUL Rocks	PY1RO & Co.....July 21st to 23rd
St BRANDON	Alex may be signing 3D6 from this Wednesday, Jun 21st...
OGASAWARA	JD1YAH and JD1YAK next week....June 26th to 30th
TURKS AND CAICOS	WA1DRU signing VP5AH June 30th to July 8th
CORSICA	HB9TL signing F0CH/FC Jul 16th to Aug 3rd
ANDORRA	EA3WZ signing C31MK from Jul 30th. PA groups from Jul 15-Aug 18th
ICELAND	TF6M to be used in July. GMs there from Jul 23rd to August 5th
NAVASSA	Nov 26th to Dec 4th.....solid!
CHATHAM	ZLs going for CQ WW Test. From October 27th
GRAND CAYMAN	ZF2BN and ZF2AC there this week....June 21st to 27th...all bands.
FAROES	OY activity by GM-group. Jul 18-21st. OZs for VHF/UHF Jun 28/Jul 26th
SAO THOME	D4CBS may be signing S9CBS from July for some months
PACIFIC VHF/UHF TESTS	N6NB watching for tropos. Hawaii to mainland this summer
DESECHERO	Waiting on DXAC review. Probably nothing until July.
ALAND ISLANDS	DJ6SI there from July 15th for a month.
MONACO	DKs for a week from Jul 22nd...all bands. DK8AG and DK7AH.
St BRANDON	Alex, 3B8DA may make 3B7 late this month. K4YT/K5YY may go late July.
NORTHWEST DX MEET	Downtown Portland, Oregon. Aug 5/6th. W7KSA for details
DXPO 78	Downtown Tyson's Corners...nr Washington. Sept 16/17th. K4FJ for info.
TEXAS DX/CONTEST MEET	Downtown Houston.....Aug 5/6th. K5RC for details.
VENEZUELAN PHONE TEST	July 1st and 2nd
RADIO SPORT COMPETITION	July 8/9th. Check the action on this one.
1978 GREAT JA TOUR	November 3-18th. K6SSJ and Co. for details. Visit the JA DXers
SEANET CONVENTION	November 11/12th in downtown Singapore. 9V1SI the host this year.



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ARRL Those seeking to use OSCAR during Field Day activities this weekend will find that OSCAR 7 will be limited to Mode B and OSCAR 8 will be limited to Mode J for the duration of Field Day. Following Field day, on 24 June W1AW will transmit OSCAR 8 orbital data following regular bulletin schedule.

The WARC 79 delegation is having some problems with an opinion expressed by the Justice Department over the naming of individuals from industry to the WARC delegation. This includes the Amateurs and the ARRL inasmuch as these are not part of 'government'. However, the Department of State in making preparations has formed an advisory committee to proceed while the legal questions are resolved.

Pete Hurd, who holds a K4-call, has been acting as secretary for the Advisory Committee for Amateur Radio in the preparations for WARC-79. At the June meeting of the group he resigned as secretary because of the pressure of the Department of Defense business, he being a representative on the committee from that agency. He has been a staunch support for amateur needs in the discussions for WARC 79.

Revenues for the ARRL during the first quarter of this year was down from expectations. A revised estimate of revenues for the year has been prepared and the estimate has revenues down \$600,000 from what was expected last December. The revised estimate expects a \$50,000 gain for the year which is just under 1% of gross revenues or somewhat paper thin. You can expect the fiscal picture to be a matter of discussion at the July Board of Directors meeting.

TNX to W1AB, W1DA, W1JZ, W1JR, W1MV, W1YNE, W1VV, W2DOD, W2FP, W2HAZ, W2NC, W3CDL, N3ED, W3ODJ, AA4A, K1BKK, W1EDD, K1FJ, W1LFO, W1HU, W1KA, W1LCL, W1LRIS, W1RRK, W1UF, N1XX, W1YN, W1ZR, N1WW, W5AK, K5AQ, W5CPI, K5DB, K5DUT, W5INJ, W5JW, K5OVC, K5TSQ, W6BJS, W6BL, W6CPP, W6DNM, K6EC, N6EM, W6JD, N6JM, W6KPC, K6LAE, W6NDS, K6SX, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6UJO, W6VD, K6XT, K6YK, K7ABV, W7BCT, N7MW, N7UT, W8IMZ, K8IP, K8MFO, W8MOA, K8RD, W8UVZ, W9DH, K9MM, W9SS, W9TKV, K0BJ, W0EW, W0HHI, W0KDI, W0MHK, N0RR, K1LFZ, KH6BZF, VE3GCO, DJ9ZB, KP4AM, PY1RO, VK3AKK.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Some of the local QRPers got tangled in a discussion last week and wanted to know "what are true values?" One can wonder how these things get started but it seems that NBC had a crew in the county recently working on a special with Edward Newman. Certain that no report on Marin could be made without including the high level of DX activity, the DXers were seeking to find any attempt to measure the DX scene. But every last QRPer, K6OJO, K6ASI, W6UJO, K6UFT, W6ZUC, W6CYO, W6QUC, W6HLD, W6BUY, W6TSQ, W6NPY, W6YDT, W6GRE, W6ZC, W6HZO, W6DCG and W6TOR all reported the same thing....nothing! Hardly able to understand this, we check with W6TSQ. "What in the world is NBC thinking of, Sam?" we asked. Certainly no report on Marin could be factually true to life without including the wide-ranging DX activity." All Sam did was shrug his shoulders. "That's what they did," he said. "They were in Mill Valley for a week and they mostly seemed to be interested in life styles, marriages, money, divorces, housing, rolfling and things like that. But not about DX." And what can one say to the inquiring QRPer who seeks answers to the eternal enigmas except to note that the true values are what you are interested in and everything else is a side show. It has been noted in the Parable of the DXers: "Only a DXer can understand another DXer". And should you be watching NBC around July 20th keep in mind that you are not seeing the great Marin World of DX but rather that unhappy bunch that are not DXers. Rejoice that you are one of the fortunate ones with a grasp of the true values....DX! If you want a tight grip on the realities of DXing and a forgetting of the travails of the world, \$15.00 will bring you a full year of enigma reports by second-class mail in the U.S. \$19.00 ripples it down the far path to VE/XE/US areas by first-class mail. \$20.00....for now....flings it beyond the oceans to all the DX lands where some may eventually see that NBC production but never understand that in Marin it is DX! Nothing else!!!

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