

August 15, 1978

NEUTRAL ZONE This one was due to open this last Saturday and to run for a week or ten days. If you have not heard any pile-ups, the station said it might sign HZ1ES/8ZL and would be on daily from 1800Z to about 2100Z.

The station set up included a SWAN 270 and this was to be run into a dipole. Twenty meter only action was anticipated with 14310kc mentioned as the possible activity area.

The call has turned up as HZ1BZ and HZ1BS in reports and the inclination is that the latter is correct. There was some discussion on trying to get a beam available prior to departure but this was not solid. QSLs will go to OE6EEG, Dr Selim El-Rafai, P.O Box 31, Gratz, Austria 8011

SOUTHERN SUDAN A fuel shortage and airline schedule cancellations was furrowing the brow of Dr. San Hutson, K5YY, last week but he was pretty definite on being in the southern provinces of Sudan early next week.

As of the weekend, the plans were to depart on Sunday, August 20th and to be in Sudan on August 22nd. San hopes to open be operational shortly after this date and will be in Sudan until September 1st. The stay will include at least four days of operating from STØ

The move to Comoro will have him arriving there on Saturday, September 2nd. The operations there will run from eight to twelve days. During this stop he will sign D68AF and will be working close with Robin, D68AD, to make Comoro available.

During the Comoro stop, San is aiming to make a quick trip to FH8-Mayotte to put that country on the air for a couple of days but the main emphasis will be on D68 activity. There is also a possible side-trip to Mauritius during the Indian Ocean trip and this may come in mid-September and the call may be 3B8ZZ or 3B8ZY. The Mayotte activity will see an emphasis on c.w. to give that mode to the Deserving CW types and there will also be considerable c.w. activity at the STØ and the D68 stops.

A FT=101 will be used and the rig has crystals installed for the transmitting frequencies. You should listen around 14195kc and 21295kc. On forty and eighty some of the activity will be transceive but the forty meter frequency to watch is 7060kc which will be used for both c.w. and SSB activity, San listening up or down as needed and the mode dictates.

For those looking for activity on this trip, the following is the tentative operating schedule and band plan.

0230Z to 0330Z

Fighty/Forty exclusively with forty probably first
0330Z to 0600Z

Twenty meters looking short-path...

Twenty meters looking long-path
Fifteen meters looking short-path

Twenty meters short path

During the operating time in the periods not indicated, San will be looking to work those parts of the world to which the paths are open. He is scheduling his sleeping period from 2200Z to 0200Z so this is not the period to listen for the activity.

QSLs will go after San returns. He asks that QSLs not be rushed off as he will not be home until late September and the QSLs will not be ordered from the printer until the needed number of cards has been determined. The QSLing will be handled by the No. Calif. DX Foundation. It might be noted that in those operations where he is running single-op, that the long schedule will produce increasing fatigue and this might be kept in mind.

The East African trip by Dr. Hutson is being supported by the Northern California DX Foundation and this will be the group printing the QSIs as well as handling them. The address is Box 717, Oakland, Calif. 94604.

<u>LU1UN</u> This station has been appearing regularly on twenty SSB, working by districts, and it is reported that the station will be active most days starting about 1900Z for an hour or so, it being operated by the station club members during their lunch period. Most times the operator is 'Max'.

The station plans to be continuously active in the months ahead and especially during the weekday schedule around 14225kc or slightly higher, and in contest periods. The station probably will move in the coming months to a new QTH right in the UN Secretariat. Since the approaching country status probability was released, there have been requests for both schedules and operating permission. Because the station is operating as much as possible, it has not been possible to arrange for schedules and the need for security clearance works against any outside the club being able to operate.

Jack Troster, W6ISQ/N6IS, visited the station recently, he being a member of the Northern California DX Foundation Board of Directors. Since his return he has moved to have the foundation supply a good antenna to 4U1UN as the present antenna being used is coming apart. The Foundation will be supplying an antenna and you should see a significant improvement in signal strength soon. The address for 4U1UN is in the August QSL list supplied by K5DB.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Area 1203 which created such an uproa in July was due to return the first week in August However, look at the chart and you will not note any activity around the east side of the northern hemisphere. Actually, from August A to the 7th, in the northern hemisphere Areas 1203, 1208, 1218 were due to reappea in the area of Latitudes 16N to 18N. (1237) (1236) On August 2nd it is reported that the Mauna Loa 146.22/82mHz repeater was open to San Diego in a tropo duct. The flux is headed (1238)back up again and do not be surprised if you run into some stormy periods in this week with flares possible on Tuesday and SWEs comin on Thursday. The 90-day flux mean for the 10 Aug 78 period up to August 6th was 136. Things are 6 spots improving. Perhaps a bit noisily but it 20 million ths sure indicates that the bands are not dead. Neither is hope on the South Bank of the spat millionths Potomac where the Big Tomato pushes back his straw hat, chews on a straw and gazes spo ts into the sunset. And NAXX says it will be millionths something like....relatively speaking.... 3 spots Aug 15th Above Normal 22nd Above Nor. 10 millionths 23rd Above Nor. 16th Above Normal 3 spots 17th Above/High Nor. 24th High Normal 25th Above Normal 30 millionths 18th High Normal 19th High Normal 3 spots 20th Above Normal 10 millionths 21st Above Normal 3 spots 30 millionths

How about e tomatoes!!! Nothing but High and Above to the 25th. Right in time the summer DX Rush!! Ted comes through again'!!

Meanwhile down on the sunny sands of southern California, K6EC listens for WWV to give the word for the chartmakers and Ev says that the word last week was.....

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Jul	31st	106	2	Aug 4th	109	24
Aug	lst	103	7	5th	114	22
	2nd	103	2	6th	119	16
	3rd	106	10			

A FEW JAMMED IN NOTES 73 Magazine will have a DX Column with the October issue and Chuck Stuart, N5KC, will be gathering the word for the DXers. His address is 5115 Menefee Drive, Dallas, Tex 75227, and he is looking for input and especially photos. If you have news, Chuck would like to hear from you.

HLLKM, Ken McCormack, will be active, both c.w. and phone, until August 20th. His action is on 10/15/20mtrs and he is often found working split. He is looking for states for WAS, countries for DXCC, NCDXC members for the California Award and anything in between. QSLs go to WA6AHF.

FAROES AALVK, Ron Oates, is running a list for OY5J on Mondays, the usual schedule is to start about 2330Z and run for about an hour of so with OY5J. The list is taken starting about 2300Z by Ron himself and before the OY shows on frequency. QSLs go to WA3HUP.

KWAJALEIN Jack Webb, W5JW, will be in KX6-Kwajalein for three weeks starting next Monday, August 21st and he is planning to be active most evenings while there. That is evening Kwajalein time.

Jack may be operating KX6BU. He says that he will be especially listening for European stations figuring that these often have the toughest path to the Pacific. He also realizes that this may not be the hottest DX available these days but, as the Rio Verde cowpunchers down in the New Mexico brushlands have been known to say: "All DX is good, some more so. And DX is what you need" He will be working both c.w. and SSB, possibly mostly c.w.

UENO ISLAND This one is in the South Pacific....really south South Pacific and is a bit hard to find on maps. There is some talk of a group going to the island for scientific purposes, maybe next year, maybe the year after. This one would seem to be a good one for a new counter for DXCC if it comes on the air. It is possible that an amateur will be in the group headed that way. Don't ever think they are going to run out of new countries! Never!!

SHORTLY NOTED Signs of a holding pattern are showing for two operations scheduled for the close-in future. On Desecheo, we have picked up a report that it may not come until about September 6th. Actually, the operation seems to be rather solid but with a few items to be corrected....or avoided....and it will come soon. As soon as the DXAC/Awards Committee actions are confirmed, things will move and an exact date should come.

Kimm has been working on the San Felix trip and has been issued the call CEØXX. However, apparently all the signals are not right within the various Chilean ministries and Bill will have to make another trip to Chile to work things out. He hopes that things can be gathered together but at this time it would seem that early next year is going to be the target date.

Meanwhile, K1MM will join with the Quito Radio Club for the CW OctoberTest and plans to sign HD8M from the Galapagos. The club will probably sign HD8E. A51PN will not be heard for a couple of months, he traveling outside the country. W7SA notes that anyone ordering the carvings from Pitcairn will find that New Zealand has dollars and not pounds. He found this out when he went to the local bank. 601FG may be quiet right now but the Italians are anticipating a renewal of action in a month or so and are figuring ways to ensure that every Deserving DXer is heard and worked. The next time out, if the plans jell, you will hear 601FG as you will hardly believe.

ALLTRONICS is a new radio outlet in the San Jose, Calif. area. W6LVY is there to drag in the reluctant to look over the gear. The new shop is at 15460 Union Ave, close to Blossom Hill Road, there in San Jose. And while we are rolling off those Spanish names, XE1XR, Victor M. Rubi, makes a good point on phonetics. The sound of some letters in one language is not the same as in others. The Spanish 'J' has an 'H' sound....so how do you read the phonetics "Happy Holiday" for HH....or is it JJ? XE1XR notes that it would aid clarity when different languages are involved if the ICAO alphabet is used for phonetics. Some languages have sounds that are not found in another language's alphabet. All this gets complicated. ICAO!!

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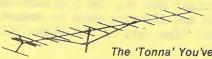
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Teach us delight in simple things, And DX that has no bitter springs......

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P29EJ 14008/0600/Aug 6w
PJ3SF 14020/1215/Aug 1m
PJ8USA 14030/0250/Aug 3m
VK3VG 21050/0335/Aug 2w
VK6FI 14023/1250/Aug 4m
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FM7BA 21020/2115/Aug 3w
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14026/1430/Aug 2w
14020/1235/Aug 4e
14037/1035/Aug 1e
14013/0715/Aug 4w
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4U1UN 14025/1520/Aug
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 CO2FA
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HLLKM 14025/1250/Aug 7w
HKXBKX 14026/1215/Aug 4e
 C21TA
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 FK8CW
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 FK8CS
 ELSEWHERES
CG6A 14235/0010/Aug 4e
A35RB 14218/1105/Aug 1m
CO2FA 14225/0225/Aug 5w
CO2HZ 14214/1530/Aug 4w
CX7EF 21305/0245/Aug 2m
FG7TD 21315/2115/Aug 3e
FB8TF 14220/0715/Aug 6w
                                                                                                                       VK2AGT 14265/0620/Aug 4w

VK4SP 14214/1530/Aug 4w

VK5EN 14223/1445/Aug 4w

VP2SQ 21300/1700/Aug 5e

VS5MS 14226/1235/Aug 2m

VK9ZM 14276/0500/Aug 3m

VR1AF 14265/0335/Aug 5m
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HI8XPJ 14213/0525/Aug 7w
КС6СС 14287/1210/Aug: 1m
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ZL2ANB 14272/0515/Aug 2m
YBØPD 14201/1350/Aug 2w
                                                            KGHEC 14201/1430/Aug 1m

KM6FC 14217/0505/Aug 7w

KX6BU 14202/1300/Aug 2e

KZ5JIT 21339/1430/Aug 1w
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DUICLR 14198/1150/Aug 2m
FY7AN 21354/1800/Aug 3e
HP1XYA 14205/0325/Aug 4m
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VK6AS 3685/1230/Aug 4e
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UAØKAU 3647/1145/Aug 6e
UC2LBE 3501/0300/Jul 26e
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(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii, etc. all times in gmt) (# = long path ??? = Slim....often on c.w. always a good, rare DX. always a phoney!

SHORTLY NOTED The Clipperton QSLs are being reported everywhere but if yours has not surfaced, do not panic.

There still is a good chunk to process but HB9MX and WA9INK are putting them into the mails every day.

The Clipperton DX Club has put together a booklet on their Clipperton Trip and this is a log of black and white illustrations of the whole trip. It is interesting and reminds you that this is still a rather rough island and hardly a resort area. Bernard Chereau, F9IE, can supply you with a copy or you can write direct to the Secretary of the Clipperton DX Club. The book has 80 photos, actually two are in color, totals 120 pages, soft-bound and has both English and French text. It goes to \$10.00 which also helps the Clipperton DX Club.

F9IE's QTH is in the Call Book. The Secretary's office is..... Clipperton DX Club, 28, rue de Savigny, BTA; 91390 Morsang sur Orge, France.

A couple of weeks back we noted the attention given to the DXAC Report and also to the recommendation that the single-mode DXCC be required to have both the transmitting and receiving station using the same mode. This especially applicable to the CW DXCC Award.

On that motion at the recent ARRL Board of Directors Meeting, it appears we got lost in the minutes and actually the motion ended up being defeated, only John Sullivan of the New England Divion being recorded as voting in favor. Rather than try to report the ins and outs, ups and downs, we will just print the whole of Minute 44 and let you be confused. Remember, the final result was that the motion was defeated.

Multiple Moved, by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr Price, that the ARRL adopt the recommendation of the DX Advisory Committee concerning single mode DXCC, to be effective July 1, 1980. After discussion, moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Zak, that the matter be tabled; but the motion to table was LOST. On motion of Mr Arnold, seconded by Mr. Egbert, VOTED to amend the motion by striking the text and substituting therefor the following: Moved, that the ARRL adopt the following policies with respect to single-mode DXCC awards: (A) valid contacts for all single mode DXCC awards shall require that the applicant both transmit and receive in that mode with the confirming station. (B) to be creditable towards single-mode DXCC's, the QSL must specifically indicate that the same mode was used by both stations. (C) the above policies shall not be applied retroactively, but shall apply only to contacts made on or after July 1, 1980. However, the question being on the motion as amended, the motion was LOST. Mr. Sullivan requested to be recorded as voting in favor.

Again, the 'why' might be interesting. There is some report that there was pressure on some Directors by some who have worked the loop-hole for single-mode CW DXCC and want to protect their edge. It is still possible, with this vote of the ARRL Directors, to get a CW DXCC without working c.w. in both the receiving and transmitting station. Some DXers have been known to refer to this award as ARRL's 'half-something or another' DXCC and it appears that it will be around for some time. Maybe for years, maybe forever.

CALENDAR

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CANADA-US TEST ALL ASIA CW TEST CW PHONE TEST CW CW TEST K5YY in STØ next week. A week or more after August 22nd 601FG QRT. Look for more action possible in Sept/October W5JW in KX6-land for three weeks from August 21st HZ1BZ/8Z4 for week or so from August 12th. OY5J on list operations on Mondays....twenty SSB VK effort now rather well set to start about Sept 29th K2QXS in FG7 from about August 24th VP2EEK from September 1st Still on but date may be changed .. It will come K2QXS signing FØEQQ/FS7 from August 18th....this Saturday. VP2LBH in the CQ WW OCTOBERTEST Zeros jumping up and down in anticipation late November VS6HK for two weeks from September 10th Maybe around the turn of the year. LAs planning LUs indicate that plans are going and possibilities growing KA1NC on Minami Toroshima for a year ZSLMG indicating more action in October. Maybe next year maybe a new one! Now that will keep you! September 9th in downtown Arlington Hts. K9KM for info....
September 16/17th in downtown Tyson's Corners....K3AO for info.... 29th gathering....downtown Waltham, Mass. Broiled schrod!! Send to W100 for info and complimentary fish chip! This weekend August 19th for phone ... August 20th for cw. August 26/27th October 28/29th November 25/26th



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ARRL Newington notes that if you upgraded after March 21th of this year but did not take advantage of the chance to change your callsign, you have until September 1st to take another run at the change.

Check Page 49 in the May QST for the callsign assignment system. You will have to send a completed Form 610, an interim permit showing the exam date, a copy of the upgraded license if one has been received and a note explaining that the request for the change was not made at the time of the upgrading.

There is a report out of Denver that Charles Cotterell, WØSIN, passed away on August 2nd. He suffered a heart attack and was rushed by helicopter to the St Anthony Hospital in Denver but did not survive. WØSIN was the ARRL Director for the Rocky Mountain Division.

A51PN Some time back we got callsigns mixed up on the QSL route for A51PH, saying W1JR instead of the correct route via Mike Samarco, W1JZ. But don't stop reading now. W1JZ says that it appears that A51PN prefers to QSL direct H N Pradhan, Radio Amateur Station, Post Office, Thimpu, Bhutan. W1JZ is returning via bureaus all the requests for A51PN on hand and advising to QSL direct.

TNX to W1GDQ, W1JR, W1JZ, K1LR, W1MV, W100, K1RH, K2TQC, K1TO, K1MA, W2AG, W2FP, W2HAZ, W2NC, K3ND, N3QGY, AALA, WLBAA, WELEDD, WLLCL, WLHU, NLNW, WLQEL, WALOUF, WBLTPU, WLUF, WLUG, AALVK, NLWW, NLWX, NLYM, K5AQ, W5CPI, K5DB, W5DD, K5DUT, W5IMJ, W5JW, WB5KWU, K5VNJ/2, WA6BJS, WA6CPP, KB6CR, WD6CZR, N6EM, WA6FIT, N6JM, W6KPC, K6LAE, N6OB, W6PN, W6PT, WB6RIU, K6SSJ, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, WB6UJO, WB6VTE, WB6WHM, K6WR, K6XT, K6YK, WB6ZUC, W7JGL, N7MW, W7SA, N7UT, K8IP, W8JXM, K8MN, K8RD, W8MAW, K8MFO, K9RL, K9RT, W9SS, W9UR, K9XJ, KØBJ, WØEW, KØRPH, KØLST, NØRF, WØPT, WØUO, KH6BZFC, KPLAM, KL7ENY, HB9LP, K7RNH, P29JS.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers was up the hill last week, it being a warm time in California and he felt better seeing the fog-bank streaming up the bay from the Golden Gate. "There was something unusual happening on the two meter repeater the other night," the QRPer informed us. "The Russian Wood Pecker was on and some of the fellows were discussing things. One fellow suggested we develop a Q-signal, like 'QWP' and use it to advise "Quit Wood Pecker' when working those U-stations. What do you think?" We were tending to agree with the QRPer for it has been noted that a little less of the rat-a-tating and a little more of the YI and 601 DX on amateur frequencies would be welcomed. "But a funny thing happened," the QRPer continued, "while we were talking on two meters about the problem and the QWP signal, the wood pecker went off the air. Just like that. This got the fellows to wondering if they had gotten the word so quickly. Seems as we mention the problem on two meters and it immediately disappears. What do you think?" Son of a Gun! Years ago we had learned to be cautious when there was an obvious answer to an innocuous question. We figured that maybe we had better call in the local two-meter repeater specialist. We could have been smarter. The answer was not long in coming from this acknowledged expert and it was obvious that his knowledge was being almagated with the full and rounded rhetoric of the current political season. "I understand," this expert said, "that there are things on two meter repeaters that will turn most anyone off and especially true-blue DXers. But on the other hand, the question of whether they were copying the two-meter repeater and monitoring the conversation is one which must be studied further. A comprehensive evaluation of both the Q-signal and its possible effect on the Russian Wood Pecker should be made and the practical applications of the potential to further the aims of amateur radio communications and preparations for WARC 79 should be formulated and finalized from the study. The QRPer held up his hand. "I am a simple DXer," he said, "and all I really need is a R-S=T report." And that was it. But we were still curious but at this point a little wiser about asking self-acknowledge experts for opinions. What do you think? Does the QWP Signal really have an effect? And with the ball in your court, we are going to duck out of this high level talk and head back to twenty meters where the word is only....."....what's the frequency?....who's the QSL Manager?" And while we entangle ourselves, keep in mind that we would like to close the door but the rates are still \$15.00 a year for second-class mailing to the U.S..... \$19.00 a year for first class, to the XE/VE and the far APOs. \$20.00 still rumbles it down the tarmac to all the DX lands. They have not gotten to raising the DX postage rate.....yet

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